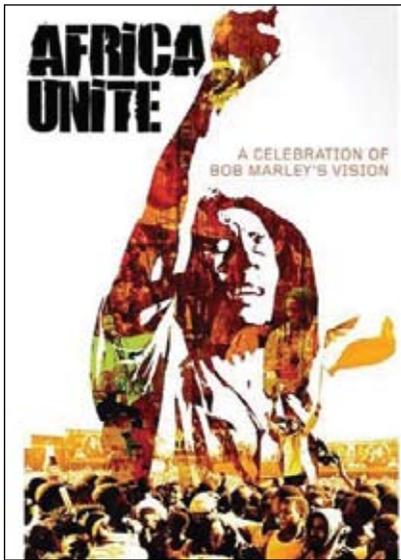


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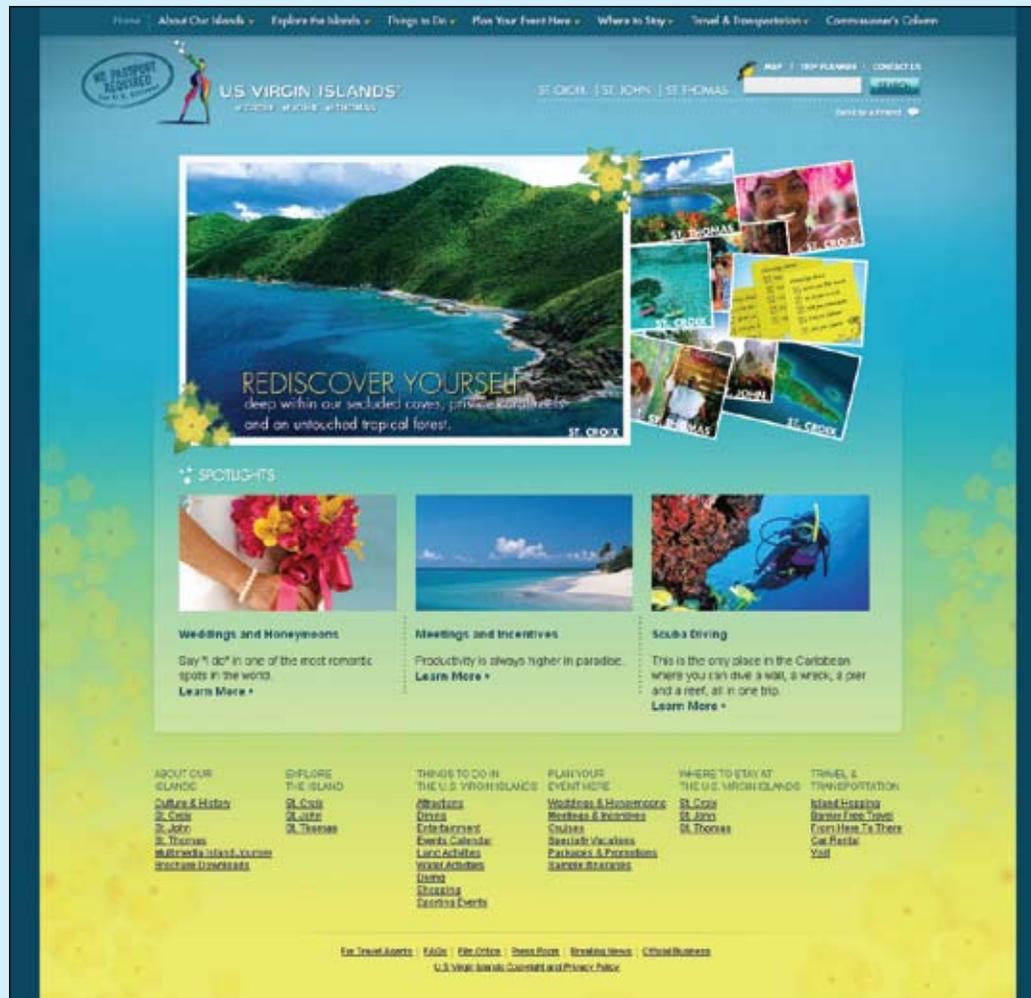
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DOT Unveils New Web Site

St. John Tradewinds
The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism unveiled its new website – VisitUSVI.com – at a special event at the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort and Spa last week.

Hosted by DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty and Deputy Commissioner Chantal Figueroa, guests included President of the U.S. Virgin Islands Hotel and Tourism Association Lisa

Hamilton, as well as representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, a number of local destination marketing companies and participants from the series of on-island website focus groups.

“Throughout the 18-month journey from research to site launch, we worked very closely with industry partners and community leaders to gain their insights and feedback about desired features for the

new site,” said Nicholson-Doty. “We are excited to finally unveil the Web site to our local community and introduce these new features, including site navigation which links our prospective visitors directly to our hotel and tourism partners.”

A key strategy for the new site has focused on educating potential visitors about USVI offerings, and various navigation
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Books Getting Moved Back Into Renovated Library



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With renovations to the historic building complete, Elaine I. Spruave Librarian Carol McGuinness and crew began moving books back on the library's shelves last week.

Crime Stoppers USVI Needs Your Help

Quality Tips Are Coming In With Detailed Information

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Crime Stoppers USVI is asking the community to help the Virgin Islands Police Department solve the following crimes:

Police on St. John are still looking for a suspect in a first-degree robbery which occurred on January 13 in Estate Bethany. The robbery occurred at 10:30 p.m. when an unknown male wearing all black clothing and a black mask and hat, entered the residence brandishing a gun and demanding money. He was given \$170 by the occupants and left without injuring anyone. There were four individuals in the home at the time.

Police on St. Thomas are asking anyone who knows the whereabouts, has any information about, or has been in contact with a missing female, Karin Wetzl. Wetzl was reported missing by her father who lives in Texas. He said Karin has been living on St. Thomas for about one year, and they have not heard from her since November 2008.

Karin is 36 years old, 5'5" and weighs 120 pounds. She has brown eyes and blonde hair. She has a tattoo of the sun on her right shoulder. Karin was previously employed at the Cafe Calypso in Charlotte Amalie.

Police on St. Croix are looking for additional

suspects involved in the January 10 shooting at the Frontline Night Club on St. Croix. Police say there were at least three suspects hiding in nearby bushes who fired weapons at vehicles and the club.

Anyone with information on these or any other crimes should immediately call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit www.crimestoppersusvi.org and submit an anonymous tip online. No one has to give their name or testify in court. If the information provided leads to the recovery of stolen property or an arrest of the person involved in this crime, the tipster will earn a cash reward of up to \$2,500.

Update on Tips Received

This past week, Crime Stoppers received seven new tips, which brings the total tips received up to 16. Officials are pleased to announce that one of the tips has resulted in the recovery of \$2,500 worth of stolen property.

One of the other tips received involves a woman who is wanted by police in Florida, police have now issued an arrest warrant for her. Due to the quality of the tips received to date, Law Enforcement Coordinator VIPD Lt. Thomas Hannah said he expects to have additional arrests to report in the near future.



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Gross Receipts Tax Amnesty Ends Feb. 6

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Gizette L. Thomas, Esq., Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, reminds business taxpayers that the gross receipts tax amnesty will conclude on Friday, February 6.

The amnesty covers tax year 2007 and prior years. During the amnesty period, taxpayers may avoid paying interest and penalty on the applicable delinquent gross receipts taxes. Thomas urges taxpayers to file and pay delinquent gross receipts taxes before the deadline expires on February 6.

For more information, please contact the Delinquent Accounts and Returns Branch on St. Thomas at 715-1040, ext. 2232.

Duke's Trophy Race Set for February 8

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Yacht Club is hosting the eighth annual Duke's Trophy Race regatta on Sunday, February 8. The one day regatta will take sailors on a course around St. John through Pillsbury Sound. Both pursuit and PHRF racers are welcome.

A captain's meeting is set for Saturday evening, February 7, at Banana Deck at 6 p.m. A post-race party will be hosted at Banana Deck on February 8 where gift certificates donated by Budget Marine will be awarded to top class finishers. Registration forms are available at Connections or from Jim Swan at St. John Hardware.

Richard Ormrod Performing Feb. 12

St. John Tradewinds

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 Philharmonic 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.

Vow Renewal Ceremony February 14

St. John Tradewinds

The community of Love City celebrates Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows. For the past six years, couples have gathered on romantic Trunk Bay Beach at sunset on February 14, to re-marry their mates.

Please join the Dove family and the island's Barefoot Minister, Anne Marie Porter, on Saturday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m. at Trunk Bay Beach.

It's free and it's fun! No reservations needed. Just show up! For more information call Anne Marie Porter at 693-5153, 626-4658, or e-mail Cathy Dove at cathy@bookitvi.com.

Dept. of Human Services Mini-grants Available for After School Programs

St. John Tradewinds

Mini-grants are now available to V.I. Government agencies and non-government organizations through the Department of Human Services (DHS) for existing non-school hour programs.

Total funding available for this program is \$261,588 for the period ending September 30. Programs must be geared toward assisting with the purchase of computer equipment and supplies, hiring instructors or developing innovative program activities which provide youth with safe, drug-free environments, tutorial services, unique experiences and/ or supervised activities.

Completed applications four sets, one original and three copies must be received by the DHS Offices 1303 Hospital Ground, Knud Hansen Complex or Commissioner Office in Golden Rock on St. Croix no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2009.

For additional information or technical assistance, call Ms. Clarrisa Belleau on St. Thomas at 774-1166.

Residents Pack Open House To Air Complaints

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With more than 50 people present by 10 a.m., island residents took full advantage of the opportunity to share concerns with government agency heads, packing the St. John Battery on Thursday morning, January 29, in the first of planned monthly open house meetings hosted by St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Robert Mathes, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, V.I. Waste Management Authority Director May Adams Cornwall and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger got an earful of complaints and compliments from St. John residents, most of whom were excited to see the high-ranking officials face to face.

While Delory "Ital" Anthony was happy to talk one-on-one with Cornwall, he was surprised at how little the commissioners knew about the island of St. John, he explained.

More Communication

"I was able to express myself, but I think we need more communication with this administration," said Anthony. "It's hard to believe but a lot of these people don't know what's going on here. We need more transparency and we need to have these meetings more often."

Pam Gaffin took the opportunity to tell DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade's boss what a good job he does on St. John roads, she explained.

"I'm here to speak to the commissioner of Public Works and tell him what a great job Ira Wade does and ask for more money so he can do more good work for us," Gaffin said.

Julius E. Sprauve School principal Mario Francis came out to get the inside scoop on the Cruz Bay round-about construction project, which abuts the school's lower grade annex.

Inside Information

"I came to see if I could talk to DPW Commissioner Smalls about the round-about," said Francis. "It's not that I don't believe the crew on the road, but it's always good to get the information from the top."

Norman Gledhill wanted to know when WMA officials would start removing the thousands of



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St. John resident Norman Gledhill, at right, talks with V.I. WMA Director May Cornwall during the open house at the Battery.

abandoned vehicles piled up at the Susanaberg Transfer Station.

"I think May Cornwall was interested in my concerns and listened to what I had to say," said Gledhill. "She said there would be action in starting to remove the vehicles in six weeks. If they don't take action, we'll have to do things legally on our own."

"We don't have any representation here, so we'll just have to see what happens," Gledhill said.

Seniors Left With No Ride

A group of St. John senior citizens, who have been without a promised van for transportation, expressed their outrage at being overlooked.

"We were promised a bus when the Adrian Senior Citizens' Center was opened and we still have nothing," said one senior citizen. "We want to know what happened and when we're going to get our transportation. We're always so worried about offending anyone, but now we're the ones being offended."

Barshinger offered to help the group by outlining a three point plan to prompt action on the senior bus issue.

"First of all, get everyone you know to call the Department of Human Services and note the time

and date of your call and who you talked to," said the Senator at Large. "If you don't get a response, come to my office and we'll draft a letter from you on behalf of the Adrian Senior Center. If you still don't get a response, then I'll draft a letter on paper with the senate letterhead."

