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## Cruz Bay Roundabout Comes Full Circle

Some motorists are still uncertain about what direction to drive when using the roundabout in Cruz Bay. Drivers should yield to traffic in the circle and only enter the circle by driving to the left and exiting at the desired turnoff location. The painted arrows on the roadway also instruct motorists of the correction direction to drive when using the roundabout.

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Fencing is being installed around the perimeter of Cruz Bay Creek.

## *VIPA Installing Security Fencing at Creek*

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The Cruz Bay Creek got a facelift last week, but not the type for which many residents had hoped.

As part of a security mandate from the U.S. Coast Guard, V.I. Port Authority (VIPA) began installing security fencing around at the Victor L. Sewer Marine Facility, or Cruz Bay Creek, according to a VIPA press release.

The project was scheduled to take about 30 days to complete and is being funded by a grant from the Transportation Safety Administration to the tune of about \$59,800, according to VIPA Executive Director Kenn Hobson.

Installation of the new security fencing started in late September by project contractor Julien Welding, according to Hobson.

## **New Coral Bay Triangle Signage Moving Forward**



*St. John Tradewinds* News Photo by Tom Oat

Motorists and visitors coming into Coral Bay will be soon greeted by new signage at the Triangle. Four, large, tall posts have been erected at the formerly iconic corner in Coral Bay.

## **Free Film Screening Oct. 6 at Sputniks**

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The St. John Film Society is hosting a free screening of “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil,” on Tuesday, October 6, at Sputnik in Coral Bay at 7 p.m.

The documentary is a vibrant and hopeful film about the resourcefulness, determination, and optimism of the Cuban people as they recover from economic crisis and make the transition to a more sustainable way of life. This inspiring film offers a living model of sustainability, as Cubans tell the remarkable story of their nation’s recovery and its transition to organic agriculture, renewable energy, effective mass transit, lowered consumption, better health and stronger communities.

Visit the website [www.stjohnfilm.com](http://www.stjohnfilm.com) for more information and details about SJFS’s 2009 film series.

## **Volunteers Needed for Whistling Cay Clean-up Scheduled for October 17**

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Volunteers are needed for a clean-up at Whistling Cay on Saturday, October 17, with Friends of V.I. National Park.

*Sadie Sea* will provide transportation and will pick up volunteers at the VINP dock at 9 a.m. It won’t be all work, so volunteers are urged to bring their bathing suits and snorkel gear and plan for a day of beautification and relaxation. Volunteers should also bring water and lunch.

For more information contact Emily Burton at [eburton@friendsvinp.org](mailto:eburton@friendsvinp.org) or call 779-4940.

## **Just Play Field Day Set for Oct. 12**

### *St. John Tradewinds*

St. John Community Foundation, in conjunction with “Using Sports for Social Change” is hosting “Just Play Field Day” on Monday, October 12, 2009 for youths aged 2-18. The whole community is invited to join in the fun and volunteer time and materials to make this event the best possible.

Funding is needed for additional food, equipment and insurance. Even a small donation of \$10 to \$25 will help greatly. Checks should be made out to the St. John Community Foundation and will be restricted to this one event. All cash donations are tax deductible.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Paul Devine at 693-9410 or 514-6615 or [allawe@sjcf.org](mailto:allawe@sjcf.org) for more information.

## **KATS Starting Up on October 17**

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The Kids And The Sea (KATS) youth sailing program will kick off the 2009 year this month. First time participants should meet at Skinny Legs on Saturday morning, October 17, at 9 a.m. Returning students should meet at Skinny Legs on Saturday morning, October 24, at 9 a.m.

Applications are available at both Connections locations and should be returned to Connections by Tuesday, October 13.

## **Next Recycling Meeting Is Oct. 20**

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter will host its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Volunteers are needed and the public is invited to attend. For more information call Paul at 693-9410.

# Grande Bay Draws Fire at Public Hearing for Rezoning Request

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Grande Bay Resort came under fire from a Department of Planning and Natural Resources senior planner, a condo owner and residents during a rezoning request public hearing at the St. John Legislature

Building on Thursday night, October 1.

While the Grande Bay zoning amendment request raised a number of issues, a less controversial request was also presented at the public hearing, which drew about 35 people. Boynes family members

## Boynes Family Requests Rezoning for New Post Office Location

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to relocate the over-crowded Cruz Bay post office, Boynes family representatives told the crowd at a rezoning request public hearing hosted by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources on Thursday night, October 1, at the St. John Legislature building.

The Boynes' request to rezone their parcel from R-4, residential medium density, to B-2, business secondary, for development of a post office was the less controversial of the requests heard at the meeting, which also included a presentation by Grande Bay Resort developers (see story this page).

Officials have long sought a new location for the island's sole U.S. Post Office, which has outgrown its current Cruz Bay location. After years of discussion, Noel Boynes' parcel at number 131 Estate Contant and Enighed — fronting Fish Fry Road across from the Enighed Pond Marine Facility exit — was identified in 2005 as a possible site for the new post office.

The property is not large enough, however, to accommodate the U.S. Postal Service's size requirements for post offices under its current zoning which includes setback restrictions. With a change from R-4, to B-2, the structure would be able to occupy most of the site and would not be subject to setback requirements.

Plans for the proposed building consist of a 6,000 square foot post office on the first floor with a loading area, one handicapped

parking space and a mezzanine; about six parking spaces on the second level; and about three offices on the third floor.

The second floor parking spaces would be accessed by the public side road off of Fish Fry Road and a stairwell and elevator would allow access to the post office below and offices above.

While no one spoke in opposition to the rezoning request, DPNR officials raised concerns over access to the site and ample space for vehicles to turn around.

While exact plans for the building are still being ironed out, the project includes about seven parking spaces, and the USPS requires only five spaces, according to Boynes family representative Michael Spellen.

It's important for the rezoning process to proceed in a timely fashion in order to take advantage of federal funding allocations, Spellen explained.

"The USPS has given us time frames we must meet or federal funds won't be there," said Spellen. "If we don't take advantage of this, we might not get another opportunity in this generation to relocate the post office. This has been ongoing since 2005 and I don't know how long they're going to hold out for us."

DPNR officials have 30 days to make a ruling on the rezoning request. Boynes family representatives will next present their case in front of the V.I. Legislature at a public hearing which has not been scheduled yet. Senators will vote on the request and forward their determination to Governor John deJongh.

shared their request to rezone parcel no. 131 in Estate Enighed and Contant in order to develop a post office (see sidebar on this page).

Most of the meeting was dedicated to Bay Isle Associates LLP, developers behind the condominium complex Grande Bay Resort along the Cruz Bay waterfront. The developers have already constructed four of the project's planned six buildings on two parcels which are zoned R-4, residential medium density.

The developers are requesting a zoning change on an adjacent parcel from W-1, waterfront pleasure, to R-4, in order to construct a six-unit condominium building — the fifth building, called Building E — and an administration building with a sundry shop.

While W-1 zoning allows for a myriad of construction activities, from a marina to a dock and other businesses, the maximum residence allowed is a two family unit. Hotels are allowed on W-1 parcels, but must be on lots consisting of at least three acres. Bay Isle's W-1 parcel is only 0.288 acres.

Under its current permit, Bay Isle is allowed to construct a 12-bedroom two-family dwelling on the parcel. With the zoning change, developers are requesting to build nine bedrooms in six units in the building and reduce the structure's footprint, according to current project architect John Bedminster.

"We're seeking to amend the zoning to R-4 from W-1 to consolidate the parcel with the larger two parcels we have already completed construction on," said Bedminster. "The R-4 zoning would allow us to reduce the density of the project and undo the spot zoning that occurred many years before."

Bay Isle has already completed construction of what developers called a "shell" on the site, which reflects what they are requesting, not what they are currently permitted to construct, according to DPNR Division of Coastal and Comprehensive Zone Planning senior planner Julius Jessup.

"My problem is that your property is zoned W-1 which allows for a two family residence and the building on the site in no way meets a two family dwelling unit," said Jessup. "Essentially your building

is a zoning violation. My problem is that this has been pushed aside and not addressed by anyone."

While the official correspondence read by DPNR staff at the public hearing included two letters from the developer to the department, it did not include a letter written by Jessup to DPNR CCZP Director Marjorie Emmanuel raising his violation concerns.

St. John resident Pam Gaffin, who spoke against the rezoning request, submitted Jessup's letter as part of her testimony, making it part of the official record.

In the letter, Jessup raises density and height concerns regarding Grande Bay's Building E.

"While the building permit states that the building is a two family dwelling unit of three stories, a review of the plans makes it fairly obvious that that assessment is incorrect," Jessup wrote to Emmanuel in May 2009. "There is nothing about this plan's unit density that makes it acceptable as a two family dwelling unit."

Jessup's concerns were raised with DPNR's legal counsel, who determined Bay Isle was not in violation of its permit, according to Emmanuel.

Five people spoke in favor of Bay Isle's rezoning request, em-

phasizing the project's ample parking and near completion and the company's community support.

"I'm in support of this project," said Julian Harley. "There is plenty of parking, the density is down and the infrastructure is there like for any other building in Cruz Bay. They've also done a lot for the community."

Four people spoke against the rezoning request alleging developers are not building what was originally planned or permitted.

After building something illegal, Bay Isle partners are now requesting a zoning change to make what is already there legal, according to Attorney Michael Sheesley, representing Grande Bay condo owner Greg Jefferson.

"Building E has been in violation since the inception of the permitting process," said Sheesley. "They are not addressing the issue that they have built something that is in violation. They want you to rezone this parcel to permit a building they've already built in order for it to be in compliance."

Despite the developer's assertions that the rezoning would scale back the density of the project, it will do the opposite, according to Gaffin.

