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Island resident and music producer Steve Simon, center, returns from Iraq, where he and other musicians entertained U.S. military troops. See story on page 14.

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Constitution Should Include Safeguards Against High Property Taxes on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although delegates of the Fifth Constitutional Convention's committee on taxation, finance and commerce all expressed their desires to hear from the people of St. John, it was the committee members themselves who did most of the talking at a Thursday evening, April 10, meeting at the St. John Legislature building.

With the District Court mandated territory-wide property revaluation program wrapping up, St. John residents are facing stark increases in their property taxes. Some residents are seeing increases of hundreds and even thousands of dollars in their bills.

Residents recently filed a lawsuit (see related article, page 3) against the V.I. government and Tax Assessor Roy Martin, who arrived at the meeting an hour and a half late and did not testify.

The Thursday evening meeting drew the biggest turnout of any Constitutional Convention hearing on island thus far. While about 25 residents filled the room, only four people testified and it was Crucian delegate Adelbert Bryan who did the lion's share of talking during the two and a half hour meeting.

St. John Has "Major Problem"

When given the opportunity, however, testifiers urged convention delegates to include language in a new constitution that would work to ensure the current skyrocketing property tax rates would not be repeated in the future.

"We have on St. John a major problem with property taxes," said Pam Gaffin. "The government has betrayed the citizens of St. John. They want to fleece us and have us be the goose that lays the golden egg."

Governor John deJongh has projected a \$50 million increase in property tax revenues which will come out of St. John only, Gaffin explained.

"If taxes are going down on St. Thomas and St. Croix, guess who is going to pay all the property taxes and the extra \$50 million," said Gaffin. "We are. That is not fair."

"Your job is to make sure this doesn't happen again on St. John," Gaffin continued. "We need to have laws that protect us from this."

Not Everyone Is a Millionaire

Property values should be based on what that property last sold for, Gaffin recommended. For instance if a property last sold in 1822 for \$25, that should be the assessed value, she explained.

Despite what the government believes, not everyone on St. John is a millionaire, explained delegate Wilma Marsh Monsanto.

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— Ronnie Jones

everyone on St. John a millionaire," said Marsh Monsanto. "The tax assessor, the governor, these are native born Virgin Islanders who did this. No outsiders came and did this to us."

"Looking at my assessment, I'm ready to tell the government to take the land or just take me," Marsh Monsanto added.

Must Be Able To Come Home

Virgin Islands residents always want to be able to come back home and if the rising property costs trend continues, that will not be the case, according to Ronnie Jones.

"How am I going to keep the land that I live on and that I want to pass on to my children," Jones said. "This is a very sad state. Most Virgin Islanders don't want to move to the states."

"We always want to say, 'I can go home,'" continued Jones. "Please help us. We are bordering on a crisis."

Exemptions to protect ancestral land need to be in place, Jones explained.

"I believe anyone who has ancestry here and doesn't want to sell, needs to be protected in the form of some type of exemption," he said.

The biggest problem in the Virgin Islands is lack of leadership, explained Lorelei Monsanto.

Lack of Leadership in Virgin Islands

"The government has put us in tyranny," Monsanto said. "Our biggest problem is a lack of leadership. St. Johnians are fighting our own government."

"You are the ones who can protect us from our government," continued Monsanto. "You can protect our interest and our pursuit of happiness. We can work together to find out what is best for the whole Virgin Islands."

Instead of the gross receipts tax structure currently in place in the Virgin Islands, the territory should institute a sales tax, according to St. John Community Foundation executive director Paul Devine.

"To tax a product or service more than one time is a burden on the people as a whole," Devine said.

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Local Chamber Chapter Meeting April 15

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There will be a St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's multipurpose center in Cruz Bay. Chamber members, potential members and interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will end promptly at 6:30 p.m.

SJSA Presents Comedy Show on April 18

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St. John School of the Arts will present Executive Monkeys, a comedy improvisation show, on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. This is the show's seventh year at the Arts School.

The very funny trio includes Matt Donnelly, Stephen Boothe, Jim Festante and special guest Rebekka Johnson. The trio has been performing their successful show THREAT at the People's Improv Theatre in New York City for the past four years. Johnson starred in four seasons of MTV's Boiling Points, CW's Schooled, and NBC Law and Order: Criminal Intent.

Donnelly most notably inducted Maurice Jones-Drew into the Fantasy Hall of Fame in a national ESPN commercial and appeared in several episodes of All My Children and General Hospital. Festante helped launch the Political Video site Slate V.com this year.

Come for fun, laughs and the hysterical, show stopping hit rendition of "El Burro De Muerte — The Donkey of Death."

JFLI Anniversary Celebration Is April 19

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Come celebrate the 12th anniversary of the John's Folly Learning Institute at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, at the learning center. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen will be the guest speaker and, as always, no one will go away hungry. See you there!

Historical Society To Host Potluck Dinner at Season's Final Meeting on April 19

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Residents are invited to the St. John Historical Society's potluck supper on Saturday, April 19, at the Bethany Moravian Church at 5 p.m. Come hear about the island's past from society historian Elroy Sprauve and a number of St. John elders and culture bearers, and learn of Virgin Islands Carnival traditions from professor Robert Nicholls. This is the society's final meeting of the season.

Nicholls, of the University of the Virgin Islands, will present a slide show on Masquerade and Carnival Traditions in the Virgin Islands at 6:30 p.m. following a short business meeting, where members will vote on the society's slate of officers and directors for the coming year.

Nicholls is a cultural anthropologist who has studied both West Indian and African traditions of music, dance and masquerade for many years. He is the author of Old Time Masquerading in the U.S. Virgin Islands, published by the V.I. Humanities Council, and Remarkable Big Trees of the Virgin Islands.

Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish, but no alcohol. SJHS will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Everyone is welcome.

Public Input To Be Gathered at Constitutional Convention Forums

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Informational public forums led by St. John residents Paul Devine and Ronnie Jones are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School on April 24, May 29, June 27 and July 17. The forums are intended to gather public input and to provide updates on what is happening with the Fifth Constitutional Convention. All input will be sent to Constitutional Convention delegates.



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Derr Files Objection To Special Master's Favorable Review of Tax Revaluation

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Unity Day Group Attorney James Derr filed an objection to a favorable review of the court-mandated property tax revaluation system in District Court last week.

Special master Joseph Hunt, a North Carolina-based mass appraisal specialist appointed by the court to review the required appraisal project, filed a positive report of the tax revaluation system with District Judge Curtis Gomez on Monday, March 31.

Hunt's review is the final step in the years-long ordeal since District Judge Thomas Moore ordered the government to reevaluate all commercial and residential properties across the territory in 2003.

An injunction was placed on the tax collection system at that time and rates were frozen at the 1998 level. The V.I. government contracted Georgia-based BearingPoint to conduct a mass revaluation — to the tune of \$6.5 million — which the company completed recently.

Procedures Are Proper, Says Hunt

The process was subject to the review of Hunt, who deemed the government in compliance with the court's directive in his final review.

"It is my opinion that the government of the Virgin Islands is in compliance with the court's directive to put in place an assessment system and procedures that are proper and capable of producing credible and reliable assessments as required by law," ac-

ording to Hunt's report.

Based on the merits of Hunt's review, Assistant Attorney General Carol Thomas-Jacobs moved to lift the court-ordered tax rate injunction ahead of a scheduled May 16 District Court hearing on the case.

Countering Thomas-Jacobs' filing, Derr filed an objection to Hunt's report based in part on the special master's favorable review condition of a functioning Tax Review Board.

Board of Tax Review Condition

"My opinion of project completion, as stated on page one of this report, is conditional on a functional Board of Tax Review being in place with decisions on all appeals being made, as required in the court's ruling dated May 12, 2003," according to Hunt's report.

The V.I. Tax Review Board, however, has not met in more than a year, according to Derr's objection.

"The Tax Review Board is not presently meeting and has not met for something in excess of one year, and there is no indication whatsoever that it 'consistently holds hearings and reaches determinations on appeals within the 60 days' required by the V.I. Code," according to Derr's filing.

"Therefore, regardless of whatever else Mr. Hunt has to say about the revaluation process, he is clear that the project is not yet complete and will not be complete because an integral part of the property tax system — a functioning Tax Review Board — simply

does not exist," according to Derr's filing.

Derr's objection also cites several recommendations which appeared in a 2005 report Hunt wrote, but are missing from the 2008 report.

"For example, in his [Hunt's] report of June 15, 2005, Mr. Hunt noted that there was only limited linkage between the Assessor's Geographic Information System and the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal system," according to Derr's objection.

In Hunt's 2005 report, he considers the GIS and CAMA linkage a requirement of conducting a fair mass appraisal.

"The limited linkage between the GIS and CAMA, and the unacceptable percentage of matches between databases for the two systems was never resolved," Hunt wrote in 2005. "This project is currently a work-in-progress and is providing support to the revaluation. The GIS should be totally functional by the end of the project."

Hunt's 2008 report makes no mention of the GIS and CAMA linkage.

Any mention of the serious problem with identifying properties in the territory — which Hunt relates in detail in his 2005 report — is also missing from his 2008 report.

The special master's final report lacks a number of facts, explained Derr.

Short on Facts

"If you read Hunt's report, it is long on conclusions and short on facts," said Derr. "I think there are a lot of unexplained

issues with Mr. Hunt's report."

Hunt does mention St. John issues specifically in his final report, but states BearingPoint officials did their job tracking the numerous appeals to the skyrocketing tax rates.

"St. John's property increases ran sharply higher than other locations, and can account for the higher number of appeals from that location," according to Hunt's final review. "BearingPoint carefully tracked the reason for the appeals for vertical and horizontal analysis of assessment patterns."

Additional Information Needed

Additional information is needed before the court can deem the revaluation process successfully completed, according to Derr's objection.

"Pending further work by the government, or further explanation by Mr. Hunt, the conclusory statements contained in the 2008 report are simply insufficient for this court to make an independent determination regarding completion of the project or the accuracy of the new assessments," according to Derr's filing.

Derr requested a hearing on Hunt's report and his other suit, on behalf of the V.I. Unity Day Group against the government of the Virgin Islands and V.I. Tax Assessor Roy Martin alleging BearingPoint did not conduct a fair revaluation — remain pending.

Judge Gomez had not ruled on any of the pending motions related to the property tax revaluation process as of press time.

VIPD Commissioner Commends Community for Arrests, Illegal Gun Seizures

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall credited the community for an increase in illegal gun seizures in the territory, and discussed efforts the department is undergoing to address its manpower shortage at a Tuesday, April 8, press conference on St. Thomas with V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer (see related story on page 7).

Seventeen illegal firearms were recovered by VIPD officers in the month of March — 11 in the St. Thomas-St. John district. With a total of 64 illegal firearms recovered to date in 2008, the territory is on track to far exceed last year's total of 120, according to McCall.

"A lot of this would not be possible without the assistance of the community," said McCall. "We will never remove all of the illegal firearms from the community, but we will do our best to put a dent in them and to work with the attorney general's office in making the arrests we need to prevent these people from bringing firearms into the territory."

"A request for 200 new vehicles was recently approved. These vehicles run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and suffer more than the normal wear and tear on any normal vehicle. We have to look at the safety of our officers, who are out there trying to keep the community safe."

— VIPD Commissioner James McCall

McCall did not elaborate on what measures the VIPD is taking to prevent illegal firearms from coming into the Virgin Islands.

Manpower Shortage

The VIPD commissioner did discuss in detail the steps the department is taking to address its manpower shortage, including a Cadet Program and recruiting officers from outside the Virgin Islands.

"We have 70 auxiliary officers going to work with us now, and training for them begins May 5," said McCall. "We're very excited to have a cross section of the community, and we're reaching out for additional people who may be

interested. With a majority of the community involved in the auxiliary program, we wouldn't have as much crime in our community."

There are approximately 50 cadets already on board with the program, which trains students ages 16 to 19 who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The students meet three times a week to learn a condensed version of curriculum used at the V.I. Police Academy.

"By doing this, we can keep the best and the brightest in our community to serve the community," said McCall. "We will assist them with a four-year degree if they

continue on in the path of law enforcement. We need additional manpower here in the territory."

Approximately 30 officers have been recruited from outside the territory. They will begin training May 19, McCall added.

The manpower shortage has not affected the VIPD's ability to address traffic problems — officers issue around 800 traffic citations each month territory-wide, according to the department's commissioner.

McCall also announced the purchase of a new fleet of vehicles for VIPD officers.

Assistance from Community

"A request for 200 new vehicles was recently approved," said the VIPD commissioner. "These vehicles run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and suffer more than the normal wear and tear on any normal vehicle. We have to look at the safety of our officers, who are out there trying to keep the community safe."

Police vehicles are replaced nationally after an average of 80,000 miles or three years, according to McCall. The VIPD's current vehi-

cles have been in service approximately two and a half years.

