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Cutline: (L to R) CBCC president Sharon Coldren, Attorney William Blum, VIRCD president Diane Capeheart, GBS teacher Brenda Brown, Governor John deJongh, NOAA's Samuel Rauch, Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen and Dept. of Pulic Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls with the GBS third grade class.

GBS Students Help Launch Watershed Restoration Project

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Armed with a \$1.4 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coral Bay Community Council is set to stem the tide of storm water runoff.

Plumes of runoff that turn Coral Bay har-

bor a murky brown during rains will soon be a thing of the past thanks to a coordinated effort between V.I. Resources Conservation and Development Council, CBCC, NOAA and several other local and federal agencies.

Governor John deJongh was among the local dignitaries who gathered at the Coral

Bay Department of Agriculture Station on Wednesday morning, April 14, to celebrate the official ground breaking of the Coral Bay watershed stabilization project.

CBCC's \$1.4 million is a portion of the total \$2.78 million granted by NOAA to the ter-

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VIRCD, NOAA and CBCC Officially Launch Watershed Restoration Project

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 ritory for three separate projects. The projects were all born from the federal government. In February 2009, NOAA was awarded \$167 million from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to restore coastal habitats and create jobs.

Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association and CBCC joined forces with VIRCD, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the Nature Conservancy and the University of the Virgin Islands to compete for a portion of NOAA's federal stimulus funds.

The Virgin Islands projects were one of only 50 projects selected out of more than 800 proposals submitted to NOAA. In addition to the Coral Bay projects, NOAA's \$2.78 million grant to the territory will be used for Estate Fish Bay road work and repairing a watershed at East End Bay on St. Croix.

The Estate Fish Bay work commenced several months ago and crews should be finished paving roads and installing swales and other storm water retention devices within the next few weeks.

The \$1.4 million grant being implemented by CBCC will cover the cost of 18 different projects in six sub-watersheds in the Coral Bay area. Concern for the watershed and impacts of runoff — evident during rains when the bay turns brown from sediment — have been important to “have



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CBCC president Sharon Coldren shared details of the group's ambitious watershed restoration project being funded by NOAA.

been on the minds of residents for years.

When the 200-member CBCC was formed in 2003, the group hosted a series of “visioning” sessions to get an idea of the issues residents deemed important, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

“We asked our members the most important issues to them and storm water runoff and protection of the environment were their biggest concerns,” said Coldren.

“CBCC has been committed to this ever since. We began to look for ways to address these concerns with both local and federal agencies.”

With a \$300,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, the group was able to hire a storm water engineer and aggressively pursue a portion of NOAA's stimulus funds.

VIRCD president Diane Capeheart was proud of her organi-

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Hugs V.I. Hosting St. John Support Meeting April 22 at Sprauve School

Hugs V.I. is hosting a meeting for St. John parents who have children with special needs or children who receive or qualify for services (speech, occupational and physical therapy, etc) from the public school system, including those who are home schooled, on Thursday, April 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria

Child care will be provided and items on the agenda include: satisfaction of instruction and services provided by the Department of Special Education; discussions for IEP advocacy; and parental satisfaction of child's diagnosis and services provided.

Please join Hugs V.I. as it unites St. John parents to advocate for children with special needs.

Hugs V.I. is a St Thomas/St John parent support group for parents and caregivers of individuals with special needs. For more details check out www.hugs-vi.org, or call 244-9568 or 690-2540.

Del. Christiansen To Speak at JFLI's 14th Anniversary Celebration April 24

The John's Folly Learning Institute will celebrate its 14th anniversary on Saturday, April 24, with a ceremony starting at 11:30 a.m. at the school. The guest speaker will be Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen and food and refreshments will be available after the program.

Beach-to-Beach Practice Swims Set

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 2, and Sunday, May 16, both at 8:30 a.m. for practice swims 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.

To register for the swim go to www.friendsvinp.org/swim.

Parent University Classes Continue To Help Children Succeed in School

Parents on the island of St. John still have a chance to learn more about how to help their children succeed in school and in the community as students in session III of the district's Parent University Program.

Classes began on Tuesday, April 13, at the Julius E. Sprauve School at 6 p.m. and will also be hosted on Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks.

“We are pleased to bring the Parent University Program to the St. John community,” said St. Thomas/St. John Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry. “The program is open to all parents and about the parents. We look forward to the St. John community coming out to support the initiative and our children.”

The series of classes being offered include: developing a winning attitude in your children; learn it! free summer enrichment program for elementary students; understanding how schools work and more. Transportation, child care and refreshments will be provided each evening.

For more details call Richardson at 775-2250, ext. 8530.

Crime Victims' Rights Event April 22

there will be a candlelight vigil in Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park from 6 to 9 p.m. to celebrate Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 18 to the 24. For more details, call 713-1612.

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Stabbing Shocks Julius E. Sprauve School Staff and Students

By Jaime Elliott
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Julius E. Sprauve School students, parents and faculty were reeling last week in the aftermath of the worst violence the Cruz Bay public elementary and middle school has ever seen.

A 14-year-old JESS student from St. John was stabbed on the left side of his upper torso by a 16-year-old JESS student from St. Thomas around 10:30 a.m. at the school on Thursday morning, April 8.

A fellow JESS student, a 15-year-old from St. John, brought the switchblade used in the attack to school and was also involved with the stabbing, according to information from the V.I. Police Department.

The 14-year-old victim was treated and released from Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and was recovering from his injuries last week, according to JESS principal Mario Francis.

"The student, while not back to school yet, has recuperated," said Francis. "His injuries were not life threatening."

Both students involved with the incident were arrested and now, in addition to facing serious punishment from the Department of Education and JESS, the two teens

"We knew he was violent from why he was put in our school," said the employee. "This is not a surprise."

"I think the administration doesn't want the superintendent to know we have a lot of problems at the school," said the JESS faculty member. "This is not just one problem — it's an ongoing problem."

— Anonymous Julius E. Sprauve School faculty members

face criminal charges as well.

The 16-year-old St. Thomas resident was charged with third-degree assault and possession of a dangerous weapon. The 15-year-old St. John resident was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and aiding and abetting in connection with the stabbing, according to VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

Both teens were placed in the custody of the Youth Rehabilitation Center on St. Croix as they await trial. They were also both suspended from JESS for 10 days and will face the Department of Education's district superintendent in an expulsion hearing before their suspensions are finished.

Violence like this was previously unknown on the Cruz Bay school's campus, which is home to 230 students in kindergarten

through ninth grades, according to Francis.

"Nothing like this has ever happened in my tenure," said Francis, who has been at the school for seven years. "This is not at all common for our school."

While Francis said the incident was an isolated act, several JESS faculty members, speaking on condition of anonymity, were not surprised with the violent attack at the once quiet public school.

"There are a lot of things going on at that school," said one JESS faculty member. "This is not the first incident with a knife either. A seventh grader brought one in to school and it was taken away by another student."

Recent reports of gang activity at JESS have also gone unreported, according to another staff member.

"We've had gang experts in here talking to parents and teachers and telling them they see gang signs at the school, but no one does anything about it," said the JESS staff member. "It seems people are just ignoring these things."

This is not the first time the St. Thomas teen who stabbed the victim, has been violent in school, according to the staff member.

The St. Thomas student was transferred to JESS last year after he was involved with an assault on a student at his former school, Bertha C. Boschulte, according to the JESS employee.

When the 16-year-old from Smith Bay was transferred to St. John, parents were upset and hosted a meeting at the school, but did not have the administration's backing, explained the staff member.

"We knew he was violent from

why he was put in our school," said the employee. "This is not a surprise."

"I think the administration doesn't want the superintendent to know we have a lot of problems at the school," said the JESS faculty member. "This is not just one problem — it's an ongoing problem."

Whether or not signs of violence were looming at JESS, the faculty and student body pulled together last week in the wake of the incident.

"The entire school community has been impacted by this because it was the first time," said Francis. "Although it wasn't a severe wound, when we hear the word 'stabbing' our minds conjure up the worst case scenario. It has really impacted us."

Francis organized a school-wide assembly on Friday, April 9, to discuss the matter and made a child psychologist available to the student body, he explained.

"I have spoken with our student body and we had our child psychologist and our nurse talking with the children," said the JESS principal. "We are rallying together."

To avoid future violence, Francis planned to initiate random searches of students and amp up the school's conflict resolution.

HUNDREDS GATHER TO HEAR ABOUT ST. JOHN PROPERTY TAXES



As the years-long property tax quagmire in the Virgin Islands continues, the V.I. Unity Day Group hosted a rally in the Winston Wells ball park on Monday evening, April 12, where residents had some questions answered and vented frustration with the government's real property tax revaluation results. The government recently issued the first property taxes in several years at 1998 levels, as it continues legal disputes over the revaluations that were completed in 2008.

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Friends of VINP Hosting Earth Day 2010 Events April 23

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V.I. National Park and Friends of VINP are excited to announce this year's Earth Day events, which include the 2010 Earth Day Environmental Fair on Friday, April 23.

This year the fair will be hosted once again at the VINP ball field in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year Friends is also hosting a marine component to the Earth Day Fair called Reef Fest, on Saturday April 24.

Reef Fest will coincide with the 40th Anniversary of the Earth Day celebration as St. John youth and their families spend an educational fun day at Hawksnest Beach from noon to 5 p.m.

Friends' goal in hosting both events is to educate, inform and inspire V.I. youth and the community on the importance of preserving and protecting the environment. Both events are free and open to the public and all St. John schools are invited.

Last year more than 700 St. John students attended the Earth Day Fair and Friends anticipates more than 200 participants at Reef Fest.

