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Third Circuit Ruling Causes Property Tax Confusion

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The quagmire that has become the V.I. property tax system continued last week with the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals declining to clarify its stay order and attorneys arguing conflicting interpretations.

V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer insisted that the court's ruling meant the government was clear to issue property taxes at newly assessed values.

Attorneys representing several businesses, individuals and organizations, however, contended that the 3rd Circuit's ruling did not lift the V.I. District Court's 2003 injunction freezing property taxes at 1998 levels — and therefore, the government was not able to issue tax bills at newly assessed values.

The property tax dilemma started in 2000 when several commercial property owners filed a lawsuit against the V.I. government alleging its tax system was unconstitutional. In 2003, the district court ruled in favor of the property owners and issued an injunction freezing property taxes at 1998 levels and ordering a territory-wide property revaluation.

The government contracted Georgia-based BearingPoint, for more than \$8 million, to conduct the property revaluation project. While BearingPoint wrapped up the territory-wide revaluation project months ago, many St. John residents still have serious problems with their newly assessed property values.

Despite the injunction remaining in place and the original lawsuit continuing, the V.I. government announced plans to issue property taxes at newly assessed values in August. The St. John Unity Day Group, on behalf of all St. John property owners, filed a separate lawsuit that month against the government alleging that the revaluations were capricious and arbitrary. The V.I. Unity Day's lawsuit is pending.

In a September 11 ruling, V.I. District Court Judge Curtis Gomez — citing the 2003 injunction which was still in place — found the government in contempt of court for issuing taxes reflecting newly assessed values. Gomez ordered the government to rescind the new tax bills and levied fines against the government until it came into compliance with the order.

The government filed an appeal with the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled in early October to stay Gomez's contempt of court order.

In its decision to reverse Gomez's ruling, however, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals did not lift the 2003 injunction. Government officials, meanwhile, contend that the injunction is invalid and still plan to issue property tax bills at newly assessed values.

\$70 Million Budget Shortfall

By issuing the bills, the government is trying to dodge an expected \$70 million shortfall in the 2009 budget.

"The 3rd Circuit Stay Order is a significant step toward the successful collection of much needed tax revenues that will allow the government of the Virgin Islands to provide the infrastructure and services necessary for residents of the territory to maintain a standard quality of living," Attorney General Vincent Frazer said in a prepared statement from Government House.

As of press time, it remained unclear if the newly assessed property tax bills would indeed be issued. Some residents questioned if the government didn't fully comprehend the court's ruling.

"It really looks like the government's attorneys don't understand appeals courts procedures," said one St. John resident.

Other residents questioned if government officials intentionally interpreted the ruling incorrectly.

Coral Bay Business Owners Meeting at Skinny Legs on November 6

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There will be a meeting for Coral Bay business owners at Skinny Legs on Thursday, November 6, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. which will be jointly hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council and the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

The value of both organizations and the role of businesses in making a healthy, vibrant community in Coral Bay will be discussed. Any business, whether retail, food, maintenance, rental, construction or service, please be sure to take this hour to join fellow business people to discuss the future, in potentially difficult economic times.

CBCC Annual Meeting Is Nov. 10

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The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay. Save the date!

All Coral Bay residents are welcome. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help put on the event, please call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

Historical Society Meeting Is Nov. 11

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It's Movie Night at Bethany — featuring 1950s films and stills of St. John from the Rockefeller and Stick archives, as well as the National Park Service archive at Harpers Ferry, WV, and the Virgin Islands National Park archive on St. John.

St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the new season Tuesday evening, November 11, at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Steve Simonsen will present film footage from the era of the founding of the VINP. In the process of making the documentary "The Establishment of Virgin Islands National Park," newsletter editor and board member Bruce Schoonover obtained extremely rare footage of St. John in the 1950s, including films of the Stick family at Lameshur, aerial and landscape shots, and a cast of hundreds at the 1956 dedication of the VINP in Cruz Bay.

Veteran's Day Parade Is November 11

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Love City's American Legion Post #131 is hosting a fun-filled celebration on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11. The festivities will kick off with a parade at 11:00 a.m. starting at the tennis courts. The parade will wind through town and end at the V.I. National Park ball field where there will be a short ceremony to honor all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

A youth co-ed flag football game will take place at the ball field and food and beverages will be for sale.

PSC Hearing on Ferry Rates Nov. 17

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The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of the St. Thomas/St. John ferries on Monday, November 17, at the St. John Legislature building at 6:30 p.m.

The PSC — the government agency mandated to ensure that the rates of public utilities are fair, just, reasonable and non-discriminatory — is also conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of VITELCO on St. John on Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the PSC Conference room in Barbel Plaza.

Comments may also be forwarded to Michael Moore, PSC legal assistant, at msmoore@psc.gov.vi, or via fax to 340-774-4971.



New Generator Installed at Sprauve Library

With the help of a crane, workers installed a new generator at Elaine I. Sprauve Library last week. Renovations to the historic great house are on schedule and to be completed by the end of the year.

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A total of 13 candidates, including Senator At Large Carmen Wesselhoft, second from left, attended the St. John Community Foundation-sponsored senate candidates forum on Tuesday, October 28.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES

Senator At Large

1. Carmen Wesselhoft (ICM)
2. Craig Barshinger (Dem.)

District Senator

3. Stephen "Smokey" Frett (Indep.)
4. Louis Milton Willis (Dem.)
5. Dwane A. Callwood (Indep.)
6. Patrick Simeon Sprauve (Dem.)
7. Stedmann Hodge, Jr. (ICM)
8. Moses Bones Carty (Indep.)
9. Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg, Jr. (Dem.)
10. Krim M. Ballentine (Repub.)
11. Tregenza A. Roach (Indep.)
12. Shawn-Michale Malone (Dem.)
13. Myron D. Jackson (Dem.)
14. Lisa M. Williams (Indep.)
15. Mario A. Francis (ICM)
16. Lynn Joseph Porter (Indep.)
17. Liston A. Davis (ICM)
18. Dolores T. Clendinen (Indep.)
19. Halen Berry Baker (Indep.)
20. Samuel "Fraco Man" Harvey (Indep.)
21. Louis Patrick Hill (Dem.)
22. Carlton "Ital" Dowe (Indep.)
23. Alvin Williams, Jr. (Dem.)
24. Celestino A. White, Sr. (Indep.)

V.I. Senate Candidates Answer Questions from St. John Residents

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As local elections loom closer, St. John issues took center stage on Tuesday evening, October 28, at a St. John Community Foundation-sponsored V.I. senate candidates forum at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Municipal government, property taxes, the St. John Capital Improvement Fund and removing the legislature's power to change the official zoning map were among the hot topics raised at the forum, which drew a crowd of about 60 residents who heard from 13 candidates vying for seats in the 28th Legislature.

Both Senator at Large candidates, incumbent Carmen Wesselhoft and former senator Craig Barshinger, were in attendance.

Moderated by St. John Community Foundation (SJCF) executive director Paul Devine, the forum centered on questions garnered from the public. SJCF board member Alecia Wells posed questions to the candidates, who each had one minute to respond.

Tempers Flare Over Sirenusa

While trying to avoid direct debating, tempers briefly flared between Wesselhoft and Barshinger when the controversial rezoning for luxury condominium development Sirenusa was raised.

All members of the 27th Legislature except Senate Louis Hill voted to over-ride Governor John deJongh's rezoning veto, a move which Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials and hundreds of St. John residents were against.

Barshinger claimed that Wesselhoft led the push to over-ride deJongh's veto of the unpopular rezoning for the large development overlooking Cruz Bay.

"Seven St. Croix senators voted to over-ride the veto and Senator at Large Wesselhoft led the way," said Barshinger. "We knew Sirenusa was wrong. It was all about money."

"St. John is being destroyed by money being valued over culture," Barshinger said. "We need to strike

a balance. I would correct that problem."

Wesselhoft denied lobbying the Crucian senators to over-ride the veto.

"The other senators visited the site and made their own decisions," said Wesselhoft. "Senator Wesselhoft did not lobby any senators to vote for Sirenusa."

Williams Was Not Proud of Vote

While admitting that he voted in favor of the zoning variance to allow Sirenusa to add additional units to its development, Senator Alvin Williams was not proud of his action.

"We voted for a variance and I am not very proud of it, but we don't have a Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan," said Williams.

The senate has the power to change the official zoning map due to outdated politics, according to Senator Shawn-Michael Malone.

"The bill to give the senate rezoning power was allowed for political patronage," said Malone. "I will advocate for taking rezoning out of the senate."

"Flipped the Bird to the Community"

The senate's move to allow Sirenusa to build additional units amounted to an insult to the people of St. John, according to senate candidate Dwane Callwood.

"When all of St. John signs a petition calling for something and DPNR agrees, just because one person made a bad business decision is not reason to go against that," said Callwood. "You basically flipped the bird to the community. Do the people's will."

The move highlighted the corruption in the senate, according to candidate Helen Baker.

"You see the corruption in government when senators can rewrite the zoning codes," Baker said. "It's disrespectful of the senators who would do such a thing. You don't need people like that in the senate."

"You have seen what can happen," said Baker. "Vote for people who are looking out for you."

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- Duane Callwood, senatorial candidate

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October Rainfall

9.48 Inches

Average October Rainfall

4.92 Inches

Total YTD Rainfall

46.15 Inches

Average YTD Rainfall

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Chamber Members Learn About New Crime Stoppers Program

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Members of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce's St. John Chapter enjoyed a presentation on the new Crime Stoppers USVI at a Wednesday evening, October 29, chapter meeting at St. Ursula's multipurpose center.

Bonny Corbeil and Paul Devine of the organization Crime Stoppers USVI shared information on how the program works and why it's a perfect fit for the Virgin Islands, where residents are often hesitant to report crimes due to fear of retribution and lack of confidence in the V.I. Police Department.

An 800 number will soon be launched where residents can provide completely anonymous tips, and tipsters will have the chance to receive up to a \$2,500 cash reward in the event of an arrest.

Corbeil admitted that even she and the other Crime Stoppers volunteers — Karen Samuel, Helen Simon and Andy Stillman — were hesitant about starting up the organization due to frustration with the VIPD, and the fact that several community groups aimed at fighting crime have dissolved.

These volunteers, however, are committed to making the program work, she explained.

"This is an incredible group of people who are focused," Corbeil told the chapter members. "It's a citizen's initiative, which means we run things."

