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Tap Room owners Chirag "Cheech" Vyas and Kevin Chipman pose as Officers Frank "Ponch" Poncherello and Jon Baker from the popular early 1980s television show CHiPs at the bar's second annual Hallows Eve Ball on Friday night, October 29. **SEE KIDS HALLOWEEN PHOTOS ON BACK PAGE.**

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The utility pole which has kept the Cruz Bay roundabout from being entirely completed should be removed within two to three weeks.

The Pole Is Coming Down

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

Months after the roundabout project contract officially closed, this utility pole has remained in the center of the circle.

A subcontractor hired by Innovative has been hard at work pulling the cables, and the pole should finally be removed within two to

three weeks, according to Department of Public Works Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones.

Innovative has been too busy dealing with outages caused during Hurricane Earl and Tropical Storm Otto to address the utility pole.

“They just realized they had too much work, so they brought this

contractor in to pull all the cables,” said Jones.

DPW buried all the cables in the area during construction of the roundabout, and left plenty of room for expansion, Jones added.

“We expanded the telephone and cable, and we put fiber optics in,” he said. “It’s a major upgrade.”

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PSC Special Meeting on November 3 Will Include Ferry Service Matters

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission will have a special meeting on Wednesday, November 3, at 3 p.m., in the St. John Legislative Conference Room. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The agenda will include telecommunications matters (commencing at 4 p.m.) in which VITELCO management will discuss many of their goals and plans for improvement.

Water and Power matters will include WAPA’s current and projected Generation Status, Scheduled Maintenance Program and The Georgetown Consulting Group’s report on the LEAC.

Ferry boat matters will include the status of the Charlotte Amalie downtown ferry service, ticketing machine issues and the St. Thomas, St. John operational and financial reports from Transportation Services and Varlack Ventures.

Veterans Film Night Set for Nov. 3

The St. John Film Society is hosting its second annual Veterans Film Night on Wednesday, November 3, at Cinnamon Bay Campground. The society will screen “Learning to Sea,” by Ziggy Livnat and narrated by Martin Sheen, at 7 p.m. The 45-minute award-winning documentary explores the evolution of marine life in the Red Sea and the Caribbean Sea.

Join the group before the film at 6:30 p.m. to honor veterans from the Virgin Islands and beyond. Distinguished guests will include members of Team River Runner, as they enjoy a week of therapeutic kayak adventure on St. John, hosted by the American Legion Post #131.

The St. John Film Society’s 2010 Fall Film Series is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information check out the group’s website at www.stjohnfilm.com.

SJRC’s Junior Tennis Tourney Nov. 5-7

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in memory of Madeline and Scotty Murray from November 5-7, in Cruz Bay.

The tournament is open to girls and boys aged 10 through 18. The entry fee is \$15 and all entries must be received by October 31. For more information call Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

STT/STJ Ag Fair Applications Due Nov. 5

Applications for vendors wishing to participate in the annual St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair are available from UVI’s Cooperative Extension Service Office, the V.I. Department of Agriculture and Sea Chest.

The deadline for applications is Friday, November 5. This year the Fair will be on November 20 and 21, on the grounds of UVI’s Reichhold Center for the Arts on the St. Thomas campus.

The theme for this year’s fair is “Farm Today for a Healthier Tomorrow.” For more information, contact the Department of Agriculture at 774-5182 or the UVI Cooperative Extension Service at 693-1080.

DHS Hosting Christmas Gift Drive

The Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services will be having a Christmas gift drive through December 2010. The public is asked to kindly drop off wrapped gifts at the DHS Knud Hansen Complex lobby and indicate if the gift is for a boy or girl with the appropriate age. The gifts will be donated to children in need. For more details call Cherlyn Wattley at 774-0930 ext. 4226 or Michelle Benjamin at ext. 4340.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Above: Calabash Boom townhouses. **Top Left:** (L to R) Deborah Gottlieb, St. John Administrator Leona Smith, St. John resident Bonny Corbeil, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. **Bottom Left:** Adrienne Williams and Clifford Graham of the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority.

First Owners Move Into Calabash Boom Affordable Townhouses

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After more than a decade of work, the first two families moved into affordable townhomes at Calabash Boom last week.

About 30 people gathered in the shade on the Calabash Boom Townhomes property on Wednesday morning, October 27, for an official key ceremony honoring the first two families to call the area home.

“Homeownership is the first step toward building wealth,” Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, who was among the dignitaries at the event, told the crowd. “This is a beautiful day and not just because of the sun, but because of what is happening here today. These two families now have an opportunity to experience the American dream.”

“I look forward to encouraging more people to join you,” Christensen said. “While this is the first time affordable homeownership has come to St. John, I will make it my mission that it won’t be the last.”

With land prices and property taxes skyrocketing in recent years, St. John needs affordable housing more than any other island in the

Virgin Islands, explained Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, who also attended last week’s key ceremony.

“The mission of the V.I. Housing Finance Authority is more critical here than on any other island in the Virgin Islands because we need them the most,” said Barshinger.

The 24 new townhomes that were recently completed was the final phase of the project, joining 48 rental units which are already occupied. While the V.I. Housing Finance Authority came up against a number of barriers in the 16-year history of the project, the agency was committed to seeing affordable homeownership on its Calabash Boom property, explained VIHFA executive director Clifford Graham.

“Back in 2008, we stood here and had a ground breaking ceremony,” said Graham. “Back then we thanked the many people and government agencies who came to our assistance during 16 years of bringing this to fruition. There were many setbacks, but today we’re here to honor the new homeowners who will make these buildings their homes.”

The three-bedroom, one and-a-half bathroom townhomes are

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– Donna Christensen, Delegate to Congress

located along South Shore Road across from Johnson Bay and were constructed by Reliance Housing Foundation, which was also the group behind Bellevue Village on Giff Hill Road. Through tax credit units and other sources of funding, the townhomes are being sold for \$295,000 with additional subsidies available to bring that cost down even further, according to Graham.

Each unit is two stories with 1,314 square feet of space and boasts a second story balcony. There is also a spacious community center and a small playground on the property.

In addition to V.I. Police Department, V.I. Fire Department and Department of Public Works officials, banking and insurance personnel, who were instrumental in helping the first families obtain mortgages, also attended the cer-

emony.

“We wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for our friends in the industry from Banco Popular and Scotiabank,” said Graham. “As these homeowners can tell you, once you are through with closings you must get insurance. So we also thank our friends at Executive Insurance and all of the agencies who helped us get to this point.”

The project has done more than simply construct buildings, according to Barshinger.

