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Trackhoe Salvage Completed



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A salvage company removed this 17-ton trackhoe from the waters of Fish Bay on Thursday, March 27. The trackhoe driver lost control of the construction machine on the Fish Bay switchback on Thursday morning, March 13, and it fell more than 60 feet to the shoreline. The driver jumped from the equipment and was not injured.

This Saturday, March 15, photo captured a strange orange light coming from St. Croix that night (and for a few nights before and after). The glow was from the Hovensa oil refinery on the island's south shore, which was burning off excess fumes from the refining process, according to Hovensa officials.

Photo by Howard Heller



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“We’re desperate. I can’t wait for public hearings and senate approval to tell me what to do.”

— Wanda Mills-Bocachica,
Director of Planning
V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources

St. Johnian Landowners Question Impact of Development Moratorium

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

When they turned on the video projector to adjust the image on the screen dominating the V.I. Legislative Chambers on St. John, the title jostled up and down as the technician adjusted a few books on the edge of the testifiers table to support the projector.

“Review of Development Moratorium Options.”

The crowd filling the legislative seating watched the jiggling graphic with rising anticipation as they waited for Wanda Mills-Bocachica, Director of Planning for the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), to begin testifying before Senator at Large Carmen Miranda Wesselhoff’s Committee on Public Safety, Homeland Security and Justice.

Mills-Bocachica greeted Senator Wesselhoff warmly as she noted her close relationship with St. John and the St. Johnian senator since her appointment as Director of Planning.

Moratorium Study for Wesselhoff

Senator Wesselhoff requested DPNR study development moratoriums — which the DPNR official did not advocate — shortly after Mills-Bocachica was appointed, the planning director explained.

The presentation by Leia La Place of the DPNR’s Division of Planning was in response to Senator Wesselhoff’s request, not a proposal by DPNR, Mills-Bocachica reminded the audience.

In her testimony, Mills-Bocachica outlined DPNR’s plans for the updating and approval of V.I. development law and the territory’s Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan. The planning director acknowledged that there was much work to be done.

“We have problems, big ones,” she said.

“We’re desperate,” Mills-Bocachica told senators of DPNR’s need for stronger regulations. “I can’t wait for public hearings and senate approval to tell me what to do.”

St. Johnians Question Moratorium

When it came time for public comment, however, a potential development moratorium brought strong opposition from St. Johnian testifiers.

“I know there are very few of us families that own large tracts of land,” Yvonne Wells of Coral Bay told the senators questioning the idea of a moratorium on the heels of a property tax revaluation. “We haven’t



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DPNR’s Director of Planning Wanda Mills-Bocachica addresses the audience.

seen the bills yet.”

“My family was not ready to do anything until recently to develop our property,” Wells added. “I’m hoping we don’t decide on a moratorium and squeeze those of us who have a little land.”

“After that the only thing left is for us to pack up our bags and leave,” Wells added. “We’re not going to do that.”

“I’m going to look out for the people of St. John,” said St. Johnian Senator at Large Wesselhoff.

Sen. Dowe Supports Wesselhoff

St. Thomas Senator Carlton Dowe, who has strong connections to St. John through his political and fire fighting career, backed-up Senator Wesselhoff.

“The horse is out of the barn,” Sen. Dowe said in opposition to any moratorium which would prevent native St. Johnian property owners from developing their land while they are facing increased property taxes. “You can’t pull the ladder out from under them.”

“This is what I’m supporting,” Sen. Dowe said of his position protecting native property owners from a moratorium on development.

V.I. Police Officials Admit Staffing Problems

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

In testimony St. John residents have heard repeated for decades, the V.I. Police Department is short of officers and St. John staffing is suffering along with St. Thomas, VIPD officials told the V.I. Senate Committee on Public Safety, Homeland Security and Justice hearing on Wednesday, March 26.

VIPD St. Thomas-St. John Chief Capt. Rodney Querrard declined to answer specific questions about the exact number of officers traveling to St. John from St. Thomas for duty — as VIPD officials have declined to do publicly for years, saying they didn’t want to tip off the criminal element to staffing levels.

But the veteran police officer acknowledged there continues to be staffing and recruitment problems.

“As for St. John, we’re short of officers over here, but it’s not only on St. John,” Capt. Querrard said. “The police department is making every effort possible to fill the slots.”

“Out of 200 to 300 applicants, we ended up with 15 candidates,” he said of the current Police Academy class. “We only have 15 in the Police Academy and I wish we had 50.”

Auxiliary Police Reforming

While 45-50 people have signed up for the auxiliary police force, Querrard said he was not sure how many had applied from St. John.

St. Johnian Ronnie Jones asked Querrard to provide information for St. John residents to sign up for the auxiliary force.

St. Johnian Joan Thomas, who told St. John Chief Darren Foy she did not recognize him and hadn’t seen him on her daily walks to Cruz Bay, encouraged police officers on duty in Cruz Bay to “walk and be visible,” instead of riding around town in vehicles.

“In the meantime, the people of St. John are not becoming familiar with the police,” Thomas said.

Guns Laws “Too Soft”

In response to Querrard’s report that anti-crime initiatives have resulted in the seizure of almost 100 illegal guns, Thomas asked, “where are they get-

“We do have a lot of illegal stuff going on. Once there is a demand, they will find ways. We do have local people bringing guns into the territory frequently.”

— VIPD Capt. Rodney Querrard

ting all these guns?”

“That is just a drop in the bucket,” Capt. Querrard admitted. “Unfortunately there are a lot of them out there. I have been seeing some serious problems.”

“We do have a lot of illegal stuff going on,” Capt. Querrard said. “Once there is a demand, they will find ways.”

“We do have local people bringing guns into the territory frequently,” the St. Thomas-St. John chief said.

“The law as it relates to guns is too soft,” Querrard said. “We have way too many guns in the V.I. We have more and more weapons coming here by different means.”

Coral Bay Staffing

Coral Bay resident Yvonne Wells recalled a ground breaking in Coral Bay for a new police substation, and reminded VIPD officials the mobile unit there under utilized.

“I know we have police presence, but I would like to see the mobile unit used since we will not be seeing a building for a little while,” said Wells.

“The mobile unit will be used more frequently, but it will not be manned daily,” Capt. Querrard responded.

“There are two detectives assigned to St. John,” the St. Thomas-St. John Chief said in response to a question about staffing. “One is out on maternity leave.”

The islands forensics officer is a Sergeant assigned to St. John, Capt. Querrard said in response to another resident. The “forensics tech” person has been temporarily reassigned to St. Thomas.



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GBS Students Show Computer Savvy Thanks to Waveplace Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Showing off their software programming skills, 14 Guy Benjamin School fourth graders strutted their computer savvy at the conclusion of the Waveplace Foundation's 10 week digital media pilot program on Thursday afternoon, March 28.

The Coral Bay public school students who took part in the after school program each received an XO laptop and learned software programming and animation.

Combining mathematical principles and storytelling skills, the students shared their creations which showed pirates dancing and finding treasure maps, speed boats racing across the sea, dogs wagging their tails, fish jumping down waterfalls and an octopus wiggling its legs.

First Program in Caribbean

Launched on Thursday, January 10, the GBS pilot program was the first of its kind in the Caribbean for the burgeoning Waveplace Foundation which is part of the growing One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) movement, the seeds of which were planted years ago at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab.

Nicholas Negroponte and other MIT Media Lab veterans succeeded in developing their dream of a \$200 laptop and open-source software made specifically for children and began launching OLPC projects globally last year.

Entrepreneur and long-time Caribbean visitor Timothy Falconer was inspired by the idea as well and started the non-profit Waveplace dedicated to bringing laptops to children throughout the Caribbean.

Falconer collaborated with St. John School of the Arts executive director Jan Kinder, and GBS officials to kick-start the program on island.

Dream Becomes Reality

The dream became a reality and for the past 10 weeks teacher William Stelzer and mentor LaReesa Williams have showed Mary Burks' fourth grade students the software programming ropes.

While technological and logistic issues arose, everyone involved gained valuable information from the GBS pilot program, explained Falconer.

"We had some things working against us, but overall the program went really well," Falconer said.

"We ended up having one-third of the time we originally thought we would have. We wanted to have three hours a week, but we ended up only having the kids for two hours a week."

"We also had some technological problems with some of the laptops, which we learned about after the program started," added Falconer.

The one hour a week difference translated into a 20-hour program instead of the originally planned 30 hour after school pilot. The shortened time, however, didn't hinder the GBS students, Falconer explained.

"Still in that short amount of time, the kids learned a great deal and we learned a great deal about the program," he said. "The success shows in what the kids learned in such a short amount of time."

Despite the difficulties encountered, Waveplace teacher Stelzer — who instructed Burks and mentor Williams to teach digital media and software programming — pronounced the program a definite success.

"The program was great," said Stelzer. "Working with the kids,"

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(L to R) Waveplace teacher Bill Stelzer, mentor LaReesa Williams and GBS teacher Mary Burks pose with the pilot program students on the school's playground.

Political Celebrity Sightings Include Obama, Bill and Charles & Camilla

By Tom Oat
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In the midst of a hotly contested race for the Democratic presidential nomination, Illinois Senator Barack Obama's short break for a family vacation in the U.S. Virgin Islands was treated like any other campaign news — with "spin."

Senator Obama's round of golf at Mahogany Run on St. Thomas was downplayed in the best political tradition by the national media which has a policy dating back before President John F. Kennedy of not showing politicians playing the game because it was associated with the wealthy and privileged.

On Easter Monday, March 24, CNN reported Senator Barack Obama and his family were vacationing in the U.S. Virgin Islands — but the report did not identify exactly where Obama was photographed poolside chatting on a cell phone. In fact he was "putting on the Ritz."

A report in the *V.I. Daily News* on Tuesday, March 25, published a photograph of Obama leaving the Mahogany Run golf course — and mentioned only that the Demo-

cratic Presidential frontrunner had been photographed at the Ritz.

A *St. John Tradewinds* source confirmed she had seen "Labama" having dinner at The Ritz Carlton Resort on St. Thomas Sunday night.

Golf Attracts V.I. Politicians

Former V.I. Senators Donald Cole and Osbert Potter were enjoying a round of golf with Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center Chief Amos Carty when they spotted the candidate on the links and they chatted briefly, according to Carty

"I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," said the hospital administrator, an Obama supporter.

Obama, who polled more than 90 percent of the vote in the February U.S.V.I. primary, was in the territory in January for a successful fund raiser, but Carty said he did not recognize the senator's golfing partners at Mahogany Run.

Obama plays golf left-handed, Carty confirmed.

While the *Daily News* reported favorably on Obama's play, Carty said his game improved after his

chance meeting with Obama.

"Up until then it was a little spotty," Carty admitted of his own game before meeting Obama, "but from then on I did much better."

On St. John, meanwhile, the co-conut telegraph was alive with reported sightings of U.S. political celebrity and British royalty.

On Saturday, March 22, one attendee at the St. John Blues Festival reported that Bill Clinton had been spotted on a boat in Coral Bay in previous days.

"And Charles and Camilla were on a yacht in Round Bay," the woman stated assuredly.

Clinton, who had been featured on CNN on Friday speaking in North Carolina on behalf of his wife's campaign, was on board a large red sailboat, according to the source. He did not join the thousands at the Blues Festival

The British visitors may have been on a large motor yacht which was seen anchored in Round Bay mid-week.

Clintons Loved Magen's Bay

The Clintons do have a history with the U.S. Virgin Islands. The then-First Couple were "caught"

cavorting on Little Magen's Bay Beach during a vacation on St. Thomas at the height of one of their political scandals.

The Clintons' take on From Here To Eternity on the private pocket beach at their rental McMansion did much to calm the fears of America about the prospects for a first White House divorce.

Favorite VIP Getaway

Once a getaway for President Richard Nixon at the height of opposition to the Vietnam War in the early 1970s, the U.S. Virgin Islands have been a haven for politicians and celebrities.

One harried vice presidential candidate, Senator Dan Quayle, hid from the media in the middle of a 1980s campaign controversy at the Little Cinnamon Bay house in the days when it was made available for VIP visitors.

Obama Has Strong Support

Obama garnered more than 90 per cent of the vote in the U.S.V.I.'s February Primary and was warmly received at a January fund raiser on St. Thomas.

Even though residents of the U.S. territory cannot vote for the U.S.

President and have no voting representation in the U.S. Congress, the territory has one half delegate to the August convention and six "super" delegates.

