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## LOCAL CELEBRITY WAITERS

Governor John P. deJongh, center right, was joined by local celebrity waiters, including Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, left, Julius E. Sprauve School principal Mario Francis, center left, and Caneel Bay Resort Managing Director Nikolay Hotze, right, at the annual Julius E. Sprauve School Fundraising Gala on Saturday night, April 10 at Caneel Bay Resort. **See next week's edition for full story.**

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# BIR Announces Extended Hours for Filing of 2009 Tax Returns

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Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson reminds the public that the deadline for filing the 2009 individual income tax returns with the Bureau is Thursday, April 15.

Taxpayers are also reminded that they cannot file their returns using the e-filing option.

The bureau's offices on all three islands will have extended hours for the convenience of the taxpayers for the week of April 15.

On St. John, extended office hours will be from Monday, April 12, to Wednesday, April 14, with the office open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Thursday, April 15, the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9

p.m.

Taxpayers who are unable to file their 2009 returns by the April 15 due date are reminded that they must properly estimate the tax due and file a valid extension on Form 4868 by April 15. The extension is only for filing the return.

Taxpayers who owe must pay the tax due on April 15 to avoid the failure to pay penalty.

## ARRA Funds At Work on South Shore Road



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tropical Focus

Crews continued work on South Shore Road last week, including paving a portion of the roadway, above. The project is funded by American Reinvestment and Recovery Funds and was the subject of a CNN report several months ago which highlighted federally-funded projects in the territory.

## DNPR's New St. John Planner To Speak At Next CBCC Meeting on April 12

The Coral Bay Community Council will be hosting a community forum with Stuart Smith, DPNR's new St. John planner, on April 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the John's Folly Learning Institute. Commissioner of DPNR Robert Mathes and Director of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Margorie Emmanuel will also be present.

Smith will introduce himself and discuss what he has learned in his first month on the job — and then listen to comments and concerns about planning and development on St. John from the audience. Participants are also encouraged to share their vision for the future of Coral Bay, as CBCC plans to re-initiate this process in cooperation with DPNR in the coming months. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

## Community Invited To Join Historical Society Potluck and Meeting April 13

The St. John Historical Society is inviting the community to a potluck at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, April 13.

Event-goers should bring a dish to share, then stay for the membership meeting which begins at 7 p.m. The evening's presentation will feature the working results of the SJHS-sponsored V.I. Humanities Council grant "Mapping the Cultural Geography of St. John, 1840s-1940s."

Join a panel of East End and Coral Bay Quarter Culture Bearers, project director Beulah Dalmida, principal grant writer Crystal Fortwangler, board member and webmaster Peter Burgess, and historian and board advisor David Knight, as they present the "place-names" of that era.

## Coral Bay Watershed Restoration Groundbreaking Ceremony Is April 14

The Virgin Islands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (V.I. RC&D) and the Coral Bay Community Council invite the community to participate in a ground-breaking event for NOAA Recovery Act-funded Watershed Restoration Activities in Coral Bay.

The Coral Bay Watershed Restoration ground-breaking will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, on the second floor of the V.I. Agricultural station in Coral Bay.

Governor John deJongh and Samuel Rauch, NOAA's Deputy Assistant Administrator for regulatory programs, will be the principal speakers. Several commissioners and community leaders will also be present.

Following the ground-breaking, a site tour will be conducted for V.I. government and NOAA representatives. For more information call the CBCC at 776-2099.

## Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Prevention Panel Discussions Set for April 17

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and to draw awareness to child abuse and sexual assault prevention, the St. John Community Crisis Center in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council is sponsoring a panel discussion "Increasing Public Awareness of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault."

The event will be on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. at St. Ursula's C. Warren Smith Multipurpose Center.

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# CZM Committee Okays VIPA Request To Create 151 Parking Spaces at Enighed Pond Facility

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee gave the go-ahead to two projects on St. John last week, both of which aim to bring relief to residents taxed by a lack of infrastructure and services.

In a decision meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at the Cruz Bay legislature building, the four-member board approved the V.I. Port Authority's request to modify its major land and water use permit in order to create 151 free public parking spaces at Enighed Pond Marine Facility.

In the same meeting, the St. John CZM Committee also gave the G.E. Marsh Legacy Development and Holding Group Inc. the green light to construct a commercial, residential and recreational development in Coral Bay (see related story on page 5).

Approval of VIPA's request was hailed by most residents as a relief of the parking problems that have plagued Cruz Bay for years.

While CZM decision meetings are usually devoid of testimony, VIPA contractor Robert deJongh of architecture firm deJongh and Associates Inc., outlined plans for the parking lot since the agency's permit dates back to 1994.

"We were employed by VIPA for design work at the Cruz Bay Creek when the issue of parking emerged as one of the principle issues on St. John," said deJongh.

The land where the 151 parking spaces will be constructed consists of dredged materials from Enighed Pond. The surface was deemed too soft to accommodate structures, but with a three-layered aggregate approach engineers can make it safe to support normal vehicular weight, according to deJongh.

"We did subsurface studies and we confirmed that the soft dredged materials are not suitable for normal building loads," deJongh said. "But parking loads are significantly less than buildings and if we restrict parking to the fringe — the shallowest areas — that material could be made able to



St. John Tradewinds News Graphic File

A three-layered aggregate system will allow for parking on top of the shallowest portion of dredged materials at Enighed Pond Marine Facility, above.

support parking loads."

"We designed an engineering solution to excavate down three feet and then back fill in three alternating layers geo-textile materials and crushed stone," said deJongh. "That will establish a crust that can sustain a standard parking load and is the basis for the boomerang shape of the parking area parallel to the existing road on the edge of the old pond."

The area will be 65 feet from the front of one space to the front of the next space and there is an eight to 10 foot section running around the perimeter which can be used for landscaping in the future, deJongh added.

The plans were presented to several St. John residents and groups including St. John Administrator Leona Smith and members of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, deJongh added.

"This plan has wide support of everyone to whom it was presented," he said.

Since the material inside the fringe area where parking is going to be located is currently too soft to

build on, VIPA is calling the plan temporary, explained VIPA executive director Ken Hobson.

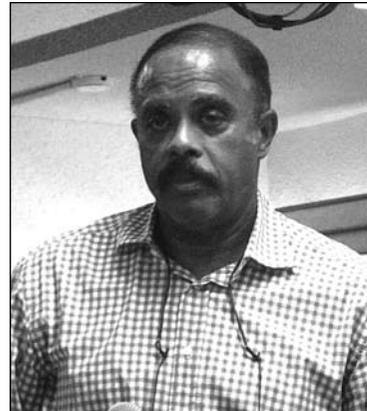
"The material in the center is soft and it has 20 years, according to what the engineers said, for it to get hard enough to put a structure there," said Hobson. "This plan is temporary for 20 years until we are able to put a structure there."

Under questioning from the St. John CZM Committee, VIPA engineer Dale Gregory explained that only a temporary parking lot was approved by VIPA's governing board.

"VIPA had other plans for future development of the interior area," said Gregory.

The sole point of contention in the plan revolved around how many bathrooms the planned dock master's building would contain. As a former teacher, St. John CZM Committee Chairperson Madeline Sewer urged VIPA to install more than the planned single male and single female restrooms.

"As a former school teacher I can tell you that when one has to go, they all have to go," said Sewer. "I ask you to reconsider your



Architect Robert deJongh

plans and add additional restroom facilities."

Although providing restroom facilities for the public is not VIPA's responsibility, Gregory said he would bring the St. John CZM Committee's concerns to the group's governing board.

The free parking area will be illuminated by solar lights and Hobson pledged the VIPA project also would include landscaping in the area.

"We're not going to spend \$800,000 and not do this right," said Hobson. "What we do has to be first class for St. John."

While operational details are still being worked out, the parking lot will be free to use and is not intended for long-term parking.

"Operational plans have to be fully developed in concert with Department of Public Works, the St. John Administrator and V.I. Police Department," said deJongh. "Many of those details, especially how long the lot will remain open and how long cars can be there, still have to be worked out."

"Our focus was on getting the permits in place to get started on this and then we'll work out all the details," said deJongh.

Residents should be able to start parking in the Enighed lot within a few months, according to deJongh.

"Now we're going to start issuing requests for bids for the work and that should take about 45 days," deJongh said. "Then shortly after that we'll get started on construction. This could be done within three months."

St. John CZM Committee members Sewer, Gerry Hills, Edmund Roberts and Andrew Penn all voted in favor of the modification request.

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### Average YTD Rainfall

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## Unity Day Group Looks To Educate With April 12 Property Tax Rally

By **Andrea Milam**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

It's an election year, and the V.I. Unity Day Group hopes political candidates hear its message that the property tax system needs to be fixed.

The group will host a rally on Monday evening, April 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field with the aim of educating island residents on issues surrounding property taxes in the Virgin Islands.

"People can expect to learn the truth about their property tax," said the Unity Day Group's Real Property Committee Chairperson Myrtle Barry. "We're going to make it as simplified as possible."

The Unity Day Group will provide residents with a brief overview of the Virgin Islands property tax system's tumultuous past, and will bring residents up to date on what is currently happening. The group will also explain how to read property tax bills.

The rally was called partly in an effort to make sense of the conflicting information being dispersed by Government House, Barry explained.

