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HAPPY NEW YEAR ST. JOHN!

The Westin St. John Resort provided a spectacular fireworks display for its guests during their annual New Year's Eve celebration. Local photographer Steve Simonsen captured this stunning photo of the show and the nighttime lights of the resort from Estate Contant. **Story and more photos on page 3.**

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St. John Film Society To Present “Neshoba” and Filmmaker Tony Pagano on January 5

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. Thomas filmmaker Tony Pagano was so moved after meeting the mother of slain civil rights worker Andrew Goodman he dedicated the next six years of his life to telling the story of the murder.

Anyone who views “Neshoba” this week during the St. John Film Society’s free screening on Tuesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik’s, will surely feel a similarly passionate response. Pagano himself will be present January 5 to discuss the 90-minute documentary and answer questions from the public.

Neshoba tells the story of Goodman, who was murdered along with two other civil rights activists in remote Philadelphia, Mississippi — in the heart of rural Neshoba County — in 1964.

The murders went unprosecuted for more than 40 years, despite evidence that linked several local Klansmen to the brutal slayings. In 2004, a multiracial coalition gathered in Philadelphia to pressure the state to bring murder charges against the men who had openly bragged about the murders.

Pagano, a filmmaker based both in New York and St. Thomas who has worked extensively in television and film production, was approached by an associate who was interested in telling the tale of the so-called “Mississippi Burning” murderers.

“Micki Dickoff, the co-producer and co-director, came to me with the idea for the film because it was the 40th anniversary of the deaths and there was a big multiracial coalition that was getting together in the city of Philadelphia because charges had never been filed even though they knew who did it,” said Pagano.

While the story of the murders alone interested Pagano it was an interview with Goodman’s mother which sealed the deal for him, explained the filmmaker.

“I sort of went on board with the project once I did an interview with the mother of one of the slain civil rights workers,” said Pagano. “I was so blown away by her that I signed up right then.”

After the moving interview with Goodman’s mother, Dickoff and Pagano quickly got to work on the project.

“We had our first meeting in March 2004 and we started filming in May 2004,” Pagano said. “We started doing the film to bring attention to the 40th anniversary of these crimes and to bring pressure on the state of Mississippi to open up this case.”

“We were with the families and at the memorial services and met the coalition that formed,” Pagano said. “The state finally indicted a Klansman who was named back in 1964 in relation to the murders.”

Pagano and Dickoff also had unprecedented access to the man who was indicted, Edgar Ray Killen, an



Dickoff (left) and Pagano (right) get reactions after the verdict was announced.

80-year-old Baptist preacher.

“Once they indicted him we were fortunate to have him trust us to tell his story,” said Pagano. “We had unprecedented access to the Klansman and his family and the families of the civil rights victims and the townspeople.”

“Timing can be everything and the timing of this could not have been more perfect,” said the filmmaker.

The two wrapped up filming in September 2005 and have been winning film festivals and awards since Neshoba was first entered in the Boston Film Festival in 2008.

The film resonates with so many people because of its clear message of humanity, explained Pagano.

“For me the message is that in governments around the world, and especially 1964, the people involved in the civil rights movement — blacks, jews, students and everyone — they were deemed communists and outside agitators,” said Pagano. “When a government labels someone it gives people the feeling that they have the right to persecute those people. The same thing goes on now, but they use a different term —terrorist.”

“I think if you walk away with the realization that the same kind of behavior still exists, and we’re only calling it different words now, then we did our jobs,” said the filmmaker. “Also what we hope people take away from the film is racial tolerance and the understanding that we all have the same blood running through us.”

Part of what makes the film so poignant is the archival footage used throughout, which Pagano is still trying to purchase. Pagano and Dickoff can’t distribute Neshoba to a national audience until they purchase the rights to the archival footage and music in the film — to the tune of about \$100,000.

The filmmakers will accept tax-deductible donations through the Andrew Goodman Foundation. For more information about “Neshoba” or to donate, check out neshobafilm.com/donate.

CBCC Is Hosting Storm Water Management Meeting on January 11

Coral Bay residents are invited to attend a community meeting on Monday, January 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the John’s Folly Learning Institute.

The Coral Bay Community Council, in partnership with the Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council, will discuss planned storm water management construction projects to be implemented in Coral Bay with a portion of the \$2.78 million in NOAA-ARRA Coastal Habitat Restoration grant funds.

This work complements CBCC’s Coral Bay Watershed Management Project and utilizes designs developed under CBCC’s EPA CARE grant. Construction will focus on eliminating or reducing the most severe sediment plumes entering Coral Bay, and will include work on public and private roads.

Work will be done in cooperation with homeowner’s associations, Department of Public Works, and groups of residents who maintain their local roads. Local contractors are encouraged to attend to learn about bidding requirements. For more information, call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or the V.I. RC&D office at 692-6932, ext. 5.

Next SJHS Meeting Is January 12

The St. John Historical Society will host its January membership meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured speakers for the evening will be Don Drost and Roy Watlington. The two will discuss a variety of interesting topics from really ancient history to the location of local wells.

The evening promises to be spirited and informative. All are welcome. Bring a neighbor or friend!

David Knight Leading Waterlemon Bay Exploration with SJHS on January 23

The St. John Historical Society will explore the historical landscape of Waterlemon Bay on Saturday, January 23, beginning at 9 a.m. and starting from the Annaberg parking lot.

While the Annaberg sugar factory epitomizes singularity in colonial-era industrial design and function, the sprawling remains at neighboring Waterlemon Bay are a study in diversity.

Join historian David Knight for an in-depth exploration of what was once the island’s most active and densely-populated coastline. This is a moderately difficult hike; wear sturdy hiking shoes and appropriate protective clothing for sun and thorny bush.

Also pack sunscreen, bug repellent, a towel, plenty of drinking water and a snack. Still cameras are welcome, but please, no video or recording devices. SJHS activities are free to members and guests; a donation of \$25 per person from participating non-members would be appreciated.

Flute Quartet Concert Set for January 6

Flute duet Rich Greengold and Katha Ricciardi will be joined by two exceptional flautists Michael Banzhaf and Nancy Ruffer for an annual flute quartet program on Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Coconut Coast Studios.

Ruffer, who lives and performs in England, will be on St. John visiting her parents. The quartet will be playing at the sunset cocktail party hosted weekly by Coconut Coast Studios. Enjoy live music as the sun dips below the sky. Don’t miss this special musical event.

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The firework show as seen from atop Estate Bethany.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tristan Ewald

The Estate Contant overlook was crowded with New Year's Eve revelers as the Westin Resort celebrated with a 15-minute fireworks display.

Residents, Visitors Ring in New Year Celebrations, Fireworks Mark the Start of 2010

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Visitors from across the country and residents from across the island converged on the beach in Great Cruz Bay just before midnight on December 31, 2009, to watch a firework show hosted by the Westin Resort and Villas.

The show illuminated the sky for about 15 minutes as fireworks exploded overhead and residents rang in the New Year with cheer.

While the popular Foxy's Old Year's Night party on Jost Van Dyke drew a crowd of hundreds, concert-goers at Yacht Haven Grand were disappointed when headliner Bunny Wailer was a no-show.

Wailer was reportedly on a flight to the U.S. Virgin Islands on Wednesday afternoon, December 30, that had trouble landing at Cyril King Airport on St. Thomas due to poor visibility and high winds.

After attempting to touch down, the plane was re-routed to Puerto Rico where Wailer was reportedly overheard by several passengers as vowing to not get back on the plane when it returned to St. Thomas later that night. As New Year's Eve revelers at Yacht Haven discovered, he was true to his word.

Several Cruz Bay and Coral Bay restaurants hosted parties of their own on New Year's Eve. Large crowds were spotted at Morgan's

Mango, Hind's Restaurant, The Beach Bar and Aqua Bistro among others. After food and drinks, the Westin beach was the place to be at midnight on Love City.

While the V.I. Police Department responded to several reports of loud music, it was a quiet night in Cruz Bay. The night, however, was not entirely without incident.

The most dramatic event reported was a dog which tried to run away from the fireworks by swimming out to sea. The dog was plucked from the waves by local boaters about a mile offshore. As of press time, Ziggy was reported to be home with its owners and doing fine.

Happy 2010!

January Rainfall

2.27 inches

February Rainfall

1.57 inches

March Rainfall

1.83 inches

April Rainfall

1.25 inches

May Rainfall

9.05 inches

June Rainfall

6.35 inches

July Rainfall

1.92 inches

August Rainfall

2.52 inches

September Rainfall

4.06 inches

October Rainfall

2.70 inches

November Rainfall

5.5 inches

December Rainfall

3.81 inches

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"Air Force Two" at Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas.

Bidens Vacationing in the Virgin Islands

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The White House Office of the Vice President announced that U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and his family were vacationing in the Virgin Islands last week.

The White House Office of the Vice President issued a short press release on Monday, December 28, announcing the vacation. on Water Island, according to a *St. John Tradewinds* source.

"The Bidens will visit the U.S. Virgin Islands for a holiday vacation with their family," according to the release. "No public events are scheduled."

Second Season of St. John Men's Flag Football Action Kicks off January 12

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The most exciting league in town is about to start up again.

The second season of the popular St. John men's flag football league will kick off on Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. under the lights at Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Each game during last year's inaugural season drew a huge crowd of on-lookers who packed the bleachers at Winston Wells ball field and filled nearby streets.

Organizers expect the same level of support this season, according to Brummel Germain.

"We had eight teams last year and this year we only have seven, but we have seven solid teams," said Germain, who helped organize the league and heads up his own First Phase Bulldogs team. "Most of the teams who played last year came back. The whole island is really buzzing about this again."

While the league's second season launch was delayed a week, everything is set to go on January 12, Germain explained.

"We were supposed to kick off the season on January 5, which is what the

posters say," said Germain. "But there was a lot of stuff behind the scenes that had to be completed. We weren't able to get everything together and some deadlines passed — but we're ready to go for January 12."

Starting Tuesday, January 12, one game will be played on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and two games will be played each Friday night starting at 7:30 p.m.

"We're bringing the 'Friday Night Lights' feel to St. John," said Germain.

The 10 game season will have each team facing off against each other at least once. At the end of the regular season, the top four teams will square off during playoffs, with the top two remaining going head to head in the championship game.