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### 2009 RAIN DATA

at Trunk Bay

#### September Rainfall

4.06 inches

#### Average

#### September Rainfall

5.77 Inches

#### Total YTD Rainfall

30.82 Inches

#### Average YTD Rainfall

28.63 Inches

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# State Energy Program Rebates Exclude Major Power Users

## St. John Tradewinds

New federal stimulus funds for alternative energy can be coupled with the State Energy Program to reimburse homeowners in the U.S. Virgin Islands for half the cost of adding solar energy production systems which could meet the needs of an average home, according to the V.I. Energy Office.

But the territory-wide program won't be available to most of the largest residential energy users on St. John — vacation rental home owners — because the rebates are only available to V.I. residents, according to Don Buchanan, a V.I. Energy Office Media Information Specialist who answered questions from a group of 13 island residents at a September 29 meeting sponsored by the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

"You've got to pay your taxes in the V.I.," said Buchanan.

"That knocked out a huge market," said an alternative energy company owner in the audience.

"Is this about saving energy or who deserves it," asked Andy Rutnik, former Commissioner of the V.I. Department of Licensing and

Consumer Affairs.

"What do I tell my owners," asked one property manager at the energy office presentation who said vacation rental home owners face \$3,000 a month power bills during high season from guests who leave doors and windows open with the air conditioning on.

"It has to be a resident," Buchanan reiterated. "There are some people who are adamant that it should just be for residents."

"There's enough money we can go with anyone," said Rutnik, who is a real estate agent, arguing against the restriction. "It's wrong — it's about energy conservation, not how you are on the social ladder."

The American Recovery Act energy funds, which became available October 1, will rebate homeowners for 50 percent of the costs of a solar power system that produces two kilowatts of energy per hour — almost twice the former 30 percent limit, according to Buchanan.

Also, although energy officials expect Virgin Islands dealers to be able to meet any increased demand for solar energy equipment, the

**"What do I tell my owners," asked one property manager at the energy office presentation who said vacation rental home owners face \$3,000 a month power bills during high season from guests who leave doors and windows open with the air conditioning on.**

new federal program also allows the stateside purchase of an entire system, the energy office official added.

"You don't have to do it from the V.I. dealers, but we encourage you to deal locally," said Buchanan, adding residents have complained about territory prices and availability of equipment. "We said 'go ahead — but only if you go for a full system'."

Requiring residents buying their solar equipment outside the territory to purchase complete systems is intended to help guarantee that it will be installed, but the territory's alternative energy equipment dealers are expected to be able to handle any increased demand, ac-

ording to Buchanan.

"We think it's good enough," added Buchanan, who acknowledged concerns about the ability of local distributors to meet any increased demand. "We think it's going to work."

A two-kilowatt solar power system would produce two kilowatts of power per hour of sunlight and the Virgin Islands has an average of five hours of sunshine per day, for a total of 10 kilowatts per day. The average home uses 15 kilowatts per day, according to the energy office media information specialist.

But, forthcoming State Energy Program funds could also provide 50 percent rebates to a homeowner

for the necessary equipment to produce three kilowatts per hour, according to the V.I. Energy Office official, who said the state program is expected to become effective "within a month."

The energy programs also provide 30 percent rebates for the purchase of "one of each" Energy Star appliances, according to Buchanan. That program will begin in October and run "until the money runs out," he added.

The American Recovery Act also has \$1 million in funding on a "first come first served basis" for non-profit organizations to install solar and wind power production capacity, including wind turbines, according to Buchanan.

The size of individual grants has been increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000, according the energy official, who said there have been "a lot of churches on St. Croix" who have expressed interests in the program.

There are currently two St. John wind turbine proposals in the approval process — one of which will be 30-foot tall and located in Estate Concordia, according to one of the meeting attendees.

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# Government, NPS Working on Survey for Proposed New School Site

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

More than a year after the announcement by Governor John deJongh that St. John will get the new school residents have been pleading for for decades, the Virgin Islands government is taking the first step toward making the school a reality.

Government officials are working with the National Park Service to hash out the details of a request for proposals for surveys of the 55-acre parcel in Estate Catherineberg — the proposed site of the new school — and the 115-acre property in Estate Grange on St. Croix, which the NPS plans to acquire in exchange for the Catherineberg property.

The bid process and studies are being funded by a \$200,000 grant the Virgin Islands received last year from the Department of the Interior.

“The request for proposals will allow us to carry out the cultural, archaeological and environmental study that’s required before moving forward,” said Government House spokesperson Jean Greaux. “Optimistically, we’re looking at right after the first of January for studies of both properties to be completed, but that’s ambitious. More realistically, we’re looking at the first quarter of 2010.”

Progress on the new school is not moving quickly enough for Unity Day Group education committee chairperson Lorelei Monsanto.

“It needed to happen more than 20 years ago,” said Monsanto, who’s long been an advocate for the construction of a new school on St. John. “We have a high drop-out rate and our crime rate is increasing. When you have miseducation, you have more problems than solutions.”

St. John public school students have long had to make the trek to St. Thomas to attend grades 10 through 12. The Julius E. Sprauve School only admits students up to grade nine.

In June of last year during a press conference with West Virginia Senator Jay Rockefeller, deJongh announced that the Virgin Islands government would acquire the 55-acre estate of Ethel May Bishop — which was deeded to

the V.I. National Park upon her death in 1968 — in exchange for 115 acres on St. Croix where Al-

exander Hamilton lived.

The Hamilton property, located in Estate Grange and privately

owned by the Armstrong Trust, will likely become a national park commemorating Hamilton, one of

the nation’s founding fathers.

Approximately 10 acres of

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Armed with golden shovels, officials, including Governor John deJongh, broke ground at the area's first ARRA funded project.

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## Ground Breaking for Route 104 Construction

By Tom Oat  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Gov. John P. deJongh Jr. headed a list of dignitaries in a ceremonial groundbreaking September 26 on South Shore Road for the territory's first public works project under the Obama Administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Called Route 104 St. John Phase II, the 2.8 mile project was contracted to V.I. Paving, a St. Croix company which did major road work in the Coral Bay area several years ago. The project includes road reconstruction, pavement overlay, drainage improvements, guardrails and new signage, according to the Public Works Department.

Gov. deJongh praised the project for "a local contractor employing a local workforce,"

"That puts our local people back to work," said Gov. deJongh. "But, more than anything, it gives us road improvements that are very necessary."

"The benefit of that is exactly what President Obama wanted," added Gov. deJongh, who thanked V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen for her efforts on behalf of the territory. Delegate Christensen was unable to attend, but was represented at the groundbreaking by a staff member.

The U.S. Virgin Islands has received approximately \$18 million in Federal funds for roadway construction and safety improvements under the Obama Administration program.

"We've obligated 100 percent of the funds," deJongh told the audience at the groundbreaking.

V.I. Public Works Commis-

sioner Daryl Smalls said the St. John project addressed some much needed repairs, including to the Guinea Gut crossing between the Westin Resort and Greenleaf Commons apartments which was

almost washed out during recent torrential rains.

"This project will have an impact" on public safety, said Smalls, who promised "to work aggressively to complete projects."

## Road Construction Is First Use of Stimulus Money in Region

By Andrea Milam  
*St. John Tradewinds*

When construction begins on Giff Hill and South Shore Roads in the coming week, it will mark a major accomplishment for the territory — it was the first use of stimulus funds for roadwork in the region, which includes the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The event drew the territory's top brass including Governor John deJongh, who was on hand for the formal ground breaking.

"So far, in this region, we're the first to get any of our stimulus projects off the ground," said Department of Public Works Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones. "It's really an accomplishment for the territory."

DPW was ready to begin the project as soon as the governor signed off on it, Jones added.

The contract for the road work, which will cost an estimated \$5 million, has been awarded to St. Croix-based V.I. Paving.

The roadway will likely remain open to motorists during its much-needed face lift, Jones explained.

"Right now we're anticipating a lot of one-lane closures," he said. "We will have a lot of total reconstruction of the roadway going on."

The repairs will address water flow, which constantly leaves Giff Hill and South Shore Roads pockmarked with deep, dangerous potholes, Jones added.

Work will involve reconstruction, rehabilitation and reasphalting of the road from the Susannaberg landfill all the way to the Pine Peace basketball courts.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, including rainfall, the project is estimated to take approximately four months to complete, according to DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade.

"Water is a big issue," Wade said. "Replacing swales will increase the longevity of the road, and reduce the amount of maintenance that we should have to do on the roadway. We're going to stop water infiltration."

In addition to installing swales, culverts will be replaced and two and a half miles of road will be overlaid during the project.

# Centerline Road To Become Safer for Pedestrians with Construction of Sidewalk

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Pedestrians who traverse the busy, and often unsafe, stretch of Centerline Road between the Islandia building and the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cruz Bay can rest easy knowing their walk will soon be much safer thanks to the planned construction of a sidewalk in that area.

The project was jump started approximately four months ago, when St. John Administrator Leona Smith approached Department of Public Works St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade about the feasibility of making that stretch of roadway safer for pedestrians, Wade explained.

“At the time, I told her we didn’t have any funding, but that I’d speak to the commissioner and some of the other department heads to see what the feasibility was that we could get it done,” Wade said. “About two weeks ago, I sat down with the administrator and we decided to see if it was possible to use some stimulus money.”

“It appears that we’re going to be able to put the sidewalk into the department’s safety program,” said the DPW Deputy Director.

Wade estimated the project will cost less than \$100,000 and should take approximately six weeks

to complete. Before construction can begin, however, the government will need an easement from Islandia building owner Inga Hiilivirta and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, giving DPW permission to install the sidewalk, explained Wade.