The most important tool for helping the VIPD solve crimes is

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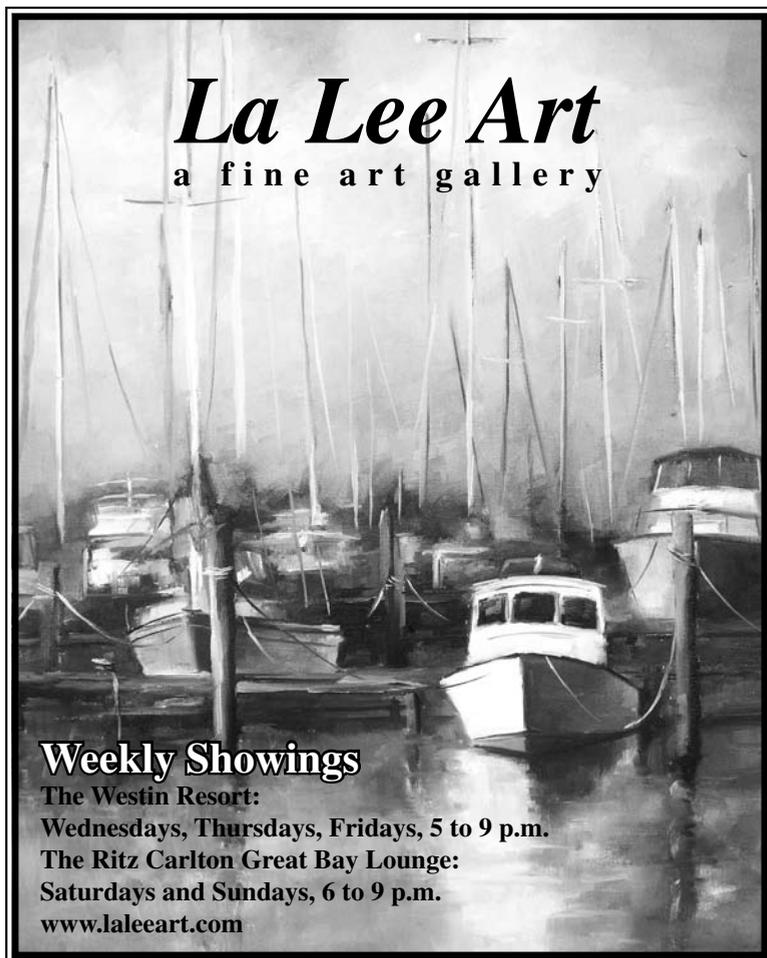
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AG's Office Looking for Possible Witness to Alleged Sexual Assault

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

On a Wednesday morning in January, a woman escorted two young girls from the sidewalk near the Front Yard Bar to the Julius E. Sprauve School and away from an alleged sexual assault.

Now the Attorney General's Office hopes the woman does another good deed and contacts officials to detail what she saw that morning, explained Assistant Attorney General Douglas Dick, the acting chief of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) criminal division.

"Basically what we have is an alleged crime which was committed in St. John on Wednesday morning, January 16," said Dick. "Two young girls — 10 and 13 — were on their way to school around 7 or 7:30 a.m. when one of the girls was allegedly sexually fondled by an adult male."

"According to the little girls, there was a lady they saw in the area that morning who intervened

"According to the little girls, there was a lady ...that morning who intervened in the situation and pulled the girls away from the adult male. She took the two kids over to the gate where their school was and left after they went into the gate."

— Assistant Attorney General Douglas Dick

in the situation and pulled the girls away from the adult male," Dick continued. "She took the two kids over to the gate where their school was and left after they went into the gate."

The woman could be a possible eyewitness to the alleged crime — a possible unlawful sexual contact case — but the girls don't know the woman's name or how to contact her, according to Dick.

"The woman was a person not known to the girls and they didn't get her name," said the assistant attorney general. "I'm hoping this

person will come forward and contact me. I'd really like to know what, if anything, she saw."

The girls described the woman as having blonde hair, being around five feet and seven inches tall, in her 40s and smoking a cigarette, Dick explained.

The woman also might have been wearing jeans and a black jacket, the assistant attorney general added.

The woman in question — or anyone who knows the woman — should call Dick at the DOJ at 774-5666, extension 190.

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

St. John Tradewinds Papaya Cafe Has New Transfer Day Book at Marketplace

Every young student should read Anecia Sewer's new book explaining the basics of Transfer Day. Illustrated by Karen Samuel, it's truly a pleasure to see the first of many educational and easily-read books to come. Congratulations to Anecia and Karen!

Hurry Back, Steve Simon, From Iraq

From all reports, the Bluzapalooza was a great success. We want to hear all about it! In Steve's absence, the regulars were hot and sit-ins Jerry Harris, Dennis Frett, Roan Creque and Jael Breckinridge were out of this world in their own way — "Poison Ivy" was a blast!

Check Out the New Mini-marts

All the basics are there — at Meada's Plaza and next door to Fish Trap. Congratulations to the owners!

Nice Bright Lights on Connections' Side and Front Walls

How about the back? I'm sure that the owners of the buildings care about safety. Downtown Cruz Bay needs lights for all areas.

Prayers For Our Sick Friends

Our love to Avilda Mathias and her family. Jane Bowry has returned to New Hampshire safely and has good reports from the hospital.

Andy and Janet Have Another Successful Benefit Tournament

It's pretty exciting to see all the young ball players racing around the ball park in the Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament! Antilles School won — that was Ruby's alma mater.

People You Meet at The Beach Bar

A very attractive young couple from California told me of their wedding plans for this Monday. The bride-to-be had researched wedding opportunities in the Caribbean and selected St. John! They had the usual upsets like having their plane delayed for four hours, arriving on St. Thomas to find the license bureau closed for two hours, and finally obtained their license only to miss the ferry.

"It is always like this?"

"Yes," I replied.

They were so charming and so excited about their upcoming marriage. It was refreshing to share their happiness, especially when the bride started to cry when she said I reminded her of her grandmother.

I was fascinated to hear what their jobs were back home. She was the manager of 10 men at Home Depot and the groom was a refrigerator repair man. You could tell immediately that they loved their work.

Sundays at the Beach Bar isn't all about jazz.



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Skid marks lead straight into Marina Market, left; the driver of a white Chevy truck is pulled from his vehicle after it flipped over in Guinea Gut, above.

Weekend Single-car Accidents Result of Intoxication, Speeding

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Two separate single-car accidents which occurred on Friday evening, April 4, and Saturday evening, April 5, were the result of intoxication and speeding, respectively.

The first accident occurred on Friday night, when a 59-year-old male lost control of his white Chevy truck near Guinea Gut on his way out of Cruz Bay, and flipped over into the gut across from the Westin Resort and Villas. It was determined the driver was intoxicated, but he has not yet been charged.

“Preliminary investigation by police determined the

“Preliminary investigation by police determined the driver was intoxicated and that he lost control of the vehicle at the corner.”

— Melody Rames, VIPD spokesperson

driver was intoxicated and that he lost control of the vehicle at the corner,” said V.I. Police Department spokesperson Melody Rames. “He was taken to the hospital for superfi-

cial wounds. That investigation is still ongoing, and police are waiting for some additional information to close out the case and determine if the driver is going to be charged.”

The second accident occurred on Saturday night, when a 24-year-old Estate Enighed resident lost control of his 2001 Suzuki Vitara on South Shore Road, slamming into the Marina Market building, which suffered minimal damage. The driver broke his left leg in the accident.

“The driver told police that he had no brakes, but subsequent investigation proved the car did have brakes,” said Rames. “He was driving too fast and he lost control of the vehicle. He was charged with negligent driving.”

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NPS Freezes Entrance Fees at 2007 Level

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to a National Park Service-wide initiative to freeze entrance fees at the 2007 level, the cost to enter Trunk Bay — the one place the V.I. National Park charges a fee — will remain the same until at least 2010.

The fee freeze directive came from NPS Director Mary Bomar, who decided national parks should remain accessible to everyone, explained VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

“The director of the National Park Service has decided that it’s in the best interest of the NPS to freeze entrance fees at 2007 levels for this year,” said Hardgrove. “Costs are rising all around us, and it’s good to know the NPS takes into consideration costs for visiting national parks and wants the parks to be available to all people.”

The VINP currently charges \$4 per person 17 years and older per day; \$15 for an annual family pass; and \$10 for an annual individual pass. Children age 16 and under may enter Trunk Bay for free. Seniors and those with physical disabilities may obtain a pass for \$10 and for free, respectively, which allows them to pay half price at all national parks.

Fees Implemented in 1998

The fees at Trunk Bay, 80 percent of which go toward deferred park maintenance, have remained at the same level since their inception in 1998. Once the fee freeze is lifted, the VINP will likely consider raising the fees, Hardgrove explained. Public input will be gathered before any changes are made, according to VINP Chief of Concessions and Fee Program Elba Richardson.

“If we were to make any changes, we’d have to do a civic engagement before the fees change,”



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Visitors to Trunk Bay will continue to pay \$4 per day.

said Richardson. “I would think that at some point down the road, when we do have permission to move forward, we might look into adjusting some of the fees.”

The NPS memo regarding the fee freeze instructs national parks not to host civic engagements before 2009, Richardson continued.

“It would take a year to have the community meetings and get feedback, so nothing would occur before 2010,” she said. “The community would get to play a role and voice their opinions as far as any fee increase.”

For now, residents and visitors alike can rest easy knowing the fees at Trunk Bay will not be increased any time soon.

DeJongh Given Short List of Potential Candidates for St. John Planner Post

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Relief might finally be in sight for the congestion, unchecked development and parking woes plaguing Love City.

A full year after Governor John deJongh’s campaign promise to hire a planner for the island of St. John by his first quarter in office, the administration is reviewing a short list of nominees to fill the position.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials submitted about eight nominees for the St. John city planner to Government House for review, explained DPNR Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning’s Director of Planning Wanda Mills-Bocachica.

“I submitted a short list with about eight nominees to the commissioner and the commissioner submitted the names to the governor,” said Mills-Bocachica. “Right now the decision is really to be made by Governor John deJongh.”

DeJongh will soon review the list and shorten it even further, according to Government House spokesperson John Greaux.

Interviews Are Next Step

“We’ll get that list down to about three or four people and set up personal interviews,” Greaux said. “That should take about 30 to 45 days and shortly after that the governor will make a final decision. The goal is to find the most qualified person for that position which will drive the governor’s final decision.”

All of the prospective nominees are qualified individuals, Mills-Bocachica added.

“We have a really good cross section of people up for the position,” said DPNR’s director of planning. “I think St. John will be in good hands.”

The principal planner position — as it will be officially called — will be based in DPNR’s St. John office on the third floor of The Marketplace, according to Mills-Bocachica.

St. John-based Position

“As a clarification, the St. John planner will be based on St. John and we’ve already purchased a computer for the office,” Mills-

Bocachica said. “We are moving forward with plans and the position will be based in the DPNR office in The Marketplace.”

Whoever fills the planner position will be expected to advise DPNR officials on St. John-specific issues, Mills-Bocachica explained.

“What we anticipate is that the principal planner will provide information on problematic areas such as hillside guidelines, density studies, transportation circulation issues, congestion and overall quality of life issues,” said DPNR’s director of planning.

The deJongh administration has faced several delays in trying to fill the position. Actually defining the position, where it would be based and who the person would report to contributed to initial delays in even advertising the job.

Initial Applicants Denied

Further adding to the delay, all applicants who replied to a DPNR advertisement for the position which ran in local newspapers in August 2007 were denied.

While Government House officials confirmed the lack of a suitable applicant last year, Greaux declined to comment on specifics.

“Nothing emerged out of the first round,” Greaux said at the time. “There was nothing that jumped out at us. I don’t have a ‘why.’”

Finally, the administration posted the job opening on the American Planning Association’s Web site in January 2008 with last month set as the deadline for submitting applications.

The ideal planner would serve “as the primary subject matter specialist in select areas of assignment to include: hillside development guidelines; land use and density studies; long range planning; urban design; transportation planning; conflict resolution regarding identity politics and differences over the use of property; in addition to other planning related concerns,” according to the job posting on the Web site www.planning.org.

If the Government House timeline is adhered to, the position could be filled by the end of May or the middle of June — which would be well into the second quarter of deJongh’s second year in office.



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Smoke on St. Thomas Fills the Skyline



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A large column of smoke rising from St. Thomas' Bovoni Landfill could be seen from St. John after a Wednesday morning, April 9, explosion and fire at the landfill.

Attorney General's Office Thanks Public For Help on Felony Convictions in V.I.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Public safety officials thanked community members for their support in coming forward to help fight crime in the territory at a Tuesday morning, April 8, press conference at the attorney general's conference room in St. Thomas.

"We've had a number of successes over the past few months of this year and these recent successes are due in large part to our newest partner in our crime fighting endeavors," said V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer. "This new partner is really an old partner who has returned — the residents of this community who help us prove our cases in court."

Although a number of cases remain unsolved, the attorney general's office has not given up, Frazer explained.

"Unfortunately we still have a number of outstanding unsolved cases," said the attorney general. "We are working on those cases every day as we gather leads and pursue those leads. We will not rest until we find the perpetrators of those crimes and have them safely behind bars."

No Tolerance for Lawlessness

"We will not tolerate lawlessness in the Virgin Islands," Frazer continued. "We will tackle it every where it rears its ugly head."

For a variety of reasons, investigations can sometimes take a long time and the public should bear with the attorney general's office, added Frazer.

"We're working hard to solve unsolved cases," he said. "We cannot take rumors before a jury. Sometimes it takes a long time to investigate cases."

"We ask the public to bear with us and give us time with these unsolved cases," Frazer continued. "We are working every day as hard as we can."

Five murder cases have gone to jury this year already in the territory and all but one have resulted in first degree murder convictions thanks in large part to residents' testimonies, according to the attorney general.

Residents Integral to Solving Cases

"Residents are an important part of this process," said Frazer. "We've brought witnesses from distant places to come back and serve. Felony arrests have been significantly raised and felony convictions have gone up as well."

"Justice is what we are pursuing," he added.

The community can expect some previously dismissed cases to reappear in the public eye next month, explained Frazer.

"We are looking at some older cases that were dismissed without prejudice," he said. "You will hear announcements in the future about old cases we will be recharging and taking back to court. The community will know that we serve on their behalf."

High-profile Cases Coming Up

"The month of May will be an active month in terms of high-profile cases that will be coming up," Frazer added, but declined to comment on specific cases.

Recent successful arrests and convictions are helping to restore public faith in the territory's criminal justice system, according to Frazer.

"We've made tremendous headway and great inroads in restoring public confidence in the criminal justice system," said the attorney general. "We want to ensure the public this administration is working very hard to keep a handle on crime. Where we have been able to make arrests, we have made arrests."

"When we haven't made arrests, believe you me, we are working very hard on that," Frazer said.

