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Survivors pass a crumbled church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after the 7.0 earthquake struck the island country on January 12. **STORY AND PHOTOS ON PAGES 2 AND 3.**

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St. John Film Society Screening "Sugar" at Sputnik's on Feb. 2

The St. John Film Society is hosting a free screening of "Sugar," a film about a Dominican baseball player struggling to make it in the American big leagues, on Tuesday, February 2, at Sputnik's in Coral Bay at 7 p.m.

Seating is limited, so attendees are asked to bring comfortable chairs and call ahead to Sputnik's at 776-6644 to place a food order with Julietta. For more information check out the website www.stjohnfilm.com.

Friends of Sprauve Library Continue College Counseling Series Feb. 3

With tremendous support from students and parents, Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library continues hosting its college counseling seminar series this Wednesday, February 3, at the Cruz Bay library.

Chris Teare, Antilles School's director of college counselling, will meet with all high school students and parents individually for college planning. Teare will be available for 30-minute segments. Call 776-6359 to make an appointment, or for more information.

David Knight To Share 30 Years of Photos at Feb. 9 SJHS Meeting

The St. John Historical Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall will feature David Knight, who will present a photographic journey through time.

Knight will share "The Awakening of an American Paradise: Three Decades that Transformed St. John," seldom seen photographs of St. John taken by Knight's parents, Anna and George, between 1936 and 1966.

The meeting will also feature Eleanor Gibney, who will present selected images from the society's new book "St. John: Life in Five Quarters."

Members and guests are invited to join in the conversation and are encouraged to bring along any photos, postcards, or illustrations they might have from this period, so that they can be digitally copied for preservation in the SJHS archive. All images will be handled with the utmost care and promptly returned to their owners.

Boat Tickets to STX Ag Fair Available

Join the Love City Pan Dragons' boat trip to the St. Croix Agriculture Fair. The boat leaves St. John at the Cruz Bay bulkhead on Friday, February 12, at 11 a.m. And leaves from St. Croix on Monday, February 15, at 2 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$85 round-trip or \$65 one way. The cost for children is \$65 round-trip or \$50 one way. Tickets can be purchased at Connections or Courtesy Car Rental.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Free Vow Renewal at Trunk Bay Ceremony

Celebrate Valentine's Day by re-affirming love and commitment at the eighth annual free marriage vow renewal with Love City's famous barefoot minister Anne Marie Porter.

The ceremony will be on Sunday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay beach. So far 630 couples have enjoyed the free, fun event. No registration is required, just show up! For more information call Cathy Dove at 642-2182 or email Cathy@bookitvi.com.



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Susie Krabacher, center, with children and Mercy and Sharing volunteers.



Scenes from Port-au-Prince included coffin builders, above left, military personnel, above right, and a make-shift hospital, below.





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Buildings and churches across Port-au-Prince crumbled after the 7.0 earthquake struck the island country.

A CLOSE UP VIEW OF HAITI:

St. John resident Bill Stelzer captures images of disaster and hope

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While most citizens across the globe were glued to their televisions watching scenes of the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, William Stelzer had a much different view.

Stelzer, a local videographer who previously spent time in Haiti teaching computer skills to chil-

dren, traveled to the ravaged island country just days after a 7.0 earthquake left the city of Port-au-Prince in rubble.

Before the earthquake hit, Stelzer was scheduled to return for his sixth trip to Haiti in collaboration with the Mercy and Sharing Foundation, which has operated orphanages and schools in the country for more than 15 years under the direction of Susie Krabacher

Stelzer first met Krabacher through the Waveplace Foundation's One Laptop Per Child program for which he taught a pilot program at Mercy and Sharing's orphanage in Port au Prince. He has since photographed and filmed additional trips to the island and on the most recent trip had planned to cover the opening of Mercy and Sharing's new orphanage in Williamson, about an hour's drive

north of the capital.

Instead, what Stelzer captured with his camera are scenes of pain, destruction and suffering, but also human connection, trust and hope. What he lived through during the week he spent in Haiti with Mercy and Sharing volunteers led by Krabacher, has left an indelible mark on the long-time St. John resident.

"We were supposed to leave on the Sunday after the earthquake hit," said Stelzer. "Then the earthquake happened on Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning I found on a rescue mission. I was on a plane to Miami on Thursday and met up with other Mercy and Sharing people there."

When a Friday morning flight to an airport north of Port-au-Prince was canceled, the group flew out later that day.

"We ended up getting on a flight into Santo Domingo later that day," said Stelzer. "A few hours after we heard, we were looking for supplies and off to the airport. We were on the plane with all of these aid workers and rescue teams from all over the world — that was the only way in at that point."

"When this plane load of rescue workers and reporters landed

in Santo Domingo, the captain thanked us over the loud speaker from the cockpit," Stelzer said. "It was cool hearing the applause from the cockpit, when it's usually the other way around."

Even retelling the story back on St. John, Stelzer was caught up in the emotion of what he experi-

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Car Wash Nets \$3,000 for Haiti Relief

St. John Tradewinds

After washing cars for only two hours on Friday afternoon, January 22, Caneel Bay Resort staff and family raised \$3,000 for the Haiti earthquake relief effort.

The fundraiser was the brainchild of Denise Hotze, wife of Caneel Bay managing director Nikolay Hotze, who had discussed the earthquake with her two young children. Hotze envisioned a fundraising event which could be supported by children in the community, and that is just what happened.

Hotze called on friends and the Caneel Bay team to bring their kids along to help raise money by washing cars. There was a constant stream of cars passing through the Caneel Bay Creek housing area with water donated by the St. John Fire Department.

All that sudsing, along with additional contributions from Caneel Bay staff and management, netted a total of \$3,000 for the Haiti relief effort. Caneel donated to the effort through Western Union, which matched the amount, making the car wash a \$6,000-earner for Haiti.

"Denise wishes to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy and those who were so generous with their donations," said Patrick Kidd, Caneel's director of sales and marketing. "Particular thanks to D.J. Percy, who graciously donated his services, supplying the music which helped everyone wash to the beat."

"Denise also wishes to thank the wonderful representatives of the our Fire Department, who kindly joined in with the spirit of the occasion and allowed their vehicle to be washed by an eager team of young volunteers," said Kidd.

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Corbeil Is STJ Liaison for Senate Pres. Hill

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After complaining about the island's lack of representation in government affairs, one St. John resident is stepping up to the plate to make a difference.

Bonny Corbeil, a board member of Crime Stoppers USVI and the Coral Bay Community Council, has long been a community activist urging inter-island unity and a stronger government voice for the island of St. John.

In her new position as Senate President Louis Patrick Hill's St. John liaison, Corbeil is poised to make St. John heard like never before.

After penning a letter detailing some of her concerns to *St. John Tradewinds* in December — which she also sent to several senators — Corbeil was contacted by V.I. Senate President Louis Patrick Hill.

"This really came about from my first letter that I sent to a few senators, who I believe in and know, asking them to please seriously look at the true lack of representation that St. John has in our current legislative body," said Corbeil. "Senator Hill came over to have lunch with me and



Bonny Corbeil

during that time he 'fully owned' that the Senator at Large position — running around trying to work for the people of St. John — does not leave St. John with much representation."

"This is the reason for so many of our frustrations in getting resolutions and forward movement for our issues," Corbeil said.

Corbeil was at first hesitant to accept the position, but after deep reflection decided she really had no choice.

"I thought long and hard about it," said Corbeil. "However, how can one love this island, see that our basic issues are not being met,

then be asked to help get St. John a stronger voice, and say no."

Since accepting her new job, Corbeil is clear about what she wants to accomplish.

"As I see it, this job is much more about St. John than it is about me," she said. "We are being given an opportunity to really rally ourselves as one St. John and get help from our legislative president to move a consensus of issues forward."

Corbeil will formally start as Hill's St. John liaison on Monday, February 1. She will be based out of the Cruz Bay Legislature building and will publish her hours and initiatives soon.

With election season looming, Corbeil hopes to see real change on St. John through her work over the next year.

"I am purely motivated by my commitment for the good of St. John and in helping to restore hope for the change we all seek," said Corbeil. "I am not entirely sure how that can be translated into action, however I am willing to give it my best. It is my sincere hope that we can be instrumental in the positive change that we so desperately need."

Details Remain Sketchy on Reported St. John Planner Hire

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Making good on a campaign promise he pledged while running for office more than three years ago, Governor John deJongh announced the hiring of a St. John planner during his State of the Territory address on Monday night, January 25.

"Also, with respect to our continuing efforts to improve the quality of planning and land use regulation, I am pleased to announce that after several false starts, we have hired a principal planner for St. John, who will be starting work next month," deJongh said during his speech.

Despite the announcement, officials with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources — under which the new planner will be employed directly — remained tight lipped about the hiring last week, sharing only a few details.

