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## STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

St. John public school students in grades kindergarten through 9th headed back to school on Monday, August 31, including Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School students LeNique Sprauve, Kemica Bell and Aaliyah Henry, above. See school stories on pages 6 and 7.

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# Parties Get Technical at PSC Hearing on Ferry Boat Fares

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Representatives of the Public Services Commission, the V.I. Unity Day Group (UDG) and ferry boat companies Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services hashed out technical accounting details at a Wednesday evening, September 2, hearing at the St. John Legislature.

The hearing was called following UDG's appeal of an April ruling by the PSC to increase the adult one-way ferry fare between St. John to Red Hook from \$5 to \$7, and to decrease the one-way fare between St. John and Charlotte Amalie from \$10 to \$8. The UDG asked for a stay until October 15, 2009, citing several errors in the ferry boat companies' accounting records.

Proceedings began half an hour later than the scheduled 6:30 p.m. start time due to an impromptu private meeting between the parties, resulting in agreement on several issues.

"The parties cut the issues in half prior to the meeting," hearing examiner Jennifer Jones told the audience of nearly 100 residents as she called the hearing to order.

One of the issues the parties could not agree on was the ferry boat companies' use of total assets, which UDG asserts is inconsistent with accounting principles and resulted in an overstatement of the companies' return on investment.

In particular, the UDG took issue with the companies declaring gross receipts taxes as an expense when one of the companies has not paid this tax for the past eight years, explained UDG President Lorelei Monsanto.

"Expenses can't be considered expenses if they are not paid," she said.

To prove their point, the UDG cited a prior case in their com-



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Members of the V.I. Unity Day Group testify at a Wednesday evening, September 2, hearing at the St. John Legislature with representatives of the PSC.

plaint, which ferry boat companies attorney Claudette Ferron moved to have stricken.

"This prior case has been overturned and is over 40 years old," said Ferron. "The UDG is unfamiliar with the use of case law in these proceedings. The prior case is of little to no value and has nothing to do with utilities or public services commissions."

Jones concurred that the case was old; however, she allowed references to it to be made in UDG's testimony.

"I will not be very strict with making sure every case cited has to go through rigorous reviews, but I will look to make sure they are applicable," said Jones as she denied Ferron's motion to strike.

Just two residents testified at the hearing, one who suggested the ferry boat companies approach the government for a subsidy, and one who questioned whether the companies are actually losing money.

The ferry boat companies initially requested the change in fares due to alleged financial losses. The companies entered a franchise

agreement with the Virgin Islands Government to provide transportation between St. Thomas and St. John in 1985.

Under laws governing the franchise, the companies are entitled to a minimum rate of return of 6 percent, according to Ferron.

"The ferry boats are losing \$1 million per year," she said. "This is an unacceptable situation and a violation of the law."

The families which own the companies have been using their personal funds to stay afloat, the attorney continued.

"The families have been donating their assets to the government and the people of the Virgin Islands," said Ferron. "It would be wonderful if the government stepped in to do its part. The boats have been used by the government and the public without just compensation."

The last time the St. John-Red Hook route rates were raised was 2005.

The two-part hearing will continue on St. Thomas on Monday, September 14 at 6 p.m. at the PSC conference room in Barbel Plaza.

# Victims Injured During Early Morning Knife and Machete Robbery

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

Two victims were assaulted and robbed by three suspects carrying knives and a machete who entered their Estate Enighed apartment during an early morning burglary Thursday, September 3.

The victims received lacerations from a knife or machete and bruises, according to Melody Rames, V.I. Police Department's Public Information Officer, who said the incident was reported at 2:15 a.m.

The 25-year-old victim told police he was in his apartment winding down after work with a male friend when they heard a noise and saw three suspects armed with knives and a machete enter the apartment, which was unlocked, according to Rames.

The suspects demanded money and a fight began between the victims and the suspects, who robbed the victims of an undisclosed amount of cash, according to Rames. One victim received a laceration on his head and hand from the machete or knife and the other victim received bruises to his body.

Rames urged the community to be cautious.

"It is important for people to be practicing basic safety rules such as locking your doors," she said.

St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy cautioned residents not to challenge armed suspects in a VIPD press release.

"This situation could have ended very badly," Foy stated in the release. "The money is not worth risking your life."

Officers from Leander Jurgen Command, Investigation Bureau and Forensic detectives responded to the scene to collect evidence and speak to witnesses.

Rames said the case is still being investigated by the Investigation Bureau.

Anyone having information on this crime is urged to call Foy at 693-8880 or Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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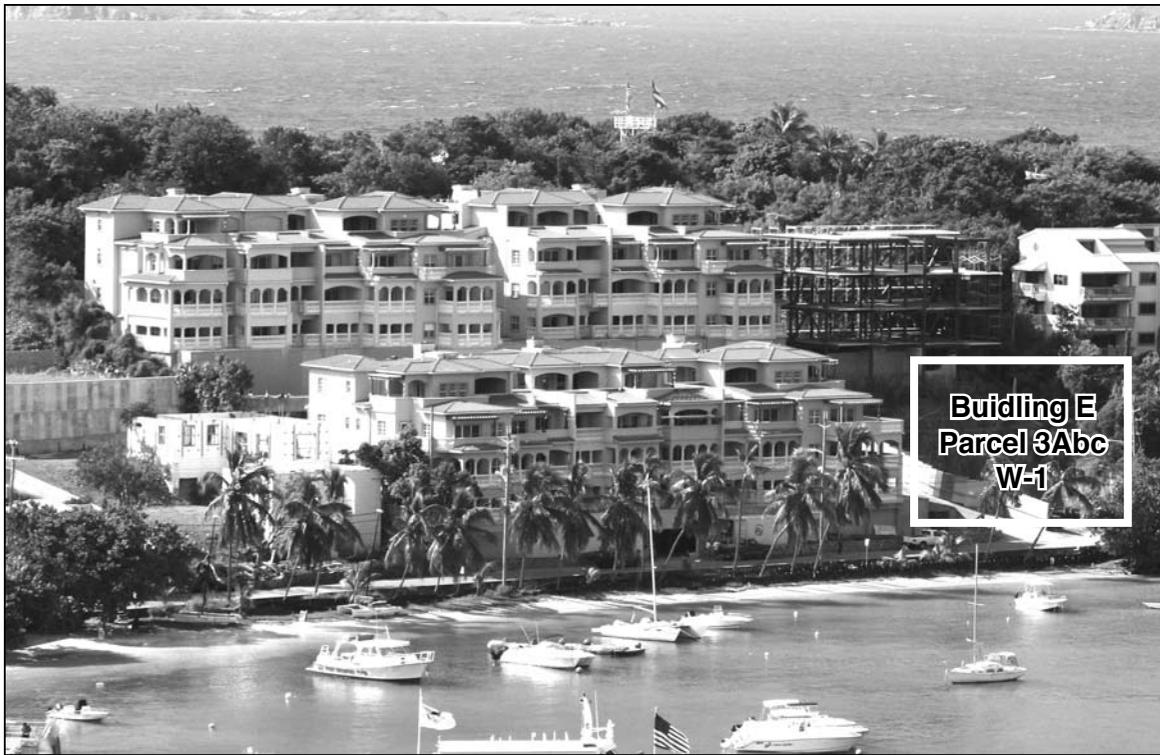
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The developers of the Grande Bay Resort Community on the Cruz Bay waterfront, left, are requesting a rezoning of their W-1 parcel to R-4, where Building E, above, is currently under construction.

# Grande Bay Calls for Public's Support in Rezoning Request

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

After running out of money to complete the project, developers of Grande Bay Resort Community are requesting the public's support in their rezoning request in order to secure more funding.

Four of the six buildings in the Cruz Bay project which first broke ground May 2003 are complete, but the vice president of operations claims building E, the final residential building, will not be finished without an approved rezoning from its current W-1 (waterfront pleasure) status to R-4 (residential medium density).

"We are asking for the rezoning so that we can finish the building and get traditional institutional financing to finish the building," said Kelly Frye, VP of operations for Bay Isles Associates LLLP and limited partner. "We can't get a loan to finish building E unless it is rezoned into a condominium building verses a dwelling building."