The league is kicking off its season earlier this year in hopes of wrapping up well before the St. Thomas Carnival, Germain explained.

"Last year we ran into carnival on St. Thomas and a lot of people in the league are a part of the festivities over there," he said. "This year we're getting started earlier so we can finish in early April."

Last season's champions Team Westin will back on the field to defend their title against Island Raiders, Dynasty

from St. Thomas, Wild Cats, Prestige, First Phase Bulldogs and Prime Time.

Germain's Bulldogs are looking for some revenge this season after being kicked out of the playoffs in the first round.

"We were undefeated during the regular season and then lost our first playoff game so we have that monkey on our backs," Germain said.

The players and supporters are looking forward to another great men's flag football season.

"We're really looking forward to this," said Germain. "The turnout that we had last year exceeded what we thought it would be and we're really hoping to build on that even further. It's really turned into a great community event which is what we want."

Anyone interested in joining a team can still sign up for the league, which is also still accepting donations to help cover costs, Germain added.

"It takes quite a bit financially to keep the league going so we're still accepting donations and sponsors," he said.

To sign up for a team or to make a donation call Germain at 998-0458 or the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation at 776-6531.

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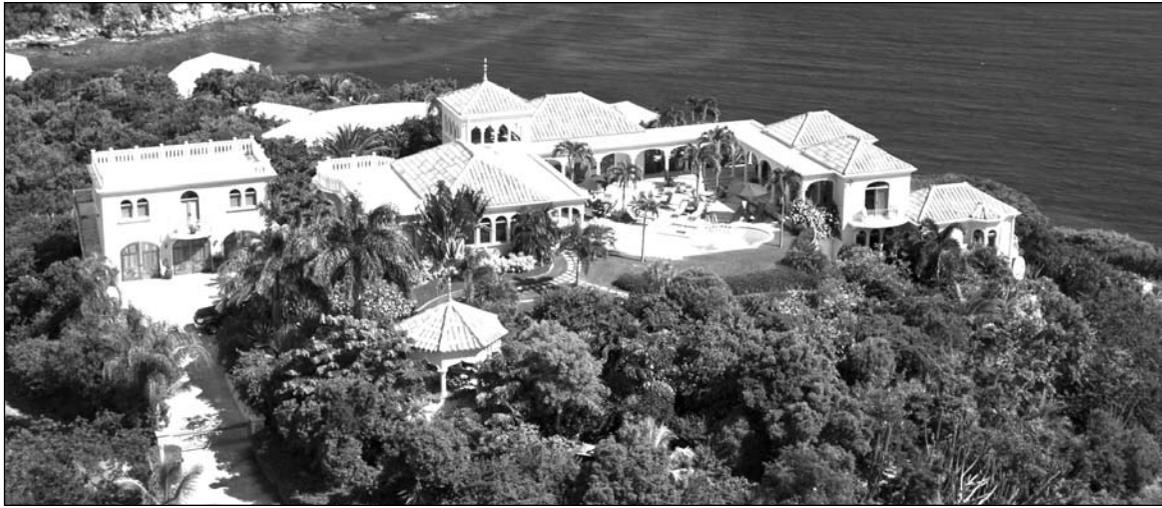


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Three nights at the luxury villa Kismet earned \$1,900, the most of any item, during the first on-line auction.

First On-Line Auction Raises \$16,100 for Friends of the V.I. National Park

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park wrapped up its first ever on-line auction on Monday, December 20, after pulling in \$16,100.

Instead of hosting a traditional auction at the non-profit group's annual gala — scheduled for February 6 — Friends hosted an on-line auction this year hoping to attract attention from members across the country.

With proceeds exceeding expectations, this won't be Friends' last internet auction, explained the group's development director Norreen Cavanaugh.

"The auction was great," said Cavanaugh. "We exceeded our goal. Our maximum goal was to raise \$15,000 and we pulled in \$16,100."

"I think it would be a great idea to do this again," Cavanaugh said.

The funds came from the successful sale of 31 items, ranging from luxurious stays at Caneel Bay Resort and the exquisite villa Kismet to jewelry and gift certificates to local restaurants, Cavanaugh explained.

"I intentionally kept the sale small because it was the first time we were doing this and I didn't want it to run amok," she said. "So we had 31 items and 18 people won those items."

The stay at Kismet was the top-dollar earner in the auction, bringing in \$1,900. The Caneel Bay



R&I Patton's diamond and gold petroglyph necklace brought in \$1,725.

stay garnered \$1,750 and a necklace from R&I Patton brought in \$1,725, according to Cavanaugh.

"We had one person who spent \$4,500 so that person won quite a few of the bids," said the Friends development director. "People really had a lot of fun bidding and were able to win some great prizes."

The on-line auction was such a success due to the user-friendly website and impressive items up for bid, Cavanaugh explained.

"I had such good feedback," she said. "Everyone who used the site said it was really user-friendly. There were people who had never been on eBay or anything and they found it a really fun thing to do."

The internet forum allowed Friends to reach a broader audience rather than hosting the auction on-island.

"Interestingly, 13 of the 18 people who won items were off-

island," said Cavanaugh. "These are people who visit St. John on a regular basis or have a timeshare or some connection here. One person who won is getting married here next April and she bid on a boating excursion."

"We really did reach people in a larger capacity than we would have had we hosted a traditional auction," said the Friends development director. "These people were not going to be here for the gala."

The auction's success, during a time of economy uncertainty, strengthened the non-profit group's ability to continue its work, according to Cavanaugh.

"And this is in a time when the economy is still not in the best shape," she said. "Just the fact alone that we had really nice items, speaks to how much people support the work that we're doing. We also learned more about the people who are interested in Friends."

"I believe that the auction allowed us the opportunity to be more in touch with our donors," said Cavanaugh. "We found out more about the people who care about Friends of VINP. This is just one more way to reach out to the great community."

The Friends 2010 gala will be on Saturday, February 6, at Janet and Martin Marshall's Great Cruz Bay villa starting at 6:30 p.m. For tickets or for more information about Friends call the organization at 340-779-4940.

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Turning Trash to Treasures at Maho

By Mauri Elbel
 St. John Tradewinds

Creativity is bursting from the seams of Maho Bay Camp's fabric tents with its exciting new lineup of sustainable art classes which teach even amateurs how to transform ordinary trash into works of art.

Maho's Trash to Treasures Art Center boasts an array of new classes — from fabric batik and glass blowing to paper making and a variety of children's arts and crafts — that began November 23 and are scheduled to run through August.

"We have added nine new classes this year in addition to the ones we already had with special classes that will be available when more kids are at the campground," said Ginger Kreofsky, Maho's art director. "Last year, we didn't have a whole lot of classes, but this year we have more people on staff who are artists and want to teach the classes on their days off."

After being away from Maho for the past four years, Kreofsky said she is delighted with the new classes on offer.

"Last year we had all of the Clay Works classes, the sun catcher class, the glass blowing class and paper making, but that was really it," she said. "So we have added a lot more this year — we have 18 classes in total."

With Maho's two new glass studio classes — Pull a Glass Flower and Intro to Advanced Glass Blowing — those with all different skill levels in the craft have the opportunity to create beautiful pieces of art.

"The Pull a Glass Flower is just teaching a different technique — you aren't blowing glass, you are manipulating the glass," she said. "And this is a great way for people with less experience in glass blowing to make something really beautiful."

Kreofsky said the intro to advanced glass blowing class gives students more than just a greater knowledge of the art. They also leave with their own personal creations: a paper weight; small glass rosebud; and sun catcher.

But it is the free glassblowing demonstrations that take place nightly from 6:30 to 10 p.m. that often

draw a crowd of spectators out to Maho.

"Watching the glass blowers at night is something like a magic show — people just love it," Kreofsky said. "Even kids who won't sit still for a lot of activities will sit here for three hours straight. Imagine taking an old beer bottle and turning it into something so amazing like a beautiful vase or a conch shell — it really does blow your mind."

Recycling used goods into art is the premise behind Maho's art center and its new series of arts and crafts classes for children are based on utilizing recycled materials almost exclusively in classes such as Origami Critters and Flower Folding which turn recycled office paper and old magazines into delicately folded pieces of art.

"Kids Arts and Crafts from Recyclables is for ages 4 and up and they can make anything — from using bottle caps to create mosaics to making cards from recycled paper," Kreofsky said. "We also have a weaving class where children use textiles and fabrics that have been batiked to create a small wall hanging."

Kreofsky said a few more classes are slated to begin after the first of the year — an adult batiking class, tie dye for kids and a class where children make treasure maps out of old boat sails.

"The map making class is just a really neat class, but it is very difficult to get the sails because people use them for just about everything," Kreofsky said.

A list of classes is posted at Maho's activities station, in its weekly newsletter and online at: <http://www.maho.org/OngoingClasses.cfm>. Classes range in price from \$5 to \$75 and are open to visitors and locals by calling (340) 776-6226 and asking for the activities department at ext. 212 or the art gallery at ext. 248.

"The best thing about taking the art classes out at Maho is the family environment — it is what draws so many people out here," Kreofsky said. "This is really a great opportunity for families to do things together and explore and use and create things using recyclables. We have classes going on out here every day of the week."

Barshinger Investigating Medical Helicopter Service Feasibility

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Helicopters are landing and taking off from the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center these days, but the copters have nothing to do with medicine.

There is no helicopter in the territory devoted to transporting those in need of medical care to nearby hospitals, but the health center is making use of its helipad by welcoming private commercial helicopters — including one owned by country music entertainer Kenny Chesney — for a small fee.

At just \$75 per drop, the health center is not making a significant amount of money off the commercial use of its helipad, explained MKSCHC's administrator Harold Wallace.

"It's not a significant revenue generator for us," said Wallace. "It's \$75 per drop and we get a couple a month."

Wallace has been busy gathering information on the possibility

of bringing medical air service to the territory at the request of Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. As is often the case at the small health center, expanding services is a matter of money.

"Revenues do not exceed expenses here, so for us to do that type of service, there has to be a subsidy from the government and from the public," said Wallace. "If they want to provide the dollars for a helicopter service, we'd be more than happy to provide it."

Barshinger has plans to meet in early 2010 with Wallace and Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve, who's also interested in exploring the possibility of funding medical air service in the territory, to discuss the findings of Wallace's research.