Island-wide beach clean-ups will also be happening throughout the week. Participants of the Friends' Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program are asked to remove debris from their adopted beach/trail as part of the island-wide cleanup. The Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program encourages volunteer groups to adopt a site and become responsible for keeping it clean.

Volunteers are needed to help make these events successful. Those interested in volunteering for Earth Day or Reef Fest should contact Audrey Penn at 779-4940.

Residents Ready To Work on Land Use, Zoning Maps

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay residents will have the chance to weigh in on a model land use plan for the area and upcoming changes slated for the territory-wide subdivision codes, Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials announced last week.

The need for planned development took center stage at a Coral Bay Community Council forum on Monday evening, April 14, at the John's Folly Learning Institute, which featured DPNR's Coastal and Comprehensive Zone Planning director Marjorie Emmanuel and DPNR's St. John Principle Planner Stuart Smith.

"We at DPNR have contracted with Rutgers University to undertake a revision of our current code," said Emmanuel. "They did an assessment of our subdivision codes and their findings indicated that we needed to do a major overhaul of the current code. Now we're finalizing a contract with Rutgers to have the lead team here late next month to start revising the code."

"The zoning maps will be updated as part of this as well," said Emmanuel.

DPNR will be asking residents on all three islands with knowledge of the subdivision code to join technical advisory committees, Emmanuel added.

"We will pull together three groups, one on St. John, one on St. Thomas and one on St. Croix, to be technical advisors," she said. "We'll be looking for eight to 10 people on each island who have knowledge of the code or work

with the code."

CZZP officials believe the process will span about 18 months and will be the first step toward overhauling the entire code and zoning maps, Emmanuel added.

"This is the first step in the process of revising the code which is a massive undertaking," she said. "The first step is fixing some glaring problems and the next step in the process will be to create a new document or take another look at the old document."

Coral Bay residents at the CBCC meeting also had a chance to hear from St. John Planner Stuart Smith, who was recently hired by DPNR, but has long dreamed of life in the islands.

"I've wanted to live here since I was five years old," said Smith. "When I was a child, I was lucky enough to spend most of my family vacations in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. I fell in love with the islands and the people."

While Smith's background in North Carolina seems like a far cry from local building concerns, he had to deal with steep slopes and coastal development as a planner in the private sector.

"Up in the mountains we dealt with a lot of steep slope building and then I moved to the coast where I went into development and planning for the private sector," Smith said. "For the last three years I dealt with coastal development like marinas and pump out facilities. I didn't come away with all the answers, but I did come away with the tools to try to find the answers."

St. John residents should take advantage of upcoming opportunities to have their voices heard as DPNR hosts public hearings to create rules and regulations overseeing telecommunications and wind energy.

"These meetings are a great opportunity for you to have your voice heard," said Smith. "These meetings really are going to pay off in the future."

With its relatively small scale development, Coral Bay presents an opportunity for planned growth, according to resident Carol Beckowitz.

"We have an opportunity in Coral Bay to do a good job," said Beckowitz. "I hope as we move forward to have more creative input in these zoning areas. Just because they are there, doesn't mean they are right."

"We have to think about the future and schools, churches, public space, gardens and pedestrian traffic use," Beckowitz said.

DPNR has considered those concerns, Emmanuel explained. With the community's support, the department is hoping to shift the decision power for zoning use from the V.I. Legislature to planning boards on all three islands, according to the CZZP director.

"The revised code will have to be approved by the legislature," said Emmanuel. "So if you want to make that change from legislature decisions to planning board decisions, the public will have to be forceful in its opinion. The public needs to make its voice heard if that is the direction you want to go in."

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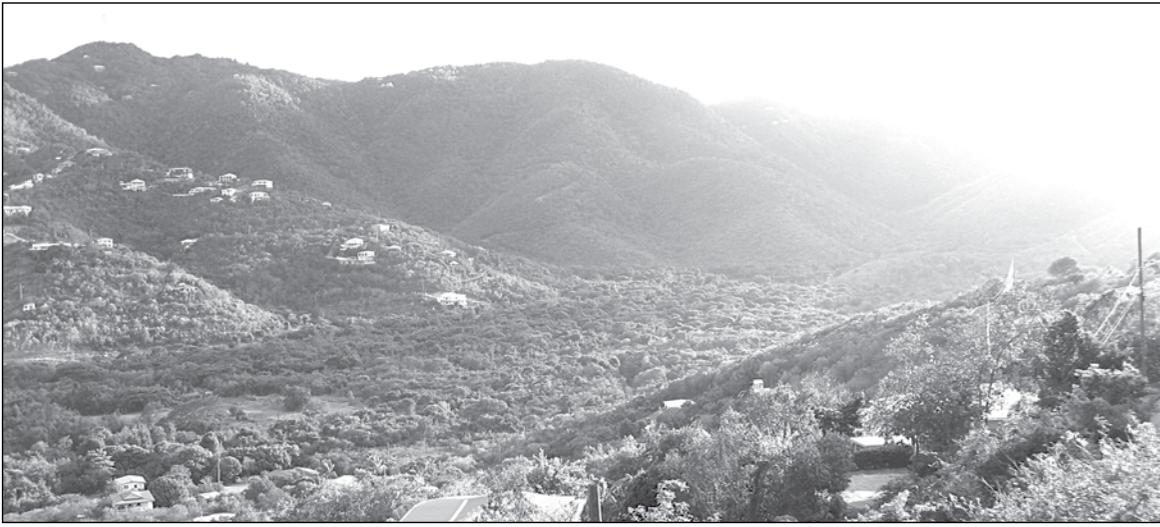


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The Egbert Marsh Estate's 170 acre parcel of land constitutes much of the Coral Bay valley, above.

Major Portion of Coral Bay, Marsh Estate Proposed as Territorial Park

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents at the Coral Bay Community Council's official ground breaking ceremony for its watershed restoration projects (see related story on Cover Page), delighted in the news Attorney William Blum shared with the crowd.

Blum was on hand for the event as a representative of the Egbert Marsh Trust, the owners of a 170-acre parcel which is a major portion of the Coral Bay valley. Instead of wanting to develop the property, Egbert Marsh's grandson, Sheldon Marsh, hopes to sell it to the V.I. Government to create a public territorial park, Blum announced at the groundbreaking ceremony.

"It is hoped that the government will acquire this historically significant property to make it into a very special park for the people of the Virgin Islands," said Blum.

The parcel of land stretches from the north side of King Hill Road on the valley floor all the way to Ajax Peak on Centerline Road and includes extensive ruins from the former plantation including a great house, mill and cemetery.

It was the cultural significance of the land which prompted Sheldon Marsh, to try to protect the area from a bulldozer, he explained.

"Since I was a little kid I have always wanted to protect those ruins," said Marsh. "There are two sugar mills in there, horse mills,

slaughtering buildings from when it was a cattle farm, the great house is still there and there is a cemetery there from the Germans who owned the property in the 1880s before my family owned it."

Marsh, who lives in Connecticut, has been working with federal and territorial agencies on the park plan for about two years now. Under the current plan for the area, Marsh is trying to secure matching funds to make the parcel easier for the local government to acquire.

The current asking price on the table is \$12 million, 75 percent of which would be paid under the plan by a grant from the Washington, D.C.-based Forest Legacy, Marsh explained.

That would leave the V.I. Government with only having to foot 25 percent of the bill for the property, or less if local funds are secured to drive the price down even further, Marsh added.

"The government is looking now to try to figure out a way to get more local matching funds for the parcel," he said. "We're also working with the Forest Service of the Virgin Islands on this project."

Marsh is not in the position to simply hand the deed over the government, but hopes the matching fund arrangement will result in a positive outcome for the Egbert Marsh Trust, the V.I. Government and the people of the Virgin Islands.

"It's a double-edged sword,"

said Marsh. "We're not Rockefellers — we can't just give this away. But we wanted to balance conservation with making the Trust viable."

The first step toward creating the park will be a mandated appraisal of the area by the federal government. If all goes according to plan — which is by no means certain — the area could be turned into a territorial park by the end of the year, according to Marsh.

"The grant should be announced by the end of the year," said Marsh. "But if the federal government decides not to award the funds all at one time, that will be a delay of at least a year. But I'm optimistic that we'll realize this as a park within a year or so."

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger has been working with the Egbert Marsh Trust and Attorney Blum for months to help on the local government side of the plan.

"This is not just some junk land that they are looking to get rid of," said Barshinger. "This is excellent prime land that has amazing cultural resources. These are tough economic times and the government can't just shell out \$12 million."

"But we've been working with Attorney Blum for months now on finding matching partners," said the senator. "This is a huge opportunity for us and for future generations."

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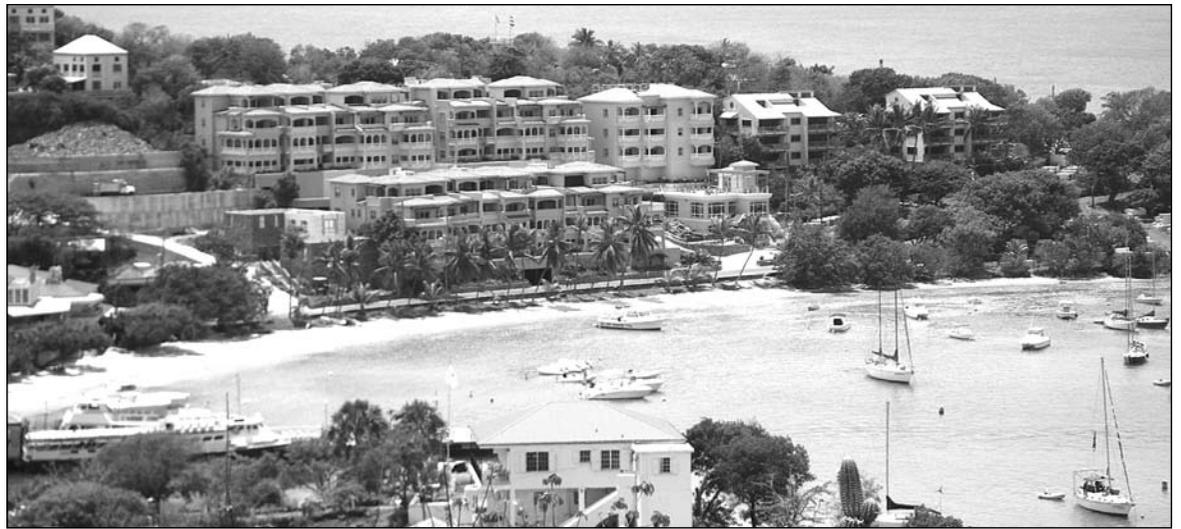
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The governor's signature last week cleared the last hurdle in the long rezoning journey for Grande Bay, above.