Under its current zoning, building E is W-1 permitted for two dwelling units consisting of three stories — dwelling unit one is on the first and second floor with eight bedrooms and dwelling two occupies the third floor with a loft and a total of six bedrooms, according to Frye. The developers are proposing to change the two dwelling units with 14 bedrooms to six con-

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— Kelly Frye, VP of Operations  
Bay Isles Associates, LLLP

dominiums with nine bedrooms.

"What is currently permitted is a taller building with more bedrooms and a greater occupancy load than what we are proposing under the new rezoning application," Frye said. "Under the application is a proposed three-story building with no lofts at all and six condominiums with a total of only nine bedrooms."

Frye said by taking out the lofts, the height of the building would be reduced but he did not know the exact reduction — estimating an approximate half-story. He said condominiums share a story with each other whereas dwelling units exclusively occupy their own stories.

Frye said the waterfront project that broke ground more than six years ago and was originally slated to be complete within two years

has been riddled with poor decisions and mismanagement.

"The project as a whole is not acceptable," Frye said. "And there is nothing I can do about that. But there is something I can do about building E — what we can do is decrease the occupancy load and decrease the height of the building by eliminating the lofts."

The four complete buildings include 48 units, and between 36 and 38 of the units have been sold, Frye said. Bay Isles owns the remaining 10 to 12 units.

The project's sixth building, which will contain the resort's lobby, gym, administrative offices, internet desks for guests and owners and a wine cellar, is currently under construction.

"Under the rezoning, we may have the right to put a kitchen facility and restaurant equipment to provide special events food and beverage services to our owners and guests," he said, reiterating that there will not be a restaurant in the resort.

Frye said the reason they cannot get funding with the building's current zoning status is because the value of the building is much lower than the cost of construction due to the fact that there are no comparable sales.

Frye admitted the project has been developed irresponsibly.

"It is irresponsible," he said. "I

couldn't agree more."

Blaming some of the irresponsibility on past internal problems within the partnership, Frye said the recent election of a new general lead partner, Elita Kane, will help Grande Bay make more responsible decisions in the future.

"Our partnership just recently is under new management so that we can do the responsible thing," he

said. "And part of that responsible thing is me moving here and being a full-time resident so we can have a presence in the community and participate in local charitable endeavors as well as the administrator's beautification efforts."

Frye said the partnership scraped enough money together to finish the exterior of building E, pursuant to its agreement with the Grande

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## 2009 RAIN DATA

at Trunk Bay

### August Rainfall

2.52 inches

### Average

### August Rainfall

3.88 Inches

### Total YTD Rainfall

26.76 Inches

### Average YTD Rainfall

22.85 Inches

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# Four Men Hold Down, Duct Tape Armed Robber Until Police Arrive

**Mauri Elbel**

*St. John Tradewinds*

When a masked man armed with two guns attempted to rob four St. John residents around 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning, August 23, he was wrestled, held down and duct taped by the victims until police arrived at the scene to arrest him.

St. John police arrested Jamal Todman after he was detained by the males who said Todman tried

to rob them, according to a V.I. Police Department press release. Two weapons, a loaded 25 caliber semi automatic pistol and a BB gun, were recovered from the suspect.

"We were inside of our jeep in the Lumberyard parking lot getting ready to go home and one masked man carrying two pistols came up to the passenger side of the car and demanded our money and phones," said Larry Parnell,

one of the four victims which also included Tony Romano Jr., Kevin Baker and Michael Bowman.

"Tony gave him money — whatever was in his pocket — but when Kevin refused, the guy started hitting him with one of the pistols in his hand."

Parnell said he and Bowman jumped out of the jeep and pushed Todman away from the side of the car where he was hitting Baker.

Todman then ran out toward the road next to Jakes Restaurant and turned around, pointed the gun at the victims and attempted to shoot at them.

"He whipped around and tried to pull the slide on the gun, pointed it at Bowman and I, and tried to shoot it but it jammed," Parnell said. "Then Bowman and I tackled him down on the street."

Parnell said he put Todman in a headlock while Bowman held him down and they called the police. He said it took police approximately 20 minutes to arrive because officers were at the scene of a fatal car accident on Centerline Road (see related story on page 5).

"It took police about 20 minutes to get there so in the meantime we duct taped his legs together," Parnell said. "I don't know if we had time to be scared — we were all just like, 'Really? This is St. John. This doesn't happen here'."

Parnell said they took Baker up to the clinic to treat some swelling and bruises but he is now doing better. Baker later told Parnell that Todman tried to pull the trigger and shoot him while hitting him with the gun.

"We are fine now — Kevin is pretty much healed up and our hands are still a little ripped up," Parnell said. "We might have a few scars, but it could have been a lot worse."

St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy thanked the individuals for their assistance in detaining the suspect but cautioned the public against challenging armed suspects, according to the VIPD release. The deputy chief also commended the community for their increased assistance and being the eyes and ears of the police department.

Parnell said he and his friends were mad and angry at the time of the incident, but in retrospect, he has mixed feelings about the way they reacted.

"There is a thin line between bravery and stupidity and I am not sure which one we fall in," he said.

Todman was charged with Robbery in the First Degree and his bail was set at \$600,000, according to the VIPD. He was remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

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# Drunk Driver Arrested, Charged With Vehicular Homicide

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

A St. John man was arrested and charged with vehicular homicide after he lost control of the car he was driving and it plunged down nearly 400 feet from Centerline Road, killing a female passenger.

William Dabey, 45, of Estate Glucksberg, had been partying at a bar and was under the influence of alcohol when the accident happened about 3 a.m. Sunday, August 23, according to a V.I. Police Department press release.

Tena Dudley, 34, who was visiting St. John from Florida, was killed when she was ejected from the rear seat of the vehicle and another passenger in the vehicle walked away from medical treatment after the accident, according to police.

The early morning incident occurred heading west on Centerline Road from Coral Bay, according to Bob Malacarne, St. John Rescue's chief training officer, who was on the scene. The vehicle, a 2006 Jeep Wrangler, landed close to Reef Bay trail — about a 300- to 400-foot drop off from the road, he said.

“As any safety officer or orga-

**“They were going faster than the speed limit and it appears the car was airborne. And that girl had a much better chance of surviving if she had her seat belt on.”**

— Mike Jordan, St. John Rescue public information officer

nization would say, here or in the states, drinking and driving is a really dangerous combination,” Malacarne said. “Everybody thinks they can do it, that it isn't going to happen to them, but it does.”

St. Thomas/St. John Traffic Commander Sgt. Rosalyn Jarvis said Dabey moved to St. John about a month ago and had a prior relationship with Dudley. A background check on Dabey revealed he had several DUI arrests in the states, Sgt. Jarvis said in the release.

The investigation into this fatal accident is still ongoing and an autopsy has been scheduled, according to police.

This is the third fatality on St. John in the past two years caused by people in the back seat not

wearing their seat belt, according to Mike Jordan, St. John Rescue's public information officer.

He said it appeared Dudley was not wearing a seat belt when she was thrown from the jeep's back-seat approximately 30-40 feet, suffering from impact wounds caused by either the vehicle or another obstacle.

“They were going faster than the speed limit and it appears the car was airborne,” Jordan said. “And that girl had a much better chance of surviving if she had her seat belt on.”

The PIO also said this was the third incident St. John Rescue has responded to in the past five years at this exact roadside drop-off area.

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Members of St. John Rescue use rappelling techniques, above, to carry out William Dabey at the accident scene on Sunday, August 23, near Reef Bay Trail.

