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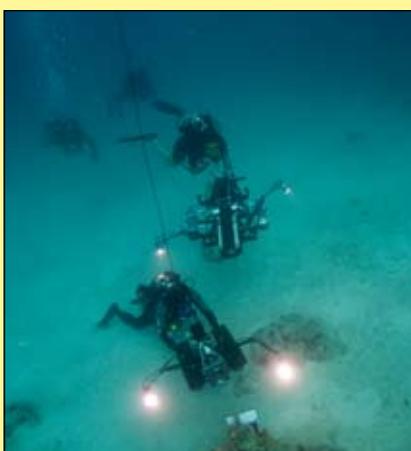
By Mauri Elbel
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Smokers used to lighting up anywhere on St. John will need to break their habits after the governor's likely approval of the Virgin Islands Smokefree Act.

Members of the 28th Legislature proposed the Bill (No. 28-0191) banning smoking within and 20 feet from the entrances of fully- or partially-enclosed areas of public spaces and places of employment in December. It passed through the legislature on April 15 and it is expected to receive Governor John deJongh's backing in the near future.

The Bill, proposed as the Virgin Islands Smokefree Act, aims to create smokefree environments in and around an array of public areas spanning from covered open-air bars and beach pavilions to outdoor service lines and public transportation shelters.

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*St. John Tradewinds News Photos
Courtesy of Brett Seymour*

A crew of divers, NPS officials and camera technicians captured V.I. National Park resources with 3-D high definition underwater cameras last week for a movie featuring submerged NPS treasures.

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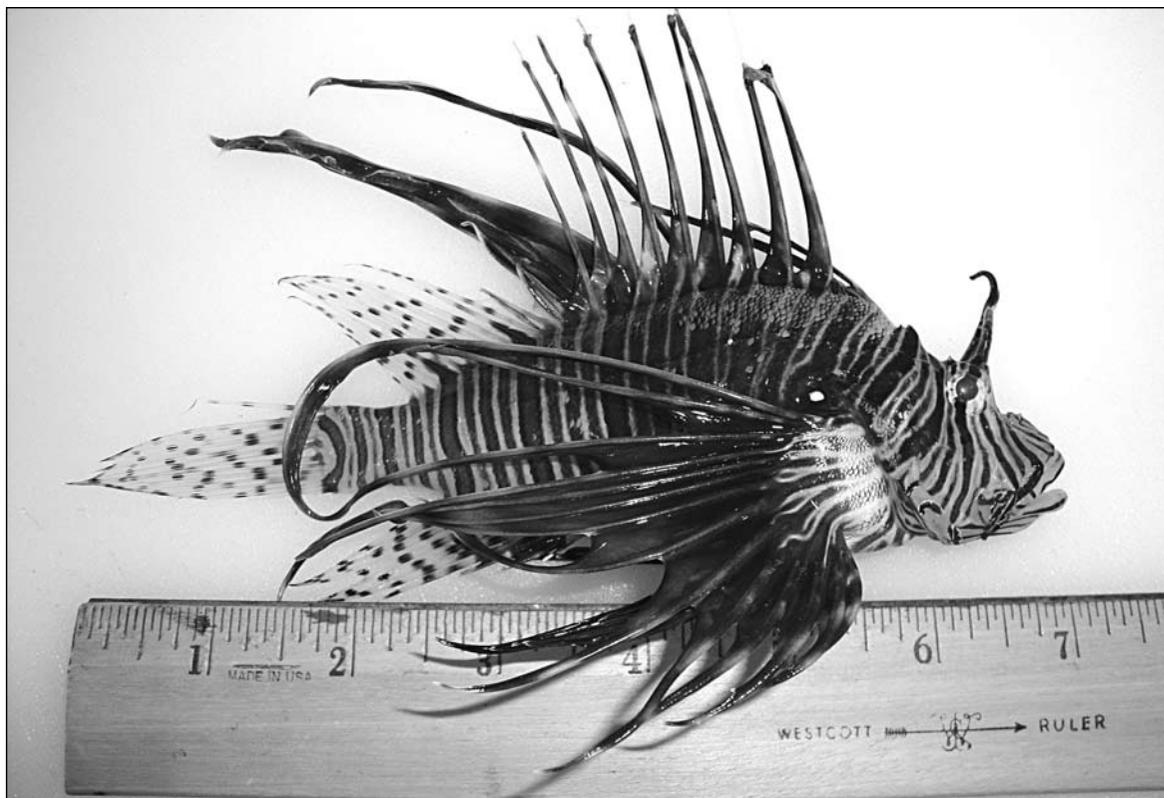
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The latest confirmed lionfish netted at Francis Bay was the largest one captured to date off Love City's shores.

Third Confirmed Lionfish Caught Off St. John Shores Netted in Francis Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Confirming fears of a widespread infestation, officials caught the third confirmed lionfish on Monday afternoon, April 26, at Francis Bay.

A sighting of the fish was reported to V.I. National Park officials on Sunday afternoon, April 25, and V.I. Environmental Re-

source Station operation manager Jamie Irving and Nick Przyusk, field technician for the University of San Diego's St. John based sediment monitoring study, found the animal after just a few minutes of snorkeling in the area.

Irving and Przyusk netted the seven-inch fish — the largest lionfish found to date off St. John — near the rocks on the Little Maho

side of Francis Bay.

The latest lionfish capture off Love City's shoreline came as Department of Planning and Natural Resources scientists, V.I. National Park officials and volunteers organize a coordinated territory- and Caribbean-wide effort to combat what has quickly become the biggest threat to local reefs.

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Island Green Builders Awarding 4-Star Certification to Estate Concordia May 8

The Island Green Building Association will be awarding a 4-Star Tropical Green Building Certification Award to Concordia Eco-Resort for their four new eco-studios.

An awards ceremony and tour of the studios will be Saturday, May 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Estate Concordia Preserve (just above Salt Pond Bay). Refreshments will be served.

The studios use the advanced Eco-Panel building system to keep hot out air and cool air in, plus specially-glazed windows that maximize cooling with minimal construction waste.

Other features are site-sensitive construction, recycled building materials, elevated walkways, water and energy saving fixtures, solar hot water, wind energy, photo voltaic cells, passive solar design, native plant landscaping and wildlife management.

All are welcome to attend and learn about innovations in sustainable building. For more information call 693-5855.

Commodore's Cup Race May 8 and 9

All three of the island's yacht clubs are gearing up for the 11th Annual Commodore's Cup, sponsored by Budget Marine and Cruzan Rum, set to sail out of Coral Bay harbor on Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9.

The race is presented by the St. John Yacht Club, Coral Bay Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club and includes classes in Pursuit, CSA and PHRF. The skipper's meeting and registration will be on Friday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Skinny Legs. Racing starts at 10 a.m. on May 8 and May 9 in Coral Bay.

St. John Montessori Open House May 8

The St. John Montessori School is hosting an open house on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The school's director Debra Polucci and current parents will be available for questions and the classroom will be open for informal tours. Come learn what a Montessori school can offer children.

The school is now enrolling children ages two-and-a-half through six. St. John Montessori is fully accredited by the Association Montessori International.

Bring the children to make a free gift for Mother's Day. Refreshments will be provided. The school is located at the John's Folly Learning Institute, just before Estate Concordia.

St. John Montessori is currently enrolling students for the fall, but space is limited. Call 775-9594 for more information.

Devine To Share Results of Cistern Water Tests at May 10 CBCC Forum

The Coral Bay Community Council will host a forum on Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at Sputnik's in Coral Bay which will feature local cistern drinking water testing results.

Dr. Barry Devine will give a presentation of the water quality testing results done under the EPA CARE grant with the cooperation of residents. Results showed that locally available, easy to install, water purification systems do work to make the water drinkable per national testing standards.

More information on these solutions and how to do testing will also be shared at the meeting. Eckerd College will present their on-going sedimentation research in Coral Bay.

Julietta's rotis at Sputnik will be available for dinner, if residents call by noon on the day to order them at 776-6644.

For more information on the program, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

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Smoke-free St. John — V.I. Poised To Ban Public Smoking

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While cities and countries around the world have enforced non-smoking laws in public areas — including the neighboring British Virgin Islands which approved smoke-free regulations in November 2006 — the act has garnered mixed reviews from those who live and work on St. John.

“I think it is a great idea,” said Moe Chabuz, owner of Skinny Legs. “I can’t wait for it to be implemented.”

The landmark bar and grill in Coral Bay has its share of smoking patrons, but Chabuz said he has seen that number decrease over the years. After witnessing former customers and friends die of smoking-related causes, Chabuz said he is not too concerned with whether the smoking prohibition will affect his business.

“I think it is worth it,” he said. “I am not really worried about it impacting business.”

Others are opposed to the way the act defines enclosed areas — “as all space between a floor or flooring and ceiling or any form of roofing whether or not enclosed on all sides by permanent or temporary walls or windows...” — and say it could negatively impact business on St. John where open-air bars and restaurants are the

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— Barbie Barry, health teacher and restaurant/bar owner

norm.