"Harold researched it thoroughly, and he has a lot of food for thought," said Barshinger.

Helicopters are expensive to operate, and it's unlikely that a helicopter devoted entirely to St. John would be economically feasible,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

A helicopter starts its descend as it lands at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center in Estate Susannaberg.

the senator at large continued.

"It needs to be done with economic sense in mind," said Barshinger. "We may find that it's not incredibly expensive if we run

it between all three islands and Puerto Rico, and do all our transport by air."

There are rural towns with smaller populations than that of St.

John with a dedicated air ambulance service, Barshinger added.

"Why shouldn't we consider it?" he said. "Why should we just assume that we're stuck with the *Star of Life*?"

The senator at large has not heard a strong cry from St. John residents who want air ambulance service, and the possibility of such a service is still in the very preliminary stages. Barshinger would be willing to fight hard for funding for the service if it's deemed something St. John residents really want, he explained.

"It's my duty as a senator who lives on St. John to try and find out if it's possible," he said. "If people are really happy with the boat system, we should just try and beef that system up. We want to know what the public wants."

Barshinger urged residents to email him with their opinions on air ambulance service for St. John at senator@barshinger.net.

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Santa "Moe" Chabuz and his two reindeer.



Jude Woodcock, Trish Statler and Maggie Majette.



This handsome Santa runs with two bikini-topped reindeer.



Eileen Victor, Karen Radke and Colleen Kramper.



Best Costume Team: Lisa, Kelly and Jen.



Team Lowkey takes a moment to reflect.

First Annual International World Championship Reindeer Ramble

St. John Tradewinds

The first annual International World Championship Reindeer Ramble sponsored by the St. John Landsharks was hosted on St. John on Sunday, December 20.

The race was about a four mile run starting at Annaberg going over the hill to Maho back to Francis, and ending at Annaberg. The idea behind the event was to have a team of three people tied together to complete the course — two reindeer and one Santa.

A total of 11 teams entered in the event. The winning mixed team was Luigi Castillo, Jodie Tanino and Steve Conley. Their combined ages equaled 150 years!

The second place mixed team was Sarah Swan, Chris,

and Rebecca Ruhsam. The third place mixed team went to a very competitive Low Key team of Mike Lane, Erin Kniss and David Rosa.

The winning doe team went to Jude Woodcock, Trish Statler and Maggie Majette. The second place doe team was Val Donaghue, Wendy Davis and Mandy Taylor sporting very cute tanks made by Taylor.

The third place doe team went to Colleen Kramper, Eileen Victor, and Karen Radtke, wearing cute shirts made by Mike Kolb.

Best costume went to santa Lisa Smith, and her deer Kelly Quinn and Jen Krogstad. There was one very unruly team of Lisa Etre and Jim Wilcox and their ill tempered, unruly

testing his boundaries, teenage deer, C.J. Scatliffe, who kept escaping to run on his own.

There was also a shorter race for the fawns. Two made an appearance and performed beautifully. Phoenix Rose and Emily Wild both competed in a shorter course. Next year, it is hoped that more fawns come out and play.

The entry fee for the event was cat or dog food, which was given to the St. John Animal Care Center. Some people gave generous money donations to the ACC as well.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the event, many smelling from the evening of fun and games in the bars! And thanks to all those who helped to make sure there were no accidents or wrong turns.

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Schlesinger Gets \$433 of Groceries During 60-second Shopping Spree

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Bob Schlesinger collected all the makings for a gourmet New Year's Eve dinner at Starfish Market on Thursday afternoon, December 31 — for free.

Schlesinger won a 60-second shopping spree at the supermarket on the first floor of The Marketplace and filled his cart with \$433.68 worth of groceries.

Before he even entered the store, however, Schlesinger had a plan to ensure he captured just what he wanted within a minute.

"My strategy is to have two carts," said Schlesinger, who owns Tropical Focus Photography. "I'll have one for the meats and veggies and then run to the other cart and head for the frozen turkey area."

There was one item Schlesinger made sure was in his cart at the end of the shopping spree.

"I love Dunkin' Donuts coffee, so I'm definitely going to get that," he said.

A spiral cut ham, two prime ribs, a leg of lamb, two turkeys and fro-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Tropical Focus

zen fruit also found their way into Schlesinger's shopping cart. As part of the store's grand re-opening festivities last month, management gave away numerous \$50 gift certificates and two

60-second shopping sprees.

Schlesinger's name was drawn out of hundreds along with Lori Barlas who will swing through the store on January 4 for her 60-second shopping spree.

Tourism Expands TV Ad Campaign

St. John Tradewinds

In keeping with its strategy to entice potential visitors to the territory through targeted marketing initiatives, the Department of Tourism is unveiling a second wave of key-market TV ads January 4 through 17, to air on top affiliate networks in some of the largest mainland markets.

The new campaign will consist of \$684,718 worth of 30-second TV spots that will reach residents in many of the territory's key gateway markets including Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Orlando and Philadelphia.

The TV spots, which will feature the Department's "You Unscripted" creative, will air during primetime network television shows and local news-

casts. The ads will be customized across regions with the logos and contact information for the airlines and tour operators that serve each specific market. The campaign follows the first wave of commercials that aired across many of these markets in November.

"We are entering the peak period for booking travel to the region and the department's marketing strategy has been designed to maximize interest and drive bookings to the territory from our key markets this winter season," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "This additional spend on regional advertising will help to ensure that our local economy receives a boost, while we support our key partner airlines and tour operators."

Featured tour operators in-

clude American Airlines Vacations, Apple Vacations, Delta Vacations, Liberty Travel, Sun Country Vacations and US Airways Vacations. Featured airlines offering direct or non-stop airlift from the gateway markets include American Airlines, Delta, Sun Country and US Airways.

Launched in June 2009, the "You, Unscripted" ads feature travelers who have "lost" their everyday identity and "found" a new identity through their vacation experience.

The Mocko Jumbie logo, along with icons and scenery from St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas are featured throughout the ads which communicate the idea that visitors can script their own fantasies of exploration, adventure, romance and more in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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January 5-11, 2009

Crazy Crackers Is Newest Cruz Bay Hot Spot



Boat Runs Aground on Johnson Reef



Olivia Isis Browne

Shevaun Browne and Jacqueline Clendinen welcomed their first daughter Olivia Isis Browne into the world on Christmas Day.



January 12-18, 2009



VIPD Continue Investigating Murder of Juan Ayala — No Arrests Made

V.I. Police Department officials continued their investigation last week into the murder of St. John business owner Juan Ayala, who was gunned down outside his Estate Pastory home just after 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5.

VIPD officials, including Commissioner James McCall, spent most of the day of the murder investigating the scene outside the home of the well-known Ayala, owner of the Cruz Bay landmark Cap's Place across from the U.S. Post Office in Cruz Bay.

VIPD Shooting Investigation Continues Two Years Later

Two years after a police chase ended in the shooting death of 18-year-old burglary suspect Michael Freeman, the investigation into the incident continues.

Freeman was shot and killed on January 4, 2007, after he and five other people fled V.I. Police Department officers attempting to pull over their vehicle on suspicion of a series of burglaries which occurred in Fish Bay earlier that week.

Reports indicated that when officers stopped the vehicle on Centerline Road near Centerline Concrete, the driver and another occupant of the vehicle opened fire. Police returned fire on the vehicle.

It still has not been officially determined, however, whether the bullet that killed Freeman was fired by a VIPD officer, and police have not released any further details surrounding the case — including to Freeman's mother, Cleopha Bryan.

Anonymity Ensured with Crime Stoppers Hotline

In the face of continually increasing crime across the Virgin Islands a group of citizens is launching a proven crime fighting program in the territory.

Formally launched during a Wednesday, January 7, kick-off on St. Croix Crime Stoppers USVI works by offering cash rewards to people who provide tips which lead to arrests. The program is based on ensuring the anonymity of the tipsters, who call a stateside 1-800 number.

Once a person calls 1-800-222-8477, which is answered by a professional service in the Washington, D.C. area, they share their information and are assigned a pin number. The tipster is asked to call back to check the progress of the case and see if any additional information is requested. Callers are never asked to identify themselves.

Can You Find It?



Can you find the iguana hiding in this picture?

VINP Senior Protection Specialist Brown Retires

Senior Protection Specialist Schuler Brown retired on December 31, 2008, after 27 years of service with the National Park Service.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 1

January 19-25, 2009



Looking Back at Tektite 40 Years Later Celebration Set for Feb. 15

On Sunday, February 15, the V.I. Environmental Resource Station on the remote southern shore of St. John will be the center of activity for history buffs and marine science fans celebrating the 40th anniversary of Tektite I.

“I traced the roots of Tektite back to the cold war and the nuclear arms race going on back then. It’s my conclusion that the U.S. had come to feel very vulnerable and very paranoid about falling behind the Russians.”

— Bruce Schoonover, board member
St. John Historical Society

St. John Man Busted with 17 Ziplock Bags of Marijuana in Cruz Bay

V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested Devon David Crook on Saturday, January 3, on suspicion of selling marijuana in Cruz Bay.

A citizen made a report that a man was selling marijuana near FirstBank in Cruz Bay at 4:35 p.m. on January 3. At 5:15 p.m. that day, VIPD officials arrested Crook and charged him with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, according to the police blotter at Leander Jurgen Command.



Researchers Looking at Sediment To Link Land Activity to Coral Health

With coral reefs in decline world-wide a group of marine scientists on St. John has been taking a closer look at how land-based activities impact ocean life.

A team of scientists led by Dr. Sarah

Gray of the University of San Diego’s marine science and environmental studies department has been collecting sediment samples from several bays around St. John over the past two years to study the make-up of the sediment.

Friends of VINP Express Hope and Optimism at Annual Meeting

“In these really difficult times, I am hopeful about land conservation. The good news for land conservation is that land values are down, which gives us a second bite at the land use apple. When times get tough, people turn to what values most.”

— Will Rogers, president and CEO
Trust for Public Land



Boulon Awarded Keeper of the Live Oak



TV Series Momma’s Boys Showcased St. John Jan. 12

The U.S. Virgin Islands made its 2009 primetime television debut Monday night, January 12, when the reality dating show “Momma’s Boys” aired on televisions across the country on primetime network station NBC.