Barshinger Promises Help

"I'll remind the department that they get their funds from the legislature and ask why they haven't responded to the fine people of St. John who deserve their bus," said Barshinger. "We will not let you be forgotten."

It's high time for officials to stop spending the island's Capital Improvement Fund on trash hauling, according to Steve Black.

"We want our Capital Improvement Fund money back," said Black. "That money is being taken to haul our trash to St. Thomas. This is a terrible situation for us and we want what is due us."

"Starting right now, trash hauling should come out of the WMA budget and our Capital Improvement Fund should be used for capital improvements," Black said.

No Infrastructure

Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering wanted to get some answers

from DPNR officials about unchecked development on St. John, he explained.

"I want to hear from DPNR about the building situation on St. John," said Pickering. "I want to hear what DPW says about our infrastructure. What are we going to do when Pond Bay Club and Sirenusa open?"

"Traffic is crazy already and we don't have infrastructure in place to handle these new developments," Pickering said.

St. John residents deserve the same services enjoyed by residents of St. Thomas and St. Croix, explained Barshinger.

"I am very excited that the executive branch is connecting people of the Virgin Islands, and St. John especially, with the government's top executives," said the Senator at Large. "St. John needs and deserves the same services as all Virgin Islanders. I am here to listen and facilitate that process as a legislator."

What About the Planner?

The Senator at Large was also interested in hearing about the long-promised and not filled St. John Planner position, he added.

"I understand that several people here today have been asking what

happened to the planner that I and my colleagues appropriated funds for in 2006," said Barshinger.

Since the commissioners spoke one-on-one with each resident, the large crowd meant long lines of people waiting for private interviews.

"They need to do this more often, so there isn't such a back log of people waiting here," said Gaffin.

"It's a little noisy and a little crowded," said Sharon Coldren, president of the Coral Bay Community Council. "They might want to think of getting a different venue where there will be more room and less noise."

Police and Justice Officials

Coming Next

Administrator Smith was pleased with the turnout and promised to hold commissioners to their words, she explained.

"We expected a lot of people, but this turnout is amazing," she said. "We will make sure that the commissioners fulfill their promises. We will follow through and make sure things are accomplished."

The next open house at the Battery — planned for sometime in February — will feature V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall and Department of Justice officials, Smith added.

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Devine Pushes for Answers About Help with Recycling, Dial-A-Ride

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Among the many residents who packed the St. John Battery on Thursday morning, January 29, to share their concerns with various administration officials (see related story on page 3), St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Paul Devine was on hand to discuss two important issues.

Devine, who is also a representative of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands' St. John Chapter, waited in line to hear from V.I. Waste Management Authority director May Cornwall about expanding the fledgling group's recycling efforts.

"The group has been meeting regularly and has been eagerly recycling cans so far," said Devine. "While things are going well, we're hoping for things to go better by coming here and asking Cornwall to partner with us. She has already met with our group and followed up on several of our inquiries."

"But we need more," Devine said. "She gave tentative approval for us to place recycling bins at several public trash collection sites. Right now we only have about six sites and we need more."

The recycling group is also hoping to secure a central location for aluminum can recycling, Devine added.

"We're hoping to get the Port Authority land by the Enighed Pond as a central collection site," he said. "Cornwall is hoping to establish a relationship with Port Authority to have a section of that land set aside for collecting recyclables."

Volunteers have been constructing their own recycling bins with the help of donated materials from Paradise Lumber and St. John Hardware, Devine added.

"We're building six more bins this weekend, but we have even more requests than that," he said. "We have about 35 members and a core group of 12 to 15 very 'into it' volunteers, but we need more members."

Devine was also wearing his SJCF hat at the Battery open house and was hoping to get a promise from Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls.

"I'm also here inquiring about Dial-A-Ride — we're desperately seeking a new van," said Devine. "Public Works owns the van, and we maintain and



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Devine, standing center, and other residents wait to speak with government officials during the open house.

insure it. Our current van is in serious disrepair and we're asking for something — a new van, a used VI-TRAN van — something."

The Dial-A-Ride program, which is funded by the Department of Human Services and United Way, provides rides for senior citizens and disabled residents. The program, however, will not be in existence much longer if a new vehicle is not secured, Devine explained.

"We've been trying to go through the channels of Public Works, but we're not a priority," he said. "We need to become a priority and that's why I'm here. The van is not going to last much longer and then we'll be out of business."

"Seniors and our disabled residents really depend on us," said Devine. "Without Public Works' help, we won't be able to provide this service to our seniors or disabled residents."

The chance to talk with high ranking government officials was a great opportunity, according to Devine.

"I love the fact that we get to speak to these officials one-on-one," Devine said. "I really like the fact that they are so responsive. We're getting answers already."

For more information regarding Dial-A-Ride or the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, call Devine at the SJCF office at 693-9410.

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Tennis for Young People

St. John Tradewinds

Don't forget Pat Harley and daughter, Jaurel, are teaching at the local courts every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. — call Pat at 776-6643.

George Lewis, our tennis star of years gone by, will be honored at the Chrysler Cup Tournament played at the St. Thomas Yacht Club. Congratulations! His mother, June Powell, and I never missed his matches as he was growing up. I'm sure that Pat and Jaurel can develop another tennis star!

Thanks, Again, to Those Friends Who Are Giving Concerts for SJSA

Mr. Elroy Sprauve and Sybil Lefferts are the latest to give benefits for the Art School. Ronnie and Pat Lee's Obama celebration was a smash hit!

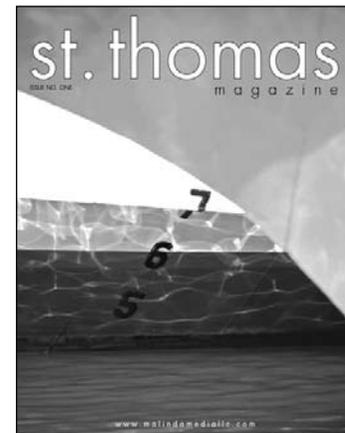
VICA has cut our yearly grant in half — we need to replace that money! It is important to offer art, dance and music classes to our young people.

Zozo's Take-Out Food Is A Life Saver

For those of us who don't cook, Zozo's at Gallows Point has joined other restaurants in preparing great meals to take home. Check out "Every-Ting."

"Queen of Jazz" Has Returned from Vacation

Miss Sally Smith is playing her usual super-piano at Sunday's Beach Bar — she even



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played my favorite "Song for My Father," Horace Silver's marvelous tune. Joe Ramsay's solo is outstanding.

St. Thomas Magazine Is Beautiful

MaLinda has done it again! I had a peek at the newest creation — it, truly, is lovely. It will be out this week sometime!

Gov. deJongh's Address Is Depressing

He tells it like it is, but I feel with President Obama at the helm, chances are that, slowly, the world will get on its feet again. At least we have good music to listen to — come to The Beach Bar, Sundays, 4 to 7:30 p.m. — it's a lot of fun!

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Department of Tourism Launches New Web Site

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tion and design elements serve to meet this goal. Prospective visitors using the new website enjoy functionality allowing them to create trip planners and outline customized itineraries, featuring the territory's various tourism entities. Additionally, a new interactive map listing points of interest for St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas entices visitors to get a deeper look at what the USVI has to offer.

Last week's launch outlined the first of three phases of the new site, representing a \$250,000 investment by the DOT. Coming in a later phase and a direct response to focus group and other on-island feedback, VisitUSVI.com will feature a landing page devoted solely to the destination's packages and promotions, which will serve as a resource where offers for travel to the destination can be found. The remaining phases are scheduled to be completed by January 2010, when a booking engine will be added to the site.

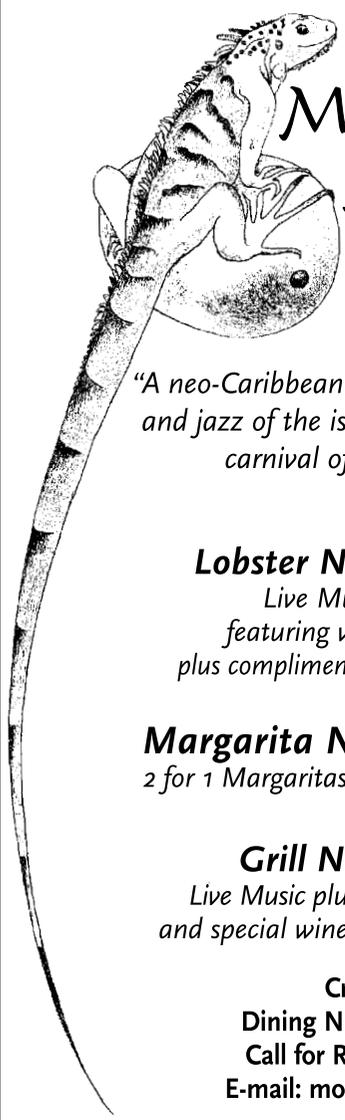
"While increasing the amount of visitors to our site is obviously important, our main objective is to increase visitors to the territory and educate those who arrive as to the offerings of our destination," said Nicholson-Doty. "This will result in greater visitor spend in the territory, and explains why we implemented such important new features as linking directly to tourism partners and incorporating interactive maps."

The unveiling of the new website was an integrated segment of the DOT's overall rebranding



USVI Dept. of Tourism's web page on St. John.

efforts for the destination, which kicked off in December 2008, with the introduction of the new Mocko Jumbie logo.



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(L to R) Chuck Pishko, Diane Walker, Terry Pishko and Ron Walker smile for the camera during last year's Julius E. Sprauve gala.

JESS Gala Tickets Almost Sold Out

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Brenda Dalmida was among the million-and-one-half people in the crowd who witnessed Barack Obama be sworn in as the nation's 44th president in Washington D.C. on January 20.

As vice principal at Julius E. Sprauve School and a firm believer in the power of public education, she is back on island and working hard to prepare for the school's largest fundraiser of the year.

"We usually generate about \$100,000 and we are trying to get up to those six figures again," Dalmida said. "We believe we are going to do as well this year as we've done in the past."

JESS's 12th annual gala, "Our School and Community Uniting for a Brighter Future," will take place on Saturday evening, February 7, at Caneel Bay Resort.

"I think what is really special about the gala is that we get to recognize staff and supporters in the community who really believe in Sprauve School and what we do," Dalmida said. "We have the opportunity to showcase our students and have a great time while showing our love for public education."

As the only public school on the island which teaches kindergarten through ninth grade, more than 250 students attend JESS, according to Dalmida.

The school has one classroom for each grade level as well as Special Education, Gifted and Talented and English as a Second Language classes to accommodate its diverse range of students.

"The next Obama or Ms. Obama could be coming out of Sprauve School one day," Dalmida said. "So it is very important that we

provide the best to our students every day, and to those who line up with us and help us do that, we eternally grateful."

Each year, JESS sets its goals on a specific area it will be able to improve with the funds generated at the gala.

"It's just a wonderful opportunity to help us make improvements to the oldest school on St. John," Dalmida said. "Almost everybody I know went to Sprauve School."

In the past, the school has used funds generated at the gala for projects ranging from building a brand new computer lab to upgrading its home economics room and industrial arts lab. This year, students at JESS can look forward to a new and improved kitchen and cafeteria.

"This year, our focus will be to upgrade our cafeteria and kitchen — we are going to upgrade to all new appliances, get new stoves and equipment, new heating and fans, air conditioning and add a speaker system into the cafeteria so we can finally hear our speakers," Dalmida said. "Quite a big renovation is going on and we can't wait to see the end result of that."

Students and staff have sold \$10 and \$25 raffle tickets around St. John over the past few weeks in preparation for the gala, Dalmida added.

She listed an array of generous items which have been donated for the raffle and silent auction at this year's gala — airline tickets, massages, kayaking trips, jewelry and artwork, to name a few.