“I think it could impact our business, especially from the hotel side of things,” said Stephanie King, manager of The Inn at Tamarind Court.

King said a large percentage of Tamarind’s bar regulars and European guests are smokers who are currently allowed to smoke outside of their hotel rooms and in the courtyard’s open-air bar.

King is also concerned the act might encourage people to smoke on streets and sidewalks where ashtrays and proper disposal areas are not readily available like they are in bars and restaurants.

“I am opposed to the act the way it is written,” she said. “I agree with banning smoking in enclosed areas with no open air, but when you are in open areas with no walls, I don’t understand what

the issue is.”

Barbie Barry, owner of Sun Dog Cafe and Gecko Gazebo, believes the new laws may be tough to enforce on St. John because of its difficult-to-define indoor/outdoor spaces such as the shared area between her covered bar and open-air restaurant in Mongoose Junction.

Though Barry said she supports the law due to its obvious health benefits, she thinks enforcing it would be easier on the island if each bar and restaurant were assessed individually.

“Besides being a restaurant owner, I am a health teacher at Gifft Hill, and of course I don’t want people to smoke because it is not a healthy thing,” said Barry. “But I definitely think it will have an impact on our business and I think it will be very confusing at

first.”

“To make it simpler, if they want to enforce this rule, maybe they should visit each restaurant and bar and look at the space to determine an area where your patrons would be allowed to smoke,” she said.

The smoke-free act requires proprietors to post no smoking signs, remove matches, cigarettes and ashtrays, and to ask individuals they observe smoking in a prohibited area to refrain immediately.

An individual who smokes in a prohibited area where a no smoking sign is posted, or a proprietor who fails to take required measures to prevent smoking, could be charged with a misdemeanor and subject to fines.

Bonny Corbeil, St. John liaison to Senator Louis Patrick Hill, one of the senators who proposed the

bill, said she and the senate president support any law that promotes a healthier Virgin Islands.

“I have never been a smoker, but I do know it is incredibly toxic and there is a whole list of reasons why people shouldn’t smoke that is now supported by scientific facts,” Corbeil said. “I think anything we do that directs people into taking self responsibility for their choices and the way they impact others is a positive thing for the Virgin Islands.”

Dr. Elizabeth Barot, a staff physician at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, said she has been asking senators for smoke-free laws before they were ever considered.

“It’s a wonderful thing and I hope they pass it,” she said. “This is a good thing — any smoke you don’t inhale is a good thing.”

Barot said second-hand smoke can be worse for people, especially asthmatics and children, because smoke people indirectly inhale can affect their lungs.

“I think passing this act is good all around — good for the environment, for people, for the lungs, and especially for kids,” she said. “This could positively impact the health of the people who don’t inhale the smoke of others who are smoking.”

AFT Protests Corporal Punishment Ban in Schools

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Protesting teachers on St. Croix last week seemed down right fighting mad.

Several teachers and representatives of the local branch of the American Federation of Teachers union gathered outside the Curriculum Center on the big island on Monday, April 26, to protest a planned ban of corporal punishment in the territory’s public schools, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

The issue was at the forefront of a heated debate on Love City last year between a parent who did not know of the policy and a St. John public school administrator who used corporal punishment more than once on a child.

Teachers and principals in the territory’s public schools have the

“We’ve had a couple of incidents that were most unfortunate and that gave evidence of the misuse.”

— Smith-Barry was quoted in *The V.I. Daily News*

authority to hit students under the V.I. Code. Title 17, chapter 9, subchapter 1, subsection 87 reads, “all principals and teachers in the public schools in the Virgin Islands shall have the right to exercise the same authority, as to conduct and behavior, over pupils attending their schools during the time they are in attendance, including the time required in going to and from their homes, as parents, guardians, or persons in parental relation to such pupils.”

The law has been interpreted to allow principals and teachers the

same authority to discipline as parents, including the use of corporal punishment.

This year, however, St. Thomas/St. John District Superintendent Janette Smith-Barry has instituted a policy to ban corporal punishment in the district’s school, a move which AFT representatives said was illegal.

Since authority to hit students is included in the V.I. Code, Smith-Barry’s policy is in violation of that law, Vernelle deLagarde, president of the St. Thomas/St. John

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After Rash of Burglaries, Residents Looking To Crime Stoppers USVI

By Jaime Elliott
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As V.I. Police Department officials continue their investigation into Love City's crime spree last week (see related story on this page), Crime Stoppers USVI St. John board members are hoping to gain support for the crime fighting program.

Crime Stoppers USVI is a citizens' initiative group which works with the VIPD and local media to publicize crimes and offers citizens wary of local police a safe and anonymous avenue to share information.

"This is a responsive system," said Bonny Corbeil, Crime Stoppers USVI St. John board member. "We need to start building trust and communication between the issues and the resolution. We need more people to understand that Crime Stoppers is another excellent way to get involved in fighting crime."

Besides calling in to report tips to the anonymous stateside, bilingual hotline workers for possible reward money, residents can also support Crime Stoppers USVI by joining the group. Membership dues are used to pay rewards to people whose tips lead to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property.

"People can call in tips, or just become members," said Corbeil. "We need those memberships because that is where the reward money comes from."

Crime Stoppers is the perfect alternative for St. John residents who might be frustrated with local law enforcement and the group is bridging a communication with the VIPD, Corbeil added.

"We are a part of a team that is working with the police department and we are building a strong infrastructure to make things better for everyone in the community," she said. "When you hear, 'don't call the police,' that is upsetting. There is progress being made and this is another way to create solutions."

"You work with the system to change the system," Corbeil said. "There is a chain of command and if you are not getting satisfaction, you should follow that chain of command. VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Foy is the man in charge on St. John and he is the one who is going to respond."

Upper Carolina Home Owners Ramping Up Neighborhood Watch

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In the wake of a rash of burglaries in the Estate Upper Carolina section of Coral Bay late last month, homeowners in the neighborhood are taking proactive steps to find the perpetrators and deter future crimes in the area.

After a relatively quiet few years which saw no major crime waves in the mostly residential and vacation home neighborhood, six burglaries were reported on Wednesday, April 21, between 1 and 3 p.m. in Upper Carolina. Another four burglaries were reported that same day and during the same time frame in Estate Hansen Bay on the East End.

In all of the burglaries, the suspect or suspects gained entry to the houses through unlocked doors or opened windows while residents were not at home. In some cases radios, cameras and computers were stolen along with food. In other homes, only food was taken.

In what V.I. Police Department believe to be a message of some kind, the suspect or suspects have also left sinks turned on and drains clogged in their wake.

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the area," said VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy.

The targeted homes included both long-term residences and short-term rental units.

About 20 neighbors gathered to discuss the crimes and plan a multi-pronged response at an Estate Upper Carolina Land Owners Association meeting on Monday night, April 26.

"First of all we determined that we didn't have enough information about the crimes because information sources were being very tight about giving things out," said Gerry Hills, the land owners association president. "We understand that there is an investigation going on — we are very sensitive to that. But we had heard a number of conflicting reports about the number of incidents."

Hills made several phone calls to top brass and was able to confirm the number and times of the break-ins.

"I was able to give home own-

ers an accurate report of what occurred and then we decided to do two things actively as neighbors," Hills said.

Having accurate information eased the minds of some residents at the Monday night meeting, many of whom were upset and concerned, Hills added.

"People who came to the meeting were nervous and upset and wanted to know what was going on," he said. "People want to know what they can do and we considered some of our options together."

Residents in Upper Carolina are committed to ramping up its dormant neighborhood watch program, according to Hills.

"We're going to re-implement our neighborhood watch program," he said. "We're going to go over the procedures again and get kits out to people and make sure everyone knows what to do."

While trying to find out infor-

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A filmmaker films an elk horn coral with an underwater 3-D high definition camera off Hawksnest Beach.

Underwater Wonders of the NPS Features V.I. National Park Resources 3-D Film To be Released in Spring 2011

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Towering elkhorn coral, intricate mangrove root systems and brightly colored fish are just a few of the V.I. National Park's underwater treasures which will be featured like never before.

Armed with cutting edge 3-D underwater camera systems, National Park Service officials wrapped up a week and a half of filming at various sites throughout VINP waters on Thursday, April 29.

Brett Seymour, A/V production specialist for the NPS Submerged Resources Center in Denver, Colorado, led the film crew as the group shot footage for an educational 3-D film he's producing.

"Underwater Wonders of the National Park System," will showcase the submerged treasures at VINP, Dry Tortugas, Channel Islands, USS Arizona, Isle Royal and Yellowstone National Parks. The film is set to be released in spring 2011 and will be aired at NPS sites across the country.

"We're going to build portable 3-D theaters so we can set them up and then break them down and take them to the next site," said Seymour. "We want to air the film in National Parks around the coun-

try. The whole idea is to educate as many people — students, families — as possible."

While Seymour has access to the treasured protected resources within NPS boundaries, what he doesn't have is an institution working on developing and perfecting cutting edge custom 3-D underwater camera systems. Enter the Massachusetts-based Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, with its advanced imaging and visualization laboratory.