Governor deJongh Approves Grande Bay and Post Office Rezoning on St. John

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Two more St. John properties have been forever changed thanks to Governor John deJongh's April 7 approval of rezoning requests for Bay Isle Associates and the Boynes family.

A request by Bay Isle Associates, developer of the Cruz Bay luxury condominium project Grande Bay, to rezone its 0.26-acre lot, 3Abc, from W-1 to R-4 was narrowly approved in March by the V.I. Legislature.

The developer sought the rezoning to allow proposed changes to Grande Bay's building E, which is currently built an empty shell.

Bay Isle initially hoped the building would contain two dwelling units, as allowed under W-1; however, due to financial constraints, the developer now plans to construct six condos in building E — three two-bedrooms units and three one-bedrooms units.

Bay Isle's request for a variance for the construction of an on-site sundry shop was also approved by the Legislature and the governor.

DeJongh said he carefully considered all comments from both those in support of, and those against the rezoning, as well as Grande Bay's long history — a several years-long construction phase, and a change of management — when making his decision.

"It may be that if this project

commenced today, it would not be approved, but we cannot ignore that it is very much a reality, and its completion is the best outcome," said deJongh.

Neighboring property owner Liza Trey, who is suing Bay Isle for alleged zoning violations at the Grande Bay development, was stunned to learn that Bay Isle's rezoning request had been finalized.

"I will see Bay Isles et al in court sooner than later," said Trey. "It's amazing that in a free world, a government does not protect one's property rights. This is one of the reasons my parents came to the U.S."

Senator Craig Barshinger, who spoke out against the rezoning at Bay Isles' March 4 hearing before the V.I. Legislature, was also unhappy with the governor's approval of the rezoning bill.

"I think that the rezoning was ill-advised, because the density of the site will be increased," said Barshinger. "The exterior dimensions of the building may not increase, but the already fragile, already strained infrastructure of sewage and roads in Cruz Bay will now have to accommodate a higher density in those units. With luxury units, people who stay there usually weigh more heavily on our services; they use more water and more sewage, so I'm concerned about that."

Barshinger asked Bay Isles at

the March 4 hearing to consider using the currently empty building E as a yoga studio, or to provide more amenities for resort guests; however, Bay Isles representatives acknowledged the additional condo units were needed for financial reasons.

"You don't have to cram paying guests into every little nook and cranny," said Barshinger. "But it's all about money."

Bay Isles co-manager Elita Kane said she was relieved the rezoning was approved and is looking forward to finally completing Grande Bay.

"Finishing the project means a lot to us in proving that we'd like to be good neighbors," said Kane. "Everybody will be happy when the construction is totally done. We'll create more jobs, create more tourism and it will just be a very good thing for St. John."

Kane was scheduled to arrive on St. John on Friday, April 16, to finalize plans with Grande Bay's contractor before moving forward with the last phase of construction.

The Boynes family's request to have its 7,800 square foot parcel, located at 131 Estate Contact and Enighed, rezoned from R-4 to B-2 for the construction of a three-story building, with space to be leased to the U.S. Postal Service for a new St. John post office, passed easily

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Annual JESS Gala Garner \$50,000 for Cruz Bay Public School

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 100 residents dressed to the nines enjoyed a night of laughter, dining and dancing while raising serious money for the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The 13th annual JESS gala, on Saturday night, April 10, at Caneel Bay Resort was themed "Building a Brighter Tomorrow by Caring, Nurturing and Educating Our Children." The event raised about \$50,000 for the St. John public elementary and middle school, according to JESS principal Mario Francis.

"Right now it's about \$50,000 and counting," Francis said last week. "We still have some folks who customarily donate and haven't had a chance to do so yet. So we think that number is going to continue to rise."

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center physician Dr. Joseph DeJames kept the crowd in stitches as the master of ceremonies for the night.

After enjoying cocktails on the terrace, the crowd filtered in to the beach-front dining room to be served a first course by celebrity waiters including Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and Caneel Bay Resort managing director Nikolay Hotze.

While arriving a bit too late to serve the salad course, Governor John deJongh did attend the gala and took time out to say hello to many people in the crowd.

Gala attendees were impressed with JESS students who took center stage during the gala, the first of whom was Aleek Thomas who told the audience what makes his school so special.

"The teachers really care about you," said Thomas. "They are always after you to do well and keep studying."

Joined by his fellow student



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JESS alumni Javon Venzen, at right, and Syvannah Lyons-Anthony, center, pose with the JESS Band.

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A few hundred people enjoyed the cooling breezes, beautiful views and great food at St. John Montessori School's fish fry festival fund raiser on Sunday afternoon, April 11, at the school's John's Folly Learning Institute headquarters.

The school raised about \$2,700 from the event, which is being matched by the St. John non-profit KidsFirst! which supports early childhood education.

The afternoon included donkey rides with Pepe and Renita from Carolina Corral, arts and crafts, food, refreshments, games and a rummage sale.

The burgeoning school is now in its second year and has about 12 students between the ages of two-and-a-half and seven. St. John Montessori has the capacity to teach 26 children between the ages of two-and-a-half and eight.

"We had a great time," said Debra Polucci, St. John Montessori director. "The crowd was basically all ages from all around St.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

St. John resident Dax Chouiniere enjoys a donkey ride at the St. John Montessori School's first annual fish fry fundraiser, which netted the school approximately \$2,700. Kids participated in arts and crafts projects and decorating cupcakes.

John. We had a great diversity of people."

While the little ones enjoyed fruit punch and snacks, adults at the fund raiser were able to partake of St. John Brewers suds, Polucci added.

"We had a lot of donors who

took care of food and drinks and so many things," she said. "Our biggest donor was Aqua Bistro which donated all of the food."

St. John Montessori School is still accepting students and donations. For more information about the school call at 775-9594.

Resident Discovers Suicide Victim

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A Coral Bay property owner checking on his land was shocked to find a man hanging from a tree on an adjacent property on Tuesday afternoon, April 13.

The incident is being handled as a suicide and V.I. Police Department officials did not suspect foul play.

The deceased, who was discovered on Tuesday afternoon, April 13, around 3 p.m., was a 64-year-old white male. He was found hanging from a tree in the Lower Estate Carolina section of Coral Bay, according to information from the V.I. Police Department.

"No foul play has been suspected," said VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames. "The case is being treated as a suicide, but the cause of death can only be determined by a medical examiner."

The Coral Bay property owner who discovered the body immediately called the VIPD, he explained. The man asked not to be identified.

"The police responded promptly and with complete professionalism," said the property owner. "I met the officer at the Coral Bay substation and showed him to the site. Several other officers arrived at the site after we were there."

"VIPD Officer Vanterpool was the officer I met and he was completely professional," said the Coral Bay resident.

The deceased man was reportedly living in a camper on the land, which is located in the Coral Bay valley behind the Domino Gas Station. He was reported last seen late the previous week, according to the Coral Bay resident who discovered the body.

The victim had a dog which lived with him on the property, but is now being cared for by family, the resident added.

The incident was the first suicide of the year reported on St. John following a woman who was found hanging from a Westin Resort and Villas shower curtain rod in November 2009. The woman's family, however, continues to fight that charge.

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Crystal Fortwangler, principal grant writer for the V.I. Humanities Council Grant "Mapping the Cultural Geography of St. John, 1840s to 1940s" project, discusses the history embedded in the names of St. John places at the St. John Historical Society's Tuesday evening, April 13, meeting. The SJHS-sponsored project is recording many locally used place names for the very first time.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

SJHS Unveils New Interactive Map Recording Place Names for First Time

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Ever wondered how some of the more uniquely-named St. John places came to be known by such monikers?

That information is now just a mouse click away, thanks to the St. John Historical Society's new online map.

The place names which appear on the map were gathered during the V.I. Humanities Council grant-sponsored "Mapping the Cultural Geography of St. John, 1840s to 1940s" project. Grant writer Crystal Fortwangler, project director Beulah Dalmida and SJHS advisors and board members interviewed several culture bearers, collecting a wealth of information on St. John place names, some of which survived orally from generation to generation and are being recorded for the first time ever.

The results of the project were presented at the final SJHS meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, April 13, at the Bethany Moravian Church.

"It's critical to understand the oral history connected to these places," said Fortwangler. "Place names are often linked to families, people or events."

Information has so far been gathered regarding Coral Bay and East End, and SJHS hopes to continue the project, eventually mapping the entire island of St. John.

Culture bearers interviewed for

the project were either born and raised on St. John, or have lived on the island for a long time; can trace their genealogy back many generations on St. John; and went to school on the island.

"Local names can now be maintained for generations to come," said Dalmida, a native St. Johnian herself. "We had a great time interviewing the culture bearers, and they talked from their heart. I cannot say how important this project is for us."

