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Senate Removes Garbage Hauling from Capital Improvement Fund Uses

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After 20 years of paying for garbage hauling, the St. John Capital Improvement Fund will start paying for Love City capital improvements soon.

The V.I. Senate approved a measure earlier this year that removed solid waste collection and disposal as authorized uses for the \$1.5 million annual St. John Capital Improvement Fund.

After being passed by the senate, Governor John deJongh vetoed the measure, claiming that his administration was looking out for Love City, but couldn't afford to cover the cost of waste hauling to St. Thomas.

On Monday, March 8, the 28th Legislature voted almost unanimously to override deJongh's veto, with the sole vote against the override coming from Senator Usie Richards.

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger had been working to retool the fund for months.

"It is a very important victory because St. John now actually has a fund which increases every year that can be used for true capital improvements," said Barshinger. "Every year St. John can count on that money and count on a project. My colleagues understood the plight of St. John in having a Capital Improvement Fund in name only since it was really a trash

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The \$1.5 million annual fund will no longer be used to haul trash from St. John to St. Thomas.

PSC Reality Contest Winner Will Have Electric Bill Paid for Three Months

The V.I. Public Services Commission, in conjunction with The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, announce the kick-off of a new state-wide reality contest called the "Anybody Can Serve, So Let's Conserve" energy efficiency campaign.

The contest will identify one family from the Virgin Islands with a family income no greater than \$50,000. That family will compete with other families from each state in an Energy Conservation Challenge from April through June of 2010 in an effort to become the family that conserves the most energy in the U.S.A.

Each family will receive an energy efficiency "tool-kit" and a computer webcam in order to document their conservation efforts and participate live on their own video blog. The winning family will receive payment of their electric bill for three months.

For more information contact Lorna Nichols, PSC public relations officer, at 776-1291 and check out the website www.anybodycanserve.org.

Reptile Hike Seminar Rescheduled

Friends of V.I. National Park were forced to reschedule two popular seminars this year due to schedule conflicts.

New dates have been selected for both seminars and spaces are already beginning to fill. The popular Reptile Hike will be on Wednesday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants can search for reptiles along the Reef Bay Trail with reptile expert Dr. Renata Platenberg, and enjoy a boat ride on the *Sadie Sea* back to Cruz Bay.

The Fish ID Sail will be on Tuesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants can become citizen scientists on board the sailboat *Calypso*, learn how to identify fish with NPS Ranger Laurel Brannick and join the REEF fish count.

Call the Friends office at 779-4940 for more information and to sign up today.

Children's Health Screening Mar. 26

The Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Department of Education, Department of Health, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands and Lutheran Social Services, will host Child Find, a free developmental screening for children up to five years old.

The screening will be on Friday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John. For more information, contact Bonnie Roy at 774-4399 or Maureen Moorehead at 718-7997.

"Awakening the Divine Within" Free Lecture Set for March 17

Island residents can participate in a free lecture with visiting teachers Chinello and Nadira Seeram-Haney, two of guru Sri Kaleshwar's senior teachers who will be coming to St. Thomas and St. John to give healings, teach classes and give lectures on some of the divine teachings passed on to them.

They will speak on "Awakening the Divine Within" using the five elements to awaken the divine Shiva-Shakti energies. The free lecture on St. John will be on Wednesday, March 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the great room of the lower campus of the Giffit Hill School and on St. Thomas on Friday, March 19, at Antilles School. This is a special opportunity being brought here in the Virgin Islands so don't miss out. For more info call Suki at 642-3739.

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— Rafe Boulon,
Chief of Resource Management,
Virgin Islands National Park

This eight-inch juvenile lionfish was caught between Waterlemon Cay and Thread Needle Point off the North Shore. V.I. National Park officials had received reports of lionfish in the area for several days before actually spotting and catching the fish.

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Photo by Caroline Rogers



First Confirmed Lionfish Captured Off St. John — Local Reef Fish Could Face Serious Danger

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The lionfish has arrived at the shores of Love City and V.I. National Park personnel are mobilizing to ensure the deadly fish does not establish a population in St. John waters.

Sporadic reports of lionfish in the area have come in over the past few months; however, a “very credible report” from Maho Bay Watersports a few weeks ago spurred the VINP to take notice, explained VINP Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon.

“They reported seeing the lionfish between Waterlemon Cay and Thread Needle Point, east of Waterlemon,” said Boulon. “They gave us a pretty good description of where they saw it.”

The report came in late on a Friday afternoon, and with no divers available, the VINP was not able to conduct its search until the fol-

lowing Tuesday, when divers came up empty.

Boulon was called again on Monday, March 8, when St. John resident Ernest Matthias reported seeing a lionfish in the same area reported by Maho Bay Watersports. Matthias tried in earnest to capture the fish in a small bag, but was unsuccessful.

“We went the following Tuesday morning (March 9), and bam, we went into the water and there it was,” said Boulon. “I think it had been kind of spooked from being chased around the day before, but we caught it and brought it back in.”

The eight inch-long juvenile lionfish, whose sex was not able to be determined, represents the beginning of what could evolve into a very serious threat to local reef fish.

Lionfish have continued to appear in the Caribbean in growing numbers since they were

likely introduced to the oceans surrounding Florida during the devastation of 1992’s Hurricane Andrew.

The Bahamas, which is grappling with a lionfish problem of its own, has reported densities of lionfish of more than 1,000 per acre, which is “very high,” according to Boulon.

“Some studies there show the lionfish wiped out 80 percent of the small fish population,” he said. “Somebody who works on the lionfish in the Bahamas said they eat small reef fish like popcorn. They’re very efficient predators.”

Nearly all of Love City’s small reef fish, including grunts, tangs and parrotfish, are likely to be preyed upon by the lionfish, and because local fish aren’t familiar with the lionfish, they don’t know that it presents a danger.

“We have naïve prey,” said Boulon. “They

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Senator at Large Craig Barshinger with the Julius E. Sprauve School essay contest winners.

St. John Students Write Impressive Essays on Black History Month

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When Senator at Large Craig Barshinger hosted an essay contest in February to celebrate Black History Month, it was Love City students who submitted the most material.

Barshinger hosted contests at several schools across the territory, choosing four winners from each school. At the Julius E. Sprauve School the winners were Adaeja Meade, Jamekiah Wiltshire, Khaleilah Krall and Joseph Thomas.

The focus of the contest was to get students excited about and inspired by black history, explained Barshinger.

“Black history gives our St. John youth a chance to look into the many achievements that people of color have brought to our society and also practice their writing and research skills,” Barshinger said. “We had the best participation on St. John than any other island. We’re really proud of them.”

While this was the first such contest hosted by the senator at large, he plans to make it a tradition.

“This is definitely something that we plan to do every year,” said the senator at large. “We want to reach out to our schools to encourage our students to develop to their fullest potential. Every student is filled with potential and school is a discovery process to see how they can soar.”

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– DPNR spokesperson Jamal Nielson

WAPA’s Planned Coral Bay Reverse Osmosis Plant May Be Taking Shape

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A major utility project planned in the Fortsberg area of Coral Bay seems to be taking shape despite a lack of information available from government agencies.

V.I. Water and Power Authority officials are moving forward with their plan to build a reverse osmosis plant on a parcel of land located on the Usher Key side of Fortsberg in Coral Bay, according to several residents familiar with the project.

Architectural services have been obtained and a St. Croix-based company has already been conducting environmental feasibility tests in the area, according to residents who wished to not be identified.

Plans for the project include installing intake and outflow pipes, and eventually installing pipes across the harbor in order to provide water to Reliance Housing Foundation’s recently completed affordable housing complex in Calabash Boom, according to a Coral Bay resident.

While WAPA first announced its intention to build an r/o plant in the Coral Bay area almost two years ago, details about the project have remained sketchy.

WAPA’s acting public information officer Lynnette Moreland did not return repeated phone calls requesting comment, while a Department of Planning and Natural Resources official said the department had no knowledge of a planned r/o plant in Coral Bay.

“I spoke with Carl Howard and he has nothing on file or on record for an r/o plant in the Coral Bay area,” said DPNR spokesperson Jamal Nielson. “There is

no permit application and Carl has no knowledge of a reverse osmosis plant being constructed or being planned to be constructed in Coral Bay.”

Several Coral Bay residents, however, had a lot more information than that.

“WAPA met with Fish and Wildlife officials from Puerto Rico at a pre-application meeting for the project months ago,” said a Coral Bay resident. “Bio Impact was out there in December looking at the area. They did not say how far out the pipes were going to run, but they did say that they want to run a distribution pipe across the bay to the Reliance development.”