"We develop custom unique camera systems for clients for a variety of uses," said Evan Kovacs, field operations and cameraman for Woods Hole.

Through the partnership with Woods Hole, NPS officials can capture incredible imagery of underwater sites and then use the images to analyze the areas back up on the surface.

The partnership between Woods Hole and NPS, also allows the oceanographic institution to test its camera systems and continually perfect its technology.

"We have access to these amazing natural resources and we have the dive boats and the docks to use to get out here and shoot, but we don't have a million-dollar lab working on the latest filming

technology," said Seymour. "This partnership allows us to showcase our treasures by using the latest cameras. We need to engage the youth and show them how important these resources are."

"The NPS credo is to protect these resources for future generations and we're trying to do that in a way that is relevant to the next generation," Seymour said.

The A/V specialist has been working with 3-D technology for years, but credited the success of recent Hollywood blockbuster films for taking the technology mainstream.

"I've been doing 3-D for years, but I couldn't get the kind of budget that I needed before," said Seymour. "Now that everyone sees what 3-D can produce, it's been a little easier."

While not his first stint at producing, Seymour's "Underwater Wonders of the National Park Service," is his most ambitious film to date.

"This is the biggest film I've done in terms of scope," he said. "We've been filming for about a year already and we are still going back to sites. But we've already done all of the scouting so we should be finishing this year

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Native Plants Face Numerous Threats, Dr. Gary Ray Tells IGBA Members

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The lush green plants and brightly colored flowers that often decorate the yards of St. John homes are wreaking havoc on the island's native plants, Dr. Gary Ray told the Island Green Building Association at its Tuesday evening, April 27, meeting at The Marketplace.

Ray, who has been working on starting up a native plant nursery for many years, discussed the pests local plants face and which native plants can be used in landscaping.

"The Virgin Islands are under direct attack from pests," said Ray.

Ninety percent of all imported plants come from Florida, home to the leaf skeletonizer, a caterpillar which destroys palm tree leaves. The other 10 percent of imported plants come from Puerto Rico, which has led to a coqui frog infestation on St. John.

Ray encouraged anyone receiving plants from Puerto Rico to inspect them closely for the coqui frog, which first arrived on St. John after Hurricane Hugo, with a big shipment of palms from Puerto Rico to the Westin Resort.

The population of the frogs, which thrive

in moist forest environments, could explode should they reach Bordeaux Mountain.

"There would be millions of them if they got up there," said Ray.

Another well-known pest is the Mexican Snout Weevil, which nearly decimated Love City's century plants. The weevil arrived sometime in 2000, and the century plant has been suffering ever since.

"The eggs are laid inside the plant, and the larvae eat out the inside," said Ray. "Every plant that gets hit with the weevil doesn't reproduce."

Stem borers, a type of beetle, leave obvious evidence of their presence. They infect native boxwood, ironwood and citrus-leaved fig trees, boring holes and laying their eggs inside the trees' wood. The larvae then continue to bore into the wood, Ray explained.

St. John also faces other "pests" in addition to bugs and frogs. Some aggressive non-native plant species can easily propagate themselves, occupying hillsides and forests, edging out native plants.

Some of the biggest threats are posed by the snake plant, used commonly in local landscaping; the pencil cactus; neem, used for natural insect control; ground orchids;



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Adnrea Milam

Dr. Gary Ray

and even the Virgin Islands' own state flower, the tecoma stans, also known as yellow trumpetbush.

There are ways the Virgin Islands can fight these threats to native plants, according to Ray.

"We can solve the problem by banning certain plants and banning certain sources of plants," he said. "We haven't even gotten to square one with our regulations yet. There is not much regulation in the landscape trade right now."

Ray is working toward his own solution with his native plant nursery. He hopes to build the nursery using only solar electric-

ity, and believes rainfall will provide all the water he needs for the plants.

"I want to close the energy loop as much as possible," said Ray.

In the meantime, Ray suggested several native plants that can be used in local landscaping.

Lignum vitae, a popular local tree, is slow-growing and produces beautiful purple flowers. Watapama, also a native plant, bursts with purple flowers for short periods of time.

Princewood, a native tree in the coffee family, produces fragrant white flowers, while the satinwood is "perhaps the most extraordinary hardwood," said Ray.

"Local artisans have carved fine bowls from this wood," he said.

Ray also recommended torchwood, an evergreen tree of the citrus family which the Tainos used to carry fire; and the ever popular bay rum tree, whose oil was historically used on St. John in perfumes, soaps and colognes.

The pink cedar, tyre palm and Jamaica caper – which is very drought tolerant – are also good native plants to use in landscaping.

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Community Celebrates 14 Years of John's Folly Learning Institute Success



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Adam Lynch

JFLI's anniversary celebration was full of song by youth group students, above, and Calvary Baptist Church choir members, below



By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 50 people gathered on the grounds of the John's Folly Learning Institute on Saturday morning, April 24, to celebrate 14 years since the building was reclaimed from goats and brush to inspire a new generation in the island's remote southern neighborhoods.

The former Horace Mann School had been neglected for years and became a weed infested home for goats before Alvis Christian decided to bring the structure back from ruin.

After securing a government lease for the building, Christain worked tirelessly with a number of community volunteers to bring the building up to date with fresh paint, bright lights, a flourishing garden, playground and kitchen.

In the 14 years since breathing new life into the building,

Christian and the JFLI board of directors have offered after-school homework assistance, summer enrichment programs and launched the JFLI Next Generation Youth Group.

Completing a full circle for the Horace Mann School, JFLI once more caters to the minds of St. John youth as the home of the St. John Montessori School under director Debra Polucci.

JFLI is a model program that shows the youth just how important they are, explained Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, who was on hand to celebrate the school's anniversary.

"I congratulate Alvis for another year of providing encouragement, tutoring and training to the children at JFLI," said Christensen. "You are providing strong roots for the children here to grow and flourish. These children know that

in this little building on this little island are the open arms of a loving community."

The community should thank Christian for his dedication, which has kept JFLI active, Christensen added.

"It is Alvis' dedication and determination that have been the driving force that keeps these doors open," said the delegate to congress. "So thank you Alvis for all that you do."

Seeing such bright, youthful faces at JFLI, reminded Senator at Large Craig Barshinger why he continues to work toward realizing alternative energy sources and additional recreation facilities.

"It is appropriate that we are celebrating on Earth Day as we continue moving toward our goal of bringing our energy rates down to 20-cents per kilowatt hour," said

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Long-time St. John Volunteer Kreglo Honored with Volunteer Leader Award

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Captain James Kreglo, of St. Thomas, has been named a University of Phoenix Volunteer Leader Award Honoree, an award given by HandsOn Network and the University of Phoenix to 10 outstanding volunteer leaders in the nation.

The award celebrates the first anniversary of the landmark Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which authorized the largest expansion of national service in America in decades. Kreglo will receive \$10,000 to donate to the organization of his choice.

Kreglo's dedication to service stretches back three decades. He moved to St. John and became a sea captain and EMT. He quickly recognized the need to develop youth into civic leaders.

In 1981, Kreglo, a scout leader with the Boy Scout Council of the USVI, established the Boy Scout Sea Explorers program. More than 200 young people from underserved neighborhoods have participated in the program and have become environmental stewards of the island chain.

To further engage youth, Kreglo utilized his unique talents as a fencer and fisherman to train young people in the athletic, moral and ethical principles emphasized by sporting and scouting organizations, which encourage self-respect and hard work.

Kreglo continues to lead by example. He identifies unmet needs and mobilizes people and resources to address critical health, education, and public safety issues.

He is a volunteer EMT, and a CERT, CPR, First Aid and Boating Safety Instructor. Kreglo trains resi-



Captain James Kreglo

dents of the Virgin Islands and Florida in CPR, First Aid and CERT.

Most recently, he initiated the effort to establish the first Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla on St. John. The 18-member group provides boating safety courses to the public, educates youth groups on environmental issues and life jacket use, and provides courtesy boat inspections. Kreglo currently serves as the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Commander for the Virgin Islands.

With more than 8,000 hours of service recorded since 2001, Captain Kreglo has inspired adults and youth in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Florida. He has empowered them to improve their community in significant ways by becoming active change agents.

11th Armored Cavalry Members Reminisce of Vietnam on St. John

*By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds*

A dozen friends who bonded over the sounds of bullets whizzing by in Asian rice paddies reunited on St. John last week and enjoyed a week of fun and relaxation under the tropical sun.

Jim Klas, a member of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and his wife first got back in touch with five other Vietnam veteran members of the regiment and their wives about a decade ago. Since then, the six couples have vacationed together regularly.

"We were all in the 11th Armored Cavs, third squadron, and all of us served together between 66 and 67 in Vietnam," said Klas. "When you leave Vietnam, everyone says you are going to stay in touch and you do for a year or two, but then you just stop really."

"So we hadn't talked to each other for years and then our unit had a reunion in Washington D.C. in 2001 — they have a reunion every year — but a few us went to that and from there we became really good friends," Klas said.

The 11th Armored Cavalry's

Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia are hosting their 25th annual reunion this year in Washington D.C., but the dozen war buddies decided to have an early mini-reunion of their own on Love City.