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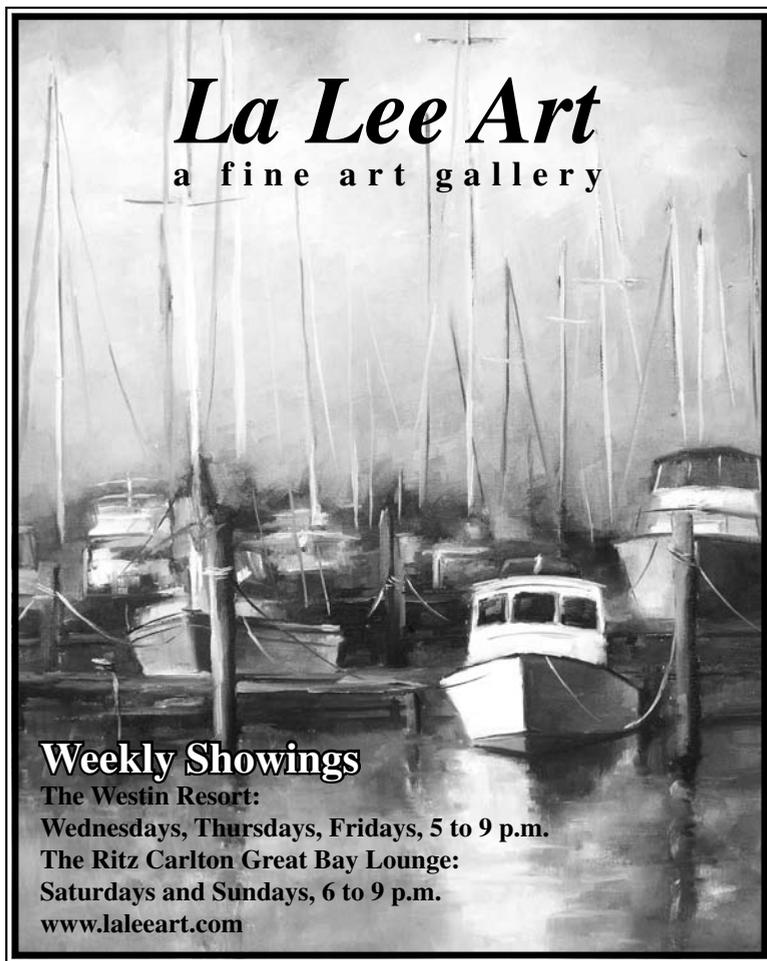
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DPW Commissioner Smalls Defends Cruz Bay Roundabout as "Done Deal"

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

After V.I. Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner Darryl Smalls informed a V.I. Senate Committee hearing that the contract for the Cruz Bay roundabout should be awarded in April, two St. Johnian community leaders testified that the project should be reconsidered.

"I can't imagine seeing this big circle in Cruz Bay, I'm very troubled by it," said former Senator at Large Robert O'Connor Jr. "I just don't see it."

O'Connor admitted he previously withheld comment on the proposal which took his Texaco gas station because he didn't want to be accused of having ulterior motives.

"I believe we should explore alternatives," O'Connor said of his opposition one month before the contract for the long-awaited project is expected to be awarded. "I just cannot not say something about it."

"I was hoping a new planner could come in" and stop it, O'Connor continued. "I just can't see it."

"Is a circle there conducive to



DPW Comm. Smalls

the community?" asked O'Connor who also questioned whether there was enough space for a roundabout which could handle large trucks or if it would be undersized.

"You will be able to drive up on this roundabout," explained DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls.

"Sometimes we do plan wrong," O'Connor added. "Sometimes we build bridges and they fall down."

"It is possible to avoid a disaster," said the former chairman of the V.I. Port Authority.

"It's a done deal," said Smalls during a recess.

Another St. Johnian took up the question of the roundabout in a later round of testimony.

"In the event that this plan fails, as my uncle warned, are you going to be man enough to admit it," Abigail Hendricks asked Commissioner Smalls.

"We don't plan to fail, any adjustments can be done," Smalls responded.

"We're the ones that are going to be left with this disaster," Hendricks continued. "We want to make sure we are not stuck with a bridge to nowhere."

Public Chose Roundabout

Senator at Large Carmen Miranda Wesselhoff asked Smalls if there were any other suggestions or plans for the intersection.

"The people of St. John were involved," Smalls asserted.

St. John DPW Deputy Director Ira Wade said the public participated in two hearings which discussed four different alternatives: signalization (traffic lights); stop signs; roundabout and status quo.

"The first plan they knocked down," Wade said. "The group that was here that particular night chose the traffic roundabout."

"It was not Public Works that decided, it was the residents that visited that night," Wade continued. "It was the people who chose."

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Memories of Zydeco and Blues

St. John Tradewinds

The Blues Festival was a big hit! Coral Bay rocked and the finale at the Beach Bar was unbelievable! Packed with hot bodies — even an iguana sat on the stage taking it all in! Liz Putnam, Lina Guild (didn't she have a broken leg) and Val Donaghue vied for best dancer — Chubby Carrier kept up the wild rhythms with his Bayou Swamp Band — the washboard player was marvelous — it was madness with the beach packed with fun-lovers! Thank you Steve and Helen, the sponsors and the gifted musicians!

And no rain! Can you believe it? Steve now has a few days to rest up for his Blues tour for the U.S. troops in Kuwait and Iraq. Our hearts go with you, Steve.

Bill Morris Has Left Us

Our love and deepest sympathy to Lee, their family and many friends. He was such a special man, always ready to help, the perfect host and husband, and a dedicated math tutor for the

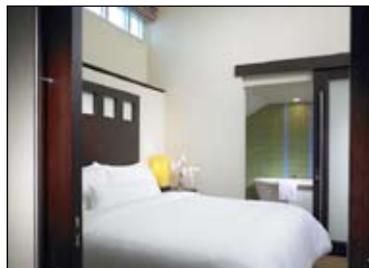
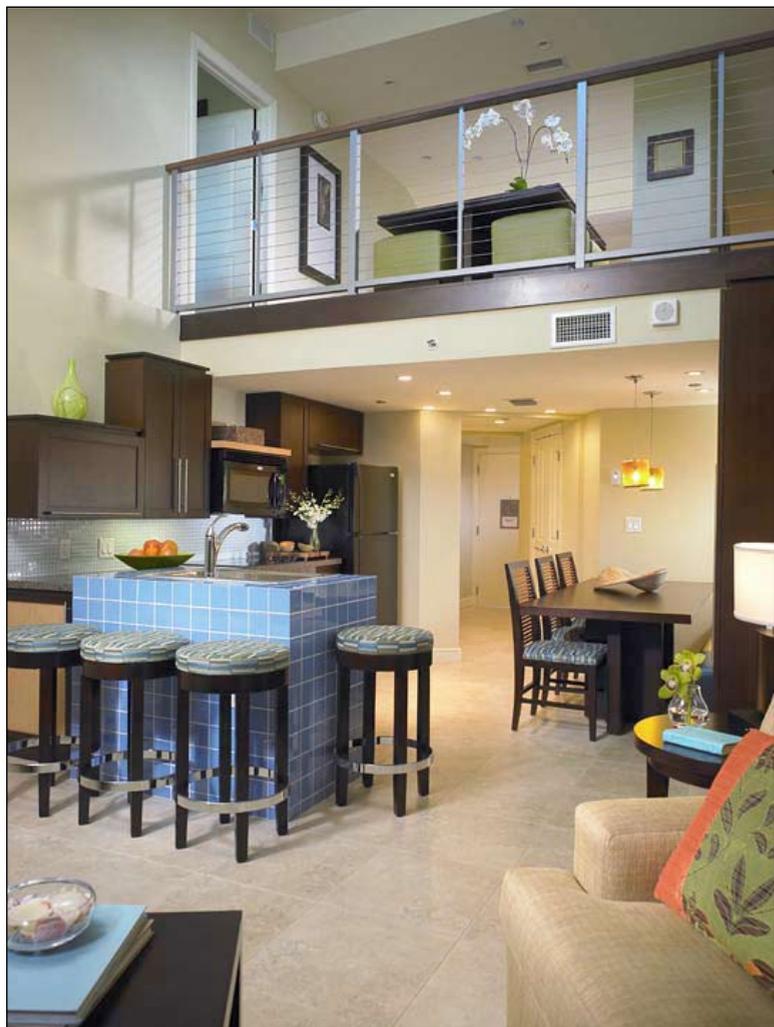
Sprauve School students. Where did he find time to sail?

Miss Jude Directs Pilobolus Dance in the States

Jude Woodcock, 10-year dance captain for this famous company, now brings their unusual style to college-age dancers. She has just returned from Rollins College and Valencia College in Orlando. Brown University is next. That's our girl! Teaching at the art school and strengthening muscles at the gym isn't enough. Now that her house is finished, she's bored!

Victor Provost To Play at Lincoln Center

Save these dates if you plan to be in New York City — June 10 to 15. Our own pan virtuoso will join the 21st Century Band — Caribbean Jazz Summit at Dizzy's Club Coca Cola. This is an eight piece band including Dion Parson, drums; Ron Blake, saxophone, from St. Thomas; and six others. Look for their listing on the Internet. Congratulations to our Steel Unlimited alumnus!



Photos Courtesy of Westin Vacation Club

The interior and exterior of the Westin Resort and Villas' new timeshare project are chic and modern.



Westin's Bay Vista Project To Add 54 Timeshares to Hotel

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Westin Resort and Villas' Bay Vista project, which will bring the number of timeshares at the resort to a total of 92, is on track to be completed in July, and guests are already raving about the new state of the art two- and three-bedroom units.

Construction started on the transformation of hotel rooms to 54 new timeshares in July 2006, and two of the four timeshare build-

ings are already completed and welcoming guests.

"The guests really love them," said Westin's Director of Rooms, Arno Pfeffer.

The decor features natural earth tones with lively paintings from local artists, which add a touch of color to each unit.

"The earth tones and relaxing colors are a new design for Westin," said Pfeffer.

Additional Timeshares To Come

The two bedroom units offer a king-sized

bed and free-standing tub in the master suite, and two queen-sized beds in the second bedroom. In the three-bedroom units, the additional bedroom features a king-sized bed. Each unit has its own washer and dryer and fully stocked kitchen, including the Whirlpool G2 MicroOven, which functions as both a microwave and an oven.

"A lot of our guests do their own breakfast and then eat lunch and dinner out," said Pfeffer. "Our returning guests, of course,

have their favorite restaurants they like to go to."

The Westin, a Starwood resort, already boasts an inventory of 38 timeshares in its Virgin Grand project and approximately 175 hotel rooms, and the resort reportedly has plans to construct an additional three buildings of timeshares in its second phase.

"The next phase is possible, however we haven't announced anything yet," said Star-

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Kessler Testifies in Washington in Favor of Estate Maho Bay Acquisition Funds

St. John Tradewinds

Joe Kessler, President of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, testified in Washington, D.C., on March 13 in support of public funding for the inclusion of the Estate Maho Bay in the V.I. National Park.

The Friends of V.I. National Park support The Trust for Public Land (TPL) effort to acquire and transfer the 207-acre Estate Maho Bay property for inclusion in the Virgin Islands National Park, Kessler testified before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee.

An appropriation of \$4.5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is requested in Fiscal Year 2009 to begin Park Service acquisition of the property.

Although the public is invited to submit written testimony in support of projects and

programs of interest, Kessler was asked by the subcommittee to testify in person.

"We carry on the rich tradition of using private philanthropy for the betterment of this park as well as mobilize volunteers and community participation," said Kessler.

"In our 19 years of work in support of Virgin Islands National Park we have been involved in many initiatives, projects and activities that help this park be a model of natural resource protection and cultural preservation — but none have been as important as our work in support of the acquisition of Estate Maho Bay and its incorporation within the park," Kessler testified.

Kessler's testimony in support of federal funding for Estate Maho Bay came at a critical time, as the Appropriations Subcommittees are preparing to write their Fiscal Year

2009 appropriations legislation for the Interior Department and other agencies

"The acquisition of the Estate Maho Bay property would be the first link of two separated blocks of land owned by the National Park Service, ensuring future access, resource connectivity, and seaside protection," added Kessler. "It is critical that federal funding comes through this year so that we can make that a reality."

"Friends Have Been Champion"

"The Friends group has been a champion in support of efforts to protect Estate Maho Bay," said John Garrison, field office director of TPL's Southwest Florida office. "We are pleased that the subcommittee heard from Joe just how truly spectacular this land is and its importance for inclusion in the national park."

The Friends of V.I. National Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this national treasure.

The group has more than 3,000 members — 20 percent of whom live in the V.I. and the balance represent every state in the union.

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Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament Scheduled for April 4-6

St. John Tradewinds

Easter is early this year but the Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament is right on time and coming up soon.

This year's tournament will be at Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay from Friday, April 4, through Sunday, April 6. Teams — from St. Croix, St. Thomas and Tortola — will compete to win a \$2,500 scholarship for a college-bound senior from the winning school.

Since the tournament began in 1997, \$74,000 in scholarship money has been awarded to promising scholars. Initially, one scholarship was offered, a two-year award to a girl from St. John who planned to attend a college in the States.

The tournament has been so successful that four scholarships of \$2,500 are now awarded annually. One goes to a new winner, and last year's winner is also funded if she is in good standing academically.

In 2003, a one-year award was added for the team which won the tournament. In 2004, a scholarship to attend the University of the Virgin Islands was offered and awarded three times. This year the fourth award will go instead to a student (boy or girl) from Ruby's Alma Mater, the Giff Hill School (also known as Pine Peace School).

The scholarship winners from 2007 are Tamisha Thomas, a graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School who is now enrolled in Monroe College in New York along with the 2006 winner, Raquida Edwards, a graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School also enrolled in Monroe College in New York. Adrienne Crooke was the 2007 UVI scholarship winner.

Local sports fans know the girls' team from Tortola won the Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament in 2006. Terrence Chinnery is bringing this team from Elmore Stout back to try another win. Last year's championship winners were the Lady Caribs of Central High in St. Croix who will do their utmost to defend their championship.

The community is asked to support the tournament by sponsoring an inning at \$100, a game at \$700 or a scholarship of \$2500. Innings can be purchased at both Connections locations. Checks made out to the RRSF, Inc. can be sent to P.O. Box 348, St. John, VI 00831.

Everyone is invited to come out to cheer on the teams on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from April 4 to 6. The games start on Friday at 2 p.m. and go into the evening.

There will be games from 9 a.m. on Saturday into the evening and a championship game at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. Food purchased at the concession stand will help fund the Love City Pan Dragons, St. John's student steel band. T-shirts will also be on sale.