Crime Stoppers USVI has taken several steps to ensure that tipsters remain anonymous, which is

important on St. John, where the small town nature makes it difficult to do anything anonymously.

Calls to the 800 number will be answered in Texas, where volunteers who are trained to receive crime tips will enter the information into Crime Stoppers' software. The caller is given a pin number for identification, and the information is either emailed or faxed to local VIPD liaison Lt. Thomas Hannah, who immediately dispatches a VIPD officer to the talk to the suspect.

"Many communities' Crime Stoppers calls are answered locally, but we chose not to do that," said Devine.

"Anonymity is the key," Corbeil added.

Once an arrest is made, the tipster may call the Crime Stoppers line back, provide their pin number to identify themselves, and arrange for payment.

One roadblock the local program may face is actually doling out the rewards, which must be provided in cash, and must not be mailed in order to avoid identifying the caller.

"The problem is who will give the reward," Devine told the chapter members. "We have to come up with a way of arranging a drop off because we don't want to know who called."

In addition to allowing tipsters to remain anonymous despite Love City's small town atmosphere, Crime Stoppers USVI has also addressed residents' lack of confidence of the VIPD and the lo-

cal government in general.

The program is managed by a board of trustees, none of whom may be employed by any law enforcement agency, and it receives no government funding.

"The call must be responded to the moment it's received," said Devine. "The suspect must be questioned and if no arrest is made, the officer has to justify that. I'm very convinced this system will work here on St. John."

"Lt. Hannah is the key go-to person, and he's accountable directly to Governor John deJongh to make sure the tips end up in the right hands," Corbeil added.

Residents can also report VIPD officers who are breaking the law, Corbeil explained.

"This program has very interesting possibilities for people who care about the community and who are fed up," she said.

Crime Stoppers USVI has experienced difficulties with securing the phone number 1-800-222-TIPS, however as soon as the issue is resolved, the program will be launched.

Crime Stoppers is an international program which began in 1976 and has led to the arrests of thousands of criminals. The program is funded entirely by community donations. To donate to Crime Stoppers USVI, send a check made out to Crime Stoppers USVI, Inc. to PO Box 25284, Christiansted, VI 00824. For more information on the local organization, visit www.crimestoppersusvi.org.

Warning: Counterfeit Bills in Circulation

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V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall warned the community to be on the look out for counterfeit bills being passed in the Virgin Islands.

"We have received several reports of stores on St. Thomas receiving counterfeit money from unsuspecting customers and I am asking the public to inspect their bills to make sure they are legitimate," McCall said last week.

McCall listed some ways for people to inspect their bills:

- The color on the number on the lower right hand side of the bill is made with color shifting ink. If

the color does not shift, the bill is not authentic.

- When the bill is held up to the light, the face on the bill is repeated as a water mark in the unprinted space on the right side of the portrait. The watermark can be seen from both sides of the bill.

- The security thread can be seen when holding the bill up to the light. The security thread is a thin imbedded strip running from top to bottom on the face of the bill. In \$10 and \$50 bills, the strip is located on the right of the portrait, and in the \$5, \$20, and \$100 bill it's just to the left of the portrait.

- If a bill is held up to an ultraviolet light each denomination glows a different color. A \$5 bill glows blue, a \$10 glows orange, a \$20 glows green, a \$50 glows yellow, and a \$100 glows red — if they are the real thing.

- Finally, compare the feel and texture of the paper with other bills which known to be authentic. Real bills feel like fabric, counterfeit bills feel more like paper.

"If you discover that a bill in your possession is counterfeit, turn it over to the police," McCall said. "It's a felony to knowingly pass a counterfeit bill you received to someone else."



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Geezer Sailing and Snorkeling Society members (at right, from L to R) Hew Schlereth, Roy Procter and Phillip Stringer show off a day's haul. Procter, above, has a dinghy full of debris.

Geezer Snorkeling Society Cleaning Beaches and Vying for \$25,000

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

What started as a way to stay active for a few more mature St. John sailing buddies, has turned into a chance to take home a large cash prize.

Not content to simply relax on rocking chairs, Phillip Stringer, Roy Procter and Hew Schlereth — all accomplished navigators with hundreds of sailing miles under their belts — have been snorkeling both near-shore and remote beaches together for several months.

During their routine trips, the men would pick up whatever trash they saw on the beaches — and they saw plenty.

"A lot of these beaches are hard to get

to and they're full of trash," said Stringer. "We just got tired of seeing all this trash and no one was ever going to get it, so we did. Now rather than just snorkeling around, we're doing something."

"We used to just go out snorkeling and we'd do a little beach combing," said Procter. "And we got to figuring, 'there is so much junk here, why don't we just bring it in with us.'"

Geezer Sailing and Snorkeling Society

Before long, the trio decided to get a few T-shirts made and the Geezer Sailing and Snorkeling Society was born. Stringer created a logo of two crossed canes, and devised a few mottos like "measure twice, don't forget to cut" and "we've forgotten more than

we ever knew."

Geezer Society members are easy to find, they can be spotted sporting T-shirts emblazoned with the mottos "Pride, Prowess, Prescriptions," and "No Rules, No Rank, No Rocking Chairs."

At first the group was content removing debris from the shorelines for their own sake, but news of a waterfront improvement contest sponsored by Interlux boat paint company recently upped the ante for the Geezer Society.

Interlux Challenge

"We had been cleaning up on our own and coincidentally the Interlux paint company is having this Waterfront Challenge," said Stringer. "So we filled out this long, com-

plicated form and now we have a chance to win the \$25,000 grand prize."

The contest, sponsored by Interlux Yacht Finishes, was open to any group of three or more who spent at least one weekend cleaning up their local environment before November 1.

Designed to encourage people to improve their local waterfronts, from lakes to oceans, the Waterfront Challenge offers big cash prizes. Regional winners can rake in \$5,000 and the grand prize is a cool \$25,000.

"We were doing these clean ups all along, but then we came across this contest and now we're really motivated," said Schlereth. "For all us characters on fixed incomes,

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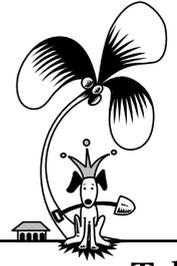
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“Trinidad Charlie” Not Looking for Notoriety from Chesney Song

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

Nowhere to go and nowhere to be,

“Trinidad Charlie” on a stool next to me,

Readin’ his book ‘bout the “haves” and “have-nots,”

In between chapters we take another shot.

And one by one we slide from reality,

With nowhere to go, and nowhere to be...

Look out Margaritaville, a projected country music hit song could make Trinidad Charlie’s Pepper Sauce from St. John the hottest “new” thing.

The latest record by part-time St. John resident — and four-time Country Music Artist of the Year — Kenny Chesney was released in mid-October, and includes a song the musician wrote while on St. John called “Nowhere to Go, Nowhere to Be.” The song is based on an afternoon conversation he had in a Coral Bay bar with local hot sauce guru Charles “Trinidad Charlie” Deyalsingh two years ago.

In early reviews and interviews about the recording, Chesney, who has a house and keeps a boat on St. John, said “Nowhere to Go, Nowhere to Be” was an important part of his latest recording project,

“Lucky Old Sun.”

“It’s the root of the record, for sure,” Chesney told *Newsweek* magazine in its October 20 issue. “In 2006, I was probably as emotionally and mentally exhausted as I’d ever been. And that was due to a lot of things — having the foot on the gas pedal constantly, and my breakup with Renée. I got in a plane and went down to the Virgin Islands. I was completely by myself. I didn’t want to be around anybody. So the next thing you know, it’s me and a pen and I sat down and wrote a lot of lines of this song, Nowhere to Go, Nowhere to Be.”

Chesney elaborated on the experience in an interview in the October 2008 *Caribbean Travel & Life*.

“It was the middle of my 2006 tour, and I was exhausted and in a funky place mentally, between the pressures of the road and the breakup with Renee. I got three days off, so I went down by myself, and one day I got in my Jeep and drove over to a funky bar on the north side of St. John called Island Blues,” Chesney said in the interview.

“I ordered gumbo and a beer and sat there all afternoon next to Trinidad Charlie, this local cat who sells hot sauce,” Chesney said in the interview. “For the first time in



A casual Kenny Chesney gave an impromptu performance while on island recently.

a long time I felt a stillness in my heart and mind. It was a good day. I went home and pulled out the notes I wrote at the bar, watched the sunset, stared at St. Thomas and wrote this song. And that’s where this album was born.”

While numerous entrepreneurial friends and acquaintances have proposed grandiose marketing plans to take advantage of his portending fame from the role in the expected hit song, Trinidad Charlie is content with his current production levels in his tree-top level kitchen

overlooking the farm he has grown in a secluded ghut above Cruz Bay since his arrival on St. John 40 years ago.

Deyalsingh really isn’t concerned about the impact his newfound, albeit unwanted fame on his home-based business bottling hot sauces.

As he sits in a well-worn overstuffed chair in the main cottage of his eco-tourism mini-resort peeling labels and applying them to bottles of his latest batch of West Indian pepper sauce, he reflects on

the notoriety which could come from his starring role in what is expected to be a top-selling album and song. Charlie isn’t looking to change much in the hands-on production of his hot sauce.

He prefers to make his sauce while watching a cricket match on pay-per-view and has relied on a patchwork network of friends and St. John retailers to provide all the demand he needs for fairly steady production of his gourmet sauces.

Charlie also can be reached directly by email at trinidadcharlie@yahoo.com for 12-bottle cases of sauce and t-shirts.

Charlie is busy enough with his typical work week, which usually includes a delivery run to his Coral Bay retail customers, including the restaurant where Chesney met him, according to the song.

When asked if he remembered the afternoon with Chesney more than two years ago, Trinidad Charlie said “more and more each day.”

“He did write we were alone at the bar,” Charlie noted. “There were no witnesses.”

“Do you think he’d like a t-shirt?” Charlie asked, referring to Chesney. “Maybe I should send him some hot sauce.”

While Trinidad Charlie is nonplused by his potential newfound fame, the publicity continues.

VIHC Grant Deadline Nov. 3

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Non-profit organizations, institutions and groups are invited to apply for funding for projects which examine the cultural heritage of the Virgin Islands. The V.I. Humanities Council grant deadline is November 3 by 5 p.m.