"I can tell you that a candidate for the position has been selected," said DPNR Commissioner Robert Mathes. "He's young — in his 30s — single, from North Carolina, is very familiar with the V.I. as a multi-visit tourist, is very personable and otherwise qualified for the position."

"I'm hesitant to release a name until after he arrives in the territory — tentatively scheduled for mid-February," Mathes said.

When the mysterious North Carolina man surfaces, he will be working under DPNR's planning office and director Marjorie Emmanuel. The base pay is \$75,000, according to officials.

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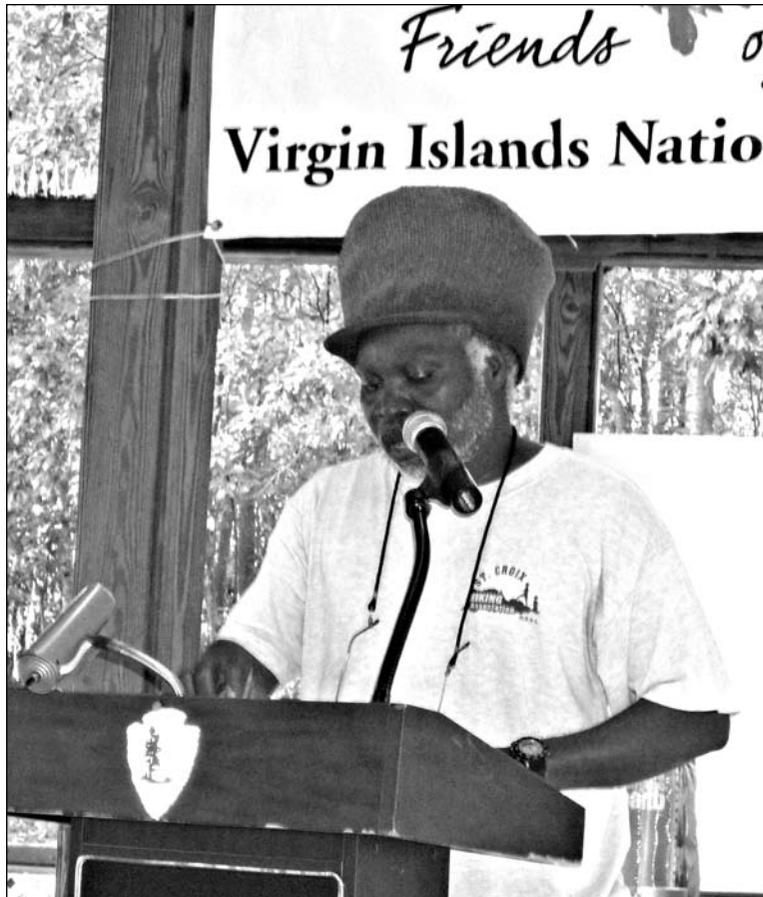
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Local environmental activist Olasee Davis addresses the crowd of approximately 200 people at the Friends of the VINP's annual meeting on Sunday, January 24, at T'ree Lizards restaurant at Cinnamon Bay. Davis spoke of his love and concern for the Virgin Islands' natural and cultural resources, and implored those in attendance to continue to fight for preservation for future generations.



St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Andrea Milam

Despite Economy, Friends of VINP Enjoyed "Remarkably Good Year"

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Economic woes did not stop the flow of support for the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park in 2009, reported president Joe Kessler at the Friends' annual meeting on Sunday, January 24, at T'ree Lizards restaurant at Cinnamon Bay.

The organization saw a rise in membership, and completed several projects, including the major land acquisition in Maho Bay with the help of the Trust for Public Land.

"2009 was a very successful year for the Friends," said Kessler to the nearly 200 people in attendance. "We hope 2010 is just as good, if not better."

The Friends is most proud of its work with local children, Kessler explained. Hundreds of school-children made contact with the VINP last year through various grants and programs (see sidebar).

Volunteers helped the Friends with projects including clearing trails and ruins within the VINP, and constructing the handicap accessible boardwalk at Francis

Bay.

"Volunteerism is our core value," said Kessler. "It's a critically important means of supporting both the VINP and the Friends."

The organization named Dave Thompson, who led the construction of the Francis Bay boardwalk, as its Volunteer of the Year.

The park named Kent and Paula Savel as its VINP Volunteer of the Year, and Jeff Chabot, who leads weekly volunteer groups on trail clearing and ruins stabilization, was recognized as Volunteer Extraordinaire.

National Park Service Fisheries Biologist Jeff Miller was given the Friends Partnership Award.

The Friends will support several VINP projects this year, including the renovation of the Archaeology Lab at Cinnamon Bay; the opening of Hassel Island to visitors, which is expected in 2012; and installing new tables and grills at Lameshur.

Despite its successful year, the Friends and the VINP face many challenges ahead, Kessler cautioned.

"The park still faces serious threats, including the irresponsible

development of in-holdings and properties adjacent to the park," he said. "You can help by urging owners of these properties to employ responsible and sustainable building practices."

The growing number of visitors, which also threatens the park, can be managed by the education of friends and guests on how to be good park citizens, Kessler continued.

"Chronic underfunding seriously impacts the park's ability to preserve and protect," he said.

Kessler urged residents to contact their local government representatives, and urge them to ensure the VINP is sufficiently funded.

VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove outlined several projects the park hopes to accomplish during 2010, including the implementation of a scheduled hourly shuttle along the North Shore Road in the "very near future," he said. Shuttle services will be provided by local taxi drivers, and will reduce transportation impacts on the eight mile stretch of road.

The VINP anticipates welcom-

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Grande Bay managing owner Elita Kane, second from right, talks with the contractor and guests at the resort's recently-completed roof-top pool.

Grande Bay Gears Up for Short-term Rentals, Says Managing Owner Kane

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The Grande Bay luxury condominium project will become the newest St. John vacation destination resort under the direction of managing partner/owner Elita Kane — even before the final building is completed.

The owners of the controversial six-building development on the hillside on the shore of Cruz Bay beach will bring many of the 48 units in the four completed residential buildings into an on-site short-term rental program operated out of the fifth building while they await a zone change for the sixth and final building in the project.

The developers have secured a Certificate of Occupancy for the most recently completed fifth building in the project, adjacent to the Gallows Point Cemetery overlooking Cruz Bay which features a dramatic wood and stone exterior entryway dominated by a lavish two-story, faux-stone waterfall tumbling from the roof-top pool deck.

Manufacturer tags hang from over-stuffed dark leather chairs in the “lobby” of the recently-completed reception building

overlooking the Gallows Point Cemetery off the heavily-tiled and wood-paneled entrance hall with reception desk and office area. An elevator and open stairway connects the entry area with the roof-top pool deck.

A two-story waterfall cascades from the pool deck outside the picture window of a media room — complete with luxurious leather arm chairs and a giant flat-screen television — on the second floor of the reception building.

A few pieces of exercise equipment are partially assembled in the two wood-trimmed, carpeted rooms which will be Grande Bay's fitness center spanning the front of the second level of the reception building overlooking Cruz Bay beach.

Only Completed Project

While work on the island's two other major projects, Sirensa and Pond Bay, remains in limbo due to economic factors, the island's first controversial project is being finished under the direction of Bay Isle Associates LLC managing owner Kane. A manager has been hired for the rental program which is expected to start in the coming months, according to Kane.

Kane, a Latvian native who has lived in Sarasota, Florida, for 17 years, became involved in the project after the early 2009 death of her husband who was an original investor in the condominium development.

“We have some 20-something investors,” Kane explained.

Like many of the original investors, Kane and her late husband were not developers, only investors intending to recoup their investment at a profit.

While Kane admits to having no development experience other than her homes in Florida, New Jersey and on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, she has been visiting the St. John project every month since she began to take a hard look at the investment after her husband's death.

In early 2009 Kane's son Janis Krums, a Georgetown University Business School graduate, came to St. John to inspect the investment in the troubled project — armed with a video camera.

“The story we had in Florida was not what we found here,” Kane said during a tour of the hospitality center in January with her

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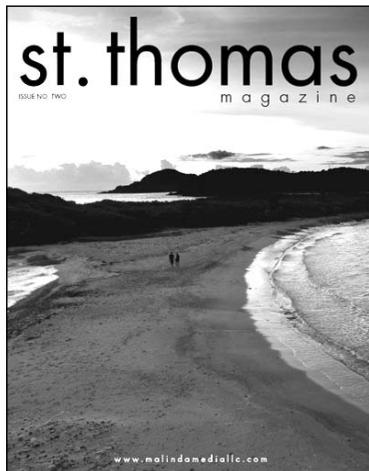
By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Brimming with in-depth features, historical tales and breathtaking photography, the latest edition of *St. Thomas Magazine* hit newsstands last week to thunderous applause.