"There's a lot of misconception, and I personally see it as being intended that way to draw a certain picture," she said. "We want folks to know that this is a political year and things tend to happen easily when the administration may or may not return. We are watching it closely and putting a magnifying glass on this issue."

The Virgin Islands government's most recent efforts to collect property taxes involves a proposal by Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis to issue two property tax bills annually, which the Unity Day Group is strongly against.

"The problem with that is people are not in the economic position to pay two property tax bills annually," said Barry. "It will create a burden on them. It has the potential to unseat property owners."

The local government has continued to fall deeper into debt since 2006, the last year during which property taxes were collected. Issues with the Virgin Islands property tax system first emerged in 2003, when St. Thomas business owners filed suit in U.S. District Court alleging their properties were unfairly valued.

Following property revaluations by independent contractor Bearing Point which would have resulted in significant property tax increases for St. John property owners, the Unity Day Group filed suit in 2008 asking the government to refrain from collecting property taxes until fair revaluations were completed. The group's case has not yet been addressed.

The Unity Day Group offered a solution to the government's property tax conundrum; however, Governor John deJongh's administration did not listen, according to Barry.

"The solution that we brought forward was there years ago," she said. "We said to send the bills out

at the 1998 level. We gave them solutions three years ago that they should have adhered to, but now they have borrowed to the point where our children are in debt; it's nothing to them."

Barry, who owns property overlooking the water, decided to take on the property tax issue when her property value skyrocketed under Bearing Point's revaluation.

"I don't have a second home," she said. "Everything I own and want is here. This is a fight to stay, and I've made up my mind."

Barry and the Unity Day Group now hope to educate the public with the rally in an effort to ensure that residents' voices are heard during this election year.

Senator Shawn-Michael Malone, who is sponsoring a bill to help St. John residents potentially facing rising property taxes, plans to attend the rally. Barry stressed that the group is remaining neutral and not endorsing any candidates.

"We're watching this issue very closely," she said. "We're basically turning up the volume."

Barry is encouraging all St. John residents — landowners, homeowners, landlords and even tenants — to attend the rally and learn about the property tax issue.

"We need the support of the public," she said. "Everyone should be concerned about this, because this one hits home. Once you lose your land, you don't have a place to sleep, clean yourself up, or to go for privacy — you don't have your home."

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The G.E. Marsh Legacy Development and Holding Group Inc. plans to bring a recreational, residential and commercial complex to Coral Bay.

## Marsh Family Gets OK To Construct \$2.9 Million Coral Bay Development

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay will be the site of new commercial, residential and recreational services soon and will see the construction of the area's first open air theater complex.

In a decision meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at the Cruz Bay legislature building, the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee approved G. E. Marsh Legacy Development and Holding Group Inc.'s major land permit application to construct a commercial, residential and recreational development and open air theater.

In the same meeting, the four-member board also okayed the V.I. Port Authority's permit modification request to create 151 free parking spaces at the Enighed Pond Marine Facility (see related story on page 3).

As VIPA's plan will provide relief to the years-long Cruz Bay parking problem, the Marsh's

**"The applicant's object is to develop the site primarily based on the commercial and residential needs of the area. The proposed development will address many of the needs of the area without having to travel to the over-crowded Cruz Bay and could relieve some stresses in Cruz Bay."**

— Jean-Pierre Oriol,  
CZM Acting Assistant Director

planned Coral Bay development will bring new services to the expanding population on the island's eastern end.

Project developer Genevieve Marsh, president of G.E. Marsh Legacy Development and Holding Group Inc., plans to construct a \$2.9 million six building complex to house a larger Love City Mini Mart, five residential units, vendor kiosks and additional commercial space.

The recreational portion of the

development calls for constructing a tennis court, basketball court and a toddler play area. An open air theater, two windmills, three freshwater wells, a food court, maintenance building and 70 parking spaces round out the development plans.

The development site is a 4.967 acre lot in Estate Lower Carolina off King Hill Road, the eastern portion of which houses the current Love City Mini Mart and a

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## “Necessary and Appropriate” Commercial Use of Hurricane Hole Okay, Says Hardgrove

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Despite churning the waters — and rumor mill — across St. John, V.I. National Park officials are still working with local boaters to ensure the continued appropriate use of the Coral Reef National Underwater Monument’s Hurricane Hole area.

Confusion over use of the area just outside Coral Bay harbor began two weeks ago when several commercial vessel operators were informed they could no longer ply the Hurricane Hole waters with guests despite having Commercial Use Authorization permits issued by the V.I. National Park.

Although reports circulated last week alleging VINP officials were taking management action, no such action was taken, according to VINP and Coral Reef National Underwater Monument Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

Although the national monument was created in 2000, a general management plan has still not been completed for the area and commercial use authorization permits never included use of Hurricane Hole, explained Hardgrove.

Hoping to calm the waters and work with boaters, Hardgrove met with members of the Coral Bay Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, April 6, and discussed approved and appropriate uses for the area.

“There is no management action that was taken,” said Hardgrove. “When the monument was created in 2000, the first opportunity to do the general management plan process was in 2004, and we’re still in that process.”

“Creating a management plan is a seven-year process because you need a full Environmental Impact Statement,” said Thomas Kelley, VINP Natural Resource Manager. “The National Environmental Policy Act requires that high level of compliance for that kind of planning and management document.”

Once the plan is complete, the details will be hammered out for commercial use for the Hurricane Hole area of the Coral Reef National Underwater Monument, explained Hardgrove.

“At the end of the plan, we’ll be

**“Our interpretation of commercial license use in the area is for necessary and appropriate use. We’ve determined that commercial use in the monument is appropriate so the process will be that we do the stake holder meeting, get public input, assess each permit application and authorize, under some management limitations, the ones that are necessary and appropriate.”**

— Mark Hardgrove, VINP Superintendent

able to do some more planning for the monument, like a commercial services plan,” Hardgrove said.

While managing the area without a formal general management plan, VINP officials have done their best to allow for “appropriate” use of the area and accommodate commercial vessel operators, according to Hardgrove.

“This first came up at a meeting about a month ago that we were having some conflicts out there with commercial use,” said the VINP superintendent. “We talked about the activities out there and we said we have 12 mooring buoys in the Hurricane Hole vicinity of the monument and there are three that were designated for commercial use.”

“We did that because we were trying to accommodate visitors,” said Hardgrove. “Before it was a monument, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources had managed the resources and we needed to take some steps to protect the resources. Where we overstepped our authority was putting in the three commercial use buoys.”

The blue commercial use mooring buoys will be replaced with white buoys which can be used by all boaters, Hardgrove explained.

“We decided to change them back to white so everyone can use them,” he said. “We haven’t reduced the number of buoys. We still provide for day use and provide for those folks who enjoy those areas.”

VINP officials have determined that commercial use in Hurricane

Hole will be appropriate for operators who conduct snorkel or kayak trips and educate guests on the importance of protecting the resources — which include the last pristine mangrove habitat in the Virgin Islands.

“Our interpretation of commercial license use in the area is for necessary and appropriate use,” said Hardgrove. “We’ve determined that commercial use in the monument is appropriate so the process will be that we do the stake holder meeting, get public input, assess each permit application and authorize, under some management limitations, the ones that are necessary and appropriate.”

While VINP officials determine appropriate uses for the area, the public will have a say in the matter, Hardgrove added.

“We want to hear from the community,” he said. “What do you want from the park? We’ll meet again and talk these things over with the stakeholders.”

Residents are also reminded that the entire area is a no-wake zone and the use of towed personal water craft, like wake boards and waterskis, is prohibited, according to Kelley.

“These rules are especially important for the protection of sea turtles and dolphins, but also the mangroves and the sensitive ecosystem and fish nursery,” said Kelley.

For more information about the use and regulations of Hurricane Hole and the Coral Reef National Underwater Monument call VINP at 776-6201.

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# Local Divers Creating Caribbean-wide Alliance To Combat Lionfish

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

With the entire Virgin Islands marine eco-system under attack by a single species of fish, local scientists, scuba divers, dive operators and volunteers are waging a coordinated effort to fight back.

Researchers believe lionfish were first introduced to the Atlantic Ocean somewhere in Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

While scientists believe the introduction was somewhat benign such as a pet owner dumping his tank in the sea after losing power, that single act has reverberated throughout the entire Caribbean.

“The big fear is that the reef fishery is going to be decimated by this species,” said Thomas Kelley, V.I. National Park resource manager. “We know this because they’ve been in the Bahamas for several years and a variety of research has been done to bore this out.”

Lionfish have no natural predators and feed on juvenile reef fish, which are integral to the health of coral reefs, Kelley explained.

“This may lead to the serious impairment



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The predatory lionfish species could wipe out vast populations of reef fish across the Caribbean.

of the coral reef system and as a reminder, the coral reef system is under attack by a couple of dozen significant threats, many of which are increasing each year,” said Kelley. “The threats are everything from cli-

mate change to disease to human impact, sedimentation, nutrient loading and loss of habitat. Considering all this, it’s amazing that we even have what we do have.”

While coral reefs have been struggling to

“Life as we know it in the U.S. Virgin Islands is going to change if we don’t do something about lionfish. Dive shops, the hotel industry, restaurants, tourists, everything will be affected if we lose our marine ecosystem. Lionfish can decimate the juvenile fish population by 80 percent in just five weeks.”