Disciplines such as history, philosophy, languages, literature, cultural anthropology, folklife studies, comparative religion, ethics, archaeology, jurisprudence, and the history and criticism of the arts will be considered.

Teacher-incentive grants up to \$750, mini-grants up to \$3,500, and major grants up to \$10,000 are available. Guidelines and application forms are available online at www.vihumanities.org.

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VIPD Urges Residents To Call 911 in Emergencies

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Police Department is urging residents to call 911 — not their local police stations — during emergencies.

“There are a lot of advantages of calling the 911 system,” said Melody Rames, VIPD public information officer. “That is the system that does work best in emergencies.”

The 911 system, which covers the district of St. Thomas and St. John, is better equipped than the Leander Jurgen Command to dispatch emergency personnel throughout the island, Rames explained.

The 911 system, unlike the VIPD offices located on each island, maintains direct communication with the department’s patrol cars and other emergency departments operating within each district, according to Rames.

Additionally, the 911 system records every call and has trained dispatchers and first responders in place.

“The 911 system records every call that comes in — it is a mixture of automated and personally answered calls, and every call is taped and answered by a live per-

son at the same time,” Rames said. “The Leander Jurgen Command is not equipped for this. It does not record phone calls.”

The V.I. government recently announced its selection of IBM to assist in building two new, more sophisticated 911 systems in the territory — one located at Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas and another at Kings Hill on St. Croix — designed to allow officers to respond faster and more efficiently to emergencies throughout the islands.

St. John, which is part of the same district as St. Thomas, will not have its own system on the island, but residents will still receive the fastest response by dialing 911, Rames explained.

“People all over the country call 911 and that 911 call is dispatched to bring the emergency services to that person — that is no different than what happens all over the world,” Rames said. “Just like all over the U.S., people call 911, not the local police stations, in an emergency. And the U.S. Virgin Islands is no different.”

For all emergencies, St. John residents should dial 911 from a land line and 340-776-9110 from a cell phone.

HEALTHY TIP: DIABETES



Dr. Elizabeth Barot

Diabetes is a lifelong illness that can develop anytime during your life. Some individuals have a greater risk of developing diabetes if they have a family history of diabetes, weight problems, or live an inactive lifestyle. You can lead a normal healthy life if you control diabetes and not allow diabetes to control you. During the upcoming community health education series presentation, Dr. Elizabeth Barot will provide detail information on diabetes and how it is diagnosed. Delphine Olivacce RN, will provide information on monitoring sugar levels, importance of dietary changes and exercise.



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Liana Clendinen, third from left, won “Best Story.”

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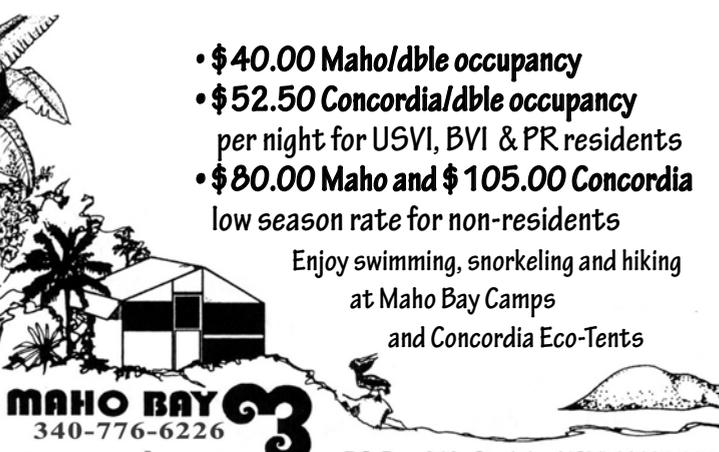
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No Fleas Please Flea Market Nets \$11,000

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center of St. John's (ACC) second annual No Fleas Please Flea Market netted \$11,000 despite setbacks brought on by Hurricane Omar.

The community fundraiser benefiting the ACC, which took place at Winston Wells ball field on October 18 and 19, did not generate as much as last year's \$15,000, according to Diana Ripley, ACC's vice president and shelter operations committee chair.

"We didn't make as much money as we would have liked," Ripley said. "I think the reason our sales weren't as good as last year was the week of Omar ahead of the event."

"I think attendance was down and people were tired of moving furniture," she said.

While the ACC hosted a raffle at last year's event, this year's main fundraising initiative involved reselling donated furniture.

"Moveline, the company that was switching out furniture for the Westin, gave us the donation of furniture — armoires, televisions, tables and framed prints — to sell," Ripley said.

With the additional support of the community, the ACC was able to fill up two 10-foot containers donated by SOS a month before the flea market, Ripley added. Six tents were set up on the ball field and private donations also helped generate funds.

"We had vendors as well, but



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Residents find lots of bargains at the ACC flea market last month.

some couldn't come because of the weather," Ripley said. "It was a great event, but I think next year we will have a car raffle again."

The ACC is donating all of its leftover items to Haiti's hurricane relief effort.

"All of the leftover items are being shipped to Haiti so nothing is being wasted," Ripley said.

The ACC's annual budget is \$175,000, only \$15,000 of which comes from the government, according to Ripley.

The center relies on fundraising events and private donations throughout the year to cover its basic operating expenses, such as its feral cat program which requires

10 tons of cat food and spays, neuters and vaccinates about 375 cats per year. These funds — and community volunteers — sustain the ACC, which has roughly 45 cats and 10 to 15 dogs available for adoption.

"I would like to send a special thanks to all of our volunteers and donors," Ripley said. "Without their help, these fundraisers wouldn't be possible."

The ACC's next event is its annual Christmas for the Animals.

"This year, our theme is a Roaring 20s party," Ripley said.

More information about the ACC Christmas for Animals party will be available shortly.

Wha's Happ'nin' by Sis Frank

Another Wonderful Birthday Party

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Eddie Barrie, our super-soundman, wore the birthday hat, exchanged hugs and kisses, opened cards and presents — Sally Smith sang her song dedicated to him — it was a blast topped by a gorgeous chocolate cake — thank you Helen, who did the cutting.

It's a wonder that she could stand up after a night of constant communication with Steve who was trying to arrange the departure to Iraq. Weather, delays, confusion among the touring jazz stars, etc., but they finally made Kuwait and then on to Iraq.

Nazim Is Improving

Jimmy "Nazim" Ghani is battling his high sugar count with help from his doctors and many friends. Keep it up, Jimmy.

Flu Shot Volunteers Did a Great Job

Thanks to Sally Browne's highly organized direction.

Round About Is Progressing

It's a little scary when the engineers talk about raising and lowering the street levels. Businesses in the area will suffer as the roads are closed.

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Community-Minded Residents

Dear Dr. Elizabeth Barot, Bob Malacarne and Moe Chabuz know how important it is to give back to our wonderful community! Congratulations to these caring individuals.

Phillies and Tampa Bay

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I'd hate to be rearranging the World Series! Playing in pouring down rain is madness!

CBCC Celebrates Five Years of Community Activism

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

In October 2003, eight Coral Bay residents decided to establish an organization to ensure the small community's voice would be heard.

Five years later, the Coral Bay Community Council has more than 200 members and has sponsored and participated in a slew of activities from coastal clean-ups to Christmas sing-alongs.

The group will celebrate its five year anniversary with a potluck dinner — which will include a performance by Guy Benjamin School students and several other surprises — at Miss Lucy's restaurant on Monday evening, November 10, at 5 p.m.

Top among the CBCC's latest accomplishments is a \$300,000 grant the organization was awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study storm water pollution and sedimentation problems in the Coral Bay watershed.

Storm Water Expertise Coming

CBCC officials will use the funds to hire a storm water engineer to help residents correct drainage problems and to begin implementation of the recently devised Coral Bay Pilot Watershed Management Plan to improve storm water runoff in the area.

The professional expertise made available through the EPA grant is a huge — and logical — step forward for CBCC, which was founded in part to deal with runoff issues.

"We had been noticing a lot of storm water runoff and unbridled development," said

"Maintaining nature was very high on everyone's priority list. Residents had a notion of Coral Bay as a rural, pleasant place to live and they wanted to keep it that way."

— Sharon Coldren, CBCC president

CBCC president Sharon Coldren. "Also at that time it was brought to our attention that the Area of Particular Concern plans were being drafted by the University of the Virgin Islands."

At the time, Coldren — who has a master's degree in regional and community planning from the London School of Economics — was a member of the Coral Bay Yacht Club, which presented comments about the APC plan.

Representing Community Members

"I realized that while CBYC members' points of view were useful, they weren't representing the views of the entire community," said Coldren. "I asked other people if they felt a need to voice their opinion and the consensus was yes."

Following an initial meeting, the burgeoning group created a mission statement focused on ensuring Coral Bay residents had a say in the future of their community. CBCC members then invited community members to share their vision of the future, Coldren explained.

"We asked people what the most pressing problems were for them," said Coldren. "Protecting nature in the face of develop-

ment and storm water runoff issues were highlighted all the time. The visioning process really showed a consensus."

Preserving Nature

"Maintaining nature was very high on everyone's priority list," the CBCC president continued. "Residents had a notion of Coral Bay as a rural, pleasant place to live and they wanted to keep it that way."

The group raised enough funds to secure an office — located on the third floor of the Town and Country building across from Skinny Legs — which houses a wealth of information, Coldren explained.

"We have the only full set of V.I. regulations on St. John, which is available to anyone who wishes to see it," said Coldren. "We've monitored all Coastal Zone Management applications for developments in Coral Bay and have those records. We have an archive of records from numerous sources including the Island Resources Foundation, which continually sends us updates."

With the office in order and membership on the upswing, CBCC officials set to work. Monthly meetings at the John's Folly Learning Institute have featured speakers from numerous government agencies including

the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works and EPA.

From Christmas to Father's Day

The group has also focused on community projects. Renovating the Guy Benjamin School playground, hosting coastal clean-ups, distributing holiday gifts to local children, sponsoring Father's Day festivities and ensuring the continuation of the Coral Bay Christmas sing-along are just a few of the many projects with which CBCC members have been involved.

Looking back over the past five years, two main achievements stuck out in Coldren's mind.

"I think our biggest achievement is two-fold," Coldren said. "One is sustaining ourselves through five years and getting to the point to have built a sufficient reputation with local groups and government agencies where we were able to secure this major grant."