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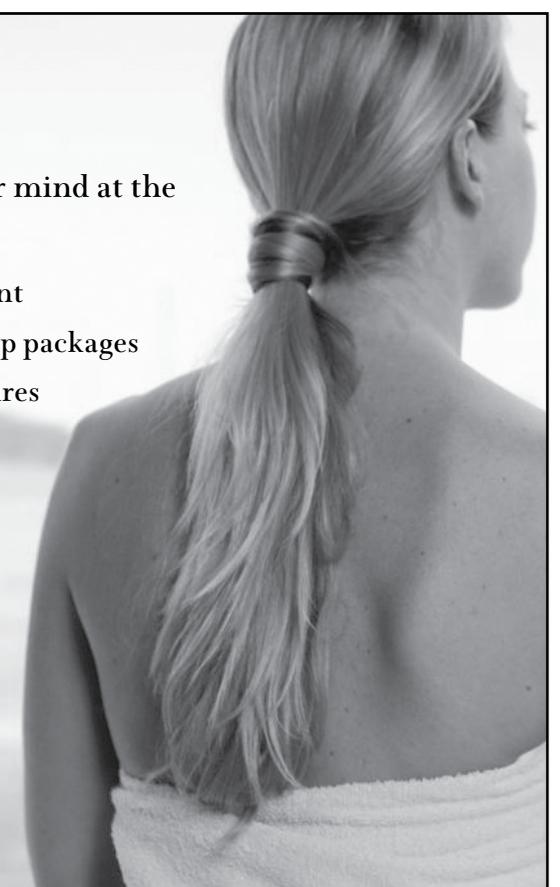
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Guy Benjamin School students Oliver Oat, Keiano Penn, Niquan Frett and Danté Grant are all smiles during their first day back to school in Coral Bay on Monday, August 31.

## GBS Students Head Back to School

By Mauri Elbel  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Guy Benjamin Elementary School greeted its 96 students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade bright and early Monday morning, August 31.

Beginning the day with Governor John deJongh interacting with staff and students and a parent orientation session encouraging parents to become more involved in their children's education, students soon filed into their classrooms while teachers went over expectations for the new school year.

"We welcome parents and people from the community to come visit and volunteer or to just pass by to see what is happening in the classrooms," said Principal Dionne Wells. "We have an open door policy."

The school in Coral Bay recently created their mission statement: *At Guy H. Benjamin Elementary school we do whatever it takes to empower ALL students with the tools necessary for success.*

"We will do everything in the best interest in the child and preparing them for life," Wells said. "Everyone here is energized and ready to go – we are looking forward to working together for the betterment of our children."

Wells said the recent training and development workshops the school's teachers attended on St. Thomas helped generate excitement and ideas for the 2009/2010 school year.

"It was excellent," she said. "My teachers enjoyed them and got a lot of ideas we hope to implement in the classrooms this year."

GBS has one teacher for each grade level with the exception of its fifth grade class, which is participating in a pilot program separating boys and girls into different classrooms.

"We read some research studies that state all-girl and all-boy classroom increase improvement and meet more needs of the students so we are doing a pilot program to see if it makes a difference," Wells said.



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(L to R) LeNique Sprauve, Kemica Bell and Aaliyah Henry (sitting) huddle together for a photo.

The principal said the students will be measured on an individual basis to determine whether they have gained proficiency in reading and math since last year.

"We will be charting their progress and monitoring the students closely to see if this really makes a difference," she said.

Wells said GBS looked perfect just in time for the first day due to the recent repainting of the school and individual classrooms.

"Our teachers came in weeks in advance and got our classrooms together and they look awesome," Wells said. "When you walk into these classrooms, you really see an inviting, nurturing and caring environment."

Wells commended her staff on their commitment and dedication to educating their students and said she looks forward to a successful school year.

# Governor deJongh, JESS Staff Welcome Students To School

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

With a new school uniform, a full backpack and a big smile, Emily Reynoso braved her first day at Julius E. Sprauve School.

Though the first grader admitted to those familiar first-day jitters, she could not hide her excitement for three things: "reading, having fun and eating lunch."

With her mother, Erenia Gil, by her side, Reynoso said she was most surprised by how much bigger JESS seemed than St. John Christian Academy, the school she attended last year.

"This is such a big school," she said. "I am nervous because I thought this was going to be a little school, but this is a very big school."

Students, teachers and parents packed in the school's cafeteria Monday morning, August 31, for a first-day orientation featuring a warm greeting from Assistant

Principal Brenda Dalmida and an encouraging speech from Governor John deJongh.

"I want you to have a very successful school year," Gov. deJongh told the students. "Make new friends and listen to your teachers — you are the best thing the Virgin Islands has to offer."

The Governor began the day at Guy Benjamin School and made an appearance at JESS before he returned to St. Thomas to greet students at various schools and then headed to St. Croix for scheduled afternoon school visits.

"I do this every year because I want the students to realize that even though they are on St. John, they are just as important as the students on St. Thomas and St. Croix," he said.

Gov. deJongh acknowledged the common feelings of excitement and anxiety the first day of school often brings, but he said he hopes

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JESS Principal Mario Francis and student greeters Aaliyah Carbon, Nyree Doway and Johnalyn Edward along with Governor John deJongh welcome students back to school.

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# Caribbean Affordable Housing Company Shows Off First Finished Home

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Many middle-class Virgin Islands residents have given up on building a home in the territory due to high construction costs, but Maurice Wheatley hopes to change those sentiments.

Wheatley, who founded the Caribbean Affordable Housing Company in 2006, showed off his company's first completed project, the home of Tom and Livy Hitchcock in Fish Bay, at an open house Saturday, August 29.

More than 100 residents came out to see Wheatley's new approach to building homes in the Virgin Islands. Most homes in the territory are built using wooden formwork. Concrete is poured in the formwork, which is then stripped away and discarded.

A large part of the cost of building in the Virgin Islands is labor, Wheatley explained.

"I came to the conclusion that most of the expense of building a home is labor," he said. "I set out trying to see how to reduce labor costs."

Wheatley came up with the idea to use aluminum formwork, which can be reused for the construction of hundreds of homes. He ordered formwork for three different floor plans, with homes ranging from 1,040 to 2,100 square feet. Because the forms are already built, CAHC's homes require much less labor, reducing construction costs.

"The aluminum forms allow us to assemble the outline of the home in a couple of weeks," Wheatley said. "We put the forms together like Legos."

CAHC also cuts costs by using preformed steel grids to strengthen the concrete, rather than the conventional method of relying on



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

More than 100 residents attended the open house on Saturday afternoon, April 29. The Hitchcock's home is the first project completed by CAHC.

construction workers to tie the rebar together themselves.

Wheatley, a banker by trade, began investigating ways to cut construction costs when he was faced with the possibility of building a home for himself. He had been in the banking industry for more than 22 years when, due to family circumstances, he realized he might have to sell his house.

"I thought about what I would do to replace my home, and I realized building costs were so high," Wheatley said. "I did some research to figure out why it was so expensive."

After talking to friends in the construction industry and attending trade shows, Wheatley devised his new approach to building in the Virgin Islands. Now, three years after starting his company, CAHC has completed its first house and is scheduled to break ground on its second home in September on St. Thomas.

"Our target is middle income people who, in most cases, have given up hope of ever owning a home despite the fact that they own land," Wheatley said. "I don't consider myself in competition with conventional contractors because our typical client can't

**"The walls and roof are solid poured concrete. The roof is tied together with the structure, and we provide hurricane panels for all the windows and sliding glass doors."**

— Maurice Wheatley, founder  
Caribbean Affordable Housing

afford their methods."

Although CAHC's method of construction helps cut costs, it doesn't skimp on safety. The company's homes are hurricane resistant, Wheatley explained.

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## Third Conviction in Cockayne Murder Trial Overturned; New Trials Granted

*St. John Tradewinds*

All three men convicted in the October 2008 Jamie Cockayne murder trial may not face the same witnesses in retrials ordered by Judge Brenda Hollar after questions were raised by defense attorneys for two men convicted of attacking Cockayne before he was stabbed to death by a third man about “rewards” paid by the Cockayne family to several witnesses in the trial after it was concluded.

After a four-hour hearing, Judge Hollar ordered new trials for two St. John men, Kamal Thomas and Anselmo Boston, who were convicted of beating Cockayne in an attack on a Cruz Bay street shortly before he was fatally stabbed by a third man, Jahlil Ward. Judge Hollar ordered the attorneys for all three defendants to submit motions for the new trials by September 15, including any motions concerning granting separate trials for all three defendants.

Defense attorneys did not indicate whether they would seek to prevent the prosecution from calling the witnesses who were paid the “rewards” to testify in any retrial for any of the three defendants or another “alibi” witness who did not testify at the first trial.