“They are also planning to bring a pipe back from Fortsberg to the Estate Emmaus area,” said the resident.

One thing that is known for sure is the funding source for the project, which has been in WAPA’s coffers for years. During a visit to St. John in April 2008, then Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne awarded WAPA a \$981,000 grant to construct an r/o plant in Coral Bay.

“We’re still in negotiations, so I couldn’t tell you where the property is we’re looking at right now,” WAPA Executive Director Hugo Hodge said in April 2008 about possible locations for the project.

“The grant will cover everything — securing the land, installing pipes and building a 1,000 gallon storage tank — except the actual reverse osmosis plant,” Hodge told the *Tradewinds* in 2008. “We’ll start producing 50,000 gallons a day and increase to about

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Plans for St. John Multipurpose Center Getting Dusted Off

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After collecting dust for more than 20 years, a long-dormant plan to construct a multipurpose center in Cruz Bay might just be getting new life again soon.

Plans for a St. John multipurpose center, which include an indoor basketball court, stage, kitchen, meeting rooms and dorms for visiting sports teams, were drawn by architect Doug White more than 20 years ago.

The plans date back to the administration of Governor Alexander Farrelly, when Darlin Brin was the Commissioner of Conservation, the government agency which pre-dated the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. A master plan for the island was created in the mid-1980s under Farrelly, which called for a community center to be constructed in the Cruz Bay area, explained White.

"When the master plan for the island was crafted, it was always planned to have a community center in Cruz Bay and 20 years later it seems like we might get it," said White.

The government put out a request for proposals and White won the bid to provide architectural services. Working with a design advisory committee, White ensured that the community center was exactly what the community wanted, he explained.

"The advisory committee included a wide spectrum of St. John people," White said. "Former St. John Administrator Bill Lomax was a key member of the committee and a lot of other people weighed in too. We really tried to incorporate everyone's needs."

The planning phase of the project alone took months and resulted in plans for a comprehensive multipurpose center with a 1,200 seating capacity auditorium, additional meeting rooms, a full size indoor basketball court and parking for 90 vehicles. The building would also be suitable as a hurricane shelter in

the event of a disaster.

The plans call for the center to be built on government land near the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' current location. The tennis courts would remain, and the two-story multipurpose center building would be situated nearby. The entrance to the building would be accessed via the side street near St. Ursula's Church.

About \$200,000 was spent on the plans and the community center was to be constructed with money from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund.

While it seemed like the Cruz Bay multipurpose center was a go, a fire at the Susanaberg dump changed everything. When the dump caught fire in 1990, money from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund was transferred to the Department of Public Works to put the flames out.

In the 20 years since then, the \$1.5 million annual St. John Capital Improvement Fund was paid to Penn's Trucking for hauling St. John trash to the St. Thomas landfill.

Last week, however, the fund was finally returned. On Monday, March 8, the V.I. Senate voted almost unanimously to return the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to St. John for capital improvements, not trash hauling.

With a new source of funding available for the long-promised multipurpose center in Cruz Bay, it seems White's plans might be getting dusted off soon. Despite sitting on a shelf for two decades, the multipurpose center plans are still viable, according to White.

"The idea was to develop a community center for St. John that was really workable and wouldn't be out of date for years and years," White said. "We knew this could take some time to build, so we intentionally created the plans to still be valid years down the road. We haven't outgrown these plans."

Attempting to resuscitate the
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Doug White drew plans two decades ago for a Cruz Bay multipurpose center to be constructed near the Bureau of Motor Vehicles parking lot, at left.

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Samuel and Boulon Works Showing at Bajo el Sol Gallery

Woodworker Avelino Samuel and painter Kimberly Boulon pose in front of Boulon's painting of Francis Bay during an opening reception for the two St. John artists at Bajo el Sol on Friday, March 5. The gallery will feature the artists' work throughout the month.



Photo by William Stelzer

Get Ready To Boogie — Eighth Annual St. John Blues Festival Kicks Off Mar. 17

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's March on St. John and that means only one thing. The blues will take over Love City this week culminating with a big concert in the Coral Bay ball field on Saturday night, March 20.

Starting on Wednesday, March 17, Steve and Helen Simon will host the Eighth Annual Johnny Walker St. John Blues Festival with performances scheduled across the island through Sunday, March 21.

Simon's passion for the blues and his impeccable musical taste ensure that each festival is filled with world-class performers and this year is no different.

"I am really blessed when it comes to the blues because whenever I plan a concert I always focus on 'who would I like to go see' and I just make a list of my favorite performers of the day and call them up and book them," said Simon. "It also makes it a lot easier for me as I book my concerts a year in advance so the entertainers I want to see are usually available with that much advance notice."

This year's blues festival lineup includes such acts as Deanna Bogart, The Ford Blues Band, JP Soars and the Red Hots, The Ty Curtis Band, Billy Gibson, EG Kight, Shakura S'Aida, JT Lauritsen and Washboard Jo.

The music ranges from Bogart, who rocks a boogie piano blues

mixed with modern sounds, to the Norwegian JT Lauritsen, who will open the festival on March 17 at the Sun Dog Cafe at 8 p.m. At 9 p.m. that night The Beach Bar will feature Groove Thang.

The fun moves out to Coral Bay on Thursday night, when Island Blues will host Deb Callahan and Reverend Raven and The Chain Smoking Altar Boys will rock Aqua Bistro. Both shows start at 8 p.m.

Both Cruz Bay and Coral Bay will be filled with the blues on Friday, March 19, when Reverend Raven takes his show to The Beach Bar and Shipwreck Landing hosts the James Cobb Blues Band.

While gearing up for the big Saturday night concert in the Coral Bay ball field, Skinny Legs will feature the Skinny Legs Blues Revue starting at 3 p.m.

"St. John is going to rock Saturday night like it never rocked before," said Simon. "I think that everyone is going to be blown away by the energy and the talent that is going to entertain us."

"After last year's amazing blues festival I decided that for 2010 I was going to double up on the amount of performers we would present and I can't believe it's actually about to happen," said Simon. "The line-up almost gets me dizzy just thinking about it."

The festival wraps up on Sunday, March 21, at The Beach Bar at 4 p.m. with surprise guests art-

ists expected all night.

Simon has been throwing the biggest blues party on St. John for eight years now and it has become the most anticipated entertainment event on the island.

"When I started this adventure eight years ago I really had no idea how everyone would take to it and now it has become the single largest entertainment destination event in the Virgin Islands and everyone benefits from it," said Simon.

The night is also a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of St. John which staffs the concession bar, Simon added.

Despite all the work, Simon has as much fun during the St. John Blues Festival as the crowd.

"I am very proud of St. John and it is truly an island wide effort to put this on each year and I am just thrilled to be the Blues Boss for a week on my beloved island," he said.

Tickets for the March 20 concert, \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, go on sale on March 17 at both Connections locations and Chelsea Drugs at The Marketplace and Red Hook. Five dollar safari taxi rides will be available all night long from Cruz bay to Coral Bay and back to Cruz Bay. Also a 1 a.m. ferry will run to Red Hook after the show from Cruz Bay to bring blues fans back to Rock City.

For more information check out stevesimonpresents.com.

Post Office Rezoning Passes Unanimously; Grande Bay Rezoning Passes by Narrow Margin

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

St. John is one step closer to getting a new post office and Grande Bay is one step closer to earning some much-needed money thanks to the V.I. Legislature's approval of two zoning requests on Tuesday, March 9.

The Senate unanimously approved the Boynes family's request to rezone its 7,800 square foot parcel, located at 131 Estate Contant and Enighed, from R-4 to B-2 for the construction of a three-story building, with space to be leased to the U.S. Postal Service for a new post office for the island.

"The rezoning for the post office occurred very smoothly," said Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. "It wasn't really contentious because all the property's neighbors agreed and there were no opponents."

The rezoning is a major step in the move for a new post office for the island, which has outgrown its current facility located in the heart of Cruz Bay. The USPS initially signed a lease with the Boynes family in May 2007.

Early plans for the new post office facility, which were unveiled at a January 2007 town meeting, called for a 6,000 square foot

"Although this decision does not have any bearing on my case, it is disheartening and disappointing that there is such disregard for the law. Everyone who has been, is or will be involved with Grande Bay will appear in court and explain in full detail how the entire development meets the Virgin Islands zoning law."

— Liza Trey, neighboring property owner

first floor designated for the post office, 12 to 15 second-story parking spaces for post office customers and office space for the Boynes family on the third floor.

"The rezoning opens the door for the Boynes family to offer the U.S. Postal Service a location for a new post office which will have at least eight parking spaces, and be adjacent to the 150 parking spaces that we have funded for the V.I. Port Authority to create imminently at the Enighed Pond," said Barshinger. "Because nobody came out against it, I call it a good thing."