“We haven’t just created buildings here, but a community,” said the senator at large. “We always say it takes a village to raise a child and here we are with the opportunity to create that village. Once the secret gets out about this place, it will turn out to be the best place to live on St. John.”

After speeches from dignitaries and musical selections by Shikima

Jones and members of the Julius E. Sprauve School choir, the two families who closed on their units were handed keys to their new homes last week. Magabe Calixte and Samuel and Vencilia Mathews were all smiles as they accepted gifts and, finally, the keys to their front doors.

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Animal Care Center advocate Bruce Munro, above left, negotiates with a buyer at the organization's "No Fleas, Please" Flea Market event on Saturday, October 23.

Fourth Annual "No Fleas, Please" Event Rakes in Most Funds Yet for St. John ACC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Winston Wells ball field was filled with deals galore last weekend as residents snatched great bargains while helping the island's furry friends.

The St. John Animal Care Center's Fourth Annual "No Fleas, Please" Flea Market drew a record number of participants and volunteers, and a record amount of funds.

After weathering a financial crisis this year, ACC members were thrilled to collect almost \$8,000 from the flea market on Saturday, October 23. Great deals were found on everything from clothes and books to furniture and appliances.

Things really got interesting when the huge piles of donated gently used clothing were discounted to \$1 a bag. After battling for bargains, the best place in the field was in the shade under Jennifer Troisi's tent for some delicious pulled pork sandwiches.

All in all, flea market organizers deemed the day a smashing success.

"We thought it was an excellent day and we did better than we had hoped," said Monica Munro, one of the event organizers and the ACC board vice president. "We pulled in about \$8,000 and we were really happy with that."

The funds are critical to help the group continue to run its no-kill shelter and ongoing spay and neuter program. The 501(c)(3) organization is committed to the care of all of Love City's homeless, abused and abandoned animals. The cost of ACC's operation is huge and each of the group's three major fundraisers are essential.

Along with Munro, ACC board member Karin Schlessinger also organized the event with much help from ACC board president Diana Ripley and numerous volunteers.



Event-goers rummage through goods, finding items to buy, during the fundraiser.

With another successful flea market under their belt, ACC members are gearing up for their next big fundraiser — Christmas for the Animals.

Each year the group throws one of the biggest holiday parties on St. John, with all of the proceeds going to keep the ACC's doors open. Themes in previous years had party-goers decked out in hippie clothes and the flapper style of the roaring 20s.

This year, the event is sure to bring out some funky outfits with the theme "Walk on the Wild Side." Christmas for the Animals will be in early January at Glen and Joanne Hall's Estate Chocolate Hole home.

Keep an eye out for ACC Christmas for the Animals posters, which should start going up across the island this week.

In the meantime, the group always accepts donations. Volunteers are also welcome to help the group in a number of ways. To find out how to help the ACC, call the shelter at 774-1625 or check out www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com.

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East End Road Improvements Keep Sediment Out of Hansen Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay continues to see relief from sedimentation thanks to a major grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The V.I. Resources Conservation and Development Council, Inc. was awarded more than \$2.7 million in NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to reduce watershed runoff and protect coastal and marine habitats.

V.I. RC&D launched the project in partnership with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Coral Bay Community Council, Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association, The Nature Conservancy, UVI Center for Marine & Environmental Studies, and various researchers from the University of San Diego and University of Texas-Austin.

The ambitious project will reduce runoff across the Virgin Islands, with road work in Estate Fish Bay, erosion control practices in East End Bay on St. Croix, and through about 18 separate projects in the Coral Bay area.

After untold hours of work by volunteers who wrote the grant application, officials are thrilled to start seeing results from some of the NOAA-funded projects.

On Kingshill Road, a bio-retention pond has already stemmed some of the tide of storm water runoff rushing into Coral Bay's western shore. Along the bay's eastern shore, a newly paved section of road will keep even more sediment out of the bay.

The Hansen Bay Road Improvement Project, funded through the NOAA grant and two homeowners' associations in the area, was set to wrap up last week.

The Hansen Bay Homeowners Association and Privateer Bay Homeowners Association covered \$72,000 of the work with the NOAA grant covering the other \$83,000. Together the funds covered paving a roughly half-mile section of road in the Hansen Bay/Privateer Bay area.

Other portions of the roadway in the area were paved, but this section included portions that were not solely under the jurisdiction of either association.

The collaboration with NOAA as the third party enabled the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Road work near Hansen Bay and Privateer Bay will improve storm water drainage.

paving of the road without one group having to cover the entire cost, explained Sharon Coldren, CBCC president, who is overseeing the Coral Bay projects with CBCC storm water engineer Chris Laude.

"This is a great project because it shows partnership and the willingness of these groups to help out," said Coldren.

The road work includes concrete paving of the dirt road, a swale on the hill side of the road and landscaping with propex erosion control on the ocean side. Be-

fore it was paved, sediment from the dirt road would wash down into pristine Hansen Bay below.

"During rains, the water would flow down the paved portion of the road and then hit this unpaved section," said Laude. "The water would pick up sediment and flow right into the bay below. Now that it's paved, there is going to be a significant reduction in the sedimentation flowing into the bay."

Carlson Construction was contracted to do the concrete paving and the crew wrapped up in near-record time, Laude explained.

"They were using some new techniques and were planning on finishing in a week," Laude said. "Because of the heavy rains we got, the project ended up taking 14 days. But I think that is still quite impressive."

Seeing some of these long-discussed projects wrapping up was a welcome sight for the CBCC officials.

"It feels really good to see these projects getting under way and getting completed," said Coldren. "It's especially good to work in cooperation with these homeowners associations to improve the storm water drainage. Part of our commitment to NOAA was that we had some groups who were willing to spend some money to help with these projects if they had the expertise and leadership."

Officials were pleased with the Hansen Bay area improvements as they turned their eyes to completing a project in the Calabash Boom area and getting underway on the 15 planned projects to be covered under the CBCC's portion of the NOAA grant.

Keep an eye out in upcoming *St. John Tradewinds* issues for more NOAA grant reports.

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More than 800 people crowded the roadway, above left, during Woody's "Save Second Base" breast cancer fundraiser, especially to watch the wing-eating contest, above right.

Woody's Fundraiser Nets More Than \$23,000 for Fight Against Breast Cancer

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Cruz Bay was full of chicken wings and BBQ sauce last weekend.

Woody's Seafood Saloon hosted a major block party, dubbed "Save Second Base," and raked in over \$23,000 to fund the fight against breast cancer.