### Ward Already Granted New Trial

Ward, was convicted of inflicting the fatal stab wound which killed Cockayne in a late night attack in the Enighed section of Cruz Bay, but his conviction was overturned in July and he was granted a new trial by Judge Hollar after his attorney argued the government prosecutors had failed to turn over evidence of a jailhouse witness who claimed defendant Thomas had admitted stabbing Cockayne.

The remaining two defendants in the murder trial before Judge Hollar, which brought national attention to St. John and the U.S. Virgin Islands, *Continued on Page 17*

## Unique Mentoring Program for Island Youth

**By Mauri Elbel**

*St. John Tradewinds*

Twenty St. John students will get to know their island, culture and themselves a little more through a unique after school program unlike any they have ever experienced before.

“It’s different from the after school programs kids are used to — everything is off-site and away from the classroom setting,” said Paul Devine, executive director of the St. John Community Foundation. “Most after school programs are done inside the classroom but we wanted to go out into the world and go around St. John.”

Through a non-school hours anti-violence grant from the V.I. Department of Human Services, the SJCF created Allawees, a new program geared to St. John students ages 10 to 15 they hope to continue each year.

“It was actually an idea that came from Lydia Jetson,” Devine said. “She wanted to do something different — she wanted it to be completely remote.”

With 20 different programs ranging from swimming safety and arts and crafts to cultural readings and a historical taxi tour, the students will get to see a side of their island that may have gone unnoticed before.

“We wanted the kids to experience St. John like a tourist would so we set up a program so they feel that way,” Devine said. “Many kids don’t know St. John as well as a tourist does — they don’t know about the hikes or they may have never really toured Anaberg.”

Devine said he drew this idea from his own life experience. He grew up in Boston with the historical Freedom Trail and Bunker Hill Monument right outside his doorstep, yet he never explored the famous sites.

“There are things you become so familiar with that you never really experience them,” he said.

The program’s twenty providers came up with the range of activities by talking to students around the island and finding out what they would like to know more about. Boat tours, phone etiquette, a tour of the fire and police stations, local folklore and African studies are all slated activities for this fall.

“Everything we are doing is off-site — for example, we will use the Battery and the Cathrinberg ruins for historical readings,” Devine said. “Instead of sitting in the classroom, they get to be out in the open air.”

Allawee, derived from the West Indian term meaning “all of us,” will group 20 students of different ages and genders into sets of five and pair them with one of four program mentors.

“This program is a more healthy, more informative and more memorable experience for the mentors as well as the mentees,” Devine said. “These mentors are going to work with the children as a team and try to be as positive as they can — it is not about discipline, it is about self-expression.”

The mentored program is now accepting applications from St. John students to participate in a range of activities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., beginning September 14 and ending November 19.

To apply, parents must sign their children up, complete an application and contract process and both parents and children must commit to the program, Devine said. Brochures are available at the SJCF on the third floor of The Marketplace or at the island’s schools.

“This is a unique program that allows children to interact with each other and mentors for the purpose of seeing a greater world around them,” Devine said.

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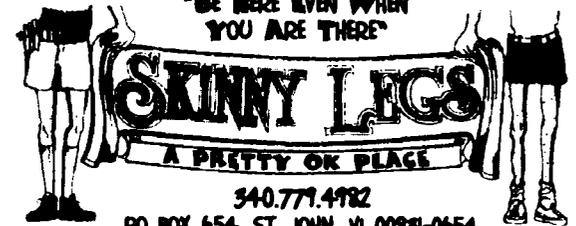
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# Commander's Bugle Call

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#### St. John Tradewinds

American Legion Post 131 welcomes the community to join in commemorating Patriot Day on Friday, September 11.

Church bells will ring in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay at approximately 8:45 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:43 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Each ring commemorates the crash of American Airlines Flight 11 into the north tower of the World Trade Center, United Airlines Flight 175 into the south tower of the World Trade Center, American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 which went down in a field about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The community is encouraged to take a minute of silence after each ring in remembrance of these terrorist attacks.

A noon-time commemoration ceremony will follow the bell ringing in Cruz Bay.

A freedom walk will begin at the National Park Service Center in front of Mongoose Junction at 11:30 a.m. sharp and end at the Cruz Bay Park.

A noontime commemoration ceremony will honor the victims of the attack, emergency-service workers and American military service personnel who have died in the war against terrorism.

This ceremony will help us all to remember the sacrifices of those who died on September 11. We must also remember those who continue to give of themselves daily while fighting for our freedom.

The entire community is encouraged to walk with us and attend.

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### Montessori Open House on Sept. 12

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### Next Recycling Meeting Is Sept. 22

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The St. John Chapter of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace in the St. John Community Foundation office. Volunteers are needed an everyone is welcome to join.

For more information contact Paul Devine at 693-9410.

# Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

## Jazz V.I. Welcomes Visit from Queen Sally

#### St. John Tradewinds

What a great surprise! There was Sally Smith last Sunday at the Beach Bar! She was here for a few days but now has returned to Florida. Naturally, she sat in for a few tunes. Jerry Harris, Dennis Frett, The Young Lions and Ginger added to the usual Jazz V.I. members. I can't believe that Louis Taylor, our piano star, had played 18 holes of golf in the blazing sun that morning! Louie, we want you at the keyboard, not melting on the beach!

Jazz V.I. is the name of the new band, unless you can suggest another. We all wish our star trumpeter, Dale Harrigan, good luck as he starts to teach band at Julius E. Sprauve School. He has the big shoes of Bill Johnson, retiree, to fill. Thanks Bill for all of the years you gave in molding future musicians! Music brings out the very best in young people.

#### Art School Opens September 14th

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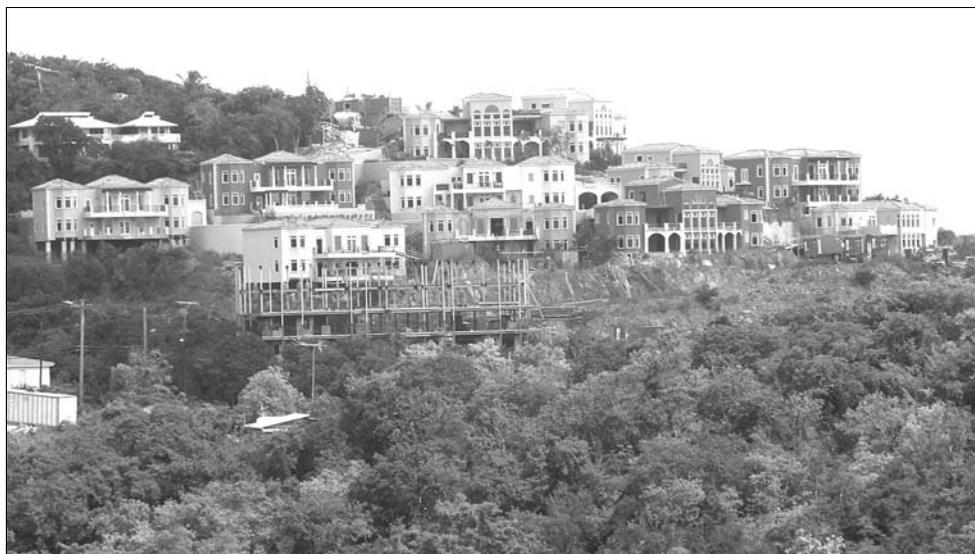
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The unfinished Sirenusa condominium development stands quiet on the hillside above Cruz Bay. The property has been transferred to BP Sirenusa International LLC by way of a deed.

## Marzano Gives Sirenusa Property To Bank To Avoid Foreclosure

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

Carlo Marzano, the developer-owner of Sirenusa, a multi-story condominium project perched above Cruz Bay, has given the property to the bank to avoid foreclosure.

“The truth is that an affiliate of Banco Popular has taken over the project from the original developer/borrower,” said George Dudley, a partner in the law firm, Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, counsel to Banco Popular and its affiliate. “Marzano didn’t sell the property — he gave the property to the bank in lieu of foreclosure.”

The property was transferred to BP Sirenusa International, LLC by way of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, Dudley said. Although he did not know the exact date of transfer, Dudley said it occurred in the later part of August.