From the cover photo of a secluded west end beach — the only area on St. Thomas where the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea met on the same beach — taken by Alain Brin, to the society events which grace the final pages, the entire magazine offers something for everyone.

In choosing this issue's features, publisher MaLinda Nelson was inspired by "the unique and diverse community and rich history of St. Thomas."

Nelson also publishes *St. John Tradewinds* and is owner of MaL-



inda Media LLC which also publishes *St. John Magazine*.

St. Thomas Magazine is available on local newsstands or by subscription. For more information call 340-776-6496 or email info@stthomasmagazine.com.

Memorial Service Scheduled for G. Rolf Schaub

St. John Tradewinds

A memorial service for G. Rolf Schaub is scheduled for Friday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts.

The service will celebrate and honor the life of Rolf. All are welcome to join Kazumi, Tristan and Tiareh during this time of loving reflection and remembrance.



Friends Seminar Gets Spicy

Local hot sauce master Trinidad Charlie lead a large group of eager participants through the process of making his West Indian Pepper Sauce on Wednesday, January 27, at his home in Guinea Gut. The Friends of the V.I. National Park seminar included a tour of Charlie's lush and plant-rich property.

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Following intense work with the New England Youth Theater program, Giff Hill School students performed "Jack and the Three Golden Hairs."

GHS Presents "Jack and the Three Golden Hairs"

St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School students flexed their considerable acting chops during performances of "Jack and the Three Golden Hairs," on January 22 and 23.

Nineteen students participated in the New England Youth Theater intensive program, which hosted the thespian seminar for the second year in a row at Giff Hill School, thanks to the beneficence of Dana and Martha Robes.

"The intensive session was a life-changing experi-

ence for the 19 participants, all of whom had many and varied roles in the show," said GHS teacher Deblyn Van Gelder.

"The commitment and hard work gave these young actors a huge sense of accomplishment and pride," she added.

The group sent thanks to Terri Lamb at the Phoenix, who donated costumes, and Michael Barry of the Sun Dog Cafe, who hosted a cast party following the students' performance.

Bob Marley Birthday Bash Feb. 6

Come join a Bob Marley birthday bash at Sputnik's in Coral Bay on Saturday, February 6, from 6 to 11 p.m. The night will feature door prizes, drumming, dancing, poetry, an open mic and more. A potluck dinner is planned so bring a plate, or pay a \$5 entry fee.

St. John Summit Meeting February 10

Senate President Louis Patrick Hill is hosting an Open Community St. John Summit meeting on Wednesday, February 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage all local St. John groups, community activists and concerned citizens to identify and define issues with the hope of forming a consensus on community solutions which Hill can help address. For more information call the senator's St. John liaison, Bonny Corbeil, at 693-5874 or email bonnycorbeil@vipowernet.net.

ACC Hoping To Get \$10,000 Grant

The Animal Care Center is competing for a chance to win \$10,000, but the group needs the community's help.

The website, www.animalrescuesite.com along with petfinder.com, is hosting a competition to give away a total of \$100,000 in grants. Each day people can vote for their animal shelter of choice and the shelter with the most votes on April 18 will win.

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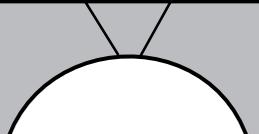
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(Left to Right) Millie Flores, T.J. Stiles and Chuck Pishko at the V.I. National Park Archives and Research Center.

Making Strides with Archives

By Chuck Pishko
St. John Tradewinds

The establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park Archives and Research Center at Lind Point is one of the park's major accomplishments in 2009.

When coupled with the Trunk Bay Sugar Factory restoration, the continuing progress on Hassell Island with the help of the St. Thomas Historic Trust, and the University of Copenhagen/VINP scholars program led by Archeologist Ken Wild and Professor Gunvar Simonsen wherein Danish scholars of colonial history, cultural anthropology and archeology working in their archives and on site here, the VINP research center houses original cultural data valuable to VINP history.

In 2009, the park made vast progress in areas usually taking second place to our sun, sea, and sand. Especially important is the information garnered on the cultural history of native Virgin Islanders who often are hard pressed to view the park as preserving their heritage.

This week the VINP Archives and Research Center was formally introduced at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society of Virgin Islands Historians hosted on the University of the Virgin Islands' St. Croix campus on January 16.

Presenters there included Dr. Jeanette Bastian, Director of Archival Studies at Simmons College who was the former head of this territory's library and archives. She reviewed the disastrous loss of Virgin Islands history and culture through neglect and relocation of resources to host countries.

This loss can be recovered through the establish-

ment of professional archives, according to Dr. Bastian. The heroic record rescue efforts of Enid Baa and Beverly Smith need to be supplemented by an all-out effort to establish a professional facility which also includes material on cultural events and every day customs and traditions that are being lost in modernity.

The second presenter was Susan Laura Lugo, the newly appointed Territorial Coordinator of Archives who is charged with bringing this new archive online. When coupled with the "records management" programs needed to preserve government records from their inception, Ms. Lugo has a Herculean task which will be accomplished given her enthusiasm and professionalism.

The third presenter was Milagros "Millie" Flores, the National Park Service Caribbean Parks Historian who has functioned as the VINP Archives Collections Project Coordinator and who has brought the Archives and Research Center online.

Millie Flores has over 15 years experience in the Caribbean in National Park Historian and Archival positions. In addition she is the NPS Representative on United Nations Committees on historic preservation.

The park was very fortunate to have Flores establish the archive. Her professional status and responsibilities would normally have her stationed in Puerto Rico or even in a regional office. But due to the Parks' dual career program (she's married to VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove), Flores is stationed here and can apply her talents to our archive.

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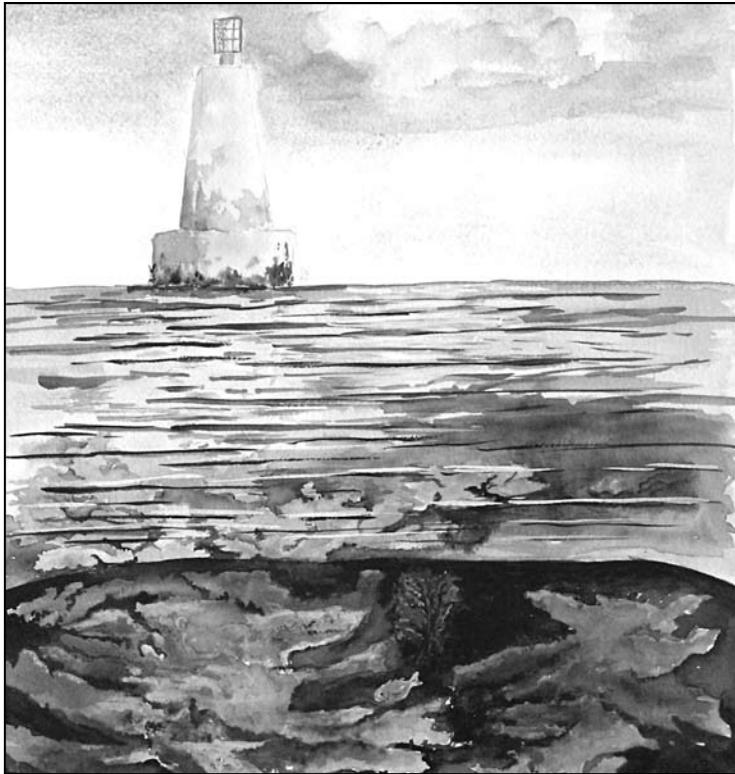
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Four Artists Featued at Bajo el Sol's February 5 Opening Reception

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Bajo el Sol Gallery is hosting an opening reception for St. John artists Lucy Portlock, Patty Tacquard, Gail Van de Bogurt and Larry Lipsky, on Friday, February 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Check out paintings by Portlock and Tacquard, ceramics by Van de Bogurt and sculptures by Lipsky. The gallery and artists will donate a portion of the evening's sales to Haiti relief efforts. The artists' works will also be featured throughout the month of February at the Mongoose Junction gallery. For more information, call Bajo el Sol at 693-7070.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo courtesy of Cynthia Smith

Graduates show off their certificates during the graduation ceremony.

17 Beekeepers Graduate

St. John Tradewinds

Students in the St. Thomas/St. John beekeeping classes graduated in a ceremony on Wednesday evening, January 27, at the Small Business Development Center at Nisky Center on St. Thomas.

The beekeeping program was a partnership with UVI-Cooperative Extension Services, V.I. Department of Agriculture, UVI Small Business Development Center and V.I. Department of Tourism.

All students received a certificate from the Department of Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen. Trainers for the St. John classes were Monica Altamirano and assistant Elmo Rabsatt.