Cruz Bay Roundabout Construction Continues

Island Roads continues putting the pieces of a roundabout together in the middle of Cruz Bay.

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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: Unforgettable Memories from Virgin Islanders

Many Virgin Islands residents were among the hundreds of thousands of people who braved the frigid Washington D.C. temperatures to watch President Barack Obama take the oath of office on Tuesday, January 20, including *St. John Tradewinds'* own student writer Malik Stevens and Stephanie Roberts of St. Thomas.

"In all my life, I never thought this would happen. A road has been paved that my children and my grandchildren will be able to walk down now. We are definitely getting close to a place where all men really are equal."
— Stephanie Anderson-Roberts

Volunteers Give 130 Hours of Work at GBS for MLK



Obama's Inauguration Brings Tears of Joy

Mooie's owner Theodora Moorehead, at far right, and patrons were glued to the TV during President Barack Obama's Inauguration.

Day of Service

About 36 St. John residents joined a nation-wide movement to turn Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day into a day "on" instead of a day "off."

The National Day of Service idea was launched several years ago by the non-profit MLK Day organization, but really gained momentum this year when President Barack Obama threw his support behind the movement.



Virgin Islands Residents Are Invited to Attend Town Hall Meetings on Alpine Energy Group Waste-to-Energy Projects

St. Thomas

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Charlotte Amalie High School Auditorium

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

St. John

Thursday, January 14, 2010

V.I. Legislature Chamber

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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January 26-February 1, 2009 continued

Projects Totaling More Than \$1M on Schedule for VINP This Year

Thanks to Trunk Bay admission fees and the National Park Service, the V.I. National Park will have more than \$1 million of maintenance work completed this year.

The projects range from improving the bathrooms at the VINP visitor center in Cruz Bay to overhauling the Red Hook VINP dock, which is in dire condition. First up is the restoration of the Lameshur ruins, which park superintendent Mark Hardgrove hopes to begin work on as soon as the park's new chief of maintenance arrives on island this week.



First St. John Greeters Welcome Tourists at Port Authority Dock

After months of planning, the Department of Tourism (DOT) kicked off the St. John greeter program on Friday morning, January 23.

Cindy Jurgen and Oscar James were stationed at the V.I. Port Authority Dock starting at 8 a.m. on Friday morning to welcome guests arriving from the Azamara cruise ship.

Jurgen and James offered visitors a complimentary sample of ice cold Cruzan Rum and answered a variety of questions. Carl Freeman was even on hand playing steel pan music for the arriving guests.



Reverend Dr. Emmanuel Jaggernauth Passes

Last Thursday, January 15, St. John lost long-time resident Reverend Dr. Emmanuel Jaggernauth of the Cruz Bay Baptist Church.

Susana Gourley Passes

After a long illness with COPD, Susana J. Gourley passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2009. She was a resident of Stoneham, Massachusetts, and the retired business manager of The Gifford School in Weston Massachusetts. Susana was a longtime owner of a unit at Gallows Point Resort. Every restaurant, every business, every beach, every resident, and every square foot of the island of St. John was her favorite. She was in love with that island, so much so, that one of her last wishes was that half of her ashes be strewn over various parts of the island. The other half is to be buried with her long time friend Bob Chase.



WATCH OUT: New Speed Bumps in Estate Pastory

Department of Public Works officials installed two new speed bumps on Centerline Road in Estate Pastory just before Supreme Corner heading east.

February 2-8, 2009



Books Getting Moved Back Into Renovated Library

With renovations to the historic building complete, Elaine I. Spruave Librarian Carol McGuinness and crew began moving books back on the library's shelves last week.



Cline Is St. John Rescue 2008 Volunteer of Year

George Cline assist with Radio Communications at the St. John EOC.

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WASTE-TO-ENERGY IS THE ONLY SUSTAINABLE, LONG TERM SOLUTION TO OUR SOLID WASTE DILEMMA

First and foremost, I would like to focus on the solid waste management aspects of the Alpine waste-to-energy projects. From a historical perspective, since the failed STEP solid waste project in the 80s to Caribe Waste Technology in the 90s, several solid waste projects that proposed waste-to-energy technologies have met their demise due to unproven technologies, failure to obtain financing, and lack of interagency communications and cooperation. These Alpine projects combine proven technologies, 100% financing, and successful simultaneous negotiations in the best interest of the Water and Power Authority, the Waste Management Authority and the residents of the Virgin Islands.

The result: the only viable long-term, sustainable waste management solution AND not a moment too soon. These projects fully integrate materials and energy recovery strategies for recycling/reuse and alternative/renewable energy production. WMA negotiated and signed contracts which significantly enhance recycling and reuse, maximize the energy recovered from waste, and permit the long overdue phased final closure of both landfills.

EPA Administrative Orders on Consent

Since 1998, the Government of the Virgin Islands, and now, the VI Waste Management Authority, has operated the Territory's landfills under several administrative orders on consent, which require the Virgin Islands to comply with federal solid waste, air, and clean water regulations with regard to landfill operations and landfill closure. These orders represent the last step before court-ordered enforcement is pursued by the federal government similar in manner to the enforcement action in waste water that resulted in the 1984 EPA Consent Decree.

At present, the U.S. Department of Justice has transmitted draft consent decrees for both landfills with respect to Clean Air Act compliance to the Government of the Virgin Islands for consideration. The result of the 20-year history of the "DO NOTHING" alternative resulted in mountains of millions of tons of waste – a wasted resource – which, after landfill closure, will only generate a tenth of energy produced in the new waste-to-energy plants. Clearly, the "Do Nothing" alternative is not acceptable.

Solid Waste Management Alternatives:

New Landfills, Off-island Disposal, Recycling, Waste-to-Energy

So what are the other solid waste management alternatives? New landfills, off-island disposal, recycling, and waste-to-energy? Locating and constructing new landfills in the territory has proven to be less feasible due to limited land space, environmentally sensitive areas, and neighboring residential communities. In the EPA hierarchy, landfills are the least desirable solid waste management strategy because they are not sustainable - eventually all of the available landfill space will be used, the landfill must be closed, and new waste management facilities must be constructed. Further, for 30 years, and possibly longer, after the landfills are closed, they must continue to be managed at an annual expense to the taxpayers. In reality, they must be managed in perpetuity.

Long-term, off-island disposal of solid waste has proven to be cost-prohibitive. An amendment to federal regulations of the US Department of Agriculture is required to transport solid waste to the US mainland or Puerto Rico. Based on a similar amendment for Hawaii to transport solid waste to the mainland, this amendment process is projected to take 1-2 years. Off-island disposal will effectively export our local economic resources for waste processing - funds and jobs - and will transfer our renewable energy resource to benefit the recipient community.

The Authority is fully committed to maximizing recycling in the Ter-

ritory. Wastes that are screened and removed, such as scrap metal, white goods, scrap tires, lead-acid batteries, e-waste, used oil, and household hazardous waste, will continue to be diverted to existing and planned facilities for transportation to mainland recycling facilities. New convenience centers with recycling and household hazardous waste collection centers are currently under construction. In addition, the planned Alpine waste-to-energy project will recover significant quantities of recyclable materials including ferrous and nonferrous metals and glass.

Consequently, the waste-to-energy alternative does not compete with but rather complements recycling goals in the Virgin Islands.

Ultimately, for the Virgin Islands, waste-to-energy is the most preferred, cost effective, environmentally sound alternative AND a critical part of our Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

Project History

In the 80s many unsolicited proposals with various versions of combustion technologies have been received by many Virgin Islands governmental agencies and offices. In the late 90s, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals which resulted in the Caribe Waste Technology project. It did not advance to an executed contract because it did not reflect the best interest of the electrical utility and the rate payers. Consequently, the required power purchase agreement was never negotiated.

In June 2007, WMA solicited proposals for resource recovery projects that maximize resource recovery and minimize landfill requirements. We received three proposals, and after preliminary review, selected a proposal from BioEnergy to review and evaluate in depth. During our proposal evaluation, the Evaluation Committee determined that the BioEnergy proposal was non-responsive due to unproven technology as defined in the RFP; therefore, negotiations were terminated.

In June 2008, WAPA requested that WMA review their shortlist of solicited proposals that included waste as a fuel. The Alpine Energy Group waste to energy proposal was submitted in response to WAPA's Request for Proposals issued in December 2007. Upon reviewing this proposal, WMA rejected the initial draft Fuel Supply Agreement proposed by Alpine and opted to negotiate a full-service solid waste management contract that integrates materials recovery for recycling and reuse and long term solid waste disposal through thermal energy recovery. Over a period of ten months, the Authority's management team and its globally recognized consultants, Maguire Group, Gershman, Brickner and Bratton, and Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, negotiated the two Waste Management Service Contracts in the best interest of the Authority and the people of the Virgin Islands.

Technical Due Diligence

The Alpine projects will process solid waste into refuse-derived fuel. Solid waste will be screened and recyclable materials will be removed for processing and/or direct marketing or reuse. The organic fraction remaining will be shredded, sterilized, and pelletized for storage, handling, transportation, and combustion. The refuse-derived fuel – fluff or pellets – will be fired in a fluidized bed burner (gasifier) along with a combination of secondary and opportunity fuels including pet coke, tires, and sewage sludge. Non-processible solid waste including metals and glass will be separated by the process and recycled.

The conventional waste processing system will convert processible solid waste to shredded refuse derived fuel. When operating in the optimized mode, the system will also sterilize and pelletize the refuse derived fuel for storage, handling, and transportation to ensure continued operation availabil-

ity. Unlike our mainland counterparts, we do not have any alternative waste disposal options within the Territory. These additional optimized system components have been included to address the unique realities faced by insular island communities such as ours and minimize the need to seek off-island disposal options in the event of system down time.

The RDF Facility consists primarily of well proven conventional waste processing equipment and machinery – shredders, screens, conveyors, and classifiers - that has been in successful operation for over 30 years. The sterilizer unit, which will be used to optimize the process as needed for storage, handling, transportation and combustion the RDF, is a newer technology tested for several years and recently placed in operation in a facility in Aruba. In the event that the Company experiences any problems with these enhanced technologies, the system is designed to allow these components to be bypassed. The pelletizing system, although not used extensively in RDF processing systems in the US, employs equipment that has been in several RDF processing systems in Europe.