– Joe Gulli, Caribbean Lionfish Response Program founder

survive, the lionfish threat could be devastating, explained Joe Gulli, a veteran scuba diver from St. Croix.

“Life as we know it in the U.S. Virgin Islands is going to change if we don’t do something about lionfish,” said Gulli. “Dive shops, the hotel industry, restaurants, tour-

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# Friends Plan Week-long Celebration of Earth Day 40th Anniversary

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

The Friends of the V.I. National Park hopes to educate hundreds of St. John schoolchildren and residents with its week-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

The festivities kick off on Monday, April 19, when Friends Program Manager Audrey Penn will be at The Marketplace, sharing information on how to green local schools.

Penn will be at The Marketplace on Tuesday and Wednesday as well, when she will discuss how to green homes, and the island, respectively.

"I have slide rules that provide a guide to going green which I'll be handing out, along with posters," said Penn. "I'll be talking to everyone about ways we can save, reuse and recycle here on St. John."

Penn will then host a tree planting ceremony on Thursday, April 22, at 10 a.m. at the V.I. National Park visitor's center, when local scientist Dr. Gary Ray will plant a native tree of his choosing.

Friends of VINP will also begin setting up for the Earth Day fair on Thursday morning, and Penn en-

couraged volunteers to contact her at 779-4940 if they want to help.

On Friday morning, April 23, hundreds of schoolchildren will descend on the VINP ball field in Cruz Bay to check out environmental displays, race solar-powered cars, and take in the numerous exhibits, all while learning about the importance of preserving the environment. The Friends' Earth Day fair runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids will also have the chance to compete in the Friends' second annual Reef Rap contest.

"Kids will make up raps about the reef, and we'll have various prizes," said Penn. "The reef is closer than you think, and things you do in your back yard eventually make it down to our coral reefs. We want the kids to think more about that, and with the contest, it becomes a fun competition about who can learn the most."

Prizes for the Reef Rap contest will be awarded at the Saturday, April 24, Reef Fest celebration at Hawksnest from noon to 5 p.m.

The Friends' second annual Reef Fest will feature educational outreach, music by the Echo People and free food served up by For-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Students learned about solar cars and recycled art at last year's Friends of V.I. National Park's Earth Day Fair

ward to Your Roots restaurant and the V.I. Audubon Society, which will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs.

More than 200 people are expected to attend Reef Fest, and a shuttle will be provided from Mon-goose Junction to alleviate parking

congestion at Hawksnest.

Other events at Reef Fest will include guided snorkeling tours with Coral World snorkel guides; guided kayak tours; and a sandcastle building contest.

"2008 was the International Year of the Reef, and all around the

world, people have been celebrating the positive things happening with the reef systems," said Penn.

One of the most detrimental things happen to oceans worldwide is an inundation of plastic bottles left behind by beach-goers and boaters, and a recently formed group hopes to address the problem locally by distributing reusable Nalgene bottles to children at Earth Day in an effort to spread the message that plastic bottle litter is harmful to the environment.

"If we can start with kids not buying a plastic bottle of water every day, maybe their parents will follow suit," said Penn. "Maybe the villas will want to step in and provide guests with a bottle they can refill. If just one person stops buying water bottles today, we can make a difference."

This year's Earth Day and Reef Fest celebrations are sponsored by the Audubon Society, Courtesy Car Rental, Coral World, Caribbean Villas, Maho Bay Camps, FirstBank, St. Thomas Dairies, Starfish Market, Deli Grotto and Lana Vento Charitable Trust.

For more information on the festivities, call Audrey Penn at 779-4940.

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# Friends Welcome Heather Ruhsam As New Director of Development

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park enthusiastically welcomed Heather Ruhsam on board last week as the non-profit group's new development director.

While Ruhsam brings years of experience in marketing, public relations and event planning to Friends of VINP, her most important asset is more difficult to quantify.

Ruhsam — who moved to the island with her parents when she was 15 — brings close relationships with a wide range of St. John residents to her new position as head of fund raising for the non-profit group, explained Friends' executive director Joe Kessler.

"We had quite a number of good candidates for the position and some of them had stronger technical fund raising experience," said Kessler. "But we were looking for someone with the qualities that we could make into a great fund raiser. It takes a lot to get used to St. John and live here, so having someone on board who was raised here is really valuable."

"A lot of this work is all about relationships," Kessler said. "If you come in with strong relationships in the community, you're already ahead of the game."

Ruhsam is just as thrilled to be a part of the Friends of VINP team as they are to have her.

"A few weeks before the position became available someone asked me, 'if you could have your choice of a job on St. John, what would you do,'" said Ruhsam. "Honestly I said, 'the development director job at Friends because it incorporates community involvement, preservation of the environment and I could use my skill set.'"

"A few weeks later the position became available and I handed in my resume that same day," Ruhsam said. "To say I was excited is an understatement."

As a young professional, Ruhsam also brings a fresh perspective to the organization, Kessler explained.

"One thing that we're really jazzed about with Heather is that



Heather Ruhsam

we really want to reach out to the next generation in the Virgin Islands and she has a great network of young professionals," he said.

Tapping into the younger crowd of donors is necessary for the continued preservation of the island, according to Ruhsam.

"We have to nurture that next generation and look at the way and the why they give," she said. "It's a bit different and I think I can break into that. I would like to see our membership increase and diversify more."

After graduating from college, Ruhsam tried her hand a big city living in Los Angeles, New York and even Sydney, Australia, but kept finding herself back home in Love City.

"I was in L.A. and I felt like I needed a break so I came back home," Ruhsam said. "The longer I was here the more it felt right. That was a year and a half ago."

"Finally I said, 'I guess I'm not going back — this is what works for me,'" said the Friends new development director.

Living on such a small island, it's vital to get involved with the community, according to Ruhsam.

"It's such a small community here you have to get involved," she said. "We have to make sure to nurture the next generation who will become the stewards of the island."

Just one week into her position, Ruhsam has been enjoying support from the entire community.

"I have had overwhelming support from people who saw me grow up or grew up with me," said the new Friends development director.

"We're totally jazzed to have Heather on board," said Kessler. "She has a great personality and is a great addition to the Friends team."

Ruhsam jumped into her new position with both feet, working with the Friends' Board of Directors and Advisory Board on the Seventh Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim, which is on Sunday, May 30.

The open water swim starts at Maho Bay and participants can do one of three courses. The shortest course is a one mile swim to Cinnamon, or swimmers can continue on to Trunk Bay for a two-and-a-half mile trek. The longest course ends at Hawksnest Beach and is a three and a half mile swim.

Making the swim accessible to more than just elite swimmers, participants can enter as a relay team and there is even an assisted category, which allows the use of snorkels and fins.

With the race just more than a month away, the first practice swim is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, at Maho Bay beach starting at 8:30 a.m.

Funds from the event go to support Friends' popular summer eco-camps at the V.I. Environmental Resource station.

"The more money we raise, the more kids we can send to the camps," said Kessler.

In addition to expanding the camps to include a component for older students, Friends is also unveiling a Ranger in Training program this summer, explained Ruhsam.

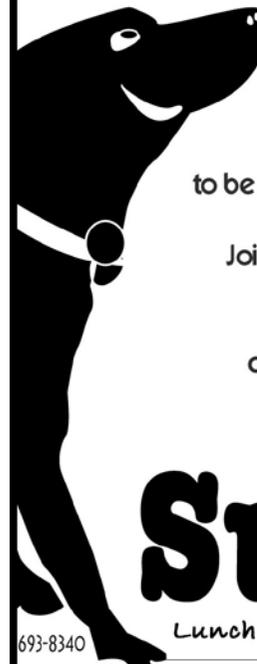
"It will be a five day program geared to middle school and high school students," she said. "It will give them an opportunity to see what happens in the everyday life of a ranger in the V.I. National Park."

For more information on Friends and the Beach to Beach Power Swim, check out the group's website at [friendsvinp.org](http://friendsvinp.org), or call 779-4940.

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## Association for Wedding Professionals Chapter Social Is Set for April 13

Mary Bartolucci of Island Style Weddings and Katherine Steinborn of Katilady Events announce the formation of the Virgin Island Chapter of the Association for Wedding Professionals International.

The first social mixer for the group will be on April 13, at 6 p.m. on St. Thomas at Norbu, located in Peterborg.

The purpose of starting a local chapter of the association is to bring together all wedding professionals for networking and educational purposes. Anyone in the wedding industry within the U.S. Virgin Island is welcome to become a member and to attend the bimonthly get together.

Association for Wedding Professionals International is an international organization dedicated to providing quality service and a central source of information and referrals — for those planning weddings and those who service weddings.

Members receive benefits through networking and discounted services. Brides and grooms receive free referrals to wedding professionals. Members have agreed to a set code of ethics, assuring greater confidence in shopping with them.

For additional information on joining the association or the upcoming social, contact Mary or Kati via email at [mary@islandstyleweddings.com](mailto:mary@islandstyleweddings.com) or [kati@katilady.com](mailto:kati@katilady.com).

## Animal Care Center of St. John Needs Your Votes by April 18 To Win \$10G

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

The website, [www.animalrescuesite.com](http://www.animalrescuesite.com) along with [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com), is hosting a competition to give away a total of \$100,000 in grants. Each day people can vote for their animal shelter of choice and the shelter with the most votes on April 18 will win the grand prize \$10,000 grant.