"Now that we are here, to be able to professionalize the organization with the use of the grant is a big achievement," said the CBCC president.

Donations Still Important

While the \$300,000 EPA grant will fund the salary for a storm water engineer and allow the group to accomplish runoff goals, dues and donations are still integral to CBCC's success, Coldren added.

"The grant funds will provide us the opportunity to institute the Watershed Management Plan and seek more federal money

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Flavors of St. John Set for Nov. 22

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The Rotary Club of St John is proud to announce that the annual "Flavors of St John" will be at the Westin Resort on Saturday November 22.

Dress is island fancy and Paradise People will be performing. Donations are \$100 per person and tickets are limited. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with Flavors kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883 for more information or to reserve tickets.

Calling All World War II Vets

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The American Legion and a group of dedicated community volunteers is currently videotaping interviews with veterans of World War II as part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Thirty-four veterans have been interviewed thus far. Anyonw who has not yet been interviewed or who knows a World War II veteran who has not been interviewed, please contact Joan Keenan, Project Director, at 772-1711 or 514-0643 or janjay@vipowernet.net.

"Keep 'Em Guess" Comedy Skits

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For those who missed this summer's funniest comedy on St. John, Epiphany Theater Company will be reprising its show "Keep 'Em Guessin'" November 21 through 23.

This series of short skits will surely bring a smile to all faces. Please come out for a night of wild fun and raucous entertainment. All shows begin at 7:30 at St. John School of the Arts. Stage and technical help would be appreciated.

Call Paul Devine at 514-6615 for more information.

Adult Education Classes Available

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The VI Department of Education provides several Adult Education Program opportunities for adults interested in obtaining a high school diploma, basic education curriculum, GED preparation, courses in self-improvement, vocational classes or English as a Second Language.

On St. John there is Adult Basic Education at Julius E. Sprauve School for pre-GED class from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and woodworking from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.

STJ Board of Realtors Faces Declining Membership

By Lori Walden

St. John Tradewinds

Twenty-five St. John Realtors attended the Annual Membership Meeting of the St. John Board of Realtors on Thursday afternoon, October 23, at Paradiso Restaurant.

Board president Jan Courlas spoke about the organization's dwindling membership which makes for a smaller budget, and in turn leads to a rise in membership dues. Membership is down to 70 St. John Realtors and 12 from St. Thomas, explained Courlas.

"The active Realtors are here at this meeting," she said.

Courlas expected the number of licensed Realtors to shrink even more in 2009.

"We are one of the smallest boards in the nation, if not the smallest," said Courlas. "But we still get a lot done."

The board president encouraged Realtors to continue to partake in volunteer efforts in the community even though the organization's donations have shrunk due to declining membership.



Realtor of the Year
Jan Courlas

ing membership.

Guest speaker Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren discussed the group's mission in the five years which the volunteer agency has been active. One of the main concerns when the organization was first formed — storm water runoff — is still a current issue, which was highlighted during recent heavy rains.

CBCC was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, which the organization will use to hire a storm water engineer and begin implementation of the Coral Bay Storm Water Management Plan.

Coldren urged the Realtors to join the CBCC and asked for their support in encouraging real estate customers and clients to do the same.

Realtors could purchase memberships for their buyers as closing gifts, Christie O'Neil suggested.

For more information about CBCC and its programs, check out www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org. The website includes the complete Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan and lots of other useful information.

The afternoon concluded with the election of a new Board of Directors for 2009. BJ Harris at the helm as president, President-Elect Bill Dove, Treasurer Les Otis, Secretary Hilarie Oliver, Past President Jan Courlas, and Directors Toni Lacer and Lynn Giovanna. The event was sponsored by First Liberty Mortgage.

VING Recruiting and Rentention Command Crew Win Awards

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The V.I. National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Command crew cleaned up at the 2008 Strength Maintenance Awards Ceremony in Orlando, Florida, recently.

The Virgin Islands received awards in the following categories among small states: highest retention rate; most improved state retention rate; lowest attrition rate; most improved recruit sustainment rate (RSP); RSP success during summer surge; achievement of attrition mission; and achievement of retention mission.



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Just My Opinon

by Andrew Rutnik



St. John Youth Deserve Better Recreation Opportunities

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A recent basketball tournament at the Pine Peace basketball court was a big success. The players were all adult men and were in great shape. The competition was intense and the players were regularly seen diving and scrambling for loose balls on the hard concrete court.

This intensity surely caused a few scrapes and bruises, as well as the many sharp elbows that were unleashed under the boards. It was an exciting two and a half nights with Lightz Out coming out on top with the victory.

What struck me as I watched one of the night's more exciting games is that I can remember playing basketball on that same court 30 plus years ago, and aside from a few small improvements over the years, it was virtually the same court.

There have been many individuals over the years who have championed the cause for more public recreational facilities, and some pressure was placed on the government to recognize this dire need, but still today we only have the inadequate Pine Peace basketball court, a deteriorating tennis court, an abandoned basketball court and ball field in Coral Bay, a short field ballpark/school playground at Julius E. Sprauve School, and the fire ant-ridden V.I. National Park ball field. These facilities are totally inadequate for the youth of St. John and, in their present condition, send a message to them that we don't care.

I am a strong believer in the power of sports to teach and train our young men and women to cope with the many pressures which they will encounter on their journey to adulthood.

Sport activities and quality facilities alone do not instill the competitive tools necessary to meet the future needs of our young people, but without them, there won't be any opportunities for our young men, women and children to develop and test their skills.

Another missing ingredient in Virgin Islands recreational opportunities is supervision and community support. One exception to the failed sports programs is the flag football league run by the St. John American Legion. Why does it succeed where others have failed?

Supervision, community participation, and proper equipment are the reasons for its continued success. Our government agencies which are supposed to provide such equipment and supervision have dropped the ball. The fathers and mothers who look at sports as a babysitter, are missing out on an opportunity to show a positive response to their boys' and girls' achievements in sports.

This combination of failures leaves the children looking to others for approval and encouragement. These other influences are sometimes negative and dangerous for children, encouraging fighting and violence to spread from the court or ball field to the community. What a waste of talent!

We are a diverse community, with sometimes clear and defined economic divisions, obvious racial separations, and a large transient population. The island's mix of social, economic, and racial groups is fertile territory for a sports program which includes all segments of the community, playing together and competing with each other on our ball fields and courts.

The mixing of these diverse groups for clean, honest fun is what is sorely needed on St. John. There is no better example of how all this diversity can come together as the recent 2008 Summer Olympics. America was represented by the best it had to offer, and no one could not notice the multi-racial, varied economic status, and diverse origins which made up our roster of athletes.

That is what sports can do for our future. No other social, political or religious activity includes such diversity and can showcase it so publicly. These are great times as the baby boomers give reign to the next generation; Obama might be our next president; Hillary showed women that the glass ceiling has shattered; a new economy is being born out of the ashes of Wall Street; and opportunity abounds for those prepared to meet the challenge.

We need more and better sports facilities for our children and young adults. We need supervised sports programs which are not hit and miss. We need an involved community to attend our children's sports activities and to cheer them on in victory or defeat. We need it now.

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Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis Addresses Realtors at Annual Meeting

By Lori Walden
St. John Tradewinds

Local Realtors had a busy weekend as the Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors (VITAR) hosted its annual meeting beginning on Friday October 24, with an Awards Ceremony at ZoZo's Ristoranté followed by a Saturday morning breakfast buffet at Caneel Bay Resort, where Lt. Governor Gregory Francis was the keynote speaker.

A VITAR Board of Directors meeting was conducted prior to the annual meeting at Maho Bay at 10 a.m. on Friday where the officers discussed new 2009 board members. Following the morning meeting, Richard and Susuan Silvano hosted leadership training seminars.

Friday evening's cocktail hour included a VITAR awards ceremony where the biggest honor went to Love City's own Jan Courlas who was honroed as Realtor of the Year.

Courlas, who currently serves as president of the St. John Board of Realtors, was awarded a monetary prize which VITAR president Christie O'Neil thought might come in handy for Courlas' upcoming trip to the National Association of Realtors convention in Orlando, Florida.

On Saturday morning at Caneel Bay Resort's Equator restaurant Lt. Gov. Francis spoke about the important role Realtors have in the community and urged them to continue to promote the islands using the highest level of professionalism and ethical practices even in challenging economic times.

Francis was accompanied by some of his staff members including Raymond Williams, chief of staff, Simon Caines, chief policy adviser, and Shawna

Richards, public relations director.

The Lt. Governor, who serves as the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, will be meeting with heads of all of the lending institutions in the territory to discuss the current financial situation, he explained. Francis believes the financial crisis will continue into 2009, he added.

The difficulty in obtaining property tax clearance letters and getting copies of the proof of payment from the property tax office is a problem for Realtors, according members at the meeting.

A letter of good standing is required for all real estate transactions and, even though some properties have that letter, the title company will require copies of the entire billing, sometimes going back as far as 16 years.

Applying for the letter will be easier now that it can be applied for on-line, Francis explained.

As far the required proof of payment Francis promised to schedule a meeting between his office and the title companies to see if a resolution could be found, he explained.

One topic the Lt. Governor remained mum on was the property tax issue. Since the case is still in litigation, Francis declined to comment on the ongoing cases.

Dawn Wheatley, president of the St. Thomas Board of Realtors, Jenyne Nelson, president of the St. Croix Board of Realtors, Jan Courlas St. John Board of Realtors president, and BJ Harris, on behlf of the National Association of Realtors, also spoke during the meeting.

The event was sponsored by Pond Bay Club, Flagstar Bank and Theodore Tunick.

Miss U.S.V.I. Universe Pageant Extends Deadline

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The application deadline for the Miss U.S. Virgin Islands Universe Pageant has been extended to November 8.

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The late St. John historian Stephen C. Edwards, above, exploring the ruins at Estate Pasquereaux on St. John.



Historical Bits & Pieces by Chuck Pishko

What's In A Plantation Name?

By Chuck Pishko
St. John Tradewinds

Recently I received a phone call inquiring as to the origin of the plantation named "Pasquereaux," which the French most easily pronounce as "Pack-er-row."

McGuire's Geographic Dictionary of the USVI shows several different spellings most likely developed by scribes with different mindsets — Paquereau, Paquerau, Pakero and Pokro.

It's worth explaining because it shows the diversity of the early population of St. John. Not only Danes, Dutch, and Africans were here, but also Spanish, German and, in this instance, French settlers.