Students from St. John were Sally Bolhous, (not pictured), Eugene (Lachy) Brady, Wanda Burgos, L. Cristina Canizares, Alex Ewald (not pictured), Gerald (Glen) Charles, Lori Francis, Mark Horvath, Kim Holland (not pictured), Cheryl Latoski, Melanie Love, Monica Montufor, Cynthia Smith, Erin Witbeck, Patty Wood and Donna Stamford (not pictured) and Kristi Hanson (not pictured). Other participants were Margaret McWhorter and Dunia Rodriguez.

The program was created to help provide a healthy environment for bees on the islands and to educate the general public about the importance of bees in the ecosystem.

Another class will be scheduled in the near future. For more information about the program, call Altamirano at the St. John Agriculture Station at 776-6274.

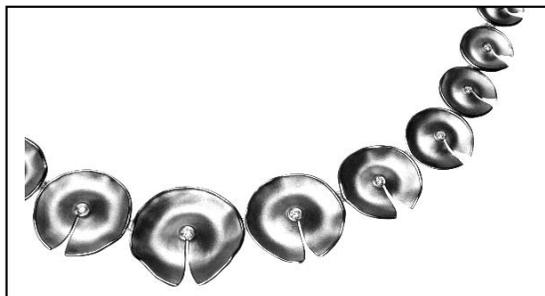
Michael Banzhaf Gallery Opening Is Feb. 5

St. John Tradewinds

For the first time in the six years of Michael Banzhaf Gallery, Banzhaf will have an opening for his own work along with artist Monica Rios on Friday, February 5, at 6 p.m.

A frequent visitor to the island, Rios has created a body of St. John themed paintings of seascapes and still life that include cats in each image. The gallery will donate 10 percent of sales from Rios' work to the St John Animal Care Center.

Rios is a self-taught painter from Florida. Her work is inspired by dreams and tropical scenery. Rios' work has been published on the cover of the Berkeley Psychic Reader and the internationally syndicated *Apalachee Review*.



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Thirty-five Years and Counting: St. John Car Rental Takes Look Back

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When Lonnie and Albert Willis first visited St. John together in 1974, the two hippie kids from New York camped out and grooved out on the slow-paced island life — with no idea they would still be running a successful business here more than 35 years later.

Although the 1974 vacation was not the first time Albert Willis had visited Love City — he stayed on the island in the mid-1960s after reading about it in a travel book — this time around the visit was different. Tiring of the congested and cold northeast, the couple was looking for more than a great place to snorkel.

“We came down in August 1974 and were camping out at Cinnamon Bay,” said Lonnie Willis. “We were looking for something we could possibly do here and that’s when we met Forrest Fisher, a local realtor who owned St. John Car Rental.”

“We asked him if there were any businesses for sale and he said there were two for sale on the island — a travel agency and his 14-vehicle car rental,” Lonnie Willis said. “We said, ‘Hmmm, a car rental agency — we could do that.’”

“We told Forrest we’d be back, but he probably thought he’d never see us crazy hippies again,” said Albert Willis.

Six months later, the Willisises — with their two young sons, a dog and a cat in tow — were back on St. John as the new owners of St. John Car Rental.

When they acquired SJCR on January 9, 1975, it was located right next to the Cruz Bay ferry dock in an old thatched-roof hut.

The 14 vehicle fleet, composed of VW Things and Mini-mokes, was parked in front of where the jewelry store Free Bird stands today.

The early days of SJCR were bereft of credit card machines, fax lines, computers and even photo copiers. Soon, however, the Willisises settled into extended lunch hours, the slow pace of St. John and the boys enrolled in the Julius E. Sprauve School.

“We used to take two hour lunches and eat our food right on the beach,” said Lonnie Willis. “We’d see Mr. Varlack running around working and ask him what he was doing. If anything happened, or anyone needed help, all the businesses would close down.”

“If there was a boat on the rocks, or a plane down, we would all close up and get right out there,” said Albert Willis. “Even if we heard something had happened on the North Shore, we’d close down and go help.”

After spending several years in their hut by the dock, the Willisises relocated for a short time to an area near the ferry ticket booth, before settling into a location across from the U.S. Post Office.

SJCR would operate out of the Cruz Bay Creek area for the next 24 years, before congestion in that site drove the Willisises to look for a different location for their growing business and vehicle fleet.

The couple purchased a building on the opposite end of town across from the Catholic Church and began construction of their current two-story concrete building in 2001.

While SJCR has been in constant opera-

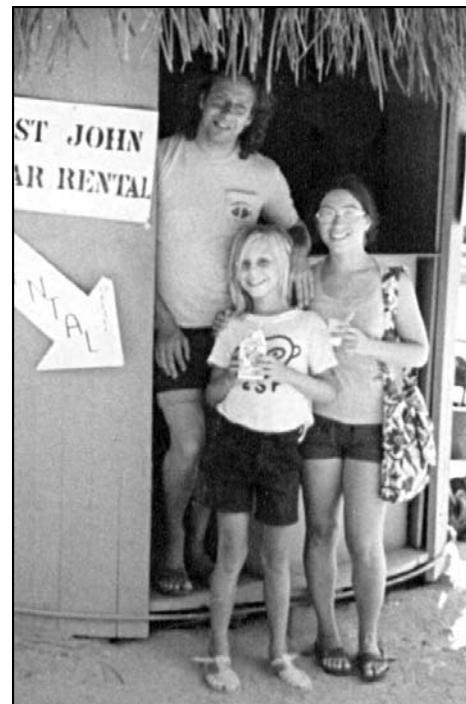


Photo Courtesy of Lonnie Willis

(Left to right) Albert, Aaron and Lonnie Willis at their original thatched-roof St. John Car Rental hut near the Cruz Bay dock.

tion since the Willisises purchased the business, the couple has also worn several different hats over the past 35 years. Albert Willis has long been on the lookout for real estate acquisitions and found quite a few on St. John.

“Some people collect stamps,” said Albert Willis. “I collect real estate.”

First, the couple purchased the Rain Tree Mall where they operated a short-term rental business for a time. That eventually became the Fish Trap Restaurant, which is owned and operated by Albert and Lonnie’s son Aaron today.

Boulon Center and the Stone Terrace building — which is home to tex-mex eatery Cactus on the Blue today — would join the Willis’ property portfolio. Throughout all that time, the two remained dedicated to SJCR and today it is their main business operation.

The Willisises have also been actively involved in a number of community organizations and Lonnie Willis was an integral part of getting the St. John Accommodations Council off the ground and is currently treasurer of the St. John Community Foundation.

While many factors contributed to the Willis’ success, much of SJCR’s longevity can be attributed to its dedicated employees including Bobby Morton and Cynthia Dupigny, according Lonnie Willis.

“The only reason we can continue to run the business is because we have this core group of employees who take such pride in the car rental business,” she said.

As the Willisises look back over 35 years of business, the couple is still surprised so much time has passed.

“When we first arrived, there were the old timers who came in the 1950s back then,” said Lonnie Willis. “We really looked up to them and now that’s us.”

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Sprauve Library Features Underwater Photos by Caroline Rogers

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since being renovated with gleaming wood floors and shiny new furniture, the Elaine I. Sprauve Library is looking more beautiful than ever and now the walls are on par with the rest of the impressive structure.

Fifteen images of Caroline Rogers' breath-taking underwater photography now grace the walls of the historic building.

As a marine scientist, Rogers is dedicated to preserving and presenting the rich underwater resources found around St. John. Rogers' scientific training, matched with her artistic eye and almost child-like wonder of the underwater life, are evident in the engaging photographs she snaps while snorkeling around the island.

As seen in the pages of her book "Coral Reef Stars," many images pop right off the pages, and now off the walls of Elaine I. Sprauve Library.

"I am really honored to have my photos at the library," said Rogers. "The library is beautiful and lots of children use the space. I like the idea that children will learn something about the marine resources here through my photos."

The 15 prints were framed at Frames of Mind, arranged by Rogers with help from Kimberly Boulon and hung by Bill Flynn. If any of the pictures seem to be hung a bit low on the wall, it is on purpose, explained Rogers.

"Some of the pictures have been hung at eye level for children," said Rogers. "I wanted them to be aesthetically pleasing, but also have some educational value. And I wanted them to be accessible for the children."

The educational value of the photographs is what prompted Sprauve librarian Carol McGuinness to approach Rogers in the first place.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Caroline Rogers

Dr. Caroline S. Rogers' photo of a Red-banded Coral Shrimp.

"People who live here and people who visit don't always get to see what is out there," said McGuinness. "A lot of people think these things are gone or that there's not a lot to see. People should know that there is so much under the water that they can easily see."

Ranging from the eye of an octopus to banded coral shrimp in the mangroves, Rogers' images indeed cover a wide variety of underwater life. Lately, however, the marine scientist has been especially interested in mangroves.

"I really am trying to spread the word about how special Hurricane Hole mangroves are," said Rogers. "I still have not heard of any other place in the Caribbean that has so many different corals growing on and around the prop roots. I don't know any

other place like it."