People can vote every day until April 18 at [www.animalrescuesite.com](http://www.animalrescuesite.com). Click on the "Shelter Challenge" tab on the side of the page and then enter "Animal Care Center of St. John" to vote for the local shelter.

## Hurricane Hole Storm Use Registration Set for 2010

*St. John Tradewinds*

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

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

Boats must be present in U.S./British Virgin Islands waters for at least 50 percent of the hurricane season — 90 days between June 1 and November 30 — to be eligible to retain or secure a berth in the drawing.

Berths will not be allocated boats that will be out of the territory and want a spot "just in case." If a vessel is permitted for a berth and is found to be out of the

territory for more than half of the season without notifying the VINP, said boater will forfeit his/her berth permanently.

However, should a vessel have a berth and the owner finds that he/she must leave the territory, they may notify the VINP and said berth will remain theirs in subsequent seasons, as long as the same berth allocation system is used.

Boaters wishing to retain a storm berth may email, or call Rafe Boulon, at [rafe\\_boulon@nps.gov](mailto:rafe_boulon@nps.gov) or 693-8950 ext. 224, or Esther Francis at 693-8950 ext. 232, before May 7, 2010.

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

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

## RE/MAX Recognizes Diana Beam with "Spirit Award"

*St. John Tradewinds*

Diana Beam was presented with the 2009 "Spirit Award" for the RE/MAX Caribbean and Central America Region, at the 2010 RE/MAX International Convention that took place earlier this month in Orlando, Florida.

This prestigious award recognizes outstanding affiliates who show extraordinary commitment to the real estate profession and continue to raise the bar in the industry and in the community.

Beam began her career with RE/MAX in November 2003, when she purchased her RE/MAX Island Paradise Realty franchise, and since that time has demonstrated a level of service and professionalism that makes her a leader within the U.S. Virgin Islands and in the entire Caribbean and Central America Region.

"Diana Beam is a valued and trusted member of the RE/MAX network and demonstrates daily why she deserves this distinguished recognition," said Ricardo Cardenas, Regional Vice President of RE/MAX Caribbean and Central America Region. "We're proud to have Diana as a member of our region and we look forward to the contributions of RE/MAX Island Paradise Realty under her leadership."

In addition to the 2009 Spirit Award, Beam has qualified for the RE/MAX 100 percent Club Award for 2009, which honors successful agents who have earned at least \$100,000 in commissions in the past year. In 2009, only 17 percent of all RE/MAX Affiliates earned this prestigious award. She was also awarded the RE/MAX Hall of Fame Award.

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# St. Ursula's Is Hosting Traditional Caribbean Music Festival April 18

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Locals and tourists alike will once again be treated to a variety of authentic local Caribbean music this Sunday, April 18, starting at 4 p.m. at St. Ursula's Church in downtown Cruz Bay.

The second Traditional Caribbean Music Festival in a service of praise and celebration will feature calypso, reggae, gospel, pan and classical music performed by musicians from St. John and St. Thomas.

"People loved last year's festival" said co-chair Irva Roberts. "The crowd spilled out onto the sidewalk, the community really came together as one. Many people asked for a repeat so we are raising a joyful noise in St. John once again."

Attendance is free and a good will offering will be taken. A variety of local foods will be offered after the service.

The variety of performers and music genres is rarely presented locally. Spencer and the Spencerettes will return for this year's service led by local taxi driver and Nevis-native, Spencer Stapleton, whose group has already recorded two CDs. Most of the material is created by Spencer and his collaborators.

"I may start out with an idea," he said, "but mainly I am inspired by the Lord in what I write."

Yvette Powell will also return with her soaring vocal style which evokes images of Aretha Franklin.

Last year Powell's rendition of "I Am The Rock" brought down the house with cries for more. She comes by her musical talent naturally as she is the daughter of Spencer Stapleton. Powell's gospel style recalls centuries of island traditions.

No Caribbean music festival would be complete without pan music and Mike Sorzano will display his talents on the pans. Hailing from the birthplace of pan music — Trinidad — Sorzano's talent on the pans makes him a fitting son of his homeland.

His extensive career started as a teenager in Trinidad, continued on as a backup for Harry Belafonte in New York and is currently focused as a teacher and performer here in St. John.

Sorzano leads the pan program at St. Ursula's Church and plays at the church's 9:30 a.m. service on Sundays. He also gives instruction there during the week for kids and adults with a range of skill levels and entertains at many functions and private parties.

In addition to solo performers and small groups, the great choral music traditions will be recalled by several church choirs. The music they perform will be a real look back to one of the bedrocks of local culture.

The Moravian Church was the first church established in St. John in 1750, and the Moravian Church Choir will uphold the tradition and remind listeners of the continuity of their musical presence over the years.

Two choirs from St. Thomas churches, St. Andrews and All Saints, will also participate in the festival. Also, All Saints Gospel Choir — 20-men strong — will appear directed by prominent attorney, real estate executive and recently ordained Episcopal priest, Father Wes Williams. The choir line-up is rounded out by St. Ursula's Choir.

Classical music will get its due with the participation of Sharon Kendall of St. Thomas. She is much in demand by local groups and churches for the beauty of her classically trained voice.

"Music has been a very important part of life in the Caribbean," said Carol Furneaux, co-chair of the music festival. "We are pleased to have been able to put together such a talented group of performers for this service of praise and celebration. We hope that people enjoy the service and leave with a better appreciation for the Christian musical heritage of these islands."

## Public Service Commission Hearing for Choice Communications Is April 13

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting hearings on the application of Choice Communications, LLC to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the U. S. Virgin Islands. Pursuant to 30 V.I.C. §45a, the Commission has the jurisdiction to determine and designate eligible telecommunications carriers in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Choice hearings have been expanded in both time and location and will take place on all three islands. On St. John the meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, at 3 p.m. at the Cruz Bay legislature building.

Time will be allotted for the public to offer comments during the hearings at the discretion of the Hearing Examiner. Individuals wishing to offer testimony must be present within 15 minutes of the commencement of the hearing.

Comments may also be electronically submitted in advance of the hearings to Michael Moore, PSC Legal Assistant at msmvi@hotmail.com or via mail to: Public Services Commission, P. O. Box 40, St. Thomas, VI 00804.

## David Knight To Lead SJHS Hike of Vaniniberg Plantation on April 17

The St. John Historical Society will take one final trek on Saturday, April 17, to another St. John estate as the group concludes the 2009/2010 season.

David Knight will lead a visit to the little known Vaniniberg plantation, where the group will explore the ruins of one of the grandest and most opulent estate houses of the colonial period. Those wishing to attend should meet along the North Shore Road at Maho Bay near the old warehouse on the north end of the beach.

Parking along the road is often limited, so carpooling is encouraged. Wear appropriate walking shoes and clothing that provides protection from thorny bush. A \$25 donation from non-members is appreciated. And please, no video cameras or recording devices during the presentation.

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## Hand-cleared Cobble Returns to Chocolate Hole Beach



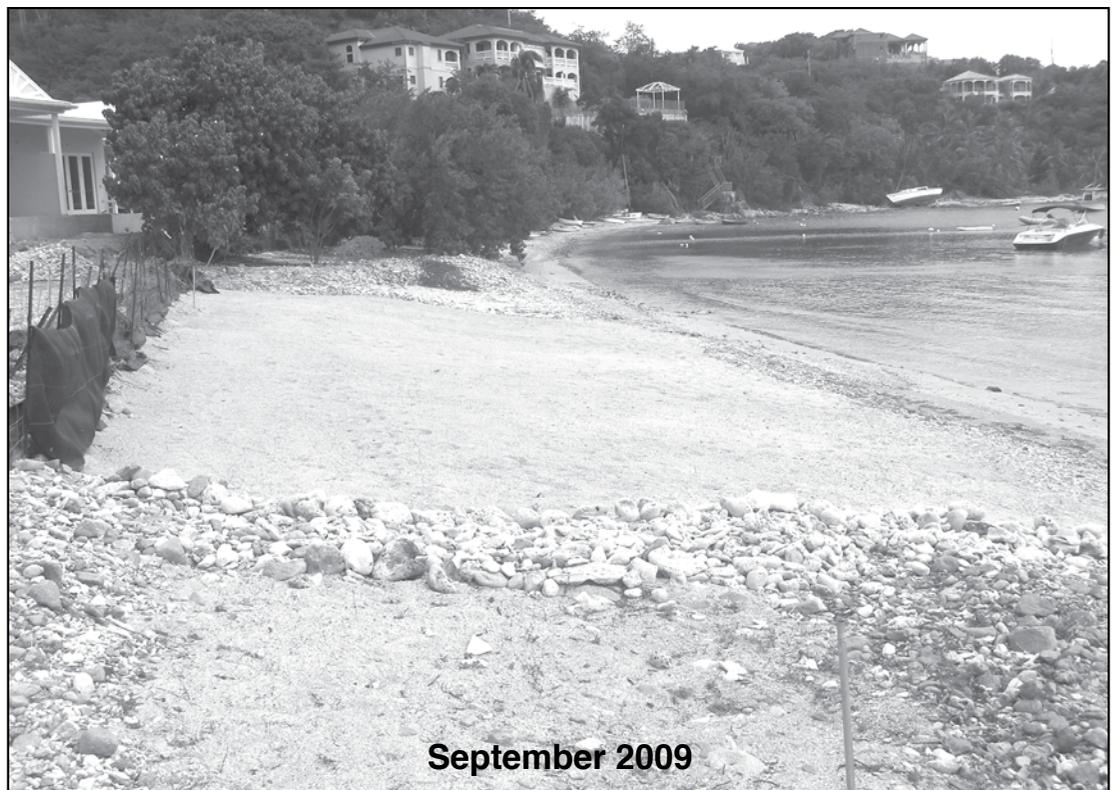
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The pilot program of hand-clearing cobble, stone and vegetation on Chocolate Hole beach in front of the planned Pond Bay Club luxury development, below, began in September last year. By December 2009, at right, the beach was full of stone and cobble again and remained so last week, above.