It also shows we need to be more aware of our surroundings. Along with thousands of visitors, we've hiked the famous Reef Bay Trail. But how many of us are aware that the high point on the trail both literally and figuratively is the Pasquereaux plantation.

Looking to the left at the bottom of the trail stairs we are looking at the eastern border of this plantation named for its owner Pierre Pasquereaux, a religious refugee



Map of Pasquereaux estates on St. John

from Guadeloupe, who came to St. Thomas in the early 1700s.

Interestingly, the word "refugee" was coined to identify the French Huguenots who fled to England after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 (OED 1971).

Unfortunately, this hatred was exported to the colonies resulting in Pasquereaux's move to St. Thomas. The von Keulen map of 1719 shows Pacquero Bay and Point at the entrance to Charlotte

Amalie Harbor, his initial acquisition.

In 1728 Pierre took up an additional 165 acre estate on St. John which continues to bear his name. It was cleared in the late 18th century for sugar production but did not produce sugar until sugar production was almost finished on St. John.

George Tyson reports that sugar production ended in 1813. Pasquereaux produced coffee, one of two St. John plantations exclusively growing coffee. Tyson reported that cocoa may have also been grown there.

Pasquereaux's most famous resident was Maria Dorthea Weyle who was born enslaved there in 1803 and is the great-great-great grandmother of Anne Walbom of Copenhagen who is a frequent visitor to St. John. She will be returning here in the latter part of November to do further research and to share her stories.

My last assignment from Anne was to take her to visit all eight pre-historic Indian sites discovered by the Danish archeologist Gudmund Hatt in the early 1920s. I can't wait to see what's next.



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Veterans Day is November 11th

By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds

Post Commander takes an unprecedented move — nominates the entire Post 131 for the Legionnaire of Year Award for 2008 to District 10 of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our motto, "We act as one." No one stands out above the other. Congratulations to our membership.

The St. John American Legion Post 131 Fall Youth Flag Co-Ed Flag Football Season has begun. Contact the Post 131 Sports Committee Co-Chairmen Edmund Roberts at 774-0869 or Paul Devine at 514-6615 for further information. They continue to need volunteers to help with set up and fund raising.

The V.I. Veterans Affairs Office at the Battery continues to be open Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. They are there to hear and act on our needs and complaints. Keep this office busy and lengthen their hours — it is there to serve St. John veterans.

Post 131 is again asking all St. John residents to assist in obtaining information on veterans, including those resting in peace, and those who are homeless. It is equally important to locate all active duty personnel.

All veterans should come to the Veteran's Affairs Office at the Battery to sign in and obtain information or contact Post 131 Adjutant Devine, Vice Commander Aubrey Sewer at 779-4158 or Corine Matthias at

776-6041. Lorelei Monsanto at the Office of the Delegate to Congress can also be contacted at 776-1212.

Time is getting closer for the Annual Military Ball, this year hosted by St. Thomas Post #90. The event will be at Palms Court Harborview on Saturday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. The attire is formal — military or civilian. Tickets are \$70 for singles and \$130 for couples. Please contact Yvonne Francis at 514-1745 to purchase tickets, make hotel reservations or for additional information.

The next Post 131 monthly meeting will be at Sputnik in Coral Bay on Saturday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m. This is an important meeting as preparations for Veteran's Day will be finalized. Volunteers continue to be needed to make this day a success. Post members are also reminded of the November 8 deadline for nominations for the 2009-2010 Post Officer Election. Elections for Post Officers will be during the December 2008 monthly meeting.

Veterans Day, November 11, is dedicated to honor all who have served in America's Armed Forces. This National Holiday will be honored in Cruz Bay with a parade, ceremony with a food sale and a Post 131 Youth Co-Ed Flag Football game. The parade will start a 11:00 a.m. at the tennis courts, proceed through town and end at the V.I. National Park field.

A brief ceremony with St. John Administrator Leona Smith as the guest speaker will be at 12 p.m. at the field. The Flag Football game will end the day's activities. Food will

be available. Donations for our community, youth and veteran programs will be welcomed.

Legionnaires are reminded to wear the Class B Uniform for Veterans Day. Should there be a member or veteran without a uniform, however, they are also welcome to join in with us in the parade and activities

The Auxiliary meetings are on the third Saturday of each month at Mooie's in Cruz Bay at 10:30 a.m. For information and to become a member contact President Marie Lett at 715-0158.

Post 131 membership continues to grow. We now have 62 members, an increase of 17 percent above 2008 and 100 percent since 2007. 2009 membership cards are available for pick up. Membership dues continue to be a low \$30 per year. Renewing early keeps our Post in the limelight.

Awards by the new National Commander are still available. He will award his National Commander's Pin, until they run out, to any legion family member who signs up at least five new members or renew/reinstate five current members into American Legion. Any Legion family member who accomplishes both tasks will also receive an American Lapel Pin also until they run out.

The satellite Post 131 office in Cruz Bay is at The Marketplace, suite 204. If no one is there, leave a name and phone contact under the door or visit Devine at the St. John Community Foundation office across from *St. John Tradewinds*.

God Bless America and the U.S.V.I.

Co-Ed Flag Football Weekly Results

Patriots 14 Packers 8

The Packers brought their game up several notches as they faced the more experienced Patriots in what proved to be a nail biter. Michael Adahlis passed to Anthony Angol to take an early lead. The Packers increased their lead by adding a safety and led at the mid-way point by 8-0. The seasoned Patriots, under the guidance of veteran Nick Lopes tossed two TDs in the second half, one to Weston Patrie and another to N'Kosi Jones to take the lead for good at 14-8. Both teams played steady defense. The Packers meet the Raiders in the first game on November 1 while the Patriots meet the tough Rams.

Rams 19 Raiders 14

The first half provided most of the scoring as the Raiders had a slight edge at 14-12 at the end of the half. Rams quarterback Justin Doran tossed two TDs and Raiders veteran quarterback Aspen Moore pitched two for the Raiders. In the second half it was all defense as both teams managed to stall drive after drive. Doran was able to hit Ohene Lambertis to go ahead 19-14 at the close. Lambertis caught three in the game and was key on defense. The Rams were able to shut down the high-scoring Raiders in the second half.

Standings as of October 25

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Patriots	3-0	78	43
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Alejos Set the Record Straight On Their Rezoning Request

Editor,
This letter is in response to the letter written by Luis O. Revuelta, to the *St. John Tradewinds* dated October 20-26, 2008, to the Alejos.

First of all, I don't have any legal or illegal problem with my property's boundaries. If you had investigated and educated yourself, you would have known that it was the neighbor who built half of his house on my property. This is why we went to court. To assist my neighbor I sold him the piece of land he encroached upon.

Secondly, you and your association (the Upper Deck Villas) should have verified your information before commenting about the Estate Road. Upper Deck Villas has a house built on the Estate Road (map R.O.W F9 1109-T63). They also recently added a PCS Monument.

Please note that you sold a piece of land to Liz Vaughn and Andi Vacharat that has no road access. In addition, you want to cut through my property to make an access. By the way, you were required to have "x" amount of land to have the PCS tower and condominiums. Why is the land being sold?

In accordance with the Virgin Islands Code 231 regarding PCS towers the following applies: "Uses permitted to conditions Part C. There shall be minimum setbacks from every adjacent property of 25 feet, except that setback from adjacent residential properties shall be 50 feet." Also Part F: "The substation shall be suitably screen from any adjacent residential property by a solid fence or planting screen which shall provide year-round screening."

Now the PCS tower is exposed and open to everybody especially children only a couple feet from a house and open to complete liability on your behalf

About the material — when I bought the land, all the construction materials from the Upper Deck (i.e. old lumber and rebar and cement) were left on my side of the property.

Case DeGraff, who sold us the land, asked the Upper Deck Association to kindly remove the construction material. Two years later, I asked an association member at that time "when will the garbage be remove from my property?" His answer was, "too bad the association is bankrupt!"

I decided to move the garbage to Upper Deck Association's side of the property where it belonged. Since then every time Upper Deck Association cut bushes and branches they constantly dumped it on my property. I got the police involved. The end result was a restraining order against one of your association members.

About Calvin George — he was asked to a meeting by DPNR and Cadastral to prove his point, but he never showed up. At Cadastral, his dispute was proven to be an Estate Road. For your knowledge the map number is ROW F9-1283-T63.

In addition, I was e-mailed the following transmittal by mistake.

From: "You know who you are"
To: "You know who you are"
Dated: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 11:57 am.
The letter reads like this:
"Hello,
An adjacent neighbor of the Upper Deck Villas

where I (you know who you are) have my condo has requested a zoning change to R3. The public meeting is today 9/30, at our legislature building at 6:30 p.m. allowing this to go through will set another very bad precedent on St. John.

Attorney Arthur Pomerantz has sent us the following info and suggestions:

I went to the office of DPNR on Friday. These are some of my brief comments:

1. It was a very unsophisticated application, which is not necessarily good news for us. It appears that the applicants have senatorial support and are "local."
2. They guise their proposal for low income housing.
3. They want 14 two-bedrooms, two one-bedrooms, and two three-bedrooms.
4. The total acreage is 0.67 acre.
5. The applicant noted that they were in close proximity to Sunset Ridge, Sirenusa, Upper Deck Villas, and Serendip.
6. Since the hearing is so soon, the only way is to have the meeting packed. Call all the Association and have all the residents, management and workers there. You might ask for a continuance, since I could find no environmental impact report.

Somebody should talk to the board of the other Associations to see if they received notification, etc. Does anyone have any other suggestions?"

If anyone wants to see to the original email, come to the next public hearing. I will bring some copies.

Maybe I am not as sophisticated as some of you, however, I am proud that my children are locals and there's no where else I would rather be than here on St. John, USVI.

You spoke about the community's future. At the public meeting there were three rezoning requests. I was the first up. After my hearing was finished everybody left. Only locals stayed. Why didn't you all stay for the other two rezoning? They were also about the future of the St. John community.

Also I have been helping the community for many years even before I bought this piece of land. In my country I was taught to help one another. President John F. Kennedy stated "ask not what the country can do for you but what can you do for the country."

I have been pushed back and forth over the years but this has only made me stronger.