Environmental Risks and Benefits

EPA and its consultants that specialize in air plume modeling, have very extensive, demonstrated expertise and will serve as the independent, technical experts. Using their well-established guidelines and statistical databases for the air permit process, they will determine and develop the permit requirements for these facilities that will best protect public health and the environment.

The primary benefit of the projects is that when the waste-to-energy construction is completed and ready to accept waste for processing, the landfills will FINALLY be closed. Environmental detriments from landfilling additional waste including primarily the generation of ozone deteriorating greenhouse gases will be eliminated. Upon closure of the landfills, the planned methane gas recovery systems for alternative energy production will further enhance the indirect environmental benefits of the overall projects.

Alpine Project Costs

The St. Croix RDF facility capital cost is ~\$30M and the St. Thomas RDF facility capital cost is incorporated into the WAPA contracts. The total annual service fees for operations, including the St. Croix facility debt service fees, will be ~\$18M. The Virgin Islands generates ~220,000 tons of solid waste per year. The projects are designed to treat a total of 182,500 tons per year Territory-wide. The Table below shows the island district breakdown of estimated waste quantities and annual service fees.

Waste Tonnage	Per Ton	Service Fees	Debt Service	Total Annual Fees
109,500	\$128	\$7,777,810*	\$3,074,132	\$10,851,942
73,000	\$95	\$6,910,484	-0-	\$6,910,484
182,500	\$110	\$13,820,968	\$3,074,132	\$17,762,426

***Note: This is blended total as rates are discounted above 73,000 tons.**

This translates to service fees of \$128 and \$95 per ton for St. Croix and St. Thomas, respectively. The blended average of \$110 per ton compares favorably to solid waste disposal alternatives and to similar waste-to-energy projects in insular areas.

Give the multiple available disposal options on the mainland, landfill costs on the mainland must be competitive and are generally lower than those in insular areas where there are usually limited disposal options.

District	WTE	Land fills	Off-island
St. Croix	\$128	\$85	\$150-\$350
St. Thomas	\$95	\$75	\$150-\$350

Also, with an abundance of available land on the mainland, landfills are typically less costly compared to waste-to-energy options and therefore are still the primary method of disposal in the US. This is not the case in the Virgin Islands.

When the landfill closure and 30-year post-closure care annual operating costs are incorporated, the life cycle costs and associated annual service fees for landfills are usually less favorable when compared to waste-to-energy plants.

Alternatives outside the territory exceed proposed annual service fees for waste-to-energy and do not offset energy or environmental costs associated with displacement of fossil fuels with refuse derived fuel. Off-island disposal is estimated to range from \$150-\$300 per ton.

Overall, comparatively, the waste-to-energy service fees are comparable to those for available, viable alternatives. Service fees for several selected waste-to-energy RDF facilities throughout the United States are shown in the table below.

State/Territory	Start Up Year	Tons per Day	Cost per Ton
Virgin Islands	2012	400	\$110 (\$95)*
Honolulu	1990	1851	\$91**
Maine	1987	600	\$76
Connecticut	1987	2000	\$69
Wisconsin	1987	400	\$60

***The VI cost for operating costs only is \$95 per ton.**

****Recently, Hawaii negotiated fees in the \$125 per ton range for expansion of RDF Facility.**

It should be noted that the start-up year indicates that the for the older facilities debt service payment may have been retired and, thus, the cost per ton reflects the service fees for operating costs only. Additionally, WTE fees must be competitive due to availability of landfills at generally lower service fees in proximity to the facilities. It is interesting to note that the new BVI solid waste combustion facility does not recovery energy and the disposal cost ranges from \$60-70 per ton.

In conclusion, the project costs for the status quo “Do Nothing” alternative will not only be costly due to fines and penalties but will also place the community at environmental and public health and safety risk. This is not the solution to our solid waste dilemma. The Alpine waste-to-energy projects are the only viable, long term, sustainable solid waste management solution. Stay tuned for the Recycling Commitment.

Prevention of Violence Against Women Grant Application Deadline: January 13

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen is alerting eligible public and private entities of the upcoming deadline for grant funding available from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Regional Office on Women's Health.

The Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls grant opportunity is available to entities such as public and private non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, government agencies and tribal government agencies. Applications must be received by January 13, 2010 at 5 p.m.

Funding is available for specific events or activities intended to prevent, raise awareness of, or respond to the epidemic of violence against women and girls in the United States and its territories.

Violence against women and girls encompasses intimate partner violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, emotional and verbal abuse; as well as teen violence, bullying, human-trafficking, and other forms of trauma or abuse.

Special consideration will be given to applications that address the prevention of teen violence including dating violence, bullying and gang activity.

Up to five projects will be awarded to Region II, which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, for a maximum award of \$2,000 per project.

Submit applications to owhapplication@jsi.com or mail to JSI, ATTN: Megan Hiltner, 1725 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado 80202. For more information, visit www.womenshealth.gov/owh/about/ or call 1-866-224-3815.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Why Study History Anyway?

Recently a young student, Malik Stevens, described his first semester at Georgetown University in these pages. He praised the courses he took, except for history which he found boring.

Full disclosure — having taught at various universities in the past decades, this is a criticism with which I've painfully familiar. However, there is an implicit issue contained within that criticism, namely: Why study history anyway?

Many students, indeed many Americans, assume that remote events, such as wars, treaties, congressional acts, etc., because they are not and cannot be directly experienced are of no relevance in their daily lives and can be ignored. The remainder of this piece will try to show the flaws in that view.

Historical events have long range consequences which, though perhaps obscure, have contemporary effects. All one needs is the knowledge and the wit to connect the dots. So let's trace the current implications of a remote event — the Civil War and its key battle at Gettysburg in July 1863.

Gettysburg was the decisive battle of the war. It marked both the high point of the Confederacy, its troops had invaded a northern state, as well as its low point. The defeat of Southern arms was the beginning of the end of rebellion.

Following the war, the South underwent a reconstruction which failed to create Lincoln's promise of a new nation and an interracial society. In 1877 a compromise was struck that withdrew Federal troops from the South, there were less than 10,000, and 4 million African Americans in the words of a newspaper, "Disappeared from the field of national politics. The nation will have nothing more to do with them."

Fast forward to 1913.

That year was the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. President Wilson, Southern born and a former head of the University of Virginia, decided that the time for national reconciliation had arrived and proposed a jamboree at the former battlefield to which all the surviving veterans of the war would be invited.

Hundreds of veterans, from both sides of the conflict, attended. The event became a national celebration and a photograph published in nearly every newspaper depicted two lines of veterans, the blue on one side facing the grey on the other shaking hands across a stone fence. The symbolism was clear: The nation was one, the old wounds had healed and America would progress to a brighter future. Except for one omission!

During the Civil War 200,000 African American

men fought for their liberty on the Union side (about twenty percent, or eight hundred thousand slaves, escaped from the South to the North during the conflict.)

Not a single one of the black veterans was invited to the celebration, although they were visible as servants and laborers. The exclusion of the black veterans was a clear indication of the irrelevance of African Americans in the affairs of the nation.

Shortly after a group of Southern women asked if a privately funded monument to the fallen heroes of the South's Lost Cause could be placed in Arlington Cemetery. The monument was erected and ever since the 1920s the presidents have placed two wreaths there, one at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the second at the Confederate site.

It is the usual practice for presidents to place a wreath at the WWI site, but most have had someone else go to the other site. Fast forward to this year.

A number of historians, organized by James Loewen, sent a letter to President Obama signed by some of the most eminent historians well known for publishing widely on the Civil War. The letter, which can be accessed at www.hnn, asked President Obama to cease the practice of honoring the Confederate dead with the placement of a wreath.

The letter argues — this is a loose paraphrase — that while these fallen may have fought bravely, the cause for which they died was despicable, because slavery was based on terror, tyranny and, ultimately, treason.

It is unknown who read the letter at the White House, but the response reflected a rather clever compromise. The White House discovered a monument to African American soldiers somewhere in Washington and last Veteran's Day three wreaths were used, although the president only appeared at the WWI tomb.

The historians don't seem mollified by the new practice and will raise the issue again. For some of them, the nation should not honor those who would have destroyed it to preserve white supremacy and rule by racists.

The placement of the wreath at the Confederate site contradicts both Lincoln's vision of an interracial society and the ideals of the Declaration of Independence. The nation still needs some work to do to achieve these ends and that is not a remote matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Zawacki, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Social Science
College of General Studies, Boston University

"Country Is in Very Serious Trouble"

A passenger airline goes missing for one and a half hours on the way to (past) Chicago. No contact with FAA and no military aircraft is sent to up.

A Nigerian man whose father told U.S. authorities two months ago his son was intent on doing damage to the U.S. is given a visa to the U.S. and tries to blow

up a plane.

I go to work on the ferry to St. John and TSA checks my bags, my ID, asks me if I am an American and does a body pat down. My friends, this country is in very serious trouble.

Greg Miller

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School Accepts Biddle's Resignation

On behalf of the Boards of the Giff Hill School, I wanted to inform the St. John community that we have accepted the resignation of Ben Biddle, our headmaster, effective December 29.

Ben served GHS for years, growing from a position on the faculty into the administration and finally, the headmasters job. Having grown into the school's leadership, Ben oversaw substantial changes at GHS, including institutional growth, growth in student population, physical size and organizational styles and values, and we thank him for his many contributions.

Ed Deusser, current upper school principal, and a former principal of the Pine Peace School, will immediately assume the duties of head, as Interim Head-

master.

The board will begin a search process immediately, looking both nationally and locally for the right candidate for GHS as we continue on our mission to open hearts, minds and doors for children on St. John.

We feel confident that there will be a smooth transition into the new year and want to thank everyone for their tremendous support of the institution and its goals.

**Miles Stair,
GHS Foundation Chair**

**Michael Barry,
GHS Administrative Board President**

A Valuable Seminar

VIVA! sponsored Lynda Wooding (lyndawooding.com) to do a free seminar about relationships/communication in business and personal life. It was terrific and we had great feedback from the attendees.

We were hoping to provide an educational opportunity to St. John residents who were interested in gaining a fresh, positive perspective during these challenging economic times.