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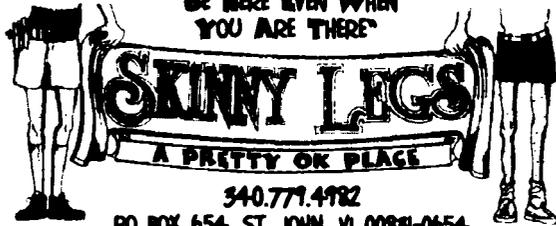
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Starfish Easter jelly bean contest winner Basil Smith, right, is presented with a \$100 gift certificate by Assistant Store Manager Edwin Hill.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

## Basil Smith Wins Starfish Market's Easter Holiday Jelly Bean Contest

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market celebrated the Easter Holiday weekend with food samples, cookie give-aways and even a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

But while residents of all ages enjoyed the festivities, no one did more so than Basil Smith.

Smith walked away with a \$100 gift certificate to the supermarket after winning the jelly bean contest. While all three winners guessed the same number — 2,300 — Smith's name was pulled first out of the al-

most 1,000 guesses that were compiled.

While there were actually 2,316 pieces of candy in the jar — which were actually Skittles, not jelly beans — Smith and the second and third place winners had the closest guesses. Sharon Lees' 2,300 bean guess earned her a \$50 gift certificate to Starfish and Kevin Boyle's guess of the same number garnered him a \$25 gift certificate to the store.

With the Easter holiday festivities are over, Starfish customers should keep an eye out for Mother's Day promotions coming up next month.

## Javon J. Alfred Memorial Scholarship Applications Available from Rotary

### St. John Tradewinds

The Javon Jade Alfred Scholarship is offered by the Rotary Club of St. John to assist a resident of St. John graduating from a Virgin Islands high school for higher education.

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Application forms can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at Connections or by emailing william@willigerod.com or jfuller@rotarystjohn.org.

All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be interviewed. The interviews will be conducted in May 2010.

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Paying Too Much for Roundabout

In a belated reading of your fine February 15-21, 2010 edition there was a very helpful story on the capital projects the Department of Public Works is carrying out in St. John.

The Cruz Bay Roundabout is listed at \$6.9 million. I'm wondering if, as a public service, one of your readers with engineering or construction estimating background could look over the project and come up with an estimate of what that project should have cost.

Even counting the difficulty of construction during an active driving area, my guess is that the cost is a multiple of what it should have been.

**Robert J. Berg**

### Halos to VIPD

When visiting St. John last week, our daughter's Jeep was run into by a tourist. Officer A. Chemual and Officer M. Perez handled the situation with complete professionalism. Outstanding job! Thank you officers!

**Rod Stevenson**

## ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

Thanks for stopping in DK and purchasing an edition of *St. John Magazine*.  
Have a great time on Martha's Vineyard!  
(And thanks for sharing the magazine too!)

— MN

### Keeping Track of Crime

#### 2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

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### Hardest Working Public Servants Are Garbage Collectors

Early one day last week, I stopped to throw my trash into the dumpster on Centerline Road. There was a young man there preparing to empty the dumpster.

He said "good morning" and I replied, "there's the guy who has the most important job on the island."

He said "thanks, I wish more people would realize that." Then I asked "who has to pick up all the stuff that ends up on the ground?" He said, "I do."

I don't think most people consider the garbage man and the important role they play. Just what would it be like if no one picked up our garbage? Within a few days there would be a serious problem, especially in the down town area.

Less than two days of no waste hauling and the garbage would be overflowing, leaving residents and business owners struggling to keep their waste vermin-free. Garbage would be filling up the streets, the smell would become noxious and the rats would gather within 36 hours.

To try to keep the collecting garbage free of rats, restaurant owners would have to double- and even triple-bag their trash. Pest infestation is a costly problem that would take lots of time and money to fix.

In addition, every day the garbage wasn't collected would increase the threat to the health and safety of the people on the island. There is the potential risk of outbreaks of infection since bacteria that causes gastroenteritis can be transmitted by vermin.

It wouldn't be too long until the garbage would

be clogging the streets, people would have to start burning their garbage, spilling plumes of toxic smoke into the air from all the melting plastic waste. Others would just take it out and dump it somewhere in the National Park or on someone else's property, (which unbelievably happens even now.) Soon our beautiful island would become one big, stinky eye-sore.

Our waste collectors should be appreciated and thanked at every opportunity. They are even expected to haul away the illegally dumped furniture, appliances, tires and other items that inconsiderate, thoughtless (not to mention rude) people leave at the dumpster rather than taking the responsibility to haul it to the dump themselves.

Take pride in how you dispose of your garbage.

Put it in the container. If the container is too full, don't just throw it on top and hope it stays there or worse, toss it on the ground. Take it down to the next dumpster.

Let's all be a bit more considerate of how we treat the people who do the most unappreciated, unappetizing job on the island.

Next time you see one of the collection people, say "thank you — so very much."

I even saw the garbage collectors working on Easter Sunday morning. Garbage doesn't take a holiday and these guys work above and beyond what most other public service workers would ever consider doing.

**Barb Crites**

### Veteran's Wives Deserve Vacations on St. John

In November disabled veterans from the Afghan and Iraq wars will be coming to St. John to do therapeutic exercises for approximately one week. We can thank, to a large extent, the St. John business community and various individuals, for their generosity to get them here.

Many high-end businesses such as restaurants, therapeutic massage spas and sailing charters, although they did not necessarily donate money, offered their professional services gratis to all 25 vets that are coming to St. John.

When I relayed to the head of the organization that all these businesses are offering free services, his response was that, although we are very appreciative for the generous offers, the wounded combat vets are coming to Cinnamon Bay for a therapeutic workshop, not fun and games.

I truly respected this — his mission is to make these men well, not bring them on holiday.

However, many wives and family members will be accompanying these wounded soldiers. They have been just as taxed in spousal relationship with these vets as the disabled themselves, if not more so. A physical disability is bad enough, but a psychological trauma deeply affects the marriage and the role as a parent.

These women are truly amazing: they are some of the strongest people of whom I've ever heard. They are sticking by their men who have sustained, and are

suffering from combat trauma because they understand commitment. A lot of these women are still in their twenties and are growing up fast.

As these women may not be attending the therapeutic activities, they will be on vacation and well deserve it. Because the vets will not be using a lot of these free services offered by businesses, I've asked these vendors if the same offer could be extended to the wives when they come down in November. Not one refused because everyone sees that these women need support too.

It's going to be great for these gals. They have a week's vacation away from their role as at least part time caretaker when their husbands will be working on themselves and cared for by somebody else.

The girls will be treated like queens, will love it and it is high time that we recognize them. They won't have to worry about spending a dime on these services that would normally too expensive for them to afford.

I want to thank all these vendors for doing this as it is costing them time and money. They are going to see a lot of happy, smiling faces who may have not seen others care for them in a long while.

If you're a business on St. John and wish to participate in the support for spouses of disabled vets please email your offer to me at [kelliher\\_edward@hotmail.com](mailto:kelliher_edward@hotmail.com).

**Ted Kelliher**

## Letter to St. John Tradewinds

### Contemporary Conservatism's Intellectual, Moral Pollution

The governor of Virginia has proclaimed April as Confederate History Month. Any reflection on the Civil War should begin with an examination of the cause for which Southerners took arms.

For decades prior to the war, their goal was to sustain a political, social and economic system (slaves were worth about \$2 billion and were 50 percent of Southern wealth) at whose core was the belief in white supremacy.

This supremacy was not merely over blacks but also over Native Americans. This was clear in the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Over the vigorous objections of Northern representatives but with the enthusiastic approval of those of the South, 100 million acres of prime Southern farmland under the legal ownership of five Indian tribes was "legally" transferred to white Southerners.

Under armed escort, the Indians were removed westward and many died during the trek — an act of ethnic cleansing?

White supremacy was based on rule over races thought to be degenerate, degraded, and unworthy of respect. To perpetuate supremacy through territorial expansion, the South ruled these races through terror, tyranny, and when challenged in 1860 by an act of treason.

If contemporary Virginians are to "celebrate" the Confederacy, historical accuracy demands the following actions.

Vice President Stephen's speech which announced secession as necessary for the defense of slavery should be read in public by the governor; an explanation of why thousands (800,000 all told) of slaves fled the Confederacy to find freedom within the lines of the Union troops.

Current battlefield re-enactors should include not a

few black Americans, 200,000 of whom took arms to fight for the Union (none carried arms for the South).