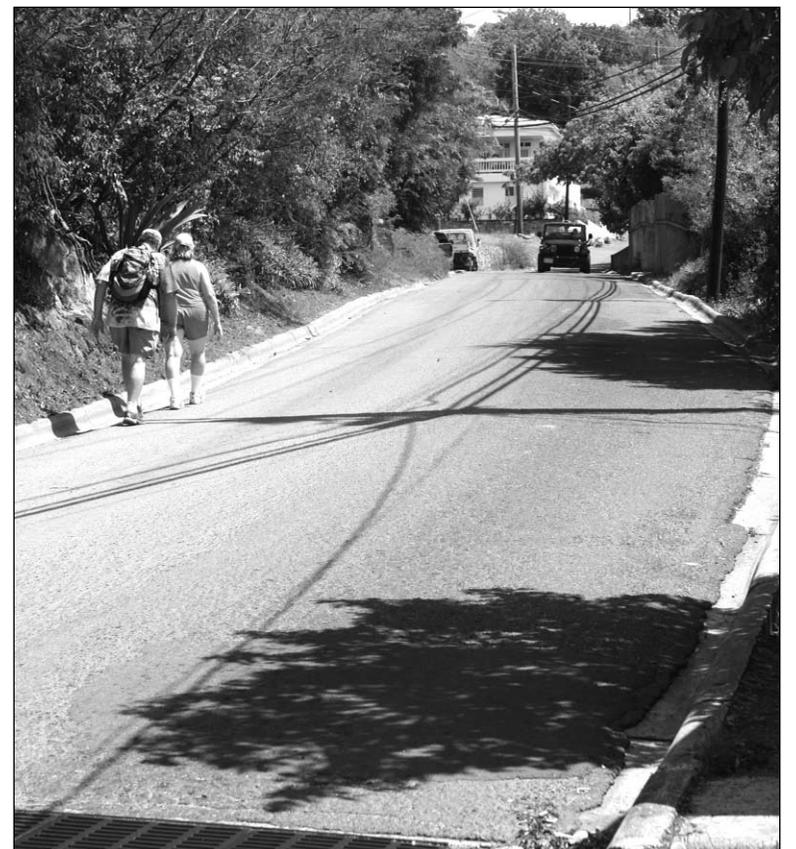
“I don’t anticipate any problems with that because my understanding in speaking with the administrator is that she had been in communication with church leaders who were advocates of putting the sidewalk along the road there,” Wade said.

Some rocks will need to be removed from the road’s shoulder, which will be stabilized during the project. Construction may also involve some hammering.

The approximately 800-foot sidewalk, which will be installed on the eastbound side of Centerline Road, will help get pedestrians off one of the road’s busiest stretches, Wade explained.

“Many, many people walk from Pastory down into Cruz Bay, and that particular area of Centerline Road is extremely important because traffic is so heavy,” he said. “We want to get people off the street.”

The only potential problem with the installation of the sidewalk will be the loss of approximately six parking spaces for tenants of apartments on the westbound side of Centerline. Those residents will be advised to park elsewhere, according to Wade.



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A new sidewalk will make the lower portion of Centerline Road safer.

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# V.I. Embarks on Journey To Comply with Federal Sex Offender Law

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands has a long way to go in order to come into compliance with the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act, or SORNA, by July of next year.

The act, which was passed in 2006, mandates that all states and territories make changes to the way they handle sex offenders and requires them to come into "substantial compliance" with federal law.

The Virgin Islands has been left in the dust over the past decade as most states and territories have made their sex offender registries available to the public online. In the Virgin Islands, information on local registered sex offenders is still only accessible to law enforcement, government agencies and the attorney general.

The penalty for failing to come into compliance by July 2010 is a 10 to 15 percent loss of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds, and because SORNA is an unfunded mandate, some states are simply deciding to cut their losses, explained V.I. Department of Justice spokesperson Sara Lezama.

"Coming into compliance will cost more than the amount of funding we'll lose, and there are a lot of states out there that aren't going to do it," she said. "It's going to be a major hurdle because it's an unfunded mandate, but we've

**"A lot of other jurisdictions have a tier system in terms of classifying offenders and determining how long they have to register for. We're considering moving to a tier classification based on the crime committed and the amenability of the offender to treatment."**

— Sara Lezama,  
DOJ spokesperson

decided this is an important issue. Coming into compliance will benefit us in the long run."

The Virgin Islands is tackling the complete overhaul of its sex offender statute head-on, beginning with the formation of a Sex Offender and Notification Task Force, which includes representatives from the Office of the Governor, the V.I. Police Department, V.I. Superior Court, the Office of Probation and Parole and the V.I. Department of Justice. Investigative Services, Department of Health and Human Services, the Bureau of Corrections and the Sexual Offender Registry Board are also represented in the task

force.

"We have all these people looking at the existing statute and the new federal statute," said Lezama. "They're coming together because these are the stakeholders who will play a role in implementing and enforcing the new statute."

While federal law spells out some specific requirements for states and territories — such as the responsibility to track local registrants and notify other jurisdictions when an offender moves — the Virgin Islands is left to make many big decisions on its own.

"We have to look at how we're going to classify these people and who's going to be eligible to register," said Lezama. "Should a juvenile offender enter a treatment program instead of being required to register? These are the things the task force will be responsible for, giving input into how the new statute is written."

Current Virgin Islands law requires that offenders register for either 15 years or a lifetime, depending on the severity of their crimes. Sex offenders who committed their crime against a minor, along with violent sex offenders and violent predators, must register for 15 years. Sexual predators and those with two consecutive offenses against minors are required to register for life.

The Sexual Registry Board, an entity separate from the recently formed task force, will be respon-

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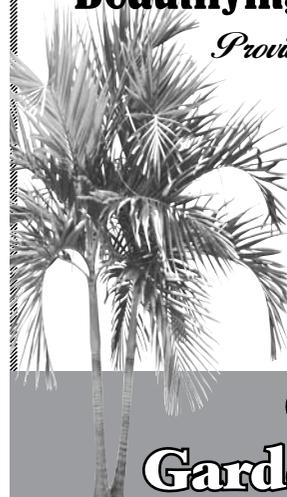
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# Resident Questions VIPD Procedures

By Susan Mann  
St. John Tradewinds

On August 1, sales clerk Jim Rudolph was getting ready to close Now and Zen, a retail shop in Cruz Bay, when a rental vehicle pulled alongside the shop.

"Is it okay if we park here just to pick up a pizza," Rudolph said the male driver asked him.

Rudolph told the man it would be fine, as long as he was coming right back, he explained.

The female occupant went up to Cafe Roma while the male stayed in the vehicle and almost immediately V.I. Police Department Police Officer Derrick Callwood arrived and — despite two local vehicles parked nearby — started to write a traffic citation to the rental car, Rudolph explained.

"When I saw the officer writing a ticket, I said to him, 'come on, give the guy a break, you don't have to give him a ticket,'" said Rudolph.

Callwood stopped writing the ticket and instead placed Rudolph under arrest. Rudolph, who has no criminal record, said he did not understand what was happening to him.

"He told me that I was arrested for interfering with him while he was carrying out his official duties, that I was going to jail, and my bail would be \$1,500," said Rudolph.

Rudolph was taken to the Leander Jurgen Command where he learned that residents cannot post bail on St. John. While arrestees can be held in Cruz Bay, they are transported to St. Thomas to post bail.

At the time of his arrest — and during the night he spent at Jurgen Command — Rudolph was never read his rights, or offered the opportunity to make a phone call, he said.

The following morning, Sunday, August 2, Rudolph was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas where he was placed in a jail cell at about 9 a.m., he explained.

St. John resident "Kent" Johnston arrived at about the same time to hand deliver the \$1,500 bail, but ran into another problem, according to Johnston.

"The front desk officer told me



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Parking problems in Cruz Bay led to the arrest of a resident who is questioning VIPD procedures.

I could not post the bail money because the police department has lost the key to the room with the lock box," Johnston said.

The only person who had the key was the VIPD District Chief, who was not responding to phone calls, Johnston said he was told.

"I'm really sorry, you are doing what you are supposed to do, but we can't do our jobs," Johnston said a desk officer told him.

On Monday morning, August 3, Rudolph was ordered out of his jail cell, without knowing where he was going or why, he explained. He found out by questioning other prisoners that he was being taken for his advice of rights hearing at V.I. Superior Court, he explained.

"I was really beginning to wonder if I was in the United States," Rudolph said.

V.I. Magistrate Judge Alan Smith heard Callwood's testimony and found probable cause to uphold the charges against Rudolph.

Callwood said under oath that he felt threatened and feared for his safety due to Rudolph's behavior, that he repeatedly told him to "stand back" as he was writing the citation, and that Rudolph refused, according to Rudolph.

Smith scheduled Rudolph's arraignment for August 27 and released him on his own recognizance at about 10:30 a.m. As Rudolph exited the court room he again heard the words, "put your hands behind your back," being spoken by Callwood, he explained.

Rudolph spent the rest of the day being booked and processed for an arrest for which he had already appeared in court and been released on his own recognizance, he said.

He finally left the St. Thomas jail at about 3:30 p.m.

Rudolph's incident report, completed by Callwood, lists delaying and obstructing justice while interfering with an officer discharging his duties; disobeying a lawful order after refusing to comply with an officer who was on a traffic stop; and refusing several times to step away when told to do so by an officer.

Defense attorney Samuel Joseph entered a plea of "not guilty" on Rudolph's behalf at the August 27 arraignment before Judge Kathleen Mackey.

While awaiting his trial, Rudolph came forward with his story because he sincerely hoped that, "by sharing how he was treated by an officer of the VIPD with the general public, it might lead to changes that would prevent another resident or tourist from being treated in the same way."