Several of the culture bearers were present at the April 13 meeting, including island icon Guy Benjamin, who spoke of the importance of recording place names.

"When you look at a map, sometimes you can't find us," said Benjamin. "We want you to know we're here."

Culture bearer Alvis Christian grew up on St. John in the 1950s, a decade that straddled the way life used to be and the island many residents know today. He spoke of the caring mentality and resourcefulness of native residents in earlier times.

"I like the old way better," said Christian. "This project is going to preserve a whole lot of what we would have lost in the future."

SJHS's interactive map can be found at the society's Web site by clicking on "Maps" at the top of the home page. From there, users can select from several maps they

would like to view, all the way from Peter Oxholm's 1800 map to a recent satellite image of the island.

The maps contain markers, which users can click on, that will reveal the place name, an explanation from one of the project's culture bearers, and information on the historical context of the place's name — often stemming from Danish times.

SJHS webmaster Peter Burgess debuted a few of the place names, including "Breakwater," where the gas station is currently located in Coral Bay. The area got its name because it was known to flood, and during the 1840s-1940s, water even broke over the road from the sea on particularly rough days.

A place called Soldier Wash, located in John's Folly, got its name from the thousands of soldier crabs who traverse through there on their way down to the sea each September, when they change out their shells.

SJHS board consultant David Knight encouraged the audience to embrace cultural place names and pass them down to ancestors.

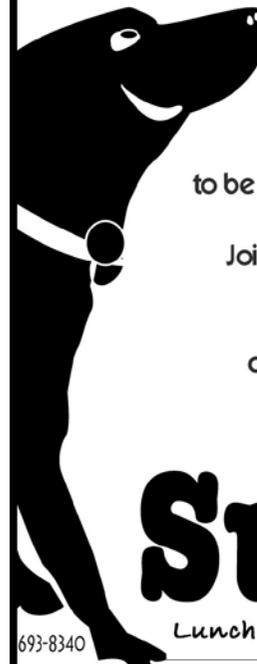
"By memorializing these place names, they will be put out there," said Knight. "The cultural heritage of St. John is extremely endangered."

To learn about the nearly 100 place names already recorded, visit the SJHS Web site at www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org.

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“The Leatherbacks of St. Croix” features rarely seen footage of baby hatchlings just out of the nest, above.

April 22 Reef Fest Film Night To Feature Local Productions on Leatherbacks, Grouper, Lionfish

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents can catch a glimpse — and perhaps a greater understanding — of the rarely-seen phenomena occurring beneath Virgin Island waters this Thursday at St. John Film Society’s first Reef Fest Film Night.

As an awe-inspiring kick off to the 2010 Reef Fest and Earth Day celebrations, the free film night will air three brief films about protecting resources in the Virgin Islands on Thursday evening, April 22, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace, including St. John photographer and filmmaker Steve Simonsen’s never before seen documentary.

“This film event perfectly reflects our mission, which is to inspire appreciation for the history, culture and oceanic environment of our U.S. Virgin Islands,” said Rea McQueen Roberts, marketing and outreach director for the St. John Film Society, which has partnered with the National Park, the University of the Virgin Islands and the Friends of the National Park for the event. “When we were approached by the Friends to participate in this year’s Earth Day and Reef Fest activities, we felt that we could do our part in reaching out to

a larger audience through the medium of film.”

Simonsen is headlining the evening with the debut of “The Leatherbacks of St. Croix,” his riveting in-the-works documentary about the conservation of Leatherback sea turtles at Sandy Point Wildlife Refuge on St Croix.

“To have something this primordial occurring each year on the shores of our neighboring island is an unbelievable spectacle of raw nature a kin to seeing the Grand Canyon or Bioluminescent Bay in Vieques,” Simonsen said. “Everyone should see this and that’s my job.”

Working alongside members of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the West Indies Marine Animal Research and Conservation Service, Simonsen hopes the film will help raise awareness of the endangered creatures to help protect, recover and sustain the threatened and endangered marine animals of the West Indies.

“We are fortunate enough to have Steve Simonsen debuting a portion of his work-in-progress for our first Reef Fest Film Night, something we are hoping we continue for years to come,” McQueen Roberts said of the upcoming

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LET’S HELP DAN!
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St. John resident, **Dan Feltman**, was injured while playing flag football for the Boondocks. His injuries essentially destroyed his knee. He is going to be out of work for at least 6 months and has a lengthy recovery in front of him.

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

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

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

Ruby Rutnik Memorial Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

At the close of the successful 14th Annual Memorial Softball Tournament, the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available for the 2010-11 school year.

This year's renewable \$2,500 annual award is offered to a qualifying St. John female whose family or self has resided on St. John for five years or more and who plans to attend or is attending an accredited college or university. Applications may be picked up at Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay or by contacting the Rutniks at 693-8069. The deadline for submission is May

1 and notice will be given on or before May 15, 2010.

A one-year, \$2,500 scholarship award is also being offered to a qualifying student from Elmore Stout High School in Tortola — the winners of this year's tournament championship.

Another one-year award is also being offered to a St. John student to attend elementary school at the Giffit Hill School on St. John. Applications are available at Giffit Hill School or by calling Beth Knight at 776-6595.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund and the Rutnik family wish to thank the community for their support of this year's very successful and exciting tournament.

Javon J. Alfred Memorial Scholarship

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.

The need- and merit-based scholarship award is an annual scholarship consisting of \$5,000 during the student's first year, \$3,500 the second year, \$2,500 the third year and \$1,500 the fourth year.

Recipients may reapply for consideration annually. Monetary awards shall be made on an annual basis and disbursed at the

beginning of each semester. Students are expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 average.

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.

Applications, including the essay, letters of reference and proof of financial need must be completed and submitted no later than 5 p.m. on April 28.

Chamber of Commerce Honors Five Residents with LaMotta Service Award

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Friends from across St. John, St. Thomas and even the mainland converged on St. Peter Greathouse on Saturday night, April 10, to toast this year's St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service honorees.

Patrick and Yanick Bayard, Cid Hamling, Albert Bryan and Lindley "Buddy" Kennings were honored with the LaMotta awards while Shamoy David was recognized with the chamber's student achievement award. The Public Finance Authority Building and Mafolies Day Care were recognized by the local chamber of commerce with the 2010 Awards for Design Excellence.

As entrepreneurs and committed public service supporters the Bayards have been an integral part of St. Thomas life for decades. Patrick and Yanick Bayard have worked with the Brunts since the 1970s and Yanick still runs day-to-day operations at Sea Chest while Patrick now dedicates his time to overseeing the company's financials.

"My parents are the gems of my life," said their son Dax Bayard. "My gratitude for what they have given me — values, education, safety, support, love — are exceeded only by my respect for the generosity of spirit they show to the community and world around them. They are true exemplars."

Before taking over as commissioner for the Department of Labor, Albert Bryan worked for HOVENSA, the V.I. Housing Authority and Innovative Communication Corporation. He also co-founded Generation Now, a St. Croix non-profit group dedicated to community service and mentoring.

Owner of Connections and a consummate community activist, Cid Hamling has called St. John home since 1981. In addition to offering much needed services on St. John, Hamling also serves on Friends of



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jean Vance

St. John honoree Cid Hamling

V.I. National Park's board of directors and is the administrator of the St. John Revolving Fund.

Lindley "Buddy" Kennings is sports director of Ackley Media Group and the bureau chief of sports and recreation for the V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation. Kennings also serves as head official for tackle football and is a St. Thomas/St. John Inter-scholastic Athletic Association board member.

Shamoy David, 16, was Charlotte Amalie's first freshman Future Business Leaders of America officer. Two years later is the state president of the Virgin Islands FBLA overseeing the group's activities in the entire territory. David is also an Amalian National Honors Society member and part of the CAHS steel orchestra.

The five residents were feted at St. Peter Greathouse where friends and family enjoyed dinner and dancing while celebrating the honorees' many accomplishments.

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Julius E. Sprauve School students, above, Guy Benjamin School students, at right, and Giffit Hill School students, below, all celebrated the Week of the Young Child with special events on Friday, April 16.



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Benefit for Dan Feltman Set for May 8 at High Tide

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While everyone on the gridiron has a great time showing off their football skills to the delight of Love City spectators, the St. John Men's Flag Football league is a contact sport and injuries do happen.

Now the community is helping one injured player cover the vast difference between the \$1,000 insurance covered by the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation and his mounting medical bills.

Dan Feltman, a member of the Boondocks team and a bartender at High Tide Restaurant, suffered a devastating knee injury during a March 19 game. Feltman tore his ACL, MCL and PCL, putting the young man out of work for at least the next nine months.

With his medical bills now reaching between \$70,000 and \$80,000, the government department's insurance effort has left a gaping hole in expenses.

Feltman's friends are rallying around the injured football player and hosting a fund raiser on Saturday night, May 8, at High Tide Restaurant in Wharfside right near the Cruz Bay ferry dock.

Live music by Sex Machine Guns, great raffle prizes and food and drinks will be on tap during the benefit. Stop by and enjoy the music while helping Feltman get back on his feet.

Tax deductible donations for Feltman can be made through the St. John Revolving Fund at Connections. Checks should be made out to the St. John Revolving Fund with Feltman's name in the memo line. For more information about donating through the St. John Revolving Fund, call Connections at 776-6922.

High Tide is still collecting raffle prizes and donations for the May 8 benefit. For more information or to make a donation to Feltman's fund raiser call the restaurant at 714-6169.

Janet Cook-Rutnik Opens New Show "The Journey" at St. Croix's CMCA

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John artist Janet Cook-Rutnik opened a new show of work on April 16 at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted, St. Croix.