After the enactment battle concludes, to be historically accurate, black Unionists should be "murdered" by their foes, in keeping with the Civil War practice of the Confederacy of not recognizing them as POW's and subjecting them to being returned in chains to slavery or, more likely, shot or bayoneted on the spot (this happened at the Battle of the Crater and at Fort Pillow) and even by lax 19th century standards, this was a war crime.

Surely a re-enactment of Lincoln's famous walk through Richmond after the end of fighting accompanied by throngs of blacks celebrating their freedom in songs and cheers would be a stirring tribute (no whites seemed to have been present in 1865).

Finally, shouldn't this event make some reference to the war's aftermath, the Reconstruction? A shameful episode in our history when Southern whites refused to abandon their corrupting delusions of white superiority until well into the 20th century and accept that black Americans were citizens with unalienable rights.

It is doubtful that any of these additions to the historical record will find their way into the so-called celebration.

Virginia's governor claims to have made a mistake in his failure to mention slavery. He seems incapable of understanding that moral obfuscation is not a "mistake." All of which offers further evidence of the historical, intellectual and moral pollution at the heart of contemporary conservatism, or what passes for it.

Sincerely,  
**Jay Zawacki, Ph.D.**  
**Professor emeritus**  
**Boston University**

### Closer Look at Health Insurance Problems

As you know this is a very complex problem, cost and lack of insurance is not the only problem with a totally free-market health care system. The quality of the health care in the US is dismal.

If you spend any time in a hospital your chances of having medical errors and infections severely effect you are very real. The insurance industry has created a procedure-driven health care system, which treats body parts but not the patient.

As you are well aware most of our news sources have become market-driven to the extent that they are no longer a dependable source of information. There have been several demonstrations in DC and around the country concerning this issue that have gone unreported by mass media. The only information that many Americans get about this issue is from advertising on TV.

Medicare is a very good alternative as a base insurance for all Americans, then all additional coverage could be put on top of that.

All medical records should be kept in a manner that they are retrievable by the patient and any attending physician at anytime. Caps need to be placed on medical malpractice. We can not afford the cost of litigation and the high judgments that are often given.

All insurance plans including Medicare must use a standard method of filing claims on the same forms and all doctors be required to submit the forms for payment.

All employer-sponsored insurance should be optional and count as taxable income. We need to raise Medicare contributions as necessary and to revise FICA so that there is no upper limit on the withholding amount.

There is no good reason why poorer people have to pay a much greater percentage of their income towards this fund than rich people do. Billing and insurance fraud should be publicized and severely punished

I have a major medical insurance policy. I have never sent a bill towards the \$5,000 deductible. I had a colonoscopy, the clinic sent invoices to the insurance company, the insurance company said the bills would not go towards my deductible because it was optional medicine. And the statement said my deductible is now \$10,000. (I am disputing it.)

Several years ago my father went to the hospital with heart problems and got a staff infection in his knee while there. After several more visits to puzzled doctors it went away. A class mate of mine was in the hospital at the same time and died of a staff infection.

My father got in a small car accident, he passed out so they took him to the hospital to see if there was anything wrong. While there for a few days they took him off all of his medication. It took him a year to get back into balance with his meds.

**Greg Miller**

## Obituary

### Richard "Rick" Vanasse Passes Away



Richard Vanasse

Rick died suddenly in Coral Bay on March 26, 2010. He was born June 11, 1953, in Northampton, Massachusetts, to Helen Sylvester and Richard "Dick" Vanasse. He grew up in Williamstown, Mass., and became a plumber by trade.

Rick moved to St. John in 1984. He owned Seabreeze Cafe in Coral Bay and enjoyed sailing, cooking and gardening and was an avid reader.

He is survived by two sisters: Carol Vanasse and her life partner Stephen "Holmes" Lowell of

Newport, Vermont; and Joan Allen and husband Richard "Rick" Allen of Cohasset, Mass.

Also nieces Caitlin Lowell of Boston, Mass., Brooke Allen of Cohasset, Sierra Lowell, and Raina Lowell of Montpelier, Vt., and a nephew Daniel "Dan" Allen of Cohasset, Mass. He was predeceased by his mother in 2007, and by his father in 2010.

A celebration of his life will take place at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay on Sunday, April 25.

SEND OBITUARIES TO EDITOR@TRADEWINDS.VI

## What Do You Think?

Send letters to [editor@tradewinds.vi](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi)

**NEXT DEADLINE:**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

## Power Swim Practices Scheduled

### St. John Tradewinds

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, April 18, for the first practice swim before the big race, which is on Sunday, May 30.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim the short course portion of the race to Cinnamon (approximately 1 mile). Swim assisted — with fins, mask, snorkel — or swim

unassisted, just come swim!

Safety boats will be in the water for support. Two more practice swims will be offered on Sunday, May 2, and Sunday, May 16, both at 8:30 a.m.

The race itself is on Sunday, May 30, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open. Go to [www.friendsvinp.org/swim](http://www.friendsvinp.org/swim) or call 779-4940 for more details and to register.

### Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

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

### Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

### Al-Anon Meetings

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

### Alateen Meetings

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

# Governor Approves Rezoning for Boynes Family Post Office Site and Grande Bay

### St. John Tradewinds

On the day 18 measures were due back at the legislature, having been approved by the Senate in a recent formal session of the body, Governor John deJongh finalized his review of the bills.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the governor approved several zoning modification bills on Wednesday, April 7.

"I approved Bill No. 28-0209 to allow for the development of a new post office facility in Cruz Bay, St. John," said deJongh. "I signed Bill No. 28-0210 for rezoning on the island of St. Thomas."

As regards a rezoning modification on St. John, deJongh said he carefully considered all comments from proponents and opponents, and the fact that this project has spanned several years, changed ownership, and that the down-zoning of this property from W-I to R-4 brings it into conformity with the adjacent and surrounding properties zoned R-4.

"I signed Bill No. 28-0212 to facilitate the completion of the long-standing Grande Bay Project," said the governor. "It may be that if this project commenced today it would not be approved but we cannot ignore it is very much a reality, and its completion is the best outcome."

# Local Divers Creating Caribbean-wide Alliance To Combat Lionfish Predator

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ists, everything will be affected if we lose our marine ecosystem. Lionfish can decimate the juvenile fish population by 80 percent in just five weeks."

Moved to action after attending a lionfish workshop on St. Croix, Gulli volunteered his time and founded the Caribbean Lionfish Response Program. Now he is reaching out to residents on St. John, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico and the British Virgin Islands to help fight the spread of lionfish.

"What we're doing is bringing the USVI, Puerto Rico and the BVI's together in one joint effort against the lionfish," Gulli said. "With the Caribbean Lionfish Response Program we have dive shops and operators who donate boats once a month and give divers discounts who are out searching for these fish."

"We have been checking the shelf around St. Croix in a systematic manner and we need to start doing this throughout the Caribbean," Gulli said.

Gulli will be on St. John this week and is hosting two meetings on Wednesday, April 14, for dive operators and dive staff. The meetings will be at the Cruz Bay legislature building from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gulli will host a general meeting for the public to get involved on May 12 on St. John, but wants to get the dive operators on board first, he explained.

"What we're going to do is try to

get St. Thomas and St. John up to speed with what we've been doing on St. Croix," said Gulli. "We've been at this for seven months on St. Croix and we really want to get this going over there."

The lionfish response centers around a simple marker which divers or snorkelers place when they see the species. Seen as the best defence against lionfish, the markers are simply made of a three-quarter-inch washer tied by a piece of flagging tape to a wine cork.

Since lionfish don't move around much, the simple marking technique has proven surprisingly effective.

"This is a really effective method and it works," said Gulli. "If you are in the water, you should have a marker with you. We need everyone — casual snorkelers, divers, everyone — on board to help with this effort."

"It is known that a fish commonly will be in an area for a couple of weeks and that's why the marking system works well," said Kelley. "It's a very inexpensive marker and will stay stationary for a few days until an experienced person can go to the area and capture the animal."

While there have only been two confirmed captures of lionfish off St. John shores, the species is out there, Kelley explained.

"The fact is that approximately 10 or 12 individuals have been found in places ranging from the deep waters off the western portion of St. Thomas to the north-

east part of St. John, and the south shore of St. John and the BVI's and off Lovango Cay," said Kelley. "Clearly with those few individuals spread in such a large area, there are additional fish out there for sure."

While eradicating the species would be the best response, lionfish are toxic and untrained swimmers are urged to just mark the location of the fish and report it, according to Kelley.

"Eradication, or the removal of every animal from the area and monitoring the area to ensure that no new animals enter the area is not feasible," said Kelley. "The spines have a neurotoxin which means a person must have special training and then exercise caution when capturing the fish. That is again why the marking system works really well."

In the face of such a potentially devastating threat to local resources, it's important for the entire Caribbean to work in unison, according to Gulli.

"This is our only hope really," said Gulli. "But this works. If I didn't think there was hope, I wouldn't be doing this."

As the group distributes lionfish markers, the public should note any sightings of the fish and report it to V.I. National Park resource officials at 693-8950 ext. 224 or ext. 225. The Caribbean Lionfish Response Program is in the process of creating a website with full information about the species, which should be up and running soon.

## Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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## ST. JOHN SHORT REPORTS:

### Fee Free Day at Trunk Bay Is Scheduled for April 17

Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove has announced April 17 will be a fee free day in commemoration of National Park Week.