Barshinger was not as happy with the rezoning of Grande Bay's 0.26-acre lot, 3A in Cruz Bay, from W-1 to R-4 for the con-

struction of six condos in the luxury condominium development's building E, which has already been built out as an empty shell. A zoning variance was also approved by the Legislature, which will allow developer Bay Isle Associates to construct an on-site sundry shop.

Bay Isle's rezoning request was passed by a narrow 8-7 margin.

Several people testified at the Legislature's March 4 hearing in favor of the rezoning, with just one person testifying against Bay Isle. Numerous residents expressed their disapproval of the proposed rezoning to Barshinger outside the hearing, according to the senator at large; however, their

passion did not match the level with which residents had argued against the fledgling Sirenusa development's rezoning request, he explained.

"It was no longer the passion that people had with Sirenusa," said Barshinger. "We got many letters in the office from people against the Grande Bay rezoning, but they were against it in a casual way. If even 15 to 20 people from the St. John community had shown up at the hearing in opposition, the rezoning would have failed."

While residents have loudly protested Bay Isle's development tactics in the past, it's possible that the St. John community is ready to see the development finished and move on, Barshinger added.

The senator at large expressed his concern over the additional pressure that Grande Bay's six new condos and sundry shop will place on the island's infrastructure.

"We're already busting at the seams," he said. "Our infrastructure cannot handle the density in Cruz Bay."

Neighboring property owner Liza Trey, who is suing Bay Isle for alleged zoning violations at the Grande Bay development,

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GHS Sea Navigation Collects Tons of Supplies for Haiti Earthquake Relief

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School sea navigation students have been hitting the seas in style and collecting much needed items for Haitians suffering in the wake of the devastating earthquake that rattled the island nation in January.

GHS sea navigation class, taught by Bill Henderson, has been collecting canned food items, medical supplies and more for the earthquake relief effort.

"We have literally collected tons of items for Haiti," said Henderson. "There is everything from hundreds and hundreds of pounds of rice to blood transfusion bags, linens, clothing and construction materials."

The collected items will be sailed to Haiti by a convoy of vessels scheduled to head to the island later this month, according to Henderson.

"We're organizing a flotilla to take the items to Haiti," he said. "We're talking to about a half a dozen sailors now who are interested in joining the flotilla."

Storage on Site donated a container to hold the collection at



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Jill Darnley

Volunteers and students help Bill Henderson, at far left, load a container with items donated for the earthquake relief effort.

GHS for about a month as students from every class added to the effort, Henderson explained.

"The kids were great," he said. "Every single class participated

and we had to re-pack the container three or four times because there was so much stuff. It was great."

Last week, the sea navigation

students — who usually ply the waters in Henderson's friends boats — got a special treat.

"We had the kids in a cruise ship last week," said Henderson.

"We were supposed to go out with friends, but things didn't work out. We were down on the dock and the cruise ship *Sea Dream* was in so I contacted the bridge officer and we got to go out and tour the ship."

"It was probably about 400 to 500 feet long and they gave us a great tour," said the GHS teacher. "The kids loved it. They took us up to the bridge and gave us a tour of all their navigation and electronic equipment."

The sea navigation class at GHS has been a popular elective since Henderson launched it last year. About 13 different local boaters have donated their time and use of their vessels to take the students out, Henderson explained.

"We generally go out every other week on the water," he said. "We try to have classroom time one week and then sail the next week. We've gone out on 13 different boats and there have been almost 30 adult volunteers who have helped with the class."

"It's really been a lot of fun and it's going to continue to be because there is a lot of interest in it," said Henderson.

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Inner Visions members Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, left, and Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering, right, show off the funds raised for Haiti earth quake relief from the concert.

Grassroots Haiti Relief Concert Rakes in Almost \$6,000 for Earthquake Victims

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After joining a Haiti relief fund raising concert on St. Thomas last month, members of the popular reggae band Inner Visions decided to host a concert of their own right here on Love City.

Quickly putting the show together on Saturday, February 27, the Grassroots Haiti Relief Concert raked in almost \$6,000 for Doctors Without Borders.

"In the wake of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti, we were invited to play at a concert fundraiser in St. Thomas," said Philip "Grasshopper" Pickering. "The concert was from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and we were supposed to be the last band to play. We thought it was silly to have a concert that started at 9 a.m. and we were a little upset by it."

The band mates talked things over and decided to take matters into their own hands.

"We thought if you have a concert that starts later in the day and lasts until later in the night, you would have a lot more support," said Pickering. "We were talking about it and said, 'let's just do our

own.' We thought the only problem would be the sound system."

One quick call to Cool Sessions solved that problem, Pickering added.

"I said if we talk to Cool Sessions and they say we can use their sound system, then it's a go," Pickering said. "Cool Session said of course, so we jumped ahead planning the concert."

After word got out that Inner Visions was putting a Haiti relief concert together, most St. John musicians signed up to join.

"Everyone jumped on board," said Pickering. "They got us a stage and lent us some lights and we had so many musicians volunteer to join the concert. It was a true community effort."

There was no entrance fee for the concert, but audience members were asked to donate to the cause. Local artisans were asked to make a donation to set up booths with their wares and a concession stand also raised money for the effort. In total \$5,720 was raised at the concert, with most of the funds headed to Doctors Without Borders.

"There was no entry fee — this

was all straight up donations," said Pickering. "We decided to donate to Doctors Without Borders after looking at a lot of different organizations. When I read what the doctors were doing and how most of it is all volunteer, I was really impressed."

"They go out and deal with the physical problems," said Pickering. "Without your health you have nothing. That is why we decided to go with Doctors Without Borders."

A portion of the concert's proceeds — about \$250 — was donated to the American Red Cross for its Haiti relief efforts, Pickering added.

The hardest working reggae band on St. John has also had its own plate full getting a new CD together and filming a video for Tempo. The new CD, "Staying Alive" should be out in the next few months and keep an eye out for Inner Visions' new music video on Tempo within the next few weeks, according to Pickering.

The group plays each Thursday night at Sputnik's in Coral Bay and plans to schedule gigs in Cruz Bay soon.

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COMING SOON: 10th Wagapalooza

St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars — the Animal Care Center will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Wagapalooza on Saturday, May 22.

As in the past five years, the extravaganza will be in the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Wagapalooza, or Waga as it's affectionately called, is a one-of-a-kind dog show that could only take place on St. John. Categories for judging dogs don't in the least resemble AKC-approved categories, and this year's categories will be announced very soon so that dog owners can start preparing costumes (for dogs or for dogs and their owners) and begin practicing tricks, smooches, leaps and poses for photos.

The first Wagapaloozas were hosted at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay until the event grew to such proportions that a larger venue was needed. It was transferred to the ball field in Cruz Bay in 2005.

As a result, new attendees

from Cruz Bay came as well as the faithful from Coral Bay. Because of the ball field's proximity to the dock, guests also started to arrive from St. Thomas.

ACC's history documents the birth and growth of Wagapalooza a unique creation. Wagapalooza was initiated by Jen and Jeff Donnelly, along with Moe Chabuz and Doug Sica. Joe Palminteri worked with the Donnellys on creating the first show, emphasizing the zany nature of the fundraiser for the ACC. Dr. Laura Palminteri of Canines, Cats and Critters was among the original judges.

In observance of the 10th anniversary year, co-chairwomen Monica Munroe and Karin Schlesinger are hatching some special plans. Wagapalooza is the ACC's primary fundraiser, so mark those calendars and plan to attend.

The homeless and injured cats and dogs — and sometimes parrots and other pets in distress — of St. John sorely need the support.

ACC Offering Canine Good Citizen Course Starting Mar. 24

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

If Fido doesn't mix well with others, hates going to the veterinarian or just needs a manners reminder, the Animal Care Center is coming to the rescue.

Following up on last September's Responsible Dog Ownership Day — which drew about 100 pet owners — the ACC is bringing two American Kennel Club certified examiners to lead a training course on St. John.

The Canine Good Citizen Certificate course will teach pet owners and their furry friends all about proper dog behavior, explained ACC education chairperson Paul Jordan.

"The course is to see if the dog owners are responsible and to determine if the dogs themselves are Canine Good Citizens," said Jordan. "The course is basically dog training lessons which will cover how the dog reacts to other people, how the dog reacts to other dogs and how the dog reacts to being handled by a veterinarian, for example, or a young child."

Starting on Wednesday, March 24, the course will meet weekly at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace for one hour for five weeks. A graduation, and award-

ing of the Canine Good Citizen certificate, will be on April 21.