The exhibition is entitled, "The Journey," and it includes digital photographs, videos and paintings all dealing with looking, seeing and experiencing things in a "time stilled" dimension.

The Journey video explores the condition of living globally — it was shot while driving through New York City, the Caribbean and Africa. Still images have been captured, printed digitally and in some cases, painted on canvas.

Other components of this large scale presentation include a series called, Looking, in which discarded photos are painted over to present a mysterious narrative that the viewer is invited to complete in this interactive piece. Seeing, is a series of images of stills from videos shot while driving through St. Croix and St. Thomas.

A fourth part of this multimedia



"Looking4"

show is called, Time – One and a Half Minutes. Shown simultaneously two video pieces, Breathing and the Swimmer, are intended to explore and transmit a physical sense of a palpable but utterly abstract notion — time.

While living and working on St. John since 1969, Rutnik is no stranger to St. Croix or the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts and has been an active supporter and participant of the art scene on

all three islands.

The exhibition, the Journey, is funded in part by a grant from the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts and is sponsored by the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts. The show will be on view until May 29.

For more information call 693-8069 or CMCA at 772-2622. The artist's work may also be seen on www.cookrutnikART.vi.

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Obituary



Lee Sterling Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Known as “Cosmic Lee” to the many friends who visited her “gypsy caravan” by the sea for inspiration, Lee Sterling, a resident of Coral Bay, St. John for 28 years, left her body on March 13, 2010, in Maui, Hawaii, where she spent the last year of her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Jo Sterling and Shannon Sterling of St. John and her son, Fincher Sterling of Maui, Hawaii; her grandchildren, Tobin Osteen, Maya Mathews-Sterling and Merina Sterling; and her great-grandchildren, Carter and Jared Osteen.

As a gifted artist and spiritual philosopher, Lee delighted locals and visitors with her humor, insights and art. Visits with her could include simply laughing at her favorite quotes and stories or viewing her latest creations from clay or cloth — mongoose sculptures, silk screened T-shirts and purses, crystal-domed paperweights filled with tiny treasures from the sea or whimsical lamps and shades.

Lee’s laughter and attention to the miraculous details in nature made every visit a joy and often an awakening. Whether marveling at dragon flies that danced above her lily-filled goldfish pond or helping a friend through problems, Lee always viewed everything from a Cosmic point of view.

There will be a celebration of Lee’s life at Miss Lucy’s Restaurant in Coral Bay on Monday, May 3, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. As Miss Lucy’s is closed on Mondays, Lee’s friends and family will share a potluck dinner together. Please bring a dish and favorite stories to share.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

A Master Plan for the Creek and Enighed Pond Facility

We need to master plan from our Creek Landing to the Enighed Pond. There are a number of excellent opportunities to improve St. John by increased utilization of the space at the Enighed Pond, in conjunction with cleaning up, beautifying, and re-organizing the downtown Creek area.

To do this properly requires master planning. At this time, the St. John planner and the Port Authority, with input from the St. John community, can together help create an improved St. John.

Let’s urge the Port Authority to complete the 150 parking spaces at the pond, but also to enter into a planning process to make the best plan for both the Creek and the Pond. St. John should not exist in hindsight when so many choices are available to make a better future.

With a new enthusiasm, we are seeing St. John residents offering suggestions on what could be a new planning process. I see this involvement as a new beginning crawling out of an over impacted town and a past neglect of planning.

St. John is being given a rare opportunity to plan the island’s future. The four to five acres of vacant land at the Enighed Pond gives us a chance to grow a better town. With downtown Cruz Bay bursting at the seams, this vacant land offers a chance to reasonably plan to improve our town, the Creek, and the usefulness of the Pond, along with creating economic opportunities for our community.

Benefits for V.I. Port Authority

A moment of planning could greatly help the Port Authority achieve a better economy as well. Since the Enighed Pond was built, costing over \$16 million, only a few barges and a rare ship enjoy the use of this huge area. Over two-thirds of the dock sits vacant and unused, while the Creek is strangling with impacts.

The waters at the pond are two to three times larger than our congested Creek waters where boats have to float in circles awaiting their turn at Customs.

By moving the Customs Depot, the Cruise Ship Depot, and the Inter-Island Depot to the Pond, the Creek can be a center of economic opportunity for the Port Authority, while creating an attractive centerpiece for our town. There is no money in depots, but there is a great benefit in creating a marine friendly center at the Creek.

Possible Uses for Enighed Pond

Here are some possibilities that would greatly benefit

St. John, along with creating additional revenue for the Port Authority. Cruz Bay can be a much better town, both visually and economically. Some of these are attainable with minimum effort and cost. All should be considered for possible future implementation.

1. Move Customs and Security needs to Enighed Pond, thus opening up the Creek Landing to profits for the Port Authority and more access and less congestion for our marine visitors.

2. Create a vendors village/fish market/amphitheater/restrooms and other such uses at Enighed Pond to replace the large unproductive and unattractive areas of dirt.

3. In place of a remote fish market at the end of the pond road, we could bring back the seaplane service at this location, complete with user fees for the Port Authority. The fish market moves to a better location at the Vendors Village.

4. Consider having Carnival and other events at an amphitheater at the pond. This is a much better and larger venue than in the middle of downtown. Currently, the only parking lot available for downtown parking is essentially lost for several weeks during Carnival.

5. A boardwalk should be created both at Enighed Pond and along the waterfront at Cruz Bay. This beautifies both areas and opens the door to the benefits of a boating economy.

6. A pump out station and boat slip rentals can be created at the Enighed Pond with a boardwalk marina on top of the metal seawall.

7. It may be possible to move the baseball field from the school to the Enighed Pond using the same landscaped site for carnival and events. The school ball field could then be used for downtown parking so we can have a walk-around town.

8. At the pond, there could be a car rental lot, just like at an airport, where visitors can comfortably pick up and drop off their cars. This will free up so much of our downtown.

For the Port Authority, such plans create a financial gain and better management and lets the Port Authority live up to its mission statement to enhance economic opportunities. For all of us who live on or visit St. John, we will have a much better town and island.

Steve Black, St. John

Compassion for Mothers, But Justice Must Be Served

Jeanie Cockayne’s most recent words to this tragedy are surprisingly compassionate considering the great loss of her son Jamie.

I applaud her for the ability to put aside hate that would consume anyone’s heart for one of compassion for the mothers of the guilty. For Jeanie, family and

friends, this is no celebration as she says, for no one wins. But the perpetrators of such a heinous and unthinkable crime must be punished appropriately for the gravity of their crime and Justice must be served in the name of Jamie and the rest of society.

Leeann Broad

Keeping Track of Crime

2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

2010 TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 6

3rd Degree Burglaries: 21

Grand Larcenies: 17

Rapes: 0

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Letter to St. John Tradewinds

The Roundabout Is a Bargain

I cannot help but respond to the *Tradewinds* letter "Paying Too Much for Turnabout."

Studying civil, mechanical engineering, business, having my own businesses and working in numerous other businesses on multi-million dollar construction/development projects, I cringed when the roundabout project was announced, wondering how on earth were they going to get all the utilities including electrical, communications, storm drains, water, sewer and whatever else through there without completely tying up the island's most major intersection.

Well they did it, and had to do it the hard way — piecemeal. Basically (said very over simplified) they would dig the utilities in, just far enough to get so much in place and yet still allow traffic flow. Then they would dig up the next section while letting the traffic flow over what they had just worked on.

All the while they had to get the grades right, the adjacent school, public, commercial and residential property squared away to having as little as possible short-term and long term impact. Plus all the required vital sidewalks, crosswalks, signage and lighting.

Most people do not realize that the complexity of a project like this of not only scheduling functions,

but also manpower, subcontractors, materials, outside firms like WAPA and Innovative takes precise timing to come out "on time and within budget."

To do that a system was developed by the U.S. government years ago called critical path method, CPM. It is best used in a computer-based way because computers can best find the most efficient path.

I first was exposed to this and began using it decades ago, and am still using computer aided cost control methods to helping my service and retail sector clients today.

While I have not read their contract, most likely Island Roads has penalty clauses for being over budget and over time and may also have bonuses for being on time and under budget.

Regardless, considering the countless times I have witnessed semi trailer trucks tie up traffic backing around that intersection, and particularly in light of the fact that it is the first major intersection (hub) from the Enighed Port dock and its vital St. John lifeline, I analyze the roundabout as a real bargain!

Kudos to Island Roads and their roundabout superintendent Charlie.

John Levering, St. John resident

A Dog Story

On Tuesday, April 13, my son and I were inspecting a parcel of property that I own located in the Coral Bay flat valley area. As we were walking through the property a large black dog came towards us.

I recognized the dog as Jackson, owned by a man who was living on an adjacent property owner's land. I thought it was a little unusual

and I had a premonition. Jackson in previous visits had never left the presence of his owner.

I petted Jackson on the head and he turned around and ran back up the trail to the adjacent property. On arriving there he was licking the legs of a body hanging from a large, well-known tree on the adjacent property owner's land.

My worst fears were substan-

tiated. I called the V.I. Police Department. I went to meet the police up at the Coral Bay substation.

When I got back with the police, the dog was missing and I was really worried. However I subsequently talked to the son of the camper and he told me that he had Jackson. Now, Jackson is being cared for by the victim's son.

Rene A. Servant

Misunderstandings About Medicare and Limiting Malpractice Suits

According to Mr. Miller...poorer people have to pay a much greater percentage of their income towards this (Medicare) fund than rich people.

This is a misunderstanding. Everybody has to pay 2.9 percent of their salary or similar income to the Medicare fund and there is no upper limit on these contributions, which means that richer people have to pay much more for the same service they receive from the Medicare later on, which is very socialistic.