"It's really fancy stuff," Dalmida said. "Last year, one of our really popular prizes was a trip to Japan. Our donors really go all out."

In addition to the fabulous

prizes up for grabs at the upcoming event, guests will be waited on by some of the territory's biggest celebrities, including St. John Administrator Leona Smith, Director of Morris F. deCastro Clinic coordinator Ronnie Jones, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger and Senator Adlah Donastorg, according to Dalmida.

Radio journalist Lee Vanterpool will serve as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

"We also expect Governor John deJongh, and all of the big shots in the education, police and fire departments to be in attendance," Dalmida said.

The school will recognize a special person who has made wonderful things happen for its students over the past year, according to the JESS vice principal.

"I know who he or she is, but we are not sharing that information yet — it will be a surprise the night of the event," she said.

Each year, Caneel allots JESS a certain number of tables which tend to sell out quickly. Nearly all 30 tables, each accommodating 10 seats, have sold out this year.

"And every year, we ask them to squeeze in just one more," Dalmida said. "We are pretty close to being sold out — we only have three tables left."

Tickets cost \$75 and can be purchased at JESS.

"We continue to thank our benefactors, both the individuals and the corporations, who are supportive of our endeavors," Dalmida said. "I am a staunch supporter of public education, and to the people in the community who also have great expectations of public education, we are very, very appreciative."

Endangered Species Act Prohibits Possession of Sea Turtles

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While a local fisherman who recently shared his catch's catch with curious on-lookers seemed like a quaint small town event, at least one national law was broken in the process.

When Andy Greaux caught a shark near the south drop — as written about by Karen Vahling in a Letter to the Editor in the January 19-25 edition of *St. John Tradewinds* — he found a whole sea turtle in the fish's stomach. The legal problem arose when Greaux gave the turtle scales to a local woman to use in her artwork, according to wildlife biologist Carrie Stengel.

Sea turtles are protected under the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits the possession of any part of the animal, Stengel explained.

"The gist of it is under the Endangered Species Act, certain plants and animals are protected by law — both threatened and endangered species," Stengel said. "Green sea turtles are a threatened species and hawksbill and leatherback turtles are both considered endangered."

"It is illegal to touch, harm, harass or possess any part of the turtle or its eggs, including taking it out of another animal," said Stengel. "Even though this situation was probably completely benign, it's still illegal to possess any part of a sea turtle."

Even though the sea turtle was already dead, the Endangered Species Act has strict guidelines prohibiting the possession of any form of the animals, Stengel, who is also a V.I. National Park ranger with the Resource



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

It is illegal for anyone to possess a sea turtle found by a fisherman inside the belly of this tiger shark, above.

Management department, added.

"It would be fairly easy for someone to say they found it in the belly of a shark, when they were really harvesting it on their own," she said. "It would be difficult to tell."

Instead of passing the turtle scales to an artist, Greaux should have contacted Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Fish and Wildlife, according to Stengel.

"Certain permits are given through Fish and Wildlife allowing people to be in possession of sea turtles, but they are given out for strictly educational purposes," she said. "For instance, we have some turtle hatchlings that died and we have them in formaldehyde here at the park to teach kids about sea turtles and their life cycles."

Besides the Endangered Species Act, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species further prohibits the pos-

session of any animals considered endangered or threatened in the U.S. or any U.S. possession, like the Virgin Islands, Stengel added.

While Vahling's letter included tongue-in-cheek references about snorklers being on the look out for sharks, people are actually much more dangerous to sharks rather than the other way around, Stengel explained.

"There are fewer than 100 shark attacks world-wide per year and usually it's a case of mistaken identity, where the shark will think a surfer is a seal for instance," said wildlife biologist. "They usually do a bite and spit method where they bite and figure out they don't want to eat you and spit you out. And not all of the shark attacks result in death"

While sharks get a bad rap, many other animals are far more dangerous to people, according to the International Shark Attack

File website.

"Bees, wasps and snakes are responsible for far more fatalities than sharks each year," according to the ISAF website. "In the United States the annual risk of death from lightning is 30 times greater than that from shark attack. Many more people are injured and killed on land while driving to and from the beach than by sharks in the water."

There are about 70 to 100 shark attacks each year across the globe and only five to 10 of those result in death, according to the ISAF website. Many more sharks are killed by people each year, according to Stengel.

"There is a big misconception about sharks," she said. "While only about 100 people are attacked each year by sharks, people kill millions of sharks each year."

While there have been a couple of shark attacks in local waters over the past 40 years, sightings of harmless shark pups are far more common sights, according to Stengel.

"Shark attacks here are incredibly rare," she said. "We just don't have the large shark populations here like in Florida or off the coast of California. What we do see are the females that come in to shallow water to pup."

"The pups will stay in shallows for a year or so before they head out to deeper water," Stengel said. "We're talking some of these sharks are between eight and 10 inches when they're born. They don't pose a threat."

Anyone who finds a sea turtle carcass, in the belly of a shark or anywhere, should call DPNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife at 775-6762.

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Caneel Unveils New Steakhouse-Inspired Menu at Turtle Bay Estate House

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Caneel Bay Resort's renowned Turtle Bay Estate House recently unveiled an exciting new steakhouse-inspired menu created by Executive Chef Anthony Dawodu.

The luxurious surroundings of the 18-century estate house on the Caneel property peninsula — with native stone work and floor-to-ceiling windows open to the Caribbean breeze — are rivaled only by the impressive new winter menu.

"Even the most renowned restaurants can't stand still," said Chef Dawodu, who joined Caneel Bay from two Boston restaurants, Bamboa and 33. "Managing Director Nikolay Hotze and I realized there was no place to enjoy top-end steaks on St. John or St. Thomas."

"So we jumped on transforming the menu at Turtle Bay to reflect a modern steakhouse inspiration, with contemporary flair, by using the freshest ingredients to provide an array of unique dishes," Dawodu said. "Even though the new menu is quite modern, Turtle Bay remains true to its fine-dining roots."

Already a hit with the resort's fiercely loyal guests, the new culinary concept at Turtle Bay focuses on USDA Prime steaks and local seafood, and includes a few surprises.

Appetizers range from braised short-ribs with truffle mashed potatoes to ginger fried oysters and a



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

A decadent dessert of pistachio souffle and chocolate dipped biscotti was a hit with Turtle Bay diners.

local squash bisque with pancetta foam. Local organic produce from Josephine's Greens in Coral Bay highlight the selection of fresh salads.

Entree options include filet mignon, Colorado rack of lamb, bone-in chicken breast and the signature 38-ounce porterhouse steak for two carved tableside.

Striped sea bass, farmed Chilean salmon and a classic surf and turf of Caribbean lobster tail and filet are also available. Choose from a wide variety of sauces — from Thai curry to green peppercorn and cognac — to accompany the protein options.

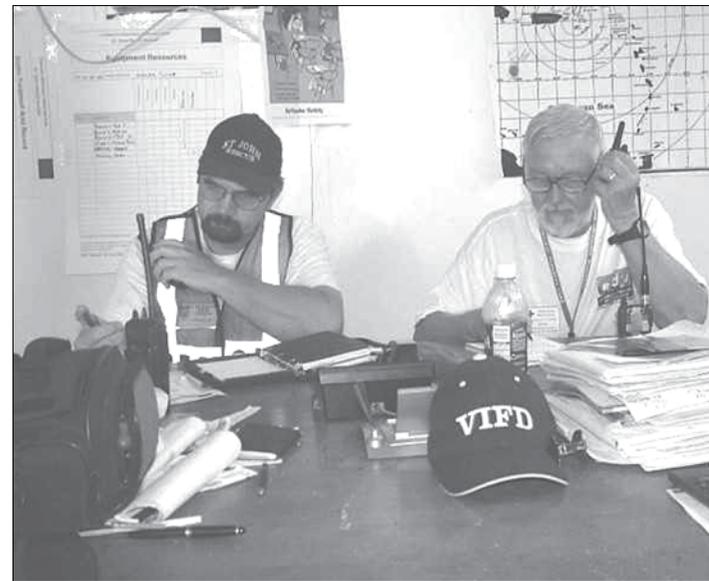
Side dishes are served family style and include probably the best macaroni and cheese on the planet — truffle oil is the secret ingredient. Gnocci gratin and local squash and roasted corn relish are

other side dish options. Vegetables range from grilled asparagus to lightly sauted mushrooms and spinach.

As delicious as the dinner dishes are, dessert should not be missed. A chef's special souffle which changes nightly — a recent option was a pistachio flavor served with chocolate dipped biscotti — and fresh fruit and sorbets round out any meal.

Allow Caneel wine director Eric Toles to suggest pairings from the resort's impressive collection. With an impeccable palate and an encyclopedic knowledge of vintages, Toles' wine selections bring the restaurant's delectable food to new heights.

The result is one of the most exciting new menus on St. John. For reservations at Turtle Bay Estate House call the resort at 776-6111.



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John Bowman and George Cline assist with Radio Communications at the St. John EOC.

George Cline Is St. John Rescue 2008 Volunteer of the Year

By Dustin Prudhomme
St. John Tradewinds

During the regularly scheduled meeting for January 2009, St. John Rescue's elected officers selected George Cline as the volunteer of the year.

Cline has been with SJR for the past five years as a dispatcher for the organization. Cline ensures that operations of the organization's communication equipment are running smoothly and also assists various agencies throughout the territory including National Park Service, V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Authority and EMS.

"George spends many hours attending seminars with the Department of Homeland Security, climbing towers, and being our trusted dispatcher," said SJR president Chris Jordan. "I would like to start a tradition in honoring a SJR member yearly who has exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the community and the organization."

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Concerns About V.I. Police Top List of Priorities for Chamber Members

By Kate Norfleet
St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce's first meeting of 2009 on Tuesday evening, January 27, drew a large crowd who loved the new venue upstairs at Ocean Grill.

Don Porter and Debbie Hime chaired the meeting as St. John Chamber board member Kate Norfleet was in St. Thomas at a meeting with Department of Tourism (DOT) and V.I. Port Authority (VIPA) officials regarding the late night arriving guests and related issues which still exist in arranging transportation to St. John.

Meeting attendees prepared a list of priorities to be delivered to Governor John deJongh, which was overwhelming topped by policing problems.

Problems concerning crime, drugs, security and mentally ill homeless people disturbing businesses and violating visitors and locals topped the priority list.

There have been some personnel changes at the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command, which all viewed as positive and there were requests for certain police officers to be stationed back on St. John due to their professionalism and knowledge of the island.

There was also a brief mention of the dangers of driving St. John roads with the large and often speeding trucks and what could be done about it from a legislative standpoint.

In regards to safety and security, the St. John Chapter has unanimously agreed to support Helen Simon and all the members of Community Integration Teams (CIT) in their efforts to raise awareness and community involvement in safety and security.

Simon has worked tirelessly with the governor's office, VIPD Commissioner James McCall, VIPD District Chief Rodney Querrard and VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy on issues regarding safety and security in St. John. There will be an open meeting of CIT on February 25.

Simon has also been working with St. John Community Foundation executive director Paul Devine and Bonny Corbeil to help spread the word about Crime Stoppers in the Virgin Islands.

Chamber members also placed tourism concerns on their list of important issues to raise with deJongh. Addressing the issue of rude taxi drivers and dock personnel, and the involvement of each and every individual in making a visitor's stay the best experience possible were concerns.

Members also celebrated and thanked DOT, VIPA, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and all the members of the chapter who have worked so hard to bring the Greeter Program to life.

The program actually started on Friday, January 23, at the Creek where cruise ship passengers were disembarking. There are additional greeters now on the Cruz Bay ferry dock.

The initiative has been received as a resounding success from incoming guests and locals, and even for the greeters themselves. To have a smiling face meeting guests at the dock, ready to answer any questions, gives visitors a wonderful first impression.