While it remains unclear the exact amount Marzano lost, his mortgage with Banco Pop-

**“I can assure you that the bank has no intention of leaving the property in its current state.”**

— George Dudley,  
counsel to Banco Popular

ular was slightly over \$50 million, according to Dudley.

Although Dudley would not comment on what the future holds for the hilltop development or when construction would commence again, he said the development will not be left unfinished.

“I can assure you that the bank has no intention of leaving the property in its current state,” Dudley said. “That is a fact, but I cannot speculate on what is going to happen to the property in the future.”

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— Mimi Roller, college student and sailor  
St. Mary’s College of Maryland

## Mimi Roller Spends Summer Competing in Regattas, Crisscrossing the Globe

**By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds**

For many college students, this month marks the end of a relaxing summer as they return to classes. But for St. John native Mimi Roller, September brings to a close a busy summer of traveling and sailing competitions as she enters her sophomore year at Saint Mary’s College of Maryland.

The 18-year-old daughter of Josephine and Hugo Roller returned to school earlier this month and jumped right into a hectic schedule of working out, practicing and competing for her school’s varsity sailing team.

Mimi Roller kicked off her summer with a month long backpacking trip in Wyoming with the National Outdoor Leadership School, an organization for which Roller’s father used to work as an instructor.

“We went backpacking through the mountains,” said Roller. “It was so interesting being away from civilization for an entire month. It was so cool and amazing.”

After her trip to Wyoming, Roller returned home to St. John for just one week of down time before she was off again, this time to Brazil, where she competed in the Volvo Youth World Championships.

Roller put in a much stronger showing at this year’s competition than she did at last year’s Volvo Youth Worlds in Denmark.

“This was a pretty good regatta for me,” said the 18-year-old, who took 14th overall and won one of her races. “It was pretty tough conditions. There were two days where we didn’t sail at all because there was either no wind or the wind was too strong.”

Roller credits the year of college varsity sailing she has under her belt for her improved performance.

“I definitely think sailing in college helped me remarkably improve my sailing skills,” she said. “In a lot of the regattas, we do end up being in light wind conditions, which I’ve always done better in. It’s given me the opportunity to hone my skills and ability.”

While Roller was pleased with her sailing performance, there was something else about traveling to Brazil that the teenager found incredibly exciting — flip-flops. Roller was happy to find that Havaianas, popular flip-flops which are made in Brazil, were just \$10 a piece there.

“When I was in Denmark, I saw a pair for sale for like 35 Euros, but down in Brazil they were only \$10,” Roller said. “I stocked up.”

Following her trip to Brazil, Roller returned to St. John for just two short days before heading to Japan with her father for yet another sailing competition. It was there in Japan where homesickness caught up with the 18-year-old.

“It was a really cool experience but by the time I got there, I was really homesick,” Roller said. “I’d been away at my freshman year in college, then backpacking and then in Brazil. Then I came to Japan when all I really wanted to do was get home.”

Despite missing her island home, Roller put in a strong performance at both the Radial Women’s World Championships and Radial Youth World Championships in Karatsu, Japan. She arrived expecting the light winds she’d heard about, but ended up battling heavy winds for most of the competition.

“The first day of the women’s event was really light wind, and I ended up getting 13th and sixth,” said Roller. “During the race I took sixth in, I was right behind Olympic Laser Radial Gold Medalist Anna Tunnicliffe, and I was even beating her for part of the race. She’s really nice and told me that I sailed so well.”

Unfortunately for Roller, the winds only picked up with each subsequent day of competition, but she still chalks up the regatta as a good experience. She performed better in the youth regatta, where she took 11th place.

After spending some time with her dad taking in Japanese culture — including sushi that was still moving when it was served — Roller returned to St. John for a two-week-long break before returning to school. Instead of spending those two weeks on island relaxing, however, the teenager kept busy by helping out at the family’s business, Coral Bay Garden Center, and painting the family home.

“It’s nice to stay busy,” said Roller, who worked hard to stay in shape when she wasn’t helping out at home. “I ran the road going to East End almost every day I’ve been here.”

Upcoming events on her agenda include a rigorous workout, sailing and regatta schedule for the Saint Mary’s College of Maryland sailing team, and the Central American and Caribbean Games qualifier in February 2010 in Puerto Rico.

While Roller wishes she’d had more time to spend at home this summer, she is looking forward to returning to St. John for Thanksgiving and Christmas, when she’ll likely have no trouble finding ways to stay busy.

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# Dance with Renowned Pierre Dulaine To Raise Funds for Mad Hot Scholarship

By Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

For those looking to dance the night away, put on your dancing shoes, loosen those purse strings and get ready to “get down” at a gala event that will support the new Mad Hot St. John scholarship.

The fundraiser, slated for Friday night, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westin Ballroom, will feature dancing lessons from world renowned dance instructor Pierre Dulaine.

Starting this month, Dulaine’s exciting new curriculum, Dancing Classrooms, will culminate in classrooms across the island, exposing students to the art of competitive ballroom dancing.

“Some of the students who go through the program will be eligible for the Mad Hot St. John Scholarship,” said Bob Emmett.

The Pond Bay Club developer was inspired by Dulaine’s innovative educational program and looking for a community project to launch on the island. A formal program will be offered to fifth grade students at all three island schools and ballroom dancing classes will be available to students in all grades who are interested as well as their dance-inspired teachers and parents, Emmett said.

“It is so exciting that we have Pierre Dulaine, one of the most famous dance instructors in the world and founder of this program coming to St. John for two days because he is so intrigued about starting this in the Caribbean,” Emmett said.

Jaycee Gossett, a former competitive Latin and Ballroom dancer who is spearheading the island’s Dancing Classrooms program, will be in attendance as well, he said.

“It will be a Caribbean elegant fundraiser,” Emmett said. “It’s \$10 to get in the door and we will have an auction to raise money for St. John’s dance scholarship that will provide some funds toward college expenses for a St. John student who participated in the dance programs.”

Emmett said everyone should come out to support what will reignite a culture of dance on St. John for all ages.

“One of the world’s most famous dancers will be there to teach everyone some basic dance lessons and people will actually have the opportunity to dance with Pierre,” he said.

Merengue, Salsa, Fox Trot and Rumba lessons are just a smattering of the dance lessons on offer.

“If music doesn’t make you smile and dance, you are dead — you have no blood in your body,” Emmett exclaimed.

A three-night weekend at a two-bedroom villa on St. Bart’s, dinner for two at Hinds restaurant, dances with Pierre and three dance lessons with Jaycee Gossett and her on-island teaching team are a few of the prizes up for auction to raise funds for the scholarship.

While Pond Bay is sponsoring the three St. John instructors who have been trained and certified by Dulaine in New York City as well as all the materials and costs associated with the in-school dance program, the scholarship is something the developers are hoping to offer St. John students for years to come.

The community is also invited to attend the kick off party on Thursday, September 10, at Franklin Powell Park starting at 4:30 p.m. featuring Dulaine, dancing, hula hooping, root beer floats, pizza and music.

# Flag Football Gears Up for Fifth Season

Mauri Elbel  
St. John Tradewinds

For students wanting to expend some of that after-school energy, look no further than the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

American Legion Post 131 is opening its fifth coed flag football season on St. John and calling on all girls and boys ages 9 to 14 to join its teams.

“This is a great way to learn teammanship and experience comradery,” said Paul Devine, the league’s coordinator. “We wanted to offer a game that was safe and fun.”

He said one of the greatest benefits of flag football is the chance for the players and their parents to meet each other and form relationships.

“It creates friendships not only for the players, but for their par-

ents as well,” Devine said. “It brings people from all over the island together.”

Last year about 50 kids participated in the island’s coed flag football team, but this year the organization is hoping to increase that number to at least 60, he said.

“We think we will get four teams, but we are hoping for six this year,” Devine said.

While games were formerly played at the National Park fields, Devine said for this season only, all games and practices will take place at the Winston Wells ball field. The V.I. Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation has partnered with the American Legion to provide the ball fields that enable the flag football and spring t-ball and baseball seasons run smoothly.