During her many snorkeling trips in Hurricane Hole, Rogers often sees people cruising around having fun, but harming the very life that makes the area so special.

"I know people are just trying to have fun, but they are zooming into those calm bays way too fast and illegally waterskiing," said Rogers. "It stirs up the sediment which rains down on these corals and anemones and all these beautiful things. If people knew how special this area is, they would take better care of it."

"St. John is full of surprises and we keep learning fascinating new things," said the photographer. "We have something here that may not exist anywhere else in the Caribbean. We need to protect these fragile coral growing in shallow water."

To make it even easier to identify her photographs, Rogers will create a guide to the images with a legend for each one. Many of the photographs on display are featured in Rogers' "Coral Reef Stars," but one photo in particular has garnered distinct, albeit erroneous, interest.

"I wanted to choose images that were quite varied," said Rogers. "One thing I realized is that I have a picture of a flying gurnard. They are very rare, but people are starting to see them a bit more now."

"People get them confused sometimes with the famous lion fish," said the underwater photographer. "I want to write in two-foot tall letters, 'not a lion fish.'"

Unlike lion fish — which decimate local fish stocks and coral reefs — flying gurnards are complete harmless. A public campaign has been launched to eliminate any lion fish spotted in territorial waters.

The flying gurnard's similarity to the lion fish, however, has put the fish at risk from spear-gun wielding swimmers thinking they are doing good.

"If my photo can save a single flying gurnard, I feel that would really be worthwhile for me," said Rogers.

Along with the photographs, a pastel of a green heron by Livy Hitchcock — inspired by one of Rogers' images — is also on display.

"I was absolutely thrilled when Livy gave me her pastel based on my photograph," said Rogers. "I knew she was going to do a pastel of one of my photographs, but I had no idea she was going to give it to me. I want to hang it at my house, but I wanted to share it with people first."

Check out Hitchcock's pastel and Rogers' photographs at Elaine I. Sprauve Library, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call the library at 776-6359.

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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Everybody's Talking About Energy

St. John Tradewinds

In the month of January the hot topic is energy. Just after the new year I headed to Jacksonville, Florida with three other senators to tour a power plant that burns petroleum coke ("petcoke").

I also invited Hugo Hodge of VI WAPA and Paul Chakroff of the St. Croix Environmental Association. The purpose of the trip was to see first-hand the operation of a petcoke-burning electric plant. We also toured a solar photovoltaic plant that was under construction.

We had five meetings in two days, and returned with useful, practical knowledge to help us evaluate the Alpine Energy Deal. This deal, negotiated between the WAPA, WMA, and the Alpine Energy Group, would chart a new direction for the territory's energy generation by building two waste-to-energy electric plants, one for St. Thomas and one for St. Croix. In addition to converting our trash to fuel, the plant would burn petcoke produced by HOVENSA.

On January 13, the Committee on Economic Development, Energy & Technology, of which I am the chairman, hosted a 10-hour hearing to explore the Alpine Energy Plan. We heard testifiers both pro and con. A similar hearing is planned for St. Croix in February, by popular request.

That same week, Alpine Energy hosted town meetings on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. I attended the meetings on St. John and St. Croix. I observed that Alpine Energy was well-prepared, but they failed to achieve widespread public support for the plan. I congratulate them for holding the meetings, however they must

convince the public.

There is still much more to come as we consider our Energy Future. For now, the AEG deal is "a" deal, not "the" deal. Yes, we need to make a move. But the move we make must be an improvement. Please call or email my office to weigh in on the issue. Our St. John number is 693-8061 and my email is senator@barshinger.net.

Last Monday the governor came to the Legislative Hall in St. Thomas and delivered his State of the Territory address. I would like to focus on how it affects St. John.

The governor announced that a Planner for St. John has been chosen, and will be on the job within a month. This is great news. However, in a press conference the following day, there was some back-pedaling when the governor explained that the planner is really a "St. Thomas-St. John" planner. The planner will be working out of the DPNR office, and will initially be focused on St. John.

The position of a planner for St. John was initially funded and defined in 2006. DPNR reported difficulties in hiring someone for this \$75,000 per year job. Now we have him, let us work with him. My hope is that he shall tell us his job is "Planner for St. John-St. Thomas," rather than the other way around.

What can a planner do for us? Very simply, a planner will act as a central point to blend all the needs and desires we have for the town of Cruz Bay into a practical plan that will give us a town where we can shop and stroll, fetch our mail and meet friends. Of course parking is our number one concern.

I met last week with Administrator Leona Smith. She reported that the V.I. Port Authority in conjunction with the governor's office will begin construction of 150 parking spaces around the perimeter of the Enighed Pond in February.

As you may recall, I met with the governor on this issue on July 4. It is later than we may have liked, but I can work with a governor who does regard his word as his bond. If it is done, and done right, the 150 spaces will bring instant relief to our long-standing problem.

On your behalf, I will keep the pressure on the governor to spend the remaining \$1.2 million to get started on the multi-level parking structure to be situated in the vicinity of the inspection lane parking area.

We all know of our five-point plan to fix our parking problem. We created this by working together on St. John, even without our own planner. Let us remind our Executive Branch that this deliverable result is something we insist on. This is an election year, and there is no time like an election year to bargain for specific things that you want for St. John!

I must close now due to space considerations. In the next Senator At Large Report, I will talk about the solar hot water program in which you can get a solar hot water heater at no up-front cost. I also have some wonderful news about a potential addition to the our own Territory Park system.

Until then, enjoy the blessings of 2010, and please be in touch if there is anything that I or my staff can assist you with.

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With my recent MRI and a few hours at our Myrah Keating, Chris Roddy transferred records, set up appointments, airline tickets and discounted hotel fares and two days later I was on the two-and-a-half-hour flight to Ft. Lauderdale. The next day, I had doctors appointments, labs, EKG tests, X-rays and four days later, well overdue back surgery.

Myrah Keating's affiliation with Cleveland Clinic now affords all of us, especially those of us that are getting "up in age," the access to thousands of Physician Specialists, Nurses, Staff and equipment that all of us can now utilize, including a "telemedicine" hook up.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Beason

A Friend in Need

Dear Friends of Irene and Steve Levin:

Because many of you have inquired about my sister Irene's health I thought that I would write an open letter to update you on her condition. It is with great sadness and much hope that I share this information with you.

Many of you know Irene and Steve Levin, who have lived on St. John for approximately 24 years. Irene is the owner of Sol Yoga in Mongoose Junction where Radha and Glen Speer have opened their home to create a beautiful setting for a yoga studio at that location.

Through the years Irene has taught yoga to children and adults to include the following: The Omega Institute; Beacon School Program at Sprauve School; the Self Center at Caneel Bay and at the School of the Arts.

For several years, however, Irene's health has been deteriorating and during that time she has sought the care of specialists in many fields both institutional and non-institutional, to include chiropractic care, acupuncture and massage.

She has been prescribed medicines, been through physical therapy and has a folder a foot deep of medical records. During the evolution of this process she has been uninsurable as each time she would try to secure insurance she was told that her symptoms were pre-existing.

On New Year's Day 2010, she was rushed to the clinic on St. John with breathing and swallowing problems and epileptic-type seizures. After stabilizing and seeking additional medical help, last week she returned from a week of intense testing performed by some of the world's best and most knowledgeable doctors at the Cleveland Clinic and Research Hospi-

tal in Ft Lauderdale, FL.

All of the doctors were able to agree only on one thing and that is that Irene is clearly quite ill. But nobody knows with what. On Tuesday, January 26, she got a call to say that they discovered a growth on her brain that could answer some, but not all, of the questions.

They are re-calling her to take additional MRIs and other tests. Some doctors believe there is a possibility of Lyme Disease that could be raising havoc with her immune system and causing a series of other severe ailments that have gone, as yet, undiagnosed.

In this last trip to Florida they maxed out their credit cards and the hospital will not allow them to pursue care without pre-payment since she is uninsured.

The testing and treatment for Lyme will require her to see a specialist in Connecticut. Already on St. John, friends have been asking what they can do.

Janet Simonsen has set up a support group on Facebook with a request for people to donate through Paypal. But not everybody has a computer or is a member of Facebook.

Because of her weakened state we are asking that friends send cards to: Irene Levin, 16329 Estate Carolina, St. John 00830, and refrain from calling her to ask how she is. She continues, as always, with a positive and pragmatic view saying how lucky she is to be so sick in such a beautiful place and knows that she will get well!

If you do call, however, please just let her know that you hold her in your thoughts and prayers. If you want additional info on her condition you can call me, Noreen, at (508)360-5777. We all thank you for your ongoing concern and your positive thoughts.

Noreen Cavanaugh

A St. John Thank You!