"Before the Washington reunion in August, a group of us wanted to come to St. John for a week and get together and kind of have our own reunion," said Klas.

The group hails from Chicago, Staten Island and Michigan and last week was the first time they stayed on St. John.

"We've stopped here before on cruise trips but we've never actually stayed on the island," said Klas.

The Vietnam veterans were in good hands, having secured James Penn's services for their island tour.

"We met James Penn about three years ago when we were on a cruise and he's set everything up for us," said Klas.

The group is staying at a luxurious villa and had lined up reservations for boating excursions and gourmet restaurants during their St. John vacation.

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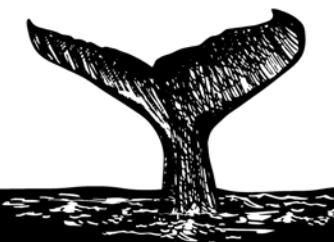


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St. John Rotarians Clean-up Jumbie Beach



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Rotary Club of St. John celebrated Earth Day by hosting a cleanup of Jumbie Beach on Sunday, April 25. Seven Rotary members attended and filled two large garbage bags in just an hour's time.

The club cleans up the beach at least twice a year. The Earth Day 2010 cleanup participants were Robert Schlessinger, BJ Harris, Doug White, John Fuller, Lee Fuller, Catherine Fahey and Marti Callies.

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St. John Rescue Teaches JESS Students First-Aid



Julius E. Sprauve School students learned first aid skills late last month from the island's finest. Members of St. John Rescue taught students the basics of dressing wounds and sprains on Thursday, April 22, at the school.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photos by Tropical Focus



2010 Elected, Appointed Members of St. John Rescue

St. John Tradewinds

St. John Rescue, Inc.'s newly elected Board of Directors consists of: Ron Dunford, president; John Fitzgerald, vice president; Christine Jordan, secretary; Ann McCrave, treasurer; and Gilly Grimes, chief.

Members of the board also appointed several members to assist in the daily operation of the organization to better serve the community. Appointed members are: Terry Rogaczewski, assistant chief; John Fitzgerald, Coral Bay captain; Jessica Severance, Coral Bay lieutenant; Rudell Callwood, Cruz Bay Captain; Dustin Prudhomme, Cruz Bay Lieutenant/P.I.O; Steve Slade, marine captain; Ben West, marine lieutenant; Bob Malacarne, training officer; and George Cline, communication officer.

Currently, this all-volunteer organization has 35 active members who have a minimum of first responder qualifications up to that of registered nurse.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Dustin Prudhomme

(L to R): St. John Rescue Board of Directors John Fitzgerald, Ron Dunford, Gilly Grimes, Ann McCrave and Christine Jordan.

St. John Rescue has been serving the community for almost 15 years, providing unique rescue skills and emergency medical support to police, fire, EMS, VITEMA, National Park and US Coast Guard.

In addition, St. John Rescue provides frequent first aid and CPR training for the community.

With three rescue vehicles and one boat, St. John Rescue responds to more than 150 incidents per year. Anyone interested in serving the community, should contact St John Rescue for more information.

For further information, please contact Public Information Officer Dustin Prudhomme at dustin.prudhomme@gmail.com.

Hurricane Hole Storm Use Deadline Is May 7

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Coral Reef National Monument Superintendent Mark Hardgrove announced that the V.I. National Park will use the same procedures to allocate storm mooring berths for the 2010 hurricane season as was done in 2009.

Boaters are requested to notify the Park by May 7, 2010 to retain assigned berths from 2009. If the Park receives no response, previously assigned berths will be placed into a pool of vacant berths to be allocated through a drawing to be hosted on Saturday, May 29, at the VINP visitor center.

Boats must be present in US/British Virgin Island waters for at

least 50 percent of the hurricane season — 90 days between June 1 and November 30 — to be eligible to retain or secure a berth in the drawing.

Berths will not be allocated to boats that will be out of the territory and want a spot “just in case.” If a vessel is permitted for a berth and is found to be out of the territory for more than half of the season without notifying the VINP, said boater will forfeit his/her berth permanently.

However, should a vessel have a berth and the owner finds that he/she must leave the territory, they may notify the VINP and said berth will remain theirs in subse-

quent seasons, as long as the same berth allocation system is used.

Boaters wishing to retain a storm berth may email, or call Rafe Boulon, at rafe_boulon@nps.gov or 693-8950 ext. 224, or Esther Francis at 693-8950 ext. 232, before May 7, 2010.

Persons making such requests will receive a 2010 application form, which must be filled out and returned via mail, email, fax or in person. The initial contact will secure a berth for 2010.

Should anyone know of a boater who had a permit for 2009 and who does not have email, please help them by informing them of this procedure.

Chelsea O'Brien Donates Waga Design

St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center of St. John has selected the graphic design to be featured for this year's Wagapalooza.

ACC President Diana Ripley and Waga co-chairwomen, Monica Munro and Karin Schlesinger, have named graphic designer Chelsea O'Brien as the artist whose work will be reproduced on the Waga tees for 2010, which marks the event's 10th anniversary.

The T-shirt design features a procession of happy, tail-wagging dogs as well as the event name and anniversary. The tail-wagging design complements the design of ACC's unique Waga Meter which measures audience reception of the various dog show categories. T-shirts will shortly be for sale at the ACC shelter and during Waga.

This is not the first time that O'Brien has donated artwork to the ACC. In 2008, her design for Christmas for the Animals was featured on posters, tickets, and used for general publicity. That design reflected the fundraiser's "roaring twenties" theme.

Wagapalooza 2010 will be on Saturday, May 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay. Bring the whole family out for some fun.

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Canine Good Citizen Instructor Paul Jordan, left, poses with Chris and Elsa Angel and proud graduate Finnious.

Finn Angel Is Sole ACC Canine Good Citizen Class Graduate

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

One St. John dog recently earned a Canine Good Citizen certificate from the American Kennel Club after completing a five week course and scoring 100 percent on a skills test.

Finnious, Finn, Chris and Elsa Angel's mixed-breed coconut retriever, was the lone dog to pass the difficult test out of five who tried their paws at it.

Taught by Paul Jordan, Animal Care Center of St. John board member and education chairperson, and part time resident Laurie Keith, the Canine Good Citizens' class — the first offered on St. John — was a hit.

A total of nine dogs started out in the program, four of whom dropped out due to scheduling conflicts. Out of the five dogs which completed the course, Finn was the only dog to demonstrate its mastering of all of the needed skills.

"There are 10 skills the dogs have to show and they have to pass each one," said Jordan. "If the dog fails just one of the skills, they don't pass the test. They have to have 100 percent."

The most difficult portion of the Canine Good Citizen test is having the dog sit and stay for three full minutes, according to Jordan.

"Sitting and staying for a three minute period is the most difficult part of the test," he said. "All of the dogs in the class were considered puppies and most of them were over exuberant. They wanted to jump up and greet people and run to people and greet them and if they are over exuberant they can't pass."

The dogs which didn't pass the test will be able

to try their paws at it again during ACC's funky dog show and main fundraiser Wagapalooza on May 22.

Since the canine class consisted of all puppies, Jordan is considering starting a Star Puppy Class next year, he added.

"We'll definitely offer this class again and I think we could bring the Star Puppy Class too if there is a demand," Jordan said.

As a result of the class, Jordan is also hoping to bring an AKC Agility course to St. John.

"A lot of people were interested in an AKC sport called agility which is a competition for jumping through hoops, weaving between poles, walking on a teeter-totter and running through a tunnel," said Jordan. "If anyone else is interested in this we could look into building an agility course for dogs."

"It's for seeing how agile the dogs are getting through the course," Jordan said. "The owners don't have to jump through hoops, just the dogs."

Another dog owners' desire which arose at Jordan's class is the need for a dog park, where island pups could socialize.

"We're talking about the possibility of having a dog park on St. John that would be available for people to socialize their dogs on a scheduled basis," he said. "A lot of people don't socialize their dogs and that's why they are so exuberant. They want to play and run and jump and they want to greet other dogs."

"Socialization is a great thing for dogs and for dog owners," Jordan said.

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Two Painters and Glass Sculptures To Be Feature at May 7 Art Opening

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Two St. John painters and the talented glass blowers from Maho Glass will be featured at an opening reception at Bajo el Sol Gallery on Friday May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Stop by and check out new works by Karen Samuel and Lisa Etre, and see the continually emerging quality glass art from Maho Glass.