Also, we have hired Lynda to provide team building and executive coaching services for VIVA! Villas and our staff embraced her training. She has improved morale and helped to enhance our work environment through interactive exercises and information.

This was my way of showing my commitment to the VIVA! team by providing them with the tools for their own personal success and rewarding them for their loyal service. We not only want our team to be a shining example to the locals but to also represent St. John positively to guests and villa owners.

Lynda's training was invaluable. As a business owner, I feel this is important to share this information with other companies throughout the Virgin Islands so that they can also kick start their businesses for 2010.

Angie Smith

Obituary

Kathleen M. Damon

Kathleen Damon, 75, wife of the late Roger C. Damon, formerly of Northampton, Massachusetts, passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at her home on St. John.

Born in Northampton on February 4, 1934, Kathleen was the daughter of Dolphus G. Fournier and Catherine (Loneragan) Fournier. She went to St. Michaels and graduated from Northampton High school in 1952.

Kathy was a devoted wife and worked side by side with her husband Roger to build their home in Northampton, a self-sustaining/green camp in New Hampshire, their self-sustaining retirement home in St. John and also a rental villa in St. John.

She was always by Roger's side in any endeavor he took on — taking five children on a vacation cross country in a VW bus and pop-up camper to California and back, starting and expanding his businesses Whitewater, DW Corporation and Wilderness Mold, family canoe trips down the Alligash Wilderness Waterway in Maine, and moving away from everything to St. John.

In the midst of raising her five children, Kathy went back to school and earned her degree in nursing from

Smith Vocational. She worked at Cooley Dickenson Hospital and Hampshire County Nursing Home as an LPN.

After retiring from nursing, Kathy provided day care for her grandchildren as well as other children. She enjoyed volunteering in the first grade at Guy Benjamin School in St. John and sharing her homes with vacationing family and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Roger. She leaves her brother and his wife, Jack and Jackie Fournier of Easthampton; her five children, Larry Damon and his wife Rose of Northampton, Debby Raymond and her husband Paul formerly of Southampton and currently residing on St. John, Diane Haskell and her husband David of Southampton, Kate Raymond and her husband Mark of Easthampton, and Michael Damon and his wife Diana of Hadley; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her husband's brothers and sisters; several nieces and nephews; and a few long-time friends.

Kathy is together again with Roger. She wished not to shadow the holidays for her family and friends. Services and a celebration of life will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 18
Under Investigation: 18
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6
Under Investigation: 6
Solved: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17
Under Investigation: 16
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70
Under Investigation: 66
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 67
Under Investigation: 64
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

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

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.

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St. John Film Society Offers Free Monthly Screenings

St. John residents won't have to travel off-island to screen an interesting independent flick anymore, thanks to a group of St. John filmmakers and film buffs.



Minor Arrested for Burglary

Police on St. John arrested a 16-year-old minor on Saturday, January 24, and charged him with third-degree burglary, petit larceny and unlawful entry in connection with a burglary which occurred on January 1 at Harbor the Village office on St. John.

The minor, who is originally from St. Lucia, was arrested after being positively identified as the person who entered a business and removed cash, according to V.I. Police St. Thomas/St. John Chief Rodney Querrard.

The minor was released into the custody of his parents pending his court appearance.

USVI Boat Captain Caught in BVI Waters with Cocaine Haul

A well known licensed USVI captain and one crew member have been charged with being in possession of a large quantity of cocaine on the sailing vessel *Captain Ron*.

They were each taken into custody earlier this month, after pleading not guilty in a British Virgin Island Magistrate's Court.

Captain Ronald Weisel, a 58-year-old U.S. citizen who resides in the Virgin Islands, reportedly aboard the *Captain Ron*, was charged jointly with his crew member Hillary Toussaint, 41, of Grand Bay, Dominica, with importation of drugs, possession with intent to supply, and possession of cocaine.

Stevens Wins GHS Poetry Out Loud Contest



Malik Stevens was the first place winner of the Giff Hill School's Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest.

Trichelle Gumbs took second place in the contest and Kanika Liburd came in third place.

Debra Baronville Passes

Services were Friday, January 30, for Debra Baronville, who died on January 26.

February 9-15, 2009



Roundabout Construction Ahead of Schedule

Cruz Bay Roundabout Construction To Change Road Grade for Visibility

"The idea is to be able to have a clear view of everything moving around in that roundabout. Right now it's such a steep grade you really can't see the traffic going in and out."

— Thomas Jones, DPW liason

GBS Parents Call for Crossing Guard at Bus Stop

Every weekday afternoon just as construction workers are rushing to catch the ferry, Guy Benjamin School students are dropped off their bus in the high-traffic street across from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles parking lot with not a crossing guard in sight and parents have had enough.

Third Circuit Expected To Rule on V.I. Property Tax Case Soon

"The vast majority of the issues the government raised in the St. John case are identical to the issues raised in this appeal. I suspect Judge Gomez will wait until the Third Circuit rules before moving ahead..."

— Jim Derr, attorney
St. John Unity Day Group

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Frank Gutschow Arrested for Stealing Backpacks in VINP, Pleads Guilty

A man who was living illegally in a tent in the Brown Bay area was arrested two weeks ago after V.I. National Park rangers caught him stealing red-handed.

Frank Gutschow was arrested by VINP Law Enforcement Rangers on Friday, January 23, after he was spotted stealing backpacks in the Leinster Bay area.

Gutschow, who is in his mid-50s, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in Federal Court and was sentenced to six months in jail, which he will serve in a federal penitentiary in North Carolina, according to VINP Acting Chief Ranger Jeff Mihan.



New Police Cruisers

V.I. Police Department officers received a new fleet of vehicles last week, some of which were parked in front of the former Front Yard Bar.

February 16-22, 2009

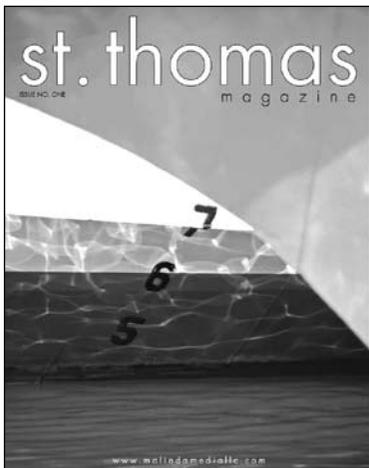
Pan Dragons Perform at Opening of STX Agrifest 2009

After enduring about a 3-hour boat ride from St. Thomas, the Love City Pan Dragons of St. John performed during the opening ceremony of the St. Croix Agrifest 2009. The island's steel band played the National Anthem and the Virgin Islands March on Saturday, February 14 for event-goers, including Governor deJongh.



Friends 20th Anniversary Gala Garners More Than \$30,000

Hundreds of guests gathered for a special fundraiser at Rob Blakenly's majestic Peter Bay point house Presidio del Mar to support the Friends of the VINP.



St. Thomas Magazine Amazes

"For St. Thomas to be a viable destination in the international community, people need to get reassociated with the island. I think we've lost sight of what and who St. Thomas is, but now St. Thomas Magazine has pointed us in the right direction."

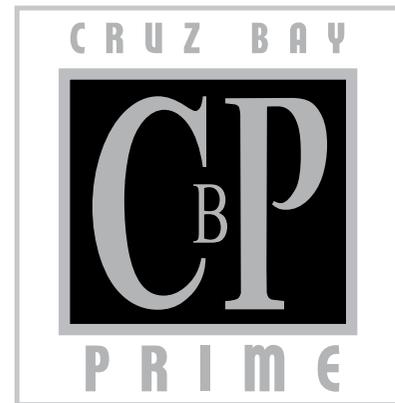
- Felipe Ayala, St. Thomian

VINP Officials Unearth a Cannon

V.I. National Park officials got a big surprise when they recently moved a back pile of dirt behind the maintenance area — a cannon.

"Years and years ago, before my time, someone put a container back behind the maintenance shed and there was a big pile of back fill under it," said VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild. "The maintenance crew was moving the dirt and when they got down towards the bottom of it there was a cannon."

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World Renowned Cellist Performing at St. John School of the Arts Jan. 28

Kalin Ivanov will be performing at St. John School of the Arts on Thursday, January 28, at 8 p.m.

This world-renowned cellist is gaining recognition as an artist whose “dramatic urgency and expressive tone” (The STRAD, New York) is matched by “his deep, emotional, and poetic performing style” (Moscow North). From Barber to Brahms and Schumann to Vivaldi, this performance will entice all music lovers.

A native of Bulgaria, Ivanov began studying cello at age six and now holds a Master of Music degree from Brooklyn College. Don't miss this wonderful night of the classics on St. John. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at Connections or at the door. Space is limited.

St. John Rescue Needs Volunteers

St. John Rescue is looking for volunteers to join its dedicated team of first responders. The group particularly needs volunteers in Coral Bay.

Rescue is planning a First Responder Class in January 2010. This would be an excellent time to join, become a First Responder, and assist the community during emergencies. Please contact Bob Malacarne at 626-5118 or Chris Jordan at 514-4793.

Help save a life and make a difference — join St. John Rescue.

Adult Sailing Classes Available

Adults and The Sea (ANTS) classes are kicking off again in the new year.

The first three hour class will be on Wednesday, January 6. Other Wednesday classes will be on January 13, 20 and 27. Saturday classes will be hosted on January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The classes are all three hours long and will take place on a Pearson Ensign, a 23-foot keel sail boat. For more information or to register for ANTS call Marie Naisby at 714-7433 or 410-271-1196 (cell).

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 22

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Presidio del Mar Tops Local Real Estate Offerings

A new house on the market has shattered the record of priciest digs on St. John but clients aren't blinking an eye, according to the co-listing agent.

Presidio del Mar was recently listed on the St. John MLS for \$32 million, but not one client has expressed surprise at the price tag, according to co-listing agent Christie O'Neil, a partner in Holiday Homes of St. John Inc.

“Everyone who has seen the estate thinks it is worth every penny,” said O'Neil. “This property is incomparable — it is undoubtedly the finest estate in the Caribbean, with a location unlike any other. It is the Caribbean estate to which all others will aspire.”