In an August 21 written response to *St. John Tradewinds*, VIPD Commissioner Novelle Francis stated all "questions posed are best answered by the Attorney General's office."

Francis suggested that Rudolph file a complaint with the Internal Affairs Bureau if he felt "an officer of the VIPD had acted inappropriately."

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## Dogs, Pet Owners Learn Responsibility at Dog Ownership Day

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

The Marketplace went to the dogs on Saturday, September 26, thanks to the St. John Animal Care Center's Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

The ACC teamed up with the American Kennel Club to present the event, featuring free health screenings by Dr. Jan Perkins, educational information from Dr. Laura Palminteri and doggy décor by St. Thomas shop How 'Bout Your Pet.

Dogs and their owners congregated on the second floor of The Marketplace, where in addition to receiving health screenings and checking out the flashy pet accessories, they were given information on how to be responsible dog owners and good canine citizens.

The AKC's 10-step Canine Good Citizen test was demonstrated, analyzing how dogs react to other dogs, whether they come when called and if they accept a friendly stranger, among other things.

"We'll be giving the test later this year, so owners have time to work with their dogs to pass the test," said ACC education chair Paul Jordan. "There will be two AKC-certified examiners who will administer the test."

The V.I. is the first place outside the United States to celebrate Responsible Dog Ownership Day, an event which has been observed in the states for the past seven years.

Jordan helped convince Senator at Large Craig Barshinger to sponsor the bill designating September 26 as Responsible Dog Ownership Day in the territory. The bill passed unanimously, and events teaching responsibility to dog owners took place on St. Thomas and St. Croix last month as well.

The event was important for Jordan, a long-time owner of bull terriers.

"All dogs need to be good citizens in the community," he said. "Their owners need to be responsible for their dogs. Education is good for people as well as dogs."

Local vet Perkins took the opportunity to educate dog

owners on the importance of staying up to date with vaccines and heartworm medicine for island dogs. She looks forward to the event growing in future years, she explained.

"I want to get cats in on it too," said Perkins. "Hopefully the event will grow in the future. Animals need the basics, just like we do."

Local vet Palminteri manned a table full of informational materials, and educated event-goers on how to treat and prevent fleas, ticks and island parasites.

How 'Bout Your Pet owner and St. John resident Stacey Alvarado was excited to bring pet accessories to the people of St. John at the event.

"St. John doesn't have a store like mine, so I wanted to bring fun accessories," she said. "There's been a great interest level."

Alvarado hopes to eventually open a store on St. John, she added.

Dogs at the event also enjoyed bobbing for tennis balls, and trying out the tunnel portion of a dog agility course.

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# Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

## Mauri Returns to Texas

### St. John Tradewinds

You see Mauri Elbel's by-line in the *Tradewinds* often — what fun to see her in person these past weeks as she assisted MaLinda at the newspaper. Now she's back in Austin with her baby and husband in their new house. We'll miss her but this is her second home, so come back soon, Mauri!

### Sunday Afternoon at The Beach Bar

It's the only show in town! The new band "Jazz VI," with Louis Taylor on piano, Joe Ramsay on sax and flute, Andrew Cameron on drums, Dale Harrigan on trumpet and flugel horn, with Tabari Lake on bass (he's a 15-year-old member of the Young Lions). From 4 to 7:30 p.m., new tunes, new faces and a great jazz beat! See your old friends there. If you are a musician, they might invite you to sit in.

### Plans Being Made for Sprauve School Gala

No date, as yet, but Caneel Bay will announce the time soon. With the poor economy in mind, the committee will make



Mauri with son Finn at Trunk Bay

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# VITEMA Deputy Director Urges New Building for Better Response

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While recent upgrades to the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Authority office in Estate Susannberg have improved the island's disaster preparedness, more needs to be done, according to the agency's St. John director.

Modern air conditioning units, two large flat screen television monitors, a dozen new personal computers and ergonomically-designed chairs now grace the Emergency Operations Center conference room at the VITEMA office. The single entrance to the building and its size, however, limit the agency's capacity to efficiently coordinate disaster responses, explained Alvis Christian VITEMA St. John Deputy Director.

"If this building gets destroyed, I have to have somewhere else to go," said Christian. "If Gift Hill Road gets compromised, we can't get in or out of here."

An aging blue concrete structure located a short distance from the current VITEMA headquarters, would be the ideal location in which to construct a state-of-the art Emergency Operations Center, according to Christian.

"We could knock down this building and construct a three-story structure that would be a one-stop emergency center," Christian said.

Christian envisions a center where emergency responders from St. John Rescue, the V.I. National Guard and VITEMA could coordinate efforts.

"There would be plenty of room for storage, sleeping quarters, a conference room — the whole nine yards," said Christian. "Right now if an emergency takes place, there is no where to sleep."

The building would also be accessible from Centerline Road, Christian added.

"In addition to the current exit to Gift Hill Road,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Christian hopes this building will be eventually house a new EOC.

the new building could easily be accessed from Centerline Road," he said. "It's near to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and is at a high enough elevation, it would be safe from tsunami effects too."

Once operations move to the new building, VITEMA's former office could be maintained as a back-up, Christian added.

Christian has already had plans for the proposed VITEMA building designed and hopes his dream of a new emergency center structure will be realized in the near future.

"There have been a lot of improvements here at the VITEMA office, but I want and I need that new building because it will bring better coordination to the island during disasters and emergencies," said the VITEMA Deputy Director.

VITEMA is the lead agency in the territory charged with activating response and recovery plans in the wake of emergencies and disasters.

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- **Baked in the Sun** - 693-8786, Staying open
- **Balcony** – 774-8470, Staying open
- **Banana Deck** – 693-5055, Reopening October 15
- **Beach Bar** – 777-4220, Staying open
- **Cafe Concordia** – 693-5855, Closed until November 1
- **Cafe Roma** – 776-6524, Closing Oct. 1 until Nov. 1
- **Caneel Restaurants** – Entire resort closed until Nov. 1
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- **Crazy Crackers** – Oopen
- **Da Livio's** – 779-8900, Open; Closed on Sundays
- **Donkey Diner** – 693-5240, Closed Aug. 30 to Oct. 28
- **Fish Trap** – 693-9994, Closed Aug. 30 to Oct. 13
- **Happy Fish** – 776-1717, Closed Sept. 28 to Oct. 26
- **High Tide** – 714-6169, Open
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- **Miss Lucy's** – 693-5244, Not available.
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- **Ocean Grill** – 693-3304, Sept. 7 to Oct. 5
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- **Rhumb Lines** – 776-0303, Closed Sept. 28 to Oct. 14
- **Shipwreck Landing** – 693-5640, Closed Sept. 5 to Nov. 10
- **Skinny Legs** – 779-4982, Reopened Oct. 3
- **SoGo's** – 779-4404, Staying open
- **Sun Dog Cafe** – 693-8340, Staying open
- **Sweet Plantains** – 777-4653, Closed Aug. 30 to Dec. 2
- **Waterfront Bistro** – 777-7755, Not available
- **Woody's Seafood Saloon** – 779-4625, Reopened Sept. 20
- **ZoZo's Ristoranté** – 693-9200, Reopened Oct. 1



## Historical Bits & Pieces by Chuck Pishko



### A New World Class Historical Biography With Personal St. John Ties

#### St. John Tradewinds

T. J. Stiles, an occasional visitor to St. John and an eminent historian has written the definitive biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt entitled *The First Tycoon*, published by Knopf, 2009.

Before we had “as rich as Rockefeller” we had Vanderbilt as the first American tycoon. He died in 1877. If he had been able to liquidate his \$100 million estate at full market value he would have received \$1 out of every \$9 in existence. By contrast, Bill Gates with his net worth of \$57 billion would receive \$1 out of every \$138 circulating in the U.S. economy.

Vanderbilt made his fortune in the transportation industry starting with one of his father's Staten Island ferry boats and ending with consolidation of the Eastern railroads.

He joined the east and west coast of the United States through his steamship connection in Nicaragua. Delivering the California 49ers' gold, he fueled the development of Wall Street as America's financial capital.

Stiles reports that Vanderbilt's life spanned George Washington's colonial society to the days of John D. Rockefeller (a fellow deal maker) in a corporate industrial society.

Vanderbilt was not an educated man but he understood business and profited from that knowledge. He pioneered the giant corporation but balanced it with personal integrity. He was no stranger to the West Indies and Central America.

Stiles finds him responsible for the defeat of filibuster William Walker in Nicaragua. The Oxford English Dictionary describes filibusters as one of the bands of adventurers who between 1850 and 1860 organized expeditions from the United States, in violation of international law, for the purpose of revolutionizing certain states in Central America and the Spanish West Indies.

The infamous William Walker was stopped from his continuing conquest by Vanderbilt's refusal to carry his fellow adventurers from the United States. During the Civil War he donated his armored steamship, *The Vanderbilt*, to the Union. At that time the Navy had nine steamer frigates; none that matched his steamer's speed, armor, or size.

Captain Raphael Semmes of the CSS Alabama ruled the Caribbean Sea for the Confederacy and kept the U.S. Navy and commercial shipping in constant fear. The only Union thing he came to fear was the “Vanderbilt.”

Even though Semmes had already captured or destroyed 64 U.S. merchant ships, Semmes wanted to capture a steamer carrying California gold to New York. Vanderbilt successfully persuaded the U.S. Navy to convoy the gold steamers through the treacherous Caribbean and none were ever captured.

After the war, in an effort to heal a divided nation and to bolster the practices of formal education and its usefulness, he donated \$500,000 to the Southern Methodists who were establishing a university to help rebuild the South. The Methodists insisted in renaming their endeavor Vanderbilt University. He stayed in close touch with the University and his total donations reached a million dollars before his death. His family continued donating another \$2 million.