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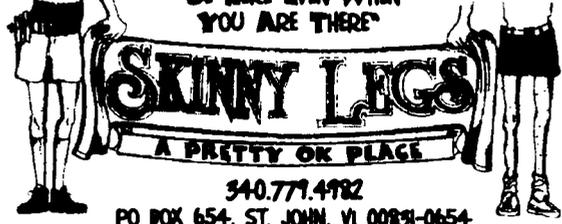



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(Left to right) Athena Swartley, Anthony Forlini, GBS Principal Dionne Wells, Sandi Forlini and Christopher Forlini in the school's cafeteria.

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New Jersey Family Donates \$10,000 To GBS for New Cafetorium Project

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

New Jersey residents Anthony and Sandi Forlini put their money where their mouths are on Wednesday afternoon, April 9, donating \$10,000 to the Guy Benjamin School.

The couple, who have been visiting St. John since 1998 and purchased land in Chocolate Hole in 2001, hopes their donation helps the small Coral Bay elementary school get closer to securing a new cafeteria and auditorium on campus.

They were inspired to give to the school after reading about the need for the facility and the lack of funds in the *St. John Tradewinds*, explained Anthony Forlini.

"We read an article in the *Tradewinds* about the kids not having a cafeteria out here," Forlini said. "We didn't understand how the government could lose federal funds because they weren't spent."

GBS has long been in need of a cafeteria which could also function as an auditorium and meeting space for the entire Coral Bay community. A federal Community Development Block Grant of \$325,000 was secured back in 2000 for the project.

After years of talk and no action, however, the funds were re-programmed to a different organization in order to be used instead of reverting back to the federal govern-

ment. Numerous obstacles contributed to the delay, chief among them being the former Department of Education commissioner's refusal to sign off on the project.

Eight years later, and with a new DOE commissioner in place, GBS officials hope to get back on track with the cafeteria project and the Forlinis hope their donation will help.

"We have concerns that the system here should be working on behalf of the kids instead of bringing tears to peoples' eyes," Forlini said. "Why is the government giving grant money back. We hope to push the officials a little to fix the system and get funds to the necessary locations."

"They seem to have an implementation plan, but then things never get implemented," continued Forlini.

While the sale of the Forlinis' Chocolate Hole land put the couple in the position to give back to the community, they also want to help St. John live up to its name.

Walk the Walk

"It's important to always give back to the community," said Forlini. "Everyone says this island is Love City. Everyone can talk the talk, but I don't see much walking."

"Everyone wants to do things for the kids, but there is no final push," he continued. "That's why we're giving this donation, to try to give a little push to get things

done."

As the GBS student body continues to grow, the need for a cafetorium is greater than ever, explained the school's principal.

"On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to thank the Forlinis for their donation," said GBS principal Dionne Wells. "As the population at GBS continues to grow, we have a definite need for an interior cafeteria/auditorium."

"We've been going through this process since 2000 and it's time to get the ball rolling," Wells continued. "It's ridiculous that we lost the grant because we couldn't get the previous commissioner to sign off on it. It's not fair to the students or the faculty."

With LaVerne Terry now at the helm of the DOE, and public support like the Forlinis, the GBS cafetorium project has new life, according to Wells.

"This is a good start," she said. "Hopefully the new commissioner would agree to get the project moving and we'll get somewhere on this."

Although the Forlinis sold their Chocolate Hole property, the family has no plans to stop visiting St. John — they recently purchased property in Francis Bay and will soon start construction.

The New Jersey couple hopes to set an example for other island landowners.

"We hope to inspire others to give too," said Forlini.

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Antilles Takes Title at Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Antilles School's win at the 12th annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament April 4-6 was a fitting tribute to the tournament's namesake — it was her alma mater.

Approximately \$20,000 was raised at this year's tournament, which is hosted annually by Ruby Rutnik's parents, artist Janet Cook-Rutnik and former Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Andy Rutnik, in conjunction with their daughter's birthday, April 9. Ruby would have been 33 years old this year.

The money raised goes toward an endowment which supports the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund. The fund awards a two-year scholarship to a St. John girl attending college in the amount of \$2,500 per year and a \$2,500 one-year scholarship to a qualified applicant from the tournament's winning team.

This year, for the first time, a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student attending Ruby Rutnik's other alma mater, the former Pine Peace School, now the Giffit Hill School.

Since the first tournament in 1997, the endowment has awarded \$74,000 in scholarships to 24 girls. Although less money was raised at this year's tournament than in the past, the softball action provided for an exciting weekend, explained Cook-Rutnik.

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"It seems money was tight this year, but the tournament was very exciting," she said. "We had six teams this year, which was really a lot."

The action continued through Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m., and teams from each of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Tortola participated in this year's tournament, which was greeted by perfect weather and enthusiastic supporters.

"We had fabulous weather, which was a real blessing," said Cook-Rutnik. "Each year it's different, but it's always a great event."

The weekend brought several touching stories of residents' memories of Ruby Rutnik and the tournament, said Cook-Rutnik.

"There's a fellow who comes over from St. Thomas every single year to give his \$100 for an inning," she said. "Ruby gave him a ride once when he was hitchhiking in Fish Bay, and he's come to the tournament every single year to buy an inning. Also, I'm seeing girls playing in the tournament who are children of kids who went to school with Amos (Ruby's brother)."

The girl who threw out the first pitch at this year's tournament was inspired to play softball when she attended the first annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Tournament, Cook-Rutnik continued.

"She was here as a little girl," she said. "Her mother called and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Softball tournament action kept fans on the edge of their seats all weekend.

told us she was so inspired that she wanted to go on and be in the tournament someday."

Modest, Smart, Sweet and Fun

Cook-Rutnik recalls her daughter as a "special girl." To this day, she still enjoys hearing stories

about Ruby, who died during her senior year at American University in a car crash just two weeks before she was scheduled to come home for Christmas in 1996.

"We still have people coming up and telling us wonderful stories

about how well remembered she is," said Cook-Rutnik. "She was a windmill pitcher in high school at Antilles, and she was just really good. When all the bases were loaded and she was under pressure, that was when she'd really shine."

"She was very modest and very smart, and she was sweet and fun," Cook-Rutnik added.

The local artist is thrilled by the support of the community.

"The tournament is a great event," said Cook-Rutnik. "We feel the community has given us this gift because everything we've been able to give was given to us by the St. John and Virgin Islands community. It's a wonderful and special thing to see Ruby's name all over the place, and her face on the t-shirts."

Cook-Rutnik thanked *St. John Tradewinds* for coverage of the event, and Starfish Market, which is one of the tournament's biggest donors. She also thanked the Love City Pan Dragons, who ran the concession stand at the tournament, with proceeds going toward the youth steel orchestra.

Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament Results

Friday, April 4

Tortola 8 Antilles 2

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School 18 St. John 5
St. Thomas All Stars vs. Tortola — All Stars won by forfeit
St. Croix's Central High School 18 St. John 2

Saturday, April 5

Tortola 10 St. John 8
Antilles 16 Central High 4
Eudora Kean 15 All Stars 11
Central High 11 Eudora Kean 5
St. John 12 Antilles 11
All Stars 4 Central High 3
All Stars 15 St. John 2
Antilles 11 Eudora Kean 5

Sunday, April 6

Central High 12 Tortola 8
Antilles 10 All Stars 8
Antilles 8 All Stars 3

VIWMA ISSUES WASTE HAULERS PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The VI Waste Management Authority advises solid waste and septic haulers of impending permit expiration, **April 30, 2008**. Application packets can be picked up from the VI Waste Management Authority's Division of Compliance Management and Environmental Enforcement, at the following locations:

St. Croix - #941-946 Estate Williams Delight, Frederiksted;
St. Thomas - #8244 Subbase (Department of Public Works); and
St. John - #6506 Susannaberg (Department of Public Works).

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An appointment will be given for vehicle inspections after review of the permit application. Vehicles must successfully pass an inspection, the following shall be assessed: *hydraulics system, vehicles' body and dump box, lights and tools (Tarpaulin, Rake/Shovel/Broom, and Scones/Reflector Lights).*

VIWMA Representatives will be on St. John on April 17th and 18th, between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to process applications.

Please make money orders or certified checks payable to VIWMA.

For more information and associated fees, please contact the Division of Compliance Management and Environmental Enforcement at 712-4956, St Croix, and 776-4844 ext 292, St. Thomas.



Effective May 19th, citations will be issued to waste haulers without a valid permit. All waste haulers' vehicles shall display a VIWMA 2008 decal to access to the landfills and/or wastewater treatment facilities.

Report Cards To Be Distributed

St. John Tradewinds

Third marking period report cards distribution has begun in the St. Thomas-St. John district. Distribution at Charlotte Amalie High School is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, from 1 to 3:10 p.m. Report cards will be distributed at Guy Benjamin School on Tuesday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Julius E. Sprauve School will distribute report cards at its PTA meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Cruz Bay Plant Sale April 19

St. John Tradewinds

The Green Sanctuary Committee will host a plant sale in Frank Powell Park Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The committee has many homegrown varieties at great prices. The event is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John.

Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship Available

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Water and Power Authority's Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship will provide up to \$60,000 of financial support for a bachelor's degree to graduating high school seniors in the territory, or to University of the Virgin Islands freshmen or sophomores who are presently enrolled, or plan to enroll, in the 3-2 Engineering Program (electrical engineering).

Students must be U.S. citizens or residents with no criminal record. The scholarship also provides \$20,000 for associate's degrees in electrical engineering technology, electronics engineering or a related field.

The application is available at www.vi.wapa.vi. Select the Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship link under "Welcome." The application may be filled out online, and should be submitted by April 15. Applications are being accepted at WAPA's business office in Cruz Bay, or can be mailed to V.I. Water and Power Authority, Personnel Department, PO Box 1450, St. Thomas, VI 00804.

SJSA Raffle Drawing Set for May 16

St. John Tradewinds

Instead of hosting a major fundraiser this year, the St. John School of the Arts will have a raffle drawing at its student music recital on Friday, May 16, at the art school.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any SJSA student. Residents do not have to be present to win.

Clafin Launches New Island Non-profit Kids First!

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A St. John villa owner recently formed a new non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the island's children.

Kids First! was founded by Estate Catherineberg home owner Bruce Clafin who has made his own headlines recently penning several Letters to the Editor in *St. John Tradewinds* opposing the push for an island educational facility on National Park Service-controlled land also located in Estate Catherineberg.

The latest island non-profit organization, however, is not an instrument to steer the location of a new school, according to Clafin.

"Our view is quite simply if it ends up the best place to build a school on this island is park land, we'll support that," Clafin said. "We're not predicating our involvement on buying alternative land for a school."

Discussion about the need to relocate the Julius E. Sprauve School out of Cruz Bay has been circulating for years. There has been momentum recently, however, for the V.I. government to enter into a long-term lease with the National Park Service for land in Estate Catherineberg exclusively for a new educational facility.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen drafted legislation for the lease which has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill has not yet been heard by the U.S. Senate.

Don't "Hold Kids' Futures Hostage"

Although explaining that Kids First! will be an advocacy organization working on behalf of the youth of the island, Clafin maintains that the community should not be solely devoted to the Estate Catherineberg property as the new school location.

"Right now we have the government of the Virgin Islands saying they don't want to swap land," said Clafin. "There is no bill for a lease in committee, let alone before the full senate. So we're at a stalemate."

"We shouldn't hold our kids' futures hostage based on land negotiations," Clafin continued. "It shouldn't take an act of congress to build a school. We will be an advocacy group to take this into our own hands

and determine where the school should be."

While Clafin explained that he has always wanted to get more involved with the island's issues, he was actually inspired to start Kids First! after meeting with members of the One Campus organization which is committed to securing land for a new school facility on St. John.

"I've always wanted to get more active and involved in the island in a meaningful way, but I didn't know where to start," said Clafin. "I met with representatives of the One Campus group and I was hugely impressed with the zeal they had to do something positive on the island."

"While I had been writing letters, I felt that it was woefully inadequate and I wanted to do more," Clafin continued. "I approached a few friends and they were feeling the same way. We've been working for several weeks to determine our mission and how to be organized."

Board Members to Represent Island

Kids First! will register as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a board of directors comprised of about 10 people representing a cross section of the St. John community, explained the Catherineberg home owner.

Clafin will be the first president of the board of directors and, as all of the board members, will be an unpaid volunteer, he added.

Kids First! will work "to provide a quality education for the children of St. John in a safe and nurturing environment," according to the group's mission statement. "To that end, Kids First! intends to raise funds from private individuals, businesses and other interested parties and to engage with educational leaders and others in the community to determine how best to support the needs of our children."

Put simply, the group represents exactly what its name implies, Clafin explained.

"Our name says it all," he said. "It's all about the kids. It's not about money or about land."

"This is about what we do for the kids," Clafin said. "We're looking forward to getting started."

Kids First! has registered a URL and intends to create a Web site by next month. For more information contact Clafin at info@kidsfirststj.org.

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Renovations did not begin at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, above, on April 7 as projected by officials.

Library Renovations Miss Start Date Due to Real Estate Issues

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Long-awaited renovations to the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, which were scheduled to begin April 7, will have to wait just a little longer thanks to problems with the lease of a temporary home for the library during the approximate six months of renovations at the historic Cruz Bay building.

A lease was worked out for the long-vacant Simple Feast location in Palm Plaza, however the building's recent sale caused problems, according to Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums Assistant Director Donald Cole.

"We had a commitment from a real estate agent for the space over at Palm Plaza, but the day we were going to sign off on the lease, the agent told us that he'd received an offer to purchase the entire building," said Cole. "That just threw us back. We had to start from ground zero."

The library will now be moved into several storage containers on the library's property, one or two of which will remain open to the public. Negotiations with Storage on Site are currently underway, and the renovations are now slated to begin later this month.

Contractors Ready to Go

"We have to get the deal for the storage containers wrapped up and get approval from the Department of Property and Procurement," said Cole. "We're almost there."

Cole is confident that Property and Procurement will quickly approve the lease for the storage containers, he continued.

"We're confident it's going to go because it's just

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— Donald Cole, Assistant Director
DPNR's Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

a short-term lease," said Cole. "We've been assured by Property and Procurement Commissioner Lynn Millin-Maduro that exigency will be given to us."