As I am having a fundraiser for wounded and disabled veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, I would like to acknowledge the generosity of the St. John businesses that have donated, especially in this recessionary environment.

By the end of the fundraiser, I expect over 100 proprietors to have given on the average of \$30 each. These people realize what these former soldiers have given, whether they agree with the cause or not, and now these wounded warriors can come to paradise and participate in therapeutic activities.

The organization is based out of Maryland and is called Team River Runner (found at www.teamriver-runner.org), has been to St John before and the vets loved it!

These men and women are suffering. Some have physical disabilities, but worse, many of the mental and emotional illnesses sustained in combat, such as

post traumatic stress disorder, can be healed, at least in part, in the therapeutic environment of St. John.

I would also like to thank Cid Hamling of Connections and Peter Alter, race director of 8 Tuff Miles. Cid has donated, for the second time now, material such as copies, computer time and staff to this fundraiser; otherwise, it would have the cost the organization the expense. Peter has allowed me to use the 8 Tuff Mile's name to raise money for the vets.

Hank Slodden, owner of Storage on Site, has said numerous times, "the people on this island can chew you up and spit you out, but when you're down and out, they can be right there for you." I think that is well said and I agree.

Thanks to all who have given on behalf of the wounded vets.

Very sincerely,
Ted Kelliher

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In Defense of Public Interest

Governor John deJongh has relied on two opinions issued by the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands that warrant input from the general population in view of the ramifications of those opinions on public governance.

In the first instance, an acting attorney general advised on the propriety of using public funds to provide added security at the governor's private residence on the basis that the governor elected to reside at his personal home during his incumbency as Governor of the Virgin Islands rather than in a government-owned facility.

From the outset, this writer disagreed with the acting attorney general's reasoning when he expressed the opinion that the expenditure of public funds on the governor's private residence was allowable.

This writer was fully cognizant that the 1954 Organic Act identified government house as the official place of residence of the Governor of the Virgin Islands and to the best of his knowledge, the Organic Act was not amended to provide another venue, nor was he then, nor is he now aware that the Virgin Islands Government at any time petitioned the Congress to allow the local legislature to make that determination by virtue of the delegation of congressional authority in the matter.

These facts would appear to be enough to dissuade the writing of an opinion that was subsequently used to justify the reprogramming and spending of several hundred thousand dollars of public funds on the governor's private property.

The recent release of the Department of Interior's Inspector General Final report on the matter has declared the reprogramming of the funds used to enhance security at the governor's private residence as illegal. Among the recommendations made is the following:

"Ensure that funds redirected to the Department of Public Works by Act No. 6917 and improperly expended for security improvements at the Governor's private residence be returned and used as intended".

Obviously the opinion depended upon to validate the expenditure and the method used to obtain the funds is deemed inappropriate and illegal.

This writer believes that in addition to the limited issue on the legality of reprogramming funds appropriated by the legislature for classes of projects that do not include security enhancements at the governor's private residence, there is in addition the ethicality of the governor's personal involvement in the process leading to the actual reprogramming and use of those funds that inevitably would have resulted in increased valuation of his private property at public expense.

Until the public became engaged in open commentary about the work that was being done on the property there was no public awareness of a plan to remove and return permanently installed security enhancements to the people of the Virgin Islands.

It is unconscionable and also unethical to expect the people of the territory to absorb this almost one half million dollar expenditure with its long-term personal beneficial effects for the governor and his family. So, for this writer, the matter goes beyond the question of legality versus illegality.

The Inspector General's report addresses the legal/illegal aspect clearly and only. The ethical question

is not addressed, but that too is significant in assessing the quality of gubernatorial leadership. Beyond the legal-illegal issue, the compounding issue worth scrutiny is about conscience and right versus wrong!

The second and most recent circumstance in which the governor relied on an opinion issued by the Attorney General is the situation wherein he chose to withhold forwarding the draft constitution to the President of the United States within days following the constitutional convention's submission of the document to him.

His duty was to perform the purely ministerial function of forwarding the convention's work to the president. Unilaterally he chose not to perform that duty. The Mandamus Decree that was granted by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands was exactly what this writer expected, though it took longer than anticipated.

It repudiated both the AG's opinion and the governor's reliance on it. Nowhere in the congressional legislation authorizing the writing of a draft constitution is there any language authorizing the governor to take the action that he took to withhold forwarding the draft document to the president, notwithstanding any opinion of the attorney general to the contrary.

Nor did the authorizing legislation require or request gubernatorial comment on the document and especially comment designed to thwart the WILL of the convention. In this writer's view, the Mandamus Decree nullified the Attorney General's opinion that would otherwise have remained on our law books with the same force and effect of law as if legislatively enacted.

The question that an informed public should ask is "why are these kinds of opinions being issued?" This writer believes that minimum probing will reveal an answer just beneath the surface.

Another relevant question begging to be asked is "why is the governor serving as chairperson on any board or commission alongside subordinate employees within his administration?"

This writer believes that legislation should be enacted to curb the intimidating effect of the governor's presence on his subordinates in matters of either their speech or their vote. The governor should be removed from all decision-making boards and commissions conducting the people's business.

He should not be in a position to exert undue influence, directly or indirectly by his presence and participation on government or citizen dominated boards, commissions and other instrumentalities engaged in public policy deliberations and actions.

This writer believes that the legislature should recognize the need for a declaratory public policy statement enshrined in public law stating who boards and commission's members represent when discharging their sworn duties. Are they representing the people or they serving merely as extensions of the governor's office?

There is deafening silence on this issue. Only the legislature can clarify and codify the proper response to this matter. Perhaps the issues that we face today, including the contents of the IG's report would not have taken place if the legislation asked for in this writing was already in place.

Gaylord Sprauve

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6
Under Investigation: 6
Solved: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17
Under Investigation: 16
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70
Under Investigation: 66
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 67
Under Investigation: 64
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2010 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

3rd Degree Burglaries: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 7
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 2

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

Alcoholics Anonymous 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 Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Alateen Meetings

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

Making Strides with Archives

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The programs concluded with an all-star panel discussing the status of St. Croix's National Heritage Area. With the consent of the VI Legislature, it will be forwarded to Congress and the people of St. Croix for final approval.

The panel included MOC Donna Christensen; NPS Superintendent Joel Tutein; Ingrid Bough, Director of Libraries, Museums & Archives; Claudette Young-Hinds of SUCCEED; and Gerville Larsen, Chairman of the St. Croix Landmark Society.

Congresswomen Christensen has been shepherding this project for six years. Claudette Young-Hinds will head the National Heritage Area when approved. VI Senator Wayne James, an honored guest, is seeing to its smooth passage through the Legislature.

To cap off this great Saturday program, Millie hosted author T.J. Stiles at the NPS Archive and Research Center on Tuesday. T.J. recently won the prestigious National Book Award for his biography "The First Tycoon: the Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt."

Vanderbilt was very active in the Caribbean area defeating filibuster William Walker in Nicaragua and successfully moving the gold from the California gold rush to the vaults of New York City. You'll recall that Raphael Semmes, the Confederate raider, tried many times to capture his steamships as they moved through the Caribbean from Nicaragua to New York City.

T.J.'s home is at the Presidio in San Francisco. He had held the Gilder Lehrman Fellowship in American History at the New York Public Library and was on the East coast to attend the swearing in ceremony of David S. Ferriero as the 10th Archivist of the United States on January 13.

Ferriero was appointed by President Obama and sworn in by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer. He was formerly head of the Research Libraries at the New York Public Library. He holds a master's degree from Simmons College of Library and Information Science (Dr. Bastian's school).

After Washington, T.J. Stiles came to St. John with his wife, Jessica, and son, Dillon to visit his parents Dr. Clifford and Carol Stiles of Fish Bay. T.J. was impressed with the NPS archives and hopes to return to it to do research.

Friends of VINP Enjoy "Remarkably Good Year" in '09 Despite Economy

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ing "voluntourism" in 2010, a program which enables cruise ship visitors to sign up for half day and full day excursions cleaning park beaches, maintaining trails and stabilizing historic structures.

"It is expected that we will have crews of 35 four days per week preserving park resources," said Hardgrove. "This will give us much-needed manpower."

The move toward exchanging 10 acres of VINP land with the V.I. Government in Estate Catherineberg for the construction of a new school is ongoing, Hardgrove explained.

"The exchange is subject to the completion of a feasibility and environmental impact study by the government of the Virgin Islands," he said. "This project was funded through a technical assistance grant in December 2007, and is a multi-year study."

The Trust for Public Land is still in negotiations with the owners of the land where Maho Bay Camps, whose lease is due to expire in 2012, is located. If negotiations are successful, TPL will launch a major fundraising initiative for the purchase of the land.

Several VINP projects have been funded for 2010, including the restoration of the Lameshur ruins, the rehabilitation of the Maho Bay parking and pavilion area and the paving of the road and parking lot at Francis Bay.