With Centerline Road blocked off from the corner near FirstBank to below the Julius E. Sprauve School, an estimated 800 people packed the street to hear live music, enjoy cold drinks and angle to get a view of the wing eating contest.

Woody's block parties used to be hotly anticipated anniversary celebrations, but this year owners of the popular Cruz Bay bar and restaurant decided to make the event a fundraiser.

"After 14 years of having an all-female staff, this was our way to give back," said Todd Beaty, who owns Woody's Seafood Saloon with twin brother Chad.

The event netted a total of \$23,811, half of which was donated to the American Cancer Society's first ever St. John Relay for Life. The other half was donated to the non-profit Living Beyond Breast Cancer, which is dedicated to assisting breast cancer patients through diagnosis, treatment and beyond.

The highlight of the party, which was hosted by Woody's, Bellows International and 104.3 the Buzz, was the wing eating contest. The event drew 40 hungry contestants who each had to scoff down as many wings as possible in 143 seconds.

Contestants ranged from the truly dedicated — one wing eater shaved and dyed his hair into a pink mohawk — to the truly bizarre — one contestant must have thought that red Speedo had some special powers.

After four heated rounds and one final round, Mark



Woody's owner Todd Beaty with staff during their block party to benefit breast cancer awareness.

Blackburn was crowned Woody's wing eating champ. Blackburn somehow managed to down 21 wings to get him into the final round, when he tossed back another 20.

For all that work, Blackburn won a day cruise on Woody's new charter boat Wet Woody's, a 36-foot Intrepid with twin 350's.

Governor John deJongh, while unable to attend the party due to the DIAGEO opening on St. Croix, graciously allowed the Woody's crew the use of his headquarters for the wing eating contest, explained Beaty.

"We have to love the 'gov' and give him mad props for letting us use his space," Beaty said.

Live music was provided by Kenny Floyd and the Web from 104.3 the Buzz and many volunteers pitched in to make the event such a success.

GHS and Friends of VINP Clean Up Beach and Nab Two Lionfish

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Giff Hill School sixth, seventh and eighth graders removed 150 pounds of trash from Annaberg, Mary's Creek and Francis Bay last month, but the environment might have benefited more from the two fish they nabbed.

During the field trip in October, the students bagged two lionfish off Francis Bay and Maho Bay, according to GHS teacher Jason Siska.

"Evan Jones, a sixth grader, had spotted the second lionfish we caught at Maho a couple of days earlier while he was out paddle boarding," said Siska. "He led us right to the location where I proceeded to capture it with a net. The kids were very excited to have been part of the effort to get rid of the invasive lionfish."

After nabbing the fish, GHS invited Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education founder Karl Pytlik, who also manages the Friends of V.I. National Park Store,



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Giff Hill School students Craig Dawson, Evan Jones, Landis Wallace, Shawn Attika, and Luke Patrie record what they found in Mary's Creek near Annaberg, above right. GHS teacher Jason Siska with two captured lionfish predators, above left.

to speak to the group about the dangers lionfish pose for local waters.

"Lionfish can grow more than nine inches per year, mature in less than one year, reproduce year-round and are capable of laying 30,000 eggs every four days," said

Siska. "They can eat prey up to 75 percent of their own body size, and have venomous spines and no natural predators in the Atlantic."

CORE and Pytlik are working to combat the lionfish invasion with a unique proactive program.

The Caribbean Lionfish Response Program is a collaborative effort of dive shops donating boats at reduced rates, volunteer divers donating their time and money and commercial fishermen, whose eyes and efforts throughout the waters

of the Caribbean are invaluable.

"All these components are working together toward one common goal, keeping the Caribbean lionfish free," said Siska. "Each component plays a vital role in the success of the program. It is not about making money, but rather saving our marine ecosystem and preserving our underwater world as we know it today."

"This will enable future generations the enjoyment of our beautiful underwater world as we know and enjoy it today," said the GHS teacher.

The Caribbean Alliance, which was started on March 25, is a unified effort between territories and countries running the Caribbean Lionfish Response Program as one. The USVI, BVI and Puerto Rico are now working together toward this one common goal.

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St. John resident Cindy Rutnik takes advantage of the meat department during her 60-second shopping spree at Starfish Market.

Cindy Rutnik Takes Home \$1,404.24 Worth of Goods After Shopping Spree

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Cindy Rutnik cleaned up at Starfish Market last week.

The winner of the store's October customer appreciation one-minute shopping spree raffle, Rutnik piled more than \$1,000

worth of groceries in her cart in 60 seconds.

Rutnik had a simple strategy which netted big returns.

"I want to make my way through the meat section and then run to the back for my Thanksgiving turkey," she said.

After also stopping to pick up several bottles of bug spray and aspirin, Rutnik checked out with a total of \$1,404.24, making her take the largest of Starfish's shopping spree winners. Rutnik's son Christian and husband Amos were on hand to cheer her.

Wine Event To Benefit Antilles School "Open Doors" Financial Aid Program

The third annual Wine to the Third Power — A Celebration of Fine Wines will be on Monday, November 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Beach Resort Ballroom on St. Thomas.

The evening includes more than 150 wines to taste, served by master international winemakers; a sumptuous buffet; a silent auction of exclusive wine tours and trips, local gourmet wine/dine and shopping experiences; and the opportunity to purchase wines at discounted prices.

A trip for two to Paris to enjoy a "Champagne & Cognac Dream" including airfare & VIP tours and tastings at three fabulous estates, is being raffled for \$100 per ticket. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are on sale at Antilles School and Bellows International. Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold.

Presented by Bellows International, Ltd., West Indies Corporation, and Prestige Wine Group, the Wine to the Third Power Gala and Silent Auction will benefit the Antilles School Open Doors financial aid program. To purchase a ticket to the event or a raffle ticket, visit www.antilles.vi or call 776-1600 x 243.

New Property Tax Deadline November 16; Appeal Deadline Set for December 1

Governor deJongh has extended the deadline for residents to pay 2006 real property taxes, residential and commercial, until Nov. 16. The last day for filing an appeal of the 2006 Real Property Tax Bills is Dec. 1.

"Giff Hill School Gives Back" Nov. 12

Giff Hill School has announced its first school-wide community service day "Giff Hill School Gives Back," on Friday, November 12.

In September, letters were sent to non-profit organizations on St. John requesting information regarding their ideas for projects.

Teams of faculty members and students ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade will be working in the community all day doing service activities such as cleaning, maintenance, administrative help, repair work, and companionship for the elderly.