“The big deal this year is that all games will be played on Friday

evenings under the lights at Winston Wells,” Devine said. “If there are more than four teams, we will also play Saturday nights under the lights.”

Starting on September 8, practices will take place weekly from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Football enthusiasts will be able to sign up during any time throughout the practice season, Devine said.

Games are scheduled through the end of November, but players must sign up before September 25, when the first flag football game is scheduled.

Registration forms are available at practices or at Connections, Housing, Parks and Recreation and the St. John Community Foundation. Registration costs \$20 per child and includes a t-shirt, equipment, insurance and a trophy.

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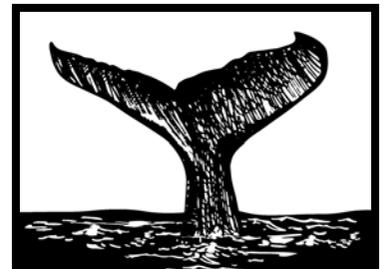
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### 2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0  
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2  
Under Investigation: 2  
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 68  
Under Investigation: 68  
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

### 2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1  
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 3  
Under Investigation: 3  
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 4  
Under Investigation: 4  
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 15  
Under Investigation: 14  
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 48  
Under Investigation: 44  
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 46  
Under Investigation: 44  
Solved: 2

Rapes: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 0

## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### No More Sirenusa

#### Editor,

Well, surprise, surprise, surprise. It turns out that the Sirenusa Condo development is too large and intrusive for St. John after all. Shame on Carlo Marzano for foisting this elephantine project on our small community in the first place; for ignoring and disobeying all the zoning restrictions; for somehow corrupting the inspection process; for then asking for an outrageous variance, and suborning the senate, while threatening to shut down the project and leave us with an eyesore; and finally for carrying through on his threat.

We are left with a permanent scar on the face of Cruz Bay, and the attendant erosion and pollution problems.

Shame on the inspectors, regulators and senators for allowing themselves to be bullied and suborned into approving this grandiose monstrosity.

Let's not even get started on Grande Bay, which has done almost all of the above except for shutting down, which, in this economy, could happen yet.

Let's all get behind Sen. Barshinger's effort to limit future development to appropriately-sized construction projects. Three stories seems like a good start.

Our small island and sweet community has had enough abuse at the hands of insensitive and greedy developers. No more Sirenusas!

**Michael Beason**  
St. John

### Sirenusa's New Names

#### Editor,

Since it appears that bank foreclosure seems likely at Sirenusa, I would propose that with a new financial start, we adopt a new name. Someone once said of another, "Your brain is on vacation but your mouth is working overtime." This reminds me of some of the Senate sessions over the years.

But I digress, who better to name the doomed project after but its biggest supporter, the honorable Celestino White who was instrumental in allowing the zoning variance for Sirenusa over the objections of many people on St John and also, the Governor. Some have said that the Senators had their own agenda\$. But again, I wander off the subject.

So for a new name, how about we call it Celenu\$, or perhaps \$iren\$stino, or if the new developer is going to include gambling — Celestino's Casinos — nice ring to that one.

Another possibility for the new owners, if they are targeting families, we could call it Carmen's Waffle House. No, wait, let's name it The White Elephant (a white elephant is a valuable possession whose cost exceeds its usefulness and is therefore a liability).

No argument there from Banco Popular who wrote off \$50,000,000 on the project! The name White Elephant will remind us all of not only the scar that overshadows a once quaint Cruz Bay, but also of the person bearing its name who is responsible for its appearance and perhaps will linger in people's minds when the next election arrives.

Final thought — just because you talk loud does not necessarily mean you know what you are talking about. Thank you for letting me interject a little political satire.

**Fred Renner,**  
Coral Bay

### Great Smoky Mountain Trip Postponed Until June 2010

#### Dear St. John Friends and Community,

As many of you know, the John's Folly Learning Institute planned a wonderful trip for youngsters to visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park over the Labor Day Weekend.

A number of individuals and businesses in our community donated a total of \$3,500 to our fundraising goal. We greatly appreciate the contributions. In addition to these donations, we raised \$3,400 at two fundraisers by selling local food and drinks.

Special thanks to Julietta at Sputniks, Beza at Aqua Bistro, Prince and Rose Adams at Sweet Plantians and Moe at Skinny Legs. Also special thanks to Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove for connecting us with top people at the Great Smoky Mountains NP, and to the Delegate to Congress Don-

na Christian-Christiansen and her staff, particularly Lorelei Monsanto, for encouraging us along the way.

Thank you to the St. John community for supporting our efforts and helping us raise almost \$7000 for the trip! We will be sending special letters of thanks to all of you who contributed.

We are writing now to let you know that unfortunately, due to recent weather patterns, we have postponed our trip until the middle of June 2010. All of the students and chaperones are excited for our opportunity next summer to travel to the park and the surrounding areas. We are looking forward to a lovely trip to the Smokies in early summer.

**Sincerely,**  
**Alvis Christian, President**  
John's Folly Learning Institute

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## A WARNING TO DRIVERS

One Coral Bay resident erected this sign, at right, in Coral Bay last month when VIPD officers were stopping motorists at the intersection of Centerline Road and South Shore Road.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo



## Senator-at-Large Reports

### Bill No. 28-0078

By Craig Barshinger  
St. John Tradewinds

On August 11, the legislature held a hearing on my bill No. 28-0078, which is designed to bring property tax relief to St. Johnians. The committee of jurisdiction is headed by Senator Neville James from St. Croix.

The testifiers were few in number, but the point was made that properties on St. John were not correctly revalued and that it would be a disaster to levy taxes based on the bad valuations. Of particular help in making this point was a letter from Joan Thomas which was read into the record, and the testimony of Elissa Runyon.

Many more people would like to testify, and it makes sense that this issue should be heard next on St. John. Senator James has accordingly agreed to hold the next hearing on St. John. We anticipate that this will be in October.

Even in one hearing, senators were able to see that unless something is done about the exorbitantly high St. John valuations, there is likely to be a court battle that will go on for years. This will leave all Virgin Islanders confused about what to do with their property tax

money, and it will leave the Government at a financial shortfall.

I believe that the lawsuit of St. Johnians being brought by the St. John Unity Day Group (UDG) is an important element in resolving the crisis that we face. No one from UDG agreed to testify on August 11, but their attorney Jim Derr wrote a letter that was read into the record.

Copies of this bill (28-0078 along with amendment No. 28-506T) are available at my St. John office. We are open from 9-5 Monday through Friday. Our telephone is 693-8061.

#### St. John Staff

Catherine Stephen, my dynamic community outreach liaison, is recovering from surgery. I ask that you keep her in your prayers so that she makes a full recovery and comes back soon.

My administrative assistant Beverly Penn-Plummer has resigned. I will miss her as she moves to Colorado. Known for her style and polished demeanor, it comes as a surprise that she will be living on a ranch in Colorado. Perhaps she will discover that she is a cowgirl at heart? I and my entire staff wish her well as she moves

on to this new phase of her life.

We need to fill her position in our St. John office. During these tough economic times, many are seeking work, and government jobs are especially sought after. We are seeking someone who enjoys helping others, is organized, and can write and speak well. In particular, we are looking for someone who has an interest in monitoring and coordinating efforts to solve some of St. John's pressing problems. If you are interested, please call Carol at 693-8061.

#### St. John Planner

It is going to be up to all of St. John to find a Town Planner for our island. The position was funded in 2006, and the Executive Branch still has not found someone to hire. This is amazing in this time of a tight job market. Surely, with several thousand of us looking, we can find someone trained in Town Planning to accept this \$75,000 per year post.

Contact us at 693-8061 or senator@barshinger.net if you have leads on finding this important person. In the meantime, my office will try to provide a portion of this function, but to do it right, St. John needs a full-time, trained planner.

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The scene of the fatal wreck, above, where the vehicle plunged about 400 feet from Centerline Road, landing near Reef Bay Trail.

## Drunk Driver Arrested, Charged With Vehicular Homicide

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With St. John's fire, police, rescue, EMS and National Park responders on the scene, St. John Rescue President Chris Jordan said while the incident was tragic, it was a great example of a successful multi-agency response.