Scholarship applications for St. John students will be available at Connections or by calling Janet Rutnik at 693-8069. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2008.

The tournament was established in 1997 to honor the memory of Ruby Rutnik, who died tragically in a car crash when she was a senior at American University. Because Ruby was a champion windmill pitcher while at Antilles School, a softball tournament seemed a perfect way to fund a scholarship for young women of promise.

For more info, call 693-8069.



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The deteriorating facade of the historic pavilion at Maho Bay will not be renovated until funds are secured.

Maho Bay Pavilion Renovations Delayed Due to Lack of Funds

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

Plans for the renovation of the Maho Bay pavilion are completed, however it could be months before the antiquated building at the popular V.I. National Park beach sees the first signs of its makeover due to a lack of funding for the project.

The project received funding in 1999, but

by 2006, no work had been done and the funds were lost, according to VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

“The funds were withdrawn because we never awarded the contract,” said Hardgrove. “Those funds are only good for five years.”

Hardgrove hopes to get the project funded for the next fiscal year, he added. Public in-

put on the plans, which include preserving and adding to the current historic structure, will be gathered at an open house.

“We’ll have some sort of open house, possibly at Maho Bay, where people can see what we’ve got and what we’re proposing,” said Hardgrove.

At press time, the VINP superintendent was still awaiting word on whether the

project will be funded in the next fiscal year.

“We’re hoping to get it approved for 2009 and then request a special approval to bring it back to 2008, which would allow us to award the contract this summer,” said Hardgrove. “We’ve promised this to the community, and we’re working together to get it back on track. It is a priority now.”

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Boy Scouting Returns to St. John

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There will be an organizational meeting for those interested in the return of Boy Scouting to St. John at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay, which is the traditional home of Boy Scout Troop 30, on Saturday, April 5, from 9 to 10 a.m.

The meeting is sponsored by V.I. Senator Craig Barshinger and V.I. Boy Scout Executive Nathan Clark, who were Boy Scouts in their teens, and attained scouting's highest rank, "Eagle."

"Boy Scouting helps a boy grow into manhood. It helps our young men resist the pressures that threaten them," Barshinger said. "St. John needs and deserves this."

Boy Scouting is known for providing fun and fellowship for the boys, based on the solid foundation of the Boy Scout motto and law, Barshinger explained.

Presently there are several active troops on St. Thomas and St. Croix. The Virgin Islands Boy Scout Council has strong community support and even has its own Boy Scout camp, located at Great Pond, St. Croix.

"It is my hope that our meeting will draw potential scout leaders as well as parents who want their boys to reap the benefits of Boy Scouting," said Barshinger.

Single mothers especially, may choose Boy Scouts for their sons, as it is difficult for a boy to become a man without male role models, explained the senator.

"There is a long history of Scouting in the Virgin Islands and St. Johnians have been there since the beginning," said Clark. "It would be a shame for that heritage not to be passed on to the young men of the island."

"The VI Boy Scout Council is eager to assist St. John in restarting Boy Scouting on St. John," the Boy Scout executive added.

For further information call Senator Barshinger at 340-642-9955 or Scout executive Clark at 340-774-2752 or on his cell phone at 340-643-4258.

St. John Chamber Members Tackle Tourism Issues

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

The St. John chapter of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce made progress on its tourism initiative at the group's Tuesday, March 18, meeting at St. Ursula's multi-purpose center.

V.I. Department of Tourism Assistant Commissioner Monique Sibilly-Hodge will assist the chapter's St. John tourism initiative, members were told.

Chapter members discussed several ideas to create a better welcome experience for tourists on St. John, and chapter member Debbie Hime commended the Department of Tourism's recent initiative to hire greeters.

"It'd be nice to have someone on the dock greeting tourists," said Hime. "I hope fully that the Chamber will be involved in helping to train or mentor whoever gets that job."

Members decided to address the cap on the amount of rental cars allowed on St. John and the experience of arriving at the airport and taxiing to the ferry.

Local entrepreneur and musician Steve Simon recalled from his childhood the Welcome Wagon, a non-profit national company with local branches which gathered coupons and information on neighborhood services to welcome new homeowners in the area. The idea

"It'd be nice to have someone on the dock greeting tourists. I hope...the Chamber will be involved in helping to train or mentor whoever gets that job."

— Debbie Hime,
St. John chapter member

could work for welcoming tourists as well, he explained.

"The concept works," said Simon. "We could have the greatest welcome package here. I think the greeters are a fabulous idea, and it could lead into something like a Welcome Wagon."

"We could put together a booklet with a map, coupons from Chamber members and information on taxi tariffs," Hime added.

A welcome crew was on hand for last year's Blues Cruise, whose passengers were ferried from St. Thomas to St. John, and even though guests only spent four hours of their entire cruise in Love City, they rated the island as their favorite stop, explained Simon.

"If you do something nice, they'll tell a few people and if you don't, they'll tell everyone," said Simon.

Lorelei Monsanto also suggested nicer rest rooms and comfort stations would enhance the tourism experience on St. John.

The Chamber is also tackling health issues, with Simon leading the campaign for a new ambulance boat to be purchased entirely with funds donated by the community.

Simon has narrowed his search down to two vessels in the Caribbean, and hopes to have something in contract within 60 days, he explained. The local entrepreneur is working hand in hand with St. John EMS Association President Carol Beckowitz, who was expected to travel to one of the boats for an inspection in the next week.

Work continues on the St. John chapter's Web site, which will feature information on everything from villas to moving to the Virgin Islands, explained Hime.

"It will be a pretty robust site, and great for the V.I.," she said. "We've found a company that specifically builds databases for Chamber Web sites. We're hoping it will be almost ready by slow season."

The St. John chapter of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's multi-purpose center.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 15 and May 20.

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VINP Threatened by In-holdings and Lack of Funds, Says NPCA Study

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument's cultural, historical and environmental resources are at risk from the development of in-holdings, according to a recently released assessment of the St. John park by the non-profit National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA).

The 48-page state of the parks assessment highlighted a number of threats to the VINP, topped by the threat of development of about 1,400 acres of privately owned land within or adjacent to the 7,259 acres of land and shoreline which make up the VINP.

"The park is at serious risk from development on properties within the boundaries of the park," said NPCA Senior Marine Program Coordinator Jason Bennis. "It's a big program for the VINP."

"If you imagine a parcel of land potentially being subdivided and being the site of rampant development within the park, you essentially split the park in half," Bennis said. "Development is incompatible within the park and you get fragmentation. You basically end up with gaping holes in the middle of the park."

Development of in-holdings would also seriously affect the condition of coral reefs, Bennis explained.

"Another big problem from development is the threat to water quality," he said. "Often with large scale development that is not done in an ecologically sound manner, you have sediment runoff. All dirt and sediment from loosened soil and construction ends up in the bay and threatens the health of the marine area."

After interviewing VINP employees, examining resource conditions and reviewing published information, NPCA officials rated the park's natural and cultural resource conditions.

Out of a possible 100 points, the overall condition of the VINP's natural resources ranked a "fair" 73. Non-native species, visitor damage and habitat fragmentation were among the major concerns regarding natural resources, according to the report.

The overall condition of the cultural resources fared worse with a ranking

of a "poor" 55 due mostly to a shortage of staff and lack of funding, according to the NPCA study.

Both rating problems and the threat of in-holding development, can possibly be addressed in several ways, Bennis explained.

"We're advocating for Congress to increase appropriations to the Land and Water Conservation Fund," he said. "The fund has suffered recently and because of the lack of funding, parks are able to go out and purchase the land they need to save their cultural and natural resources."

NPCA is also working to have the National Park Service increase individual parks' operating budgets.

"One of NPCA's largest goals, which we've been working on for the past five years or more, is increasing park funding and operational budgets," said Bennis. "With additional funds, parks can work to decrease their backlog of maintenance, hire extra cultural resource staff which is needed and help the park secure storage space."

Most of the effort is geared to polish the nation's parks in preparation for the centennial anniversary of the NPS in 2016.

"Our goal is to do a state of the parks report for every park unit in the NPS which is drafted into our larger centennial goal," Bennis said. "As we look forward to celebrating the 100th birthday of the NPS in 2016, we want to get the luster back on our national parks. One of the ways to draw attention to the needs of the parks is by doing these assessments."

As part of the NPS cleanup effort, NPCA officials are pushing for Congress to pass a Centennial Initiative which will highlight the needs of various parks and increase much needed funding, added Bennis.

Other threats to the VINP outlined in the NPCA state of the park report include natural disturbances, non-native animals, poaching of building materials from historic structures and the crumbling condition of the park's museum storage building.

Despite the numerous problems highlighted in the report, the assessment does not mean that the VINP is doomed, Bennis explained.

"By no means is this a doom and gloom story," said Bennis. "These are the conditions we're dealing with and we're happy to give this baseline. Now it's important to work on some actions."

Several actions which could help improve conditions in the VINP in-

clude increasing funding and staff, devising a new General Management Plan — which is currently underway — expanding education and outreach programs and maintaining partnerships such as with the Friends of the VINP, according to the NPCA report.

Advocating for the parks is part of

NPCA's goal as well.

"We're a non profit, non-partisan advocacy group," said Bennis. "Our main mission is to turn these reports into action and advocacy on behalf of the parks. It should be easy for everyone to get on board to protect these parks."

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Transfer Day Ceremonies Scheduled

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On Monday, March 31st, the Virgin Islands will mark the 91st anniversary of the transfer of the Territory from Danish to American rule. The public is invited to be a part of this observance which will be marked by ceremonies, beginning at 3 p.m., on the grounds of the V.I. Legislature and a gospel concert on Sunday, March 30.

"By coming together each year to mark this occasion, we shape a greater awareness of our Danish heritage," Governor John P. deJongh Jr. said in announcing the schedule of events for the Transfer Day observance. "Transfer day provides us the opportunity to pay tribute to the special relationship which exists between Denmark and the U.S. Virgin Islands, a relationship steeped in historical, cultural and educational programs and exchanges," deJongh added. The ceremony will include remarks and musical selections, and will be highlighted by the symbolic lowering of the Dannebrog and the raising of the American flag.

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Sexual Assault Prevention Events Planned

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The St. John Community Crisis Center announces its participation in National Sexual Assault Awareness Month during the month of April, which is also National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The 2008 SAAM theme is "Prevent Sexual Violence in Our Workplaces." The SJCCC is participating in this national campaign created by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center with a number of activities planned.

• April 3: A Day to End Sexual Violence

The SAAM Day of Action, observed this year on Thursday, April 3, is recognized nationally as a specific day to focus awareness on sexual violence prevention. In collaboration with the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council we are asking everyone in the general public to wear blue (royal blue, baby blue, teal etc.) including blue jeans on April 3.

Those who want to be counted in support of Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault should call DVSAC at 719-0144

• April 5: Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast Buffet/Panel Discussion 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. the Westin Resort Ballroom

This event will host a series of experts who will provide information and referral regarding child abuse to the community. The SJCCC invites the general public to join them in this informative event, "Voices of Children."

Admission and breakfast are free. If you wish to attend Please contact Gisel Maynard or Catikawa Richardson by April 3 at 693-7233

• April 12: Child Abuse Prevention Day in the Park Saturday morning, Franklin A. Powell Park, Cruz Bay. Come join us for a day of fun, games, entertainment, and information at Frank Powell Park.

• April 13-19: National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and coordinated by the Office for Victims of Crime, www.ovc.gov/ncvrv.

The theme for this year's campaign is Justice for Victims, Justice for all. The SJCCC is in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Police Department's Victims Advocates Task Force to coordinate various media activities throughout the territory to publicize issues related to victims of crime in the Virgin Islands.

• Wednesday, April 16: Sexual Harassment Workshop at the Westin Resort, Coral Bay Room

The SJCCC in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Department of Labor presents: "Sexual Harassment in the Virgin Islands." The trainer will be Glen Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Labor. The workshop will cover sexual harassment and also how new Virgin Islands statutes address this issue. St. John workers, employers and the general public are welcome to attend.

Admission is free, Class size is limited. If you wish to attend, RSVP to Catikawa Richardson by April 11 at 693-7233.

Child abuse and neglect is a prevalent issue in our society. The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act define child abuse and neglect as at minimum:

— Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation; or

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Whether it is ongoing or it happens only once, child abuse silently destroys a child's sense of self-worth. When children are abused they are more likely to become abusers as adults. Child abuse is not just physical but also emotional; neglect is a form of abuse that is overlooked in many cases.

The V.I. along with other territories and states has mandatory reporting laws that require primary childcare providers, including teachers, guidance counselors, health care workers, police officers and many other professionals to report child abuse when there is a suspected case.

You need not be a professional to report child abuse; you only need to be a concerned citizen. If you are aware of children being neglected or abused, take action now by reporting it to Human Services and ask to be connected to The Office of Intake and Emergency Services at 776-6334.

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Call SJCCC at 693-7233.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns

By Malik Stevens

Get Ready for Summer

St. John Tradewinds

Most schools are currently heading into their fourth marking period. As this fourth marking period approaches, summer vacation is steadily creeping up right behind it.

The summer break is a vital time in a young person's life and it should never be taken for granted. The activities students do during the summer are what make them who they are during the school year. If a student does nothing during the summer time, but stay home, play video games, watch TV and go to the beach, they're going to end up bringing that same lazy mentality that they had during the summer into the school year.

Plus, the productive activities students partake in always become credentials when it is time for college admission. It helps them in the long run in getting jobs, and overall, students are more likely to learn life lessons which will be beneficial throughout the rest of their lives.