The book has enjoyed excellent reviews in newspapers and magazines nationwide and T.J. recently completed an extensive well-received United States book tour. He is an excellent speaker.

T.J. Stiles' parents, Dr. Clifford and Carol Stiles, are winter residents of St. John where they enjoy the company of their Moravian brothers and sisters at Bethany and the beauty of our island.

T.J. is speaking in Dallas today (October 1st). Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have him speak to us on St. John?

### Free Glaucoma Screenings Oct. 7

**St. John Tradewinds**

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen announced the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation will offer free glaucoma screenings in the Virgin Islands next week.

On St. John the screenings will be on Wednesday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

### Leadership Conference Set for October 16

**St. John Tradewinds**

Pastor Dennis Estridge and members of the St. John Pentecostal Church of God, located on Gift Hill Road, will host the leadership conference, "It's Just for You," on Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 777-6674 or 642-0135.

# Cactus Blue Will Offer Authentic Mexican Fare

By Jaime Elliott  
**St. John Tradewinds**

St. John residents will soon be able to satisfy their Mexican food cravings with authentic sizzling south of the border fare without emptying their wallets.

Nile and Courtney Wright are opening a Mexican grill and margarita bar — which will be called Cactus Blue if lawyers determine the name is available — at the former Stone Terrace location along the Cruz Bay waterfront.

The Texas-natives, who have been living on St. John for about five months, signed a lease for the Stone Terrace location last month. With the opening of Cactus Blue, the newlyweds are realizing their dreams, explained Courtney Wright.

"Nile has owned restaurants and bars in the past and we decided a little over a year ago — when we were engaged — that we wanted to move to an island and decided on St. John," she said. "We were married at the end of March and moved here and seven months later we're opening the restaurant. That was the goal all along."

"Our dreams really are coming



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Nile and Courtney at the former Stone Terrace.

true," Courtney Wright said. "We feel really blessed. Things are really falling into place."

While St. John is new to the Wrights, the restaurant business is certainly not. Nile Wright's mother owns the famed San Antonio Mexican restaurant Jacala, which has been a landmark in the Lone Star State for more than 50 years.

While the couple plans to borrow from Jacala's recipe book, the Cactus Blue menu will be all their own, Courtney Wright added.

"Being from Texas we know good Mexican food," she said. "We'll use some of Nile's mom's recipes, but we'll put our own stamp on things. Our idea is to have traditional Mexican dishes and also add a Caribbean flare to them."

#### Menu Creation

The Wrights are still in the process of creating the Cactus Blue menu, but have definite ideas about the prices they will feature.

"With everything that is going

on with the economy right now, and things being a little shaky, we're definitely looking to keep our entrees moderately priced," said Courtney Wright. "We're hoping to keep entrees priced between \$12 and \$20 and offer good portions."

To wash down all the tasty Mexican fare, the Wrights will be whipping up icy cold margaritas and have already designed a signature "Mexican martini," the couple ensures will sate even the thirstiest customer.

With a few renovations on their to-do list, the Wrights have been pleasantly surprised how well work is progressing.

"Everything is actually going really good and everything is falling into place," said Courtney Wright. "We don't want to rush things, but work is moving along really quickly."

The couple is hoping to open the doors to Cactus Blue around November 15 and hope to welcome a big Love City crowd.

"I definitely think that good Mexican food is needed and we couldn't be happier with the location," said Courtney Wright.

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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: 16  
Under Investigation: 15  
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 52  
Under Investigation: 50  
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 48  
Under Investigation: 46  
Solved: 2

Rapes: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 0

## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### New Incinerators Are Deadly

All residents living in the Virgin Islands should be on high alert! Horrific news and a death sentence for us and our children, their environment, and future!

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, the people of the Virgin Islands learned via the media of the negotiated agreement between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Alpine Energy Corporation. The agreement stipulates that Alpine Energy raise the capital to construct two incinerator plants located on St. Thomas and St. Croix with turbines, generators and exhaust stacks (height unknown) for each furnace.

I believe the V.I. government and the corporation acted deliberately and knowingly in concert with capital interest to deceive Virgin Islanders into believing that the method of incineration using petroleum coke and garbage is without collateral damage to our health, our environment and our economic future.

These stacks will not only create an eyesore, but will emit invisible dangerous toxic poisons, in effect, causing extraordinary harm to our communities and environment.

A quick science lesson: conglomerate solid waste and petroleum coke are combined and ignited in a furnace, which in turn will vaporize water into steam. The steam will power a turbine, which rotates an alternator or a direct current generator to produce electricity. Large amounts of oxygen is needed to maintain high temperatures in the combustion process within the furnace; the process releases through the exhaust stacks into the air highly toxic chemicals such as dioxin, mercury, lead and many other toxic agents.

Long term exposure from this polluted air, or immediate for those whose immune systems are compromised; the young, the elderly and the unborn, may result in illnesses such as cancer, genetic damage, brain damage, birth defects, respiratory illnesses

like pneumonia, decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, non-fatal heart attacks, bronchitis.

Mercury and lead have already been found to be hazardous to sea life; the flue stacks will emit more of these metals into the atmosphere, into our Caribbean sea and circulate into the world's ocean and into our food chain.

Virgin Islanders will not only suffer from the toxic impact; the economic impact will be as far reaching. The cost of operating these plants; all costs containing and monitoring the toxic by product of the furnaces (ash) will be born by WAPA customers.

While the United States is weaning itself off oil through renewable green energy the Virgin Island consumer will be tied to the oil industry and the price of oil well into the 21st century. Much of the solid waste does not come from you the public; the waste is generated by commerce, affluent untaxed corporations, unencumbered by responsibilities. These plants will impact our ecological tourism as well, transforming paradise into an industrial park. There are other methods of managing our garbage: recycling!

I allege that the planning and the executing of this agreement are tantamount to domestic treason on the part of our own public officials whether elected or appointed.

Virgin Islanders should contact the Governor's office and every Senator. The V.I. government must cease and desist carrying out this contract with Alpine Energy Corporation. Virgin Islanders must not wait to act; it may be too late! This egregious act is harmful to all unborn and present living things in and out of the sea that makes the Virgin Islands home.

**R. Victor Johansson**  
St. John resident

### Christmas Wish Comes True

**Editor,**

Last year just before Christmas your lovely News Editor Jaime visited the offices in The Marketplace and asked us what we wanted for Christmas.

I told her that I would like a trip to Machu Picchu, which I thought was as likely as a trip to the moon.

Well, I just returned from Machu Picchu. It was a

wonderful trip, much grander than I expected, and I want to thank you very much for asking.

During the trip I kept thinking about what I was going to ask for this Christmas this year.

**Thanks,**  
**Greg Miller**

### Impressed With New Island Market

**Editor,**

The new market in Great Cruz Bay is the place go, and save your dollars.

Its very well laid-out and well stocked and the staff

is very helpful and polite, they must be from another world. Plenty of level parking and you don't have to drive up a steep and dangerous hill. Good shopping.

**Norm Gledhill**

### CORRECTION

The photographs which ran along with the article "Rain Tapers Off for Love City Triathlon" in the September 21 - October 4 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* were incorrectly attributed. Pretlow Majette took the photos which ran with the piece. Our apologies to Pretlow for this oversight.

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### At What Cost Do We Forget

#### Editor,

In July of 2006, Dwayne Isaac proudly became an official officer of the Virgin Islands Police Department. His goal was to be a peacemaker, to help prevent violence in all forms and to devote his life to serving the community.

September 26, 2009 will be the two year anniversary of Officer Dwayne Isaac's death. As my friend, Lorraine, often says, "the people of St. Thomas are quick to forget and forgive." That is why I am writing today, as a reminder of what took place two years ago.

The morning of September 26, 2007 it was broadcast over the radio that a police officer at the VIPD St. John headquarters had committed suicide at approximately 6:00 a.m. At the time I thought it mighty peculiar that a full investigation could be conducted in such a short time. Within an hour after it occurred, almost everyone knew about it and like me, many were skeptical. I heard over and over, "that boy didn't kill himself."

Generally, it is very difficult for families to accept that their loved one could take his/her own life. The Isaac family is no different, and convinced the truth has yet to be revealed.

We may never know what happened on that ill-fated day, but in recent conversations with Dwayne's parents, certain facts have come to light that makes it even more of a mystery. During the fourteen months that Dwayne served on the police force something happened to disillusion him. He was scheduled for a job interview just days after his death. He had made plans with a woman dear to him who was attending college in the States for a visit. Dwayne and his fa-

ther were best friends. There was no indication he had such thoughts on his mind. He left no note explaining his so-called suicide.

The Isaac family first heard of Dwayne's death shortly after 7:00 a.m. from an airport employee, an ex-coworker of Dwayne's. Around 9:00 a.m. the Assistant Commissioner arrived with several other VIPD officers to notify the family of the incident. In this meeting Mr. Isaac was told Dwayne had shot himself in the middle of his forehead.

After the notification Mr. and Mrs. Isaac went to view their son's body at the morgue. They noticed his head wound was located on the left side above his ear.

The odd thing is Dwayne was right-handed. The Isaacs were told an autopsy would be performed the following day. They then left the hospital to pick up a camera with which to take pictures of Dwayne. However, when Mr. Isaac arrived back at the morgue he was told the autopsy was in progress and was refused entry.

The Isaac family has many questions that remain unanswered. Their requests for an autopsy report have been unsuccessful; they are STILL waiting. Recently, they were told the case has been closed. Until Dwayne's death can be fully explained, for the Isaac family there will be no closure.

Like so many other questionable deaths within our community during the last few years, memories and passion to know the truth fade. Forget – and things will never change!

**Michelle VerHoeven,  
Virgin Islands Resident  
and Friend of the Isaac Family**

### New Rat-Eating Plant Discovered

#### Editor,

Rats are terribly unpleasant pests, potentially very dangerous to our health.