Despite the project contractor Custom Builders' advertisements in the Virgin Islands Daily News for a project foreman, they are ready to begin work, Cole explained.

"They are ready to go," he said. "We've got the contract in place, but we are the ones who are keeping them from moving forward."

The renovations will include enclosing the historic building for air conditioning, painting and installing a generator. A second phase where a parking area will be constructed to the east of the library may also be completed during this time.

"It's been long and arduous, but we're going to get there," said Cole. "We're not going to leave the people of St. John without library services during the renovations."

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Frank Powell Park Renovations Hit Yet Another Bump in the Road

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The long-plagued renovations to the Frank Powell Park have hit yet another snag — some of the labor the V.I. Department of Public Works originally thought it was receiving for free will, in fact, draw from the project's funding, and additional funding for the project may now be necessary.

The discovery was made that the V.I. government will indeed be charged for labor by subcontractors of Carlson Construction, who is on board to do the renovations, after a recent meeting with Governor John deJongh, according to DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade.

"St. John Administrator Leona Smith, DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls and I met with Governor deJongh, and he had some questions he wanted us to answer in reference to what the total cost of the project would be, and whether the amount of money we have would cover that cost," said Wade. "We found that some of the items we thought were labor cost free were not necessarily labor cost free, so we are trying to get additional funding so we can complete the project. After reading a piece of correspondence, it was right there in front of us what the labor costs would be."



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The Frank Powell Park continues to deteriorate as it awaits renovations which have been in the works for years.

Services such as paving are extremely expensive, and Carlson's subcontractors are unable to donate the labor because of the cost, Wade explained. The basic components of the project can still be completed with the amount of funding already secured — a little more than \$150,000.

Senator at Large Carmen Wesselhoft plans to submit legislation for additional funding for the project, according to Wade. The project's total cost is projected at approximately \$300,000. The additional funds would help with the more expensive aspects of the project, such as making

the park handicap-accessible, explained Wade.

"We need to make the entire park handicap-accessible, which will drive the cost up," he said. "Most of the work we have to do is concrete work, and the price of concrete now is ridiculous."

"The lack of additional fund-

ing would stop us from taking the project to another level," Wade continued. "We can do the basic project with the funding we already have."

The plans also call for the construction of a sidewalk from Connections through the Frank Powell Park, and administrator Smith also hopes to incorporate the renovation of the nearby St. John Tourism office and park, she explained.

"I want Tourism to get involved also, because they need a good renovation," said Smith. "We're trying to do everything at once to be ready for the upcoming season. I've spoken to V.I. Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty, and she's interested."

The park renovation project is now scheduled to begin after St. John Festival, and Smith hopes to have it completed in time for the 2008-2009 tourist season.

Although Wade has ushered the project through several bumps in the road over the past few years, he remains optimistic about its eventual completion.

"After a while, you plan for the worst and hope for the best," said Wade. "You will meet with some obstacles, but we're going to make it. It may take a little longer, but we will get it done and most of all, we want to do it right."



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Simon's Bluzapalooza Military Tour Impresses Troops and Musicians

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although island producer Steve Simon has had some amazing times in his life, nothing compared to the experience he recently had touring military bases in the Middle East as part of the historic Bluzapalooza.

"It was the most inspiring musical experience of my life," said Simon, who returned home on April 10. "We performed for some of America's greatest heroes. Everywhere we went, we were greeted by thousands and thousands of young men and women in uniform in all the branches of service."

Bluzapalooza — the first blues concert to ever tour a war zone — was produced by Simon and John Hahn and presented by Armed Forces Entertainment. The show featured Bobby Rush, Janiva Magness, Billy Gibson and Tony Braunagel heading the All-Stars Blues Band.

The musicians shipped out on April 1 for the nine-day tour which found the blues legends playing three hour gigs in Kuwait City and several different bases in Iraq.

The soldiers enjoyed the shows just as much as the musicians, Simon explained.

"After the second day we were there, every time we walked into

a building, be it a mess hall or an office, everyone would stand up and applaud us," he said. "They usually don't see shows like we did. They'll see one band play for 45 minutes."

"We played for three hours non-stop every night and some days we did two shows," Simon continued. "We were able to make them forget where they were during each one of our shows."

While the soldiers were able to escape from their reality for a short time, a close call during the last show reminded the musicians about the soldiers' stark reality.

"On the last night in Iraq we were playing at a base in Baghdad called Victory and in the middle of the show the siren went off which is an indication of a rocket attack about to happen," said Simon. "They have sirens all over the base for their sophisticated electronic system which detects incoming mortars and rockets. You have about eight seconds from the time you hear the siren to seek cover."

"And believe me, within eight seconds we stopped the show and all the soldiers and musicians got to the nearest bunkers," Simon continued.

Only a few seconds later, the performers and audience heard just how close of a call the rocket attack was, Simon explained.

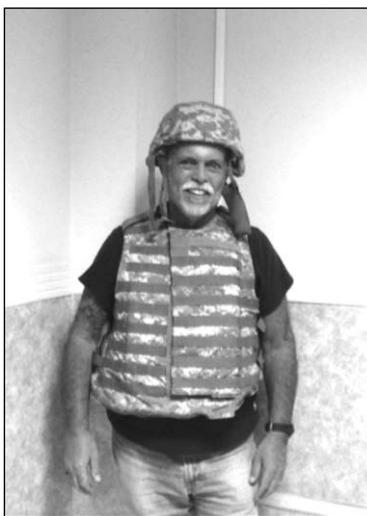


Photo Courtesy of Steve Simon

Steve Simon in helmet and vest during the tour.

"A few seconds later the ground shook with the explosion of the incoming rockets," he said. "It turned out they had targeted the base we were at and actually hit 200 yards from where we were in the bunker. It rattled your teeth — it was a very surreal experience."

"As the music gave the troops a break from their reality, this incident reminded us what their life is all about," Simon said. "That made our experience that much more real."

Bringing the blues to America's soldiers had "nothing to do with politics" according to the pro-

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— Steve Simon, St. John resident and music producer

ducer. "It wasn't about whether we should be there or not or why we went there. We toured there to give these kids a break and it was incredibly inspiring to all of us."

After spending time with the troops, Simon was more excited than ever to be American.

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The day after Simon returned, officials from the Armed Forces Entertainment contacted him immediately.

"I got a call this morning from Armed Forces Entertainment to let us know they've never gotten the kind of response from any show that they got from our show," said

Simon on Friday morning, April 11. "They congratulated us on doing a great job and said they've gotten tons of emails and faxes coming in since we were there saying the Armed Forces of the United States love the blues."

"Bluzapalooza is America's greatest artists saluting America's greatest troops," the producer added.

The experience is one no one on the Bluzapalooza tour will soon forget, according to Simon.

"We spent every day from 9 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. on different bases with the troops talking to them, signing autographs, taking pictures," he said. "The response we got from these troops just touched all of our hearts. If you were standing in front you couldn't see a dry eye on the stage."

Simon is putting together a second blues tour scheduled to head out in mid-October.

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VIPD Use Stun Gun To Subdue Man Attempting To Incite Riot

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

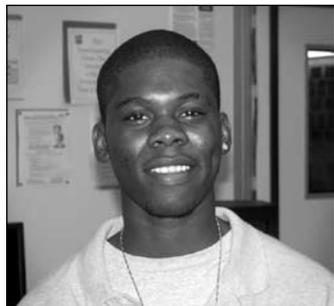
A V.I. Police Department officer deployed his department-issued taser to subdue a man who was attempting to incite a riot early Monday morning, March 31, at the Cruz Bay Creek following a boat party.

"The police responded to a call for police assistance, and the officer deployed the taser's drive stun application on an unnamed person who was stating his intentions of disarming the police officer," said V.I. Police Department spokesperson Melody Rames.

"The suspect was inciting the large crowd, declaring the crowd should rebel against the police because they stand for injustice. When the drive stun application was deployed, the crowd disassembled."

The officer used the drive stun application of the weapon — a secondary function of the taser which causes localized pain but doesn't affect the nervous system, and the victim did not require medical attention.

All VIPD officers carry tasers, and officers are required to file a report any time any of their weapons are used, according to Rames.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

Pros and Cons of Technology Today

St. John Tradewinds

The development of tools and gadgets in America is on the move. Every day there are new advancements and inventions which make life for Americans a bit easier and more entertaining. But, are these improvements always beneficial?

Like anything else, these advancements and inventions come with pros and cons, most noticeably with electronic devices. The electronic devices which play the biggest roles in student's lives are the computer, cell phone, television and MP3 player. All of these devices make life for students less complicated, more manageable, and a lot more enjoyable. Sometimes, however, they become a big problem. These devices can be extremely time-consuming and in many cases, students will not prioritize and will use these devices instead of completing their school work and chores. This can sometimes result in a drop in grade point averages.

The MP3 Player

Portable music devices have definitely evolved. First there was the battery-powered radio, then walkman and CD players. Now we have become even more advanced with MP3 players. There are not many cons to the MP3 player, but these sleek new music devices can sometimes be a pain. All kids end up wanting to do is listen to their MP3 players for hours and hours. This then takes away from necessary study time.

The TV

The television can sometimes be a friend and a foe. With it, students can wind down, watch the news, easily learn about life around the world, and with all the great educational programming it can sometimes even be considered a learning tool. On the other hand, television can make students lazy and with so many shocking TV shows on air, students may learn bad ethics and emulate inappropriate conduct from TV personalities. Studies also suggest that watching TV is bad for the brain, it lowers one's intelligence, and kids who watch less TV do better in school. Middle school

students who watch TV or play video games during the week do worse in school, but weekend viewing and gaming doesn't affect school performance much, according to the New York Post.

Cell Phones

What once started out as only a means of communication has now evolved into something far more impressive. People can watch TV on their cell phones, play video games, take pictures, listen to music, text message and there is GPS. Still everyday something new is being conjured up with the cell phone. The big problem is, once kids get to talking on their phones, they do not know when stop. If they are always on their phones, when will they do their homework and study?

The Computer

The computer is the most controversial of the electrical devices. With a computer and internet, students can type school work, do research, communicate with people all over the world, play educational games, and so much more. It is obvious that the computer has made life easier for everyone. Nevertheless, the computer has become addictive for many. Some kids cannot go a day without MySpace, Hi5, Facebook, MSN Messenger, etc. Many students spend an average of two to three hours on the computer daily. Also, with the Internet, kids can easily be exposed to many things that they should not be witnesses to at all.

How to Cope

Luckily, making these devices more of a plus to society rather than a problem is actually quite easy. All a parent has to do is supervise what their kids are doing with these devices as well as manage the amount of time they spend using them every day. Students would still be able to use the devices, but in a monitored setting.

Just imagine if kids were not investing so much of their time into these devices. They would have more time to be active and they would probably have time to pick up a book and read.

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Paws for a Moment

Wagapalooza Soon Come

By **Bonny Corbeil**
St. John Tradewinds

Our eighth annual St. John Animal Care Center Wagapalooza event, the doggone, tail waggin' family and furry friends fun island-style dog show, is fast approaching!

It will be on Saturday, May 17, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay St. John. Roger W. Morgan, last year's fabulous emcee and this year's winner of the *Virgin Islands Daily News* Best of the V.I. Radio Personality, has generously offered his time to emcee once again this year. Thank you, Roger, for your constant support of community needs throughout all of our Virgin Islands!

Whether you register your dog in the show, or come for the fun, this is one event that you do not want to miss. This year's event has some added creativity and fun. The Waga committee has come up with a new way to judge our registered dogs in show with an island-made "Wagameter!" You, the audience, will be judging which dog wins the best of in specific areas of competition with your thunderous applause.

These fun areas of competition include: Best Trick, Best Lap Dog, Best Dancer, Best Spots, Best Old Timer, Best Puppy Love, Best Costume, Best Jumper, and Best Tail Wagger. Register your dog for only \$20 per category. Forms are available at the ACC, Connections or at www.wagapalooza.com.

Admission to the event is free. There will be live music, food, drinks and an opportunity to meet family and friends in a pooch-friendly party atmosphere. Let's celebrate the joy that our canine friends bring to our lives. Please bring your socially friendly pet on a leash and be sure to demonstrate responsible animal ownership with everyone who participates.

All proceeds go to the ACC for its work in helping abandoned, lost, hurt and needy animals on St. John.

We are also in need of volunteers to help out. Please contact the ACC at 774-1625 with your name and number if you can volunteer anytime throughout the day in a number of capacities.

Wagapalooza Art T-Shirt Contest

The ACC and Wagapalooza committee are once again calling all St. John students to use their creative drawing skills for a good cause. Are you a St. John school student who loves animals and drawing? The ACC needs your talents

to help us get the message to our community that we must learn to love and respect all animals.

There are two categories, junior (K-6) and senior (7-12). Your picture can include any island animals that you love. It should incorporate the message "Love and Respect All Animals." Artwork must be submitted to the ACC by Monday, May 5. Entries should be on a 8.5- by 11-inch sheet of paper, in a plastic sleeve for protection, and signed and dated with the name of your school on the back.

All pictures will be displayed at The Marketplace for one week during "Be Kind to Animals" week, May 4-10. The two winning pictures will be officially announced at this year's Wagapalooza fundraiser on Saturday, May 17. This is your chance to demonstrate you care about animals and that you can make a difference in helping them.

The two winners will be given a number of prizes including free t-shirts with your picture on it for family and friends and a letter of acknowledgement of your art being the winning piece, and your artwork professionally matted and framed for you by Frames of Mind Studio at The Lumberyard. Winners will also receive a gift certificate for pizza from Donkey Diner and a gift certificate from Kaleidoscope Video for 10 free movie rentals!

Your picture will also be taken with radio personality and emcee Morgan, and will be in the *St. John Tradewinds* newspaper! More importantly, your artwork will be acknowledged and will be instrumental in helping others in our community remember to be kind and respectful to animals. Call me at 693-5874 for more details or questions.