Questions or suggestions regarding GHS Gives Back can be directed to Beth Jones or Molly Murrill in the Development Office at GHS by calling 776-1730 or emailing ghsdevelopment@mac.com.

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Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren takes a ride on the newly repaired swingset at Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School.

Thanks to Quick Response from CBCC Members, GBS Students Enjoy New Playground Swingset

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After Hurricane Earl threw a tree limb on their swing set, Guy Benjamin School students made due without the popular playground feature, but not for long. Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren's call for help repairing the swing set was met with immediate response.

"I sent an email out to our members and I heard back right away with offers of money and manpower," said Coldren.

Jay Swartley volunteered his time and David Silverman and another CBCC member, who wished to remain anonymous, pledged the roughly \$350 it cost to order the new equipment.

Repairs were completed last week and GBS students were excited to be able to soar into the sky again on their newly renovated swing set.

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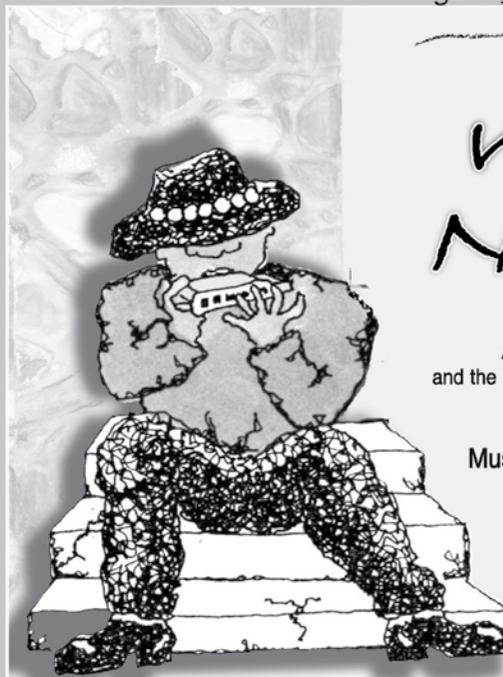
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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Paper Ballot Process

St. John Tradewinds

Responding to public concern over how we vote, Senator Neville James called a meeting of the Financial Services, Infrastructure & Consumer Affairs Committee on October 13. The Supervisor of Elections and the Board of Elections members were invited. John Abramson, Supervisor of Elections, showed up. No board members attended.

I attended in order to pursue my intent to allow Paper Ballot Early Voting (announced in my blog post of Oct 2). I asked Mr. Abramson if the Elections Office could accommodate more walk-in absentee voters now than in the past. He said yes.

I asked him why the Elections Office required proof from the voter when the voter chose a reason to execute his/her vote by walk-in absentee in the 14 days prior to an election. He revealed, after discussion, that there was no statutory basis to ask for proof.

I took Mr. Abramson to task for the Elections System's penchant for scolding voters. Even when a voter is simply trying to exercise his/her choice in a neutral manner, the Election System has a habit of scolding the voter. This has the effect of lowering voter confidence in the Election System. I told Mr. Abramson that a number of my constituents reported a lack of confidence in the Elections System, which means in some cases they doubt that their votes will be accurately registered and tallied.

I then asked him, "Would allowing walk-in absentees to vote without challenge impair the accuracy and fairness of the vote tally in anyway?" He said no.

After a lunch break, Mr. Abramson reported that he had spoken with the Board of Elections members, and they had decided that there would no longer be any challenge whatsoever to voters wishing to vote on paper by a walk-in absentee ballot.

The voter need only choose one of the nine reasons specified in the law, and affirm by signature that this is his/her reason.

I believe that this will allow every voter who wants to vote on paper ballot to do so. I was very pleased to be able to create the same effect as my "Early Voting" legislation by reasoned conversation on the floor of the Legislative Chambers.

While I will still pursue my Early Voting legislation in November, I think the essence of the bill was achieved that day.

I applaud Senator Neville James for responding to public request during a busy election season. His meeting was key to my ability to negotiate this change with the Supervisor of Elections.

Please enjoy a paper ballot, and avoid standing in line on Election Day. Go to the Elections office from now until November 2 to cast your walk-in absentee ballot!

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GHS Raises Funds To Fight Breast Cancer

The Giff Hill School high school student council hosted a breast cancer awareness day on Friday, October 22.

Student council members invited resident Karen Radtke to address the school on breast cancer awareness, and sold pink ribbons and pink baked goods.

Instead of the usual GHS uniform, most students wore pink to show their support of the cause.

Radtke spoke to students about her commitment to ending breast cancer by raising funds and public awareness through walking for the cure. She has walked with The Susan G. Koman 3-Day for the Cure event annually for the past three years.

In all, the Giff Hill School student council raised \$230 which will be sent to the Susan G. Koman for the Cure charity.



Fitness trainer Valerie Donaghue poses in Giff Hill School's new 1,700-sq. ft. fitness center.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Linc Berry

School Fitness Center Aims To Strengthen Students and Community Relationship

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Those who have been without a gym since Hardware Abs closed its Marketplace doors a month ago can look forward to pumping iron at a new fitness center by next week.

The Fitness Center at Giff Hill School, a 1,700-square-foot space well-equipped with weight machines, free weights, balance and strengthening equipment, medicine balls and an exercise bike, will be unveiled to the community during an open house Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

"I'm very excited about this project," said Valerie Donaghue, a fitness trainer on St. John since 2005, who is organizing the project. "This will allow my clients and members of the community who have lost the gym to continue to train and be healthy."

The fitness center will not only offer affordable gym memberships to the public, but Donaghue said it will fulfill additional goals for the school — giving back and connecting with the community and creating new opportunities for its students.

The new fitness center seems to have evolved out of good timing and circumstance. Ken Heenan, the private school's new dean of its upper campus, stumbled upon the donated equipment that had been stored in a container shortly after his arrival in mid-July.

"I asked about the containers and was told one of them had fit-

ness equipment inside," Heenan said. "When I finally located the key and did an assessment, my eyes almost popped out of my head."

With an undergraduate degree in sports medicine and rehabilitation, Heenan instantly recognized the value of the equipment and met with school officials to get his vision underway. Postponed by torrential rains and severe storms, Heenan, Penn Construction, Andrew Barlas and a handful of the school's upperclassman transported the equipment to the downstairs space by mid-September and middle and high school students were utilizing it by mid-October.

"Our goal at Giff Hill all along was to make this project educational and physical," said Heenan.

Long-term plans include creating internship opportunities in business management and fitness at the center as part of the school's vocational training to inspire older students to go to college, earn degrees and perhaps one day return to the facility as instructors, he said.