Some students tend to consider the summer vacation as a time of relaxation, an escape from school, and a time to do absolutely nothing. It is okay to think of the summer as a time of fun and relaxation, but it should never be a time of laziness and emptiness.

A few productive summer activities include getting summer jobs, going to camps, summer schools, educational conferences, volunteering, obtaining internships, participating in sport programs and much more.

Students who get summer jobs get a head start in the working world. They gain a lot of working experience, and of course, they earn their own money. During the summer there are many job opportunities which are open to students of the island. Not only this, but many small businesses hire students during this time as well.

A big problem many of the students face is that they wait until the last minute to go job hunting and before they know it, all the jobs have already been taken and then they are left with nowhere to work. As a result of this procrastination some of these kids end up turning into what many have come to call, "summertime bums."

For those students who are not out for jobs there are always tons of fun summer programs to occupy their summer time with. Unfortunately-

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Elaine I. Sprauve Library Renovations Finally Scheduled To Begin April 7

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds



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The Sprauve Library will get a fresh coat of paint as part of the planned renovations.

fully get the contract done this week so we can start moving.”

Approximately \$680,000 has been allocated for the renovations. Plans have already been drawn in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Commission. “It’s been a long time coming,” said Cole.

After years of discussions, failed bids and waiting on contracts, renovations to the historic Elaine I. Sprauve Library are finally scheduled to commence on April 7. The last detail holding up the process — Governor John deJongh’s signature on the contract between contractor Custom Builders and the V.I. government — was secured on March 11.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums Assistant Director Donald Cole met with V.I. Department of Property and Procurement officials last week to iron out all the pre-construction details.

“We went over what the scope of work called for, and all the things that will happen at the property,” said Cole.

The project includes a total refurbishment of the library, including fixing cracks in the historic building, which dates back to 1750, and installing new shutters, air conditioning and a generator.

“We’re basically going to fix the place up,” said Cole.

During a second phase of construction, a parking area will be created to the east of the building to improve access for patrons. Cole estimates both phases will take six months to complete.

In the meantime, the library and all its resources will be relocated, likely to the old Simple Feast location in Palm Plaza.

“We are in the process of working on a contract for a six month lease,” said Cole. “We’ll provide library services there for the people of St. John until we move back into our brand new duds. We’ll hope-

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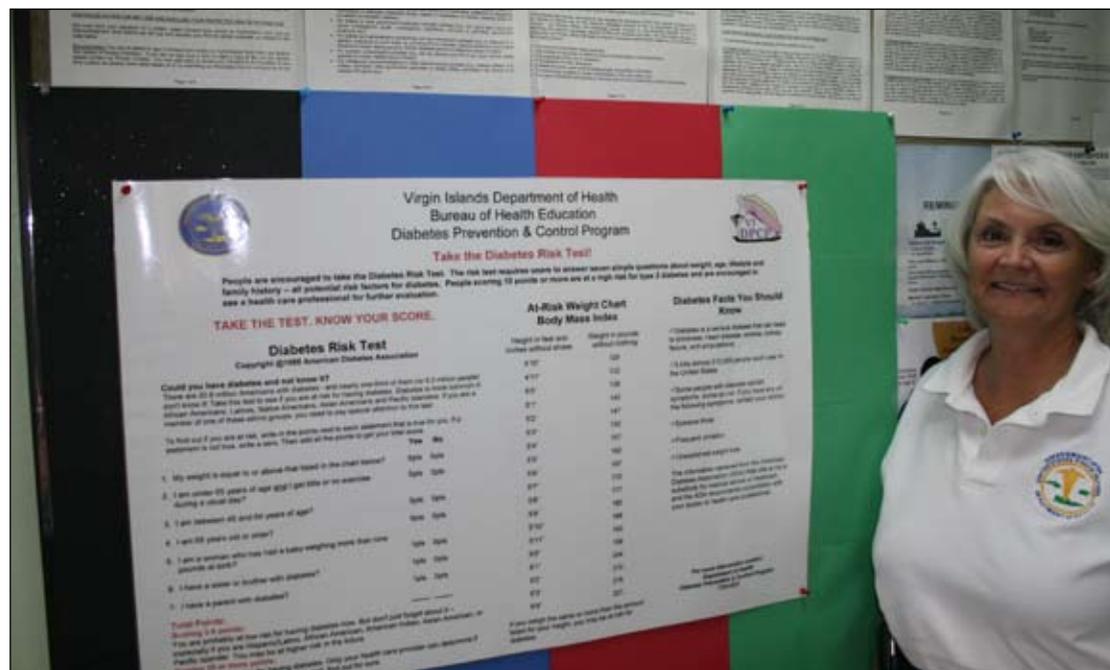
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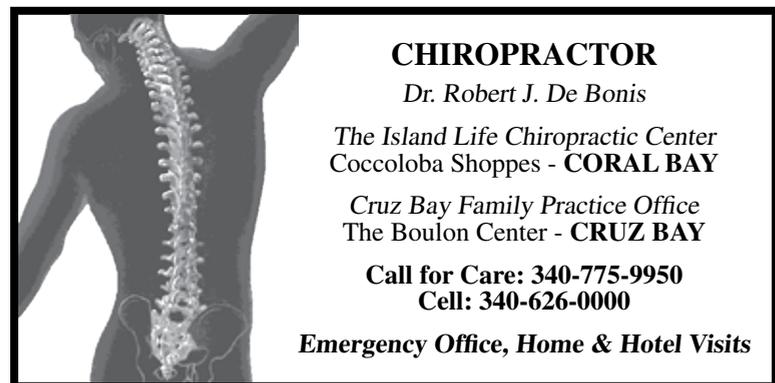
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Eric Lambert displays a wide array of Brazilian granite, which he imports directly from Brazil, at Blue Horizons, his shop on the second floor of The Marketplace.



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Photo by Andrea Milam

Blue Horizons Importing Granite Straight from the Source: Brazil

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Local contractor Eric Lambert, who's been in the construction business on St. John for the past 28 years, has made the move from the construction site to the office thanks to his new interest — importing granite directly from Brazil, where he lived as a young child.

While the majority of the world's granite originates in Brazil, it's largely purchased through suppliers in Miami. But thanks to Lambert's business, Blue Horizons, located on the second floor of The Marketplace behind St. John Cabinets & Interiors, those building a home on St. John can get granite for a fraction of the price, directly from the source. Lambert himself travels to Brazil approximately four times a year to personally select his product.

"I go to the mines, the quarries, the warehouses," said Lambert.

The businessman, who was raised in Brazil from the age of 2-13, first became interested in granite when looking into finishes for the home he and his wife, local accountant Paula Lambert, are building.

Largest Variety Found in Brazil

"I came back from a trip to Brazil in August 2006 and told a construction client about the granite there, and he said, 'I want this in my house,'" said Lambert. "Then I was talking about it with someone in the post office, and another person overheard me and said he wanted granite and someone he knows did too. It snowballed from there."

After returning from a granite show in Brazil in February 2007, Lambert realized that not only did he love dealing with granite — he loved returning to the place that still feels like home.

"It really lit the fire, seeing the beauty and working with the Brazilians," said Lambert. "I get four trips a year to Brazil, and it's like going back home. Brazil became a part of my past, but having this evolve has been wonderful for me."

More than 600 colors and patterns of granite can be found in Brazil, the only country in the world with

such variety, explained Lambert. However, granite has historically come to the V.I. from Florida.

Floor and Roof Tiles

"Brazilian granite is certainly in the forefront, and I'm offering to bring the product here directly," said Lambert. "The only drawback is that it takes three months or more to arrive here, but people are finding that I can bring it in and have it installed for about half the cost. That's the tradeoff."

Lambert is also importing porcelain floor tiles and ceramic glazed roof tiles, directly from the factory in Brazil. The tiles generally arrive on island in about three weeks, because they don't have to be custom cut like the granite does.

"I was told by somebody who knows that the roof tiles are superior to French tiles," said Lambert. "Someone asked me whether they were waterproof, which they are. Just because the price is so low doesn't mean something's wrong with them."

Blue Horizons also imports products such as high-end furniture, countertops and sinks made by Majestic, a company which incorporates precious stones including amethyst, rose quartz and tiger eye.

With construction booming on St. John, there's one thing that sets Lambert apart from others looking to capitalize on the business, he explained.

Reconnecting With Brazil

"I care," said Lambert. "That's why the transition from contracting to granite has worked well. A lot of people know me and my principles, ethics and morality."

While the granite importer is enjoying his newfound business, the one thing he's even more excited about is reconnecting with the country he called home for more than 10 years as a child.

"I can't go there enough times," said Lambert. "It was in me, and all of a sudden it's resurrected."

Blue Horizons is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Lambert is in the shop daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 777-7008, 776-6502 or email ericelambert@earthlink.net.

Bankruptcy Reorganization Postpones Pastory Gardens Foreclosure Sale

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

An advertised judicial foreclosure auction of a high profile St. John commercial real estate parcel has been postponed by the owner's filing for financial reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on March 12.

The Pastory Gardens complex, which includes the Compass Rose restaurant and mini-golf course, dominates the Centerline Road frontage of the 2.25-acre parcel scheduled for sale in a mortgage foreclosure by FirstBank.

The bankruptcy filing by developer-owner Richard Singerle automatically postpones the advertised sale of the property to satisfy an outstanding mortgage until a court-approved reorganization.

Foreclosure Forestalled

While the owner of a property sold at a foreclosure judgement sale can redeem the property by paying the judgement amount and costs within a proscribed period of time, Singerle filed for reorganization to forestall the foreclosure and give him additional time to bring in new investors in his project.

"I don't want anything to happen to this restaurant and golf course," said Singerle. "There are several people who have expressed an interest in the property."

Singerle Blames his current financial woes on the failed sale of



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Despite financial problems, Pastory Gardens owner Richard Singerle vowed to keep the popular mini-golf course open.

the property to St. Thomas businessmen Carlo Marzano and Chris Rosenberg.

Failed Sale Blamed

"It caused the entire situation," Singerle said of the duo's contract to purchase the \$8.5 million property in May 2006 was never completed.

Marzano, who is developing the

controversial Sirensa condominium project overlooking Enighed Pond and Cruz Bay, and St. Thomas contractor Rosenberg, walked away from a contract to purchase the entire property, according to Singerle.

"We even closed the restaurant on May 1," Singerle said of the failed 2006 sale. "We had to close

because the contract called for us to."

While Singerle's unapproved development plans at the time had called for six, three-story buildings containing 36 units, preliminary plans were unveiled on behalf of the new owners for a six-story project.

The property is zoned B-2 which

allows for the construction of residential buildings as tall as six stories with a density of 80 people per acre.

Singerle's current plans for a mix of studio and one and two-bedroom units are on hold during the reorganization.

Golf Course Will Remain

While plans for a butterfly museum are on hold, the rushing waters have been turned off for the man-made stream through the mini-golf course in a grove of bananas and other tropical trees and plants.

One self-described potential developer of the property recently told a St. Thomas business acquaintance he was planning to buy the property and build condominiums — after removing the mini-golf course.

"He said the water bills (for the golf course) were too high because of evaporation," the businessman related. "He said the golf course had to go."

"And he offered me a three-bedroom condo at the pre-construction prices," the St. Thomas man said. Singerle said there is no new owner or impending transfer or sale.

There apparently won't be any pre-construction condo sales by any new developer any time soon.

And, the only golfing on St. John will remain at Pastory Gardens.

"The golf course is going to stay," Singerle vowed.



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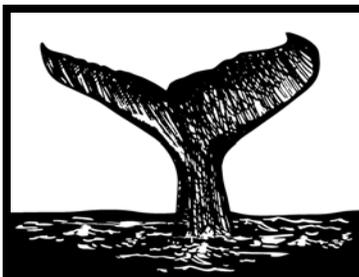
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Wharfside Gaming Center Under Construction



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Southland Gaming last week announced its plans to open a gaming center at the former Larry's Landing Wharfside Village location within the next month, featuring 62 Video Lottery Terminals and a bar. The company will hire approximately 25 to 30 employees as soon as management is hired, according to Southland Gaming spokesperson Andrea Martin.

It remained unclear last week how Southland Gaming obtained a liquor license for its new gaming center, which is within 100 feet of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Friends of V.I. National Park Announces Opportunities for Students During Summer

St. John Tradewinds SCA Summer Trail Crew Program

The Friends of the V.I. National Park is seeking students from the V.I. to participate in a month-long summer trail crew program in conjunction with the Student Conservation Association. This is a one of a kind opportunity to live and work in Virgin Islands National Park maintaining hiking trails. Crew positions (ages 16 to 20) and crew leader positions (ages 21 to 25) are available.

2008 Scholarship Program

The Friends' Annual Scholarship Program is once again being offered to Virgin Islanders at the university level in fields related to marine biology or natural resource management and protection. Friends is also offering a scholarship for children of VINP staff at the university level. Priority will be given to students pursuing a degree related to the natural sciences. Both scholarships will be in the amount of \$1000 per academic year.

Seeking Summer Intern

If you or someone you know is interested in spending 8-10 weeks working for the Friends, please let us know! We are looking for an enthusiastic and creative student, who is entering their junior or senior year of college and has a particular interest in environmental science, conservation, or environmental education. Accommodations and a modest stipend are provided. Please send resumes to intern@friendsvinp.org.

For information about any of the above programs please contact Kristen at Friends of the Park, (340) 779-4940. All applications/resumes are due April 28, 2008.