Samuel and Etre are both recognized for their art and for their giving back to their community. Samuel, recognized as both an accomplished artist and seamstress,

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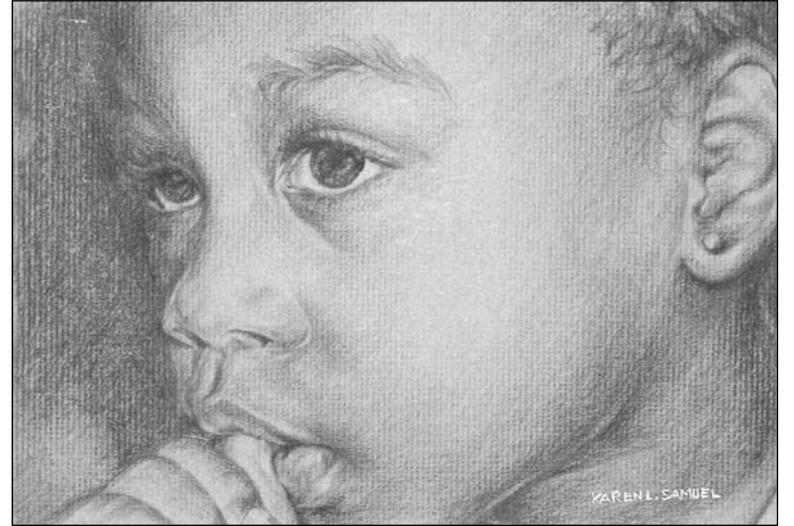
Etre, a long time resident of the island, spends much of her time giving back to her community as head of the art department at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Part of Etre's outreach includes inviting visiting artists to share their talents with her students.

Both Etre and Samuel will delight viewers with their paintings of people and their island environment. Color is also a definite aspect of the glass sculpture created by the talented artists of Maho

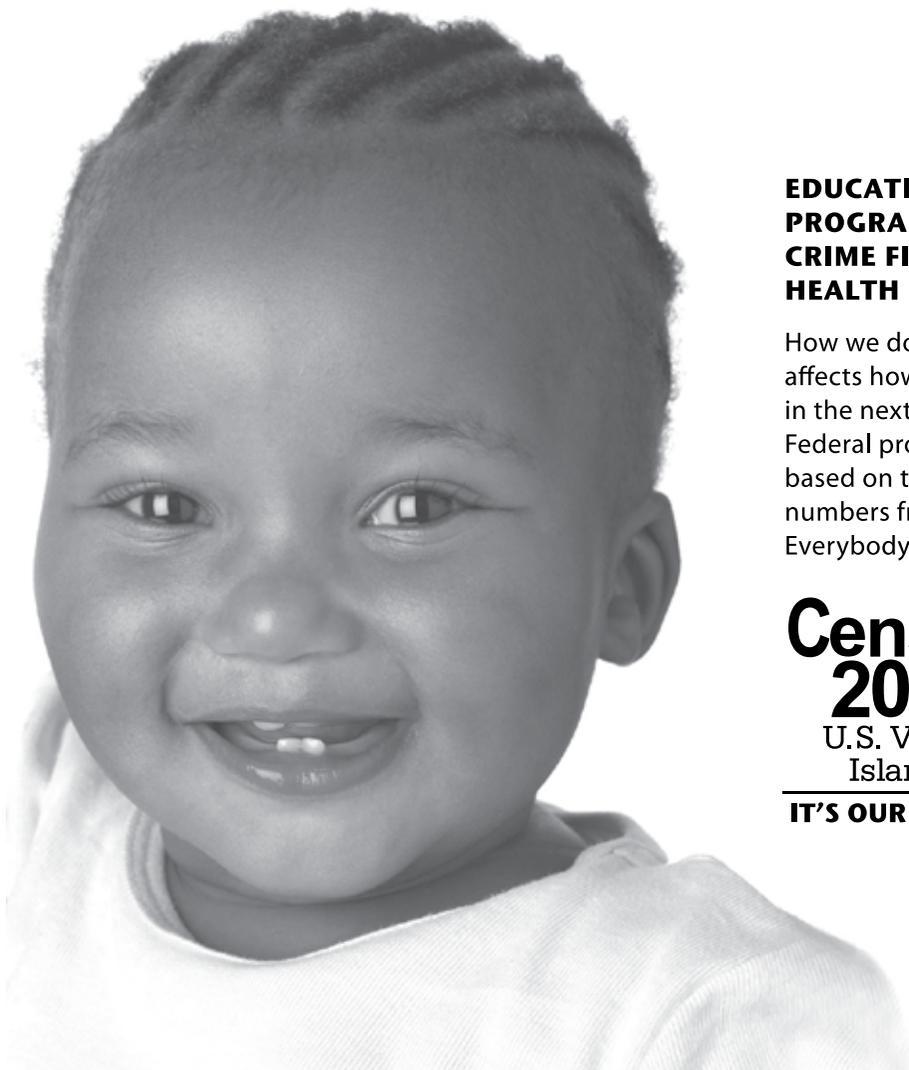
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Art derived from glass is not a new concept, and art derived from recycled glass has grown to recognizable value due to the talented artists at Maho Bay Glassworks. Working in tandem, they create exciting pieces in many shapes, sizes and colors.

Bajo el Sol Gallery's regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is located in Mongoose Junction. The artists will be featured during the month of May. For more information call 693-7070.



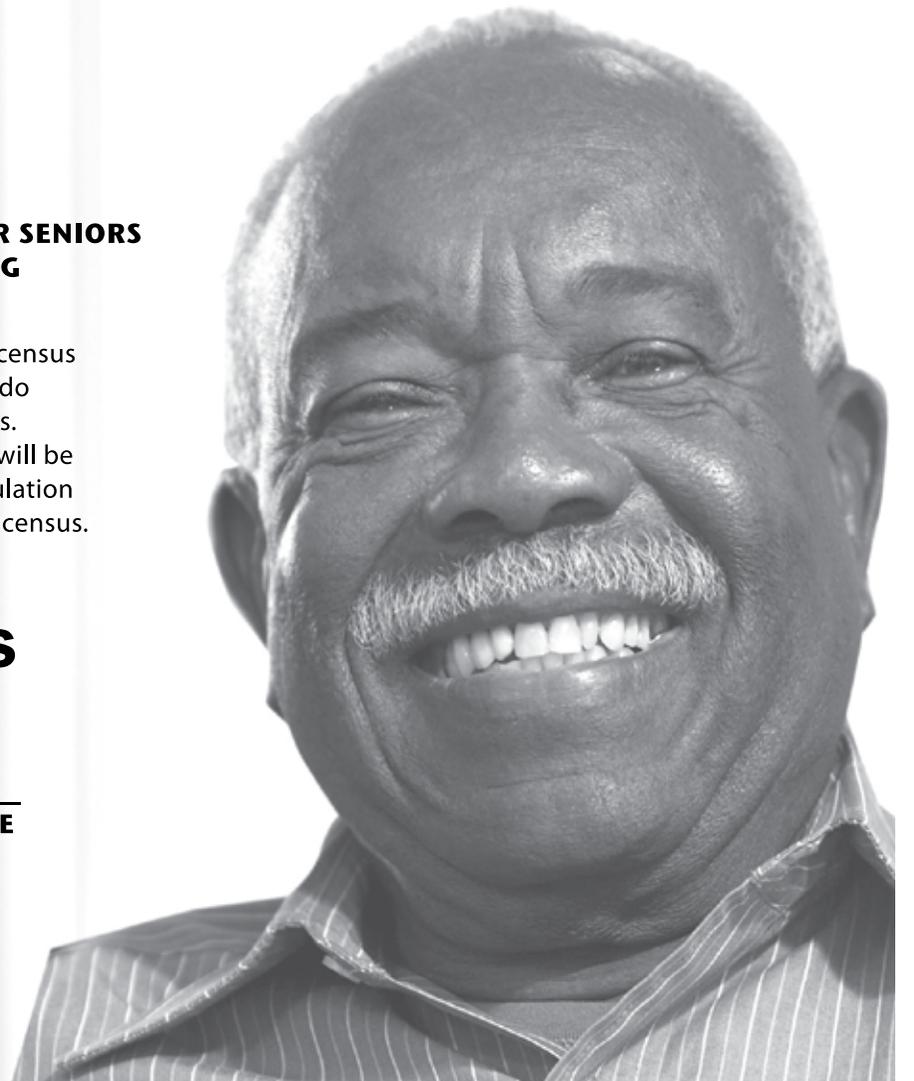
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Greg Miller

Don't Miss Sis Frank's 86th Birthday

In case your readers missed last week's issue, there will be a donor's recital at St. John School of the Arts to celebrate Sis Frank's 86th birthday, tomorrow, Tuesday, May 4, from 6 to 7 p.m.

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So stand up for Sis, the "birthday girl." RSVP to 779-4322. We hope you'll be there.

Ronnie Lee
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Governor Selling Property Taxes to Third Parties

At a Property Tax rally on Monday night, April 12, the Lt. Governor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Williams, chastised St. John residents for spreading rumors and misinformation because it was absolutely, positively, not true that the government was planning on selling Property Tax bills to third parties.

On Wednesday, less than 48 hours later, the legislature met to vote on Governor deJongh's request (dated March 4) to "Authorize the sale of the 2007 Fiscal Year Real Property Tax Receipts" to either public or private companies.

This means a private company could own the 2007 Property Tax Receivables, and if the taxes are not paid or are late, they would be able to do whatever the law permits them to do to collect their money, including putting a lien on your property and even foreclosing on your land or house.