While GHS students, faculty and alumni will be able to use the fitness center free of charge, the school is offering memberships to the community for \$40 per month — a structured fee that will be funneled directly back into the facility to build locker rooms and showers, maintain equipment and purchase additional machines.

During the initial three-month trial period, Donaghue said the

facility will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 7 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 7 p.m. GHS students will utilize the space for physical education, athletics and sports conditioning from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donaghue hopes to sign up 50 to 60 members right away and said a few well-known trainers — Jude Woodcock, Chandra Rhymer and Hilroy Francis — are already on board and could begin training clients at the new facility as early as Monday, Nov. 8. Trainers will also have the opportunity to teach morning boot camp classes and work out with their clients on the territory's only artificial turf field located on the campus.

"I am a firm believer in taking care of ourselves for the long haul," Heenan said. "To see how our kids respond to physical activity is amazing. And the school itself is trying to bring the community to the school — some people who live on the island have never even been up to this campus."

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from the publisher

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Keeping Track of Crime

2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

2010 TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 2

2nd Degree Burglaries: 16

3rd Degree Burglaries: 59

Grand Larcenies: 50

Rapes: 0

Heaven and Hell

While walking down the street one day a corrupt senator was tragically hit by a car and died.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the senator.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from the higher ups. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really? I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They played a friendly game of golf and then dined on lobster, caviar and the finest champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who is having a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are all having such a good time that before the senator realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens

in heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him, "Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours passed with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing.

They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulders.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil smiles at him and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today, you voted."

Vote wisely on November 2, 2010.

God Bless America and our service men and women!

— Submitted by Z. Hruza

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 14

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To the Family and Friends of Mr. Pedro Ramos

Pedro Ramos worked for the Facility Management Division for 30 plus years as an Engineering Equipment Operator and was promoted to the position of Roads, Trails, and Grounds Maintenance Foreman. Pedro passed away this October after being hospitalized for about two weeks.

I had the pleasure of meeting Pedro as he was Grandpa's best friend in the Senior Center in St. John. Pedro stayed at our home for two weeks along with Grandpa when we were on a trip. The two of them enjoyed each other's company, the view, and the time they spent together will always be one of Grandpa's best memories of Pedro and his time here on St. John.

I had the honor of being visited by Pedro's two daughters this week and I asked if the NPS could provide some information to the public to honor his career in the National Park Service. Pedro will be laid to rest November 6, 2010. Please join us and keep Pedro, his family, friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Some folks do not understand the impact a maintenance person like Pedro has on a unit of the Na-

tional Park Service. Pedro inspired others; he solved problems throughout the park working with his team of co-workers. He worked hard with his community here on St. John involving island residents in all of our projects and programs.

Back in those days when we had not yet matured as an organization it was important to people like Pedro to understand the mission of the National Park Service and interpret it each day as they planned their work.

Maintenance folks are also easy to speak with and are sought out by park visitors as the local experts. So I would like to thank Roads, Trails, and Grounds Maintenance Foreman Pedro Ramos for his dedicated career, for making the Virgin Islands National Park what it is today, an International World Class Resource heavily visited by folks from around the world. Pedro we miss you and thank you for all you did for the National Park Service.

**With Deepest Sympathy,
Mark Hardgrove, Superintendent
Virgin Islands National Park**

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

VITEMA Mum on Upper Carolina Road Problems

As most people know by now, the Upper Carolina neighborhood has had five major landslides. I have been trying to get information about what to do from local and federal agencies, with only a little success.

Ira Wade has been a large help to one of our property owners. Senator Craig Barshinger came immediately and got DPW and FEMA to inspect. However, the information flow from the V.I. and federal government to us is non-existent.

Following is an email I sent to VITEMA. I sent another this afternoon. I have yet to even get an acknowledgement that anything has been received.

Today I heard that a V.I. government employee told one of our property owners that several large cracks in her property on the hillside right next to a major landslide were not caused by Otto, but existed previously. This is absurd! We all know this property, and the cracks appeared right after Otto. It is now a potentially dangerous area, now tilting down and with cracks in it, where it once was a flat, grassy section.

I assume somebody, somewhere, has an action plan, and I sure would like to know what it is.

My suggestion is to have a public meeting with representatives from the agencies present so we can have a discourse.

Good Afternoon Ms. Williams,

First, thank you for speaking to me today and agreeing to log these issues and forward them. I called VITEMA on the advice of two of our residents.

I am Gerry Hills, president of the Upper Carolina Landowners Association on St. John, overlooking Coral Bay. We have approximately 118 lots in our subdivision and about 50-60 houses. There is one access road into the development, and then two main roads — Ironwood (lower, parallel to Centerline Road), and Majestic Mile (above and parallel to Ironwood Road). We also have a third road that is unpaved.

What Otto Caused:

We had five major landslides

as a result of Tropical Storm Otto. Three of these resulted in undermining the only access road. A fourth was just as large, but didn't undermine the road. A fifth was beside the home of a resident and resulted in a major landslide that crossed onto Centerline Road and caused major traffic problems. Her house is now uninhabitable.

Another house in our subdivision was in the path of a landslide and suffered considerable damage, but is still inhabited. Other houses had minor damage, but the major damage is to the hillsides and the roads.

We estimate (totally unscientific) that it will cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 to repair the road and hillside. It might be more. One person estimated \$1 million. We just don't know. If there is no repair, then further landslides are inevitable. We also have a risk of losing our only access road in/out. Our association operates on a very modest budget, used for minor road repairs and brush trimming. We collect and spend only a small fraction of what is currently estimated to be needed.

What We Have Done So Far:

Since DPW doesn't have any, we have put up our own warning signs and reflectors (buckets spray painted plus yellow warning tape) in four areas. We have alerted DPW, Senator Hill, Senator Barshinger, Leona Smith, and others about our situation. I send out periodic emails to our residents as we get news. We have also done all the clearing of dirt, rocks, and brush on our roads through private contractors we hired and paid for ourselves.

Who Has Come To Inspect:

Senator Barshinger was first to arrive. Thank you for your help. He came Friday night, and called the Governor. Shortly afterwards, Darryl Smalls, Ira Wade, George Lewis from VITEMA, John Oliver from SBA, and a FEMA representative from Puerto Rico visited, assessed, and left. Senator Barshinger has set up a Yahoo group to disseminate information. To date, only he and I have used it. It would be a good method for

government to respond, if the right groups would use it.

We appreciate the help and support to date from all of these people. Thank you.