Mr. Miller is right that malpractice rewards should carry a limit. There should be definitely a limit on "pain and suffering" which cannot be measured objectively and the reward can be anything between \$100 and \$5 million.

My friend who is an obstetrician pays \$200,000 a year for malpractice insurance premium because there are too many malpractice suits against the obstetricians. If the child has some mental or physical problem later on, the obstetrician is probably respon-

sible for it according to the lawyers.

The obstetrician gets from the insurance about \$2,500 for the delivery, including the care during pregnancy and six weeks after delivery. Office expenses are not billed separately.

I am not surprised that the obstetricians refuse to take care of pregnant wives of the lawyers to lower the frequency of possible malpractice suits. There should be definitely a cap on the malpractice lawyer fee which is about 30 percent of the reward of the malpractice suite.

Doctors have to order many expensive tests because they must practice a defensive medicine. This, of course, increases the medical expenses and it is one of the reasons that medical care costs so much.

However, it is hard to imagine that congress would approve a reasonable malpractice suit reform because the congressmen are themselves mostly lawyers.

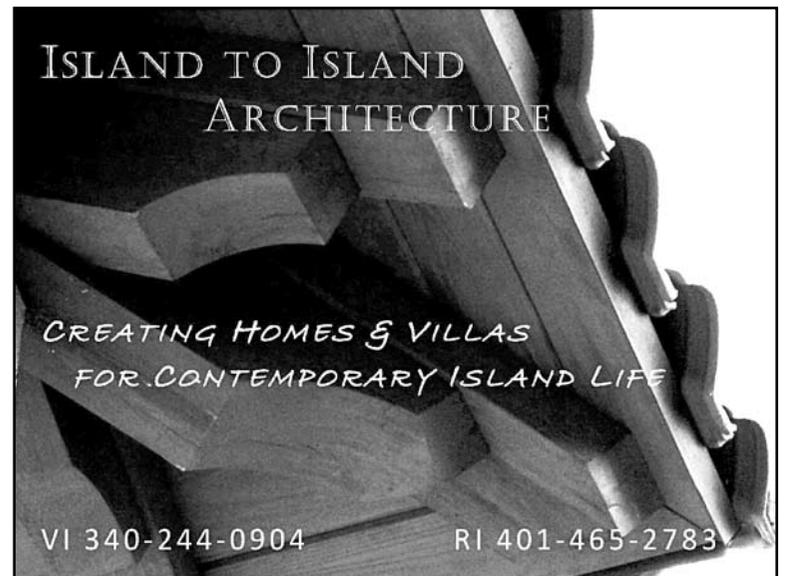
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St. John Police Report

Emergency Land Line: 911
Emergency Cellular: 340-776-9110
Police Dept: 340-693-8880
Fire Station: 340-776-6333

Saturday, April 10

12:50 a.m. - A citizen r/ seeing a man with a gun in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

5:50 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that a female damaged his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

8:24 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ a disturbance at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library. Disturbance of the peace.

11:35 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ a break-in in Estate Adrian. Burglary in the third.

7:13 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with two individuals who were not feeling well. Police assistance.

11:27 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ individuals throwing eggs in the area of Pine Peace. Police assistance.

Sunday, April 11

5:29 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ someone on his property. Police assistance.

8:50 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ that a male trespassed on her business property. Trespassing.

Monday, April 12

1:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in a hit and run in the area of Fish Bay. Traffic accident.

6:30 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Tuesday, April 13

3:47 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ finding a body on his property. Suicide.

Wednesday, April 14

6:45 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident p/r his business in Susanaberg was broken into. Burglary in the third.

12:57 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance with her boyfriend. Destruction of property, D.V.

5:35 p.m. - A citizen r/ his home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

10:15 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ his brother threw a stick at him.

Thursday, April 15

No time given - A citizen p/r that his house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

9:55 a.m. - A citizen r/ someone stole his license plate from his vehicle. Stolen license plate.

5:35 p.m. - A citizen r/ money missing from her business. Embezzlement, D.V.

7:17 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Police assistance.

8:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone trying to gain entry to his home.

8:29 p.m. - A citizen r/ hearing a gun shot in the area of Coral Bay. Shots fired.

10:06 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in Estate Enighed. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, April 16

9:55 a.m. - A visitor from Ohio p/r her rental vehicle was struck in an unknown location. Auto accident.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Brown Bay Tsunami Caused by "Celebrity Solstice"

This past February 18, I was vacationing on the island, and made my first trek to Brown Bay to snorkel and explore. What a beautiful little gem of a bay, and seemingly quite unspoiled!

Until...my friends and I and the other beach visitors witnessed an awful assault.

Most of us were out on the east mouth of the bay snorkeling in about 12 feet of water. I happened to pop my head up just as a *Celebrity Solstice* cruise ship came into view from the east.

It was moving pretty fast, and seemed kind of close, but I don't know much about cruise ships, so I went about my business of being awed by the underwater life.

Within a minute or so I saw everything on the sea bottom, urchins, fish, coral, and plants, bend and tumble as if they were being hit by an underwater hurricane. Then I realized I too was being sucked in the same direction, out of the bay. I started swimming hard against this huge current, but suddenly the same current was whisking me back toward shore.

I heard someone yell something about "cruise ship wake!!" and everyone was paddling towards shore. We were met by an underwater wall of sand and debris. Finally back on shore, we saw the water had receded out 50 to 75 feet, completely exposing the shallow grass beds.

Every urchin and conch and anything else from the shallows was now stranded far up on shore. There were no waves, just this strange slow surging back and forth of the sea. The whole bay had become a swirling brown soup.

All of us were pretty shook up. We were able to gather up the urchins and baby conch (at least 50 of

them) and place them back into the grass beds as the water cleared. I felt like I had witnessed a small disaster, and I knew that the same thing was probably happening all up and down the north shore as the ship passed by.

We ended up stopping off at the V.I. National Park headquarters and told a young ranger about it, and then I followed up with a letter to Superintendent Hardgrove, asking him; was this a normal occurrence? Wasn't it damaging the reef? Could he help get it stopped?

In a letter back to me, Mr. Hardgrove explained he was able to eventually reach the captain of that ship (I happened to snap a picture of it with my underwater camera) to tell him what had occurred.

The Celebrity captain said he was unaware of the effects of the ship's wake, and would reduce speed next time he came through.

It is not clear to me if this was the normal route for cruise ships, through that narrow channel between St. John and Tortola. If it is, our National Park shallow shorelines are in big trouble. If other giant cruise ship companies use that route too, it seems like a speed limit needs to be imposed, at the very least.

I care a lot about things like this, but I live far away in Michigan. I am asking the *St. John Tradewinds* to publish this letter, to hopefully get local people interested in helping Superintendent Hardgrove, and the Park Service, to address this recurring damage that the big ships are causing.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Kathrine Neils
Haslett, Michigan**

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. Anyone who know something, should please report it. Even information that seems insignificant may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Saturday, March 20, at about 1 a.m. while walking from the tennis courts in Cruz Bay, a man was struck and robbed by two black males who were 18- to 25-years-old, medium build, and 5'6" to 5'9". One was armed with a .38 revolver. An iPod, cash and house keys were taken. Afterwards, the two robbers ran toward the fire station.

St. Thomas

On Wednesday, March 31, at about 10 p.m., police responded to a report of shots fired near building 6 of Bergs Home. On arrival, police found Khalid Guishard who had been shot multiple times and was critically injured. At this time Guishard is unable to tell police who shot him or why.

St. Croix

On Friday, March 26, between 5 and 7 p.m., a thief(s) stole a very thin aluminum Apple Mac Book Pro laptop from a 2006 Silver Jeep Wrangler with a soft top, which was parked near Off The Wall restaurant in Cane Bay. The laptop is valued at \$2,500, but to its owner, who is physically challenged, the information contained is very valuable. The minimum reward for the arrest of this thief is \$714.

Community members can submit tips on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

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

Annual JESS Gala Garners \$50,000 for Public School

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musicians, Thomas and the JESS band performed to the delight of the crowd. Several members of the elementary choir sang a musical selection followed by the very impressive secondary choir.

JESS alumni and current Charlotte Amalie High School students Javon Venzen and Savannah Lyons-Anthony then took the microphone and recited poems to the delight of all.

"Everyone loved having the students take part in the gala this year," said Francis. "That was definitely a plus and something we are definitely going to do more of."

The annual gala followed a different format this year with a cash bar and a buffet-style dinner, about which Francis heard mixed reviews, he explained.

"The night was a fabulous success," said the JESS principal. "We tried something different with the buffet and we had mixed reviews. Some folks liked being able to select what they wanted instead of being served a plate of food and others didn't enjoy it so much."

During and after dinner, the crowd was delighted by live music from Steven Payne's Jammers HP, which included an entertaining lead singer who tipped his very talented hat to Michael Jackson.

With live and silent auctions and numerous raffles up for grabs, many members of the audience went home with exciting prizes. None perhaps more so than Roger Harland, broker and owner of



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St. John resident Toni Lacer gets her photo taken with "celebrity waiter" St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

Tropical Properties, Inc., who offered the winning bid for dinner with Governor John deJongh at Caneel Bay's inimitable Turtle Bay Estate House wine room.

The funds raised at the gala this year have been earmarked for purchasing and installing a new electronic marquee for the school, retrofitting the school gym, constructing a playground for the elementary school and establishing an annual scholarship fund, according to Francis.

While last year's funds garnered

from the 12th annual gala have yet to be spent, the school is working toward issuing requests for proposals to upgrade the kitchen, Francis previously told *St. John Tradewinds*.

"Work on the kitchen improvements is on-going," Francis said. "We do hope to get started on that soon."

The JESS fundraising gala committee extended thanks to all its supporters especially to major sponsor Caneel Bay Resort, Francis added.