Keynote speaker Olasee Davis, local environmental activist, botanist, cultural anthropologist and prolific writer, told the crowd how his interest in the environment began as a small child.

Davis' great-grandmother was born on St. John in the 1830s, and his grandmother was born on the island as well. He recalled the inspiration he received when spending time with his grandfather, who was a farmer on Tortola.

"He would get up at three or four in the morning, load up his mule and begin his day," said Davis. "One day, my grandmother allowed me to go with him. The time I spent with him is an education

V.I. National Park in 2009: BY THE NUMBERS

St. John Tradewinds

22 million: Amount of dollars it would take to bring the VINP's cultural resources and facilities up to date with respect to maintenance.

11 million: Amount of dollars the National Park Service invested in the Virgin Islands economy through payment of salaries, contracts, supplies, materials and utilities, which is \$2 million more than 2008.

5 million: The VINP's current operating budget, in dollars.

4.4 million: Amount of dollars awarded for the North Shore Road paving project.

2.25 million: Amount of dollars spent by the NPS to purchase 26 acres of Maho Bay Estate from the Trust for Public Land. The VINP anticipates spending \$2.25 million more in 2010 to purchase an additional 49 acres.

1 million: Number of visitors served yearly by the VINP.

74,400: Items available for research in the VINP archives.

50,000: Number of visitors served at the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay.

28,000: Number of visitors who attended 401 formal interpretive programs conducted by the VINP.

15,000: Number of volunteer hours donated to the VINP, which is 5,000 more than in 2008.

915: Number of students reached through the V.I. Network of Environmental Educators.

700: Number of schoolchildren who took field trips in the VINP through the School Kids in the Parks program.

101: Number of Commercial Use Authorizations issued to local businesses which provide visitor services and recreational activities.

100: Number of children who spent three to five days in the VINP during its summer eco-camps.

55: Number of outreach programs conducted for non-profit community groups.

32: Number of injured visitors who received medical care from Trunk Bay lifeguards, who also conducted 99 first aid responses and provided assistance to, or rescued, 320 others.

28: Number of storm use moorings installed in Hurricane Hole.

8: Number of classes which received grants to use the VINP as a learning resource. Also the number of high school students, from both the U.S. and the Virgin Islands, who worked with the Student Conservation Association's Trail Crew project.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 22

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you can't get in college."

Davis shared the story of Samuel Raphael, founder of Jungle Bay Resort in Dominica, who was so touched by the beauty of St. John as a child that he went on to create the eco-resort.

"He was inspired during a trip to Cinnamon Bay in 1972," said Davis. "That dream stayed in his

head."

Raphael's story illustrates the need to educate today's youth on the importance of protecting and preserving the local environment, Davis explained.

"I would like to encourage you to never give up because the future generation depends on our natural and cultural resources," he said.

St. John resident Bill Stelzer captures images of disaster and hope

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enced.

"It's a lot different telling this story and being in that plane, seeing news footage and thinking I might not be coming back or coming back with all of my pieces," he said.

After connecting with the rest of the Mercy and Sharing team, the group secured a vehicle and drove across the border and through Haiti, keeping north of Port-au-Prince.

"It took between seven and 10 hours all together," said Stelzer. "We were bypassing Port-au-Prince because we wanted to get to Williamson to see if the kids there were safe. When we got there they were basically alone, except for a janitor and a security guard."

"They hadn't had food or water for several days when we got there," Stelzer said. "There was some evidence of the earthquake in Williamson, but the orphanage was totally fine. We brought food and diesel for the generator to run the water pump."

While most of the children at Mercy and Sharing's Port-au-Prince orphanage had been moved to Williamson, there were still some children, staff and supplies back in the original Port-au-Prince orphanage, explained Stelzer.

"The kids were really excited to see us but were worried about the kids in the other orphanage that hadn't been transferred yet," he said.

The group set up headquarters in a hotel near the Williamson orphanage and set about trying to obtain security for the trip to Port-au-Prince, which grew even more dangerous since the jail fell apart in the the earthquake, Stelzer explained.

"People were sort of numb and in shock after the earthquake during the first few days," that is why is was getting more dangerous

"Susie wanted a military escort to the orphanage so that the children would be safe," he said. "We first went to a U.S. Marine outpost, but they were just landing choppers and bringing in supplies and couldn't help us. But you felt really good about being American sitting there and watching these guys in full fatigues."

Despite not obtaining security, the group traveled to Port-au-Prince that day and on most days during their stay in Haiti. While Mercy and Sharing's Port-au-Prince orphanage had sustained damage and was overtaken by squatters who emptied the food storage, no one was injured.

"We packed up all the kids and we got the house mothers who had been taking care of the kids and loaded them into trucks and drove them out to Williamson," said Stelzer. "The house mothers were in the back of the truck singing Haitian gospel songs all the way back, sort of songs of deliverance. They were very grateful."

During his time in Port-au-Prince, Stelzer was thankful for his bad allergies, which made it easier for him to breathe without smelling the air.

"I had a medical mask, but it was around my neck because I don't really smell well anyway," said Stelzer. "When we were driving the first day, we were going really slowly and I saw a Haitian guy who looked at me and pointed to my mask to put it on. There were decomposing bodies under the rubble and it permeated everything."

"There were bodies on the streets," he said. "Things were cleared up a bit when I got there a few days later, but you heard stories from Haitians about body parts on the ground in the streets."

The Mercy and Sharing group also tried to determine the whereabouts of abandoned children who had been in the general hospital when it crumbled, Stelzer added.

"Susie worked with the hospital where she had a wing where the children are taken care of called the Abandoned Baby Unit," said Stelzer. "We went to try to find out what happened to these kids because the entire hospital was damaged. They set up a tent city area right outside of the hospital which was protected by U.S. Military."

"They said the children were safe but wouldn't tell us where they were," he said.

While witness to some violence, Stelzer was more impressed with the calm of the city although danger was always present.

"There was not much looting

that I saw," he said. "I saw isolated incidents and some things that looked like the beginning of riots, but weren't. People there are so used to hardship and were so weakened, they were calmer."

"I lived on cliff bars that I had brought with me," Stelzer said. "You couldn't give away any food or water because you could start a riot. There was a very real danger and as a result you ate and drank enough so you didn't have to eat in front of people and you also tended to avoid it all together."

Despite the activity around him, the situation dictated that Stelzer stay focused on his responsibility and his surroundings.

"I was in charge of getting pictures and video and I had to do that," said Stelzer. "You are

hyper-aware of everything going on around you. You're almost in combat mode going, 'where is my exit, where is the vehicle, what do I do if anything happens, where is my shot.'"

"You can't screw up and you can't get yourself killed," he said.

During the time in Haiti, Krabacher was interviewed several times by CNN and the group was able to secure their Williamson orphanage. Stelzer shot a few thousand stills and about 50 minutes of video, some of which might be used in upcoming news specials.

The footage will be used by Mercy and Sharing to share their story.

Looking back, Stelzer knows he is a different person now.

"For me personally, I knew as I

was flying in there that I was not going to come back the same person," he said. "I came from that standpoint where you are in this mode that you have to make things happen and you have to make them happen quickly."

Through it all, Stelzer felt blessed to be able to visit Haiti and do what he could to help.

"I felt very privileged to be there," said Stelzer. "They had a need and I had a skill. We all felt very lucky to be able to go in there and help and do good."

Mercy and Sharing is always in need of donations, and especially now since many other orphanages were damaged and there are simply more orphans. To donate to Mercy and Sharing check out the website www.haitichildren.com.

St. John Police Report

DIAL 340-776-9111 FROM A CELL PHONE

Friday, January 22

6:55 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/requesting police assistance with his son. Disturbance of the peace.

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/requesting police assistance with his grandson. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that someone entered his home. Burglary in the third.

12:20 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she lost her documents. Lost documents.

7:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r two males removing items from a residence that was not theirs. Suspicious activity.

Saturday, January 23

10:51 a.m. - An Estate Pow-erboyd resident c/requesting police assistance at her residence. Police assistance.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that someone broke into her residence. Burglary in the third.

4:14 p.m. - Badge #41 p/ with one Robert Whalen of Boston, Massachusetts under arrest and

charged with driving under the influence. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court.

Sunday, January 24

3:00 a.m. - A citizen r/ loud music in the area of the Lumberyard. Police assistance.

8:50 a.m. - A Gift Hill resident c/requesting police assistance. Grand larceny.

9:40 a.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r that her ex-husband has been creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

4:00 p.m. - A Wharfside Village resident r/ that his cell phone was stolen. Grand larceny.

Monday, January 25

2:17 p.m. - An Estate Concordia resident p/r that someone hit his car while it was parked. Auto accident.