Special Thanks to Ira Wade:

We want to point out that Ira Wade of DPW has been here numerous times, mostly to assist the recovery of the landslide from the resident who lost most of her yard. As always, he has been especially helpful. Others have also supported us, but Mr. Wade is special.

What We Need:

The Upper Carolina residents are in the dark about any plans. We don't even have a point of contact.

We need information about what is happening. Here is a list of questions that we have sent several times with no response:

What Is Planned

By the V.I. Government

If anything is planned, what is the probable timetable?

Which local or federal agency is leading the effort in our area? Who can we call/email to get info?

In fact, is anyone leading any effort?

We have heard conflicting reports about federal aid. Is there anything planned? By what agency? Have we provided enough information to that agency?

Are we excluded from any local or federal aid because our roads are private?

Should we be doing anything to prevent further damage?

We are currently driving on only one side of our one and only access road into Upper Carolina, since the other side has been undermined in three main areas. Any further damage to this road would isolate us, with no access in/out. We are all hoping that this never happens due to inaction.

I will gladly distribute info to the Upper Carolina residents. We

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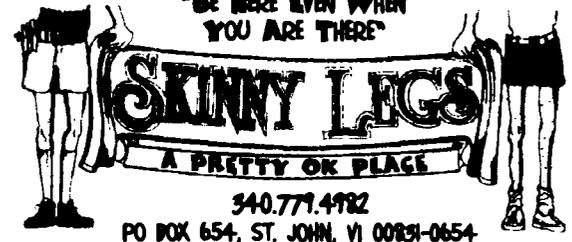
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Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in memory of Madeline and Scotty November 5 through 7 in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, November 6

The St. John Historical Society is again teaming up with Clean Islands International and the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station to celebrate the legacy of Project Tektite. The activities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, November 6, at VIERS in Lameshur Bay.

Sunday, November 7

Moravian School Fundraising Committee is hosting a benefit gospel concert on Sunday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church.

Tuesday, November 9

The St. John Historical Society will host its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m.

Friday, November 12

Giffit Hill School has announced its first school-wide community service day "Giffit Hill School Gives Back," on Friday, November 12.

Tuesday, November 23

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet next on Tuesday, November 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location, which will be announced later.

Saturday, December 11

Mongoose Junction will host the 15th annual All Island Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11, starting at 8 p.m.

March 18-19, 2011

The 9th annual Johnnie Walker Blues Festival will feature two nights of celebrity concerts in the Coral Bay ball field — on Friday evening, March 18, and Saturday evening, March 19, both starting at 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

ALATEEN MEETINGS

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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SCARE WORD

ACROSS

- 1 "I found it!"
- 4 Sees
- 11 Sheets of glass
- 16 — -Magnon man
- 19 Singer Dylan
- 20 In a very angry way
- 21 Breathe — of relief
- 22 The 27-Acrosses, on scoreboards
- 23 Common North American bird
- 26 Munch on
- 27 Certain major-league baseballer
- 28 Cariou with a Tony
- 29 Bullfight shout
- 30 Ages 13-19
- 32 Thieving sort
- 35 Attraction in Alabama's Lane Park
- 39 Female household heads
- 41 Rum cocktail
- 42 Brzezinski of MSNBC
- 43 Dreamy sleep stage
- 46 Totally conk out
- 47 Snake sound
- 48 First pope, in Catholicism
- 50 City on the Oregon Trail
- 54 Rapper Shakur
- 56 Crazy
- 57 Animated sci-fi adventure film of 2000
- 60 Customer
- 65 Spain's El —
- 66 Horned viper
- 67 "No more tears" product
- 69 Of the sole of the foot

- 72 Vowel sound
- 74 Adding 15% for the waiter, say
- 75 Area around the Bay State's capital, informally
- 77 Diffident
- 79 Cry before "You're it!"
- 80 Lustrous fabric
- 81 Outline anew
- 83 Fabrics that appear wavy
- 86 Ralph of the Green Party
- 88 Young male vocal soloist
- 90 Dirty rat
- 94 Anatomical pouch
- 96 China's Sun — -sen
- 97 Tex- — food
- 98 Forearm part
- 99 German military subs
- 102 Running total in a tavern
- 105 Title comic-strip character of the 1930s-40s
- 108 Smackers, so to speak
- 112 It hangs from the soft palate
- 113 Pudgy
- 114 Generous — fault
- 116 Provincial
- 117 Priest's study: Abbr.
- 118 Looked a bit like
- 124 Underwire underwear
- 125 "Try — see"
- 126 Church VIP
- 127 Wheel edge
- 128 Bygone Russ. state
- 129 Looks after
- 130 Envisioned
- 131 Halloween cry divided in this puzzle's eight longest answers

- 1 PLO bigwig Mahmoud
- 2 "The Planets" composer Gustav
- 3 Slacken
- 4 Physicist Tesla
- 5 Poetic eye
- 6 — chi (martial art)
- 7 "— never happen!"
- 8 A-listers
- 9 Nicholas Gage book
- 10 Rocker Barrett
- 11 Pope before Sixtus IV
- 12 Flight start
- 13 Suffix with neat
- 14 Inflated head
- 15 — scene (did some film-making)
- 16 Sunshine snack brand
- 17 City in Virginia
- 18 Fly higher than
- 24 Jam-pack
- 25 Deep sleeps
- 31 Plus-size supermodel
- 33 Comic actor Murphy
- 34 DEA activity
- 36 Apt. divisions
- 37 Fight for air
- 38 Sony or RCA rival
- 40 Deli stock
- 43 Ballpark stat
- 44 Era upon era
- 45 Put in the wrong role
- 47 Boozer
- 49 ThinkPad, e.g.
- 51 Canonized French lady
- 52 Like cars in heavy traffic
- 53 Cool cat
- 54 Hot sauce
- 55 Driver's one-eighty
- 58 Loathe
- 59 Rural denial
- 61 Mar
- 62 Witticism

- 63 — sequitur
- 64 Dude (up)
- 66 Give a gun to
- 68 Porky's pen
- 69 "Sesame Street" ailer
- 70 Mauna —
- 71 Dolly Girl fashion designer
- 73 TV screen variety
- 76 Prior to
- 78 2003 #1 hit for OutKast
- 82 "20/20" ailer
- 83 Slogan
- 84 Reverse of WSW
- 85 Chicago White —
- 87 "— careful" ("Watch yourself")
- 89 Gem name before "onyx"
- 90 Areas outside cities
- 91 Twist and Stone
- 92 Bony and lean
- 93 Table salt, to chemists
- 94 Put in words
- 95 Grayish hue
- 100 Insult
- 101 Obies, e.g.
- 102 Gen-Xer's parent
- 103 Totally novel
- 104 Coalition
- 106 It's often hard to kick
- 107 New Mexico county
- 109 Acid-tongued
- 110 3:1, for one
- 111 Kind of replay, briefly
- 115 Competent
- 119 Ending for Capri
- 120 Trotted
- 121 Coppertone bottle abbr.
- 122 — Palmas
- 123 — glance