Ninth Annual St. John Arts Festival Kicks Off Feb. 21

Folk Life Festival: One Woman's Determination To Keep V.I. Culture Alive

Since 1991, Denise Georges has spent countless hours organizing, canvassing and hosting the Folk Life Festival at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation Ruins in the V.I. National Park for a simple, but powerful reason — to ensure local culture is not forgotten.

“I started this all those years ago to promote the Virgin Islands' culture, history, tradition, customs and beliefs,” said Georges, who has been a VINP ranger for 30 years.

JESS Gala Garners Only \$50,000, But Crowd Enjoys Great Time

Julius E. Sprauve School staff, alumni and supporters packed Caneel Bay Resort for the 12th annual school gala fundraiser on Saturday evening, February 7, which garnered about \$50,000 for the Cruz Bay public school.

While tickets to the gala sold out, live and silent auctions only brought the amount raised to almost half of what is normally raked in at the event, explained JESS principal Mario Francis.



St. John Recycling Committee Off and Running

The fledgling St. John Recycling Committee has been meeting for a little more than six months, but has already made big strides in reducing the island's waste stream.

With a core group of about 12 people, the committee — officially a St. John chapter of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands (RAVI) — has succeeded in launching aluminum can recycling across the island.



Culvers Welcome Baby Scott

On Monday, February 2, at 4:03 p.m. little Scottie Culver was born weighing 4 pounds, 3.4 ounces and measuring 17.5 inches. He is eight weeks premature but doing fabulously so far.

February 23-March 1, 2009

Students Enjoy 18th Annual Folk Life Festival

Despite the threat of rain, students from across St. John and St. Thomas converged on Annaberg Sugar Plantation Ruins last week to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the 18th Annual St. John Folk Life Festival.

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's to solve the following crimes. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to identify the suspects.

St. John

A robbery occurred at 251 Estate Enighed on December 22 at about 11:40 p.m. The victim was tied up and robbed at knife point by two Spanish-speaking males who took a large amount of cash from the victim. The minimum reward for the arrest of these robbers is \$892.

V.I. Police Department officials need the community's assistance in identifying the person(s) who broke into a Suzuki Vitara on November 16 at about 8:45 a.m. in the area of Frank Street in Cruz Bay. A Dell laptop, Alpine amplifier, Sony speakers, Clarion equalizer, and other stereo equipment were stolen.

St. Thomas

Police need the community's help in identifying the killer(s) of a male who was shot to death in the area of PMP basketball court on December 19 at about 5:40 a.m. Please help police identify the killer(s). The minimum reward for the arrest of the suspect(s) is \$1,250.

St. Croix

December 20 at about 10 p.m., three black males robbed and assaulted three individuals at gun point as they were leaving the Golden Palace Bar on Queen Street in Frederiksted.

One victim was robbed of his gold chain and another was shot several times as he ran away. The three robbers then fled in an easterly direction. Help police identify these robbers. The minimum reward for the arrest of these suspects is \$892.

Community members can submit tips to Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. Tipsters can also submit tips online at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by texting "USVI" plus the message to CRIMES (274637).

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

Crime Stoppers has now paid 23 rewards averaging \$821 each. However, we have 24 unclaimed rewards which will expire six months after the award date.

Anyone who submitted a tip, should check to see if they are entitled to a cash reward. Our technology makes it virtually impossible for anyone to trace a tip. To learn how it works, visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

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St. John Police Dept: 340-693-8880

St. John Fire Station: 340-776-6333

St. John Police Report

Friday, December 18

7:01 a.m. — A citizen c/r via Central Dispatch that her brother fell off a ladder in the area of Estate Chocolate Hole. Accidental injury.

4:20 p.m. — An Estate Enighed resident r/ an assault in Cruz Bay. Assault in the first.

Saturday, December 19

12:34 a.m. — A citizen r/ loud music in Estate Grunwald. Loud music.

3:29 p.m. — Central Dispatch c/r three minor males lost in the bushes in the area of Gift Hill. Police assistance.

3:35 p.m. — Central Dispatch c/r an auto accident in the area of Anaberg. Auto accident.

Monday, December 21

10:39 a.m. — A visitor from Washington, D.C. p/r items damaged. Accidental damage.

Tuesday, December 22

1:07 a.m. — An Estate Pow-erboyd Plantation resident r/ that someone broke into her home. Burglary in the second.

7:54 a.m. — An Estate Grunwald resident r/ being involved in an auto accident. Auto accident

11:45 a.m. — A female p/r being sexually harassed by a male in Cruz Bay. Sexual harassment.

2:15 p.m. — An Estate Adrian resident p/r that he loaned a female \$300 and she failed to repay him. Police assistance.

7:45 p.m. — A Cruz Bay resident c/r he was assaulted by an unknown individual.

11:40 p.m. — A citizen c/r that someone needs police assistance in the area of Star Villas. Robbery in the first.

Wednesday, December 23

10:20 a.m. — A visitor from Texas p/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

1:30 p.m. — Badge #1099 p/ with one Michael MacDonald under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$2,500.

Thursday, December 24

12:51 a.m. — A citizen c/r that a vehicle struck a tree on

Centerline Road.

12:51 a.m. — Government of the Virgin Islands r/ someone was driving while intoxicated. Driving under the influence.

3:00 a.m. — Badge #726 p/ with one Nathaniel C. Emerich of Estate Grunwald under arrest and charged with driving under the influence. Bail was set at \$1,000 and he was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

10:20 a.m. — An Estate Hard Labor resident p/r having a disturbance with a male.

10:13 p.m. — An Estate Anaberg resident c/requesting police assistance. Suspicious activity.

11:22 p.m. — An Estate Carolina resident r/ that she and her sister were assaulted. Assault and battery.

Friday, December 25

12:24 a.m. — A citizen c/r loud music in Estate Grunwald. Police assistance.

6:35 p.m. — A citizen c/r a man sleeping in the gazebo in Cruz Bay park.

2:15 p.m. — An Estate Bellevue resident r/ that she and her sister were assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Assault and battery.

5:30 p.m. — An Estate Enighed resident p/r loud music in her neighborhood.

6:53 p.m. — A citizen c/r an auto accident aboard the barge. Auto accident.

8:52 p.m. — An Estate Pow-erboyd Plantation resident c/r a disturbance at her residence.

9:02 p.m. — A citizen c/r loud music. Loud music.

11:36 p.m. — An Estate Rendzevovs resident r/ her friend died. D.O.A.

Saturday, December 25

12:28 a.m. — An Estate Grunwald resident c/r loud music. Loud music.

11:45 a.m. — An Estate Bellevue resident p/r a group of children making a disturbance. Police assistance.

1:45 p.m. — A citizen p/r his ex—landlord threatened him.

4:20 p.m. — A visitor from

New York p/r that someone stole his iPhone. Burglary in the third.

9:10 p.m. — An Estate Adrian resident p/r someone unknown ransacked her vehicle. Malicious mischief.

Sunday, December 27

7:00 p.m. — A Great Cruz Bay resident p/r someone removed her bag from her vehicle.

1:15 p.m. — An Estate Bethany resident c/requesting police assistance. Disturbance of the peace.

8:49 p.m. — Central Dispatch c/r a vehicle fire on Roman Road. Vehicle fire.

Monday, December 28

12:20 a.m. — A Calabash Boom resident r/ an assault. Aggravated assault and battery.

2:30 a.m. — Badge #725 p/ with one Steven Dwayne White of Calabash Boom under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, D.V. Bail was set at \$1,000 and he was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

2:30 p.m. — A citizen r/ that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, December 30

3:00 p.m. — Badge #1099 p/ with one J. Polius under arrest and charged with first degree burglary, D.V.

3:00 p.m. — A citizen p/r that he lost his documents. Lost documents.

Thursday, December 31

1:25 a.m. — A citizen r/ a male trying to break into a villa. Attempted burglary.

11:45 p.m. — An Estate Carolina resident r/ that her car was broken into and items were removed. Tampering with a vehicle.

Friday, January 1

1:46 a.m. — A citizen r/ hearing loud music in Estate Enighed. Police assistance.

2:41 a.m. — A citizen r/ loud music in Estate Pastory. Loud music.

5:38 a.m. — A citizen c/r seeing a male trying to break into the Tradewinds building. Suspicious activity.

Community Calendar

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Tuesday, January 5

The next featured film in the St. John Film Society's Winter 2010 Free Film Series will be "Neshoba" by Tony Pagano and Micki Dickoff. The film will be screen on Tuesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik in Coral Bay.

Wednesday, January 6

Flute duet Rich Greengold and Katha Ricciardi will be joined by two exceptional flautists Michael Banzhaf and Nancy Ruffer for an annual flute quartet program on Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Coconut Coast Studios.

Monday, January 11

Coral Bay residents are invited to attend a community meeting on Monday, January 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the John's Folly Learning Institute.

Tuesday, January 12

The St. John Historical Society will host its January membership meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 23

The St. John Historical Society will explore the historical landscape of Waterlemon Bay on Saturday, January 23, beginning at 9 a.m. and starting from the Annaberg parking lot.

Thursday, January 28

Kalin Ivanov will be performing at St. John School of the Arts on Thursday, January 28, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 30

St. John School of the Arts Dance-a-thon will be on Saturday, January 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Westin Resort.

Saturday, February 6

The annual Friends of VINP Gala will be on Saturday, February 6, at Janet and Martin Marshall's Villa in Great Cruz Bay.

March (Date to be determined)

Giffit Hill School's Annual Dinner Auction will be at The Westin Resort. A date is to be determined.

Saturday, April 10

Julius E. Sprauve School Fundraising Gala will take place on Saturday, April 10, at Caneel Bay Resort.

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Caneel Welcomes New Tennis Director Kramer

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The 11-court tennis center has been under the direction of PBI for more than 30 years and is consistently ranked as one of best tennis resorts in the world.

Kramer will oversee a variety of exciting instructional programs and tennis activities at Caneel Bay, including private lessons, daily clinics, round robins and other social and competitive events. Caneel Bay also offers a full-service pro shop.

"We are pleased to have Todd join our team to build on our legacy of great tennis," said Nikolay Hotze, Managing Director of Caneel Bay. "Throughout 30 years with Peter Burwash, our guests have appreciated the continuity of instruction, professionalism and personal service from one pro to the next."

"We look forward to Todd's leadership in continuing to provide the finest tennis program in the Caribbean," said Hotze.