"At the end of the course the dog will take a 10-stage test," said Jordan. "We'll ask the owner to walk the dog past another person and then past another person with a dog. We will also ask the owner if the dog can be handled."

"You don't want the dog to cower or snap," Jordan said. "This allows the examiners to know if the dog will react badly to a visit to the vet and if they can look in its ears, etc."

One of the most difficult parts of the course will monitor how a dog reacts when its owner is out of sight, Jordan added.

"All of the dogs are always on a leash for the entire class and when we go through all the tests," he said. "One of the more difficult tasks is when a dog owner hands the leash to an examiner and tells the dog to sit. If the dog is well behaved, then the owner walks around the corner and out of the dog's sight."

"If the dog can remain sitting for two minutes with its owner out of sight, then the dog passes the test," said Jordan.

The Good Canine Course is based on positive reinforcement, not punishment, explained the ACC education chairperson.

"There is no punishment in the course," said Jordan. "The dogs are rewarded for proper behavior but they are never punished."

The course is open to all dogs older than puppy age who have all their shots.

The Canine Good Citizen class, the first of its kind offered on St. John, is a great way for dog owners to learn proper training methods, explained Jordan, who used to show English bull terriers back in the states.

"One of our goals at the ACC and especially our education goal is to teach responsible ownership," said Jordan. "We want to teach how to train your dog properly and how to expect a well-trained dog to behave."

The cost of the class is only \$50, which is a tax deductible donation to the ACC. Any dog who fails the final test will have the chance to test its skills again in May, Jordan added.

"If anyone needs more practice, we're going to have makeup test at Wagapalooza in May," said Jordan. "So any dog who takes the test and flunks will have until May to get their skills down."

Pet owners can register for the course at the ACC. Call Jordan at 513-3703 for more information.

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Roundabout Construction Close To Wrapping Up



With only about two months of construction left, the Cruz Bay roundabout is shaping up — the circle was poured last week - and should be wrapping up soon as well.

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Photos by Adam Lynch

Annual Ruby Tourney Mar. 26-28

St. John Tradewinds

The Fourteenth Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament will be March 26, 27 and 28 at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

All proceeds from the sponsorship of innings and the sale of commemorative t-shirts will support the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund. Money raised from the food and drink sales will benefit the Love City Pan Dragons Steel Youth Orchestra in honor of Ruby.

Since 1996 the fund has paid out \$106,500 in scholarship awards. Additional money has made significant improvements to the ball field and its environs; new electronic scoreboard, grading and leveling of ball field and annual refurbishing of the concession stand and bleachers.

Come out and support this fun event as high school girl players from St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Tortola compete for the much coveted tournament title. Winning team is awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for their school, so the competition is tough.

Innings are for sale at \$100 each, a game is \$700 a scholarship is \$2,500. Sponsors will be announced at the beginning of each inning and during the games. To sponsor an inning, a game, a scholarship, or just make a donation, please make a check payable to RRSF Inc.

Mail or drop off at Connections in Cruz Bay at 776-6922 or Coral Bay 779-6922. Visa, Master Card, Amex and Pay Pal will also be accepted. For more information call 693-8069.

DOH Issues Advisory on Pink Eye

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen advises the public of recent reports of conjunctivitis, commonly referred to as pink eye, in the territory and is urging residents to seek medical attention if they feel they have contracted the infection.

While pink eye can be an irritating condition, it is usually harmless to one's sight and typically doesn't require extensive or emergency treatment. However, because it can be highly contagious for as long as

two weeks after signs and symptoms begin, it's important to seek diagnosis and treatment early.

Parents are urged to keep children with pink eye from child care facilities or school until symptoms have cleared, Sheen said.

Pink eye is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane (conjunctiva) that lines the eyelid and part of the eyeball.

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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Legislative Session Yields Big Decision

St. John Tradewinds

Huge things happened for St. John last week in the V.I. Senate. The Legislative Session was held for two grueling days on March 8 and 9. This is the time when all the committee hearings, research and preparations come together and your senators actually enact or reject the laws that we have been working on.

The biggest victory was the override of the governor's veto on a St. John issue. As mentioned in my last report, in December I had successfully moved legislation to protect the St. John Capital Improvement Fund from withdrawals for operational expenses such as trash hauling.

Such operational expenses should of course be paid from operating budgets, leaving the Capi-

tal Improvement Fund intact for important uses such as constructing a St. John community center, public market, or school — real capital projects that St. John needs and deserves.

The governor vetoed this correcting legislation, you expressed outrage, and I asked you to contact all your senators and urge an override. You did this. An override requires a two-thirds majority, and we met this threshold with a 14-1 vote in favor of the override.

Congratulations to all for the hard work and the successful outcome.

The Alpine Energy plan to create 48 megawatts of electricity for the next 20 years by burning petcoke and trash was defeated in session. The people of this territory simply were not in favor of

this deal, for environmental and economic reasons.

The senate rejected the lease of land in Bovoni, signaling an end to this multi-billion dollar deal that seemed better for the off-island contractor than for the people of the Virgin Islands. Once again, the public's participation, both in learning about the issue and then speaking out, led to the victory.

I hope to hear from Alpine and WAPA and WMA shortly, with an improved offer to close our landfills and make Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) on St. Thomas and on St. Croix, with a 12-megawatt plant sized to burn just our RDF.

This would meet the pressing need to close the landfill, generate some electricity, and keep the door open for truly renewable alternatives such as solar and wind.

WAPA and WMA are to be commended for their work to date. The fact that the people did not accept the deal they proposed last August is not a sign of failure. The deal was well-thought-out and worthy of consideration. But it had flaws and we rejected it. Now they can take what they learned and come back with a next proposal.

I know that people want electricity that is 1) less expensive, 2) more reliable, and 3) renewable/ environmentally safe. My senate committee on Economic Development, Energy and Technology will continue to bring energy issues to the public in hearings and town meetings. I intend to make sure that anyone who wants information can get it.

The next big victory affects the whole territory, but most significantly St. John. After extensive negotiation with Governor John de Jongh, I special-ordered a bill to allow him to send out the 2006 property tax bills at the 1998 rates.

So St. John residents can forget about the very expensive bills that they received in 2009; we are going back to the affordable 1998 rates for now. This will also bring in much-needed revenues to run our government services. As I have said all along, "St. John residents are ready and willing to pay their property tax, but only their fair tax."

My legislation to obtain a long-term fix for the property tax system is still in committee. Please weigh in on this issue when it comes up for hearings. But for now, we have something we all can live with.

I am sad to report that construction has not begun on the 150 parking spaces that the executive branch promised would begin in February. This is not satisfactory. The senate funded this project with \$800,000 from a bond issue.

I will continue to demand the fulfillment of this urgently-needed parking. If you are anxious to see

it as well, send us a letter, email, or telephone call. It is also a good strategy to contact the governor's office through his administrator, Leona Smith at 776-6484.

Fellow St. John residents, you need this parking, you deserve this parking, and you should demand this parking. Your legislature funded it over six months ago.

The solar hot water heater program is picking up steam. As of January 1, any Virgin Islander can get a solar hot water heater at no up-front cost. This is a fantastic deal that will bring rewards for years to come. Contact the V.I. Energy Office or any solar dealer to begin. We have several solar dealer/installers active right on St. John.

Welcome to Stuart Smith, our new St. John-St. Thomas planner. Having a full-time DPNR employee devoted to shepherding St. John growth in an organized fashion is a wonderful boon. Congratulations to DPNR for accomplishing this hire.

In coming weeks, I'll be reporting on the trips that Catherine Stephen in my St. John office has organized for youngsters to learn old-time fishing skills with the help of our culture-bearers. We thank the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation for their partnership in this effort that will connect our youth with the traditions and wisdom of our elders.

In closing, I would like to ask your input on how you feel about paying \$9 for a police report. It has been reported to my office that when you are the victim of a crime, you are forced to pay for the report. It is a valid point that this is not a good time to charge money. What do you think on this and similar fees? Contact us at 693-8061.

Thanks and congratulations on the many victories won for St. John in the March session. I couldn't have done it without your help!



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St. John Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

A large crowd decked out in green and shamrocks gathered outside the Quiet Mon Pub at high noon on Saturday, March 13, to watch the Cruz Bay Irish bar's 13th annual St. Patrick's Day parade. With the Middle Age Majorettes, an Irish step dancer, motorcycles and fiddlers entertaining the crowd under sunny skies, the parade was a hit.