The VI Unity Day Group testified at the legislature against sale of Property Taxes. During the session the Governor's spokespeople insisted at various times that: 1) they really didn't plan on selling the taxes; 2) they only meant to use the taxes as collateral; 3) the section involving Property Taxes would be deleted from the bill; 4) they found a cheaper way to borrow money which didn't involve Property Taxes at all; 5) they would make sure the contract with the private company would not permit foreclosures.

In spite of all those explanations and promises, the bill was tabled with the words unchanged, "the Governor may offer, by public or private sale, the Government's real property receipts collected for Fiscal Year 2007."

This bill is going to be voted by the senate this Tuesday, May 4. If you do not want a private company in the position of taking away Virgin Island property please call/fax/email the senators and tell them to delete all references to the sale of Property Taxes from Bill 28-0227.

Virgin Islanders losing their land and homes is too

serious an issue to play "I really meant something else," or "I didn't mean it that way," or "we would never let it happen" games. It needs to be deleted completely.

Here is a list of contact information for the senators. Faxes have more impact than phone calls or email, and to make sure they hear you loud and clear, perhaps you should come to the legislature on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and tell them in person.

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Pam Gaffin

ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

Sincerest sympathies to Neko Sprauve's family and friends during this difficult time. May Neko find peace, comfort and share his love of steel pan music in heaven. — MN



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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

The Borrowing Bill and Coral Bay's Central Park

St. John Tradewinds

Recent weeks have been busy on the legislative front. Fortunately I also had time to attend some of the wonderful Carnival events on St. Thomas, and even managed to read to 3rd grade students at the Julius E. Sprauve School. It has been a good and productive April.

The governor has submitted bill 28-0227 to the legislature to authorize borrowing of \$250 million in additional bonds.

In addition, this bill contains language that appears to authorize the government to sell the VI "property tax receipts" to an outside party, by public or private sale. A sale of property tax receivables is absolutely unacceptable, and the ambiguous language will be stricken from the bill. St. John was well-represented by Myrtle Barry and other members of the Unity Day Group, who spoke compellingly on the subject.

As you know, I introduced legislation at the previous session which threw out the exorbitant 2006 tax bills, and replaced them with the 1998 amounts. This was a major victory for St. John residents. Expect the revised bill to come out in June.

After the April 14 meeting I wrote an open letter to the media, expressing my concerns about borrowing. I am willing to borrow just the amount necessary to get us through the recession.

But that means that we need see accurate financial reports, and must rein in government spending. I see considerable waste, and now is the time to adjust the way we run our government. Many people have been calling my offices and stopping me on the street to talk.

I know that our people do not want to borrow huge sums in order to keep the government running in the same way it does now.

On Tuesday, the legislature will be in session again to further consider the borrowing bill. We took a few weeks to study the issue in depth. We brought in union representatives, who told us that they don't want to borrow recklessly.

The union representatives told us that they have specific suggestions on how to cut government spending. We plan to meet with them, and the governor's financial team, in order to implement cost-saving measures. Please weigh in on this issue by calling our office at 693-8061 or emailing to senator@barshinger.net.

We may soon have a new territorial park in Coral Bay, if my colleagues concur. I have introduced legislation to purchase over 170 acres offered by Sheldon Marsh, grandson of the late Egbert Marsh.

Most of the purchase price would be paid by a conservation organization, with the balance coming from

the VI government. If we want this land, the heirs to the Egbert Marsh trust have made it clear that they will work with us to make it possible to purchase the land.

I envision this park as being Coral Bay's "Central Park." New York City has a large, beautiful Central Park that was put in place before the city grew up around it.

Central Park is New York City's treasure. Let us have the foresight and vision to create a beautiful public area in Coral Bay, so that as the town grows, we will always have some shared land for all of us to enjoy.

And how can we enjoy it? I invite you share your vision! Here are some of the benefits and amenities that we may consider: recreational facilities for our youth, and in fact all of us; nature trails for walking; bicycling paths that are flat and easy to ride on; trails for horseback rides; or a community garden where food can be grown.

In order to succeed with this, we must activate our own territorial park system, which has not been active in the past. However, we have shown through the Magen's Bay Authority that Virgin Islanders can run a public facility in excellence, and that is just what we will do on St. John.

I was honored to accept an invitation from Ms. Brown to read to her 3rd grade students at Julius E. Sprauve School during the Week of the Young Child and Poetry Month. It was such fun.

We read together an Ananse Tale, "The Owl and the Pussycat," and "The Secret." In fact, we passed "The Secret" around the room, and the 3rd graders read to me and to each other. I was very impressed with these students and the teaching that Ms. Brown is providing our students!

In closing, I would like to thank Ezio Marsh and John Foster. Both worked closely with Brigadier General Charles Blair, who founded Antilles Airboats. These seaplanes connected St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Croix for many years until the fleet was destroyed in 1989 by Hurricane Hugo.

Ezio and John came to me with idea of sponsoring a resolution to honor Charles Blair by naming the St. Thomas Seaplane terminal for him. They were supported in this effort by General Blair's widow, movie star Maureen O'Hara-Blair. After months of research and hard work, this resolution passed the legislature on April 14.

I am frequently asked about restoring the seaplane service to St. John. My response is that anything is possible, when there is sufficient public interest. Call our office at 693-8061 or email to senator@barshinger.net to discuss this or any other issue.

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Dan's family have been influential members of our community for the last 30 years and are now faced with an incredible financial burden. Medical expenses have exceeded \$120,000 and the insurance coverage by Parks & Recreation only covers \$1,000!

This is why we come to you. We are asking for donations of goods and/or services to help cover the difference. The St. John Revolving Fund is assisting Dan with your tax deductible donations.

For more details involving Dan's well being or donations, please contact Lucas Schnell (340) 344-2700 or Jen Merriett (281) 796-0338. Donations may also be dropped off at Connections, provided they are labeled. Thank you for your support.

St. John Police Report

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Friday, April 23

11:19 a.m. - A citizen c/re-questing police assistance because someone is stealing her animals. Police assistance.

9:40 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident r/ a suspicious male on his property. Suspicious activity.

10:06 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a disturbance with his son. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, April 24

4:03 a.m. - A citizen r/ a male fell from a balcony in Cruz Bay. Accidental injury.

6:23 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident r/ loud music. Loud music.

11:59 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, April 25

1:43 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

11:15 a.m. - A citizen c/re-questing police assistance to see his daughter. Police assistance.

10:30 a.m. - A citizen c/re-questing police assistance to retrieve his personal belongings. Police assistance.

5:45 p.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident p/r she was harassed by a male. Disturbance of the peace.

5:50 p.m. - An Estate Pine Peace resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

9:45 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his friend sold his bird. Police assistance.

Monday, April 26

7:10 a.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident c/r a break in at the Giff Hill School.

12:30 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male. Simple assault.

Tuesday, April 27

8:45 a.m. - A visitor p/r that a laptop was stolen from her villa. Burglary in the third.

9:55 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her windshield was damaged by road workers in Estate Grunwald. Damage to a vehicle.

No time given - An Estate Carolina resident c/r being involved in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, April 28

11:45 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ that he was threatened by another male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:45 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone took three of his vehicle batteries. Grand larceny.

3:54 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/requesting police assistance because she suspected that someone broke into one of her homes. Police assistance.

6:09 p.m. - A visitor r/ a burglary at Virgin Grand Estates. Burglary in the third.

Thursday, April 29

6:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that her house was broken into. Burglary in the third.

7:14 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Third Confirmed Lionfish Netted at Francis Bay

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As evidenced in the Bahamas, lionfish are capable of wiping out huge populations of reef fish — vital to the health of coral — in a very short amount of time.

Scientists believe the fish first entered the Atlantic Ocean in the wake of 1998's Hurricane Andrew when a pet owner likely dumped a fish tank into the sea off the coast of Florida.

Since then, the species has devastated coral reefs fringing the Bahamas and scientists fear the same fate for much of the reefs in the

Caribbean, where lionfish have no natural predators.

To combat the spread of the lionfish, scuba divers, dive operators and scientists throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico are joining forces to eliminate the species.

DPNR hosted a meeting in Cruz Bay with dive officials last week to share the latest information about the species and distribute markers for swimmers to deploy after spotting a lionfish.

Made of a wine cork connected by a line of flagging tape to a

weight, the lionfish markers are simple and have proven to be an efficient way to pinpoint an exact sighting of the species, since a fish will often remain in the same vicinity for days.

With highly toxic spines, lionfish can seriously injure a swimmer unfamiliar with the proper technique for its capture. Lionfish markers are available at Friends of V.I. National Park Store and officials urge swimmers and snorkelers unfamiliar with the species to use the markers and steer clear of the fish itself.

AFT Protests Corporal Punishment Ban in Schools

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AFT local 1825, told the *V.I. Daily News* last week.

Citing the need to end the practice of corporal punishment in district public schools, Smith-Barry told the newspaper that it had been misused in several cases.

"We've had a couple of incidents that were most unfortunate and that gave evidence of the mis-

use," Smith-Barry was quoted in the *V.I. Daily News*.