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Westin Resort and Villas Aids ACC Off-island Pet Adoption Program

By Dr. Elaine Campbell
St. John Tradewinds

Last year the St. John Animal Care Center introduced an Off-Island Adoption Program to encourage visitors to St. John to adopt some of the island's homeless cats and dogs and fly them to "forever" homes in the states.

The St. John program is modeled on a Turks and Caicos islands program. Volunteers of the humane society there show visitors how easy it is to adopt pets and fly them back to the states. Having placed more than 400 puppies and dogs in mainland homes in five years, the Turks and Caicos program has been workable and successful.

As soon as the program was announced on St. John and colorful flyers were designed — thanks to the generosity of graphic designer Kate Damon — and printed, an ACC board member approached various resorts and villa rental companies, asking that they make the flyers available to their guests. All the villa management companies now include the flyer in their in-villa information books.

Among other resorts including Cinnamon Bay, Maho Bay, Concordia, Coconut Coast, and Lavender Hill, Elaine Campbell visited Arno Pfeffer, director of rooms at Westin Resort and Villas. She asked if the Westin would display the lucite-framed flyer in its main lobby.

Pfeffer at that time had recently joined the Westin management team, and he turned out to be an animal-lover extraordinaire. Not only did he agree to place the Animal Care Center flyer prominently at the activities desk in the main lobby, he subsequently took the ACC request a step further.

All villas now feature a flyer bearing the Westin logo in which guests are encouraged to adopt any of the homeless cats on the grounds. The Westin flyer provides the phone number of the St. John ACC so guests know where to call for information and help.

That's exactly what a recent Westin guest did. In January, Laura Mitchell of Irmo, South Carolina, and the two couples who were her villa guests, ended up trapping eight Westin cats with the aid of ACC traps and flying six of them home with them to South Carolina.



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 - 2 Puppies, small dogs, cats, and kittens can be carried in the airplane passenger cabins, eliminating stress of riding in cargo.
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 - 4 One-way airline fee for a pet ticket is \$50 for Delta, \$80 for American and US Air.
- The ACC staff and volunteers are available for advice, encouragement, and help. For more information call 340.774.1625.

Having trapped the cats, the Westin guests asked ACC shelter manager Connie Joseph where to take them for their health exams, shots, and certificates to travel. Joseph and her assistant Joey Danishefsky took them to Canine, Cats, and Critters. Two of the eight cats were already neutered, so they were returned to the Westin grounds where they are regular customers of the nearby feeding station. It was clear that all eight cats couldn't fly in the same plane as airlines limit two kennels to each cabin.

Mitchell, Stewart Mungo and his wife, and Ben and Juanita Wright, all of whom volunteer at a shelter in Irmo, then had to face the problem of how to transport the kitties, not having brought any pet carriers with them when they came for their Westin vacation.

Again, Joseph came to the rescue, lending them three soft carriers for in-cabin transportation. Fortunately, the cats were all friends from the feeding station and didn't mind being squeezed into the carriers — two cats apiece.

It's important to note that airlines don't limit the number of pets in a cabin, just the number of kennels. First class and tourist class each

has its own quota.

How Mitchell and her friends got three carriers onto the plane is a mystery. Perhaps one of the guests flew home first class in order to qualify for a separate quota.

Pilots are sometimes very friendly to flying pets — just this month, Sable, the black lab adopted from the ACC, traveled on American Airlines and to the surprise of Ohio resident Carol Spring, Sable ended up in the cockpit with the pilot instead of down in the hold.

And not only did Mitchell and her villa guests pay all the medical expenses and transportation costs for the kitties, they also gave a \$1,000 donation to the St. John ACC.

Because of the humane philosophy of the Westin and of Pfeffer, six island cats now live in wonderful mainland homes. Pfeffer also commends Westin team members Michaela McCord and Christine Coppola for helping rescue cats and for promoting the ACC's role on St. John.

Already famous for protecting its resident iguanas, the Westin Resort and Villas also contributes to the island's well-being by encouraging guests to adopt local homeless cats.

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Paws for a Moment

Stopping Animal Cruelty: What Can I Do?

By **Bonny Corbeil**
St. John Tradewinds

Unfortunately, there is no quick fix for animal abuse, but there are so many things we can all do to help. None of them will make animal abuse disappear tomorrow, but every little bit helps lower the risk for the future. I sometimes have to remember the packs of wild roaming starving dogs and dumpsters full of sick and diseased cats 25 years ago to remember that all of the work we have done has accomplished good things on St. John. One of the best ways to stop animal cruelty is by taking small steps in our local Virgin Island community. Here are some suggestions:

Donate money, food, old blankets or towels, toys, or other in-demand supplies to our ACC or donate your time by volunteering to help out with the shelter's efforts to stop animal cruelty. We need people to bathe, walk, and play with the animals, or to help with mailings and other outreach programs. It also takes a lot of money to help with animal abuse issues. Help us.

Adopt pets from our local animal shelter. If you can provide a loving home for these homeless pets, that will help their health and well-being for the rest of their lives.

In the fight to stop animal cruelty, word-of-mouth can go a long way. Try to get your neighborhood association, coworkers, or church members to pitch in and help. Write letters to newspapers when you see abuse occurring.

Support legislation to protect animals and strongly question why animal abuse investigations to stop animal cruelty practices aren't being done. This is vital. Write letters to our senators, our police commissioner and even our governor asking for their support. Urge your friends and neighbors to do the same. Any abuse is sick behavior that simply escalates if not dealt with and it impacts all of us in our community in many ways.

Teach your children how to treat animals. You must be a good role model for responsible pet ownership in your neighborhood. support humane educational programs in the community.

Report animal cruelty whenever you witness it. It is a crime and against the law. Take another person in with you when you make an animal abuse issue for support. Even if the dispatcher or police officer discourages your report, continue in an assertive manner. Perhaps it will be your persistence that teaches others that this crime must be acknowledged. Document all of the animal abuse information and keep track of every detail, take pictures, remember to keep yourself safe-and do

not deal with this animal abuse yourself. Get help from our ACC.

When a violent crime is committed against anyone you love, there is always a flood of emotions — anger, outrage, hurt, worry, and helplessness. Your pets are no exception, and when someone deliberately causes them harm, the reaction isn't much different than if they had attacked a human family member. Do not attempt to deal with the crime yourself. Get emotional support from friends and family. Their clear thinking will be helpful to you when you have so many rampant emotions. Over reacting is not helpful. In

fact, bigger walls end up being built when we overreact, which adds fuel to the abuser's feelings of misplaced "power." Don't feed this sick illusion.

Remember, in our islands there are not the human or financial resources to deal with animal abuse yet. If we continually call and report animal abuse crimes, then eventually someone will have to address this issue. Repeated offenses of animal cruelty crimes are a rule, not an exception, and there are many times when an investigation into an animal cruelty crime uncovers human-related crimes as well. When officers go to the home to investigate an animal cruelty issue, they often find evidence of domestic abuse, child neglect, drugs and other dangerous situations. Reporting animal cruelty could save a human life.

Our Vice President Board Member and Shelter Director, Diana Ripley, and Connie Joseph, our Shelter Manager, will be logging all animal abuse calls. If you suspect dog fighting and live near the location, keep track of times and dates when you see a large number of people entering the building or a larger-than-usual number of cars parked out front, especially on nights and weekends. Again, report it! It is against the law. When you by-pass our laws and those that are suppose to enforce them — no matter how frustrated you may feel — you end up giving up the hope of changing animal abuse.

As difficult as it is, remember that ignorance and deep pain are at the base of all violent behavior. It is a fact that abusers act out because of the abuse they have suffered. This cycle of violence must be broken. You can be compassionate and still make clear boundaries. This boundary has clearly been made through the laws that we now have in the VI against animal abuse and dog fighting. Let's start finding ways to send the message that abuse — animal or any other kind of abuse — will not be tolerated in our islands.

Got a comment/suggestion? Email me at bonny-corbeil@vipowernet.net.



First Lady Launches Web Site

St. John Tradewinds

First Lady Cecile deJongh Monday expressed her pleasure in announcing the launch of her website: www.governordejongh.com/firstlady. Residents interested in learning more about the initiatives of the First Lady are encouraged to visit the site and browse through the information posted at the various links and pages.

"It is my honor as First Lady of the Virgin Islands, along with my husband, Governor deJongh, to provide a voice on some of the important issues facing residents of the territory. In launching this web site, the special projects, major initiatives, news and press releases, as well as a calendar of events are highlighted for the general public," deJongh said. "It is important that residents and other interested individuals have access to the ongoing work of the First Lady on behalf of all Virgin Islanders," deJongh continued.

The First Lady's web site includes information on the major initiatives that she continues to diligently promote both in the territory and abroad. The web site also makes note of Mrs. deJongh's efforts to improve the First Lady's Garden in the historic district of St. Thomas.

"It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve in this capacity," deJongh said.

American Legion Flag Football League Game Reports & Stats: Week 1

Patriots vs. Rams

This inaugural game of the 2008 spring season proved to be close in the first 10 minutes of play until the more experienced Patriots team started flexing their muscles. The two teams traded touchdowns to start off but by the end of the first half the newly formed Rams found themselves behind 34-6. In the second half it was all Patriots as the Rams struggled to stop the Patriots passing attack. Nick Lopez threw for 6 TD's with the Rams giving up three safety's. The Patriots go against the Raiders on March 29 at 1 pm with the Rams meeting the Bengals on a Monday night 5 PM March 31 game.

Raiders vs. Broncos

In a match-up between two returning playoff teams from the fall season, this game proved to be just as exciting. From the outset, the two teams traded TD's but good defense by both teams kept the score low. By halftime, the Raiders found themselves up by only one score. In the second half the raiders came out with a quick score and stayed ahead 27-13 until late in the second half with the Broncos coming roaring back with two timely interceptions, both leading to scores. The Raiders hit on short, accurate passes and managed another score to make the score 34-26. The Broncos came back with a score to make it 34-32 at the 2 minute mark but the Raiders were able to hang on for the close win.

Packers vs Bengals

The first-ever Monday night flag game proved to be a hit as the Bengals battled the Packers. The Packers seemed to not lose a step from last season as the team gelled quickly to take a 39-6 win. Coach Kent Wessinger had his fine-tuned returnees from the fall season work nicely with his new players. By half time, the Packers managed a 26-0 lead against a Bengals team that showed promise throughout the contest. Veteran coach Todd Merten brought back 4 experienced players from the fall season but his new team has several new players who proved they could compete. The Bengals managed one exciting TD near the end of the second half to show that they can be a team who just may compete well. The Packers meet the Broncos at 2:15 next Saturday.

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Patriots	1-0	62	12
Packers	1-0	39	6
Raiders	1-0	34	32
Broncos	0-1	32	34
Bengals	0-1	6	39
Rams	0-1	12	62



Gigi-Gadget Guy

3 Things You Probably Didn't Know About a Mac

By Conan Duke
St. John Tradewinds

Recently, I wrote a column about optimising your PC with some basic maintenance tasks (See: Gigi Gadget Guy's Three Easy Steps to a Healthy PC, in the March 3 edition of the St. John Tradewinds).

Since then, I have been approached by several people, wondering if I had any advice for Mac users.

I thought you'd never ask ;-D

Apple Computer Corp. and their licensed retailers will all tell you (as will the average Mac user... at length) that OS X (the "new" Mac operating system) is the most solid, robust, modern, stable, bug-free, easy-to-use OS on the market. And with the exception of their ease of use (personally, I have always found the Mac interface to be a bit cumbersome), this is true. Why? Because strictly speaking, Apple didn't write OS X.

OS X is in fact, Apple's "branded" (read: proprietary) version of UNIX. I know many of you are asking: "What the heck is a UNIX? I want my computer to have cajones!" No my weary friend, UNIX does not refer to the baroque musical traditions of the Catholic faith.

UNIX is, in fact, originally the operating system of such notable luminaries as the U.S. government, as well as universities and research labs the world over. UNIX is what NASA uses when it wants to run flight-trajectory simulations. Pretty cool, eh? Seems an unlikely candidate for the OS of the "worlds easiest to use computer," don't you think?

And yet, UNIX (and by extension: OS X) is surprisingly easy to use and is relatively bug-free. It requires fewer restarts than Windows, uses fewer system resources and is just an all-around better product than anything Microsoft ever attempted. But this stability and ease-of-use has led many a Mac cheerleader to make erroneous statements and claims by way of singing its praises. So let's clear up a few of the more common misconceptions about OS X and about Macs in general:

[Keep in mind, the quoted passages below are not direct quotes, but rather paraphrases of common, general attitudes that I have encountered regarding the Macintosh.]

1) Virtual Memory

Virtual memory refers to a portion of the hard-drive that your OS uses in lieu of RAM to store data temporarily. All modern operating systems use this technique (Microsoft refers to it as a "swap-file"), but that hasn't stopped the Mac cheerleaders from saying things like:

"OS X doesn't use virtual memory, it's so streamlined it doesn't need to."

Whoever said this really needs to have his or her swap-file (grey matter) increased. Which is to say, it's a bloody stupid thing to say. A computer without Unfortunately, I hear this all the time from people that should know better (geeks like me). Not only does OS X use virtual memory, there is quite a bit that has been written on the subject. Lets see... here's one: <http://8help.osu.edu/1261.html>

(a Google-search for: "mac virtual memory" [sans quotes] gives us about 1,069,999 additional results).

2) Graphics

"Macs are the best possible machines to use for video-editing, audio-engineering and graphic design."