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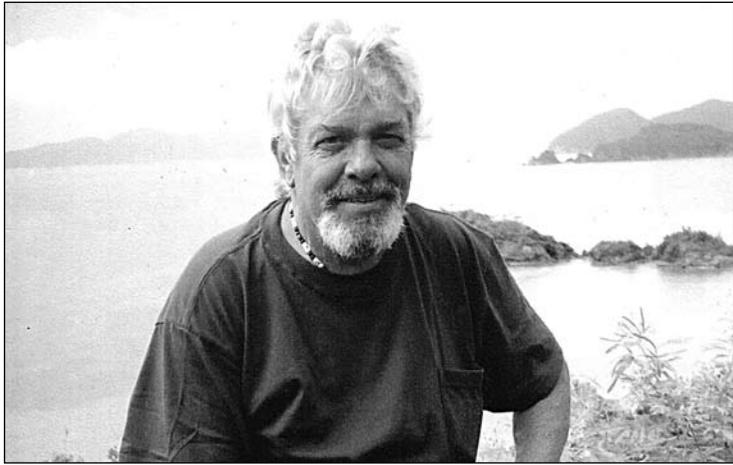


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Obituary



Robert "Bobby" L. Visel

St. John Tradewinds

On February 8, 2010, Robert Lyle Visel passed away at Schneider Regional Medical Center on St Thomas. He was born in Lansing, Michigan on March 22, 1943. He served his country, in the U.S. Navy, for four years starting in 1960. He was on the destroyer *USS The Sullivans* on the front line at the Bay of Pigs.

Robert became "Bobby" soon after his arrival to St. John in 1969. He was a talented man with talented hands! His first year here he sat at the dock and wove bowls, birds, and hats out of coconut palms for the tourist.

Bobby's passion was finish carpentry. He spent many years building some of the first homes past Jacob's Ladder. He always had a block of *Lignum vitae* wood in his pocket for carving.

Bobby loved to go camping and hiking, and camp fires were his thing. He also loved to read and eat — food was his favorite subject! Not only known as the "life of the party," he showed kindness and had a smile to everyone.

Bobby is survived by his daughter, Crystal Visel Christy; son, Nathan Visel; sisters and brothers, Sally Miller, Mary Ellen Finch, Richard Opper, and James Opper; and most importantly, his "family of friends" here on St. John. We shall all miss his kind heart.

A celebration of his life will be hosted at Hawksnest Beach on March 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Grassroots Haiti Concert Fundraiser Was a Success

Greetings! We, the members of Inner Visions Band, would like our community to know how successful our St. John "Grassroots" fundraiser for Haiti did!

On Saturday, February 27, the Winston Wells ball park was electrified with supporters for the cause. With no actual entrance fee and our vendors giving from their hearts, we were able to raise \$5,470 for Doctors Without Borders.

In addition we also received a check of \$250 for the American Red Cross. Together the grand total of this event raised \$5,720 for the needy brothers and sisters of Haiti.

We'd like to thank our sponsors: Mr. Ira Wade; Miss Leona Smith; Mr. Lew Henley; the VI Police Department; Cool Sessions Brass for the use of their sound system; Joseph for the lighting; our tabulators (Star Johnson, Joan Thomas, Avis James and, Merle Morton); Elliott Hooper at Tall Ships Printing; Lee at

St. John Printing; Alan at St. John Ice (we do apologize for not getting your last names); and all our vendors and fellow musicians.

Bands like Cool Sessions Brass, Ah We Band, Wrecktion Band, Michael Beason and Co., Echo People, Slammin', KoKo and the Sunshine Band, the Pan Dragons, Kat/T-Bird and Wanda, and Percy's Sound system all give their time unselfishly to make this all become a reality. We do want to make mention of Chris Carsel and Co. who freely give up their time slot so we could remain within the time allotted for the event.

Last but not least is you the community who attended and made this happen in a big way. May the kindness of your hearts be returned in blessings!

**Blessings,
Inner Visions Band**

A Big Thanks To Ira Wade

I would like to personally, and on behalf of all St. John residents who care about keeping the beauty of our home, thank Mr. Ira Wade for all he does for our St. John community.

There has been a continual eyesore of trash on Giff Hill Road which has been dragged by pigs and goats from the Susannaberg transfer station down the hill to the road.

Last night on the way home, I decided that I just had to do something. It's bad enough to drive Giff Hill Road with all the road conditions, but, to daily

witness the disgusting litter breaks my heart.

This morning as I slowly drove over the road construction, I was amazed to see the hillside and road, clear of trash!

I know Ira is short-staffed and Public Works lacks proper equipment to do the job. But, he works tirelessly to address waste management on St. John.

We all owe him a big thank you for going above and beyond.

**Sincerely,
Cid Hamling**

It's Time To End the Military Industry

The military industry needs to be shut down if this Capitalistic Democracy is going to survive.

We can not allow a Capitalistic industry that is based on killing people and making war to continue exist. The whole purpose of that industry is maintain war. Is that something we really need?

Everyone in the world is participating in Capitalism, we don't have any enemies. What we have is a disturbance by a bunch of Muslim bad guys and we go to war with two countries.

Terrorism is just a bunch of bad guys, it doesn't matter if it is an upset employee that shoots up the people in his office or if he drives a plane into a building, Muslim or not.

All we have to do is make friends with their families, and their families will tell them to stop. As soon as we do that, we can dismantle the military industry, better yet lets not wait.

Do you think the industry would like that? They pay a huge amount of money to get the American people to allow them to make money and they pay an even greater amount to Washington to assure they get to stay in business.

It is time, for the good of humanity that the American people eliminate this industry. If we don't we will be standing by, while our government allows a capi-

talistic industry to severely limit the development of man as a species, which could lead to its extinction.

In 2001 a few bad guy terrorists flew planes into buildings and 2,819 Americans got killed. We started two wars to avenge them. We got at least as many Americans killed fighting these wars and we got 10 times that many Muslims killed while we fought it..

In America cigarettes kill more than 10 times that many people each year and we don't go to war to stop the murder. If we can tolerate them maybe we should turn the military industry in to cigarette manufacturers, at least then they would only kill their own customers.

Or if the industry wants to help humanity they could get into renewable energy, space travel or invent an industry that is good of mankind.

For thousands of years men were ruled by other men who wanted to go to war — be nice if they just wanted to play basketball. It does not appear that we are getting any better at war and it doesn't seem to be making us much better as a species.

Technology has advanced so far and the population of the world has become so great that wars are becoming a real problem to all of us. This industry need to be shut down.

Greg Miller

Keeping Track of Crime

2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

2010 TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 5

3rd Degree Burglaries: 12

Grand Larcenies: 11

Rapes: 0

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Protecting Our Precious Gems —the Children of the V.I.

Do you know the true face of child abuse?

Some may believe it's denying a child basic needs, or not being sacrificial as a parent, or using corporal punishment to discipline. Child abuse is verbal, emotional, psychological as well as physical.

Reacting in frustration to a child's behavior by telling them they resemble every negative attribute of their parent is abuse. Referencing a child's social or academic challenges and pronouncing them a failure is abuse.

The well known adage "sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me" is a misconception because sticks and stones can break bones, but words can hurt much more.

Emotional, psychological, and verbal abuse are underestimated as the most damaging to the healthy development of children. The effects of demeaning a child's character are considerable even after the bruises fade, the blood is cleaned up, and broken bones are healed.

Some children will believe what is repeated and grow to become what they were told.

Children need to be encouraged. Use of constructive reinforcements is ideal: great job; you're the greatest; I knew you could do it; etc. Children need to be reminded that they can accomplish anything.

The practice of thinking before speaking despite anger or frustration is a great exercise. Once a comment is made, it cannot be retracted even if there's deep regret for what was said. If nothing positive is expected from children, then expect a likewise result

in how they develop. Take a moment and think, then speak.

Making positive comments about a child before they leave for school and at bedtime is another great habit to develop. If a child can easily remember the words to a song or lines in a movie, they will recall the positive words spoken to them.

Any person who knowingly or recklessly causes a child to suffer physical, mental or emotional injury or who knowingly or recklessly causes a child to be placed in a situation where it is reasonably foreseeable that a child may suffer physical, mental or emotional injury or be deprived of any of the basic necessities of life shall be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment.

March is Professional Social Work Month. Children need for parents, guardians, and caregivers to make a conscience effort to build and/or restore a relationship with them. Perseverance is vital; and there are various resources available for guidance on improving the parent and child bond.

The Department of Human Services is a multifaceted agency designed to provide a myriad of services to the mass population.

Our Children and Families Protective Unit offers assistance with the challenges involved in healthy child rearing. Our staff is available to meet the needs in the community as we fulfill our motto of "Working Together to Make a Difference."