I haven't broken any laws or rules with my existing zoning or rezoning request. I believe I have met the requirement for the rezoning from R2 to R3. I am surrounded by condominium development, the availability of the sewer line hook up, and I will have enough cistern water to sustain my entire development. Moreover, there is no environmental impact to the rezoning.

I have several good friends, that always say — "don't to give up, stand taller and stronger each time — nothing comes easy." Thank you.

Finally, my land is not for sale. It is for my children and retirement. That is the reason why I work so hard.

**Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Alejo**

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Republican Resident Voting for Democratic Candidate Barshinger

Editor,

Please vote.

Our local elections are important. You cannot vote for the U.S. president but you can vote for our representative in the V.I. Senate. People usually underestimate the local voting but the votes may be important: we have tremendous problems with real estate taxes; construction of large dwellings; expensive shopping; unmarked and defective roads; and ridiculously slow development of all necessary improvements of trans-

portation and parking in Cruz Bay.

Mr. Barshinger, who is a candidate, lives on St. John, and knows these problems very well. He is very active on behalf of people of St. John. Please come voting, it is important for solving our seemingly unsolvable problems which make our life difficult. Mr. Barshinger is a Democrat but I as a Republican recommend voting for him.

Z. Hruza
St. John

The V.I. "Police Department Needs a Major Overhaul"

Editor,

My heart goes out to Jeanie Cockayne and her fight for justice for the murder of her son James. I cannot imagine her grief.

Thank you to all who helped convict the criminals responsible. You are to be praised for your bravery and persistence.

I strongly feel that the St. John Police Dept. bears a large responsibility in this case. No one answering the phone at headquarters? Not executing a search warrant? Not seizing a suspect's auto? Being uncooperative?

How about a tourist's lost money last summer that was turned in at Police Headquarters and went missing only to magically reappear — thanks to a resi-

dent's persistence?

Every week the *Tradewinds* posts the number of crimes being investigated and solved. It is very rare to see anything being solved.

I know that things are wonderfully slower in the V.I. than on the mainland, but to me this ridiculous. It is my opinion that the Police Dept. needs a major overhaul. This should be demanded by the residents and merchants alike.

I dearly love St John and it's residents and merchants. St. John has been my vacation spot of choice for the last 10 years. Please — keep it the best place on Earth!

John Bittner
Connecticut

Residents Should Research V.I. Zoning Laws

Editor,

We all love and care for the place we call home. At times each one of us wishes to improve his/her living conditions and request a zoning change.

The Virgin Islands zoning, building and housing laws were published so each one of us could educate ourselves on the laws and rules. It is truly unfortunate that the persons at the last zoning hearing left the meeting before they heard the words of the attorney, "based on the existing laws we have to work with the laws on the books."

Also, DPNR advised that a variance would be a detrimental thing. With that said, don't follow — be a

leader and do your own research.

I implore all the residents who have concerns in regards to zoning to purchase the V.I. Code book and help implement change to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

If you support a separate zoning board, start the process to present that to the legislative body and the people of the Virgin Islands.

We truly do not have a perfect system here, however, we have to communicate with facts and reasoning. Awaiting your call of change!

Lorelei Monsanto
Community Activist

It's Time for St. John To Receive Its Fair Share

Editor,

"We haven't forgotten you." How many times have St. John residents heard that from elected and appointed officials? The very fact that it is said leads one to believe that St. John is, in fact, forgotten. This needs to be fixed.

There must be a way to allow equal sharing of the government pie. I believe the solution is easy — it's the implementation that will be difficult.

For all government activities, including voting, legislative acts and executive branch functions, there are two separate and distinct districts: The District of St. Croix and the District of St. Thomas/St. John.

This duality exists in law and in practice. Many private entities, including non-profit organizations, also refer to the district they serve and often have specific barriers in terms of just what population would use their services.

In other words, the Virgin Islands are split into

two counties. The two districts (counties) then share equally the revenues which the government receives. One would think that this is so but therein lays the problem.

Both Virgin Islands districts have approximately the same number of people with St. Croix having slightly more citizens. The St. Thomas/St. John District is again split with St. Thomas having approximately 10 times more citizens than does St. John.

Looking at it from a big picture, St. John represents approximately 5 percent of the total population of the Virgin Islands. Given this fact, it would stand to reason that St. John would receive 5 percent of all the available government services. But it doesn't work that way in reality. If it were true, then St. John would rightfully receive \$40 million worth of government services based on an \$800 million budget. What it receives in actuality is a fraction of that value.

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St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

2008 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 11
Under Investigation: 11
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 54
Under Investigation: 54
Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 57
Solved: 0

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Thanks To Mano Boyd

Editor,

Emanuel "Mano" Boyd was mistakenly left off the list of mentors who participated in the Rites of Passage program. His dedication was appreciated by all.

Thank you,
Zarah Rose

It's Time for St. John To Receive Its Fair Share

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Perhaps a change in the way government does business is called for. If the idea of district sharing was lawfully changed to sharing by population, government revenues (actual money plus services) could be shared more equally. This would require an enormous change in the structure of government and it would mean altering many laws. But it would be the fairest way to distribute wealth.

St. John provides a great deal more in government revenue than it receives in services. This is an unfortunate fact which has been true for many, many years. That said, it must be assumed that St. Thomas and St. Croix are receiving the benefit of revenues that hard working businesses and individuals on St. John provided.

The overage is certainly not sitting in an account somewhere. It would be quite easy to ensure that St. John received an equal share by simply taking the designated St. Thomas/St. John District budgets for all departments and multiplying by a figure close to 10 percent to derive the budget for St. John. The island has a population of approximately 5,400 and St. Thomas has approximately 53,000.

It is time for the citizens of St. John to receive their fair share. It is also time to keep a watchful eye on just how much St. John receives in services. We pay handsomely into the revenue stream of the government but government services are still sorely lacking.

If the new property tax laws are implemented and with the new and outrageous valuations hovering over us, the amounts St. John residents will pay into the government coffers will be greatly higher. If we pay more, we should receive more.

The government says: "we haven't forgotten you." How long are we to hear that phrase before they actually remember? It is only right that St. John should receive the services we deserve. It is up to St. John residents to never let the government forget.

Paul Devine
St John

Birth Announcement



Zyan Xavior Rush was born on Friday, October 17, on St. Thomas weighing nine pounds and 14 ounces.

Mom and baby are doing well and were thankful to the many community members who have donated everything from onesies to toys.

CBCC Celebrates Five Years of Community Activism

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and grants for all kinds of research and activities that benefit Coral Bay and its residents," she said. "But volunteers and dues and donations by landowners and residents will continue to be extremely essential to the organization. I can't underline that enough."

"The flexibility of the organization is dependent on funds we control that aren't grant funds," said Coldren.

As CBCC continues to grow, it has been a model non-profit organization, publishing yearly financial statements and annual reports, Coldren explained.

Strong Board of Directors

"We've tried to provide a model of transparency for how a community organization can be run," said the CBCC president. "We believe strongly in transparency and have had a wonderful board of directors over the past five years. We have some new members, but for a non-profit, our board has been remarkably stable and supportive."

While the group celebrates its fifth birthday, Coldren already has her eye on the future, and is looking to increase membership, she explained.

"We really need to double our membership," said Coldren. "I have no doubt that we have 400 members

of the community who participate in CBCC events. Unfortunately, we have a number of people who are reluctant plunk down \$30 to be a member, which puzzles me."

"As we grow, we need more money," Coldren continued. "I ask 'is what the CBCC does worth \$30 a year?' And I hope everyone says 'yes.'"

Have A Say In the Future

Members receive emails full of useful information and enjoy the organization's support in a variety of areas. Joining the CBCC also ensures the group's ability to continue to ensure residents have a voice in their future, Coldren explained.

"Residents should join CBCC to actively participate in activities which will determine what kind of community we'll have in the future," she said. "The government here, like everywhere, is influenced by what residents want to see happen and we want to make sure that Coral Bay's voice is heard."

CBCC's fifth anniversary celebration will be Monday, November 10, at Miss Lucy' restaurant, starting at 5 p.m. Residents are asked to bring a dish and volunteers are needed for the evening. For more information, or to volunteer, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

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Paws for a Moment

A Look Back Through the ACC's Years

By **Bonny Corbeil**
St. John Tradewinds

It is helpful to review and reflect on the process and growth of any community-based 501(c)3 group like the St. John Animal Care Center. A good number of people have asked about the ACC's "beginnings."

As November approaches and we head into a new season, it seems fitting to review the growth and progression in services we offer to the animals.

ACC History

The St. John ACC has a long and complex history. In the early 1960s, native residents and continentals joined together through their love of animals and to address the increasing number of sick, diseased feral cats foraging for food in the island dumpsters and wild dog packs running around the hillsides frightening people.

The lack of spaying and neutering to reduce animal populations was a major problem, and was becoming out of control. Sadly, this resulted in bagged puppies and kittens making their way to dumpsters for disposal.

In 1989 right after Hurricane Hugo, which left even more animals in need, former resident Gina Burns attempted in earnest to organize animal advocates into a corporation with an official Board of Directors. It was not an easy task as there were few resources available to this group.

Consequently, individuals burdened themselves personally in their attempts to save the many animals suffering. The name Animal Care Center of St. John was officially established and incorporated at that time.

The early years were incredibly challenging due to disparate cultural attitudes, lack of funding, and shortages of supplies and a physical structure. Individual animal advocates personally housed injured, abused and abandoned animals. Their commitment to animals eventually took its toll, with individuals regularly leaving island.

Connections was often where adoptions took place and animal travel to St. Thomas was coordinated. With no veterinarians on-island then, all sick or injured animals needed to be caught, brought to Cruz Bay and escorted personally by volunteers via ferry to St. Thomas.

The initial ACC building was actually a small shack. A spay/neutering program was initiated with free services in an attempt to reduce the number of homeless animals. Operations were done out of a mobile trailer with St. Thomas vets providing professional assistance and moral support to the frustrated, tired and fledging group of dedicated volunteers.

This makeshift group distributed food for the pets of those unable to afford food themselves. Attempts were made to educate the many young people within the school system toting kittens and puppies into the classrooms to initiate a heart con-

nection with animals.

Steadfast Volunteers

There were many setbacks and progress was at best slow and other times, seemingly non-existent. While frustration was constant, volunteers were steadfast in their determination to have a proper ACC building constructed.