They can e.g. infect people with bubonic plague which decimated Europe in the Middle ages. They do lot of damage and it costs us lot of money and lot of poison to keep the rat infestation on lower level.

A ray of new hope for fight against rats emerged recently. Scientists discovered a new carnivorous plant in the Philippines. It is described in the *Popular science* as *Nepenthes attenboroughii*. The plant lures the

rats with a smell of sweet nectar. When the rat tries to lick it, it slips to the plant's waxy interior where it gets stuck and digested by the carnivorous enzymes.

This is a tropical plant. It would be certainly worth while project to explore the possibility to grow this plant on our islands. That would be good use for the stimulus money which could potentially bring great rewards to everybody.

**Z. Hruza,  
St. John**

### Cash for Clunkers

#### Editor,

A vehicle at 15 mpg and 12,000 miles per year uses 800 gallons a year of gasoline. A vehicle at 25 mpg and 12,000 miles per year uses 480 gallons a year.

So, the average clunker transaction will reduce US gasoline consumption by 320 gallons per year.

They claim 700,000 vehicles — so that's 224 million gallons per year. That equates to a bit over 5 million barrels of oil.

Five million barrels of oil is about one quarter of

one day's US consumption. And 5 million barrels of oil costs about \$350 million dollars at \$75/bbl.

So, we all contributed to spending \$3 billion to save \$350 million.

How good a deal was that?

They'll probably do a great job with health care though!

**Z. Hruza,  
St. John**

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### For Parents Only

#### Editor,

The parents who prepare their children for the mission of good over evil in the world will equip them to obey rather than simply to know the Father's words of wisdom.

Getting ready for this mission of good over evil means parents have to repent and start turning around from Satan's dead-end ways of living that will end up getting them killed eternally. Parents are supposed to be ambassadors of love, justice and peace to our communities and neighborhoods, not Satan and hate.

Their presence is to slow down the corrosion and spoiling effects of evil and to reinforce the message that peaceful coexistence, cooperation and communication are keys to helping complete the mission of good must conquer evil, and love must triumph over hate.

Parents will need to show with action, not just words, that the mission can be achieved. Parents need to be agents of change and light to the darkened and confused world of our children in the 21st century.

Old sinful ways and evil patterns are broken and a new freedom in the Father's words of wisdom will be experienced without fear of Satan and hate. Parents must decide what price they are willing to pay to save our children from becoming statistics — teenage pregnancy, murder victims or someone charged with a violent crime of hate.

Parents should be blamed for not teaching their children about the mission or the Bible from an early age. Back in the good old days, children went to church every Sunday and one day of the week there was Bible study at someone's house.

In the 21st century, "the Bible has taken the place of pornography and pornography has taken the place of the Bible." Meaning pornography was taboo and the Bible was everywhere in life and now the Bible is taboo and pornography is everywhere because sex sells.

Parents are now afraid to raise their children with respect, discipline and honor because of all those child abuse laws tying their hands from disciplining their children. In the Bible it says "spare the rod, spoil the child."

The rod of correction has disappeared from our children's lives. That's why parents continue to see the blood bath every day of the week on the streets of our communities and neighborhoods. Satan and hate continue to use our children as human shields in the battle of evil over good.

Parents must now work together at 100 miles per hour to get rid of all Satan's agents of destruction — greed, jealousy, hate and selfishness. And they must remember about his new agents of destruction in the 21st century — the internet, cable and satellite television — which are in millions of homes with children who are left alone with Satan's new agents of destruction to raise them.

Parents must realize their decision to start serving justice, love and good should reassure them that their children will be protected from indecent material on the nation's airwaves or the blood bath that Satan and hate still continue to control.

Parents must start explaining to their children that when love, justice and serving good conquer our communities and neighborhoods, the blood bath will stop forever. In the 21st century this statement should be parents motto — love is the skies, justice is the Earth and serving good is the sea. The Father's love over Satan and hate!

**Dave Queelay**

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

#### Michelle Rosen and Peachum

*St. John Tradewinds News Photo  
Courtesy of the Rosen Family*



### Another Successful Off-Island Adoption Story

#### Editor,

Words like "fate" and expressions like "it was meant to be" sometimes seem overused. In the case of our cat "Peachum," however, they do seem genuinely appropriate.

Peachum is the latest cat to join our menagerie of seven fabulous felines. We had scheduled a trip to the Caneel Bay resort on St. John at the end of May. But a change in our children's school schedule forced us to move our vacation to the end of June. We arrived on a Thursday afternoon and my wife Mia and I and our two children, Alex and Michelle, quickly settled in to enjoy our island paradise.

On our second night we had dinner reservations at the Equator restaurant, a beautiful restaurant at Caneel Bay that was built on the site of an old sugar mill. As we walked up the path to the restaurant we met Peachum for the first time.

Peachum was a beautiful orange and white male cat. We could tell immediately that he was a gentle soul. He followed us into the restaurant and proceeded to beg for food from us. It was then we noticed that Peachum's tail was injured.

As I am a small animal veterinarian, it was clear to me that poor Peachum's tail had no voluntary movement. I suspected his tail had been broken and that he would need veterinary help. It was then we decided as a family to see if it was possible to adopt him. My wife always believes "where there is a will, there is a way."

The next morning she inquired at the concierge desk about adopting a cat from St. John. Luck was with us as the head grounds keeper, Oriel Smith, has helped many tourists rescue other St. John cats. The concierge gave us his phone number. Mia called Mr. Smith and he knew exactly who Peachum was. He

was thrilled that we could give Peachum a good home and agreed to help us.

The following night we met Mr. Smith at Peachum's favorite hangout, the Equator restaurant. Peachum was there and I was able to place him gently into a carrier provided by Mr. Smith. We were scheduled to leave for New York the next morning.

Mr. Smith was wonderful and did everything necessary to help us bring Peachum home. He contacted a local veterinarian early in the morning so Peachum could be examined and the necessary paperwork signed. With about 20 minutes to go before our plane left, Oriel showed up at the airport with our precious cargo. He is a kind and wonderful man and we could never have done this without him.

When we arrived home in New York I immediately took Peachum to my hospital. After careful examination and x-rays I determined that Peachum did indeed have a fractured tail. The tail was completely paralyzed and would have to be amputated. In addition, the fracture occurred at the sacral vertebra of the spine and involved nerves that supply the urinary bladder.

As of now, Peachum cannot urinate on his own and needs to have his bladder manually expressed three times daily. In time I hope his condition will improve. He recovered well from his surgery and is adjusting to his new home. The other cats and dog in our house are starting to accept him and he never fails to finish a meal!

In the end, we found a precious new addition to our family. Peachum was lucky to have adopted us, people who will always love him and have the ability to take care of his special needs. This truly was meant to be.

**Ron Rosen, DVM  
Roslyn Heights, NY**

## American Legion Co-Ed Flag Football Scores and Standings

### St. John Tradewinds

Good weather, the coolness of the evening and a great crowd set the tone for the opening games of the 2009 American Legion flag football fall program.

Now in its fifth season, the program has had great success and this year the American Legion has made some exciting changes. All games will be played on Friday nights under the lights at Winston Wells ball field starting at 6 p.m.

Two games per evening will provide a great night of entertainment and a great venue for the kids to show off their athletic skills. Games will be played through November 20 with the league championship on November 27. Please come on out to the games and support the great St. John youngsters.

### Packers 25 Patriots 21

The first game of the fall season pitted the Packers against the Patriots in a hard-fought battle that saw the lead change three times in the game. Veteran Packers coach Preston faced off against second-season coach Alex of the Patriots. It looked like Alex would come away with a victory as his team started the scoring and led through most of the second half but the powerful Packers managed a late touchdown for the come from behind win.

### Broncos 21 Raiders 6

It was all Broncos in the first half as they led 14-0 going into half time. The coaches did a wonderful job with the players as they showed some great passing and long runs which set the tone for the scoring. In the second half the Raiders, under the guidance of rookie coach Rick, stepped up with good defense and came back with a score of their own. The Broncos, however, managed another TD late in the game to seal the victory.

### Standings as of 9/25/09

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Broncos (RED)	1	0	21	6
Packers (Green)	1	0	25	21
Patriots (Blue)	0	1	21	25
Raiders (Black)	0	1	6	21

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## St. John Police Report

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Land Line: 911 • Cellular: 340-776-9110

St. John Police Dept: 340-693-8880 • St. John Fire Station: 340-776-6333

### Friday, September 18

6 a.m. — A citizen c/r shots fired in Fish Bay.  
5:50 p.m. — A St. Thomas resident c/requesting police assistance to get his children. Police assistance.

No time given — A citizen p/r an auto accident in the area of Cruz Bay.

### Saturday, September 19

5:40 a.m. — An Estate Zootenvaal resident r/ that someone broke into his residence. Police assistance.

3:30 p.m. — A citizen p/r that someone broke into the establishment where she works and stole several bottles of liquor. Burglary in the third.

### Sunday, September 20

8:45 a.m. — A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of The Valley. Police assistance.

12:45 p.m. — A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto accident.

8:30 p.m. — A citizen p/r her children's father didn't return her children at the court appointed time. Contempt of court.

### Monday, September 21

12:35 p.m. — A Coral Bay resident c/r someone removed items from his home. Burglary in the third.

### Tuesday, September 22

12:00 p.m. — An Estate Catherineberg resident p/r he was involved in an accident. Auto accident.

10:00 p.m. — A visitor r/ his villa was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

### Wednesday, September 23

1:00 p.m. — An Estate Grunwald resident p/r he was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

### Thursday, September 24

10:40 a.m. — An Estate John's Folly resident p/r that someone entered her apartment when she was not at home. Police assistance.