"It was really neat to see how everybody worked together — we got there at 3:30 a.m. and didn't 8:30 a.m. so it was a long morning," she said. "But it was evident that all the training we have done

really paid off."

St. John Rescue's volunteers were among emergency responders who repelled nearly 400 feet down the cliff to save the driver.

"We are volunteers who risked our lives to save the people in this vehicle," Malacarne said. "We just ask people to drive more carefully, slower and respectfully on our roads. It doesn't just affect you, it affects police, fire, EMS, Rescue and the other drivers on the road."

This fatality comes just two

days after the VIPD announced the beginning of the Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrest Crackdown on impaired driving. Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes — in 2007, nearly 13,000 people died nationwide in highway crashes involving a drivers or motorcycle operators with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher.

"My message to the public on Friday was not to drink and drive," Sgt. Jarvis said. "It's a shame that this had to happen."

He urged drivers to find alternate methods of transportation after a night of partying and asked the public to encourage drinkers not to drive, according to the release.

"And by all means, never get into a vehicle with a drunk driver, the life you save may be your own," he said.

In 2008, the Virgin Islands had 18 traffic fatalities — 15 on St. Croix, two on St. Thomas and one on St. John, according to the VIPD release. So far this year, the territory has seen eight traffic deaths: three on St. Croix, four on St. Thomas and one on St. John.

Although all of these fatal accidents were not attributed to alcohol, the VIPD warned these deaths can be avoided by practicing road safety, using seat belts and being a cautious driver.

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## JESS Students Back to School

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by visiting the schools and talking to the students, he is able to relieve some of those feelings.

"I believe the first day of school is the most important," he said. "It sets the stage for the entire year."

The kindergarten through ninth grade school's beginning enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year was 230, slightly above last year's count of 212, according to Principal Mario Francis.

Lucinda Parsons, who is entering her 25th year as a JESS teacher, said this year is already off to a busy start, with teachers attending professional development workshops on St. Thomas last week.

"They were very beneficial and a great start to the school year," she said.

Parsons has taught kindergarten through third grade for the past 24 years at JESS, but this year, she will be the school's reading intervention teacher, working with first through sixth graders.

"I'm looking forward to the new challenge of being out of the regular classroom and working with students to improve their reading skills," Parsons said.

Dalmida thanked the parents at orientation for the opportunity to serve their children as she introduced the school's teachers and discussed some new changes which will be implemented this year.

"We work for you," she said. "It is our job to educate your students to the highest of standards."

Beginning this year, the school is introducing departmentalization for fourth, fifth and sixth graders similar to its secondary (seventh, eighth and ninth) level classroom structure. Rather than having a fourth, fifth and sixth grade teacher, each teacher will teach certain content areas — language arts and reading, math, and science and social studies — separately to all three grade levels.

"As we look at the data and try our best to optimize on our teachers' strengths, we realize some teachers are stronger in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mauri Elbel

Emilyn Reynoso stands with her mother, Erenia Gil, outside class during the first day of school at Julius E. Sprauve School on Monday, August 31.

certain subjects," Francis said. "And when they have to plan for one subject area, rather than four content areas, they are able to dig deeper and stretch the children wider."

Francis also said that because of the growing number of non-English speaking students enrolled at the school, mostly from St. Lucia, Dominica and the Dominican Republic, JESS has expanded their ELA (English Language Acquisition) program and hired Luis Roman to assist Milda Montes.

Thirty-five students will attend regular classes teaching English-based curriculum, but their learning experience will be supplemented with special assistance from Roman and Montes inside and outside of the classroom setting, he said. The two Spanish-speaking teachers also provided translations for the non-English speaking parents and children who attended orientation.

Three eighth graders, Aaliyah Carbon, Nyree Doway and Johnalyn Edward, were selected to serve as JESS's student greeters — a new initiative aimed to inspire and welcome students on the first day of school.

"We are just here to put the spirit and pep back in school," Edward said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of CBCC

St. John residents, construction company owners and workers along with DPNR employee attended the one-hour silt fencing workshop on Thursday, August 27 at Sputnik in Coral Bay.

## Workshop Highlights Silt Fencing Methods

By Karen Vahling,  
CBCC Environmental  
Communications Intern  
*Special to St. John Tradewinds*

A “Lunch & Learn” workshop on silt fencing installation was given on Thursday, August 27, at Sputnik in Coral Bay by Joe Mina, P.E., Stormwater Engineer for the Coral Bay Community Council.

Proper silt fencing methods were shown along with information on additional and alternative methods of erosion control.

“Silt fences are the most widely used, yet most incorrectly used, sediment control method in the Virgin Islands,” Mina explained.

Silt fences consist of filter fabric stretched across supporting posts.

“Keeping sediment from reaching the ocean protects our bay, the coral reefs, fisheries and tourism revenue,” Mina said.

The following methods were given for proper silt fence installation:

- Silt fences must be installed prior to any earth change activities.
- Steel post fence is recommended for the Virgin Islands instead of wood post fence.
- The lower edge of the fabric must be buried in the ground, perpendicular to the flow of storm water.
- Silt fencing should be placed eight feet from the bottom of the slope to provide a sediment catchment area.
- Check silt fences weekly and after every storm and remove sediment and repair fence. The sediment dirt is excellent for landscaping.

Workshop attendees included construction companies and their workers, homeowners and officials from Coastal Zone Management and Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

Watch for other CBCC workshops. Attendance at four workshops earns a CBCC “EPA-CARE: I CARE” Certificate!

Anyone seeking additional information is welcome to call Mina, CBCC’s Stormwater Engineer, provided by the US EPA CARE (Community Action for a Renewed Environment) Grant, at the CBCC office at 776-2099.

## Third Conviction in Cockayne Murder Trial Overturned; New Trials Granted

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each were convicted of two counts of third degree assault and two counts of using a dangerous weapon in the October 2008 trial of all three men. In November 2008, Judge Hollar reduced one of the third degree assault convictions against each man to simple assault and the related weapons charges were dismissed.

Boston and Thomas were sentenced to 12 years in prison on July 17 of this year, but Judge Hollar ordered new trials for the duo after the September 5 hearing on a motion for a new trial for the two convicted assailants

That witness, Daryl Martens, did not testify in the trial, but Assistant Attorney General Gumbs-Carty acknowledged at the Friday hearing that Martens received reimbursement from the Cockaynes for about \$1,300 in expenses.

The Cockayne family paid two witnesses a total

of \$5,000 each after the convictions of the three men in accordance with the family’s published offers of a \$10,000 reward, V.I. Assistant Attorney General Rene Gumbs-Carty told Judge Hollar. One witness, Aaron Ferguson, was paid an initial \$800 and \$750 for clothing through his attorney, John Webb, before the trial, according to Gumbs-Carty — who told Judge Hollar that Ferguson’s father approached the Cockayne family seeking reimbursement for expenses, which were included in the reward.

Witness Kenneth Rawlins received a check for \$5,000 after the trial, on November 14, 2008, the initial date for the men’s sentencing, but had no contact with the Cockayne family before the trial, according to Gumbs-Carty — who told the hearing on Friday, September 5, that the testimony of two other witnesses led to Ward’s conviction although they were not paid any rewards

### St. John Police Report

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#### August 21

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8:31 p.m. — Braulio A. Martinez under arrest on a prior aggravated assault and battery situation.

#### August 22

3:20 a.m. — A citizen called to report a vehicle went over the embankment in the area of Bordeaux.

4:30 a.m. — A citizen reported that he and three others were robbed at gunpoint in the area of the Lumberyard and suspect was detained. Robbery First Degree.

Noon — Citizen called to report an auto accident in the area of Grunwald.

#### August 23

7:49 p.m. — A Grunwald man reported that loud music is running off his customers.

#### August 27

10:15 a.m. — A citizen called to report an auto accident in the Salt Pond area.

#### August 29

(no time) Citizen called to report an auto acci-

dent in the area of Enighed Pond aboard the car ferry.

11:45 p.m. — A man from m/v Paradiso reported that he was assaulted by another male in the area of the Beach Bar. Simple Assault.

#### August 30

9 p.m. — Glenn Marsh was arrested and charged with Destruction of Property.