At present the greeters are using a colorful table



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Greeter Cindy Jurgen helps answer questions from tourists.

to display the samples of Cruzan Rum being offered. The welcome cart is on its way to completion, thanks to many on St. John and St. Thomas.

MSI donated materials which Les Anderson is using to design and build a delightful West Indian-style cart to hold the rum and informational pieces, plus give the Greeters a bit of cover from the sun and rain.

Progress is also being made on the American Airlines' late night flight arrivals and after hours water taxi initiative. Porter successfully installed signs at the Red Hook Terminal and at the Cruz Bay dock last week.

At the local chamber meeting with VIPA and DOT officials, members of the V.I. Taxi Association said that from now on all evening taxis from the St. Thomas airport to Red Hook will make their first stop at Red Hook to ensure travelers will be able to make the ferry.

Passengers who arrive after it is too late to make the midnight ferry will have options with Dolphin Water Taxi — which is working hard to secure dockage not subject to the Department of Homeland Security issues which impact all passengers leaving from public docks — and also with Dohm's Water Taxi.

Dohm's has a contract with the Westin Resort and Villas to exclusively pick up the resort's guests, but will be able to take other passengers as long as they agree that Westin guests will be dropped off first.

VIPA officials will also be meeting with its tenants at the Cyril E. King Airport and will be working with the baggage handlers to speed up the process of getting luggage, which so often also causes problems with catching the last ferry to St. John.

Smith is helping coordinate the businesses and groups which are involved in the late night arrivals. DOT is also in close contact with the airlines and the Taxi Association to create the best environment possible for both guests and residents.

Anyone who experiences any problems should get the name, ID or tag number of the individual or business and email the experience to stjohnchapter@gmail.com. The chapter will do what it can to share that story and help resolve the problem.

The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is set for Tuesday evening, February 24, at Ocean Grill at 5:30 p.m.

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Stevens Wins GHS Poetry Out Loud Contest

St. John Tradewinds

Malik Stevens was the first place winner of the Giff Hill School's Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest.

Trichelle Gumbs took second place in the contest and Kanika Liburd came in third place.

The competition, presented in partnership with the V.I. Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, was part of a national program to encourage high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, perfor-

mance, and competition.

Eight high school students at GHS participated in the contest on Tuesday, January 27, at the school's upper campus.

Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure. Beginning at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to regional competition and ultimately to the national finals in Washington, DC. More than 150,000 students across the country are expected to take part in Poetry Out Loud this year.

At GHS, students recited works

they selected from an anthology of nearly 500 classic and contemporary poems. Judges evaluated student performances on criteria including articulation, evidence of understanding, level of difficulty, and accuracy.

The GHS winner and runner-up, Stevens and Gumbs, will advance to the regional contest on March 8 on St. Croix. Each champion at the state level will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, to compete for the national championship, April 28 and 29.

St. John Historical Society's February Events

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Historical Society is teaming up with Clean Islands International and the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) on Sunday, February 15, to celebrate the legacy of Project Tektite. This day marks the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Tektite program which took place in Great Lameshur Bay in 1969.

The activities will begin at 3 p.m. at VIERS. Society board member Bruce Schoonover will present a one-hour talk on the Tektite program which will feature many rare photos and video clips. Prior to Schoonover's presentation, Randy Brown, Executive Director of Clean Islands

International, which oversees the operation at VIERS for UVI, will be providing guided tours of this ever expanding facility.

After Schoonover's presentation, Dr. James Miller, Tektite Program Manager, as well as Dr. Conrad Mahnken, one of the four original aquanauts on Tektite I, will be on hand to discuss their roles in the historic program and to answer questions.

Following the presentation and Q and A session, the newly renovated museum building will be dedicated and open for public tours. After the dedication, VIERS will be serving a light dinner, at a cost of \$10 per person. Please RSVP by calling 776-6721 to assist in planning for parking and meals.

Join the St. John Historical Society on February 21 to explore the Reef Bay Estates. David Knight will lead the group down the most history-packed trail on St. John.

After the walk, hike back up to Centerline, or make reservations to return to Cruz Bay on the boat *Sadie Sea*. Space on board is limited to 37 passengers, so make reservations early. The cost for the return trip by boat is \$13 per person and reservations can be secured by contacting Margie Labrenz at 693-8808.

Meet at the Reef Bay trailhead at 9 a.m, bring plenty of water, snacks and lunch. The hike is rated moderately strenuous, due to the steep descent, rough trail, and overall length.

Minor Arrested on Burglary Charges

St. John Tradewinds

Police on St. John arrested a 16-year-old minor on Saturday, January 24, and charged him with third-degree burglary, petit larceny and unlawful entry in connection with a burglary which occurred on January 1 at Harbor the Village office on St. John.

The minor, who is originally from St. Lucia, was arrested after being positively identified as the person who entered a business and removed cash, according to V.I. Police St. Thomas/St. John Chief Rodney Querrard.

The minor was released into the custody of his parents pending his court appearance.

Cruz Bay Seventh-Day Adventist Church Hosting Bible Festival

St. John Tradewinds

Seventh-day Adventists at the Cruz Bay congregation will be hosting a weekend "Festival of the Bible" starting on Friday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.

The weekend event is a part of a worldwide initiative of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to revitalize Bible study among its 15 million membership around the world.

The Festival of the Bible "is just one of a series of events intended to revive an awareness of the centrality of the word of God in the lives of Christians," said Pastor Glendon G. Cross, district pastor for Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. John.

The Festival of the Bible weekend will feature themed music, recitation from memory of Bible verses and passages, a history of the ordeals and trials the Bible has endured, presenta-

tions on ways to get more out of personal bible study as well as bible trivia games and other fun ways to get to know the Bible.

Residents of St. John are also being invited to participate in the oldest Bible contest by entering any Bible they believe to be the oldest Bible on St. John.

As a follow up to the Festival of the Bible, a four weekend series of Bible studies, which will highlight Bible prophecies and their relevance to our world today, will be launched on Sunday, March 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. The series will run through to March 21, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

There will also be a Saturday morning segment in the series starting on Saturday, March 7. Anyone interesting in participating in the Bible contest or for more information, call at the Church office at 779-4477.

St. John Film Society Is Kicking Off Free Monthly Screenings February 10

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents won't have to travel off-island to screen an interesting independent flick anymore, thanks to a group of St. John filmmakers and film buffs.

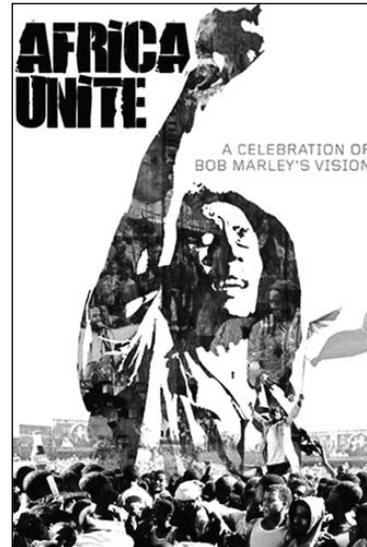
The brainchild of Andrea Leland, Martha Hills, Sigi Torinus, Felicia Olivieri Torres and Rea Roberts, the St. John Film Society is launching free monthly screenings starting on Tuesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik's Bar in Coral Bay.

Independent films with Caribbean content or connections will be featured at the monthly screenings, which will take place each month in Coral Bay and in the future in Cruz Bay as well.

In addition to screening a variety of fiction and non-fiction films focused on Caribbean cultures and environments, the St. John Film Society is also inviting local filmmakers to share their work each month, explained Leland.

"We're asking local filmmakers to present a short of their films or a part of their work-in-progress with the audience," Leland said. "Afterwards we'll talk about the piece. We want to create an environment where there can be a lot of discussion."

The first film featured will be "Africa Unite" a documentary concert tribute to Bob Marley by director Stephanie Black. The film includes performances by Marley's widow Rita and sons Ziggy,



The Film Society's first featured film Africa Unite.

Stephen, Julian, Damian, and Ky-Mani, along with a few vintage clips of Bob Marley himself in action.

William Stelzer is the first featured artist for the Film Society. A local filmmaker and editor of a variety of art, video, print, web, education and computer graphic projects, Stelzer will present a short video compilation created for the Waveplace project, which brought XO laptops to schoolchildren in Haiti, Nicaragua, Florida and St. John.

With the intention of fostering an atmosphere where different groups can come together to view and discuss films, members have big plans for the burgeoning St. John Film Society, explained Rob-

erts.

"The film festival will eventually be a bigger event, but the earliest it could happen is April 2010," said Roberts. "We're hoping the festival will evolve, but we're starting with the monthly screenings. We thought it was smarter to start out small and grow from there."

The Film Society is a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers, and has partnered with the St. John Community Foundation which is the group's fiscal sponsor. While the screenings are free, the group does need funds to achieve its goals, Leland explained.

"It's a voluntary organization, but we need funds because we want to buy our own projector and buy the films we're going to show," said Leland. "We'd like to create a film society library. We're looking for donations, which are tax deductible and payable to the St. John Community Foundation."

The Film Society is also partnering with local video store owner Catherine Fahy of Kaleidoscope Video who will purchase and rent films screened at the group's monthly events. Fahy will also carry titles recommended by the society.

Any local filmmaker who would like to share their work should contact Roberts at 715-9899. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation email sjviff@gmail.com or call 715-9899.

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Univ. of Miami Communication Students Shine Spotlight on VINP

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

University of Miami students recently brought positive publicity to the V.I. National Park with articles written on numerous subjects, from the Annaberg Sugar Mill to preserving mangroves.

The students, who were part of Dr. Bruce Garrison's newspaper and magazine feature writing course at the UM School of Communication, spent four days in the Virgin Islands last November gaining firsthand knowledge of the VINP for feature articles to be written for the course.

The result was a total of 11 articles published on the UM School of Communication's Web site, <http://com.miami.edu/parks/>.

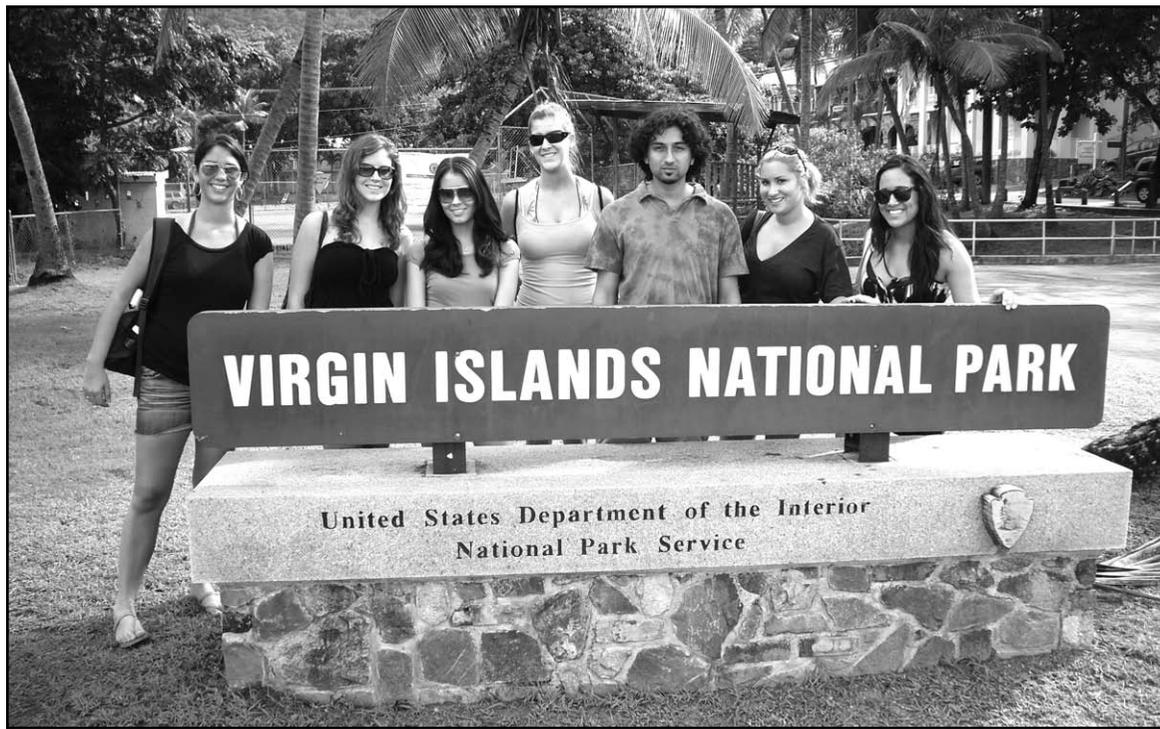
The articles were "true first impressions," said VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, who was impressed by the students' determination.