Tuesday, January 26

9:31 a.m. - An Estate Freeman's Ground resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

4:35 p.m. - Badge # 690 p/ with a male minor, placed under arrest and charged with burglary in the third.

9:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ a dis-

turbance of the peace between two males. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, January 27

3:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ being in an auto accident. Auto accident.

5:15 p.m. - An Estate Friis Bay resident p/r that he paid a ferry company to deliver an envelope with money in it and it never reached its intended party. Grand larceny.

6:34 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident p/r that his stepmother ran him over with her vehicle. Assault in the third.

10:00 p.m. - An employee of Morgan's Mango c/requesting police assistance. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, January 28

9:29 a.m. - A Department of Public Works employee r/ that someone removed parts off a tractor.

3:50 p.m. - A resident from Massachusetts p/r that she lost her wallet in the area of downtown Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

11:53 p.m. - ADT c/r an activated alarm at the V.I. National Park building. Activated alarm.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, February 2

The St. John Film Society is hosting a free screening of "Sugar," a film about a Dominican baseball player struggling to make it in the American big leagues, on Tuesday, February 2, at Sputnik's in Coral Bay at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3

With tremendous support from students and parents, Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library continues hosting its college counseling seminar series this Wednesday, February 3, at the Cruz Bay library.

Saturday, February 6

The annual Friends of VINP Gala will be on Saturday, February 6, at Janet and Martin Marshall's Villa in Great Cruz Bay.

Tuesday, February 9

The St. John Historical Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall will feature David Knight, who will present a photographic journey through time.

Wednesday, February 10

Senate President Louis Patrick Hill is hosting an Open Community St. John Summit meeting on Wednesday, February 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

February, February 11

St. John School of the Arts presents Julian Gargiulo in concert on Thursday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Celebrate Valentine's Day by re-affirming love and commitment at the eight annual free marriage vow renewal with Love City's minister Anne Marie Porter. The ceremony will be on Sunday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay beach.

Saturday, February 20

— The St. John Historical Society will host a benefit aboard the historic 110-foot steel schooner Silver Cloud on Saturday, February 20. Tickets are \$90 per person, which includes a catered picnic lunch and complimentary soft drinks and water all day. Meet at the dinghy dock in Coral Bay, behind Skinny's at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are available at Connections in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

— The St John Film Society, in conjunction with Janet Cook-Rutnik and William Stelzer, will present the V.I. Productions Mini Film Festival on Saturday, February 20, at the St. John School of the Arts starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 13

Giff Hill School's 24th annual Dinner Auction will be Saturday, March 13, at the Westin Resort.

Saturday, April 10

Julius E. Sprauve School Fundraising Gala will take place on Saturday, April 10, at Caneel Bay Resort.

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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Grande Bay Gears Up for Short-term Rentals, Says Managing Owner Kane

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son Janis, accompanied by General Contractor Todd Wilson of Blue Fin Homebuilders LLC of St. Thomas. "There came a time I had to step in."

"We are here to make sure we finish this property," Kane added matter-of-factly of her representation of the majority of the owners. "We just wanted to show the community that we want to be good neighbors and part of the community. We have tried to do it right."

Kane gives much credit for the progress on completing the project to her "outstanding" contractor Wilson.

"We can blame them and we can give them credit," Kane said with a laugh. "They stepped in like I stepped in."

Exterior Work Completed

All exterior work has been completed according to approved plans on the project's sixth building according to contractor Wilson. Interior work on the final building in the project, which towers above the pool deck adjacent to the Lavender Hill condominiums, has been halted while the developers await a decision on their request for a zone change for the parcel involved, he said.

The developers are requesting a zoning change from W-1 waterfront pleasure to R-4 residential in order to finish the sixth building as six condominiums. Under its current permit, Bay Isle is allowed to construct a 12-bedroom, two-family dwelling on the parcel. The developers are requesting a zone change to build six units with a total of nine

bedrooms.

Among other community efforts, Bay Isle Associates is cooperating with the V.I. Water and Power Authority on putting utilities underground along Cruz Bay beach from Wharfside Village to Gallows Point, according to Wilson.

Senate Approval Necessary

Now Kane and contractor Wilson are hoping planning officials will act favorably on their rezoning request so the project can be finished. The zone change also requires approval by the V.I. Legislature and Governor John P. deJongh Jr.

"DPNR came out and measured all the setbacks," said Wilson, a contractor for 18 years on St. Thomas. "I wanted to know if there were any other issues."

The developers moved a completed jacuzzi from a site on the interior side of the pool deck to a location near the outside boundary of the project to resolve questions about setbacks.

"Same with the mezzanine on Building E (the recently completed fifth building)," he said of another controversial aspect of the project. "We just decided we would remove it."

The hillside site was the location of the former home of the long-time island physician the Dr George Knight. Dr. and Mrs. Knight, who are both deceased, sold a ridge-top parcel above their hillside lot to the late Ivan and Doris Jadan. Heirs of the Jadans have fought the development for years, charging it blocks the views from the family's property.

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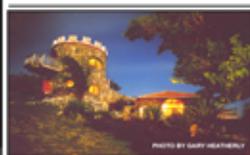
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LUMINARIA - Luxurious ridge-top villa with incredible views of North shore and down island. Large pool with waterfall, 3 bedroom/ bath suites, 4 car garage, gated entry, beautiful furnishings and landscaping, vacation rental history. **\$2,495,000.**

CBR HOME LISTINGS

PERELANDRA - Excellent 2 bd/2 bath rental villa high above Cruz Bay. Stunning water views, privacy, lovely pool set in lush gardens. A good buy at \$1,050,000.

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Masonry 2 bd/2 bath home w/ carport/workshop, on an absolutely gorgeous 0.86 acre lot with panoramic views. End of the road privacy. \$975,000.

CALYPSO del SOL - Very successful rental villa w/ excellent views of Chocolate Hole Bay & St. James islands. Newer masonry home with 3 bdrms / 3 baths, large screened porch, A/C, beautiful pool & hot tub. \$1,950,000.

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POINT RENDEZVOUS - New rental villa in upscale neighborhood. Masonry construction w/ low maintenance features. 3 bdrm/ 2 baths, large covered veranda, spa, 20' vaulted ceiling in greatroom, ample room for expansion. \$1,595,000.

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CHEZ SHELL - Charming 3 bd / 3 bath, w/ gorgeous sunset views, & prime Great Cruz Bay location. This beautifully decorated, & maintained rental villa has marble floors, A/C, custom cabinetry, inviting spa & excellent floor plan. \$1,295,000.

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STONE HOUSE - Unique native stone 3 bd/3 bath villa w/ covered rotunda, freeform pool, and spectacular Coral Bay views. \$1,800,000. With adjacent parcel \$2,100,000.

PLUMB GUT - 1 bd/1 bath home w/ adjacent 1X1 cottage. Lush setting on eastern side of Bordeaux. \$574,000.

BAYVIEW - Private villa bordering Natl. Park, minutes to Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with 2 bldgs connected by pool, decks & patios. 280° views overlooking Francis Bay & North Shore + Coral Bay. \$1,695,000.

CAROLINA - Small, poured concrete, home with lovely covered wraparound deck. Flat 1/2 ac. fenced lot. \$349K.

BOATMAN POINT - Masonry 4 bd. home on spectacular 1 ac. waterfront site with amazing views & outstanding neighborhood. \$2,795,000.

WINDSONG - Stately Boatman Pt. villa, w/ separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/ panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. \$3,495,000

BORDEAUX MT. - Family home w/ 3 bd./2 baths, large porch, water view, 1/2 ac. lot w/ large trees. \$575,000.

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CBR CONDO LISTINGS

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GALLOW'S POINT CONDO - Waterfront, 1/bd/1 bath condo in resort setting. Pool, restaurant, swimmable beach, hotel amenities. \$695K.

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KLEIN BAY - Small upscale neighborhood, gorgeous views, commonly owned beach. \$799K & \$995K.

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\$3,000,000

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\$1,799,000

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\$1,500,000

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\$1,295,000

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\$797,500

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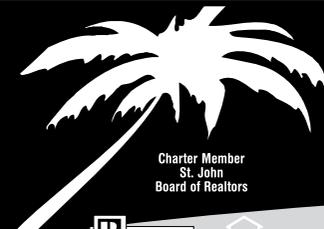
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AMOROSA A brilliant Tuscan inspired villa in the midst of the National Park in Peter Bay. Sweeping views, deeded walking path to the beach, 4 bedrooms, 5 baths. \$7,450,000

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WATERFRONT MARIA BLUFF Villa Belvedere Commanding views, year-round sunsets, pool, spa, deck, 3BR/3.5BA. \$2,750,000

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Evening of Dancing

St. John School of the Arts hosted their second annual dance-a-thon fundraiser on Saturday night, January 30, at the Westin Resort's Grand Ballroom. Full story and more photos in next week's *St. John Tradewinds*.