VINP will waive the user fees at Trunk Bay Beach for that day. Hardgrove encouraged visitors to Trunk Bay this weekend to ride safari taxis to avoid overcrowding in the Trunk Bay parking lot. Contact Andrea Joseph 776-6201 ext. 249 for more information.

### CFVI Reminds Students of 2010 Scholarship Deadline

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands is reminding the public of the April 16 deadline for submitting applications for the 2010 undergraduate academic scholarships and the April 27 deadline for the graduate academic scholarship applications.

Interested students are urged to get the applications completed and turned in on time. Applications are available on St. John at Connections.

Completed scholarship applications and all accompanying documentation must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 16, for undergraduate applications or postmarked no later than Friday, April 27, for graduate applications. Award winners will be formally announced on June 18th at CFVI's annual meeting.

### Last Volunteer Days of 2010

As the season winds down and Friends of V.I. National Park's volunteer coordinator Jeff Chabot prepares to return to the mainland for the summer,

Friends is planning to end this volunteer season with one last project that, although outside of VINP boundaries, is very dear to the hearts of the local community.

Join Friends' volunteer group on Tuesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 15, as they assist with the clearing of the historical Fortsberg ruins in Coral Bay. Friends' volunteer van will be picking up across the island so be sure to catch the van!

Meet at 8 a.m. at Mongoose Junction, 8:15 a.m. at Cinnamon Campground, 8:30 a.m. at the Maho Bay goat trail and 8:45 a.m. at Skinny Legs Restaurant. Or meet the group at Skinny Legs and follow them to the trail. Be sure to wear brush-appropriate attire and bring a snack and a reusable water bottle.

Call Chabot at 998-5627 or Audrey Penn at Friends at 779-4940 for more information.

### Fifth Annual Javon Jade Alfred Fun Day Is May 31

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

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

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

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

## St. John Police Report

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

**Emergency Land Line: 911**

**Emergency Cellular: 340-776-9110**

**Police Dept: 340-693-8880**

**Fire Station: 340-776-6333**

#### Friday, April 2

6 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he fell off a rental scooter and thought it was because the brakes were faulty. Police assistance.

#### Saturday, April 3

2:55 p.m. - Two citizens r/ they were involved in a verbal dispute. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Sunday, April 4

1:08 a.m. - Badge #40 r/ seeing a male in Cruz Bay who was in violation of a court order. Violation of a court order.

11:59 a.m. - An Estate Powerboyd Plantation resident r/ a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Monday, April 5

2:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ that individuals were tampering with a car at her home. Vehicle tampering.

4:35 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

#### Tuesday, April 6

1:50 p.m. - A Coral Bay citizen p/r a male threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:55 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r his ex-girlfriend assaulted him in the area of Cruz Bay. Simple assault, D.V.

#### Wednesday, April 7

11:10 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r a passenger accidentally injured her foot. Accidental injury.

7:17 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ a trespasser at his residence. Trespassing.

#### Thursday, April 8

7:50 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance on Centerline Road. Police assistance.

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ being harassed.

9:00 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ an assault. Simple assault.

9:18 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ a break-in. Unlawful entry.

10:15 a.m. - An employee at the Julius E. Sprauve School r/ an assault. Assault in the third.

## Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

### St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even information that seems insignificant may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

### St. John

St. John and the territory have seen an increase of burglaries in the last three months. Items taken have included electronics, cash and jewelry, especially gold jewelry. Please ensure that items are kept in a safe place, photographed, and marked with

initials, and report immediately to 911 any suspicious persons in the community.

### St. Thomas

On Wednesday, March 31, at about 11 p.m. in the area of Jah Yard in Hospital Ground, police responded to calls of shots fired and discovered that two males were shot and critically injured.

Help law enforcement solve these or any other crimes by submitting an anonymous tip at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). To learn how the tipsters are kept anonymous, visit the website at [\[persUSVI.org\]\(http://persUSVI.org\).](http://www.CrimeStop-</a></p>
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Crime Stoppers thanks our partners: the community who have submitted 124 new tips this year; our media partners who publicize our weekly release; and law enforcement who investigate the tips and make the arrests which make the territory a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

To join us in the fight against crime, submit a tip, become a Crime Stoppers volunteer or become a dues-paying member. For more information, visit the website at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org).

**DON'T FORGET  
TAX DAY  
APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

# 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.

## Monday, April 12

— V.I. Unity Day Group is hosting a rally on Monday evening, April 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field with the aim of educating island residents on issues surrounding property taxes in the Virgin Islands.

— The Coral Bay Community Council will be hosting a community forum with Stuart Smith, DPNR's new St. John planner, on April 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the John's Folly Learning Institute. Commissioner of DPNR Robert Mathes and Director of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Margorie Emmanuel will also be present.

## Tuesday, April 13

— Friends of VINP have rescheduled the Fish ID Sail seminar for Tuesday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

— The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting hearings on the application of Choice Communications, LLC to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the U. S. Virgin Islands. On St. John the hearing will be on Tuesday, April 13, at 3 p.m. at the Cruz Bay legislature building.

— The St. John Historical Society invites the community to a potluck at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, April 13.

## Thursday, April 14

The Coral Bay Watershed Restoration ground-breaking will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, on the second floor of the V.I. Agricultural station in Coral Bay.

## Saturday, April 17

— Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove announced that April 17 will be a fee free day in commemoration National Park Week.

— The St. John Historical Society will take one final trek on Saturday, April 17, to another St. John estate as the group concludes the 2009/2010 season.

— A panel discussion "Increasing Public Awareness of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault." event will be on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. at St. Ursula's C. Warren Smith Multipurpose Center.

## Sunday, April 18

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, April 18, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay beach for the first practice swim before the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim race, which is on Sunday, May 30.

## Sunday, May 2

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay beach for a practice swim for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, which is on Sunday, May 30.

## May 6-7

The 10th Virgin Islands Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference will be May 6 and 7 at the Wyndam Sugar Bay Resort and Spa on St. Thomas.

## Saturday, May 22

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

## Sunday, May 30

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park's 7th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is Sunday, May 30.

## Monday, May 31

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

# PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 1 U.S. president #2
- 6 Country between France and Spain
- 13 13-Down event
- 19 Admit
- 20 Grasslands
- 21 Japanese robe
- 22 Bret Easton Ellis novel
- 24 Deeply rooted
- 25 Motel fixture
- 26 Preppy shirt
- 27 50%
- 29 Strange
- 30 Melodious, in music
- 32 Emergency exercise on a cruise ship
- 36 Spanish painter Joan
- 37 Country singer Carter
- 39 Betting slip
- 40 Trains overhead
- 41 No longer able to endure
- 48 Earmark
- 49 Former spouses
- 50 Prefix with chute
- 54 Livelihood
- 58 General —'s chicken
- 60 Place to be pampered
- 61 Alligator kin
- 63 Neglect to mention
- 64 Rapper whose "Hypnotize" was a 1997 #1 hit
- 67 "Road to Rio" co-star
- 70 First female
- 71 Fabric

- 72 "Risky Business" actress
- 77 Tragic king
- 78 Cancels, as a launch
- 79 French for "here"
- 80 "Dino" star Mineo
- 81 Perfumes
- 83 — -Flush (brand in the bathroom)
- 84 "The Cosby Show" actor Richmond
- 85 Opposite of old age
- 87 Begin to be distrusted
- 96 Hole-poking tool
- 99 Shar- — (wrinkly pet)
- 100 Streets
- 101 Zapzyt treats it
- 102 Ruthless attack by a group
- 107 Respect highly
- 109 Japanese noodle dish
- 110 Informal denials
- 111 Big ice sheet
- 113 Ungentle man
- 114 Cynically humorous
- 116 Theme of this puzzle
- 121 Bad-word bleeper
- 122 Enchanted
- 123 Bungling
- 124 Full of gusto
- 125 Rejoinder to "No, that's not!"
- 126 Deep-voiced opera singer

- 6 Italian river
- 7 Short sleep
- 8 Belittle, in slang
- 9 Suffix with access
- 10 Nouveau —
- 11 Place to dry out
- 12 Sing — (croon alone)
- 13 Take to the slopes
- 14 In a row
- 15 Honey-hued
- 16 Country singer Morgan
- 17 Eugene or Tip
- 18 Cover girls
- 20 Amigo
- 23 Bird call
- 28 County exhibitions
- 31 "La-la" preceder
- 32 Founder of Taoism
- 33 Having one flat, musically
- 34 — Schwarz (toy store)
- 35 At that
- 37 Gene stuff
- 38 Mrs. Archie Bunker
- 42 Summer, in Cannes
- 43 Blow it
- 44 Twig-toting birds
- 45 Show with pavilions
- 46 Char
- 47 Bible book in the form of a letter
- 51 Prescription sleep aid
- 52 Lay into
- 53 Infuriates
- 54 Fearsome snakes
- 55 Unicellular organism
- 56 Trophy alternative
- 57 Of an old anesthetic
- 59 Of — (in agreement)
- 61 Miler Sebastian

- 62 "La Cage — Folles"
- 64 Caddy quaff
- 65 Egg: Prefix
- 66 Suffix with vulgar
- 68 Harvest mo.
- 69 Mac rivals
- 73 Gallic "god"
- 74 MBA subj.
- 75 Oppose
- 76 Not tacitly
- 81 Dura Lube alternative
- 82 Hellenic X
- 84 Consider fit
- 86 Abbr. on a battleship
- 88 Point of view
- 89 Fellows
- 90 East end?
- 91 Cartoonist Chast
- 92 Engine wheel
- 93 Frigid spikes
- 94 Freeway accesses
- 95 Really must
- 96 Niger locale
- 97 Clothes sporter
- 98 Cyclist Greg
- 103 Jam-packed
- 104 "Silverado" actor Jeff
- 105 Bonn's river
- 106 These, to Juan
- 107 Astronaut's "yes"
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nearby residential structure. Domino Gas and Service station is also located on a portion of the Marsh land. Plans call for the gas station to remain in that location.