"Those kids just got off the ferry and hit the ground running," said Hardgrove. "They turned into little detectives."

The VINP superintendent is grateful the students chose to come to St. John for their writing project, he added.

"I think it's a compliment they came down here," said Hardgrove. "They could go anywhere they want, and to have them pick the VINP was very inspiring and motivating for both park staff and the community."

The November trip wasn't the first time Garrison traveled with his students searching for material



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Bruce Garrison

The journalism students pause for a photo at the V.I. National Park sign in Cruz Bay during their November visit to the island.

to write about — over the past six years, he's taken students across the United States to parks and historical sites in San Juan, Boston, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans.

"We have spent considerable time working on dozens of stories and perspectives about the three national parks and preserve in South Florida also — Everglades, Biscayne, Dry Tortugas and the Big Cypress National Preserve," said Garrison. "We have more than 325 feature and news stories and photo packages on the Web

site now."

Garrison's students meet early each semester to decide where they want to go for the project, dubbed the "Our National Parks Journalism Program Feature Writing Project." Wherever the students decide to go, there must be enough material for everyone to write about, Garrison explained.

"We certainly look over each likely destination for story prospects," he said. "You have to have something to write about, and in our case, a lot to write about since we have eight or 10 or a dozen

writers looking for two stories each. The VINP, St. John and St. Thomas met those requirements."

The students delved into several different aspects of the VINP with the help of Hardgrove, VINP Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon and VINP Chief of Interpretation Paul Thomas, who each dedicated their time to the class during its four-day visit. Also quoted in the articles are local historian David Knight, Trunk Bay lifeguard Alberto Samuel, St. Johnian Ronnie Jones, Governor John deJongh, and several other

locals and tourists.

The topics range from fun — "Parasailing Offers Breathtaking Views of Park" by Gabriela Campos, to serious — "Preserving the Mangroves of the National Park" by Danielle Alvarez. Students also wrote about the Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay hiking and snorkeling trails, Cruz Bay, diving the island's coral reefs, Hassel Island, kayaking and ecotours, the Reef Bay trail and plant life in the park.

Student Kendall Sale wrote about the tumultuous past and improving relationship between St. John and the VINP in "Park and Community Efforts to Work Together." The topic's importance became apparent to her during interviews with Hardgrove, she explained.

"I wrote my story about the relationship between the VINP and the Cruz Bay locals because when we met with Superintendent Hardgrove he seemed very passionate about fostering that relationship," said Sale. "He spoke a lot about it and I thought it was a great story."

Sale was touched by the friendliness of St. John residents she encountered while researching her story on Cruz Bay's shops and restaurants.

"I found the laid back and friendly attitudes of the Cruz Bay locals especially memorable," said Sale. "Almost everybody I talked to was very helpful."

To read the students' complete articles, visit http://com.miami.edu/parks/us_virgin_islands.htm.

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Relaxation and Rejuvenation Are on Menu at Drift Away Day Spa

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Nestled on the top floor of the new Greenleaf Commons building is a tranquil oasis where guests can let their cares melt away.

Drift Away Day Spa, which recently opened in the new building across from the Westin Resort and Villas, offers a full array of massages — from Thai yoga therapy to hot stone work — body wraps and scrubs, manicures, pedicures, waxing and luxurious facials.

Owner Julie Culver has been a professional massage therapist for 11 years, the past six of which she has spent on St. John. While working out of a cramped, dark office for years, Culver dreamed about opening her own space where clients could relax in the utmost comfort.

“I wanted a place where people could come to really enjoy themselves and really relax themselves in a high-quality place,” said Culver. “When I saw the building and this space was open, I knew it was the perfect spot.”

In addition to the Drift Away Spa services, Culver offers on-site services for treatments in the comfort of vacation villas or homes, as well as full wedding packages and special skin care treatments.

“We can create a package specifically designed for brides or bridal parties,” said Culver. “We also offer pre-natal and post-natal skin care since a mother’s skin often changes during that time and needs some extra care.”

Since securing the 1,200-square foot second-floor space during construction, Culver was able to design the spa to her specifications. Drift Away includes four treatment rooms, one of which accommodates couples, two changing rooms with showers, and a serenity lounge for clients to relax between or after treatments.

“A lot of thought went into the layout of the rooms,” said Culver. “I wanted to create a nice flow that would really work for the clients. The changing rooms are great because people can come straight from the beach or work to the massage table.”

“When you finish massages or treatments you’re usually so loose and relaxed, it’s nice to have a space to lounge for a little while and that’s the idea behind the se-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Julie Culver relaxes in the beautiful serenity lounge at her new day spa Drift Away in Greenleaf Commons.

renity lounge,” said Culver.

Everything in Drift Away Day Spa was designed with the client in mind.

“I gave a lot of thought to the types of materials we would use to make the rooms sound-proof,” said Culver. “You can really just relax here. With the doors closed you don’t hear anything from the other rooms.”

With contractor Todd Horne, whom Culver said “was so easy to work with,” and interior decorator Chaliess Smith of Grand Designs, Culver created a space that is both calming and rejuvenating.

The color palette of aqua and copper tones hits just the right note as rich mahogany and walnut touches balance the space with an organic feel.

The spa boasts a staff of 10 including estheticians, nail technicians, massage therapists, front desk consultants and head esthetician Laurie Toth, ensuring clients only the very best service.

“It’s really about getting the maximum desired result for the

client,” said Culver. “We have very strict standards of hygiene and the staff is fully trained. We are dedicated to providing the very best service.”

With hour-long massages starting at just \$85 and facials for \$90, Culver makes certain that anyone can afford to be pampered from time to time.

“I wanted to keep the treatments affordable because I didn’t want to intimidate anyone,” said Culver. “I think it’s important for people be able to afford a massage every couple of weeks instead of having to save up for months to splurge.”

Culver also carries several top-notch product lines at Drift Away Day Spa for clients to continue their skin care routines at home.

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Dance 'til You Drop at SJSA Fund Raiser February 21

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Just as runners must prove their stamina in a marathon, dancers on the island will have the chance to test their endurance at St. John School of the Arts' upcoming Dance-a-thon.

SJSA is seeking volunteers willing to dance the night away at its first ever Dance-a-thon on Saturday, February 21, from 7 to 11 p.m.

at the Westin Resort and Villas' grand ballroom.

"This is the first time we've ever done this," said Kim Wild, SJSA's assistant director. "We just wanted to do something really fun and different."

The art school's faculty borrowed the idea of a dance-a-thon from American history. Dance marathons were popular during the years of the depression when peo-

ple would test their endurance by dancing for hundreds of hours at a time to compete for cash prizes.

"They used to have dance-a-thons in the states in the 20s and 30s where people would dance for entire days and weekends at a time for the chance at a huge cash reward," Wild said. "Of course, ours will not be as hard core."

SJSA holds one fundraiser every year to generate funds for its schol-

arship and financial assistance programs, which help current and future students who cannot afford the cost of classes.

This year, the art school has put together its own Dance-a-thon — a challenge requiring pledged dancers to show their moves continuously over four hours.

"It is kind of like a marathon — people are asked to dance for four hours straight," Wild said. "It is just a fun way to raise money for the scholarships and financial assistance programs that we have."

Entering its 30th year, SJSA has 85 students enrolled in its music, dance and art classes at the school but services more than 500 students from Julius E. Sprauve School, Guy Benjamin School and Giffit Hill School with its programs.

With 15 instructors bringing experience from around the world to St. John, the school offers private music instruction in guitar, piano, violin and voice; dance classes including creative movement, contemporary, jazz/hip hop, tap and ballet; and art classes which incorporate a range of mediums throughout the year.

"St. John School of the Arts is the only arts school on the island, and it provides the children of St. John with another outlet of expression that promotes critical thinking and enhances academic learning," Wild said. "There are a lot of positives that come from the arts school — it really helps kids with self discipline and self esteem in a safe environment."

Whether you are a student at the school or a member of the community who is up for the challenge, SJSA is seeking pledged dancers as well as businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring them to participate in the dance-a-thon.

"It's an affordable, fun and different way to spend your Saturday night while supporting the arts education for children and adults on St. John," Wild said.

Sponsors can either pledge a

specific amount for the length of time a dancer shows off his or her moves, or they have the option of donating a certain amount for the entire evening.

"For example, if someone pledged to pay a dancer 25 cents per minute, that dancer would raise \$60 by dancing the whole four hours — or a sponsor can just donate, say \$100 total, for the whole night," Wild said. "People can also just come that night and donate to the school."

All of the money pledged goes into the scholarship fund, but Wild said participating dancers have an extra incentive to get sponsors because they will be eligible for cash awards and prizes the night of the event.

Cash awards go to the child and adult who get the most pledges, the child and adult who dance the longest and other prizes will be awarded throughout the night, Wild added.

"We are hoping to get 50 dancers to go out and get pledges," she said. "But if you don't want to be a pledged dancer, you can pay \$20 admission and just dance for fun throughout the night."

Wild encouraged the community to come out to support SJSA. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and a "Bonus Bingo" featuring raffles and prizes will take place across from the ballroom.

Interested dancers can pick up a packet containing letters to prospective sponsors and donation forms from SJSA, Wild explained.

All donations are tax deductible, and SJSA will send sponsors a letter of thanks along with the school's tax identification number.

"We only have one fundraiser a year," Wild said. "We would really like to reach our goal of raising \$50,000."

Anyone interested in participating in the Dance-a-thon, sponsoring a dancer or donating to the art school, should call SJSA at 779-4322.

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Coral Bay Art Show Set for February 8 at Tall Ship Trading

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A Coral Bay art show featuring the works of Brian McKinney, David Wegman and Karen Mandelbaum is set for Sunday afternoon, February 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Tall Ship Trading near Shipwreck Landing in Coral Bay. In addition to art, food, music and drinks will be available during the show.

USVI Boat Captain Caught in BVI Waters with Cocaine Haul

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

A well known licensed USVI captain and one crew member have been charged with being in possession of a large quantity of cocaine on the sailing vessel *Captain Ron*.

They were each taken into custody earlier this month, after pleading not guilty in a British Virgin Island Magistrate's Court.

Captain Ronald Weisel, a 58-year-old U.S. citizen who resides in the Virgin Islands, reportedly aboard the *Captain Ron*, was charged jointly with his crew member Hillary Toussaint, 41, of Grand Bay, Dominica, with importation of drugs, possession with intent to supply, and possession of cocaine.

The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Marine Unit and the Anti-Drug and Violent Crime Task Force stopped and boarded the USVI registered vessel off Salt Island on Wednesday evening, January 6.

The boat was then impounded until a more in-depth search could be made. A story in the *BVI Daily News* stated that a large amount of illegal drugs were found on board.

"A subsequent search of the boat with the use of the Police K-9 Unit led to the recovery and seizure of approximately 56 kilos of cocaine hidden in a rear compartment of the vessel," according to the article. "The estimated street market value of the recovered drugs is \$5.6 million."

Detective Chief Inspector Tom Murray of the Anti-Drug and Violent Crime Task Force discussed the recovery of the drugs.

The arrests are an example of the determination of the police force to prevent the BVI being used for the large scale trafficking of drugs, according to Murray.