10:55 a.m. — A citizen r/ that someone removed her camera from the office at St. John Christian Academy. Grand larceny.

11:20 a.m. — An Estate Adrian resident p/r that his partner stole a trailer from him. Grand larceny.

2:00 p.m. — A citizen c/r a suspicious vehicle in the are of Chateau Bordeaux.

4:00 p.m. — A Beach Bar employee p/r that someone was inside the business. Attempted burglary.

4:30 p.m. — A citizen r/ a burglary at his residence. Burglary in the third.

7:20 p.m. — A Cruz Bay citizen r/ he was assaulted by his girlfriend. Aggravated assault and battery.

### Friday, September 25

10:18 a.m. — A Freeman's Ground resident p/r being harassed by another male.

1:20 p.m. — A Jacob's Ladder resident p/r that her husband approached her. Contempt of court.

2:10 p.m. — An Estate Zootenvaal resident p/r that someone tried to hit him with their vehicle. Assault in the third.

10:23 p.m. — An Estate Pastory resident r/ that her husband is having a disturbance with several males. Police assistance.

### Saturday, September 26

1:40 p.m. — A citizen c/r a burglary at Wild Jasmine. Burglary in the third.

### Sunday, September 27

7:30 a.m. — A citizen c/r that someone tampered with her vehicle. Vehicle tampering.

### Monday, September 28

3:25 p.m. — A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Susanaberg. Auto accident.

9:37 — An Estate Pastory resident c/r a family disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

### Tuesday, September 29

7:54 a.m. — A citizen r/ an auto accident with a pedestrian. Auto accident.

8:40 a.m. — A citizen r/ a D.O.A. in the Majestic Construction yard. D.O.A.

9:04 a.m. — A citizen r/ a group of possible illegal immigrants in the area of Coral Bay. Police assistance.

11:05 a.m. — An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/requesting police assistant to retrieve her vehicle. Police assistance.

4:15 p.m. — An employee at Asolare Restaurant r/ he received useless checks from his employer. Drawing/receiving useless checks.

10:10 p.m. — A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Estate Bethany. Over turned vehicle.

11:30 p.m. — David Lyons p/ at Jurgen Command, under arrest and charged with negligent driving, D.U.I. Bail set at \$1,000.

### Wednesday, September 30

2:10 p.m. — An Estate Carolina resident p/r someone broke into her house. Burglary in the second.

5:25 p.m. — A VIPD Officer assisted a federal parole officer in apprehending a federal fugitive. One Matthew Willy was picked up by deputy marshals.

No time given — A visitor c/r that her rental residence was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

3:36 p.m. — A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of the V.I. National Park dock. Auto accident.

# Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

## Tuesday, October 6

Representatives of the GERS will be on St. John on Tuesday, October 6, at the St. John Administrator's Office at the Battery from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 6

The St. John Film Society is hosting free screening of "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil," on Tuesday, October 6, at Sputnik in Coral Bay at 7 p.m.

Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation will offer free glaucoma screenings in the Virgin Islands next week.

## Wednesday, October 7

On St. John the screenings will be on Wednesday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

## Monday, October 12

St. John Community Foundation, in conjunction with "Using Sports for Social Change" is hosting "Just Play Field Day" on October 12, 2009 for youths aged 2-18.

## Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 15

Pastor Dennis Estridge and members of the St. John Pentecostal Church of God, located on Gift Hill Road, will host the leadership conference, "It's Just for You," on Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, October 17

Volunteers are needed for a clean-up at Whistling Cay on Saturday, October 17, with

Friends of V.I. National Park. Sadie Sea will provide transportation and will pick up volunteers at the VINP dock at 9 a.m.

## Saturday, October 17, 24

The Kids And The Sea youth sailing program will kick off the 2009 year this month. First time participants should meet at Skinny Legs on Saturday morning, October 17, at 9 a.m. Returning students should meet at Skinny Legs on Saturday morning, October 24, at 9 a.m.

## Saturday, October 24

"No Fleas, Please," the third annual Animal Care Center (ACC) flea market, will be on Saturday, October 24, at the Winston Wells ball field.

## Tuesday, October 20

The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter will host its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace.

## Saturday, November 7

The Veterans Ball will be November 7 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ball room. In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veteran's Day, Post 131 is hosting a ceremony and BBQ/pig roast in Coral Bay on November 11.

## 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.

## NA Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous has open meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

# PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 6 Planet seen in the pre-sunrise sky
- 13 K-O linkup
- 16 Fed on
- 19 — flowing with milk and honey
- 20 The least bit
- 21 Water, in France
- 22 Levy
- 23 Campaigns in which enemies are treated maliciously?
- 26 Muscle jerk
- 27 Hebrew people
- 28 Right-hand book page
- 29 Pack animal
- 30 Cherry seed
- 31 Jewelry one would never wear?
- 36 Supreme Court's Samuel
- 39 Prefix with chemistry
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- 41 Pseudonym
- 42 Areas where asphalt has accumulated and trapped sour fruits?
- 45 Thaw in hostilities
- 47 Look glum
- 48 "Blue" singer LeAnn
- 49 Little — (tots)
- 52 Sizable pizzas
- 53 Suffix with prop- or hex-
- 54 Yule tune
- 55 Some art prints, briefly
- 57 Give a nonverbal "OK"
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- 69 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
- 70 John of spy novels
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- 76 Wide-awake
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- 78 Soda, for Scotch
- 81 — and away
- 82 Dirty smear
- 87 Rank above maj.
- 88 Screen star Sophia
- 89 — rug (dance)
- 90 Most minute
- 92 Album thief's skill?
- 95 Enthusiasm
- 96 Out-of-date
- 99 Verdugo of "Little Giant"
- 100 Choose (to)
- 101 Illegal use of someone else's Visa card?
- 104 See 109-Down
- 105 Apple part
- 106 Syrian leader
- 107 Flat dwellers
- 111 Canine call
- 112 Actress Hedren who lives on a floating Arctic mass?
- 117 Peg in a golf bag
- 118 Lennon's Yoko
- 119 Event for the Lakers
- 120 Hail's cousin
- 121 Strange
- 122 Giant legend Mel
- 123 Chauvinistic types
- 124 French for "heads"

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- 2 High peak, to Pierre
- 3 1980s teen idol Corey
- 4 Walking stealthily
- 5 Newspaper issue
- 6 Pooches
- 7 "That's — -brainer!"
- 8 "You betcha"
- 9 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 10 The Blue Jays, on scoreboards
- 11 Old arcade giant
- 12 Like very clean films
- 13 Ballet outfit
- 14 Lord's house
- 15 Mu followers
- 16 Harmonizing
- 17 Drive too closely
- 18 Immoderate indulgences
- 24 Insect snare
- 25 Cupcake coverer
- 29 One running 5,280 feet
- 31 Pulpit talk
- 32 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
- 33 Writer Leon
- 34 Crock- —
- 35 — -tat-tat
- 36 Fact-filled reference
- 37 Heroine in Verdi's "Il Trovatore"
- 38 That which hinders
- 39 Hair remover brand
- 43 — -la-la
- 44 Get into uniform
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- 50 Utmost
- 51 That gal
- 54 Salon tool
- 55 Pariah
- 56 Woodsy —
- 58 Mai —
- 60 Twangy vowel sounds
- 61 Injury mark
- 62 Good friend
- 63 "Not gonna do it!"
- 64 Inconsistent
- 65 Recant
- 67 Paris priests
- 68 One in a pod
- 72 Circle bit
- 73 Cpl., for one
- 74 "Throw the ball to me!"
- 75 Publicizing
- 79 "—: Warrior Princess"
- 80 Its cap. is London
- 82 Detached, in music
- 83 Reflected
- 84 Gave too little to eat
- 85 Part of LED
- 86 Pop singer Halliwell
- 88 1953 Leslie Caron film
- 89 Blameworthy
- 91 Number one position
- 93 Not dry
- 94 Most cruel
- 97 Speech imperfection
- 98 Sink outlets
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- 104 Dry, as wine
- 107 Suit go-withs
- 108 Former rival of 39-Down
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## Grande Bay Rezoning

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“The rezoning request boils down to Bay Isle Associates requesting four more units to increase the amount of its tax free profit,” said Gaffin. “Four more units are not going to result in more jobs to benefit St. John. The only persons to benefit will be Bay Isle LLP partners who will have four more units to sell

and short term rent.”

The request will next be presented at a public hearing before the V.I. Legislature, which has not been scheduled yet. Senators will vote on the request and forward the decision to Governor John deJongh. DPNR has 30 days to make a decision on the rezoning request, and will then prepare a report which will be presented at the legislature’s public hearing.

## New School

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Bishop’s Estate Catherineberg property will likely be useable for the island’s new K-12 school, VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove said at the June 2008 press conference. Hardgrove estimated the remaining 45 acres are dotted with cultural resources.

The new school remains at the top of deJongh’s list, explained Greaux.

“It’s certainly still a priority,” said the Government House spokesperson. “The governor continues to push it forward at every opportunity.”

Also behind the fight for a new school is recently confirmed Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta, who plans to visit the Virgin Islands in November specifically to come to St. John.

“He’s a strong proponent,” said Greaux. “We’ve been working closely with his office

to ensure the process is continued.”

Despite having lots of governmental support, it’s still too early in the game to estimate when the island’s new school will begin welcoming students.

“It’s way too early,” said Greaux. “We don’t even know what will come back in the studies, and we still have to formalize the transfer of property. It’ll be down the road somewhat.”

The new school can’t be built quick enough for Monsanto, who hopes the government remains transparent during the entire process, she explained.