DOWN

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Poem: We Be One

you know who she is, she is that part
of ourselves we hold at arms length

so we cannot see close up into the mirror
last week she cracked me wide open

last week she came up behind me begging for
money, for food and as I turned, a bright smile

of surprise flashed across her face
I know you I know you she exclaimed

and even my name almost, betty, betty she whispered
the soft touch of her hand slowed across my cheek

in that moment of memory it was not money or
food that was important, it was the giving back

to ourselves the long roots of belonging
you know who she is, she is all ah we

—*Beverly Melius 7-1-10*

We never know when a last time is occurring. It has nothing but the present as it unfolds and nothing but the past when it's done. It dwells in everything from playing with a favorite toy to reading a book to writing a letter, from wearing a winter coat to donning flip flops to the store or to a heartfelt encounter on a street corner.

Each moment of our lives has the potential of

being an aha one but of course we go too fast to be in that constant state of awareness. We don't want to be vigilant for last times. I wrote this poem back in July never knowing it would be my last encounter with Petrina. How much more significant it is to me today hearing that she recently passed away, her precious life filled with the gifts of first and last times just like mine.

VITEMA Mum on Upper Carolina Road Problems

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can also get info to most of Coral Bay through the Coral Bay Community Council. And we can publish in the St. John Tradewinds or The Source. Not a problem getting it out.

What I have Asked For:

I have sent emails to several V.I. government personnel requesting that a meeting be organized, with VITEMA staff, DPW, FEMA, and any others who have knowledge. This is the only way I can think of that we can have a two-way dialog to/from our residents.

There has been no response to this request, which has been sent three times so far, without even acknowledgement that the request was received. Perhaps the request should have been directed elsewhere, but I just don't know at this point who is responsible.

List of Government Personnel

Who Have Called Me:

None. I have repeatedly given my email address and phone number during my correspondence. stjohncaptain@aol.com, 340-642-3360.

I realize people are busy at this point, but we need the info above, and aren't getting it.

How Do We Pay for Repairs:

We can't. It is beyond our capabilities. We don't even know what we should be doing to try to temporarily stabilize the existing landslide areas. We were told that DPW engineers would contact me to give us some direction. No-one has contacted me.

My Request at This Time:

Please see that this information is presented through the proper channels, and/or to the proper agency.

Please have someone contact me and acknowledge receipt. (Note — two emails sent, no acknowledgement.) I don't even know if these were received, logged in, forwarded, or anything.

Perhaps VITEMA could coordinate hosting a meeting. I am sure many St. John citizens would appreciate it.

Gerry Hills
Upper Carolina, St. John

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For information on Devotions and Study Circles, please call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays;
Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
- 776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
Cruz Bay, St. John
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church
13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m.,
Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry
Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays
340-715-0530

Missionary Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m.
Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.
776-6339

St. John Methodist Church
Sunday 10 a.m.
693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays
779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church
Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sunday 9 a.m.
Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday
776-6332

Word of Faith Church
Word of Faith International
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.
Giffit Hill School Call 774-8617

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RFP-WMA-001-C-11 Conduct an audit of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's Basic Financial Statements.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained from the VIWMA's Division of Procurement and Property, St. Thomas-St. John District Office at 9500 Wheatley Center II, Suite 2 or from the St. Croix District Officer at #1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or by contacting the Director, Mrs. Cecile Lynch, directly via phone or email.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Monday, November 29, 2010 at 4:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

PROPOSAL DUE PLACE: Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
9500 Wheatley Center II, Suite 2, St. Thomas, VI 00802
P. O. Box 303669, St. Thomas, VI 00803
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL 1, Christiansted, VI 00820
P. O. Box 1689, Kingshill, VI 00851-1689
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NOTE: The proposal number must be placed on the outside of all Bid Packages. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the submission deadline.

DIRECT INQUIRIES: Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch, Director, Procurement and Property Division
Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, VI 00820 **OR**
Email: clynch@viwma.org Phone: 340-718-4489

All questions pertaining to the submission of proposals, scope of services and the award process should be directed in writing either in hard copy or by email to Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch, Director of Procurement and Property, at clynch@viwma.org.

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Letter to St. John Tradewinds

School Bullying Must Stop

I have joined forces with Governor John deJongh and the Department of Education in the fight against youth bullying. Bullying is a serious offence that includes physical contact, through hitting or punching, verbal abuse, name calling or teasing, starting false rumors against someone or excluding someone from games, social groups or clubs.

Bullying was once dismissed as an ordinary part of growing up and hundreds of our local students are daily victims of this "growing pain." Today bullying cannot be dismissed as it was in the past. Today bullying has a different nature; it is crueler, it can follow you anywhere in the form of cyber bullying and it can be more violent. Today's bullying sometimes ends in the most tragic of situations, where a parent, sibling or friend discovers the lifeless body of a young person that just could not live with the constant mental and physical harassment.

Teachers and administrators frequently underestimate the extent and effect of bullying and, as a result, fail to prevent or stop it. In part, this is fueled by the prior belief that bullying is a part of growing up. Additionally, adolescents are masterful at shielding their social and antisocial lives from adults. Although students know bullying hurts the victims, they often are not clear that bullying is wrong or preventable, so bullies do not stop, and the bystanders don't report it. When children and adults fail to take a stand against bullying this implies that the behavior is acceptable. This further enables the behavior and condemns the victims and bystanders to feel abandoned by the system.

Stateside there are many instances of how unreported and unnoticed bullying can have serious consequences. The most notorious was the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, CO, and, closer to home there was the senseless suicide of 11-year-old Jaheem Herrera who relocated with his family to Georgia from the Virgin Islands.

Typically, bullies and their victims share the same characteristic – low self-esteem. Additionally, negative situations and events in the child's life can trigger low self-esteem. The main goal of bullies is to get their victims to experience fear, anger, or sadness. Although the Virgin Islands have been spared the grief of child suicide, it is imperative we be proactive now so the islands do not follow in this trend.