"We are confident that these drugs were intended for the United States market and that these individuals are part of a larger net-

work of traffickers who are using the BVI waters to transport their illegal goods," said Murray. "This seizure is a critical disruption of the activities of organized criminals with the Caribbean and Virgin Islands."

Commissioner of Police Reynell

Frazer said the Force has already begun passing the necessary information to neighboring territories to assist with other investigations.

"We work with our neighbors abroad to keep our borders safe and free from traffickers," Frazer said.

The case was continued until Wednesday, January 14, until a report from the BVI analyst could substantiate the purity and identity of the suspected drugs.

As of press time, no further information about the report was on record. Royal Virgin Islands

Police officials said that as a part of its mission, it is committed to ensuring that the Virgin Islands remains one of the safest territories in the Caribbean.

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Candice Greathouse's Paintings Capture Island Life and Smiles

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who has spotted a cheery blonde woman snapping their pictures lately should be sure to check out Candice Greathouse's art opening at Syzygy Gallery in the Coccoloba complex in Coral Bay on February 14 starting at 4 p.m.

For the past two years, Greathouse has drawn inspiration from St. John people. The artist paints realistic portraits — musicians, friends, beach-goers, festival troupes — pretty much anything that catches her fancy, from digital pictures she takes wherever she finds herself.

And one never knows who might show up in one of Greathouse's paintings.

"Everyone is just doing their own thing, being themselves," said Greathouse. "They don't even notice when I take their pictures usually. There is so much motion and energy here — I take pictures all the time."

While the Seattle-native was a prolific landscape painter 30 years ago, a recent interest in sculpture inspired the artist to pick up a paint brush again, she explained.

"I always wanted to get back to my artwork," said Greathouse. "Then I got interested in sculpture and took some classes with Bruno Lecchesi at the Scottsdale Arts School."

Greathouse uses a lot of what she picked up in sculpture classes for painting the many por-

traits which fill her compositions.

"A lot of what I learned doing sculpture — defining the plains of the face and really getting a feel for the lines and curves of the face — help me with my paintings," she said.

While careful not to compare her work to Norman Rockwell and LeRoy Neiman's distinctive styles, it's easy to see similarities between Greathouse's work and those of the two famous painters.

"Rockwell's work has so much character to them," said Greathouse. "Then the wild colors and brush strokes of LeRoy Neiman are incredible. I couldn't hope to be as tight as Rockwell or as loose as Neiman, but I guess I try."

"I like to think that when someone looks at my paintings they can come up with their own stories," Greathouse said.

The artist credited Bob and Clair Wilkinson, the former heads of the now defunct Artists' Association of St. John, with helping her get back into the art world, Greathouse explained.

"I met Bob and Clair and they encouraged me to join the Artists' Association, which was a huge thing for me," she said. "I got to meet a lot of other artists and really just got back into my art through them and the association. It was very important for me."

Without exception, everyone who finds themselves in a Greathouse painting loves their likenesses, which might be because the artist

leaves out pesky things like wrinkles.

"People always like the way they look," said the artist. "They usually look younger they tell me and who wouldn't like that."

While Greathouse might omit the sands of time from her portraits, it's what she captures which make the images so appealing.

"The whole idea for me is to get the body language right," said Greathouse. "The way the person is standing or a look in their eyes, I look for something that captures the person's personality in some way."

The artist is inspired by everyday scenes and her intimate portraits are a reflection of the energy and love expressed by the people of St. John, she explained.

"There is so much color here and so much energy, I love it," said Greathouse. "People laugh a lot here, so I had to learn how to do teeth."

Greathouse loves music and can often be found at local shows with her trusty camera looking for her next painting subject. She recently found some inspiration at Steve Simon's Jazz Islanders CD release party at the Beach Bar.

"Keep smiling," the artist warned. "You never know, you might find yourself in one of my paintings."

For more information, check out the artist's blog at greathousepaintings.blogspot.com.



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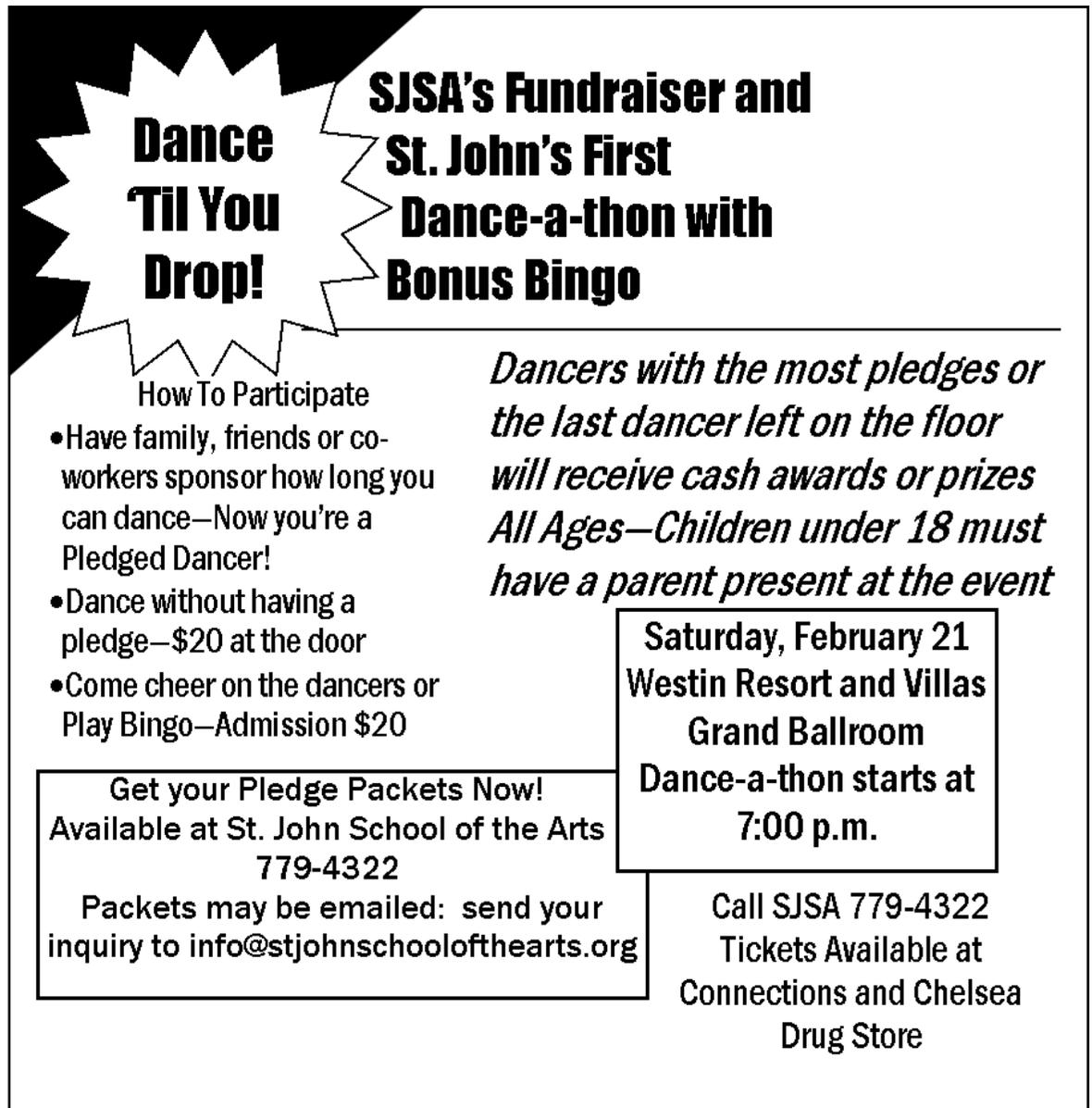


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Candice Greathouse shows off a recent painting, above.

Van de Bogurt and St. Clair Featured at Bajo el Sol

St. John Tradewinds

Bajo el Sol Gallery in Mongoose Junction is hosting an art opening reception on Friday, February 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. featuring two of the island's premiere artists Deborah St. Clair and Gail Van de Bogurt.

During her 17 plus years on St. John, Van de Bogurt has become known primarily for her work in clay. Her functional and sculptural ceramics grace the homes of many private collectors. Van de Bogurt is also dedicated to her work as an arts educator and has worked with countless adults and children over the years in watercolor painting and in clay.

St. Clair, a 30-year resident of St. John, paints with both oil and encaustic.

"I feel fortunate to reside on St. John," said St. Clair. "The island offers the quiet life style necessary for my creative process. It is the place where I am allowed to live in harmony with nature."

The gallery's regular hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 693-7070.

Larry Lipsky, Susanna Pershern at Michael Banzhaf Gallery

St. John Tradewinds

A long-time resident of St John, Larry Lipsky is renowned for his creative Geo-kinetic sculptures and this season his theme will be centered on "3's."

Kinetic sculptures take advantage of the principle of equilibrium, his pieces involve the viewer in the movement of both the artwork and the changing perspective created by the random, free-flowing movement of the object.

Susanna Pershern will present a series of Platinum prints in homage to the island's cultural heritage.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

St. John Community Crisis Center Still Offers Counseling

Editor,

As the psychotherapist who has provided ongoing counseling at the St. John Community Crisis Center for the last two years and also clinical supervisor for the other counselors on staff, I would like to clarify that there has not been any interruption in counseling and advocacy services at the St. John Community Crisis Center.

While it is certainly true that there have been numerous transitions and challenges to be faced over recent years, the St. John Community Crisis Center remains dedicated to providing advocacy and counseling services to victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual abuse, and other violent crimes.

We also have a small discretionary fund that allows us to accept clients in need of supportive counseling for dealing with other life crises and challenges. As the only organization on St. John attempting to provide these services, we are very aware of how crucial it is to continue to provide these much-needed services.

The Board of Directors has been working faithfully to rectify the situations which have resulted in gaps in our funding and subsequent downsizing of our concrete services and support staff.

However, again, to clarify, there has not been a gap in counseling or advocacy services at the St. John Community Crisis Center. We have continued to receive referrals from the Department of Human Services, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Justice and the Department of Probation as well as referrals from other community agencies in addition to private referrals.

The services that have been interrupted due to gaps in funding are the concrete services. At present, we are unable to offer financial support to homeless clients in need of help securing housing.

We do still offer confidential assistance with very short-term housing arrangements for victims of domestic violence, but this is not a long-term solution for housing for the homeless. When we did have funding sources available to help homeless clients in securing housing, there were very strict guidelines and requirements to be met before funding could be allocated to clients.

For instance, if a client was applying for grant

monies to help them pay for a security deposit on an apartment, they were required to show proof that they were gainfully employed and would be able to continue to pay the monthly rent on an ongoing basis, after the initial security deposit was covered.

The St. John Community Crisis Center also asked that any clients receiving financial support would be compliant with attending counseling services.

In addition, it is difficult to reach homeless clients who do not have a phone, so we would encourage them to contact our agency if we can be of help in providing counseling or advocacy services. All of this being said, we would like to extend our sincerest of apologies to any client that may feel that they were not responded to in the manner that they had expected.

It is our hope that we will have the funding available again in the future to provide more extensive support services.

As we move forward in our efforts to provide much needed counseling and advocacy services to our community, we welcome the community’s support as well as feedback on where we may continue to have room for improvement.

While it is our goal to have our doors open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., we are presently working with a very downsized staff and there may be times when our receptionist leaves to attend to business outside of the office.

At these times, there is always a note on our door and a voicemail message giving our afterhours hotline phone number, which is (340)690-7233.

Our outgoing voicemail message does recommend calling 911 if you are in immediate danger, but otherwise encourages the caller to call our afterhours phone number for assistance. During business hours, please contact us at (340)693-7233 for an appointment.

Finally, we extend our appreciation to all volunteers for their donations of financial support and for their time, as well as donations of clothing and household goods to our thrift shop the Phoenix. Without the support of the community, we would be unable to keep our doors open and so we continue to welcome volunteers and donations.