Christmas for The Animals 2007 Photos

St. John photographer Bob Schlesinger of Tropical Focus was very busy at our last ACC Christmas for the Animals fund raiser, "Arabian Nights," in January of this year, snapping photographs of guests and the incredible Kismet villa.

Schlesinger has generously offered to make his incredible photographs available for review and for purchase, with all profits going to our ACC! Go to www.pictage.com/419838. You may need to enter an event key to view these photos. If you have any questions e-mail Bob at bob@tropical-focus.com. My apologies for not getting your generous donation out sooner to the public, Bob. A special thank you from the animals for using your great talent to help them.



Citizens Encouraged To Apply for Passport, Beat Summer Rush

St. John Tradewinds

Lt. Gov. Greg Francis is encouraging citizens of the United States living in the territory and planning to travel overseas this year to begin the process of applying for a passport to beat the summer rush or any potential delay.

Francis, who oversees the Passport Office, reminds the public that a passport is required for international travelers to or from the United States and its territories.

"New laws that went into effect at the end of January already require travelers by air to present a valid passport or other approved document signifying proof of citizenship to enter the United States," Francis said. "From all indications, only valid passports, passport cards, alien registration cards, traveler program cards, Merchant Mariner Documents, or U.S. military identification cards will be ac-

cepted for re-entry at land and sea ports next year."

Francis also reminds citizens or residents traveling between the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the mainland that passports are not required and travelers will only need to present proof of identification such as a valid driver's license.

To apply for a passport, U.S. citizens will need a completed passport or passport renewal application, which is available at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or online at www.ltg.gov.vi; proof of citizenship; proof of identity; two 2x2 photos and associated fees. Additional requirements apply for children. The average time to process new passports is currently four to six weeks. For more information, please call the Passport Division within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor at 774-4024.

American Legion Co-ed Flag Football League Results

WEEK 3:

Raiders 24 Rams 19

Good short-game offense by the Raiders and terrific defense by the Rams was the order of the day. Aspen Moore tossed three TDs for the Raiders and the Rams' Justin Doran tossed three of his own. Safeties proved to be the determiner as the raiders prevailed. Miquan Wilkerson was on the receiving end of two of Doran's passes while Alexander Kellogg caught two for the Raiders. On Saturday, April 12, the Raiders went against the Packers in a 3:30 p.m. game while the Rams met the Broncos at 2:15 p.m. Check next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for results.

Broncos 32 Bengals 18

Kassahun Stapleton-Harris played a spectacular game as a receiver and led his team to a hard fought win. Jay William contributed with five TD passes for the game. The second half brought the Bengals within striking distance as Marquis Pilgrim passed for two TDs and three on the game. The Broncos finished the game with a Williams to Bradley Fessale combination to put it away. The Bengals met the Patriots Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. Check next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for results.

Packers 31 Patriots 0

Carson Wessinger tossed four TDs as the Packers used their speed and an unusual offensive attack. Using a short-yardage, delaying strategy they were able to lull the Patriots' defense and then use the long pass effectively. Bryan Morton and Careem Albert were on the receiving end of Wessinger's passes while receiving one of his own for scores.

Standings as of April 8

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Raiders	3-0	84	69
Packers	2-1	83	22
Broncos	2-1	80	65
Patriots	1-2	80	69
Bengals	1-2	52	97
Rams	0-3	57	114



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck

The National Park Service and the Rockefellers

St. John Tradewinds

I recently came across an interview with the first chief historian of the National Park Service, Verne E. Chatelain, in "The Public Historian," Vol 16, Winter 1994, No. 1. He and his staff were pioneers in the field of historic preservation and an important part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal Program to regenerate the economy during the Great Depression of the 1930s. These programs provided the opportunity in money and manpower to develop, protect, and interpret historic sites nationwide. They provided meaningful work for a full range of professions from academic scholars to building trades.

Even on St. John there was a Civilian Conservation Corps group, who were charged with developing and fixing roads at Calabash Boom as well as planting mahogany trees. The money and crews were also used for the December road cleaning and leveling. It was called Christmas work. On St. Thomas, Bluebeard's Castle was built as a WPA project, initially to provide government housing. Eventually it was used to house tourists and island roads were beautified with trees, both stately and flowering. Federal officials discovered that St. Thomas roads were too narrow for trees to be planted. They had to get permission from adjacent landowners to plant trees on their properties. The CCC records contain thank you notes to Messrs. Lockhart, Fairchild and Christiansen for their assistance.

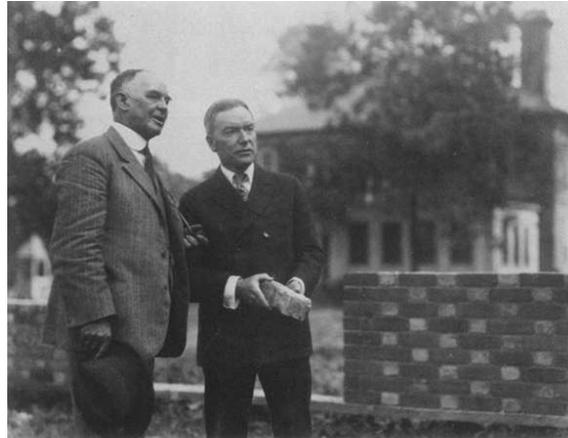
The often-cited paper on the feasibility of St. John as a park is a product of this program. Author Harold Hubler was the commander of St. John's CCC program.

"For CCC camps as well as PWA and WPA programs, this was the largest influx of historians in the history of the country working in the federal service, and certainly it was unprecedented in the history of the National Park Service," said Chatelain. "Something like 500 historians were appointed."

Although being new to the federal bureaucracy, he quickly learned how it worked. The eastern United States was loaded with historically significant sites which were spread out of innumerable political subdivisions. Also, the service had master plans based upon a thorough knowledge of the land, how people would use it and quantitative use factors supported by maps and written development outlines. This made for quick turnaround time.

"We began to see what we could do, for instance, the minute that the CCC camps were proposed," Chatelain recalled in the interviews. "We could put camps to work in the park areas. We knew what the parks needed — roads, trails, service buildings, museums, etc."

"And so the proposed projects were approved," Chatelain continued. "We often each day literally prepared for immediate action projects employing many men and costing thousands and even millions of dol-



Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin (left), who dreamed of restoring eighteenth-century Williamsburg, and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who made the dream a reality.

lars. We had PWA work and WPA activities in most of our park areas almost immediately."

"And each one of these programs, as they came on, called for administrative and technical personnel," he continued. "Nobody had thought in their wildest moments about appointing historians up to that time, but this was the way that we could appoint historians. Well, what we did was to get the program approved for particular historical areas, and then as a result of that we would justify the appointment of administrators or superintendents and various specialists and technicians, as well as commanders for the CCC camps."

"And we would also appoint personnel to consult with CCC administrators and to advise them on the proper development," Chatelain continued. "There's where the historians began to come into the program in large numbers."

Chatelain also soon realized that outside pressures had to be considered in his decision making.

"The spectacular Williamsburg program had commenced," Chatelain said. "Yorktown and Jamestown were to be annexed under federal auspices and made side shows, as it were, to the main attraction of the Rockefellers. They, incidentally, were old park service friends of Stephen Mather and Horace Albright and had been very much involved in western scenic areas, which they were then, and continued to be later, helping to acquire for the service."

"Jackson Hole and the Grand Teton are an excellent example of what I refer to, but they are only one of several great areas thus acquired with private Rockefeller financing," he continued. "In short, the Rockefeller enterprise at Williamsburg was one that would easily lead to a Colonial National Monument and it did."

"The Rockefellers an American Dynasty" by Peter Collier and David Horowitz published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, NY 1976 presents a definitive family history. The Rockefeller family's involvement with the National Park Service began when Laurance's

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of VINP

Volunteers pose for a photo.

NPS and Friends of VINP Thank Volunteers

St. John Tradewinds

VI. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove and Friends of VINP President Joe Kessler extended their heartfelt thanks last week to all volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to help make the park a great place to visit.

This past winter season, the park received quite a bit of help from some very dedicated volunteers. From November 30, 2007 to March 31, 2008, more than 400 individuals volunteered more than 2,000 hours of their time to assist the park directly by working at the Visitor Center or behind the scenes in the Visitor Center archives, and through Friends as an Annaberg Docent, office assistant, or as a volunteer for the Volunteer Trail Crew Program. Whatever the job, these volunteers worked collectively to help the VINP run more efficiently and to help protect and preserve the park's precious resources.

Highlights of this volunteer season are the achievements of the Friends' Volunteer Trail Crew, and Annaberg Docents Programs. Trail Crew volunteers donated more than 1,184 hours this season alone clearing vegetation from historic structures, removing debris from trails and coastlines, and reducing erosion on hiking trails, making them more user friendly. These volunteers, many of whom are visitors to St. John, worked to reclaim several of the park's culturally significant sites, which in recent years have been overtaken by fast growing brush. In addition, the groups conducted beach cleanups at Mennebeck Bay and the coastline from Annaberg to Brown Bay. Erosion work was also accomplished on the Lameshur Trail.

A constant source of pride for the Friends and the park is the Annaberg Docent Program, which continues to provide visitors to Annaberg Plantation ruins with an unforgettable glimpse at the earlier days of the plantations and St. John. These devoted volunteer guides share the story of this historical site and the VINP, while walking visitors through the process of producing rum and molasses. Annaberg Docents have been on site Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. since December, providing a wonderful consistency to this volunteer program.

Recently, Hardgrove, along with Friends Program Manager Kristen Maize and VINP Chief of Interpretation Paul Thomas, presented certificates to some of these volunteers at a reception in their honor. At that reception, Hardgrove thanked all in attendance, and stated that the park simply could not keep up with all the tasks required in order to properly maintain it without their contributions.

Both Hardgrove and Kessler would like to extend an open invitation to all who may be able to donate some of their expertise and time, and make a difference in keeping the VINP a high tourist destination. For more information on volunteering, please contact Thomas at 776-6201, ext. 252, or Maize at 779-4940.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

The Power of Youth

Dear Editor,

The St. John Youth Committee met with the Senate Committee on Housing, Sports and Veterans Affairs on April 3 to address the many problems affecting youth on St John. From poor to non-existent recreational facilities, to traffic conditions that pose a danger to students, the Youth Committee explained these pressing issues through thoughtful testimony and a video which was made expressly for government officials to see.

Far too often, we attend public hearings where demands are shouted and much rhetoric is passed from both sides. During this meeting, however, the Youth Committee members were able to persuade a major senate committee and the top brass at the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation — and earlier this year, the governor himself — that their concerns were, in fact very real. The extraordinary part of this story is that these Youth Committee members are just that — youth.

Using no shouting, no yelling and no pointing of fingers, these fine youngsters did what many residents felt could not be accomplished — they got what they asked for.

What a feeling of pride to see these fine youngsters face the power of government head on and not only push them to take action, but affect them emotionally and personally.

St. John has few recreational facilities. These facilities have been neglected by the government for many, many years. One testifier reminded the committee that things haven't change since he was a youth, some 30 years hence. Another testifier showed that family land sold to the Virgin Islands government in 1967 which was intended to be used for children's recreation, was never developed and remains dumped on and completely uncleared to this day.

Other testifiers showed just how dire the circumstances are on St. John for youth, but the youth themselves really affected the government officials present. They approached the issue using the system as it should be used. They worked within the system and, rather than sit back and complain, they dutifully addressed the problems at the highest levels of government. They were clear and concise with their remarks and they spoke from their hearts about their unabashed love for St. John.

What was more impressive is that most of these students will be soon leaving island to pursue college. The fact that they didn't do it for themselves speaks volumes about their dedication. They realized that the next generation would have to face the same problems and they wanted the buck to stop here. They succeeded with grace and determination.

Because of direct communication with government, commitments were made by HPR that programs were in place. They stated that most funding was, or will be, in place and that work would begin soon. The senators insisted they follow up with their promises and prodded them constantly on commitment. In the end, the issues the youth presented were addressed and work will begin soon as fields will be spruced up, the basketball court modernized, fences repaired and our only indoor recreational building revamped. Plans will start on a new recreational facility for Coral Bay. All these issues were part of the objectives the youth set for themselves and all were accomplished.

The people of St. John should be proud and are indeed fortunate to have such intelligent and loving children of the island. Their determination should be a lesson for all Virgin Islanders — that sometimes the system will work if you fight the good fight. These children fought, and won!

Paul Devine

Please Think About the Children

Dear Editor,

I am a concerned parent of a student at the Guy Benjamin School on St. John. What the Department of Education is doing to the children of this school is beyond comprehension.

The school year started with a reading coach. The goal of the reading coach was to get all the children at the school at their reading level or above. My son was a good reader but now he above his reading level. That is excellent for my son, but there are many more kids at the school who are not reading at level.

The problem is the reading coach is no longer employed at the school and the reason is one that doesn't make sense. The Department of Education is refusing to give her a NOPA. The department started the confusion with this employee and now it appears that

because of some bruised egos within the department this specific teacher can't or won't be hired by the department.

My question is to the higher ups in education: What about the children who are caught up in this unnecessary mess? Why are the children not first on your agenda? Aren't the children the top reason for all of you as educators? Governor deJongh, I thought education was on the top of your priority list? I am pleading with the governor, if you have the power to pardon a criminal then please use that same power and rehire Guy Benjamin School's reading coach. Do it for the children and the future of the Virgin Islands. Remember, the children are our future.

Lois Simmons,

Parent of Guy Benjamin School Student

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Dalmida-Thompson Addresses Moorehead's Accusations

Dear Editor,

My name is Barbara Dalmida-Thompson. I am the manager of office and operations at the St. John Administrator's office and I am the vice president of the Coral Bay Community Council. I am writing to clear up the misunderstanding regarding the presentation of "the truth surrounding transfer day."

I am amazed how a simple phone call to Mr. Shelley Moorehead to inquire about a flyer that is intended to be thought-provoking can be turned into an issue of opposition. It seems to me that there was, and obviously still is, a hidden agenda behind the so-called truth. If an organization called to voice their interest, it's their constitutional right to do so. If concerned citizens think this behavior was the past and don't think that people behave this way any more, it's still their right to voice it. Individuals should not be penalized or ostracized because of it. After all, Mr. Shelley Moorehead is doing the same thing, exercising his constitutional right.