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The Department of Human Services

Impressed with St. John Montessori School

During a recent visit with my brother, his wife and their two daughters near Coral Bay, I had the pleasure of joining my nieces for a morning at the St. John Montessori School. I am not usually one to write to a local publication, but felt compelled to compliment the school and the compassionate staff after observing instruction there.

I have been a literacy coach and a remedial reading and math specialist in upstate New York for many years. During my tenure in these positions, it became obvious that the primary failing of many educators is the inability to actively engage children in meaningful activities.

All too often teachers "cover" material on an abstract level; talking to the children rather than fostering their physical and verbal engagement with the target topics. It was such a pleasure to see children

discussing academics with the richness of language and focused intensity as was witnessed at St. John Montessori School.

Every child knew his/her responsibility to complete tasks, to share their discoveries and to treat one another and the adults in the school with behavior enviable for many grown ups.

It was a shocking surprise to see six year olds demonstrating clear understanding of multiplication concepts, five year olds naming the countries of Europe, three and four year olds reading and writing, two year olds categorizing things that either float or sink, and every child responsibly maintaining their classroom environment. Quite simply, it was one more unexpected gem found in paradise.

Sincerely,
Douglas Usher

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Erin Go Braugh to all!

— MN

Dear Chocolate Hole Homeowner Association Members (ECHLA):

Are you tired of bad roads, unfettered development, lack of responsiveness of the ECHLA board and not having a voice?

Did you know?

...road funds are being used for non-road purposes

...Pond Bay has not provided required ECHLA benefits

...ECHLA is operating without a budget

...ECHLA is re-writing its homeowner covenants and restrictions without membership input

...Safety issues, such as lack of street signs in case of emergency, are ignored

If you want to help correct these issues challenging your property values and membership well-being, the Friends of ECHLA want to help. We need to know each other so we can help each other. Please provide your contact information to the return email address: info@friendsofechla.com

Pass the word.

13th "Almost" Annual
CORAL BAY YACHT CLUB FLOTILLA
Proceeds to Juy H. Benjamin School
SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

Have a fun day while contributing to our school!

DAYSAIL TO PARTY - \$40
9:30 a.m. Coral Bay dinghy dock

OR
ARRIVE BY CAR - \$20
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will be rockin' at the beach, starting at noon

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Devon Tyson, buoy team leader, caught the lionfish after about five minutes of four divers chasing it from coral head to coral head near Waterlemon Cay.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Rafe Boulon

First Confirmed Lionfish Caught Off St. John

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just don't recognize the lionfish as a predator. It's a real concern if these things get well established, because it will have quite an impact on our natural marine fish populations."

The Bahamas has not had much success in controlling the lionfish population; however, their failure may be due to how expansive and unpopulated the country's islands are, according to Boulon. While

St. John waters may be easier to monitor, the lionfish's habits don't lend to an easy capture.

"Unfortunately, they can be found in anywhere from three feet to 200 feet of water," said Boulon. "They could be all over the place. The most we can do is try to keep the population as low as we can through monitoring and removal of the animals."

Add to that the fact that a lionfish can lay around 48,000 eggs at

one time, or 2.4 million eggs per year, and it's clear the VINP is facing an uphill battle.

The lionfish captured last week near Waterlemon Cay has been pickled, and its stomach contents are being analyzed to determine what the fish had been eating. The specimen will be sent off to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration experts, who will analyze the lionfish's DNA in an attempt to determine which route it took to arrive in the VI.

In the meantime, the VINP is asking the public to keep its eyes open for the dramatic-looking fish, with stripes and large, spiny fins.

"We request that people don't try to handle them, because their spines are very toxic," said Boulon. "Report the sighting to us, or to V.I. Fish and Wildlife, with as much information on the location of the lionfish as possible."

Because lionfish are territorial and don't move around much once they have settled down, an accurate description of the location of the sighting can help ensure a capture.

In addition to seeking help from the public, the VINP plans to begin monitoring some of the park's more sensitive habitats, such as mangroves and reef areas.

"We're at the very beginning of this," said Boulon. "It's going to be a challenge."

Senate Removes Garbage Hauling from Capital Improvement Fund

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hauling fund."

The victory was as much due to Barshinger's efforts as it was to the community's efforts, according to the Senator at Large.

"This was a victory that was won by St. John residents who mobilized and contacted their senators," said Barshinger. "When I put out the call for people to lobby their senators, St. John residents came through and every single senator got dozens of calls. That is what tipped the balance."

The \$1.5 million annual fund was established in the mid-1980s and was never really used for anything until the Susanaberg garbage dump caught fire in 1990, explained St. John resident Steve Black, who has been a staunch supporter of having the St. John Capital Improvement Fund cover the cost of capital improvements for years.

"We never really actually received any money," said Black. "The fund was established in 1986 and we were supposed to get \$1.5 million each year. The purpose was to address the fact that St. Thomas was, and still is today, getting the lion's share of everything that goes on."

"St. Croix and St. John were being neglected," Black said. "So the senate came up with this plan called the Capital Improvement Fund that was supposed to be for on-going improvements on the islands to make this a little more fair."

Since it was established, however, the funds were never used to pay for St. John capital improvements, Black explained.

"During the [Governor] Farrelly administration we never had access to those funds," he said. "There was always some reason why we didn't and then came the dump fire at Susanaberg in 1990. It was supposed to be the responsibility of Public Works to put the fire out, but our senator at large at the time forwarded the idea to fund it through the Capital Improvement Fund."

In total, St. John missed out on about \$40 million of money that could have been used to address

any number of critical needs, according to Black.

"If you calculate the amount of money that we've lost it's about \$40 million," he said. "Could you imagine what St. John would look like if over these years we would have had access to those funds instead of having that money pay for garbage hauling?"

"We don't have the pretty town and the nice capital improvements that we should have been getting all these years," said Black.

Making the Capital Improvement Fund cover the cost of trash hauling makes no sense since the service comes out of residents' taxes, Black added.

"Not only do we pay for trash services with our taxes, just like St. Croix and St. Thomas, but St. John got an extra tax in the fact that we got singled out as the only island that has to pay for its hauling as well," said Black. "It's sad that St. John lost this money so that Public Works and then Waste Management would have access to this money."

"It is the Waste Management Authority's job to pay for trash hauling out of their \$40 million budget," Black said. "St. John should not be the supporter of the Waste Management Authority."

With the fund returned to its original intent, the question now is what to do with the money.

"A really important part of this is determining what and how these funds can be used," said Black. "I think it should be a choice of our community to help steer some of these projects. I no longer feel that our government is looking out for the best interest of St. John."

The funds can be earmarked for any project, once a bill is approved by the senate, Barshinger explained.

"Any senator can draft a bill for a proposed use of the funds," said the senator. "I plan on sponsoring a bill to use this money for capital improvements on St. John, of which there is not shortage of needs."

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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WAPA's Planned Coral Bay Reverse Osmosis Plant

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150,000 gallons a day. The first part is the standpipe, then we'll look to expand."

During his official trip to the territory under President George Bush, Kempthorne spoke about his commitment to improving the quality of life in the Coral Bay area.

"With the exception of a small well, Coral Bay does not have public fresh water," Kempthorne said during a speech in April 2008 on St. John. "There are about 300 low-to-medium income residents moving out there. The average homeowner spends \$700 a year on fresh water."

"This is the first step in bringing water distribution to Coral Bay," Kempthorne continued. "We are committed to improving the standard of living here on St. John. We care deeply about the USVI."

While the water might be welcome on shore, some residents are wondering how the project would affect the resources under the water.

"Not only is the area sensitive because of reefs and sea grass beds, but there is limited circulation," said Rafe Boulon, V.I. National Park's chief of resource management. "I haven't seen any good circulation studies that show anything but surface water being pushed around by the wind. That would make the area not ideal to handle the outflow from a reverse osmosis facility."

"The discharge will be slightly warmer and have a higher saline content so it would descend and not stay near the surface," Boulon said. "Also, that area is close to Hurricane Hole which is part of the protected Coral Reef National Monument. Hurricane Hole is one of the last remaining pristine mangrove habitats anywhere in the Virgin Islands."

While there is no official word on the project, before it does move forward WAPA would need approval from several agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Plans for Multi-purpose Center Getting Dusted Off

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project, White and Cruz Bay multipurpose center supporter Norman Gledhill recently met with Senate President Louis Patrick Hill and Hill's St. John liaison Bonny Corbeil. Hill was more than receptive to the plan, according to Gledhill.

"When you meet with a government official you always hope to come out with a better feeling," said Gledhill. "After meeting with Senate President Hill, I think we came out with a big jump and my feet haven't hit the ground yet."