**Respectfully,
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**Steve Black
 St. John**

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A Two Day Cure for the Cruz Bay Parking Problem

Editor,

Let's solve the parking dilemma now!

I am amazed that we are, again, only considering building a \$4 million parking garage that will take years to complete, if ever. I urge the government and business community to consider a two day effort instead.

First day, go to the Enighed Pond and across the street from the tennis courts and remove the fence and push the fill in towards the center. Level the area and put gravel down. This will create more than a hundred new parking spots. Make this area the parking for commuters and business employees and other longer term parking.

This will free up downtown parking for those that park for one hour or less. This will help immediately. It will be obvious when someone parks all day downtown and they should be ticketed.

The gentle walk from this parking area to town and the ferry dock is the same as where the parking garage

is planned to sit. Imagine if there were 100 fewer cars parked all day downtown. This will immediately open up our town.

Second day, we must force the V.I. Port Authority to manage the Creek Harbor by moving any long term boats in the Creek to the Enighed Pond. This will permit other boats, shoppers and provisioning to be able to use this area. Managing the Creek and parking will add to the financial benefit and ambience of our town.

The Port Authority gets fees, our business community survives, people can park, there is less congestion, and everyone is happy.

These two days will cost almost nothing and will change our town immediately.

To build a parking garage can come later, if needed, but immediately we need to do two days of effort!

**Steve Black
St. John**

A St. John Trip: The Good and Not So Good

Editor,

My wife and I just came back from a week on St. John, one of our favorite places. When we arrived, we had difficulty finding our bed and breakfast Garden by the Sea.

I went into the Police headquarters — we wound up in front of it somehow — and a very kind officer, Sgt. Clayton Brown, jumped into his car, signalled us to follow him, and took us right to the B&B! What a great public servant and a kind person. He certainly reflects the positive spirit that makes people excited about St. John.

On the other hand, we rented a Jeep from L&L Car Rental. Upon arrival, I waited for our bags to come off the ferry and my wife went to meet Curt of L&L a bit away from the dock. She has arthritis but nevertheless lugged five pieces of carry-on luggage. Curt offered to help, rather lamely, implying that he expected compensation for his efforts.

When it was time to return the car, I called and asked if we could keep it until 1 p.m. on our departure date rather than 10 a.m. since we had paid for six full days and did not pick up the car until 5 p.m. on our arrival date.

Curt was extremely rude, first telling us that the car had to be inspected, and then when I told him that the car could be inspected at 1 p.m. rather than 10 a.m., he got very angry and told us that this was non-negotiable and that it was our fault that we did not pick up the car until 5 p.m.

I asked to speak to the owner of the company and

he told me that the owner lived off the island and couldn't be reached. He then reiterated that we had to get the car in by 10 a.m. and was very mean. I then hung up in frustration.

We wanted more time on the island — time that we had paid for. Curt then immediately looked up the phone number of our B&B — not the number we called from — spoke to the owner (which upset us) and demanded that I come to the phone.

I did so and he then said: "You were very rude to me. I was going to let you use the car until 1 p.m. until you got so mean."

This was untrue, since he said five times that we had to get the car back by 10 a.m. The next morning he called the B&B again and told my wife: "I want to make up with you, so I'll let you drop off the car at the dock rather than where you picked it up."

This was hardly a concession — it was about 15 feet and we needed to park the car anyhow. He was there when we arrived before 10 a.m. and didn't say a word to us.

If we didn't love St. John, this experience alone would be sufficient for us to say: "We will not return to the island."

We will certainly not rent again from L&L. Curt's rudeness and yelling at me would be sufficient to deter others from returning to St. John. He is an example of the worst in customer service, while Sgt. C. Brown is an example of the finest in public service.

Eric M. Uslander

A Solution To Health Care

Tom Daschle, Secretary, Health Care and Human Services,

To start health care for people of the U.S.A. It would be best to start in stages as to the following suggestions:

The first phase is to cover children's dental care. After a six month period between each phase, then

add, adults dental care, all birth centers, all health care for children, all health care for people over 65 years, all health care for people over 45 years, and finally all health care for all people.

**The best of luck,
Norm Gledhill
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
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Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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1st Degree Burglaries: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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2nd Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 5
Under Investigation: 3
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 6
Under Investigation: 6
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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Letter to Tradewinds

We Can't Sit Back and Do Nothing About Animal Atrocities Anymore

Editor,

Early Sunday morning, January 25, a cat owned by a friend of mine was hit by a car on King's Hill Road in Coral Bay. It died a short time later.

Within an hour someone hit and killed an adult wild donkey on Centerline Road near the "triangle" in Coral Bay. From the injuries the donkey sustained, the vehicle must have been large.

Neither of the hit and run drivers appeared to have stopped to help these animals. My God, where is their common decency? Couldn't either of these drivers have stopped to help them or call a veterinarian for help?

Whomever hit and killed the donkey should have, at very least, moved it off to the side of the road. Instead, that poor animal was left in the middle of the road and on a curve where it could continue to be hit. I don't know if the donkey was killed instantly, but if not, lying in there in the road where it could suffer more pain is unforgivable!

Earlier in the week an injured "fighting" rooster was abandoned in Coral Bay, left to die. These are just the most recent atrocities that I've seen. Of course, we have all heard stories of goats/sheep being hit by cars and killed, another fighting rooster left in the dumpster by the Julius E. Sprauve School where our children could see it suffering and dying.

A baby donkey was hit by a car a few weeks ago, fracturing its leg and had to be euthanized. Numerous dogs and cats have also been hit by cars and left beside the road to die.

These animals are not toys, inanimate objects to use and toss away when we tire of them. Animals are living creatures, many that depend on us humans for food, water and protection from the elements. They experience happiness, companionship and unfortunately, pain and suffering as we humans do.

As a veterinarian, I have seen more pain and suffering in the animal world due to the inactions or abusive actions of certain St. John residents.

Is ask this — how many of us are going to step up and do what we can to stop this atrocious behavior by some of our citizens? How are we going to educate people and make them understand that their behavior is not acceptable?

What can we do to get the drivers on this island to slow down? How do we get these individuals to take responsibility for their actions or inactions?

I would be agreeable to brainstorming with others to see if we can make a difference to better our world and that of our animals here on St. John. Is there any government organization on St. John that would be willing to help us?

Are there people on this island willing to form a group to do what we can to help our animals? We have to do something to help these animals on St. John.

Please, let's take an active part in improving the lives of our animals! They need our help!

Dr. Jan Perkins

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Top-of-the line skin care products and makeup are available at the new island day spa, at left. Clients are invited to relax in the Drift Away serenity lounge, at right.

Relaxation and Rejuvenation at Drift Away Day Spa

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full range of makeup needs.

"All of her makeup is mineral-based and contains no fillers," said Culver about the Jane Iredale line. "What's really fun is that you're doing your skin a service by using her makeup."

Culver's dedication to quality is evident in her choice of skin care products available at Drift Away Day Spa as well.

Eminence Organic Skin Care, handmade in Hungary, is created with only all-natural herbs, fruits and vegetables. Eminence peels, creams — like the mandarin grapefruit body butter — gels, scrubs — definitely try the citrus exfoliating wash — masks, cleansers and even herbal teas are available.

The Drift Away Spa signature label line of products was created by a dermatologist to Culver's exacting standards. Drift Away products include green tea sunscreens and anti-aging creams.

"The signature label line is targeted for specific skin issues," said Culver. "With the strong sun down here, we carry a full line of anti-aging products. We also have a full range of sun screens that are good for your skin."

The spa is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and is ideal for everything from an express 30-minute facial to a full day of total pampering. For more information check out the website www.driftawaystjohn.com — where gift certificates of any amount are available to print at home — or call 626-2271.

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Obituary

Debra Baronville Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Services were Friday, January 30, for Debra Baronville, who died on January 26.

The viewing was at 9 a.m. at Bethany Moravian Church with services following a 10 a.m. Burial was at Bethany Moravian Cemetery.

Baronville is survived by her mother, Maria Colon-Bastian; father, Ogan Baronville; sisters, Don-

na Harrigan, Dale Bastian-Gordon, Dariel Bastian-Hendricks, Dawn Bastian and Deidra Ann Varlack; brothers, Richard and Agel Baronville and Alvaroni Santana; aunts, Eileen and Adina Baronville, Marcia Colon-Hodge, Olga Colon-Meyers, Nilda Colon-Millin, Avna Freeman, Jean Johnson and Utah Swift; uncles, Arnold and Ashton Baronville and Elridge Frett; nieces, Raquel Hill and Meleah Bas-

tian; nephews, Elrod Hendricks III, Thomas and Trey Gordon; brothers-in-law, Thomas Gordon, Elrod Hendricks Jr.; special friends, Marva Foy, Merla Prentice, Cindy and Haldana Bastian, Inez Alvarez, Maria Maynard, Jennifer Bertie, the St. Ursula's Center staff and Clarissa Frett; and other friend and relatives.

Arrangements were by Turnbull's Funeral Home.

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 23

10:50 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Maho Bay Restaurant involving a rental vehicle. Auto accident.

Saturday, January 24

1:15 p.m. - Unit 74A p/ at Jurgen Command with one minor placed under protective custody and charged with petit larceny, burglary and unlawful entry. The minor was released into the custody of his mother. Unlawful entry, petit larceny and burglary.

5:45 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ someone unknown struck her parked vehicle. Auto accident.

9:15 p.m. - A Pond Mouth resident c/r someone damaged tires on her vehicle.

Monday, January 26

6:35 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r she was threatened by her brother. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

10:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone playing loud music from a Jeep in the area Gift Hill. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, January 27

9:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he got into a verbal dispute with a fellow taxi driver. Disturbance of

the peace.

11:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Gift Hill. Auto accident.

8:38 p.m. - A Pond Mouth resident c/r someone threatened her in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, January 28

2:15 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in looking for a missing person in the area of Leinster Bay. Inspection was made and the person was found. Police assistance.

4:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that an individual refuses to pay her money for items that she gave him.

No time given - A citizen c/r that her residence was broken into. Burglary in the third.

5:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that an individual threatened her minor daughter. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, January 29

11:35 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his documents. Lost documents.

7:10 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that she was assaulted by a female mental patient. Simple assault.

10:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay with a mental patient.

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.

Thursday, February 5

Taxi and Tour Certification program will meet from 6 to 8 p.m., starting Thursday, February 5, on St. Thomas. Call UVICELL at 693-1100 for more information or to register.

Friday, February 6

Gizette L. Thomas, Esq., Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, reminds business taxpayers that the gross receipts tax amnesty will conclude on Friday, February 6.

Sunday, February 8

The St. John Yacht Club is hosting the eighth annual Duke's Trophy Race regatta on Sunday, February 8.

Tuesday, February 10

The St. John Film Society is launching free monthly screenings starting on Tuesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik's Bar in Coral Bay.

Thursday, February 12

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.

Saturday, February 14

The community of Love City celebrates Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows on romantic Trunk Bay Beach at sunset on February 14, to re-marry their mates.

Sunday, February 15

The V.I. Environmental Resource Station will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Tektite I on Sunday, February 15, at 3 p.m.

Friday, February 20

The V.I. Department of Education in conjunction with the *Virgin Islands Daily News* announces that the 2009 St. Thomas/St. John District Intermediate Spelling Bee will be on Friday, February 20, at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort at 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 21

SJSA is seeking volunteers willing to dance the night away at its first ever Dance-a-thon on Saturday, February 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas' grand ballroom.

Saturday, February 21

Join the St. John Historical Society on Saturday, February 21 at 9 a.m. to explore the Reef Bay Estates. David Knight will lead the group down the most history-packed trail on St. John.

Tuesday, February 24

The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is set for Tuesday evening, February 24, at Ocean Grill at 5:30 p.m.