The development was conceived to meet the needs of the growing Coral Bay population, according to CZM acting assistant director Jean-Pierre Oriol.

"The applicant's object is to develop the site primarily based on the commercial and residential needs of the area," said Oriol. "The proposed development will address many of the needs of the area without having to travel to the overcrowded Cruz Bay and could relieve some stresses in Cruz Bay."

The property is already zoned B-2 (business - secondary) and the developer eased CZM's concerns about flooding and drainage in the area, explained Oriol.

"According to the applicant, while the area is at the base of a watershed, it should be noted that the guts draining the entire watershed flow to the east and west around the proposed project site," he said. "There are two guts traversing the site draining the parcel and a small intermediate area to the north."

"To prevent flooding, all roadways, parking areas and walkways will have sloped surfaces directing storm water to

ponds and stone lined drainage structures," said Oriol.

The developer will carefully control sediment runoff and maintain erosion control devices, Oriol added.

"The applicant recognizes that sediment runoff needs to be carefully controlled to avoid adverse impacts," he said. "Erosion will be controlled during construction by placing double silt fences erected on the downstream side of the construction site. Erosion devices will be inspected and maintained on a periodic and frequent basis."

Five of the buildings will be one story with only one building reaching two stories and all structures will be designed to blend in with the landscape, Oriol added.

CZM staff recommended approving the permit application with nine special conditions including that the developer must incur all costs associated with solid waste disposal, install and implement sedimentation control measures and surround stockpiles of dirt from digging and grading with a dike and swale system.

Adopting the staff recommendation, St. John CZM Committee members Madeline Sewer, Gerry Hills, Edmund Roberts and Andrew Penn all voted in favor of granting the major land use permit.



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



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



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



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



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



**"Mango Terrace Condos"** - Michael Milne designed condos just completed in Cruz Bay. Two, three and four bedrooms available, A/C, walk to Frank Bay beach and town. Water views, high quality appliances. These will be some of the most spacious condos on St. John. Only 20% down. Just Completed in late 2009. **\$825,000 to \$1.35M - Bank Financing Available.**



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

**Shopping Center** - Investment opportunity in this brand new retail/office building! Built in 2009. Beautiful architecture with stone work, columns and arches. Ample on-site parking and back up generator. Great tenancy in place with supermarket, bank branch, day spa, and more! Ideally located on the south shore road walking distance to the Westin Resort & Guinea Grove Apartments.

**Best Deals:** Seagrape Hill - \$95,000 & \$99,000, Calabash Boom lot with fantastic water views for just \$179,000, Bethany building lot over looking the Westin just reduced to \$99,000, Bordeaux Mt. - 1 acre with terrific BVI views listed at \$725,000 but owner will consider all offers - try him!!

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## CBR HOME LISTINGS

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

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

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**A BEST BUY!** - Well built, poured concrete cottage with lovely covered wraparound porch in Est. Carolina. Tile floors, louvered windows w/complete hurricane shutters, flat lot for gardening & concrete slab in place for future garage & expansion. Only \$349,000.

**CHRISTY ANN** - New rental villa in upscale neighborhood. Masonry construction with low maintenance features. three bedroom/two baths, large covered veranda, spa, 20' vaulted ceiling in greatroom, ample room for expansion. \$1,595,000.

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

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

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

**NAUTILUS** - Dramatic WATERFRONT setting on Maria Bluff. 3 bd/2 bath masonry villa w/large wraparound veranda, spa, sunrise to sunset views, 1.09 acre, tile roof, circular drive. \$1,495,000.

**SEASCAPE** - Fantastic location on Bovovoap Pt! Spacious 2 bd main house w/lap pool, plus a separate caretaker's cottage. Panoramic sunset views, privacy. \$1,200,000.

**AURORA** - Luxurious 4 bd/4bath masonry villa on Contant Pt. Enjoy 180' views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas, great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor areas, excellent vacation rental history. \$1,995,000.

**CHEZ SHELL** - Charming 3 bd / 3 bath, w/gorgeous sunset views, & prime Great Cruz Bay location. This beautifully decorated, & maintained rental villa has marble floors, A/C, custom cabinetry, inviting spa & excellent floor plan. **Reduced to \$1,225,000.**

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**WATERFRONT WITH DOCK** - Concrete 3 bd/2 bath home, on large, flat 1 ac.flat lot, with direct access the bay at your door step. Now only \$980,000.

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## CBR CONDO LISTINGS

**BETHANY CONDO** - Spacious, free-standing 2 bd/2 bath unit w/ amazing views, new common pool. \$495,000.

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**CANEEL HILL** - Gorgeous panoramic views. Improved property w/driveway & foundation slabs in place for 4 bedroom villa. Paved roads, underground utilities. \$580K.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**\$995,000**

**"SAGO COTTAGE"** adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful island views and great rental history.

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**"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE!** Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!

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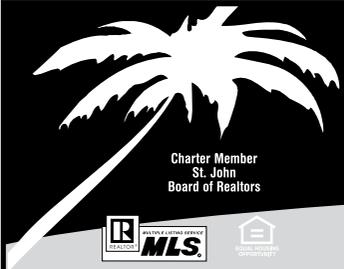
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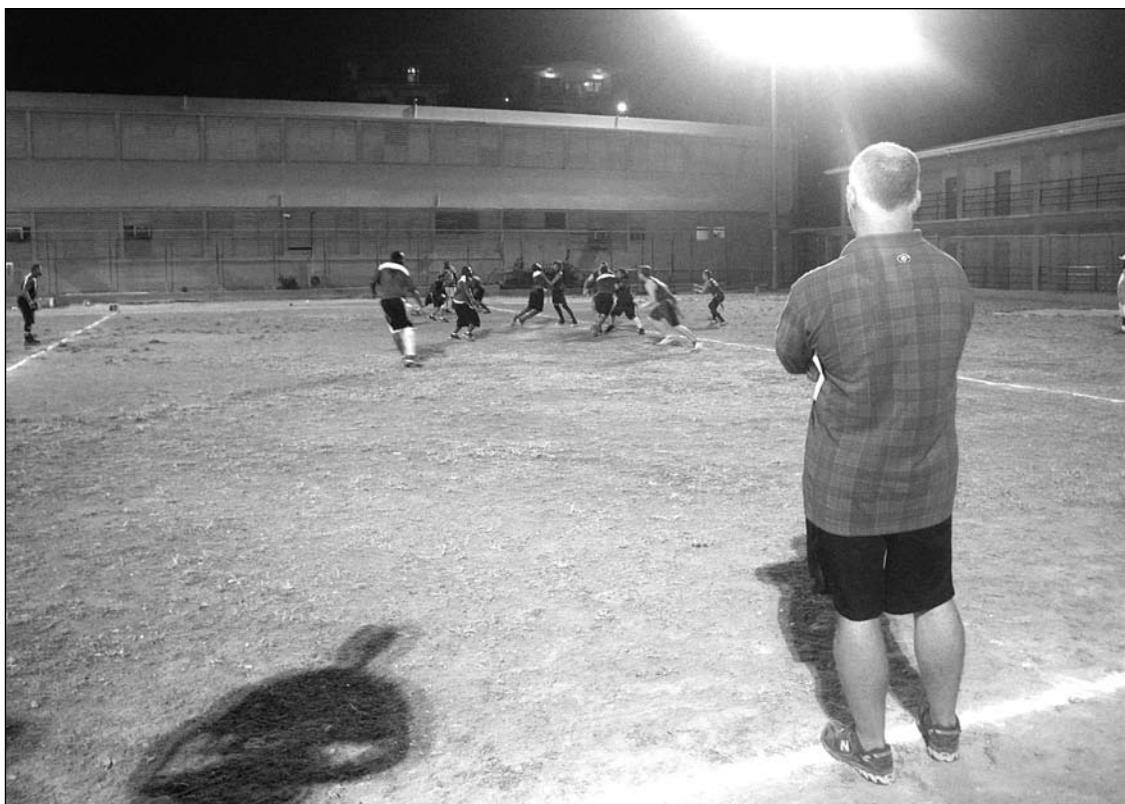
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## St. John Men's Flag Football Action

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

The Bulldogs squared off against Prime Time in the first game on Friday night, April 9, at the Winston Wells ball field. Before the games were finished on Friday night, the Wildcats were on the top of the standings with nine wins and one loss.

The BoonDocks had forfeited the season, and the Storms only had one win and nine losses. In the middle of the pack were the Hustlers, at four wins and five losses, and Dynasty with six wins and four losses.

Both Prime Time and Bulldogs were tied with seven wins and three losses a piece.