This is mostly true... or rather it was back in the 1980s when people first started saying it. Twenty years ago, the PC did not come included with graphics rendering hardware like they do today. Or much else for that matter. Back in those days, if you even wanted your PC to display color, you had to buy a "graphics adapter" (a.k.a. "video card"), some of which ran upwards of \$1,000. Sound required a "sound card" or "audio adapter". And so on... PCs were big, ugly, noisy, often with black-and-white screens (or worse, "monochrome" green or amber) and were just-about useless for anything outside of spreadsheet and database management.

Thus, Macs got this "rich media" reputation simply because they were the only brand you could buy off-the-shelf that actually came with features like color and sound integrated right into the motherboard (the Commodore Amiga, may she rest peacefully, notwithstanding). Of course these days, every PC, handheld, cellphone, PDA, heck, almost every digital device that you can think of comes equipped with color and sound. I've even seen microwaves and refrigerators that boast a full-color, touch-screen interface.

As for the PC, she left poor Mac in the graphics dust some time back in the late 90s. A well-equipped PC can do anything graphically that a Mac can do and then some—due to the fact that Macs ability to render complex 3D animations has yet to catch up. Hence the fact that the PC is considered the best platform for serious gamers. Sadly, this is beginning to have an effect on Mac's standing in the graphic-design arena, where many graphic designers (including yours truly) are experimenting with using 3D elements in their work and want the fastest renderings that they can get.

3) Security

"Macs are so solid and stable that they are impervious to hackers, crackers, viruses, worms and all other security threats."

Again, yes and no... Due to the fact that Macs only constitute a small-portion of the market-share, an industrious cracker or virus programmer will usually opt to attack a PC instead—for the simple fact that PCs are far more common and thus, finding a target-PC is considerably easier. So yes, you're less likely to get hacked, cracked or attacked while using a Mac—but it's not due to the inherent security of your system. Rather it's because most of the "bad guys" aren't very interested in you.

So now you know a few more things about that fabled fruit we call the Mac. Lest the reader think me overly critical of these devices, I can honestly say that Macs are solid, dependable, all-purpose computers and I would recommend purchasing one to anyone considering it. I use one at work every day and I am constantly amazed at how trouble-free these machines really are.

In the next Mac-edition of GGG, we'll talk about some techniques for optimising your Mac's performance to make it run faster.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Thanks from Quiet Mon Pub

Editor:

The Quiet Mon Pub would like to thank all the participants in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade; you made it such fun for the folks on the side. Special shiny shamrocks go to Corporal Chesterfield, who, despite a glitch in the system, got us permission to organize at the last hour (whew!) and all the other officers who monitored the parade's safety. Thank you to the St. John Emergency crew and the St. John Fire

crew for their participation.

We missed some of the past entrants and hope to see them again next year. Great thanks to Joe Jackson and Artie Camisa for their energetic alacrity. As always, much gratitude to the entire staff and Dan, the kitchen man, for their hard work. We hope to see you all again next year!

**Kelly Krall
Mary Pat Brown**

Roosters Are in Peril!

Editor:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of a friend who feels her situation is too hopeless for any action.

A friend of God's creatures, she's made her property a safe haven for her adopted cats and dogs. Roosters, hens, and chickens have migrated there and feel so safe that they seldom leave. They roost in her trees and lay fresh eggs in nesting boxes.

Visitors to St. John don't realize the peril in which roosters, hens, and chickens live here. In Cruz Bay they're sometimes poisoned because merchants consider them a nuisance. Children have been seen stuffing the chicks into bags for use as short-lived toys. Some children have been seen in town stomping on tiny chicks. But the greatest victims are the gorgeous roosters.

My friend lives in a semi-rural area and her roosters had become so tame and non-aggressive over the years that they'd formed colonies of their own families and lived without aggression towards the other rooster families in her yard. Her well-fed cats don't stalk the chicks.

A couple of weeks ago, a number of small boys, sometimes called "chicken boys," came uninvited onto my friend's land while she was away and "harvested" the roosters. Why? To sell to "the big boys." The "big boys" set up cock fights, and lots of money is made from the betting that goes on at the fights.

Visitors to beautiful St. John never see and perhaps don't even know about the cruel pit bull fights that are staged in hidden locations. Neither do they know about the vicious cock fights that are similarly staged. Roosters who are losers in these fights are thrown aside into the bush to die lingering deaths from their painful wounds.

My friend knows that her stolen, tame roosters haven't a chance. They've doubtlessly been stuffed into cages (sometimes traps stolen from the animal shelter) with other roosters awaiting gruesome fates. She knows that her non-aggressive roosters, "her sweet boys" as she calls them, will be torn apart in minutes.

What can she do to rescue them? Tell the police? She says the police would laugh at her. I suggested that she post a reward for their return. She can't afford to do that. Even if she had the money she doesn't think the kids would come back with her roosters.

She despairs. She says she'll never see "her sweet boys" again.

The youngsters who "harvested" her roosters trespassed illegally on her land. And since no one on St. John has learned to value our local fowl (not even eating the fresh-laid eggs), it's difficult to cry "theft." What sort of upbringing are these St. John children receiving?

Young children are trespassing and stealing to earn money made from a barbaric sport. They also earn "cred" this way. Their older brothers have grown up providing roosters for money and the excitement of watching bloody deaths. Their fathers and uncles promote these horrors. Their mothers look the other way. And my friend is mourning her roosters and having to spend money she doesn't have to build an ugly fence to protect her property.

Pit bull fighting is NOT a "cultural" activity to be protected. It's not practiced in Africa. Neither is cock- or bull-fighting part of our African or West Indian culture. Perhaps Hispanic, but not West Indian. These are not "indigenous" activities so that justification is phony. Our highly self-paid Virgin Islands senators won't include cock-fighting roosters under the protection of the local animal abuse law. I can guess why not.

So, you villa renters and resort clients, you gift shop customers, taxi hoppers and tour takers need to think twice about all this Love City propaganda when you're looking for a vacation spot for your winter holiday. There's little love shown here for dogs trained to maim and kill or for roosters stolen to provide gruesome entertainment behind the tourist scene.

If we're going to practice savage games in the bush, let the huge new mansions go back to the bush and the rental villas and needless pools sit empty. Let the fancy restaurants and fine food markets close their doors. The taxis can stand idle and the cruise ship passengers can go somewhere else for their day trips.

My helpless friend wishes that "her sweet boys," now suffering and soon to die painfully, could be spared from a cruel, selfish, legally-approved death.

(I'm not writing this for myself. I am really trying to help my friend. Can any readers suggest what we can do. We don't have much time.)

**A Grandmother Who Cares
Name Withheld by Request**

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

VIPD Staffing Decision Needs Review

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to your attention to some grave concerns pertaining to the very important matter of an ethical and unbiased code of conduct that, in my opinion, has been blatantly violated by V.I. Police Commissioner James McCall. As you are aware, ethical codes are established to govern the professional roles and behaviors of members in specific associations, political, community and religious positions as well as professionals in educational arenas.

These codes address the difficulties inherent in drawing distinctions between the personal and the professional. Hence, when an individual accepts a professional leadership role in the community, it is expected that their decisions be just and unbiased.

It is a matter of public opinion that when Commissioner McCall has a personal grudge with any police officer, he uses schedule changes as a form of punishment by delegating police officers to work their regular shifts on different islands. One such police officer has recently been scheduled to work third shift schedules on St. Thomas.

The commissioner may attempt to validate his decision by indicating he needs a sergeant in the St. Thomas circulation. However, if this is the case, why schedule St. Thomas sergeant officers to work on St. John if you need sergeants in the St. Thomas circulation?

Additionally, many of the St. Thomas police officers who are scheduled to work in St. John are continually called off of their scheduled shifts, affecting the public safety of St. John — and we are well aware of the current issues regarding the shortage of police officers in St. John.

In the *Daily News* dated March 27, 2008, I quote Chief Querrard, "We try to cover St. John with what we can."

Commissioner McCall's decisions are alarming and require an ethical review. Frankly, if St. Thomas needs Sgt. Police Officers in circulation, then leave the St. Thomas Sergeants to service their local community and allow St. John to have St. John Sergeants to maintain public order on St. John. Commissioner McCall's decision is an injustice to the people of St. John as well as an injustice to his professional position.

The question is, is Commissioner McCall's decision ethical and reflective of a clear boundary between his personal and professional life? Or is Commissioner McCall having difficulty drawing a clear boundary between his personal and professional life by holding grudges and being biased in his authority with specific subordinate officers? Obviously, in my opinion, it's the latter.

Noreen Lewis
Concerned St. John resident

Villa Owner Has Responsibilities To Be Good Neighbor

Dear Editor,

Last week, the *Daily News* reported that an independent study found that the cultural, historical and marine environments of the V.I. National Park were being damaged by development of so-called in-holdings within its borders. Is this a surprise? Has anyone ever seen red-tainted bays following a heavy rain? Has anyone ever been run off the road by an oversized SUV? Has anyone read Mr. Bruce Claffin's letter to the editor, suggesting other locations than Catherineberg for an educational complex?

Let me point out that, as a newcomer, Mr. Claffin has thus far failed to learn that he is privileged to live here. Further, as an owner of an extremely expensive, income-producing real estate property, located within

Park boundaries, he has increased responsibilities to be a good neighbor. He's extremely lucky, to say the least. He should be proud to support the creation of a one-campus school on donated Park land. In fact, he should be ashamed of his suggestion of buying costly land elsewhere for the purpose.

Donated, "gifted" land is meant for the use of people of the Virgin Islands. The future of our children is probably the most important issue facing this territory. Yet, Mr. Claffin wishes to further insulate himself (and his rental mansion) from the rest of us. Why don't you pony up ten million dollars for the project and then you can shunt the little kids over to Giff Hill?

Name Withheld Upon Request

Troy Billington Continues Olympic Plans

Dear Editor,

Building Bridges began in the summer 2002 after the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. It was my best attempt to thank my first sponsors, the St. John Rotary Club and some of its members, for helping launch my Olympic Skeleton career. I wanted to take talented athletes from the V.I. to Europe and Japan and enroll them into Olympic sports camps and see what winter sports these V.I. summer athletes could master.

Since then, almost six years now, we have moved 78 athletes to 12 different countries to participate in 36 Olympic Camps by means of 18 trips to America, Europe and Japan. We've also hosted Olympic athletes from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, America and Japan here in the Virgin Islands, including the 2002 Gold Medalist of Skeleton, Tristan Gayle, for a two week long sailing trip.

Since this time the need for future athletes to represent the Virgin Islands in upcoming Olympic Games has grown greater. With over 72 Olympic events we

are involved in only six. Every country that is represented in the Olympics has an Olympic Development Program or a Jr. Olympics Team except the Virgin Islands. Building Bridges was the closest thing to this kind of program.

We will work towards creating an official Virgin Islands Olympic Development Program or a Virgin Islands Jr. Olympics Team. And the athletes rewarded with participation in this International Sports School will be the 'Athlete of the Year' from each high school in the territory. By using this selection process we are assured of the student's age, 16-18, athletic skills (the best in their school), their academic level (which must be A-B average) and most importantly, their desire to make a career in sports and/or represent their nation, the V.I., in the Olympic Games.

Building Bridges (soon to be the V.I. Jr. Olympic Team) is designed to build international athletes from our talented students of the Virgin Islands.

Troy Billington

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89
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Rapes: 4
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Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
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Armed Robberies: 0
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2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
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Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 9
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St. John Tradewinds

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privilege of speaking with Gopnik one-on-one.

A three-time winner of The National Magazine Award for Essays and Criticism and the George Polk Award for Magazine Reporting, Gopnik is known as one of the wittiest contemporary life writers of his time. In addition to *The New Yorker*, Gopnik is the author of *Through the Children's Gate: A Home in New York*, as well as the playful Parisian-inspired novels, *Paris to the Moon*, *Americans in Paris* and *The King in the Window*.

Through an exclusive partnership with the top publishing houses in the country, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts' Hot Type program offers guests the opportunity to read advance copy books months before they hit bookshelves. Subsequent to the enormous success of this program, Rosewood has introduced the Hot Type Author Series, where guests have the chance to speak with world-renowned authors at various Rosewood resorts.

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Please do your part in keeping our islands clean!

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Alexa Returns for Short Visit Homw



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Tropical Focus

V.I. skeleton racer Alexa Putnam was spotted at the Rotary of St. John Club's weekly meeting on Friday, March 21, where she was the guest speaker. Putnam was home for a short visit over the Easter holiday.

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Hirsch, Lipsky Will Be Featured at Bajo El Sol Gallery

St. John Tradewinds

Bajo El Sol Gallery is presenting an Opening Reception for two artists, with long associations with St. John — Bente Hirsch and Larry Lipsky.

The two artists will be the featured artists during the month of April and the excitement will begin with an opening reception at the Gallery on Friday, April 4, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Bente Hirsch, an award-winning artist who exhibits her work both in New York and St. John, is known for her watercolors and oil paintings. At times her minimal watercolors, with their wonderful colors and lines, are the stepping stones for her oil paintings, however many times her watercolors stand on their own. This show will continue this process with new work by Bente.

Larry Lipsky, a skilled metal work artist, creates art that “involves the viewer in the movement of both the art piece and the viewers own changing perspective.” The beauty of the art, geo-kinetic sculpture, is in its openness, movement and balance. Cut from various thicknesses of copper and brass, nickel and silver, the shapes are ground, hammered, filed, tooled, formed, appliquéd, riveted and polished. Each piece is often fitted with a unique piece of recycled glass, sea glass, or fired glass.

Balanced and hung to float, move and often chime, the pieces are truly a unique St. John expression. Larry promises continued excitement with his new work for this show which he refers to as “New Stuff.”