Watershed Restoration Project

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zation's role in securing the funding to improve watersheds throughout the Virgin Islands.

"We were one out of only 50 projects to be awarded these funds," said Capeheart. "This is a significant achievement and a benefit to our island communities to protect our habitats, improve our infrastructure and create jobs. I look forward to making things happen through VIRCD."

When local and federal governments work together with community organizations, everyone benefits, explained NOAA's deputy assistant administrator for regulatory programs Samuel Rauch.

"It's the collaborative nature of these projects which makes them a success," said Rauch. "A healthy economy and a healthy environment go hand in hand. Investing in our coastal habitats benefits tourism opportunities, out of work fishermen and employs skilled laborers."

A major part of the NOAA grant process was having "shovel ready" projects which were able to get started as soon as funding became available, Rauch added.

"Shovel ready projects like these are especially important since we're still recovering from the worst recession this country has seen since the Great Depression," said Rauch. "Shovel ready projects get people to work and protect the environment."

In addition to reducing the sediment load in the Coral Bay watershed, the coastal restoration project could serve as a Caribbean-wide model, Rauch added.

"This will set a model for future watershed projects across the Caribbean and nation-wide," he said. "What we learn here we want to use nation-wide."

On his way to the Coral Bay ceremony, deJongh was reminded how beautiful the area is, explained the governor.

"This is a very beautiful place and we must protect it while balancing growth and development," said deJongh. "This grant is a tremendous ef-

fort toward that objective. What we're trying to achieve is measured growth."

Hiring St. John principle planner Stuart Smith and moving ahead with several other projects are all part of the "measured growth" the island needs, deJongh explained.

"Our hope is that by hiring a principle planner for the island of St. John, that growth will be advantageous and growth that takes us forward," said the governor. "Frank Powell Park RFPs going out soon, creating parking in Cruz Bay and repairing roads on the South Shore are all part of what is taking place. We couldn't be here without the NGOs and private sector partnerships."

"We can move this island forward by coming together," said deJongh. "By working together we can overcome any hurdle."

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger also applauded the cooperative effort which resulted in the project.

"I applaud all the agencies who are working together for this project," said the senator at large. "Today we are breaking down walls and linking arms to protect the beauty here. We have many treasures here — the people, the culture the climate, the land and sea — and let's keep all of them in tact."

After the ceremony at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station, the group walked down King Hill Road to a site where taking out a simple knee wall is expected to considerably reduce the amount of runoff that usually flows down the road to the bay.

Local dignitaries and NOAA officials were met at the site by third graders from Guy Benjamin School, who helped officially launch the watershed restoration project.

Other dignitaries at the event included DPNR's Dept of Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen, Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, and Attorney William Blum.

Reef Fest Film Night Scheduled for Thursday, April 22

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ing mini-film festival.

"Seas of Change: Spawning Aggregations of the Virgin Islands," the 2006 educational documentary by Tim Kelly and Perry Pickert about science, management and socio-economic aspects of spawning aggregations in the USVI and the disappearing Nassau Grouper, will follow Simonsen's documentary.

"The film takes place largely in St. Thomas and includes recent footage of fisherman in Frenchtown who have fished these waters for many, many generations," McQueen Roberts said. "This is a really local film and we will get to

see interviews of St. Thomas fisherman giving their feedback and opinions."

To conclude the evening, Karl Pytlik of the Friends and Jessica Hornbeck of NPS will provide an update on the invasive lionfish posing a threat to the Virgin Islands underwater world.

"They will show a film clip of lionfish footage and Jessica will have a preserved specimen to observe while Karl will show people how to make a lionfish marker," McQueen Roberts said.

The free movie night is open to every one, and while The Marketplace is providing the space and chairs for the event, McQueen

Roberts is encouraging people to show up early for prime seating.

"We have consistently had 50 to 100 people at our free screenings," she said. "And we expect a good turnout because we know many people will be curious to see Steve Simonsen's footage so it would be a good idea to show up a bit early."

Island students will also be able to learn how they can help protect the reefs at the 2010 Earth Day Environmental Fair this Friday, April 23, at the National Park ball field in Cruz Bay where St. John Film will air educational and entertaining short films from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Thursday, April 22

— The Criminal Victims' Compensation Commission will celebrate Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 18 to the 24. On Thursday, April 22, there will be a candlelight vigil at Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information on how to participate, contact Sansara Cannon at 713-1612.

— As an awe-inspiring kick off to the 2010 Reef Fest and Earth Day celebrations, the free film night will air three brief films about protecting resources in the Virgin Islands on Thursday evening, April 22, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace.

Friday, April 23

V.I. National Park and Friends of VINP will host Earth Day events, which include the 2010 Earth Day Environmental Fair on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field.

Saturday, April 24

The 2010 ADDY Awards, presented by the American Advertising Federation (AAF) of the U.S. Virgin Islands, will

take place on Saturday, April 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Prior-Jolleck Hall, at Antilles School on St. Thomas.

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 Non-point 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

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

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Alateen Meetings

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 36 Disparage
- 40 Lodging money
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- 45 Flaky treat
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- 55 Sandbox toy
- 57 Rebuilding a Madrid museum so it faces the other way?
- 61 Fire-breathing monster
- 63 Somewhat, in music
- 64 Helped out
- 65 Pale petites?
- 71 Less inhibited

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- 81 Frosts
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- 87 Cost an arm — leg
- 88 Once surnamed
- 89 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
- 90 Tax felon in attendance?
- 95 Desert bloomers
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- 98 Strict sorts
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- 104 Hawaii's Mauna —
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- 121 Camille Saint- —
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- 6 Most skittish
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- 8 Give guns to
- 9 Sewer line?
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- 11 Mixed in
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- 13 — annum
- 14 Daytime showing
- 15 Eye pieces?
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- 17 Evil smile
- 18 Body trunk
- 21 Altogether
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- 29 Coating, as a car
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Governor deJongh's signature last week cleared another hurdle in the move to relocate the post office, above, to a Boynes family-owned site near Pond Mouth Road.

Governor Finalizes Grande Bay, Post Office Rezoning

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through the Legislature and the governor's approval.

"It's great," said family spokesperson Cheryl Boynes-Jackson. "We're glad the governor approved the rezoning. We're going to finalize information with the post office, and then we'll go forward from there."

Boynes-Jackson said she hopes construction will be the next phase in the years-long process toward building a new post office for Love City.

Barshinger gave the rezoning his blessing

once he was satisfied that neighboring property owners approved of the Boynes family's zoning change. The senator at large last week wrote to Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen asking her to call a hearing for the U.S. Postal Service to present its plans to the public.

"That way, people can comment on whether it's going to work for us," said Barshinger. "We have a planner, and we want to use him. We're pretty good at envisioning our town; we just have to ask for them to share the material with us."

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REEF BAY VIEW - Absolutely beautiful location overlooking St. John's most virgin National Park with views of Reef Bay, Ram Head and the secluded white sandy beach below. Classic Caribbean style 4 bedroom, 3 bath villa consisting of 3 hip roofed buildings, connected by decks & covered walkways, white walls & turquoise accents, pool and spa. **NEW on the Market!** \$1,595,000.



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

VILLA ROMANCE - A brand new, luxury, villa built to the highest quality & craftsmanship. This well-designed villa provides privacy, comfort & exquisite detail. The gated entry leads to the heart of the villa, overlooking the 30 ft. pool, with a tropical courtyard setting. Tile roof, coral flooring, fountains, arches, columns, covered galleries, & romantic gazebo. **This is a MUST SEE! Reduced to \$2,400,000.**

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 bdrms/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.**

PLUMB GUT - 1 bd/1 bath home w/adjacent 1X1 cottage. Lush setting on eastern side of Bordeaux. \$574,000.

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.

STONE HOUSE - Unique native stone 3 bd/3 bath villa w/covered rotunda, freeform pool, and spectacular Coral Bay views. \$1,800,000. With adjacent parcel \$2,100,000.

BOATMAN POINT - Masonry 4 bd. home on spectacular 1 ac. waterfront site with amazing views & outstanding neighborhood. \$2,795,000.

WINDSONG - Stately Boatman Pt. villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. \$3,495,000

GOLDEN DRAGON - Beautiful stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship. 4 bds./4 baths, infinity pool, multi patios & decks, lush gardens, Pt. Rendezvous location. \$2,195,000.

CBR CONDO LISTINGS

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

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

SELENE'S - Ideal in town location, w/parking, for living/rental or business. Terrific views. **Reduced to \$399K!**

CBR LAND LISTINGS

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ESTATE FISH BAY - Many parcels to choose from, starting at \$150K. Call US for a complete list.

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

CBR BUSINESS LISTINGS

FABRIC MILL - Very successful clothing business, established in 1982, in Mongoose Junction. Price includes inventory & equipment, owner will train: \$150,000.

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WATERFRONT "PRESIDIO DEL MAR" on Peter Bay Point, has private path to pristine beach. Spectacular new, gated estate on 1.63 acres with exceptional privacy, surrounded by 645' shoreline and National Park waters.

\$32,000,000

"L'AUTRE MONDE" Breathtaking views! Privacy is paramount... Contemporary gated estate features open floor plan with extensive common areas, 2 pools, luxurious master suite, 6 additional bdrms. Private dock. (Great Cruz Bay).

\$6,800,000

"RIVENDELL", a Peter Bay Villa of classic style. 4 Bedrooms, 4.5 baths, walk to the beach and great views make this a super package.

\$5,750,000

"CASA DEL SOL" - Elegant 4 bedroom villa in Rendezvous Bay offers privacy and includes amenities such as a spa, pool and home office. Spacious decks offer views from sunrise to sunset.