Money was sought to build, even as the cost of animal care escalated. More incidents of abuse and neglect surfaced and the realities of a real center seemed impossible. ACC donation cans were distributed and new attempts were made to create an ACC operating Board of Directors.

In 2001, the construction of a new ACC building successfully began through generous donations of time, services and materials from residents and returning island guests. Betty Gerhardt, along with Diana Ripley, our present ACC VP, became the key individuals in coordinating this community project along with the steadfast St. John animal advocates.

The greater need for a strong Board of Directors, an actual business plan, paid staffing and operating infrastructure soon became evident. Board members could no longer clean out cages, walk dogs and spend hours on the phones exploring ways to deal with community animal issues.

During this time, there was much time and commitment invested in the passing of anti-cruelty animal legislation — Bill 25 — to help put an end to the obvious, malicious and purposeful abuse of animals in the Virgin Islands.

As funds depleted and animal needs escalated, our shelter closed its doors in October 2004 with a plea for more community support. The community responded to this crisis by once again organizing animal advocates to form a new nominating board and new Board of Directors.

Current Situation

Since that time, the financial struggle and deep commitment of Board Members and animal advocates has continued. Many individuals with great leadership and organizational skills have joined the board. The ACC has greatly outgrown its shelter as town rapidly grows around it.

There are many needs for volunteers, but no room to involve them. The annual government allocation of \$15,000 from the Department of Agriculture for an organization with an operating cost of \$160,000 a year is quite simply inadequate.

Board members spend most of their time conducting fund raisers to keep the doors open and meet the many basic animal needs. We are also at a new crossroads in having our animal cruelty laws understood and enforced.

Looking Ahead

What can this community do to help? The next Paws column will identify our needs and ways which the public can be involved in the next level of "growing" the St. John ACC. E-mail me at bonnycorbeil@vipowernet.net

Starfish Management To Renovate Store Next Spring

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Starfish Market management plans to redesign portions of the store's interior and expand service areas, according to owner David Mugar.

"We feel it is important to maintain our quality standards and it is time to give Starfish Market a facelift," Mugar said. "We've been reviewing design ideas and layout and I think our customers will benefit from the results."

Store manager Nedra Ephraim is excited about the planned changes.

"Since opening Starfish at the Marketplace in 2000, thousands of customers have shopped at our market and eventually all that traffic takes a toll on the

floors, walls and fixtures," said Ephraim. "We will be upgrading our refrigerated cases and expanding our produce, dairy, deli and frozen departments."

Additional backroom storage space will be also constructed to accommodate more products to keep shelves filled between shipments. Although improvements were originally slated to start this year, Mugar has decided to begin construction next spring to avoid disruption during the upcoming peak season.

The store will not close during the reconstruction and planning is focused on minimizing disruption to shoppers, especially where new flooring is planned.

Pistarckle Theater 2008-09

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Adapted by Dale Wasserman and directed by Frank Bartolucci. A charming rogue contrives to serve a short sentence in an airy mental institution rather than in a prison: October 30, 31, November 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Miracle on 34th Street

Written by Valentine Davies and directed by Marc Fellnererez. A hilarious, tender and charming show for the entire family — a Christmas classic: December 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21 at 7:00 p.m.; Dec. 20, 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Half Married World Premiere

Written by Dr. Eddie Donahue and directed by Marc Fellnererez. A farce starring St. Thomas' taxi drivers: January 29, 30, 31, Feb. 6, 7 at 8:00 p.m.; Feb. 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Jesus Christ Superstar

Written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice and directed by Marc Fellnererez. A rock opera based on the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth: March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, April 3, 4 at 8:00 p.m. and March 21 and April 4, 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The Tempest

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Marc Fellnererez. A visual feast of magic and theatrical spectacle: One performance only: Date TBA 2009.

Star Summer Theater Camp

Title to be announced. A five week camp in theater culminating in a full production: For ages 9 through 17, from June 8 through July 12, 2009.

Star Leadership Camp 2009

Performing Arts Leadership Camp concentrating on theater training. For ages 9 through 15, from July 20 through August 14, 2009.

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.

Senate Candidates Answer Questions from St. John Residents

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People who are upset by the senate's vote, should show that sentiment at the polls, explained candidate Lynn Porter.

Show Anger at Polls

"You need to get angry and let your voices be heard," said Porter. "You say you're upset, then let's see what happens at the election. You know who voted for this — do something."

Most of the candidates agreed that the rezoning power should be taken out of the legislature.

"I support removing the power to rezone from the legislature to remove politics from the issue," said senate candidate Tregenza Roach.

Candidate Krim Ballentine was more doubtful about the possibility of taking away power from the governmental body.

"The legislature will not give up their ability to rezone," said Ballentine. "They won't give up the power. You will have to take them to court to get that power away from them."

Recent government-mandated property revaluations, which saw property values on St. John skyrocket, could be devastating to the island. While a court injunction is in place which prevents the government from issuing taxes at the newly assessed values, most candidates called for entirely revamping the V.I. tax structure.

"We will have to work hand in hand with the Tax Assessor's Office," said Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve. "The only way to solve this issue is to have everyone working together."

Since the U.S. Senate repealed a 1936 law setting the V.I. property tax structure, the local government has more flexibility.

Tax System Needs Changing

"The biggest issue is changing how we assess properties," said Williams. "I support legislation to value property by improvements made."

The revaluation was flawed, according to Baker.

"The government sent people who were not qualified to assess these properties," said Baker. "We must reevaluate how they assessed your property."

Residents have been carrying the government for too long, explained Callwood.

"The government has been balancing its budget on the backs of the people," Callwood said. "Let's devise our own system. It should be tied to the rate of inflation until the property is sold."

Wesselhoft tried to stave off the current property tax increases, she explained.

"I tried to pass legislation to issue property taxes at 1998 levels but the governor rejected it," said Wesselhoft.

The property revaluations were conducted during the housing bubble and should be redone, according to Barshinger.

New Assessments Necessary

"The assessments were done during the housing bubble and we know they aren't accurate," said Barshinger. "We can't pay these bills — the assessments need to be redone. I take issue with the senator at large who gave no resistance to this."

"I will stand up for St. John," Barshinger said. "This will not happen on my watch."

While some candidates voiced their support for municipal governments, others were hesitant about the idea of local government.

Although municipal governments would ensure accountability, the territory might not be ready for the move, according to Candidate Stedmann Hodge.

"I support municipal governments, but they must be based on per capita," said Hodge. "But are we ready for municipal governments? I think we can progress gradually and start with charters."

Government ills can be fixed without municipal governments, according to Samuel "Frac Man" Harvey.

"I'm not in support of municipal governments," Harvey said. "We don't need to divide people, we need to come together and put the right people in the job. If people aren't doing their job, let's get them out."

There is no need to increase government, explained Senator Carlton "Ital" Dowe.

Don't Bloat Government

"I don't believe we should go in that direction," said Dowe. "I don't think we need to bloat the government."

There is strength in unity, candidate Dolores Clendinen explained.

"When we come together, we're stronger," said Clendinen. "We don't need municipal governments."

St. John Representative

While research into the possibility of forming municipal governments is needed, St. John should have its own representative, according to Wesselhoft.

"We have to do much research in this area, but what I would like to see is St. John have its own representative where that senator could focus on issues for St. John instead of all three islands," said Wesselhoft. "Now if you do for St. John, St. Croix or St. Thomas gets upset."

Barshinger on the other hand is a big supporter of municipal governments, he explained.

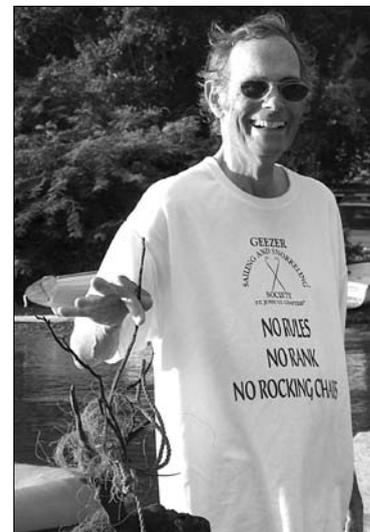
"Local government would bring government closer to the people," said Barshinger. "Let's start small with local rezoning and fixing our roads. If you gave Ira Wade the money and the ability, we'd have the best roads in the territory."

Time To Embrace Manciple Governments

"We have brilliant, hard working people who can take care of our island," Barshinger said. "This is something we're ready for and something we have to embrace."

The candidates answered a total of seven questions and summarized their campaigns. Many candidates also remained in the Westin ballroom well after 9 p.m. to meet the public.

In addition to Malone, Wesselhoft, Williams, Barshinger, Roach, Dowe, Ballentine, Harvey, Clendinen, Baker, Hodge, Callwood, Porter and Sprauve, Moses Carty popped in on the forum for several minutes.



Hew Schlereth shows a piece of fishing line tangled in coral.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

Geezer Snorkeling Society Cleaning Beaches and Vying for \$25,000

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that's a big deal."

Dinghy Used As Trash Barge

The Geezers clean beaches far more often than the required one weekend — they head out in Stringer's inflatable dinghy most afternoons. They've collected so much trash lately, the Geezers have started towing an old dinghy to use as a garbage barge.

From Le Duck island to Round Bay and even Calabash Boom beach, the Geezers have collected everything from an old kayak to clothing.

"So far we've taken about 250 pounds of muck off Le Duck and found a kayak buried in the sand off Calabash beach which took about four hours to dig out," said Stringer. "We've taken about 300 pounds of trash off of Elk Bay, which is way up in the corner of Round Bay."

Lots of Clothes Found At Elk Bay

"That spot seems to be a landing place for illegal aliens because there is tons of clothing, shoes and other assorted junk," Stringer said.

"The amount of clothing and shoes that we've collected from Elk Bay is amazing," agreed Schlereth. "We've filled numerous heavy duty 42-gallon plastic bags out there."

"We've gotten bottles, oil jugs, plastic buckets, old rusty lounge chairs and a lot of fishing nets," said Procter.

Saving Coral

A huge rolled fishing net the group removed from the seabed off Le Duck was the Geezer Society's most recent find. The net was attached to several large coral heads, which surely would have died had the Geezer Society not removed it,

explained Stringer.

"We've been cleaning off elk horn coral that has been tangled in fishing lines," Stringer said. "We've found dead coral in fishing lines, so this definitely saved them. There were a lot of critters tangled up in the net too."