Administrator Smith and I spoke with Mr. Moorehead and company that Sunday evening regarding some comments he made from the podium and he said he would follow up on his sources and if it was misrepresented, he would retract the statements he made on air.

We have since tried three times to reach him to no avail. It seems there are unresolved issues with Governor deJongh and this venue is being used to moti-

vate the public to become involved. We spoke with Mr. Mario Francis, and in speaking he referred to Shelley as a female, so we knew that he did not have any contact with Mr. Moorehead because he did not know his gender. The only contact he had with this organization was through Ms. Kim Lyons, organizer of this presentation.

We are still waiting on Mr. Moorehead to retract his statements regarding the governor's so-called attempt to cancel this forum and the implications that Mr. Mario Francis could be fired for disobeying a direct order. This is simply not true. The only calls to Mr. Francis came from this office and it was to inquire what the flyer was about. No call came from Government House. The administrator or myself did not threaten this function in no way, form, or fashion. The fact that we were present states so. I myself had a sincere interest in knowing the truth and I apparently missed that presentation, because there was too much propaganda to digest.

I challenge Mr. Moorehead to stick to the real issues and stop manipulating the facts. In his own words according to the April 7-13, 2008, issue of St. John Tradewinds, "Our movement is not based in hatred, racism or revenge. We have taken a very balanced view of this."

So have the people of St. John.

Barbara Dalmida-Thompson,
Concerned citizen

Property Evaluation Equality

Dear Editor,

In spite of the many hearings and discussions by various branches of the government there has not been any serious review of the important issues relative to real estate taxes and the effects on V.I. residents.

1. The average residential property on St. John is valued at approximately twice the equivalent property on St. Thomas and three to four times the evaluation on St. Croix.

2. The evaluation was done at the very peak of market value of real estate on St. John and actual market values have dropped considerably since then. Property values on St. Thomas (including Water Island) have not dropped nearly as much and property values on St. Croix have not gone down and may in fact be still rising.

3. The island of St. John receives far less return for tax dollar contributed to the V.I. government in jobs, services (such as education, recreation, medical facilities, etc.) and capitol improvements than either St. Thomas or St. Croix.

This can create a situation where St. John residents are in a position of paying two to four times as much taxes for an equivalent home compared to other resi-

dents of the Virgin Islands and at the same time receiving far less in return per dollar paid in taxes.

Because of the lack of infrastructure, St. John is far more expensive to live on than either St. Thomas or St. Croix and the territory's government has never taken any positive action to address this problem.

There are many ways to begin to eliminate the inequality of this situation. One way would be to include in the real estate tax system a substantial tax credit for residents, such as 50 percent reduction in evaluation for residents. This combined with a factor to balance the average evaluation of each island such as a multiplier of 1.0 for St. Croix, 0.5 for St. Thomas and 0.3 for St. John would create a real estate tax system that is fair and equitable to all residents of the Virgin Islands.

To address the problem of unequal services provided by the government it is not difficult to determine the percentage of real estate tax dollars paid by each island. An equivalent percentage of government money spent on jobs, services and capitol improvements should be allocated for each island.

Greg Miller,
St. Thomas

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

Editor's Note: 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 Cruz Bay station, reports and arrests on St. John.

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 71
Under Investigation: 72
Solved: 1

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

2008 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
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2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
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Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 15
Under Investigation: 15
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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Burning Ban in Effect on Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Due to the extremely dry vegetation that currently exists on St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, the V.I. Fire Service is placing a ban on burning brush. Effective Thursday, April 10, no burning permits will be issued for St. Thomas, St. John or Water Island.

Persons with valid burning permits who are affected by the ban can bring their permit to the V.I. Fire Service administrative office at the Cruz Bay fire station for credited time once the ban has been lifted.

Conditions will continue to be monitored and the status will be adjusted accordingly. This ban will remain in effect until further notice. For more information, call 776-6333.

Sprauve Library Awarded NEH We the People Bookshelf

St. John Tradewinds

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced that 3,000 public and school libraries, including the Elaine I. Sprauve Library on St. John, will receive a free collection of classic books for the fifth annual We the People Bookshelf.

Libraries across the nation will each receive 17 hardcover books for young readers related to this year's "Created Equal" theme, inspired by the 2009 bicentennial year of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The bookshelf includes Spanish translations to accompany four of the selected titles.

"The We the People Bookshelf introduces young readers to important literature and promotes the understanding of vital ideas in our nation's history," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "Through the power of these stories millions of young readers will have the opportunity to examine the central tenet of our American identity: that all human beings 'are created equal.'"

The bookshelf is awarded through the NEH We the People program, which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

One of the aims of the bookshelf is to bring additional educational resources to the nation's schools and to local communities. First awarded in 2003 to 1,000 libraries, the We the People Bookshelf has achieved significant growth in the past five years as the NEH has increased the number of book sets available annually and encouraged larger numbers of libraries to apply.

The We the People Bookshelf on "Created Equal" contains the following books:

Grades K-3: *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen; *The Gettysburg Address* by Abraham Lincoln, illustrated by Michael McCurdy; and *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco (also in Spanish translation by Alejandra Lopez Varela).

Grades 4-6: *Saturnalia* by Paul Fleischman; *Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence* by Russell Freedman; *Lincoln: A Photobiography* also by Russell Freedman; *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton; and *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson (also in Spanish translation by Rosa Benavides).

Grades 7-8: *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis; *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman; *Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters* ed. by Harold Holzer; and *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jiménez (also in Spanish translation).

Grades 9-12: *Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution* by Natalie S. Bober; *That All People May Be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth* by Nez Perce Chief Joseph; *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes (also in Spanish translation by Paz Barroso); *Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography* by William Lee Miller; and *Amistad: A Novel* by David Pesci.

In addition, each library receiving the "Created Equal" Bookshelf will receive a bonus "History in a Box" resource kit on Abraham Lincoln created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and supplementary programming materials, including bookplates, bookmarks, and posters.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Visitor Commends Chabot's Volunteer Efforts

Dear Editor,

The people of St. John, the trail walkers, and the National Park Service have a very real asset in Jeff Chabot. Thanks to recent articles in *St. John Tradewinds*, we learned of his organized efforts to clear ruins, beaches, cemeteries and trails on island. Our family group of four joined him on March 27 to help clear the view near Annaberg School. It was a strenuous three hours, especially for those of us who

admit to being seniors, but it was very rewarding. The total work party of about 15 was supplied with gloves, loppers, saws, and water.

Jeff does this at least twice a week and seems tireless. His regular on-island volunteers form the nucleus for this dedicated bunch. Please keep up this work. We don't know if the NPS appreciates their blood and sweat, but it should.

Jim Golden

PC User Enjoyed Mac Article

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to say that I enjoyed your article on Macs. I went to the Tyler School of Art and the first day of graphics design class in 1996, if I recall correctly, we threw out all the Macs and replaced them with PCs. As a designer, I have lots of conversations

about this subject because I'm the only one I know who does everything on a PC. I'm just waiting for someone to start making beautifully designed PCs. There's no PC that beats Apple in the appearance category.

Mark Simkiss

The Wonder of St. John

The wonder of St. John?
It's more than just the park
And more than clean air
Both morning and after dark.

It's more than the ocean
In multi-colors of blue
Or reefs with beautiful angel fish
That pause to pose for you.

No, the wonder of St. John
Is the beauty of all who live here
Who smile and greet each one of us
When we return each year.

If the ruins of the sugar mills
Could only their stories proclaim
We'd all know much better
From whence these dear friends came.

The long history of St. John
Rich with tales of pain and joy
But heaven is claiming the story-tellers
Like Miss Alma and Uncle Roy.

We need to carefully listen
Hear their many stories true
To continue the wonder
Of St. John, refreshed and new.

— Muse of Reef Bay

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Part-time Resident Campbell Included in Upcoming Editions of "Who's Who"

St. John Tradewinds

Marquis Who's Who is pleased to announce that its 110th anniversary special edition of "Who's Who in America" will include the biography of teacher, author and editor Dr. Elaine Campbell. Campbell, who lives in St. John and Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Campbell is a retired university teacher and the author of numerous articles published in scholarly journals around the world.

The forthcoming edition "will feature the career histories and credentials of the country's most accomplished and influential individuals," according to Who's Who's Managing Editor Karen Chassie.

In addition, Campbell's biography will again be featured in the forthcoming 26th edition of "Who's Who in the World," to be



Dr. Elaine Campbell

published in November.

"This exciting 2009 edition will chronicle the lives of global leaders in every significant field of endeavor from over 215 nations and territories," said Chassie.

Campbell has been an honoree

of "Who's Who in American Education;" is a member of Pi Lambda Theta, the U.S. education honorary fraternity; and has been included in Britain's World's "Who's Who of Women." She has also been included in "Who's Who of American Women" since 1982.

ACC Board Member

On St. John, Campbell is a member of the board of directors of the Animal Care Center. She is married to John Bruce Campbell. Their daughters are Jennifer Campbell Vesey, Dr. Rebecca Campbell and Dr. Sabrina Campbell.

Since retiring from university teaching, Campbell has served as a lecturer aboard Celebrity, Crystal, Silver Sea and Seabourn cruiselines. She currently lectures aboard selected Cunard sailings.

Grant Solicitation for Reduction of Harmful Diesel Pollution Program Has Begun

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen is pleased to announce that the Environmental Protection Agency has begun soliciting for the 2008 Northeast Diesel Collaborative program to reduce harmful diesel pollution.

The EPA is accepting proposals for funding from regional, state, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Proposals will also be accepted from nonprofit organizations or institutions which represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or that have as their principal purpose, the promotion of

transportation or air quality. School districts, municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations, cities and counties are eligible provided that they fall within the definition above.

The deadline for application is June 12. The EPA will host two question and answer sessions via teleconference on April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon, and on May 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., to answer questions and provide additional information about this funding competition. The call-in number for both sessions is 1-866-299-3188, enter conference code 212 637 3745#.

For additional information please visit the EPA Web site at www.northeastdiesel.org.

5th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim Set for May 25

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host the fifth annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim on Sunday, May 25, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open.

But first, residents can start by practicing strokes, kicks and breathing techniques at the first training swim on April 20 at 8 a.m. at the north end of Maho Bay beach. This first practice swim will start at Maho and finish at Cinnamon Bay beach. There will be kayaks monitoring the course as swimmers make their way around America Point to Cinnamon Bay beach, which is approximately one mile in distance. There is no fee for this event, and the Friends encourage all to participate in this group swim.

The Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is four simultaneous events:

- A short course (approximately one mile) solo swim from Maho Bay to Cinnamon Bay
- An intermediate course (approximately 2.25 miles) solo swim from Maho Bay to Trunk Bay beach
- A long course (approximately 3.5 miles) solo swim from Maho Bay to Hawksnest Beach
- A long course (approximately 3.5 miles) three-person relay team swim from Maho Bay to Hawksnest Beach, with transition points at Cinnamon and Trunk beaches.

Awards will be given in age groups, and to cap off the event, the awards ceremony will be hosted

along with a beach barbecue at Oppenheimer Beach.

The Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is for both competitive swimmers and relatively serious recreational swimmers. To make it as accessible and fun for as many participants as possible, swimmers may compete using snorkels, fins, exposure suits, etc. in a separate "assisted-swimmer" category.

The Power Swim will be in V.I. National Park waters.

"This event has become part of the list of challenging sporting events in the Virgin Islands and features the incredible waters and beaches of Virgin Islands National Park, two very special attributes of the park," said Power Swim race director and Friends Executive Director Joe Kessler.

Advance registration through May 9 is \$30. General registration, May 10-23, is \$40, and late registration, available only at the pre race meeting on May 24, is \$50. The registration fee for youth age 17 and under is \$15 through May 23, and \$25 on May 24. It pays to register early.

Swimmers can register online at www.friendsvinp.org/swim, by phone at 779-4940, or in person at the Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction as well as other locations.

For complete information about the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, including the course description, course maps, competition rules, and to register visit www.friendsvinp.org/swim or call 779-4940.

Starfish Market Seeking Fresh Ideas

St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market has been making changes to their product offering in order to better satisfy the unique needs of St. John residents.

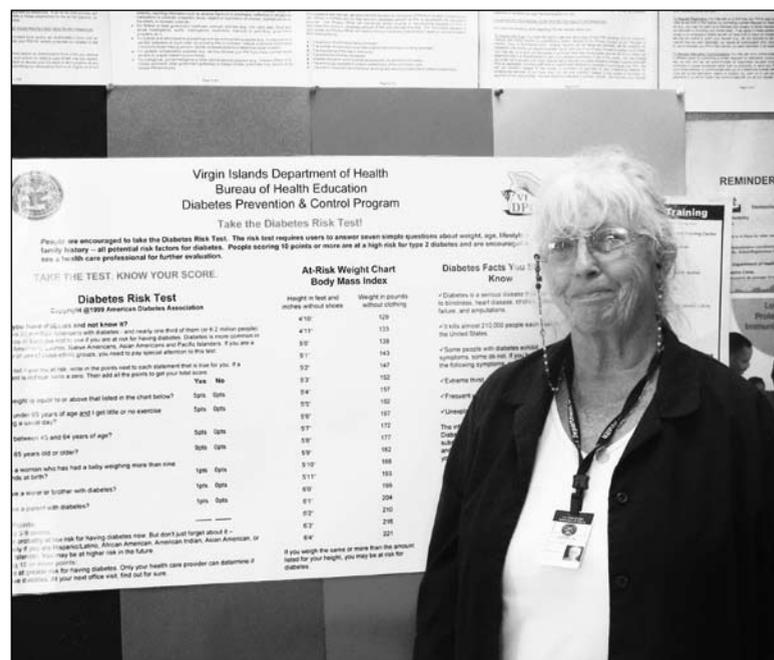
One exciting addition is the introduction of in-store product sampling. Store Manager Nedra Ephraim launched the program Wednesday, April 9, with the introduction of four new frozen vegetarian entrees by Absolute Vegetarian. Representatives were on-site to offer tasty samples to eager shoppers. Starfish Market will be promoting more sampling programs in the coming weeks.