Parents are the first defense against bullying. Parents must be diligent about reporting any form of bullying to the school administration as soon as they are aware of the situation. Most bullying can be prevented

if parents partner with the school and are vigilant in their defense of the bullied child and in the aid of the aggressive child. This is the time where parents must take an honest look at their child's behavior and begin to create an environment at home and school that will foster tolerance instead of violence and intimidation.

Students come in a close second in the prevention of bullying. I encourage our youth to defend those who have difficulty defending themselves. Our children are confused about the thin line between "rattling out" a fellow classmate and being proactive in this fight. As adults we must teach our children to be protectors of each other, especially those who are being victimized. We must embrace the "community of caring" that is our heritage as Virgin Islanders. It is our responsibility to encourage our youth to understand that they too have a responsibility to defend the principals of right and wrong and to not be afraid to speak up about any incident of bullying they have witnessed.

To the teachers and administration, I implore you to be more visible in the hallways and common areas of the school where most of the bullying occurs; to not allow "play fighting" of any kind; to foster a community where students can report incidents in confidence; and to keep a closer eye on the students who are repeated targets of bullies within your school communities as well as repeat offenders.

Students need to know without a doubt that bullying will not be tolerated and will be diffused swiftly. Students also need to know that reporting of bullying will come with protection from retaliation. They also need to know that bullies will be counseled to uncover the root of the issue which is causing the bullying behavior.

We must eradicate the social consequences that arise when bullying is allowed to grow unchecked in our society. Both the bullies and the victims can suffer from a variety of psychological as well as somatic symptoms, some of which may persist into adulthood.

As adults and as the protectors of our children, it is up to us to be vigilant against all forms of bullying. We must educate our children on the dangers of bullying and institute real solutions for those who are being bullied.

Let's join together for "Bullying Prevention Month" and every month to stop this violence in school and out of school.

Novelle E. Francis, Police Commissioner
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"Limin' Time" - The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay & a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned and refurbished in 2009, Limin' Time is better than new & ready to move in with new high end fixtures, furnishings, new pool & a perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Keep your yacht moored within sight & just pull your dinghy up on your own property. Swim and snorkel without driving. **\$1.75M**



"The Retreat" - Perfect privacy & spectacular ocean views are the heart of "The Retreat's" natural appeal. Its 3 pavilions are grouped around a beautifully landscaped courtyard with pool & hot tub. Every room enjoys an ocean view with a panorama of Sir Francis Drake Channel. Two equal, air-conditioned king bedroom/bath suites with additional sleeping lofts flank the main pavilion. A trail provides access to a sandy swimming beach. **\$1.595M.**



"Sundance & Moonsong" - Two houses for the price of one in desirable Estate Chocolate Hole. Both Sundance and Moonsong are successful short term rentals within walking distance to Hart Bay beach and just a few minutes from Cruz Bay on paved roads. Sundance is 3 bedrooms with a pool & spa with a large sundeck. Moonsong is 2 bedrooms 2 baths with a spa. **\$1,495,000**



"Mango Terrace Condos" - Construction completed in late 2009. Located in Cruz Bay - 2, 3 & 4, bedrooms available, A/C, walk to Frank Bay beach & town. Great water views, stainless appliances, large shared pool and sun deck, travertine, granite counter tops & private laundry. Some of the most spacious condos on St. John. Only 20% down. **\$765,000 to \$1.35M** OR Fractional Ownership Opportunity! Buy one 1/4 ownership. Contact Islandia for details. Time is now for a great buy!! Easy financing available.



"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. Space below could be converted to another bedroom. **\$575,000.**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Just reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M.** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Adjoining 6 acre parcel with 4 cottages and white sand beach also available. Little Plantation with over 7 acres with preliminary subdivision permit and road cut to the top of the property. Great water views to the British Virgins from every lot - now just **\$1.9M.** NEW - Five Acres Above Newfound Bay - Make an Offer. One acre subdividable parcel on Bordeaux Mt. with great views for **\$1.1M**

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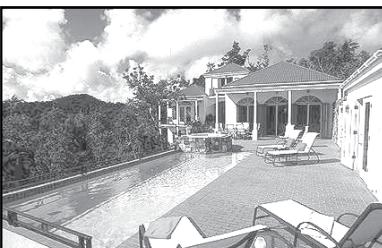
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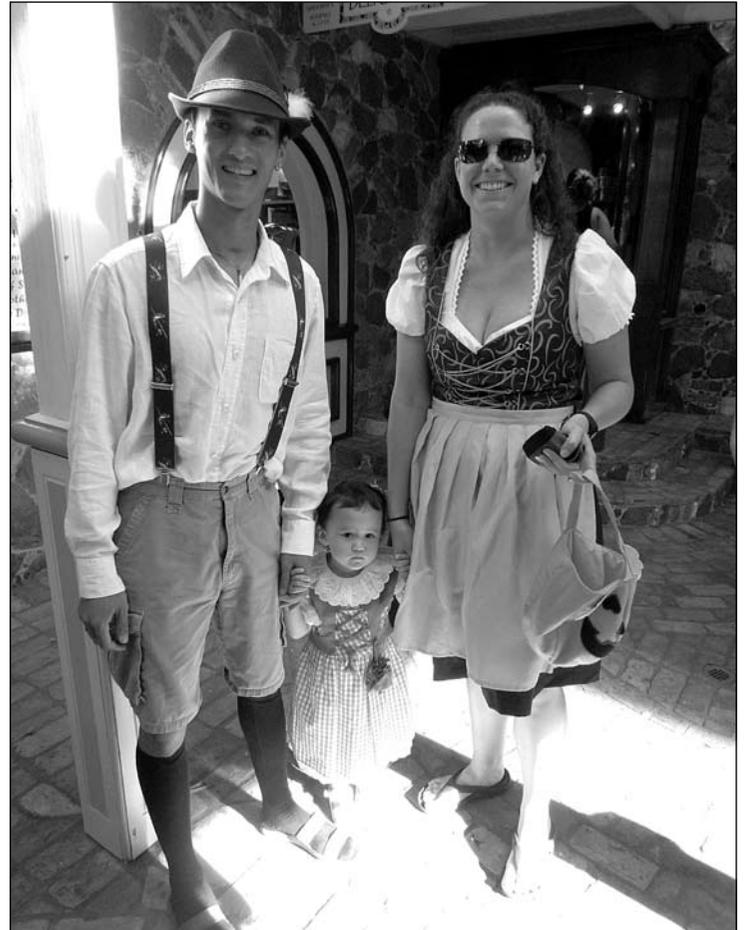
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