"She said there was one instance where a teacher was taping three rulers together to hit the students with," according to the *V.I. Daily News* report. "In another case, a teacher lined up all the students and went down the line, beating each student for no justifiable reason, she said."

DeLagarde, however, told the paper that the practice was necessary to maintain control in the classroom.

"There's no assistance or follow-through in a lot of cases," she told the *V.I. Daily News*.

V.I. Board of Education officials are expected to look into the matter, as its policy reflects the V.I. Code.

Upper Carolina Ramping Up Neighborhood Watch

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Information about the crimes, the Upper Carolina Land Owners Association president also made contact with Crime Stoppers USVI. St. John board member Bonny Corbeil and learned about the program, Hills added.

"We're hoping to participate more or better in Crime Stoppers as well," he said. "We're going to make everyone in Upper Carolina aware of Crime Stoppers and we'll get more information out there."

Upper Carolina residents are also considering posting reward money and contracting a security firm, Hills added.

"We're looking at two major options," he said. "We may post a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual. We still have to have a board meeting to vote on it and approve it."

"If we decided to post a reward it will be payable by us and be in addition to any reward payable by

Crime Stoppers USVI," said Hills. "We are also looking at contacting a security firm in terms of having some kind of surveillance equipment installed."

Anyone with any information regarding the Upper Carolina burglaries or any crimes on St. John is urged to call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or check out the group's website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org, for full information about anonymous tips and reward procedures.

Help Crime Stoppers USVI Solve Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. Anyone who knows something, should say something.

A rash of daylight burglaries has occurred in the areas of Estates Carolina and Hansen Bay. Items stolen include food and electronics, such as radios, cameras, computers etc. The burglar(s) are cooking and eating while inside, and then turning on

all water faucets before leaving. Anyone who has seen any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area, please call immediately.

Community members can submit tips on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tip-

ster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards. Please note that technology makes it virtually impossible for anyone to trace a tip. To learn how it works, visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

Anyone who submitted a tip, should check to see if they are eligible for a reward, as unclaimed rewards expire six months after the award date.

Underwater Wonders Film To Be Released Spring

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and have the film ready by next spring.”

At VINP, Seymour’s crew filmed elk horn coral off Hawksnest Bay, mangroves at Hurricane Hole, coral and fish off Waterlemon Cay and more.

“Here we are really trying to showcase the diversity of the VINP,” said Seymour. “We’re trying to show all that there is here, from the mangroves to the coral and fish and turtles”

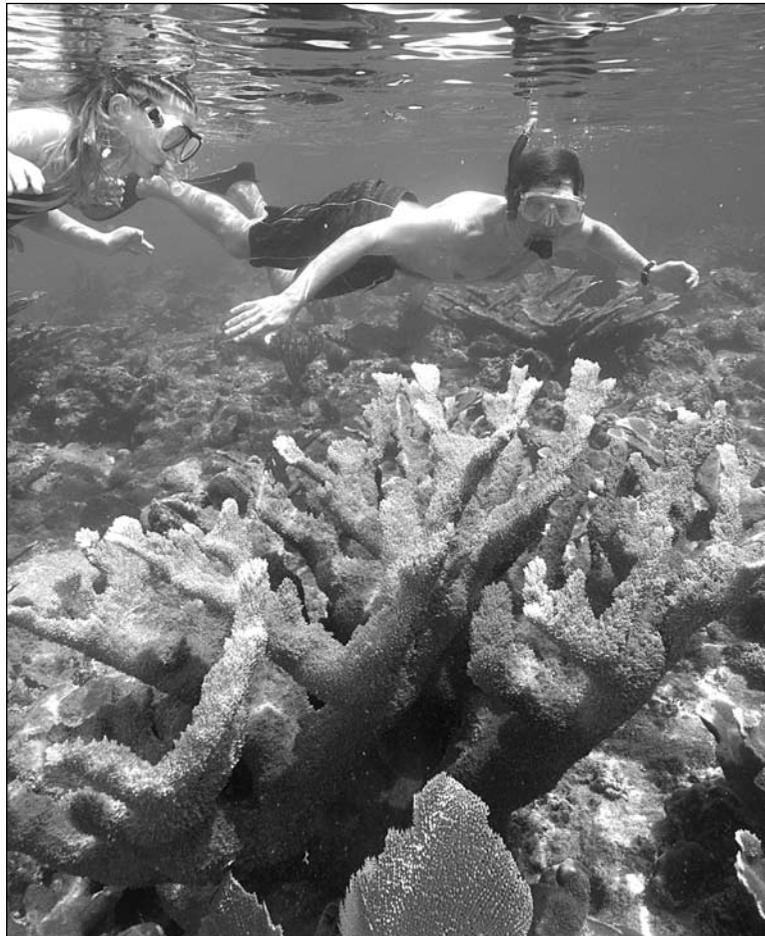
Out of everything he saw during his dives around St. John, Seymour was most impressed with the elk horn coral at Hawksnest.

“I’ve never seen elk horn coral before and it’s pretty neat stuff and it’s endangered,” he said. “If we don’t protect elk horn coral my kids or the next generation won’t know what it is because it won’t be here.”

Kovacs was most dismayed by the damaged coral evident at various VINP sites.

“You can see some of the coral that suffered from disease and bleaching and that is pretty depressing,” said Kovacs. “You can see how fragile everything is and how important it is to protect what we can.”

The crew worked with several divers under the surface capturing shots, as other crew members monitored the footage and tweaked



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Brett Seymour

Snorkelers get an upclose look at an elk horn coral off St. John.

focus and lighting at a command center on the dive boat.

All VINP dive boats were too small to accommodate the control

center so officials contracted Larry Randall of Dive Adventures of St. John. Randall’s dive boat was the perfect transportation and control center for the film crew with plenty of room for the cutting edge equipment.

Divers were underwater for about eight hours a day during the 12-hour work days that stretched over a week and a half. During the shoots, the group worked with various park officials including VINP resource manager Thomas Kelley.

VINP officials were thrilled to be among the selected sites for Seymour’s new film.

“It’s great that they selected us to be a part of this project,” said VINP’s Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon. “We didn’t know what to expect at first and then 36 boxes of camera equipment showed up so we knew it was serious.”

After wrapping filming in VINP, officials were off to the Dry Tortugas before heading back stateside to complete their shot list.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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45th Annual Women's Convention at St. Ursula's May 28 and 29

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church will celebrate the 45th Annual Women's Convention on Friday, May 28, with a march from the Cruz Bay park to the church starting at 6:15 p.m.

A service at St. Ursula's Church will follow the march at 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 29, the group will host its conference at the Westin Resort and Villas starting at 7 a.m. For more information call Cleamena Duncan at 776-6964 or 776-6336.

Javon Jade Alfred Memorial Fun Day Scheduled for May 31

The Fifth Annual Javon J. Alfred Fun Day will be on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The entire community is invited to join in fun, games and food. The Fun Day commemorates Deverell Alfred's son "JJ" who was struck by a truck and killed on his way home from school on Christmas Eve five years ago.

The Alfreds need donations of money, games, toys, refreshments and more to make the day a success. Stop by *St. John Tradewinds* office on the third floor of The Marketplace to make a donation, or call 776-6496 or email info@tradewinds.vi.

"It's important to spend time with family because if something tragic happens, you will feel like you took advantage of all the time that you had," said Deverell Alfred.

St. John Festival Committee Seeks Miss St. John Contestants

The Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John is seeking young ladies interested in vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2010-2011.

Contestants must be 16 to 21 years of age, have a 2.5 academic average, a resident of the St. Thomas/St. John district and never been pregnant. Interested young ladies can pick up applications at the St. John Tourism Office.

For more information call 626-0785.

Last Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Practice Set for May 16

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. for a practice swim before the big Beach-to-Beach Power Swim race, which is on Sunday, May 30.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim the short course portion of the race to Cinnamon (approximately 1 mile). Swim assisted — with fins, mask, snorkel — or swim unassisted, just come swim. Safety boats will be in the water for support.

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JFLI Celebrates 14 Years of Success

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Barshinger. "We're talking about renewable energy now, using what we have plenty of — the wind and the sun."

Barshinger also continues to work with his colleagues and the Egbert Marsh Trust to secure 170 acres in Estate Lower Carolina to create a territorial park.

"We could do things better than the V.I. National Park, instead of waiting around for them to do things," said the senator at large. "We could have a friendly competition between us to be the best park possible."

JFLI students Natalie, Nicole and Travis Dalmida, Cassandra Mathurin and Whitney Smith acted out a skit about Guy Benjamin, the former educator after whom Coral Bay's public elementary school is named.

Benjamin himself, who was in attendance, approved of the skit, except for one small omission.

"You forgot to say how much I love dominos," said Benjamin. "If anyone wants to come down and get in a game, then stop by."

JFLI's success is due to the support of the entire community, Christian explained.

"This is all only possible because of each and every one of you make it possible," said Christian. "You were here when we didn't have any windows or doors and you are here now. I am thankful that you are here and I want you to join me further along this journey."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Adam Lynch

JFLI founder Alvis Christian

Christian shared plans with the crowd for JFLI's expansion to accommodate a full marine biology lab and additional gardens and educational opportunities.