"He was very enthusiastic about the plan and Bonny helped tremendously," Gledhill said. "The senator even called his secretary on St. Thomas to put a bill together to use the Capital Improvement Fund to finance this."

The multipurpose center is expected to cost between \$8 and \$10 million, according to Gledhill.

Giving St. John groups a direct voice to Senator Hill is exactly what Corbeil was hired to do, she explained.

"I figure part of my job in this new position is to make Senator Hill aware of all the different planning that has been done through the years by different groups and people that really didn't come to fruition," said Corbeil. "So many people have tried to do good things but then a new administration comes in and, as citizens, we're back to square one. We can educate people about the work that has already been done."

A more recent idea for an island community center

has been growing in the ranks of the St. John Community Foundation. The group envisioned building a multipurpose center on land it owns on Gift Hill near the Bellevue Village community.

SJCF's plan was raised at a February town meeting hosted by Corbeil, and while Hill was on St. John recently he met with SJCF members as well, Corbeil added.

"At the town meeting SJCF members talked about land they own on Gift Hill and about a way to get a multipurpose center built," said Corbeil. "Senator Hill wanted to meet with the SJCF board of directors and I thought it would be good to meet with Norm and Doug too since they did so much work on this back during the Farrelly administration."

While it remains to be determined which location would be ideal for a multipurpose center, there seems to be agreement that such a facility is needed.

"Personally as a citizen, I think we need to let our kids know how much we think of them and we can do that by building a proper community center for our kids and for all of our residents," said Corbeil. "Both of the plans are actually really different animals. But a community center is general would be a great way to unite our island."

"I really see this as a wonderful way to unite our whole community and give us a place to host meetings with large groups of people," Corbeil said. "I think a community center is something that we've needed for a long time."

Legislature Passes P.O., Grande Bay Rezoning Requests

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was disheartened to hear of the rezoning's approval.

"Although this decision does not have any bearing on my case, it is disheartening and disappointing that there is such disregard for the law," said Trey. "Everyone who has been, is or will be involved with Grande Bay will appear in court and explain in full detail how the entire development meets the Virgin Islands zon-

ing law. To date, no one has explained how this project is deemed to be legal construction."

Barshinger urged residents to continue to act as watchdogs to ensure Grande Bay, and all other island development, is done to code and according to permit. The senator at large's office holds copies of every permit issued by DPNR, which are available to the public for review, he added.

St. John Police Report

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

Friday, March 5

4:04 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident r/ an auto accident. Auto accident.

6:20 p.m. - A citizen r/ he was assaulted by an adult male with a rock to his head. Assault in the third.

7:30 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that he was verbally abused and threatened by an adult male. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, March 6

12:23 p.m. - A citizen c/r an overturned vehicle on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

10:15 a.m. - A Caneel Bay Apartments resident p/r she had an altercation with another female. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

3:10 p.m. - A visitor from Massachusetts p/r that he lost his beach bag. Lost bag.

5:12 p.m. - Central Dispatch r/ that a vehicle ran off the road in the area of Estate Zootenvaal. Auto accident.

7:41 p.m. - A citizen p/ requesting medical attention for his injuries. Police assistance.

Sunday, March 7

4:42 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that his wife passed away at his home. D.O.A.

10:58 a.m. - A visitor r/ that a tree branch damaged his rental vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

11:54 a.m. - A visitor from Georgia r/ that she parked her rental car and it was hit. Hit and run.

4:15 p.m. - A citizen r/ an overturned vehicle in the area of Supreme Corner. Auto accident.

5:16 p.m. - A citizen r/ an establishment in Cruz Bay playing loud music. Loud music.

Monday, March 8

1:06 a.m. - A citizen r/ he was bitten by a dog in the area of Coral Bay. Dog bite.

8:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a burglary. Burglary in the second.

5:41 p.m. - A citizen c/r a

grand larceny. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, March 9

5:55 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ someone threw a rock in her vehicle window causing damage to the vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

5:56 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ someone damaged his vehicle with a rock. Damage to a vehicle.

8:50 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that her husband is violating a court order. Court order violation.

10:15 a.m. - Central Dispatch r/ a disturbance at the Boulon Center. Simple assault.

4:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ a two vehicle accident in the area of the Pine Peace basketball court. Auto accident.

4:59 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance of the peace in Estate Enighed. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

5:09 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ a disturbance at her neighbor's house. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

7:24 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ a disturbance at the Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:18 p.m. - An employee of Spyglass in Wharfside Village r/ a disturbance. Police assistance.

Wednesday, March 10

12:35 p.m. - The owner of the New to You shop c/r a burglary at the establishment. Burglary in the second.

2:36 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that she is being verbally abused. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:46 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a male struck him with a cane. Simple assault.

Thursday, March 11

8:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that a citizen got into a verbal altercation with him. Disturbance of the peace.

6:33 p.m. - A citizen r/ a suspicious vehicle. Suspicious activity.

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.

Wednesday, March 17

The St. John free lecture to be on March 17 at Trinidad Charlie's house. Please call Suki Buckhalter at 642-3739 for more information and directions to lecture.

March 17-21

Steve Simon's eighth annual blues festival will rock St. John from March 17 through 21.

Saturday, March 20

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting the almost annual flotilla to benefit Guy Benjamin School on Saturday, March 20, at Miss Vie's Campground on the East End.

Friday, March 26-Sunday, March 18

The Fourteenth Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament will be March 26, 27 and 28 at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Friday, March 26

The Department of Human Services, in conjunction with other departments and organizations will host Child Find, a free developmental screening for children up to five years old. The screening will be on Friday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

Friday, March 31

Friends of V.I. National Park were forced to reschedule two popular seminars this year due to schedule conflicts. New dates have been selected for both seminars and spaces are already beginning to fill. The popular Reptile Hike will be on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can search for reptiles

Saturday, April 10

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

Saturday, May 22

Mark those calendars — the Animal Care Center will celebrate Wagapalooza's tenth anniversary on Saturday, May 22.

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.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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GREAT START

ACROSS

- 1 "Singin' in the Rain" film studio
- 4 News bits
- 9 Chronicles
- 15 Oom- — (tuba sounds)
- 19 38-Down, in Durango
- 20 Skater Hughes
- 21 Wheel cover
- 22 Writer Dinesen
- 23 Migraine, e.g.
- 26 "It's worth —"
- 27 Slightly tart brew
- 28 "Bus Stop" playwright William
- 29 Like ruled notepaper
- 31 Business sch. subject
- 32 1960 Sam Cooke hit
- 37 Deep desire
- 38 Knife of infomercials
- 41 Syrup source
- 42 Some wind instruments
- 43 Hopeful
- 44 — and turn
- 48 Pigeon noise
- 50 "You — kiddin'!"
- 51 Band with the 1986 hit "Tuff Enuff," with "the"
- 57 "There was — woman who lived ..."
- 58 2009 "American Idol" runner-up Adam
- 59 Braying animal
- 60 Tomcat, e.g.
- 61 Buzzy insect
- 63 "Do — favor ..."
- 64 "Let's see ..."
- 65 "This — recording"

DOWN

- 74 German or French article
- 75 Communist Mao — -tung
- 76 Impair
- 77 Add- — (peripherals)
- 78 Actor Damon
- 79 Vast age
- 80 Pudding option
- 83 — Domingo
- 84 1954 film starring Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson
- 89 " — guest" ("Help yourself")
- 90 Just dandy
- 91 Fractions of mins.
- 92 Rustic hotels
- 93 Not likely
- 95 "King Kong" film studio
- 97 Repairs
- 99 Victrola mfr.
- 102 Roald Dahl kids' book
- 107 With 118-Down, anonymous guy
- 108 Cato's 403
- 109 Day division
- 110 Secluded
- 114 "Pet" plant
- 115 Nickname of baseball's Ted Williams, with "the"
- 119 Actor Sean
- 120 Be very mad
- 121 Siouan tribesmen
- 122 Reverse of WNW
- 123 City of Iowa
- 124 Like beer or bread dough
- 125 Prevent, legally
- 126 Unfamiliar