\$3,995,000

"GALLOWS POINT SEAVIEW" great location for development, walk to beach and town! Masonry 2x2 home on .58 ac. Combination of R-4 & W-1 zoning allows for condos or commercial uses.

\$2,999,000

"POINCIANA" is an island classic home on 1.24 acres of prime waterfront overlooking Hart Bay. 3 bedroom popular rental with one of the best views of the south shore.

\$2,300,000

"WINDWARDSIDE" CALABASH BOOM offers 2 cottages with hot tubs in private setting. Panoramic views over harbor to BVIs. Charming brick courtyard, lush tropical landscaping, and outdoor showers. Excellent rentals.

\$1,275,000

WALK TO BRUNCH & BEACH plus ENJOY SOOTHING SURF SOUND from this unique, masonry & stone custom crafted, gated villa with panoramic water views. Flexible floorplan features 4 bdrms plus cottage.

\$1,200,000

"COCONUTS" 3X3 GIFFT HILL VILLA impressive water views to St. Thomas, good breezes, Caribbean style with center courtyard & pool, large covered gazebo, lush landscaping and a flat yard!

\$995,000

"LITTLE PLANTATION" IS A BEST BUY! 4 bedroom private rental home - awesome view down island & Coral Bay views! Turn key! Originally \$1,700,000 now priced to sell.

\$899,000

"86 FISH BAY" WHY PAY RENT? Affordable home with income producing apartment has ocean & mountain views, extensive native stonework with hardwood accents and an open floor plan.

\$425,000

"GALLOWS POINT" 3 premier OCEAN FRONT UNITS (9-D & 1-D upper & 9-A lower) each with private deck/patio. Walk to town!

\$1,400,000, \$1,275,000 & \$1,200,000.

- "MILL VISTA - CAROLINA"** Easy access & build on Centerline Rd. **\$ 125,000**
 - "RENDEZVOUS & DITLEFF"** Sunset views & gentle site .649 acre **\$ 274,900**
 - "LEAST EXPENSIVE WATERFRONT"** Gentle slope, 4 min. walk to beach **\$ 298,000**
 - "SUGAR APPLE WEST"** Harbor views gentle 1/2 ac. with Topo **\$ 299,000**
 - "FREEMAN'S GROUND" DOWN ISLAND VIEWS** .76 ac. Upper & lower access **\$ 425,000**
 - "CALABASH BOOM"** .4 ac. GREAT views, private. Topo map **\$ 475,000**
 - "GREAT CRUZ BAY"** Westin Resort beach access! .78 ac. **\$ 499,000**
 - "BEAUTIFUL EAST END"** Views to Coral Harbor, deeded access to waterfront **\$ 595,000**
 - "BOATMAN POINT WATERFRONT"** East facing w/cobble bch, .72 ac. Topo included. **\$ 795,000**
- EAST END LAND** Parcels in Privateer Bay and on far East End. Coral Bay views and underground utilities. From **\$285,000**
- "FISH BAY"** 3 large parcels. Views, breezes and paved access. One includes cistern slab, well, active plans/permits. From **\$369,000**

- "VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES"** Gated sub-division, sunset views. Can build FRACTIONAL HOME! Paved roads. 3 from **\$335,000**
- "LOVANGO CAY"** Waterfront & hillside properties; upscale amenities including barge docks, paved roads, underground utilities beach & views. From **\$425,000**
- "CHOCOLATE HOLE" VIEW LOTS** Sunrise to Sunset. 2 adjoining breezy lots. Hart Bay east and St. Thomas west views. From **\$425,000**.
- "ESTATE CONCORDIA"** hillside sites with stunning views ranging from the BVIs, down St. John's eastern coast to Ram's Head, St. Croix. From **\$550,000** great
- "UPPER MONTE BAY ESTATES"** 7 Spectacular private parcels above Rendezvous Bay; paved road, stone walls & underground utilities. From **\$999,000**
- "PETER BAY ESTATES"** Exquisite home sites with breathtaking views over the North Shore, BVI & cays between. Prices from **\$1,850,000**.

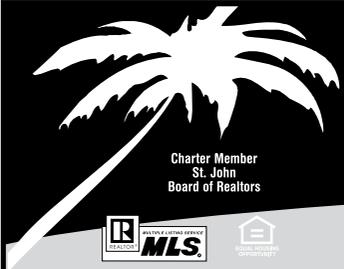
- BEST BUY BEACH FRONT "GREAT CRUZ BAY"** private dock access, quiet upscale neighborhood, awesome views. Owner/broker. Call for details. **\$1,300,000**
- SELLER FINANCING WITH GREAT TERMS!**
- "HAULOVER" BEACHFRONT** 2.24 acre subdividable borders National Park! AMAZING VIEWS! **\$1,999,000**
- "SABA BAY" WATERFRONT & HILLSIDE** Incredible BVI views! 12 acre sub-divideable waterfront lot for **\$9,999,000** plus 4 hillside lots available from **\$699,000**
- "DREEKETS BAY ESTATES"** spectacular BVI views, excellent roads, underground utilities, stone walls, planters, common beach. Minutes from Coral Bay. 12 lots from **\$399,000**

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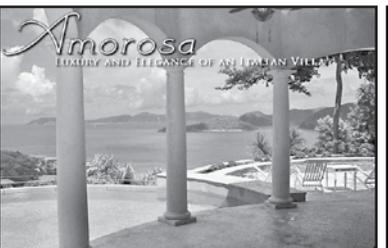


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CVISTA Magnificent open air 4 bdrm villa above Rendezvous Bay. Stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. \$3,895,000

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

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE VILLA 3 BR, 3.5 BA villa, superior craftsmanship, Spanish tile roof, 180° views, large pool and hot tub \$2,850,000

YOUR OWN SECLUDED BEACH Just steps to Hart Bay, "Rendezvous" features 4 BR/4BA with a lower 3BR beach house. \$2,895,000

HOMES

- BLUE HEAVEN** 3 BR, 3 BA with hot tub overlooking Rendezvous Bay; Caribbean cute popular vacation rental \$699,000
- ISLAND MANOR** Hear the surf. 4 BRs, elegant furnishings, multilevel plan offers privacy. \$1,499,000
- CRUZ BAY** Prime .75 acre, 3 BR, pool & panoramic views. Zoned R-4. \$2,950,000
- INN LOVE** Beautiful Great Cruz Bay with sunset views! 5 BD/5BA with pool & spa. Come see the impressive recent renovations \$1,095,000.
- VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES** New villa nearing completion. 4 master suites, top shelf furnishings, granite counter tops & travertine floors. \$3,450,000
- AMANI** Spectacular sunsets, 180° views, prestigious Maria Bluff, 3 bdrms w/baths located in the main building, plus private self-contained guest cottage \$1,950,000

- ONE OF THE BEST DEALS ON ST. JOHN!** LA BELLA VITA is a 4 a/c identical master suites & breathtaking views of STT. \$2,250,000
- WATERFRONT!** Chill in the oceanfront pool while gazing out upon excellent bay views. Lush tropical gardens. 3 BR/2BA. \$1,295,000
- GARDEN BY THE SEA B&B**, West Indian gingerbread architecture & island furnishings. Owners apartment plus 3 income producing units. Room for expansion. \$1,800,000
- COTTAGE** One of the least expensive homes on the market! Great starter home with room to expand. Adjacent parcel with 2 unit masonry home also available. \$279,000
- QUACCO** Brand new 3 BR bath masonry home in Flanagan. Great views with many amenities. Sleeps 12. \$1,600,000

- WATERFRONT MARIA BLUFF** Villa Belvedere Commanding views, year-round sunsets, pool, spa, deck, 3BR/3.5BA. \$2,750,000
- PLUMERIA** Sunsets! 3 BR/3BA masonry pool villa. Set privately in lush gardens, fenced yard, boarding greenspace. 2-car garage \$1,499,000
- UPPER CAROLINA** 3 BR/2BA. Expansive views. Master suite, living area & kitchen on upper level. Lower level has 2 BR, living area & kitchen. A/C. Priced to sell. \$675,000
- ADURO** Cute Caribbean cottage in a tranquil setting. Water views. 3BR/2BA on .27 acres. All offers considered. \$599,000.
- BLUE CARIBE** Successful short term rental home with gourmet kitchen and with views of Coral Bay harbor. \$615,000

- CHATEAU MARGOT** A private gated compound located in Spice Hill, knock out socks off views, 5 BR + guest cottage. 2 acres. \$1,950,000.
- CINNAMON DAY DREAMS!** Located in Nat'l Pk boundaries of Catherineberg on 1 acre. 2BR/2.5BA & office. Immaculate! \$2,395,000
- FUN & CONTENTMENT** 180° views. Tiled pool deck, 2 large AC. suites & mahogany hardwoods. Plans for 3 more bdrms. \$1,235,000
- MILL RIDGE** exudes quality, mahogany throughout, & Island stone. Masonry 2 BR/2 BA, office, garage, pool & cabana. \$1,695,000
- MULTI UNIT** 2 unit (2x2+1x1) masonry home overlooking Carolina Valley. Ideal starter home w/2nd unit for rental income. \$679,000 Adjacent cottage available for \$279,000

- BAREFOOT** New 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths guest cottage in quaint neighborhood. \$599,000.
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- RAINBOW PLANTATION** A private, family estate house on 1.6 acres. Features one of the largest private pools on St. John (w/diving board, & wet bar). Mature landscaping. \$1,399,000
- WATERFRONT RETREAT** Privateer Bay. 3BR/3BA masonry beach house steps from the water. Paved roads & u/g utilities. \$975,000
- MARBELLA** Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bdrms w/ en suite baths. Open style, all on one level, Central A/C. \$2,595,000

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