Artwork by Bente Hirsch

Bajo El Sol Gallery is located in Mongoose Junction and open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Westin's Bay Vista Project To Add 54 Timeshares

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wood Resorts Vice President of Corporate Communications David Matheson.

The new timeshares, which sell for anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 per week, have been selling quickly, explained Matheson.

“St. John is one of our most popular resorts, and given its design, decor and location, is doing extremely well,” he said. “The location there in St. John is one of the best in the world.”

The change from hotel rooms to timeshares goes along with Westin's desire to offer all the amenities to its vacation ownership clients, according to Matheson.

Setting New Level of Luxury

“We've really developed this mixed-use approach to hotel and timeshares where we have an established hotel like the Westin Resort, and then we build vacation ownership projects adjacent to the hotel,” he said. “It's a win-win for both the company and owners and

guests, because all the amenities are already there — the pools, restaurants, bars, spa and health club — so owners have access and really enjoy that full service component which free-standing timeshares don't typically have.”

In addition to raising the bar when it comes to the timeshares themselves, Westin continues to up the ante in the customer service department as well, Matheson explained.

“When you look at Starwood vacation ownership and the products we're selling, I think we've set a new level of luxury for the industry, and more important than that is the standard of customer service that we set,” he said. “Our goal is to exceed our customers' expectations at every level, not only on the property but between visits in how we communicate with them. We've definitely raised the standard on both sides.”

For more information on the Westin's new timeshares, call 714-6352.

Rhythm & Views: Get Ready for Summer

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ly, on the island of St. John there is an insufficient amount of summer programs for the students of the island. Most of the time students will have to go abroad to partake in many of these programs, but attending these programs is always worth the effort.

“I've been to many programs including Berkley College Summer program and Presidential

Classroom in Washington D.C. and all I can say is that they are a good experience,” said Giff Hill student Evanna Chinnery. “The traveling is fun, the programs are amazing, you meet new people from all over the world, and you get to partake in activities that are life changing.”

A big problem which many students face due to their procrastination is that the summer break

comes and most spots in these programs have already been taken up, jobs become scarce, and as a result, students are left with nothing to do for the summer.

Right now is the time for students to begin making plans for their summer if they have not already, or else they will find themselves at home jobless and bored for the entire summer vacation. We do not want that to happen.

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Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds

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

Wednesday, April 2

The next pre-retirement/estate planning workshop sponsored by the Government Employees' Retirement System will be on Wednesday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. John Legislature. The workshop is designed to help GERS members locate resources and assistance in relation to pending retirement.

Thursday, April 3

The SAAM Day of Action, observed this year on Thursday, April 3, is recognized nationally as a specific day to focus awareness on sexual violence prevention. In collaboration with the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council we are asking everyone in the general public to wear blue (royal blue, baby blue, teal etc.) including blue jeans on April 3.

April 5-6

Linda Caiger, RN, a certified childbirth educator, will bring her knowledge and expertise to St. John on April 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., when she will teach her childbirth class. The course, which is normally taught over seven weeks on St. Thomas, covers pregnancy, childbirth and newborns. Spots are filling up quickly, so call Caiger at 774-6867 or 642-6867 as soon as possible to sign up. It has not yet been determined where the class will be taught, and anyone interested in donating a space should call Caiger.

Saturday, April 5

Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast Buffet/Panel Discussion 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. the Westin Resort Ballroom on Saturday morning, April 5. This event will host a series of experts who will provide information and referrals regarding child abuse to the community. The SJCCC invites the general public to join them in this informative event, "Voices of Children." Admission and breakfast are free.

Saturday, April 12

April 12 is Child Abuse Prevention Day in the Park. Join the SJCCC on Saturday morning at the Franklin A. Powell Park in Cruz Bay. Come join us for a day of fun, games, entertainment, and information.

April 13-19

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

Wednesday, April 16

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

AA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You are self-reliant and rarely ask anyone for help. But this time you might want someone you trust to be there for you while you deal with a difficult matter. Cheer up. Things improve soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your patience begins to pay off. Look for the first sign that your goals are in plain sight. Take time out from all your hard work for some fun with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There could be some lingering effects from a recent setback. But it's all for the best, as you're now beginning to appreciate. Use lessons you've learned to start over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) What seemed to be a difficult goal to reach is now -- or soon will be -- all yours. Congratulations. An unexpected travel opportunity holds an intriguing new prospect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A chilly reception to your presentation shouldn't cause you to abandon your ideas. Instead, do tweak up those weaker parts and then, once again, show what you have.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Hiding your feelings might make you feel safer against rejection. But this could be the time when you'll need to speak up or risk losing out on an important event in your life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some co-workers might try to talk you out of accepting a promotion. But you need to follow your own in-

stincts -- and if you believe you're right for the job, then take it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some changes are in order as you come to realize that you need to sort out several areas in your life. Your remarkable insight helps you make the right decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's time to act on your behalf and separate yourself from those whose selfish needs threaten your personal and/or professional survival.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Resist your tendency to close yourself off from unpleasant situations. Instead, open up to how things are, so that you can help change them to what they could be.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unspoken problem could be driving a deep wedge between you and that special person. Some honest talking 'twixt the two of you starts the healing process.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel you've been going around in ever-widening circles trying to deal with recent workplace problems. Cheer up. A successful end is finally in sight.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to talk, and people love to hear what you have to say. If you were a teacher, you'd never have to worry about keeping your students' attention.

St. John Police Report

St. John Police Department: 693-8880 or 911

Cellular 911: 776-9110

St. John Fire Service: 776-6333

Sunday, March 23

2:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with possible shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Unfounded disturbance.

5:49 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident p/r his vehicle was stolen in the area of the dinghy dock. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

6:30 p.m. - A resident p/r that her Sony camera was stolen. Grand larceny.

Monday, March 24

11:40 a.m. - A Virgin Islands National Park employee p/r that he lost his NPS badge. Lost badge.

no time given - An Estate Pastory resident p/r his wallet was lost. Lost wallet.

Tuesday, March 25

7 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r he was assaulted by another male in the area of the Customs Parking Lot. Simple assault.

7:05 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r he was assaulted by another male. Simple assault.

10 a.m. - A visitor from Ohio r/ that someone damaged the bumper to his vehicle in Cruz Bay. Damage to vehicle.

9 p.m. - A detective p/ with one minor charged 1st degree robbery, 1st degree assault, grand larceny, possession of stolen property, intimidation and aiding and abetting.

9 p.m. - A detective p/ with one minor charged with kidnapping.

11 p.m. - An employee at the Quiet Mon Pub r/ a disturbance at said business.

Wednesday, March 26

11:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r vandalism. Destruction of property.

3:25 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r someone hit her vehicle at the Mongoose Junction parking lot. Auto accident.

Thursday, March 27

11:35 a.m. - EMT c/r DOA at Estate Contant.

12:05 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on North Shore Road. Auto accident.

7:40 p.m. - Resident p/r an activated alarm at the National Park. Activated alarm.

Friday, March 28

8:20 a.m. - A resident c/r someone broke into his company vehicle at the Bellevue Community Center. Vehicle tampering.

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GBS Students Show Computer Savvy Thanks to OLPC Pilot Program

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getting to know them and seeing St. John through the perspective of these kids' eyes was really interesting. It was incredible and challenging."

"It was difficult coming up with creative ways to teach software programming to the kids," Stelzer added. "I had them act out their programs on the playground to take these abstract concepts and make them real. And it worked."

The GBS Waveplace program was literally history in the making, Stelzer explained.

"It was all worth it because it was history in the making that I got to be a part of and really shape," he said. "The kids were really impressive and dedicated. They were doing some difficult stuff after they had been in school all day."

Learning Along the Way

The next pilot program, which will be launched in a Haitian orphanage, will reap the benefits of what Waveplace organizers learned from the GBS program.

"We are re-writing our course material from this, so the kids from Haiti will benefit from what we learned here," said Falconer.

At the final meeting of the GBS pilot program, students shared stories and pictures they had written and scripted to animation. Everyone's work was impressive, but at the end of the hour, Vanessa Jaramillo's pirate tale won the top prize. Jaramillo took home an ipod for having the best presentation.

Liana Clendinen won best script for her story about a bear named Honey, which included several examples of scripted animation. A'Feyah Smith won for best artwork for her story about a pet dog and Tracey Powell won for best story for her tale of a lonely mango. Each of the category winners took home an ipod shuffle.

Flash Drives for Everyone

While the winners took home special prizes, each of the pilot program participants were winners and will be given flash drives, courtesy of Wave-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Waveplace officer Tim Falconer announces the best software programmers at GBS.

place Foundation.

Although the after school program is now over, the students aren't about to stop creating animated stories on their laptops.

"I really liked the program," said Powell. "I loved making up stories and drawing pictures."

"I created a story about boat running away from a police boat and it was a lot of fun," said JaQuan Sprauve. "I can't wait to do more on my laptop."

"I haven't finished my story about a mermaid yet, but I'll work on it more," said Aariyah Athanase. "I'll do more on it. I like learning new things."

Sharing with DOE Commissioner

Smith even got the chance to show off her skills to recently approved V.I. Department of Education Commissioner LaVerne Terry last week.

"I showed the commissioner how to use the laptop, how to turn it on and off, how to animate, and how to exit out of the program," said Smith. "I also showed her my story about a dog which also told about St. John."

Stelzer is creating a documentary about the GBS pilot program and organizers are also tweaking their coursework based on what they learned over the past 10 weeks.

Waveplace's goal is to expand programs throughout the Virgin Islands and the wider Caribbean.

The foundation's officials are hoping to share the GBS digital media pilot program participants' work with their parents and the public in June. Organizers are still working out the details of the planned Waveplace laptop program celebration.

Worldwide Programs Planned

What happened at GBS will impact the world as future digital media programs are slated for St. Vincent, the Philippines, Nepal, Columbia and Africa, all of which will gain from what organizers learned through the GBS program, Falconer added.

"People around the world are interested in what is happening right here in this room," he said. "We'll be starting another program like this in Haiti and soon in St. Vincent. People in Nepal, Colombia, the Philippines and two different countries in Africa, where we'll have programs in the future, are eager to hear about what happened at this program."

To make a donation to Waveplace, to become a mentor or for more information about the foundation, check out the group's Web site at www.wave-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Westin Resorts and Villas St. John seeks bids for the following project:

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Bid documents are available upon request to Springline Architects by phone 340-777-2345 or email to john@springlinearchitects.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The St. Thomas CZM Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the DPNR Main Conference Room Cyril E. King Airport. Terminal Building. Second Floor, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Item on the Agenda includes request for reconsideration of special condition nos. 3 and 5 of Major CZM Water Permit Np. CZT-11-06(W)/COMPASS POINT MARINA located at seaward of Parcel No. 41-6-1, Estate Frydenhoj, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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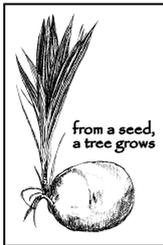
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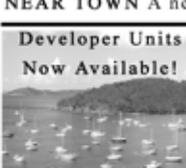
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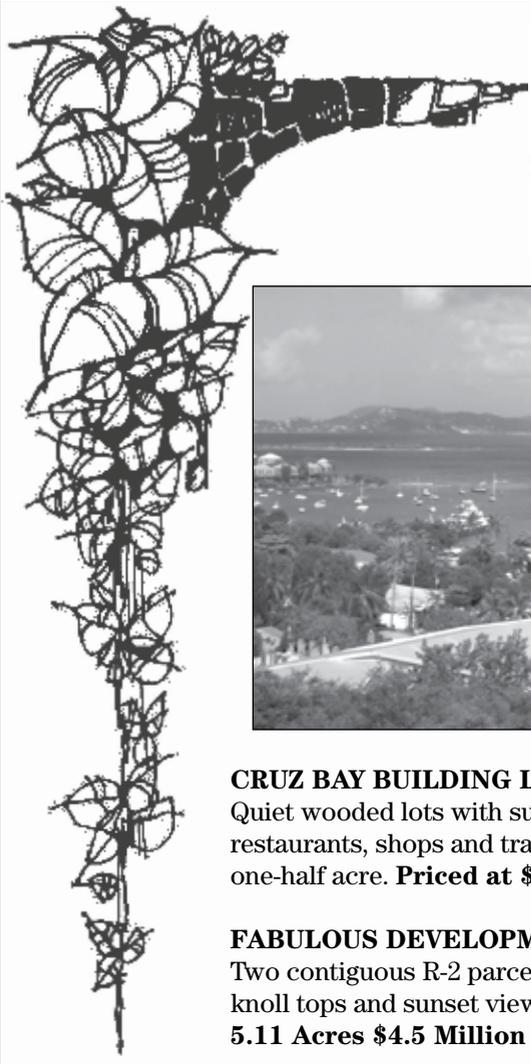
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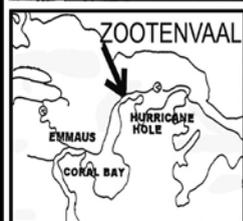
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"ZOOTENVAAL COTTAGES" A unique St. John property with 850' of waterfront, including a white powder sand beach. Almost 5 acres at pristine Hurricane Hole, a National Marine Monument, on beautiful Borck Creek. There are 4 short term rental cottages on the property. Cottages are masonry construction and in excellent condition. One is right on the beach. **\$14M**



"Limetree Cottage" - Once in a blue moon opportunity - One acre lot in prime location in estate Chocolate Hole with unobstructed views of Hart Bay, Chocolate Hole, Great Cruz Bay & St. Thomas. Charming, top quality residence with native stone walls and French tile roof. Large lot has upper & lower road access and room to add another house. Just 5 minutes to town yet very private. New construction **\$1.75M**