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- 1 Multicolored
- 2 Crete locale
- 3 Latter-day Saint
- 4 "Spring — the air"
- 5 Successor of Roosevelt
- 6 Cedar Point's lake
- 7 Parrot types
- 8 "Keep it down"
- 9 Lend — (help)
- 10 Poke
- 11 Pro hoopsters
- 12 Duke's NCAA div.
- 13 " — -di-dah!"
- 14 Form a word
- 15 Lounges with ivory-ticklers
- 16 Celestial body
- 17 Rigid contact
- 18 Pilot's place
- 24 Silver of film
- 25 Austrian "a"
- 30 — Jima
- 33 "I'm — here!"
- 34 Aspect
- 35 "Shape — ship out!"
- 36 Sept. clock setting
- 38 Element #79
- 39 Prefix for "equal"
- 40 Sch. in Manhattan
- 43 Queen, e.g.
- 45 Resistance unit
- 46 U-boat, e.g.
- 47 Smile evily
- 49 Barack and Michelle
- 51 Celebrated
- 52 Have — to grind
- 53 Lightning bits
- 54 Inuit's ride
- 55 Horse-pulled cart
- 56 Theories
- 61 Sarajevo site

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- 64 Fowl female
- 65 Rial earner
- 66 Brief tussle
- 67 — Martin (car make)
- 69 Heaps
- 70 Apple Store computer
- 71 Neck backs
- 72 Old Dead Sea kingdom
- 73 Sch. in Amherst
- 79 Giza natives
- 80 Rikki- — -tavi
- 81 Non-Rx
- 82 Kramer of sitcomdom
- 83 Tax form IDs
- 84 Israel's Begin
- 85 Trout — (nut-crusted fish dish)
- 86 Dix or Knox
- 87 Transgress
- 88 Halt
- 89 — -Puf (facial sponge)
- 94 — chi
- 96 Earth tones
- 98 Has being
- 99 Putrid
- 100 Brie or feta
- 101 President Jackson
- 103 Space of "Carrie"
- 104 Artist Claude
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- 106 Day before Sat.
- 107 Winter mo.
- 111 Speck
- 112 Jelly or jam alternative
- 113 Talk like Daffy Duck
- 114 Tax season VIP
- 116 "Big Top — Wee"
- 117 Grassy area
- 118 See 107-Across

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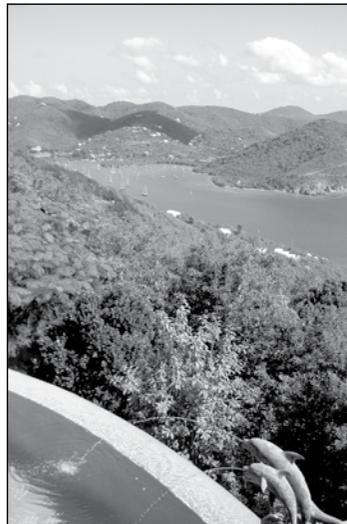
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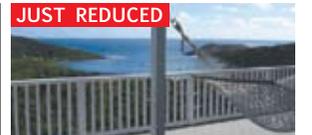
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GALLOWS POINT CONDO - Waterfront, 1bd/1 bath condo in resort setting. Pool, restaurant, swimmable beach, hotel amenities. **\$695K.**

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DITLEFF POINT - Extraordinary sites on magnificent peninsula w/sandy beach, gated entry, beautiful landscaping, and incredible views. Prices start at **\$895,000.**

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

WATERFRONT ON MONTE BAY - Spectacular 13.44 ac. site, ideal for private estate or subdivision. **\$3,400,000.**

CRUZ BAY TOWN - Walk to Frank Bay, R-4 zoning. **\$249K.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Water views, 1/2 ac. **\$299K & \$379K.**

GLUCKSBERG - Gentle grade, 1/2 ac., lg. trees. **\$130K.**

PT. RENDEZVOUS - Outstanding views. **\$325K & \$415K.**

LEINSTER BAY - 2 lots on Johnny Horn Trail. **\$225K & \$329K.**

ZOOTENVAAL - Hurricane Hole views, paved road. **\$400K.**

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

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE - 2 beautiful sites. **\$299K - \$350K.**

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ESTATE CAROLINA/EMMAUS - Time to buy. Affordable lots, with water views, **\$88k and up.**

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 - "GREAT CRUZ BAY" Westin Resort beach access! .78 ac. **\$ 499,000**
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- EAST END LAND** Parcels in Privateer Bay and on far East End. Coral Bay views and underground utilities. From **\$285,000**
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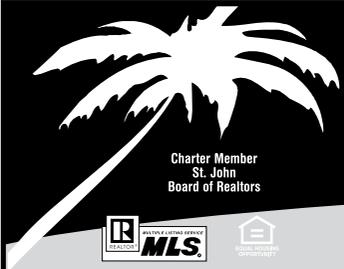
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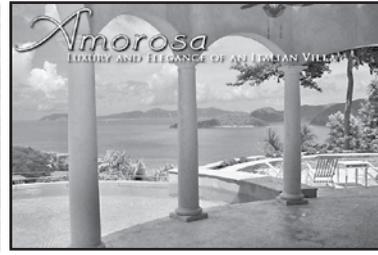
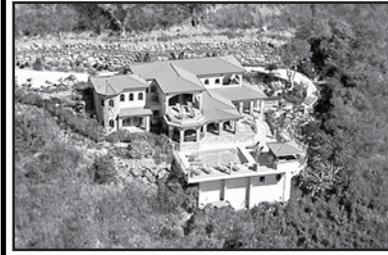


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- FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE VILLA** 3 BR, 3.5 BA villa, superior craftsmanship, Spanish tile roof, 180° views, pool & hot tub \$2,850,000
- INN LOVE** Beautiful Great Cruz Bay with sunset views! 5 BD/5BA with pool & spa. Impressive recent renovations \$1,195,000.

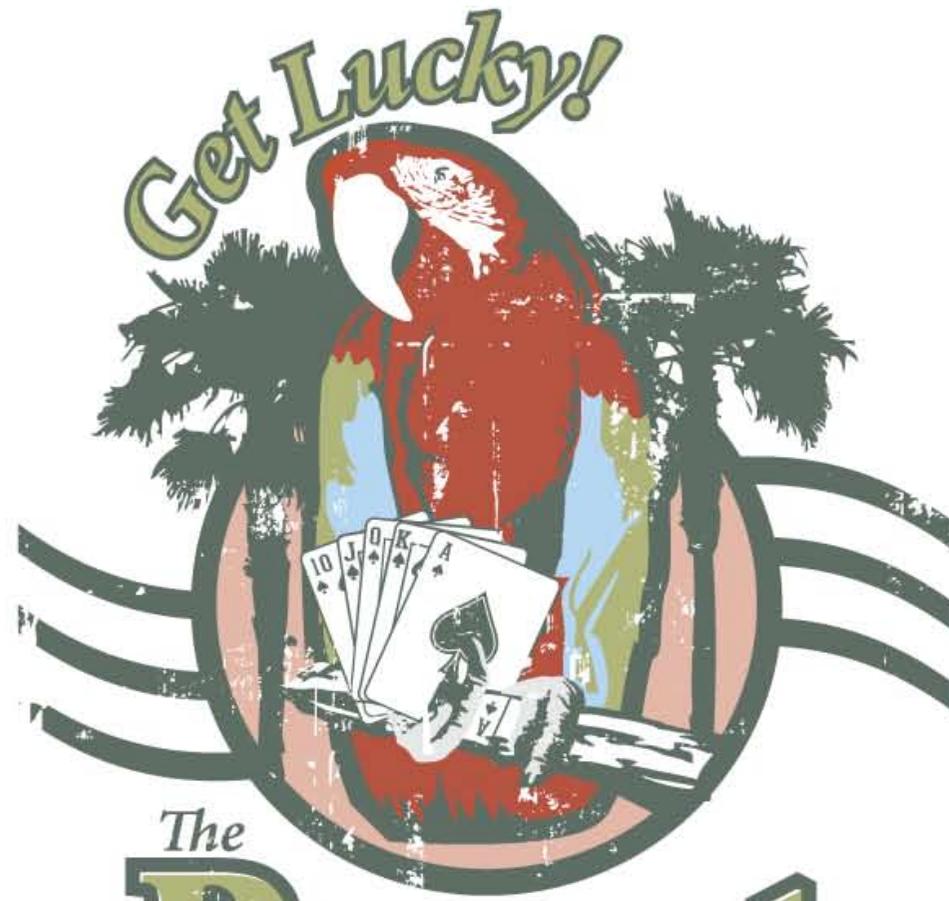
- WATERFRONT RETREAT** Privateer Bay. 3BR/3BA masonry beach house steps from the water. Paved roads & w/g utilities. \$1,050,000
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- ONE OF THE BEST DEALS ON ST. JOHN!** **LA BELLA VITA** is a 4 a/c identical master suites & breathtaking views of STT. \$2,250,000. **CONTRACTED**
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- UPPER CAROLINA** 3 BR/2BA. Expansive views. Master suite, living area & kitchen on upper level. Lower level: 2 BR, living area & kitchen. A/C. \$675,000

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