In addition to in-store sampling, Starfish Market recently began promoting weekly specials, offering more organic produce and vegetarian meals and has extended the Hot Deli's hours to include delicious dinner meals prepared by Executive Chef Ted Robinson. Future Starfish Market transformations will include an exciting new store design this fall.

Ephraim has been working with her staff on ways to develop the store and improve service to the community. Starfish Market recently commissioned a research study to better understand customer needs and Ephraim encourages shoppers to use the suggestion box located at the service desk or talk to her in-person.

For more information, please contact Nedra Ephraim, Starfish Manager, at 779-4949.

National Public Health Week



Judith Plair, the island's immunization coordinator, shows off a diabetes prevention exhibit at the Morris F. deCastro Clinic on Tuesday afternoon, April 8. Exhibitions were on display every day last week at the Cruz Bay clinic as part of the territory's celebration of National Public Health Week which this year was based around, "Climate Change: Our Health in Balance."

New Centerline Street Lights



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Driving between Coral Bay and Cruz Bay after the sun has set is now a little easier thanks to the installation of three new street lights on Centerline Road, including this one at the Cinnamon Bay trail head. St. John Administrator Leona Smith commended the V.I. Water and Power Authority last week on the new street lights.

"They're going to be putting up more street lights," said Smith. "People will see more light on the road to Coral Bay. It's finally come to fruition."

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Red Hook Family Practice Offering Free Skin Cancer Screenings

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The year-round sunshine is part of what makes living in the Virgin Islands so enjoyable, but it's also quite dangerous, as direct exposure to the sun can be a risk factor in developing skin cancer. Residents can find out just how at risk they are and determine whether they are actually on the road to developing melanoma thanks to Red Hook Family Practice's free skin cancer screening April 15 through June 1.

The practice offers the free screenings twice yearly in an effort to both educate the public on how to monitor themselves, and to catch early melanoma, which is 100 percent curable if caught early enough, explained Red Hook Family Practice Medical Director Dr. James Clayton.

"It's a good service because it allows us to both teach people how to identify which skin lesions are of concern and which ones are not," said Clayton. "Every year we're lucky enough to identify several early melanomas or pre-melanoma lesions, which if not caught could cause significant trouble. Being able to do a simple screening and saving a couple of people's lives every year in and of itself is very gratifying."

Everyone Is At Risk

Most patients will not walk away with a fatal, or even serious, diagnosis. The majority of people who take advantage of the free skin cancer screening have varying degrees of solar radiation damage. Catching melanoma early can help patients avoid disfiguring

surgery and even death, Clayton explained.

"When precancerous skin lesions get more aggressive or larger, they can be disfiguring if they require specialized types of surgery," he said. "Melanoma, when caught early, is 100 percent curable. If caught later, it's almost always fatal."

While other problems such as high blood pressure and diabetes are prevalent on St. John, Clayton felt it was important to share his expertise when it comes to cancer screening, the medical director explained.

"I think blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings are very valuable tools, and many community organizations do those as well as employers, but there are very little people with cancer screening expertise who are willing to do that," said Clayton. "It's something I've been doing for a lot of years, and it's very gratifying to be able to actually see the results of the skin screening: saving a few people's lives by catching early melanoma."

Although those with darker skin may think they're safe from melanoma, everyone on St. John is actually at risk for developing skin cancer, Clayton added.

"Fair skinned people with blue eyes definitely have a lower tolerance for total accumulation of solar radiation and part of it is genetic, but anyone is at risk including dark-skinned and light-skinned people," he said. "Melanoma is not a function of skin type."

To make an appointment for a free skin cancer screening, call 775-2303. Red Hook Family Practice's St. John office is in the Boulon Center.

Bird on a Wire



Three parrots relax on a telephone wire high above Cruz Bay early Sunday morning, April 6. Three parrots were counted for the first time in this year's Christmas Bird Count on January 5, however it's believed more than three parrots currently inhabit Cruz Bay. The parrots' species has not yet been determined.

St. John Tradewinds News Photos by MaLinda Nelson

Constitution Should Include Safeguards Against System of High Property Taxes

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“This method of taxing is ‘grossly’ unfair, it raises the cost of goods and services on every citizen, and it must be abolished.”

“Only constitutional language can cause the statutes which created this unfair burden to be repealed,” continued Devine. “If taxes must be collected for goods and services then let it be done at the final point of sale — one time.”

If a sales tax was to be implemented, certain necessity items

could be exempt, Devine explained.

“An advantage we could not have with the gross receipts tax is the ability to exempt food and prescription drugs and possibly other basic products that all people need,” he said. “As it is now, all these products, and the labor it takes to provide them, are taxed through the gross receipts tax system several times.”

“Reducing taxes for those most in need is fairness,” Devine added.

VIPD Comm. Commends Community for Arrests, Illegal Gun Seizures

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the community, the commissioner explained.

“I am sincere about thanking the community for its support and active participation that has been exhibited in the last several months,” said McCall. “I know that Governor John deJongh is also sincere about reaching out to members of the community for their assistance.”

Along those lines, the St. John Community Integration Team is being revitalized, McCall added.

“This utilizes members of the community in both the public and private sector to assist us by mak-

ing recommendations and also bringing us information that we can use to make this a safer community,” he said.

McCall invited community members who feel the VIPD should reopen an investigation that has yet to be solved to call him at his office at 715-5524.

“We’ll be more than happy to take a look at that case again, as will Attorney General Vincent Frazer,” said McCall. “We can all get together and work some of these old investigations.”

McCall and Frazer did not answer questions regarding specific cases during the press conference.

The National Park Service and the Rockefellers

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father, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. bought his vacation home at Seal Harbor, Maine. He and his neighbors were concerned that Mount Desert Island would be adversely altered by tourists and traffic. He took the lead role in assembling 5,000 acres and gifted it to the federal government for the first national park in the eastern states; Acadia National Park was established in 1919.

In 1924 Junior and his wife Abby took their three oldest boys John III, Nelson, and Laurance west to visit Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. In 1926 Junior returned to Yellowstone with his three youngest sons, Winthrop, David, and Laurance. Please note that Laurance, the middle son, got to go on both trips. Who said middle children have it tough!

Superintendent Horace Albright showed them the Grand Teton

range and the Snake River winding through the Jackson Hole valley. Junior bought the entire valley and helped establish the 95,000 acre park called Grand Tetons in 1929. He also contributed more than \$2 million for Redwood National Park where he also encouraged Newton Drury, president of the Save-the-Redwoods League, to join the National Park Service. He gave money for Big Trees and the Great Smoky Mountains Parks. Park service administrators who helped with Junior’s projects soon found their careers accelerated into the high reaches of the Interior Department.

Thus by the mid 1930s, professionalism and public funds were in control in the park service and inspired powerful benefactors who created and guided conservation programs to fruition.

NEXT: Son Laurance inherits the conservation mantle.

What’s Epstein Up To?



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by MaLinda Nelson

While government officials are closely monitoring plans for development of several off-shore islands and cays, at least one appears to be already under development.

A wood frame structure on a stripped knoll and shoreline beach nourishment on the bay facing St. John appear on the eastern portion of Little St. James, above.



Little St. James owner Jeffrey Epstein’s residence is visible in the middle of the island overlooking the cut between Little St. James and Great St. James, and at least two trackhoes can be seen working on something above the home, above.



St. John Church Schedule & Directory

<p>3 Sail Church 10 Sunday Bellevue Community Center</p> <p>Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254</p> <p>Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard</p> <p>Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315</p> <p>Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays (no contact information given)</p> <p>Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8:00 a.m. 776-6731</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339</p> <p>St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays. 779-4477</p> <p>St. John Pentecostal Church Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230</p> <p>St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 am, 8:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332</p> <p>Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giff Hill School. Call 774-8617</p>
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Ferry Schedules

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Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Downtown
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Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds

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.

April 13-19

April 13-19 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and coordinated by the Office for Victims of Crime in Washington D.C. www.ovc.gov/ncvrw. The theme for this year's campaign is "Justice for Victims, Justice for all."

Tuesday, April 15

There will be a St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center in Cruz Bay. Chamber members, potential members and interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will end promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

On Wednesday, April 16, there will be a sexual harassment workshop at the Westin Resort, Coral Bay Room. The SJCCC in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Department of Labor presents: "Sexual Harassment in the Virgin Islands."

Friday, April 18

St. John School of the Arts will present Executive Monkeys, a comedy improvisation show, on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. This is the show's seventh year at the Arts School.

Saturday, April 19

There will be a Moonlight Fungi Fish Fry and Night of Storytelling on Saturday, April 19 at the Cruz Bay Basketball Court at 5:0 p.m. - until Sponsored by the The St. John Methodist Church.

Saturday, April 19

Come celebrate the 12th anniversary of the John's Folly Learning Institute on Saturday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the learning center. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen will be the guest speaker.

Saturday, April 19

The Green Sanctuary Committee will host a plant sale in Frank Powell Park Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The committee has many homegrown varieties at great prices.

Saturday, April 19

Residents are invited to the St. John Historical Society's potluck supper on Saturday, April 19, at the Bethany Moravian Church at 5 p.m. Come hear about the island's past from society historian Elroy Sprauve and a number of St. John elders and culture bearers, and learn of Virgin Islands Carnival traditions from professor Robert Nicholls. This is the society's final meeting of the season.

Sunday, May 25

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host the fifth annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim on Sunday, May 25, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open.

AA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your self-confidence helps you face a challenge unlike any you've ever encountered. Your natural honesty could create some problems, so be as tactful as you can.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Resist attempts to stampede you into a decision. Remember, you're in control. Later, share an evening of good music and good food with that special person.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Others might be stunned at a sudden change of heart. But you need to be true to yourself and face up to your real feelings. A friend offers support.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel drained of energy by an eruption of negativism from several sources. Fight back by ignoring the naysayers and focusing on your goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Moderation is this week's watchword for the Big Cat. Avoid getting into workplace situations that could get out of control. Personal relationships take a new turn.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone might have a hidden agenda that depends on cultivating your trust. Be especially wary of deals that involve secrecy. Expect an old friend to return.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A surprising turn of events opens new opportunities for those who can see past the initial disappointments.

Children (not necessarily yours) soon play an important role.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Words alone can be misleading. Instead of relying on what others say, you need to check things out for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That problem in the workplace won't go away just yet, so prepare to endure it for a while longer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A persistent domestic dilemma won't be resolved by wishing it away. You and your partner need to find and face the underlying cause of the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take a much-needed break from your current workload and spend more time with family and friends. A situation develops into an opportunity for travel.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sense of confusion soon eases, as explanations help clear things up. A friend from the distant past makes contact, raising some surprisingly conflicting emotions.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of adventure, but sometimes you rush into things before you know exactly where you're going. Whatever you do, you usually have fun doing it.

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St. John Police Report

Friday, April 4

5:05 p.m. - A resident of Bellevue p/r someone has been calling her phone harassing her. Telephone harassment.

6:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r someone struck her rental vehicle while parked at Mongoose Junction. Auto accident.

7:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident with injuries in the area of Guinea Grove. Auto accident.

Saturday, April 5

1:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Centerline Road. Auto accident.

5:15 p.m. - A citizen r/ two missing dogs from the George Simmonds Terrace. Grand larceny.

11:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Santo's Laundromat. Auto accident.

Sunday, April 6

8:03 a.m. - A resident of Estate Contant p/r someone fired a single gunshot at her in the area of the Faith Christian Fellowship Church. Assault in the first, domestic violence.

Monday, April 7

10:15 a.m. - A third degree burglary was reported. Burglary in the third.

12:25 p.m. - A resident of Estate Bethany p/r someone stole the tags for her vehicle.

4:10 p.m. - A resident of Estate Nazareth p/r someone removed his items. Burglary in the third.

7:10 p.m. - A citizen c/ from Coral Bay stating an adult male is harassing her daughter.

9:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at the Tradewinds building in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

Tuesday, April 8

11:30 a.m. - A resident of Estate Adrian p/r he was involved in an auto accident with the VI-TRAN bus on Route 107. Auto accident.

5:05 p.m. - A resident of Calabash Boom c/r someone entered his residence and removed several items. Burglary in the third.

5:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone stole his money. Grand larceny.

Wednesday, April 9

9:35 a.m. - A guest at St. John Inn p/r he was assaulted and robbed by three unknown males. Robbery in the second.

10:05 a.m. - A representative of Scotiabank p/r a credit card fraud. Credit card fraud.

11:30 a.m. - A resident of Estate Caneel Bay p/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

2:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r a tractor trailer rolled into a pole by Jacob's Ladder.

4:18 p.m. - Officer D. Matthew c/ requesting assistance with a mental patient by Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

Thursday, April 10

2:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r an unknown individual stole his motorcycle from the Subway parking area. Unauthorized use of a vehicle.

4:00 a.m. - A resident of Estate Enighed c/r a disturbance at home with his stepson. Disturbance of the peace, domestic violence.

11:25 a.m. - A resident of Estate Grunwald p/ requesting police assistance with another male on the taxi stand. Police assistance.

4:40 p.m. - A resident of John's Folly p/r she is being harassed by a female. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, April 11

9:45 a.m. - A resident of Estate Grunwald c/r a disturbance with a male at her residence.