AA Meetings

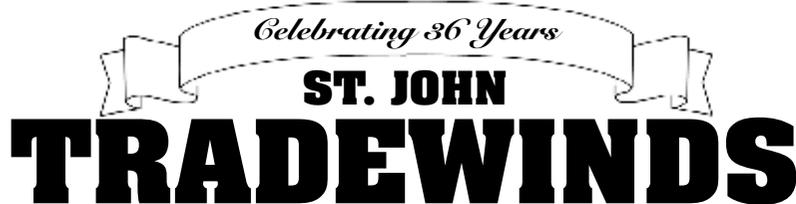
Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays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

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending.



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St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

Ferry Schedules

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay

7:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
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73 Gp. of Republicans
74 Its cap. is Stockholm
75 Meat cut
76 Advances
77 All lit up
78 Fountain of Rome
81 Hopi, e.g.
82 "Later!"
83 Get back for
85 Onlooker
88 Farrow of "September"
89 Inner turmoil
93 Relief sound
95 Suffix with Timor
96 Reverberate
98 Haight- — (old hippie hangout)
100 Vends anew
101 Actor Mario Van —
105 Cry
106 — Paulo, Brazil
108 Talkative
109 Early Bill Cosby show
113 Actress Sonia
114 Post-teen
115 Hits repeatedly
116 Bird's crop
117 "— Lama Ding Dong"
118 Helper with a hump-back
119 Aggressively active
120 Miles off
125 Give the green light to
126 Mined metal
127 Holster item
128 "— a girl!"
129 — Guevara

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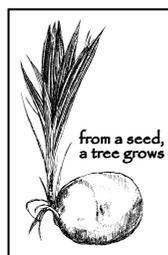
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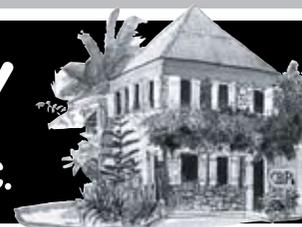
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Brand New Mediterranean Style two bedroom pool villa located in the quiet sub-section of Fish Bay with community beach parcel and dock. The home offers great privacy but is just a short drive to Cruz Bay Town. Top of the line finishes; travertine flooring, granite countertops, Kohler bath and kitchen fixtures on the interior; tile roof, antique brick and coral tile on the exterior. Stroll through National Park lands to swim and sun at nearby secluded Coco Beach. **Unbeatable price for new home of excellent quality. \$1,225,000**

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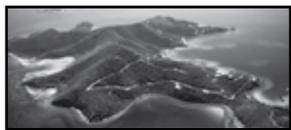


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<p>WATERFRONT: "PRESIDIO DEL MAR" sited on the point of Peter Bay, spectacular private estate on 1.63 acres, walk to beach with exceptional privacy.</p> <p>Call for price.</p>	<p>"OCEAN PALM VILLA" BEACH FRONT (6x6) new gated estate in John's Folly with mesmerizing views, 2 pools, every amenity conceivable in gated luxury enclave.</p> <p>\$9,200,000</p>	<p>"ISLA VISTA" Exceptional 5 bedrm., 4 1/2 bath, private gated villa with panoramic views. Superior features throughout. Richly landscaped. Pool & spa. 2 car garage.</p> <p>\$7,000,000</p>	<p>CATHERINEBERG'S "CINNAMON RIDGE" 5 BR villa on 1+private acre, bordered by National Park, features stunning north shore views. Exotic pool, waterfall, spa, easy access to Cinnamon Bay beach.</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED! NOW \$4,900,000</p>	<p>WATERFRONT "LIME TREE BAY" HAS WHITESANDBEACH! Private East End estate with 490' shoreline on Round Bay consists of a 5 bdrm stone & masonry home on almost 5 acres. Cooling breezes & gorgeous water views!</p> <p>\$4,995,000</p>	<p>RENDEZVOUS BAY "VISTAERO" (5x5) breathtaking views, huge pool & spa, fabulous villa or residence.</p> <p>\$3,000,000</p>
<p>"GREAT EXPECTATIONS", the ultimate 1 ac, 7br 7.5 bth compound: private tennis court, 2 pools, 2 spas, & 2 beautifully appointed homes! Deeded access to walk to 2 beaches. Impressive rental history. Walk to Cruz Bay.</p> <p>\$2,999,500</p>	<p>"POINCIANA" is an island classic home on 1.24 ac of prime waterfront overlooking Hart Bay. 3 bedroom popular rental with one of the best views of the south shore.</p> <p>\$2,300,000</p>	<p>"SAGO COTTAGE", adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history.</p> <p>\$1,100,000</p>	<p>"SEABISCUIT" (2x2) Caribbean style, masonry, panoramic views, pool & hot tub. Immaculate, above Coral Harbour.</p> <p>\$995,000</p>	<p>"RAINBOW'S END" Battery Hill condo, 2 bedrooms, poolside, close to town.</p> <p>Priced to sell! \$535,000</p>	<p>BEACHFRONT "GRANDE BAY" RESORT. Condos under construction, overlooking Cruz Bay Harbor. Walk to town & restaurants. 2 bedrooms.</p> <p>\$799,000</p>

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



"SABA BAY WATERFRONT" 12 acre subdividable waterfront Incredible BVI views! **\$9,999,000**

AZURE SKIES OVER THE CRYSTAL SEA will entice you to build your dream home on this Upper Peter Bay lot. Deeded beach access a white sandy beach! **\$3,200,000**

CAROLINA LAND wide array of choices in this very special part of the island **\$135,000 to \$495,000**

"CHOCOLATE HOLE VIEW LOTS" Sunrise to Sunset on two adjoining breezy lots with views of Hart Bay east and St. Thomas west. **\$650,000, \$675,000 or \$1,175,000 for both.**

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

"CALABASH BOOM" Great views, private, .4 acre adjacent to Sago Cottage **\$550,000**

"BOATMAN POINT" Wonderful waterfront lot, 1.2 acres. Community beach, underground utilities, paved roads. Complete 5 bedroom Barefoot Architect house plans with topographical survey convey with this prime south shore property. **\$1,875,000**

"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES" Gated community featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Four fabulous lots ranging from **\$469,000 to \$645,000**

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



CAROLINA 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**



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**



BAREFOOT New 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood. Room for expansion. **Reduced \$100,000 to \$799,000**

HOMES

NEW! Dream Catcher is a successful short term rental with 3 BR/3BA; featuring beautiful views of Great Cruz Bay, a fabulous pool deck and impressive swimming pool. **\$1,650,000**

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**

ELLISON New construction in the Virgin Grand. Generous floor plan w/3 levels of living space. 3 master suites, sunsets year round. **\$2,495,000**

YOUR OWN SECLUDED BEACH Just steps to Hart Bay, "Rendezview" features 4 bdrms & 4 baths. Also enjoy the lower 3 bdrm beach house. **\$2,895,000**

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**

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**

LA BELLA VITA, "the good life" .4 ac identical master suites with island stone showers, breath taking views, gourmet kitchen, state-of-the-art entertainment center. **\$2,950,000**

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**

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**

ON THE BEACH AT KLEIN BAY-JUST BUILT! Serenata de la Playa offers 5 bdrms and 5.5 baths. Swimmable water access from the back yard. **\$4,950,000**

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**

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**

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

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE VILLA 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath villa, superior craftsmanship, Caribbean stonework, Spanish tile roof, 180° views, large pool and hot tub **\$2,850,000**

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

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

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

ENIGHED Nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Masonry home, 4 bdrms, 2 baths plus outbuildings. **\$599,000**

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

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

INN LOVE Beautiful Great Cruz Bay with Sunset Views! 5 bdrm, 5 bath with pool, spa, a/c bdrms and inviting great room. **Price drastically reduced \$600,000! \$1,195,000**

LAND

ESTATE RENDEZVOUS! Stunning views of the turquoise waters of Rendezvous Bay from this .50 acre site. **\$475,000**

ESTATE GRUNWALD Improved & unimproved parcels. Water views from select parcels. Prices start at **\$125,000** for .301 acres.

MOTIVATED SELLER IN MANDAH! Side by side 1/3 acre parcels with gentle slope overlooking Groot Bay. Deeded beach rights. W-1 zoning. **PRICE REDUCED TO \$200,000** for .353 acres and **\$250,000** for .362 acres which includes plans.

R-4 ZONING! Turn key opportunity for Cruz Bay preconstruction condos. Plans included. Water Views **\$795,000.**

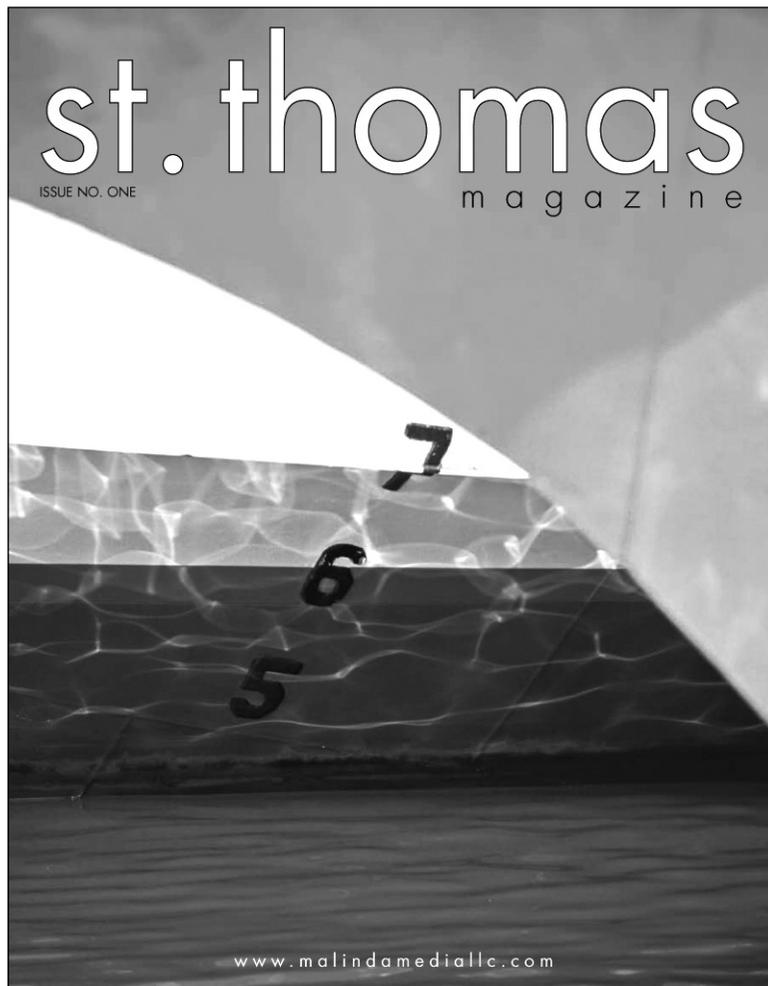
PASTORY Enjoy expansive westerly views overlooking Pillsbury Sound .34 acres with cistern and living accommodations. **\$425,000**

HANSEN BAY 200' of usable beach front! Views & breezes, private and secluded! Driveway cut to access beach. **\$820,000**

ZOOTENVAAL Subdividable .82 acre parcel. Water views of Coral Bay Harbor and Hurricane Hole. **\$395,000**

VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES Gated community, fabulous views of the Caribbean Sea. Stamped concrete roads, & underground utilities. Prices start at **\$430,000.**

DEVELOPER'S DREAM 170 acre development parcel. **\$12,000,000**



ON NEWSSTANDS THIS WEEK

Kudos to you and to your wonderful and inspired team. I really enjoyed reading the all-new "St. Thomas Magazine" on the flight back to JFK (and so did the person sitting next to me!). It truly presents St. Thomas in a different way that celebrates not only the beauty of our natural resources but also the creativity and diversity of the people and heritage of St. Thomas. I particularly loved the article "Garden of Good Eating" - I have a deep reverence for things that grow and sustain us and also it featured my terrific Caneel Bay colleague Nashambal.

– Patrick Kidd, marketing director
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