"Island Fancy" Classic Island home high in Upper Rendezvous with stunning views from Thatch Cay to St. Thomas and south to St. Croix and east to Ram's Head. This charming house features highlights of native stone, open floor plan, large decks, mature landscaping and wonderful privacy and a separate apartment **\$2,950,000**

- FEATURED CONDOS -

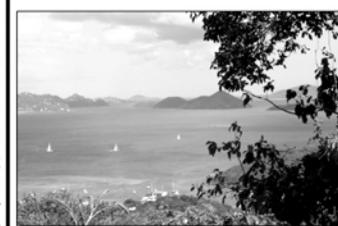
"Cruz Views" unit 7 is a very popular rental, featuring beautiful views to St. Thomas and sunsets, proximity to the pool and sundeck, and walk to town. This unique air-conditioned corner unit has been recently refurbished including new tile floors, mahogany cabinets, furniture and bath. **\$645,000**



MAHOGANY RUN CONDO - ST. THOMAS, VI. Nicely furnished charming 2 + 2 upper unit with golf course and water views. Loft ceiling, large deck off living room. Enclosed deck off 2nd bedroom for additional living space (home office, workout room, etc.) **\$350,000**



- LAND/DEVELOPMENT -



BETHANY 1-D REM - R-3 ZONED DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY - Formerly Carla's Cottages on a flat knoll in Estate Bethany just above Sunset Ridge. This property has breathtaking views from the south shore to the Durlow Cays, including St. Croix, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas. Topographical map, Engineering, historical, environmental, archeological studies etc. for a small resort have been done. Currently property has 6 small income producing rental units. **\$5.99M**



"Estate Peter Bay" Gorgeous home site situated in prestigious Estate Peter Bay with great views over north shore to Jost Van Dyke. This parcel is not part of Peter Bay subdivision therefore no membership dues, assessments, covenants or restrictions can be levied. However, owner has right to use entrance to Peter Bay subdivision roads for access. **\$2.3M**

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HOMES

CHOCO CRUZ is a very successful three bedroom vacation villa situated on Maria Bluff offering stunning South Shore views. Set on a prime lot and featuring one bedroom on the main level and two bedrooms set off of the lower pool level. This mildly sloped lot also has plenty of room to build additional guest bedrooms and/or a master suite. A hilltop showplace for \$2,595,000.

CAROLINA Sunrises all year round overlooking Coral Bay up to Norman Island and Sage Mountain. This well maintained fully shuttered two unit cottage offers a 1 bedroom 1 bath on the upper level with a cozy covered porch. Lower level unit offers a studio apartment. .26 acres \$625,000

CVISTA is a magnificent open air villa overlooking the alluring turquoise waters of Rendezvous Bay. Situated in prestigious Klein Bay and featuring all amenities including gourmet kitchen, fabulous and tasteful furnishings, custom mahogany doors & windows, spacious entertainment room, outdoor bar and air-conditioning in all bedrooms. This stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. \$3,895,000.

ISLAND MANOR Hear and view the surf of beautiful Hart Bay. Walk to Hart Bay or Chocolate Hole Beach. Newly remodeled offering 4 large bedrooms with ensuite baths and elegant furnishings sited on .51 acre. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances that opens to living room and pool deck. Multi-level floor plan offers privacy. **REDUCED TO \$1,700,000. SELLERS ARE MOTIVATED.**

REDUCED \$100K! Bordering greenbelt, this tastefully crafted Fish Bay home features beautiful stone and hardwood accents, vaulted ceilings & large living/dining area & 3rd bedroom on lower level along with a lower level apt. Water views of Fish Bay. Private location. \$550,000.

MYSTIC RIDGE perched high on a mountain ridge offers dramatic, "down-island" views. This 4BR/4.5BA luxury villa has an impressive split level great room featuring a gourmet kitchen, a formal dining area & complete entertainment center. Magnificent seclusion can be yours as you lounge by the large pool or relax in the hot tub. \$2,795,000

BEACH FRONT! "Sunset Beach" is a fabulous beachfront villa set at the water's edge on Dever's Bay that is luxuriously appointed and tastefully decorated with antique reproductions. The impressive "great room", opens on to a comfortable verandah and the 4 elegant bedrooms feature antique four poster beds. The beach is at your doorstep. \$3,750,000

ZOOTENVAAL Quaint Caribbean cottage tucked in at the end of the road for added privacy. Walking distance to Coral Bay. Currently configured as two separate rental units. Solar water heater, bedrooms wired for AC, organic garden, washer/dryer. Room to add. Approved buildings plans available for additional home. Reduced to \$749,000.

GARDEN BY THE SEA Bed and Breakfast is a quaint Caribbean home with West Indian gingerbread architecture, lively colors, and island style furnishings. Live in the spacious newly renovated owners apartment while renting the 3 income producing air conditioned units. There is room for expansion to a maximum of 12 units as per the R-4 zoning. Outstanding rental history and just a short walk to Cruz Bay Town as well as Frank and Turner Bays. \$1,800,000.

MERRYHAVEN is a 3 bdrm, 3 bath Bordeaux home featuring tile floors, cozy furniture, hardwood doors, spacious closets, and private outdoor galleries. Enjoy expansive views over the lush Carolina Valley to Virgin Gorda. \$1,100,000

LAND

ESTATE CONCORDIA Large .81 acre parcel, easy build, good ocean views, and breezes. close to NPS beaches. \$550,000

ESTATE FISH BAY Enjoy expansive Fish Bay water views from either of these downhill builds. A .5 acre with downhill & uphill access for \$375,000 or a .78 acre parcel for \$499,000

ESTATE RENDEZVOUS! Stunning views of the turquoise waters of Rendezvous Bay from this .50 acre site. Excellent location in great neighborhood! \$475,000

GRUNWALD Cistern, slab & storage in place. Ready to accept 2nd floor walls. .25 acres, South Shore water views. \$379,000

PASTORY Westerly views overlooking Pillsbury Sound, .34 acre property w/cistern and living accommodations. \$450,000

WATERFRONT LAND with spectacular year round sunsets! Oversized downhill building site with gentle slope. Views from St. Croix to Thatch Cay. 0.71 acres, \$995,000

NEWLY PAVED ESTATE BETHANY Enjoy breezes, privacy, lush vegetation & water views of the South Shore. Three .25 acre lots ranging from \$170,000 - \$215,000

DREEKET'S BAY .762 acre parcel directly above a pristine, sandy common beach (deeded access). Outstanding views of the BVIs and great snorkeling. Driveway cut. \$595,000!

LAST REMAINING WATERFRONT BUILDING SITE ON MARIA BLUFF IN GREAT CRUZ BAY! Enjoy spectacular sunsets, the lights of St. Thomas, and 180 degree views stretching from St. Croix to Mingo. 1.03 acres \$2,250,000

PETER BAY Deeded white sandy beach access and gated community with paved roads and underground utilities. A .5 acre in Lower Peter Bay for \$3,700,000., .50 acre in Upper Peter Bay for \$2,900,000 and includes preliminary drawings for 6 bdrm/6 1/2 bath pool villa.

CATHERINEBERG! Breathtaking, pristine North Shore views of Cinnamon Bay, Tortola, Jost and the Caribbean Sea; within National Park boundaries; excavated with driveway. 1.14 acre for \$2,250,000.

POINT RENDEZVOUS Oversized lot consisting of .85 acres with lower and upper road access and beautiful views of Fish Bay. Topo included. **Reduced to \$399,000.**

ESTATE CAROLINA

Upper Carolina .5 ac, expansive water views...\$199,000
Upper Carolina middle tier great views.51 ac ... \$385,000
Upper Carolina w/driveway adj. lot avail. 5 ac ... \$450,000
Expansive Views, dual building sites, .75 ac..... \$459,900
Mill Vista, small apartment w/ plans .52 ac \$499,000
Ajax Peak, Stunning STT Views .504 ac.....\$540,000
Upper Carolina, two lots 1.00 ac w/ driveway... \$895,000

CONDOS

LAVENDER HILL! Fabulous unit in excellent condition on middle level; stunning views of Pillsbury Sound to STT, wrap around decks, new kitchen & a/c. Newly redecorated and strong rental program \$875,000

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EXCLUSIVE HOME LISTINGS:

AURORA – Luxurious four bedroom / four bath masonry villa on Contant Point. Enjoy 180° views from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor areas, gorgeous landscaping, beautiful furnishings, and excellent vacation rental history. Priced to sell at \$2,495,000.

RENDEZVOUS VILLA – in prestigious Boatman Point. Immaculately maintained all masonry 3 bd/3 bath, w/ heated swim jet pool, lg. covered outdoor dining, excellent floor plan, spectacular unobstructed views on 0.90 acre. \$1,850,000.

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LOCATION, LOCATION! – Dramatic cliffside setting, on coveted Maria Bluff, with sunrise to sunset views. 3 bedroom / 2 bath stone and concrete home with large wraparound veranda, travertine floors, mahogany cabinetry, tile roof, large spa, full A/C, large circular drive. \$2,200,000.

WATERFRONT VILLA – Spacious 3 bd/3 bath situated just 25' from water's edge on Chocolate Hole. Perfect for boaters. Mahogany kitchen, 1.05 ac. lot, pool, marble floors, A/C. Vacation rental history. \$2,774,000.

BORDEAUX HAUS – Attractive all masonry custom home on a beautiful lot. Fully furnished. \$1,350,000.

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

GREAT EXPECTATIONS – Mini estate features tennis court, 2 pools, 2 hot tubs, seven bedrooms 7.5 baths, on one acre. Impressive rental history, awesome views, walk to Chocolate Hole beach. Was \$2,995,000 NOW \$2,495,000.

WINDSONG – Stately Boatman Point villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bedrooms, 7 baths, huge pool, excellent vacation rental history, fully furnished. \$3,750,000.

FISH BAY – Charming starter home with fantastic views, mahogany windows, doors, cabinetry, bedroom & laundry on lower level, covered porch, brick entry, plans for expansion. Owner relocating. Seller has relocated. **REDUCED TO \$649,000.**

GOLDEN DRAGON – Magnificent stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship throughout. 4 bd/4 baths, infinity pool, exquisite furnishings, multi patios/decks, lush gardens, terrific Point Rendezvous location. \$2,395,000.

RAINBOW PLANTATION – Wonderful "old St. John" style home on a beautiful 1.58 ac. lot. 4 bd/4 baths, extraordinary landscaping, huge pool, water views. \$2,245,000.

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UPPER CAROLINA – 1 bd/1 bath cottage, w/Cert. of Occupancy, on lush 0.44 ac. lot. Reduced to \$380,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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Direct water view, corner parcel \$389,900
Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac \$425,000

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

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

ESTATE CAROLINA – Lower Bordeaux, beautiful BVI views, paved rd \$199k
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"GREAT EXPECTATIONS" (7x71/2) 1 ac., tennis, 2 homes, pools, spas, walk to beaches. Impressive rental. **\$2,495,000.**

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

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



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

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



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

NEW CONSTRUCTION - CHOCOLATE HOLE totally charming, 2x2 with private gated courtyard, large pool, planters & columns, arched doors and windows, island stone showers, a/c, hi tech kitchen, etc. **\$1,695,000.**



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

DO YOU ENJOY ST. JOHN THIS TIME OF YEAR? Own this one month fractional time frame in lovely Villa Hibiscus in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. This 3/3.5 home with gorgeous views, pool, AC & more is available March 21 to April 21. **\$250,000.**

Exclusively Listed Land

ESTATE PETER BAY

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

ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE

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

ESTATE FISH BAY

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

ESTATE MANDAH

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

EAST END

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

PRIVATEER BAY

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

LOVANGO CAY WATERFRONT

This incredibly priced parcel on upscale Lovango Cay has it all! Build your dream house, ideally graded homesite-0.65 acre. The Seller is a licensed VI Realtor. **\$635,000.**



"UPPER MONTE BAY ESTATES" - SPECTACULAR, PRIVATE SOUTH SHORE LOTS WITH PRISTINE VIEWS. Low density subdivision with 7 large parcels, paved road, stone walls & underground utilities; above Rendezvous Bay. **\$1,000,000 to 1,400,000.**

"CLIFFVIEW ESTATES" IN FISH BAY Six parcels in new subdivision offer exciting views and adjacent to National Park. Underground utility access and paved roads. From .51 to .91 acre, **\$299,000 - \$795,000.**

"VIRGIN GRANDESTATES" Gated community

featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Five fabulous lots ranging from **\$469,000 to \$785,000.**

"CANEEL HILL" - SELLER FINANCING is a very private residential community just minutes from Cruz Bay with beautiful water views to St. Thomas. The gentle grade and easy access make these 3 parcels very desirable, easily buildable homesite. **Total 1.78 acres \$700,000.**

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

"DRECKETS BAY ESTATES" boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, underground utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. **12 parcels priced from \$500,000.**

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



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



"BOATMAN POINT" Wonderful waterfront lot, 1.2 acres. Community beach, underground utilities, paved roads. Prime south shore property. **\$1,875,000.**

Condos & Timeshares

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

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

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

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

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WEEKS ON ST. JOHN every year at the Westin Vacation Club! Inventory available in many unit sizes. These platinum++timeframes have great trade potential and rental options!

Development Opportunity



"GALLOW'S SEAVIEW" (2x2) .58 ac. R-4 & W-1 zoning allows multifamily dwellings & commercial uses. Spectacular views. Walk to beach & town. **\$3,200,000.**

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