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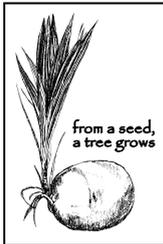
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- ST. JOHN LAND LISTINGS -

■ **6-3-55 Carolina** – Ridgetop lot in Upper Carolina with expansive down island views of the BVI's and Drake's Passage. Actual building envelope is very level. This parcel represents the best of St John at a reasonable price. Deeded access to beach at Johnson's Bay. 0.47+/- acre R-1 w/C&R's.....**\$599,000.**

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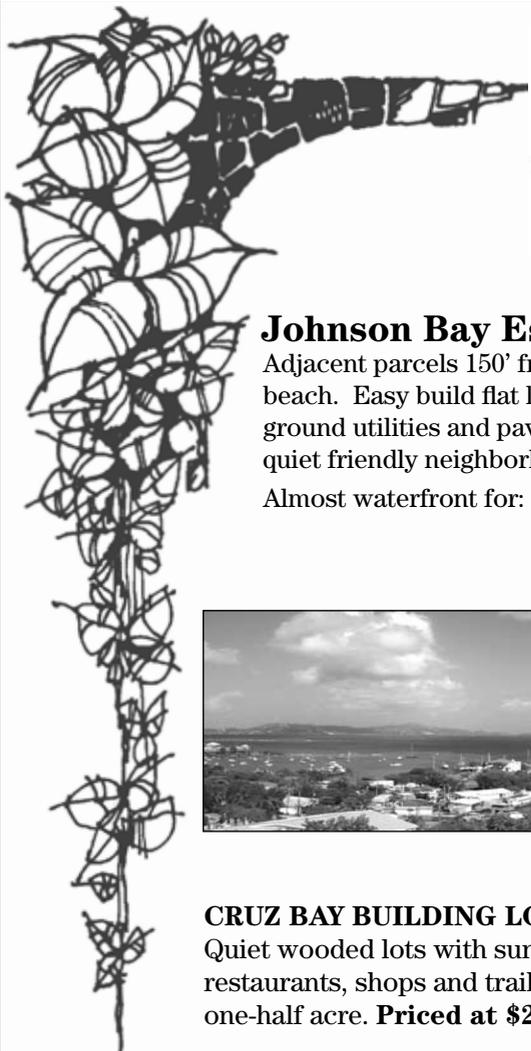
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"Snail's Pace" - "Cute As A Button" and "Clean As A Whistle" are phrases that describe this cottage perfectly. Fronted by a white picket fence, this cozy studio home has all new cabinets, furniture, bath, paint, pumps, etc. Landscaping is extensive and beginning to fill in nicely. Includes 1996 Jeep Wagoneer and furniture. The flat lot is a gardener's delight. Walk to Reef Bay Beach. **\$549,000**



"La Sirena" - Walk to the beach from this beautifully crafted villa overlooking the sparkling waters of Kiddel Bay on St. John's quiet southeastern shore. Near some of the best snorkeling and hiking on the island. Booked year-round, masonry construction, common beach lot at Kiddel Bay, a great place to relax and rejuvenate. Priced to sell at **\$1,495,000.**



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- COMMERCIAL/DEVELOPMENT -



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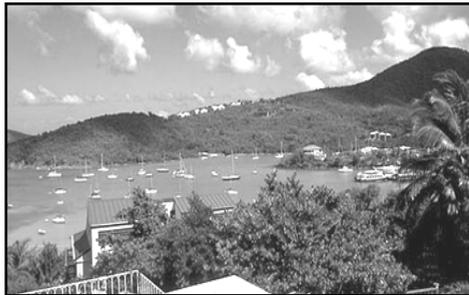


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HOMES

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INN LOVE A tasteful Great Cruz Bay 5 bdrm, 5 bath gem with a pool, spa tub, a/c bdrms, marble and hardwood floors, professional landscaping, and beautiful water views. Stone entry and courtyard and create an atmosphere of old world charm. \$1,795,000

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CONDOS

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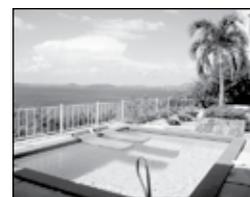


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EXCLUSIVE HOME LISTINGS:

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CHEZ SHELL - Beautiful, newly renovated, rental villa in prime area near Westin. 3 bd/3 baths w/ac., gorgeous kitchen, fantastic views, decorator furnishings, spa, walk to beach. Turnkey. \$1,399,000.

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BORDEAUX - Force 10 system home has 3 bd/ 2 baths, lg. covered porch, water view, 1/2 acre w/gentle slope, room for expansion. \$760,000.

CONDOS & TIMESHARES

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CRUZ BAY TOWN - R-4 zoning, plans and permits. Walk to Frank Bay Beach. Reduced to \$340,000.

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

CONTANT - 3 extra large homesites overlooking Cruz Bay. Paved streets, underground utilities. \$292,500 to \$315,000. Waterfront lot, \$1.4 m.

POINT RENDEZVOUS - Two superb parcels w/outstanding views. Priced to sell at \$425k & \$495k.

LEINSTER BAY - Great Thatch to Mary's Point views, access from Johnny Horn trail. \$265k & \$329,000.

ZOOTENVAAL - Terrific water views of Hurricane Hole, paved streets, underground utilities. \$450,000.

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

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE - Panoramic views, 0.89 acre lot, paved roads, house plans available. \$490,000.

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

DITLEFF POINT - 3 waterfront parcels **SOLD!** 14 spectacular parcels available, starting at \$895,000.

ESTATE FISH BAY -
Water views, moderate slope, topo map..... \$199,000
Great Fish Bay & Ditleff views, privacy..... \$250,000
Water views, borders green belt, paved access..... \$275,000
Walk to beach, dingy dock, topo included..... \$349,000
Direct water view, corner parcel..... \$389,900
Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac..... \$425,000

ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE -
Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views..... \$359k

SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS -
Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac..... \$185k
Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/waterview, paved road..... \$186k

ESTATE CAROLINA -
Lower Bordeaux, beautiful BVI views, paved rd..... \$199k
Ironwood Rd, great Coral Bay views, house plans..... \$360k
Upper Carolina, great views! 0.506 acre..... \$395k
Spectacular views, high on Bordeaux..... \$599k



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CATHERINEBERG'S "MANGO BAY" has amazing north shore views, total privacy! 1+ lush acre (fruit trees & exotic orchids), stone showers, fireplace, brick pool terrace, new kitchen, 4 A/C BRs, gated w/carpport. Exquisite Charm! **\$5,950,000.**



CATHERINEBERG (5X5) "CINAMON RIDGE" 1+ private acre, borders National Park; stunning north shore views, pool & spa **\$5,250,000.**

PRIVATE 5 AC. BEACHFRONT (5x3) "LIME TREE BAY" 490'

shoreline on Round Bay. White sand beach plus private cove with "pocket" beach. Adjacent 4 acres also available. **\$4,995,000.**



"CONTENTMENT" Fabulous Contant villa, 6 bdrms, 6.5 baths, designer detail and furnishings!!! Spectacular views to St. Thomas. **\$4,200,000.**



BEACHFRONT (4X4) "HARBOUR VIEW" new 1 ac. estate on Great Cruz Bay harbor. Boat & swim at Westin Resort. **\$3,700,000 Price reduced!**

Exclusively Listed Homes



BORDEAUX MTN. (5x4) STUNNING VIEWS! Charming, gated .5 ac. estate; spa, fireplace, poolside kitchen, ultimate privacy. **\$3,450,000.**

RENDEZVOUS BAY (5x5) "VISTAERO" breathtaking views, huge pool & spa, fabulous villa or residence! **\$3,000,000 Price reduced!**

WATERFRONT (3x3) "LA DOLCE VITA" with boat mooring. 376 ft. shoreline. W-1 zoning allows commercial uses **\$2,995,000.**



"GREAT EXPECTATIONS" (7x71/2) 1 ac., tennis, 2 homes, pools, spas, walk to beaches. Impressive rental. **\$2,495,000.**

"POINCIANA" 1.24 acres beachfront on Hart Bay. 3 bedroom beach house with spa, views and breezes. **\$2,495,000.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE NORTH (5x5) "SOLARIS" Spectacular views of 5 bays. 60' lap pool, courtyard, and great amenities. **\$2,400,000.**

"VILLA SIBELLA" Beautiful new 5 bedroom villa in Virgin Grand Estates! Spacious rooms with top of the line amenities. Views, pool, privacy! **\$2,200,000.**

"VILLA FARNIENTE", New construction in prestigious Point Rendezvous ready for you to customize. Great views and artistic landscaping. **\$2,100,000.**



"SEACAY VILLA", pool villa has unobstructed, panoramic ocean views and good short term rental history. Short drive to Cruz Bay. **\$1,995,000.**

"COCONUTS" 3X3 GIFFT HILL VILLA, impressive views with awesome sunsets & St. Thomas lights. Caribbean style. **\$1,499,999.**

NEW CONSTRUCTION - CHOCOLATE HOLE totally charming, 2x2 with private gated courtyard, large pool, planters & columns, arched doors and windows, island stone showers, a/c, hi tech kitchen, etc. **\$1,495,000.**

"WINDWARDSIDE COTTAGES"; super privacy highlights these two charming masonry cottages. Hot tubs, bricked courtyards and wonderful décor make this a very special offering. **\$1,400,000.**

UPPER CHOCOLATE HOLE GEM! Masonry 3 BR 3.5 BA home, pool, private lower BR w/separate entry, large room for addl. BR, excellent rental potential. **\$1,390,000.**

"SEAVIEW" vacation villa. Charming 4 bdrm, masonry home in excellent condition with large pool in convenient Chocolate Hole. **\$1,395,000.**



"SEABISCUIT" (2x2) Caribbean style, masonry, panoramic views, pool & hot tub. Immaculate, above Coral Harbour. **\$1,150,000.**

"SAGO COTTAGE", adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history. **\$1,100,000.**

"CASA NITA" 3 bed/3 bath St. Quacco villa with spacious & light rooms, big views to BVI. **\$1,050,000.**

TRADE HOME FOR LAND PLUS \$\$ - GIFFT HILL



Delightful 3 bedroom income producing masonry home with pool and privacy. Beautiful water views to St. Thomas! Extensive exotic landscaping. **TRADE or \$999,000.**

COLORFUL FISH BAY RETREAT! Immaculate 3 bedroom / 3 bath home, borders National Park, views of Fish Bay & Ditleff Pt. **\$795,000.**

INCREDIBLE FISH BAY VALUE! 4 bed/2 bath home with huge panoramic views and quiet location. **\$750,000.**

"SANCTUARY GARDEN" Serene well-built home with 2 units, lovely pool, gardens & expansive decks in this quiet, private location. **PRICE REDUCED \$725,000.**

"CAROLINA FIXER-UPPER" - Two bedroom family home plus separate studio rental downstairs. View to Tortola. **\$415,000.**



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Exclusively Listed Land

ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE

Great Cruz Bay, .78 acre, walk to Westin & amenities **\$595,000**
Chocolate Hole, .50 acre, moderate slope downhill build w/dual bay views **\$399,000**
Chocolate Hole, .56 acre, tropical breezes & great views to St. Croix **\$399,000**

ESTATE PETER BAY

Rum Point, outstanding views, 0.75 acre parcel in Upper Peter Bay **\$3,200,000**
Passport to Privacy, superb views from this .67 acre Upper Peter Bay parcel **\$2,950,000**
Whistling Cay, striking water views from this .69 acre Upper Peter Bay lot **\$2,800,000**

ESTATE FISH BAY

Tropical paradise with stone entry, flat .79 acre parcel, gated entrance, cistern slab. **\$385,000**
End of road privacy, .61 acre lot with beautiful views. **\$375,000**

ESTATE MANDAHIL

Flat land, walk to beach location, diverse development options **\$167,000**

EAST END

Views across Round Bay to Coral Bay Harbor, .55 acre PRICE REDUCED **\$595,000**

PRIVATEER BAY

Quiet East End's Privateer Bay, over-sized parcel, waterfall, panoramic views **\$625,000**
Privateer Bay, views of Coral Bay, .44 acre **\$285,000**

"UPPER MONTE BAY" -SPECTACULAR, PRIVATE SOUTH SHORE

LAND WITH PRISTINE VIEWS. Low density subdivision with 7 large lots, great breezes, paved roads & underground utilities above Rendezvous Bay. **\$1,000,000 to 1,400,000.**

"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES" Gated community featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Five fabulous lots ranging from **\$469,000 to \$785,000.**

"ESTATE CONCORDIA PRESERVE" - Premier location, with extraordinary water views, some border National Park -some are waterfront! From .78 acre to 3 acres. **7 parcels priced from \$550,000.**

"DRECKETS BAY ESTATES" boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, underground utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. **12 parcels priced from \$450,000.**

AFFORDABLE VIEW LOTS IN CORAL BAY ranging from .340 - .51 acres just **\$177,500 - \$495,000.**



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



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

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Beautiful **WATERFRONT** parcels ranging from .5 - 1.36 acres in some of St. John's best areas! **\$635,000-\$2,500,000.**

"LOVANGO CAY" 3 waterfront & hillside properties feature upscale amenities and infrastructure; barge landing with piers, paved roads, underground electric, access to beach and much more! **Amazing views, realistically priced from \$600,000 to \$899,000!**

"CLIFFVIEW ESTATES" IN FISH BAY Seven parcels in new subdivision offer exciting views and adjacent to National Park. Underground utility access and paved roads. From .5 - .91 acre, **\$299,000- \$795,000.**

Condos & Timeshares

EXCEPTIONAL PASTORY- 1 bedrm condo, great views, close to town, quiet neighborhood. Turn key. **\$529,000.**

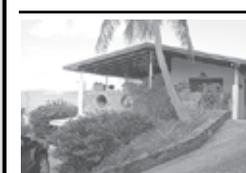
"RAINBOW'S END" Battery Hill condo, 2 bedrms, poolside, close to town. **Priced to Sell! \$625,000.**

BEACHFRONT "GRANDE BAY" RESORT Condos under construction, overlooking Cruz Bay Harbor. Walk to town & restaurants. 2 bdrm **\$895,000**; 3 bdrm **\$1,100,000** (Seller/Broker)

"GALLOW'S POINT" 3 OCEAN FRONT units (2-upper & 1-lower) ea. w/ deck/patio, walk to town **\$1,400,000, \$1,275,000 & \$1,200,000.**

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Development Opportunity



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

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