Cleaning these remote beaches is no easy task. The men anchor their dinghy and swim to the shoreline, which is often rocky and full of coral.

"These aren't nice sandy beaches — they're usually very difficult to walk on," said Stringer. "The rocks can burn your feet, or break your neck, and we're lugging these 42-gallon bags."

After loading up their bags with trash, the Geezers swim back out and load up the dinghy with trash. They can usually be found unloading their day's collection at the Coral Bay dinghy dock in the late afternoon. But the Geezer Society members' day isn't done until the trash bags are unloaded in the dumpsters.

So far, the Geezer Society estimates disposing of a ton of trash — garbage that once marred the shorelines around Coral Bay harbor.

While the Geezer Society is sure to continue their waterfront work, members will find out if they won Interlux's Waterfront Challenge on February 11, 2009, when the company will announce winners at the Miami International Boat Show.

Even if they don't win, the Geezers hope to inspire others to be responsible for the environment, Stringer explained.

"The whole reason we're doing this as Geezers is maybe someone will think, 'if those guys can do it, maybe we can do a little bit too,'" said Stringer.

St. John Police Report

St. John Police Department: 693-8880 or 911
Cellular 911: 776-9110
St. John Fire Service: 776-6333

Saturday, October 25

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r someone stole her license plate off her vehicle. Petit larceny.

12:30 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r he was assaulted by another male. Simple assault.

Sunday, October 26

9:10 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r that someone unknown threw egg shells on her property. Malicious mischief.

10:45 a.m. - A visitor from Florida p/r that someone stole his company's laptop computer from a co-worker's vehicle. Grand larceny.

12:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder in the vicinity of Serendip. Auto accident.

5:45 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r his parked vehicle was struck by another car. Auto accident.

5:48 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he lost his important documents in an unknown area.

Lost documents.

Monday, October 27

5:05 p.m. - A Wharfside Village resident p/r someone threatened to do him bodily harm. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:25 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r his vehicle was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

Tuesday, October 28

9:15 a.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident p/r that a male threatened to kill him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:50 a.m. - An Estate Concordia resident c/r someone stole a boat engine off her property. Grand larceny.

4:25 p.m. - A visitor at Maho Bay Camps p/r someone cut the plastic on his rental vehicle. Destruction of property.

Wednesday, October 29

No time given - An Estate Bolongo Bay resident r/ he was being harassed. Police assistance.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, November 4, is General Election day in the Virgin Islands.

Thursday, November 6

There will be a meeting of all Coral Bay business owners at Skinny Legs on Thursday, November 6, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. which will be jointly hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council and the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, November 8

The next American Legion Post 131 monthly meeting will be at Sputnik in Coral Bay on Saturday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m. This is an important meeting to finalize preparations for Veteran's Day.

Monday, November 10

The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its 5th anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay.

Tuesday, November 11

Tuesday, November 11, is Veterans Day and the community is invited to watch the annual Veterans Day parade in Cruz Bay. In addition to the parade, which begins at 11 a.m. at the tennis courts and ends at the V.I. National Park ball field, a celebration of veterans is planned and the community is invited to attend.

Thursday, November 13

The St. John Business After Hours will be at Ocean Grill on Thursday, November 13. There will be the famous \$2 chamber bar, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle.

Monday, November 17

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of the St. Thomas/St. John ferries on Monday, November 17, at the St. John Legislature building at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

The Rotary Club of St John is proud to announce that the annual "Flavors of St John" will be at the Westin Resort on Saturday November 22. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with Flavors kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

November 21-22

St. John, Epiphany Theater Company will be reprising its show "Keep 'Em Guessin'" November 21-23. This series of short skits will surely bring a smile to your face. All shows begin at 7:30 at St. John School of the Arts

Saturday, November 22

The Love City Pan Dragons will host its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 22, where traffic will be shut down in front of the Cruz Bay ferry dock and patrons will enjoy a candlelit, buffet-style dinner in the street and music by the Pan Dragons.

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ruling planet, Mars, allows you to assume a sense of command that can help you turn a chaotic workplace situation into one that's orderly, productive and, yes, even friendly.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting a relationship that's been stuck in a rut up and running again depends on how far you want to run with it. Be honest with yourself as you consider which decision to make.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be wary of rumors that seem to be coming from everywhere this week. Waiting for the facts before you act means never having to say you're sorry you followed the wrong lead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal matter might prompt you to turn to a trusted friend to help you sort through a maze of emotional conflicts. The weekend should bring some welcome news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some of the new people coming into the Lion's life could play pivotal roles in future personal and professional matters. Meanwhile, an old friend might have an important message.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A delay in getting things moving on schedule can be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to do more research so you can buttress any of the weaker points with solid facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might need to get involved in a personal matter

before it becomes a serious problem. Also be wary of someone offering to mediate unless you can be sure of his or her motive.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking sides in a workplace or domestic dispute could prolong the problem. Stay out and stay cool. Then you can be friends with both parties when things settle down.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship has the potential to become something more, and with this week's aspects favoring romance, you might feel that this possibility is worth exploring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new job you want might require you to relocate. If so, keep an open mind and weigh all the positives and negatives before making your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new relationship seems to be everything you could have hoped for. Congratulations. Meanwhile, it's not too early to get some feedback on that new project you're working on.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might have decided to get out of the fast-moving current and just float around hither and yon for a while. But you might find that the new opportunity is too tempting to turn down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in bringing out the best in people with kind deeds, loving words and recognition of their "special" selves.

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.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
an then 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
and then 9 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12 a.m

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

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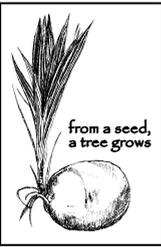
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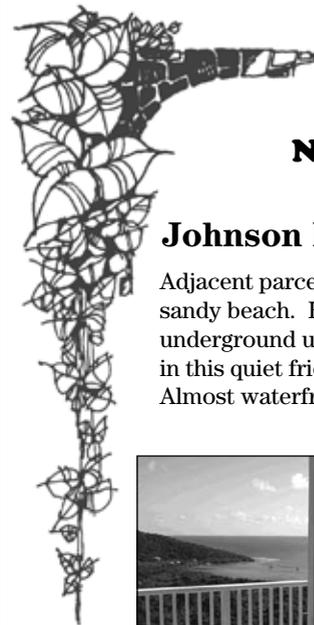


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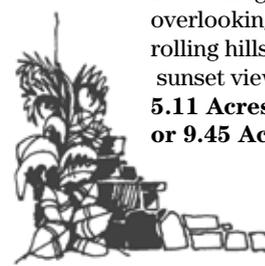


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Coral Bay views, downhill site.....**\$280k**

ESTATE CAROLINA – Lower Bordeaux, BVI views, paved road.....**\$199k**

View of Coral Bay, plans, driveway.....**\$255k**

Gentle slope, Bordeaux Mt., 0.63 ac.....**\$349k**

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Exclusively Listed Land

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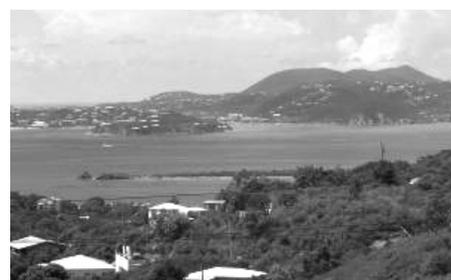
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Excellent business opportunity. Well established restaurant and mini-golf course. Breath taking views of Pillsbury sound and St Thomas from dining terrace, no better place to enjoy a good meal and view the sunset. Zoned B-2 which allows a multitude of commercial uses; ie retail, hotel, condos, apts., plenty of room for any of these uses on this 1.11 acre parcel. Adjacent 1 acre B-2 parcel available. **Just Reduced to \$3,900,000**



Spectacular view location for variety of B-2 uses. Hotel, condo, retail, offices, or a combination of all suits this one of a kind lot. Owner has plans for condo/hotel development, with feasibility study and preliminary plans. Zoning allows for 80 persons per acre, for a multi-story development. Panoramic views of Pillsbury Sound and West to St. Thomas, and south to St Croix. Minutes from Cruz Bay. **Just Reduced to \$2,800,000**

Waterfront lot located on Chocolate Hole Pond. Easily accessible lot with gentle slope to waters edge, easy build.. Located a stones throw away from the planned prestigious high end Pond Bay Club Development. This quiet residential neighborhood has great breezes and deeded access to Chocolate Hole beach. **\$475,000**

Mostly Flat 1/2 acre + lot, part of Guavaberry Farms Sub-division. Overlooks fresh water pond, off main road for easy access. Good breezes and quiet neighborhood with covenants and restrictions. Last lot in 7 parcel sub-division. **\$185,000**

Spectacular view from this 1/2 acre + Fortsberg lot(s). Moderate grade, with sweeping views of East End, Tortola, and Coral Bay. Easy access off main sub-division road. **Priced to sell at \$350,000.** Adjacent 1/2 acre lot also available for joining parcels together to make a very private 1 acre + lot for **Just \$700,000.**

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TEMPTRESS has been recently renovated, painted and the pool has been resurfaced. Two bedroom suites are separated by two buildings - a living area and an impressive kitchen complete with granite countertops. All rooms open onto spacious, private decks, affording dramatic sunsets and sweeping views of the South Shore, including Great Cruz Bay, Chocolate Hole Bay and Hart Bay. **\$1,650,000**

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LOVE NEST Welcome to this sparkling, bright & airy, brand new cottage overlooking Hurricane hole, Coral Bay, & BVI. A C/O has been obtained for this gem, and plans approved for an additional 2BR, 2BA w/pool on the 1/2 acre site. Move right in! Park your money here & watch it grow. **\$559,000**

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ESTATE ROSE The largest private estate listed for sale on St. John's South Shore. Double parcel knoll top site offers spectacular views. Completely refurbished main house includes 3 bedrms, 4 1/2 baths, mahogany library, office/media room, spacious great room, mahogany kitchen, spa, 12'x40' pool, plus a caretaker's cottage. 2.2 Acres. **\$4,500,000**

UPPER CAROLINA! Expansive Coral Bay harbor and beyond views. Live in the comfortable well built lower apartment while adding second unit above and/or completing the planned 3000 sq. ft. 4 bdrm/ 4 bath pool villa in this ideal vacation villa location. Expired plans available. .5 acre **\$425,000**

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