#### August 31

11:25 — Resident reported that his home was burglarized. (No address given.) Burglary Third Degree.

#### September 1

3:53 p.m. — Man called to report that someone broke into his house. (No address given.) Burglary Third Degree.

#### September 2

1 p.m. — Officer reported that his hand-held radio was stolen out of the radio charger. Grand Larceny.

#### September 3

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# Grande Bay Resort's Rezoning Request

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Bay unit owners. They now need the rezoning in order to finish the interior.

"We are trying to do the best we can with what we have got, and the thing we can do is change building E so that it is more consistent with what is acceptable in the community," he said. "I can't tear down buildings A, B, C and D — they are already sold. For me, the bottom line is we have to be able to finance the completion of building E and the only way we can do that is if building E is condominiums just like all the buildings around us, and it is exactly what all the Grande Bay unit owners want."

Frye said that with the extended construction time and several lawsuits by neighboring property owners and initial unit buyers — including a lawsuit by members of the Trey and Jadan families which is currently in mediation — the project has not been financially viable.

He estimated a loss of more than \$10 million dollars since the beginning of the project.

"We are trying to wrap our arms around how much we've lost," Frye said. "I am searching for a proper way to put it. I would say that this community is fortunate that our partnership was able to pull its bootstraps up and get it done to the point that we have gotten it done."

He said the new leadership is doing everything humanly possible to financially finish this project.

He said the rezoning itself cannot make the resort profitable but it will enable them to complete the project and make the resort operations viable.

"We have long term future hopes of being able to operate a viable resort — both for the unit owners as well as, eventually one day, regaining our lost investment in the resort."

Doug White, president of Island Green Builders Association, met informally with Frye Wednesday evening, September 2, about the rezoning but said the association would prefer to remain neutral and not take a position on the issue.

"IGBA would not support Grande Bay because of the monster, out-of-scale project that they have built which is against everything the green builders stand for," he said. "Because of Grande Bay's past performance, we couldn't come out in support of Grande Bay; however, we do believe the project does need to be completed because it is a liability for everyone in the community if it is left unfinished."

White said IGBA, like much of the community, is skeptical of developers making promises when they want the public to support a rezoning.

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finished is a different issue," he said, citing parking as one particular area of concern.

"They say they have adequate parking, but do they?" White questioned. "If it shows the right amount of parking on the plans, will it really be there when the building is done?"

White feels the rezoning needs to stand on its own merit — he said a rezoning based on financial shortfalls alone is not reason for the government to grant it, but he also questions why the physical development is zoned as W-1 when all of the surrounding property is zoned R4 in the first place.

Frye said that the Department of Planning and Natural Resources recommended this R-4 rezoning of building E under the first rezoning application submitted four years ago in September 2005. He said it was passed by senators at a legislative session and then vetoed by then-Governor Charles Turnbull.

DPNR has not yet set a date for the hearing to the rezoning request that was submitted October 28, 2008. Frye said the lapse in time is partly due to the internal problems within the partnership as well as delays within the department.

"Now is the time for me to come forward and say we are going to have a DPNR public hearing," Frye said. "I would like to be as open and accessible to the public as possible."

On September 10 and 17, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace, Frye is inviting the public to come while he presents relevant information, plans and materials and opens the floor to questions.

"The public should support this rezoning because it means a completed project and jobs for the community," Frye said. "For this project to be successfully completed, it will benefit all Cruz Bay businesses and mean more visitors for our tourism industry."

M&I Bank out of Florida has already committed to granting them a loan contingent on the rezoning, according Frye.



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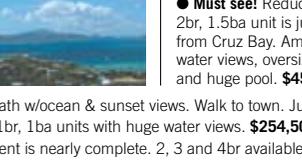
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**"Fish Beach"** - New Mediterranean Style 2 bedroom luxury pool villa located in Cocoloba Beach Estates, a private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel and dock bordering the National Park near Reef Bay yet near all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes including travertine floors, tile roof, antique brick & coral patios, kitchen with stone countertops, stainless appliances. Great value at only **\$1,195,000**



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Classes Begin on Monday, September 14, 2009

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### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

*Art I & II* – Develop creative talents and visual appreciation through techniques using different mediums

*Art of Modeling* – Designed for young ladies from age 12 in becoming a poised and confident person. From spokesperson to “rip the runway,” this class develops character building, self esteem and public speaking

*Ballet* – Grace in motion, strength, balance, coordination, muscular control and endurance come with solid technique and skills of the first noted dance form

*Creative Movement* – Using games, props and playful ideas to develop the young dancer

*Contemporary Dance* – Incorporating different modern dance techniques and improvisation, the student learns the artistry of expression as well as developing the sense of self

*Drama Games* – Through drama games, stories, fantasy and the creative process, children will be guided in developing characters, story telling and improvised plays. Children will express themselves through fantasy characters they create while developing solutions to challenging situations and other social skills.

*Fiber Art* – Explore the many artistic ways of manipulating fabric i.e. sewing with fashion design, knitting, macramé, embroidery, and crochet as well as creating eco-friendly ways to produce a final product. Designed to meet individual needs

*Hoop Dance* – Utilizes the skills of hula hooping. Simple moves on the body to “off the body” tricks will be taught along with choreographed dance steps. Students will learn how to choreograph their own hoop transitions and dance moves.

*Lyrical Jazz* – Students will learn a variety of dance styles while working with choreographic concepts and skills as pertained to the many jazz techniques and choreographers

*Mad Hot St. John* – Learn authentic ballroom dances that will be sweeping St. John this year – meringue, fox trot, rumba, salsa, swing and more. Participate in a dance extravaganza at the end of the semester.

*Music Circle* – Helps children birth to 5 years of age to be confident, joyful music-makers and enhances active music expression. Children love the opportunity to experiment with music, joining others in song, chant, movement and instrument play. The mixed-aged class includes parent/caregiver participation.

*Music Jam* – Building on the children’s strengths, the class taught by a music therapist promotes self-esteem, communication, and socialization through active involvement in music and movement experiences.

*Quelbe/Scratch Band* – In 2003, Quelbe was designated as the official music of the Virgin Islands. Students will learn the history and elements of this music, and create homemade instruments along with other rhythm and melodic instruments, forming a scratch band.

*Tap* – Rhythm, coordination and tempo - part of tap techniques learned through structured exercises and improvisation

*Tumbling* – Incorporating agility, balance, coordination, strength and flexibility through structured routines

*Yoga for Children* – Specifically designed for children. Uses body awareness and yoga with accompanying songs, games and stories. Introduces relaxation and breathing exercises to enhance concentration and centeredness

\* Skill level and age will determine the appropriate class.

## 2009 SCHEDULE

Classes at SJSA Main Building  
& Annex Lumberyard (A)

### MONDAYS

Quelbe Music (A)	3:00 – 3:45
Art I (A)	3:45 – 4:30
Art II (A)	4:30 – 5:30
Fiber Art (A)	5:30 – 7:00
Tumbling for Tots	3:30 – 4:00
Tumbling I	4:00 – 4:45
Tumbling II	4:45 – 5:30
Hoop Dance	5:30 – 6:30

### TUESDAYS

Creative Movement	3:30 – 4:00
Contemp. Dance I	4:00 – 4:45
Contemp. Dance II	4:45 – 5:45
Mad Hot St. John	6:00 – 7:00

### WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Ballet	3:30 – 4:15
Ballet Intermediate	4:15 – 5:15
Ballet Advanced	5:15 – 6:30
Lyrical Jazz	6:30 – 7:30

### THURSDAYS

Yoga for Children	3:00 – 3:45
Tap I	3:45 – 4:30
Tap II	4:30 – 5:15
Art of Modeling	5:15 – 6:15

### FRIDAYS

Music Circle	10:00 – 10:45
Music Jam	11:00 – 12:00
Drama Games	3:30 – 4:30
Drama Games	4:30 – 5:30

### SATURDAYS

Pre-Ballet	9:30 – 10:15
Mad Hot St. John	3:00 – 3:45
Mad Hot St. John	4:00 – 4:45
Mad Hot St. John	5:00 – 5:45

*Classes require a minimum enrollment.  
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