“I believe there needs to be some type of clarity with the government telling the residents of St. John exactly where they are,” said Monsanto. “Education should be something that’s supported by everyone in the community, and action needs to be taken. We have to take part in education because it’s hurting all of us.”

## Sex Offender Law

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sible for recommending to the court which types of offenders are required to register.

“A lot of other jurisdictions have a tier system in terms of classifying offenders and determining how long they have to register for,” Lezama said. “We’re considering moving to a tier classification based on the crime committed and the amenability of the offender to treatment.”

The treatment of sex offenders is an obstacle in itself, as the Virgin Islands currently has no treatment programs in place. Other jurisdictions allow an offender’s registration requirement to be voided once a treatment program is successfully completed.

In addition to the implementation of treatment for sex offenders, those involved with writing the new statute will have many more questions to answer.

“The task force will have to consider whether we’ll treat or punish juvenile offenders,” said Lezama. “Should offenders be permitted at hurricane shelters? These are some very real issues the board and this task force have to look at and deal with.”

Another hurdle for the task force will be deciding where sex offenders can live. In most states, offenders may not live within a certain distance from schools. The small size of the territory may hinder such a pro-

vision from being included in local law, Lezama explained.

“It turns out that these people may not have anywhere to live,” she said. “That’s an obstacle we have to consider.”

The V.I. DOJ has made strides with its Web site, which will eventually host the registry where the public can view information on local sex offenders. A contract and design have been finalized, and DOJ representatives were scheduled to meet with the Web design company earlier this month in the next step toward getting the site up and running.

Also on the local DOJ’s to-do list: launching a public information campaign aimed at offenders, letting them know they have a duty to register.

When the Sex Offender and Notification Task Force met at the end of September, they were expected to investigate where each participating agency can lend a hand with come into compliance with the federal law.

“We are in the very, very embryonic stages,” Lezama said. “At this point, the role of the task force is really to look at the local statute, look at the new federal statute, and determine or identify places where each agency can help the territory come into compliance. We just want all the key players at the table so when the law is written, every single aspect is considered.”



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# Local Swimmers Circle St. John

Planned Route Revised To Dodge Sharks

By Mauri Elbel

*St. John Tradewinds*

While boating around St. John might be a doable feat, swimming around the island requires a little more legwork.

Just ask Tory Lane and Sara Stevens, two St. John residents who swam around the entire island in 15 separate legs over the course of two months — and even revised their planned course to dodge tiger sharks spotted off the island's East End.

"It felt great to finish," Lane said. "When we started, it didn't seem impossible but it felt like it would take forever. But it ended up going by really fast."

Lane and Stevens are no novices to swimming. The two swam for their high school and then went on to swim competitively at different colleges.

"We both enjoy swimming and Sarah came up with the idea and we just wanted to do it," Lane said. "We did one leg last summer but got busy with other things and never finished. So we decided to really get busy this summer and do it."

Beginning on June 14 at Salt Pond Bay and traveling clockwise around the island, Lane and Stevens spent every weekend for two solid months donning goggles and fins to swim 15 legs measuring between 2.5 and 3.5 miles each.

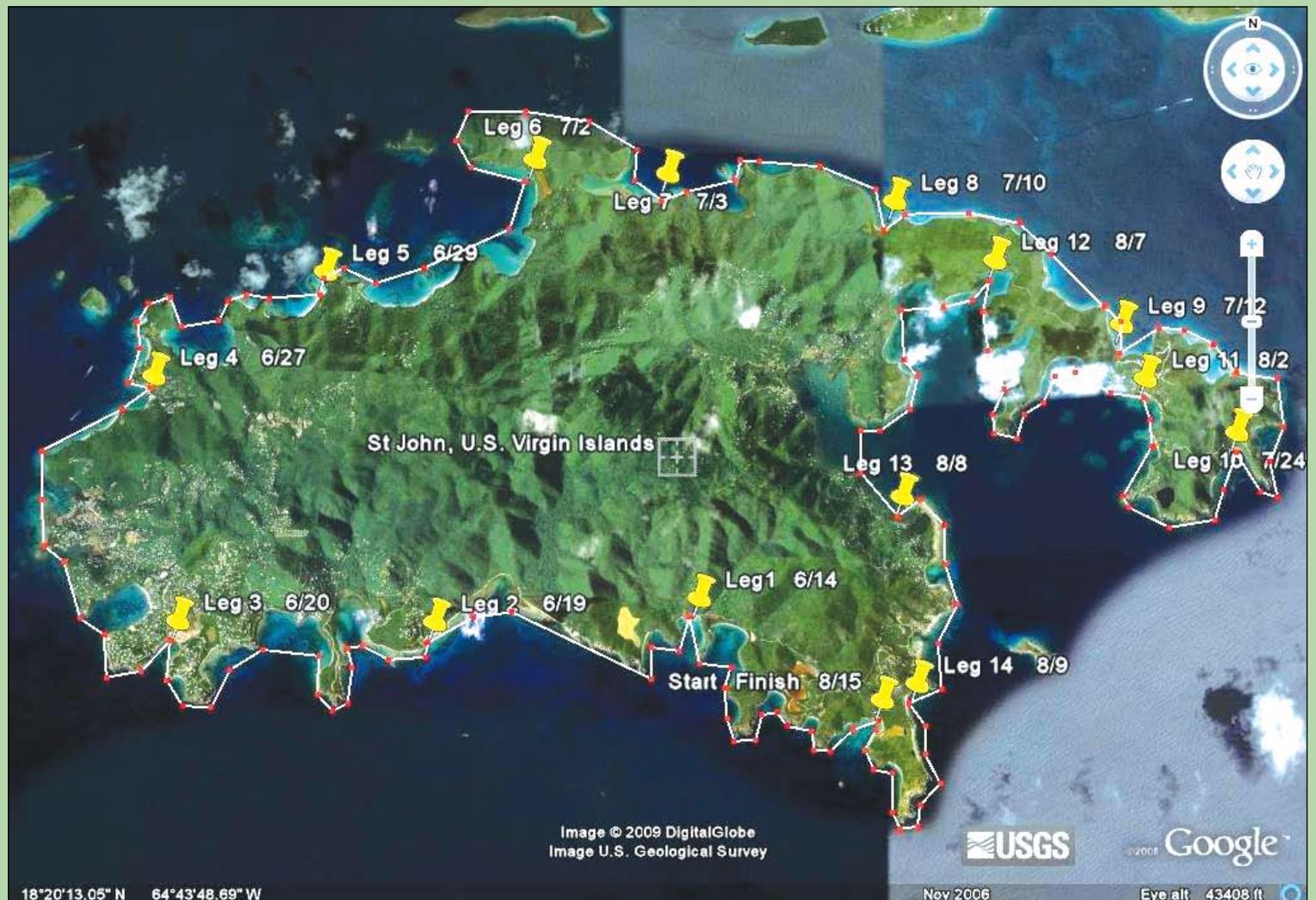
"We swam together the whole time," Lane said. "Each leg took just over an hour — an hour-and-a-half was our longest swim, from Chocolate Hole to Caneel."

Originally, the two had planned to swim a total of 35 miles around St. John, cutting out approximately nine miles by swimming straight from Privateer Bay to Johns Folly and avoiding the shoreline areas of Brown Bay, Hurricane Hole and Coral Bay.

But a close encounter with a 6-foot tiger shark made Lane change their course.

"My brother and I were scuba diving about a mile off the East End, about 140 feet to the bottom out there," Lane recalled.

Lane and his brother heard



Tory Lane and Sara Stevens swam around St. John in 15 legs over two months.

about a sunken boat located in the area and took turns diving to look for it late one afternoon in August.

"Normally, we go two at a time, but that day we decided to go separately because it is too deep to anchor out there and someone had to stay in the dinghy," he said. "So my brother went first, came back up, and then I went down."

Once Lane began his ascent, he encountered the shark when he was 100 feet below the surface.

"I looked over to my right, and a six-foot tiger shark swam past me and then did a loop and went down below me and started swimming straight toward me from down below," Lane said, adding that he did not have a spear gun or a knife with him. "So I just put

my fins up to kick him away if needed, and he just would swim up to about a few feet away from me and swim away. And he repeated this four times."

Kicking his way up the entire time, Lane said the tiger shark followed him all the way to the surface.

"I've seen big sharks before, but this one was definitely agitated — he was really trying to check me out," Lane said. "It definitely was scary, and I didn't know what was going to happen."

The shark encounter occurred just before Stevens and Lane were about to swim the leg from Brown Bay so they revised their course by adding three more shoreline legs, bringing the total length they swam around the island to 44 miles.

"I didn't want to swim in the deep water anymore," Lane said. "I was a mile off-shore, 100 feet down with that thing. It spooked me."

Although Lane and Stevens didn't encounter any more tiger sharks, they did run into a couple of nurse sharks.

"We saw two nurse sharks," Lane said. "But they are just big catfish, so they are fine."

He said swimming the island's north shore — from Leinster all the way to the East End in the areas only accessible by boat — was his favorite part of the swim.

"There are no buildings out there, there is no runoff and the coral was just really healthy and there are a lot of fish," Lane said. "I liked the health of the reef, and around Rendezvous, we saw a

large school of horse-eyed jacks that were swimming all around us, which was pretty fun."

Lane and Stevens had such a great time on their swimming circumnavigation that they are planning to do it again — this time with their sights set on generating money for local organizations.

"Next time around, next March or April, we are going to try to get some individuals or businesses to sponsor each leg," Lane said. "We want to give the money to more than one organization, maybe the Love City Pan Dragons or Friends of the Park."

On October 24, St. John Brewers and Woody's Seafood Saloon are sponsoring a party to celebrate Lane and Stevens' recent accomplishment at Oppenheimer Beach at noon, and food and drink proceeds will benefit K.A.T.S.