JFLI students are planning a summer trip to Puerto Rico where they will tour numerous parks and museums. The group is still raising funds for the trip and is planning a pig roast and fish fry on Saturday, May 8, at the school.



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● **A DAYDREAM** - Fantastic views of Coral Bay and beyond from this immac, 3BR 3BA Villa + 1BR 1BA Cottage. Cooling breezes. Spacious covered and uncovered decks w/ pool and hot tub. Ideal for short term rental or owner occupancy w/long term income from cottage. \$1,295,000

NEW LISTING



● **PANORAMIC SUNSET VIEWS!** 4 equally sized air conditioned bedrooms with bath en suite located on two levels. Finishes include solid masonry construction, granite c/tops, custom cab, s/s appls, custom Brazilian hardwood windows and doors. Magnificent 10x20 pool and deck area. \$2,650,000

NEW WATERFRONT HOME UNDER \$1,000,000! Truly a must see Spectacular East End waterfront retreat. Very private, secluded location with extraordinary view and breezes. Ample room to expand on the 1.37 acres. Includes use of home owners Assoc cottages. Deeded beach access. \$999,000.

HOMES

● **GREAT VALUE!** Fish Bay. Beautiful views and breezes from this 4BR 2BA two story home with many options. \$525,000

JUST REDUCED



● **Drastic reduction!** This popular 3br, 3ba vacation villa with great Caribbean flair has amazing panoramic water views. Now only \$895,000.

REDUCED



● **Waterfront** - Beautiful masonry home on 1.37 acres in East End. ONLY \$999,000!
● **Cruz Bay** - Enjoy year round sunset views from this multi-unit income producer. \$1,199,000.
● **REDUCED!** Bonus!! Private well maintained home in Coral Bay with an EXTRA LOT! Only \$382,500.
● **REDUCED!** Great value with this 4BR 2BA home. Use as 2 units or keep as 1 home. Large decks w/panoramic views. Only \$585,000.

CONDOMINIUMS

● **PRICED TO SELL!** Spacious, immaculate 3br 3ba unit with water views. Finishes include chefs kitchen with bar & granite c/tops, mahog kit cabs and a/c. Common pool. \$960,000.

NEW LISTING



● **New Listing!** Conch Villas-2 bedroom 1 bath w/ocean & sunset views. Walk to town. Just \$289,000!
● **REDUCED!** Why rent? Penthouse 1BR 1 BA unit with vaulted ceilings, views & breezes. Only \$274,500.

REDUCED



● **Must see! Reduced to sell!** This 2br, 1.5ba unit is just one mile from Cruz Bay. Amazing sunset water views, oversized veranda and huge pool. \$379,000.

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● **NEW LISTING!** IMPROVED PARCEL on Bordeaux Mountain with income producing long term rental and separate foundation/cistern. Live on the parcel while you complete your dream home. This beautiful moderately sloped parcel boasts views to the north and northeast which include Jost Van Dyle and Tortola. ONLY \$315,000.

● **REDUCED!** Two lots! 0.50+/- acres each. One boasts 155ft of sand/coral beachfront and adjacent lot maintains its own deeded beach path access. Only \$899,000.
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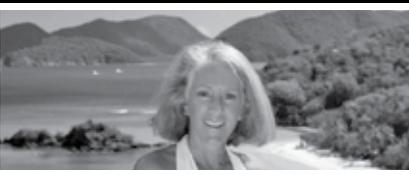
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"Ridgetop"-NEW- A 2 story, 2 bedroom private vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. Located in Eden Place, a small private neighborhood, it is an easy drive to the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, restaurants & entertainment. A shared pool & gazebo are located adjacent to the house and are used by only 4 other homes. **\$695,000**



"Adrian Villas" - New & affordable. Beautifully appointed 2 bedroom townhouses were completed in 2009 & are centrally located midisland. Features include granite counters, solid wood cabinets, stainless appliances, tile floors, front loading washer & dryer & spacious rooms with two exterior decks. Furnished - **\$590,000** Unfurnished **\$495,000**



"HomePort" This new listing in Estate Hansen Bay on St. John's quiet East End has terrific views north over Long Bay, west to Rams Head and south to St. Croix. The cottage is on lower section of large lot with a large, level site for a main house above. Other features include end of the road privacy, solar power & mature plants with drip watering system. Deeded water access also included. **\$675,000**



"Amorita" - Beautiful, masonry home in upscale Chocolate Hole North has large pool deck with spa & faces southeast to catch the tradewind breezes. Water views of Hart Bay & the South Shore, just minutes from Cruz Bay & a short walk to the Westin Resort. Features include stone arches and vaulted cypress ceilings, screened gallery, arched courtyard entrance, fruit trees, & deeded access to two beaches. Just reduced to **\$899,000**



"The Retreat" - Perfect privacy & spectacular ocean views lie at the heart of "The Retreat's" natural appeal. Its 3 pavilions on one level are grouped around a beautifully landscaped courtyard with swimming pool and jetted hot tub. Every room enjoys an ocean view - a sparkling panorama of Sir Francis Drake Channel, with Tortola beyond. Two equal, air-conditioned king bedroom/bath suites with sleeping lofts flank the main living/dining pavilion. The waterfront is accessed via trail to a private, sandy beach. **\$1.595M**



"Colibri" - Superb sunset and water views from this 3 bedroom waterfront home in the coveted Great Cruz Bay sub division. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and pool, and lots of room for expansion. Enjoy sunsets over St. Thomas. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A recent refurbishing has just been completed. **\$3,795,000**



"Seashore Allure" - New waterfront condos set a higher bar for quality in St. John condos. Just completed, these are a "must see" with such features as travertine tiles, Brazilian hardwood floors, stone accent walls, graceful arches framing water views, solid mahogany doors, custom cabinets, spa jet tubs, high end appliances, & Brazilian clay roof tiles. The sounds of the surf, trade wind breezes and beachfront location make these condos a tropical dream come true. **\$1.97M to \$3.39M**



"Southern Cross" - This traditional Danish style stone home offers the utmost privacy yet only a ten minute drive to Cruz Bay Town. Features include large covered porches, beautiful custom mahogany cabinets and built-in bar, exposed concrete beams and window sills and tile floors - all combine to create an elegant atmosphere. Cooling breezes and water views on an almost level lot with room to add a pool or spa. **\$1.395M**



"Palm Terrace Villas" - Four of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common pool, walk to town & Frank Bay Beach. The 3 bedroom penthouse units are over 2100 sq.ft. All feature lg kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, private laundry & ample storage. **\$749,500 to \$1,299,000**



"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute 2 bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes & the driveway is paved for easy access. Fully furnished and a nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. Space below could be converted to another bedroom. **\$575,000**

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CBR HOME LISTINGS

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LUMINARIA - Luxurious ridge-top villa w/incredible views of the North shore & down island. Lg. pool w/waterfall, 3 bd/bath suites, garage, gated entry, beautiful furnishings & landscaping. \$2,495,000. Adjoining parcel also available

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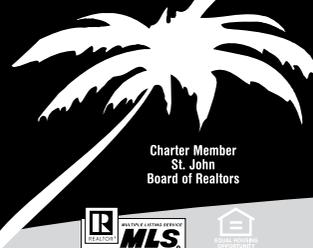
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WATERFRONT RETREAT Privateer Bay. 3BR/3BA masonry beach house steps from the water. Paved roads & u/g utilities. **\$975,000**

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AMOROSA A brilliant Tuscan inspired villa in Peter Bay. Sweeping views, deeded walking path to the beach, 4 BR/5 BA **\$7,450,000**

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RAINBOW PLANTATION A private, family estate house on 1.6 acres. Features one of the largest private pools on St. John (w/diving board, & wet bar). Mature landscaping. **\$1,399,000**

COTTAGE One of the least expensive homes on the market! Great starter home with room to expand. Adjacent parcel with 2 unit masonry home also available. **\$279,000**

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"BLUE CARIBE" Successful short term rental home with gourmet kitchen and with views of Coral Bay harbor. **\$615,000**

PLUMERIA Sunsets! 3 BR/3BA masonry pool villa. Set privately in lush gardens, fenced yard, boarding greenspace. 2-car garage **\$1,499,000**

MULTI UNIT 2 unit (2x2+1x1) masonry home overlooking Carolina Valley. Ideal starter home w/2nd unit for rental income. **\$679,000**

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MARBELLA Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bdrms w/ en suite baths. Open style, all on one level, Central A/C. **\$2,595,000**

BAREFOOT New 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quiet neighborhood. **\$599,000**

ELLISON BIG PRICE REDUCTION New construction in the Virgin Grand. Generous floor plan w/3 levels of living space. 3 suites. **\$1,990,000**

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Island Community Celebrates Earth Day

St. John residents celebrated Earth Day with cleanups above and below the water and with a beach party. Caneel Bay's Patagon Dive Center hosted an underwater cleanup at the resort, above. Rotary Club of St. John members removed trash from Jumbie Beach, above right. Reef Fest at Hawksnest Beach drew adults, students and Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve, below right and below.