A native of New Jersey, Kramer earned

a degree in Natural Resources from the University of Connecticut and added his Master's at Penn State. Prior to joining the professional staff at Peter Burwash International, he honed his tennis teaching skills at various clubs in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, including the Guilford Racquet and Swim Club and Penn State Tennis Center, while obtaining his certification from the USPTA and USRSA.

During his career with PBI, Kramer has coached internationally and directed tennis programs at the Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita in Mexico, the Four Seasons Hotel Singapore and at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, California, host facility of the prestigious Easter Bowl junior tennis tournament.

"Todd impressed everyone at Rancho Las Palmas with his work ethic and exemplary customer service," said PBI President, Peter Burwash. "He will bring to Caneel Bay enthusiasm and fresh ideas, while continuing the many traditions that have established Caneel Bay as the top tennis resort in the Caribbean and keeps Caneel guests returning year after year."

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"Fish Beach" - New Mediterranean Style 2 bedroom luxury pool villa located in Cocoloba Beach Estates, a private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel and dock bordering the National Park near Reef Bay yet near all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes including travertine floors, tile roof, antique brick & coral patios, kitchen with stone countertops, stainless appliances. Great value at only **\$1,195,000**



"The Love Shack" - Featured in national magazines located on the secluded Island of Lovango Cay just a ten minute boat ride from St. John. Powered by the sun and wind this intimate post and beam beach front home with guest cottage and spa is elegantly furnished and outfitted with top of the line appliances and amenities in an open style floor plan. Just steps from the palm studded sand beach and shared boat dock. **\$2,250,000**



"Coral Bay Casa" - Masonry two bedroom, two bath home in beautiful Upper Carolina. Enjoy unimpeded views of Coral Bay Harbor and Bordeaux Mountain across the valley. The master suite is on the main level along with the kitchen, dining, living areas and deck. Spacious lower level bedroom suite has separate entrance and is already plumbed for an additional kitchen. Deeded beach rights at Johnson's Bay for those who enjoy watersports. **\$875,000**



"Calypso By The Sea" is a charming Caribbean style beachfront villa with an impressive rental history located in tranquil Johnson's Bay Estates - a truly picturesque and idyllic tropical site. Two luxurious master suites separated by a central great room which includes kitchen, dining and living areas, all opening up to an oversize deck with covered outdoor dining & a sunken spa. Excellent condition & great rental history **\$1.7M**



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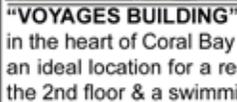
"Island Fancy" Classic Island home high in Upper Rendezvous with stunning views from Thatch Cay to St. Thomas and south to St. Croix and east to Ram's Head. This charming house features highlights of native stone, open floor plan, large decks, mature landscaping and wonderful privacy. There is an apartment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



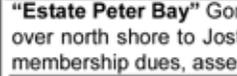
Shopping Center - Investment opportunity in this brand new retail/office building! Built in 2009. Beautiful architecture with stone work, columns and arches. Ample on-site parking and back up generator. Great tenancy in place with supermarket, bank branch, day spa, and more! Ideally located on the south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



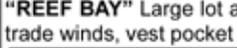
"Seashore Allure" - New waterfront Condos set a higher bar for quality in St. John condos. Just completed with these features: travertine tiles, Brazilian hardwood floors, native stone work, graceful arches framing water views, solid mahogany doors, custom cabinets, rain head showers, bidets, spa tubs, stainless appliances, storage lockers - to name a few. The sounds of the surf, cool breezes & beachfront location make these condos a tropical dream come true. **\$1.97M to \$3.39M**



"VOYAGES BUILDING" - Rare opportunity to own a combination commercial/residential property in the heart of Coral Bay between the Cocoloba Shopping Center & a proposed 116 slip marina, an ideal location for a restaurant, retail shops or offices. Two beautiful 2 bedroom apartments on the 2nd floor & a swimming pool, views of the anchored boats, cool breezes and parking. **\$2.6M**



"Estate Peter Bay" Gorgeous home site situated in prestigious Estate Peter Bay with great views over north shore to Jost Van Dyke. This parcel is not part of Peter Bay subdivision therefore no membership dues, assessments, covenants or restrictions can be levied. **\$1.5M**



"REEF BAY" Large lot adjoining National Park with 270 feet of waterfront on Reef Bay. Easterly trade winds, vest pocket beach & sweeping views of St. John's pristine south shore. **\$2.499M**



"HANSEN BAY 7A" - 18 Acres, waterfront, trade wind breezes and great water views over Long Bay, Round Bay to the north, west to Rams Head and south to St. Croix. Deeded rights to sandy beach at Long Bay. Proposed subdivision map available. An easy project for the first time developer or perfectly suited for a very private estate. **\$3,180,000**

Best Deals: Seagrape Hill - **\$95,000 & \$99,000**, Calabash Boom lot with fantastic water views for just **\$199,000**, "Bella Vista" - 4 bedrooms with terrific views to the BVI for only **\$850,000**.

Cruz Bay (74-2) B-3 ZONING - Rare opportunity to own a commercial building in down town Cruz Bay. The first floor has a long term lease in place. The second and third floor plans are still flexible for office or residential use and available for lease. **Reduced to \$1.5M**

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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.**



CBR HOME LISTINGS

NAUTILUS - Dramatic WATERFRONT setting on Maria Bluff. 3 bd/2 bath masonry w/large wraparound veranda, spa, sunrise to sunset views. 1.25 ac. lot, tile roof, circular drive. **\$1,495,000.**

SEASCAPE - Fantastic location on Bovovoap Point! Spacious 2 bd main house w/lap pool, plus a separate caretaker's cottage. Panoramic sunset views, privacy. **\$1,495,000.**

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.**

VILLA ROMANCE - Brand new, lux 4 bd pool villa, features exquisite design, craftsmanship, tile roof, coral flooring, columns, fountains & sunsets over Chocolate Hole Bay. **\$2,999,000.**

POINT RENDEZVOUS - New rental villa in upscale neighborhood. Masonry construction w/ low maintenance features. 3 bdrm / 2 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.**

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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.**

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BAYVIEW - Private villa bordering Natl. Park, minutes to Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with 2 bldgs connected by pool, decks & patios. 280° views overlooking Francis Bay & North Shore + Coral Bay. **\$1,695,000.**

CAROLINA - Small, poured concrete, home with lovely covered wraparound deck. Flat 1/2 ac. fenced lot. **\$399K.**

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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 bdms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. **\$3,495,000**

BORDEAUX MT. - Family home w/3 bd./2 baths, large porch, water view, 1/2 ac. lot w/large trees. **\$675,000.**

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.**

GALLOW'S POINT CONDO - Waterfront, 1/bd/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 \$399,000!**

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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.**

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

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MYSTIC RIDGE 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath, dramatic views, short distance to North Shore beaches, cooling breezes. **\$2,390,000**

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WATERFRONT! Chill in the oceanfront pool while gazing out upon excellent bay views. Lush tropical gardens. 3 BR/2BA. **\$1,295,000**

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February 23-March 1, 2009 continued

Penn Admits To Estate Grunwald Shooting

St. John resident Joel Penn confessed to shooting a man in the stomach in the Estate Grunwald area on Tuesday, February 17, according to published reports.

Responding V.I. Police Department officer Cassandra Vincent testified during Penn's advice of rights hearing before V.I. Superior Court Judge Leon Kendall on Wednesday, February 18. Despite testimony from Vincent that Penn admitted to shooting a man because he threw a stone at him, Kendall lowered the St. John man's charges and released him on his own recognizance.



Aquanauts Return to Lameshur 40 Years After Tektite I

More than 100 people gathered at the Environmental Resource Station at Lameshur Bay on Sunday, February 15, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the groundbreaking Tektite I program.



Romari Alejandro

Proud parents Raquida Edwards and Rafael Munoz welcomed Romari Alejandro Munoz on Friday, February 13, 2009. It was on that day that their bundle of joy was born at 6:59 p.m. Romari weighed 7lbs and 3.2 oz and was 19 in. and measured 48 cm. long.



Aria June Murray

Beth Bocklett and Brian Murry welcomed their beautiful baby daughter Aria June into the world on Monday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m. Aria weighed 6 lbs, 2 oz, and measures 17.5" inches long.

John F. Bryan IV Passes

John F. Bryan IV died on Thursday, February 19, 2009 in Vancleave, MS. John was a popular act in clubs in St. John, St. Thomas, and Jost Van Dyke and most recently entertained at the Biloxi Yacht Club on the Fourth of July and at Huck's in Gautier. Everywhere he went he either had a friend or he made a friend.

March 2-8, 2009



Yellow Jackets Bring Little League Action Back

The St. John Sporting Center Inc. is proud to present the Yellow Jackets for first time in more than 10 years.

A little league team composed of boys between the ages of 9 and 12, the Yellow Jackets team is participating in the Alvin McBean Little League East

Local Jeweler Crafts V.I. Corsage Brooch for First Lady Obama

Keep an eye on First Lady Michelle Obama's jewelry, as she might be sporting a beautiful, handcrafted gold brooch soon thanks to St. John goldsmith Alice Krall.



Whales Spotted in Coral Bay Harbor

Several humpback whales were seen in Coral Bay Harbor on Wednesday morning, February 25. Humpback whales usually pass by St. John this time of year during their migration to northern feeding grounds.



Serious Moves On Display at SJSA Dance-a-Thon

The dance floor at the Westin Resort and Villas' ballroom was jam packed on Saturday evening, February 21, as citizens young and old took part in the St. John School of the Arts Dance-a-Thon.

Everyone had so much fun at the art school fundraiser, which netted almost \$11,000, the event will be a yearly tradition from now on, according to SJSA Director Jan Kinder.

C. Warren Cole Dies

The Coral Bay family lost another member recently as long-time resident C. Warren Cole passed away.

Cole was born on July 3, 1958, in Midland, Texas and called St. John home for many years. He was handling family issues in Texas when he succumbed to complications from pneumonia on Sunday, February 22.

Coral Jean

Brian and Jessa Buchalter welcomed their new baby earlier this month. Coral Jean was born at home in water on February 3, 2009. She was born at 3:08 p.m. in the afternoon and weighed in at 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

