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St. John Singers Bring Christmas to Coral Bay

A huge crowd packed the Emmaus Moravian Church on Friday evening, December 21, for the St. John Singers' Evening of Christmas Music concert. Under the direction of Janice Ballard, the choir was accompanied by Scott Coates on piano, Nancy Ruffer on flute and Mahlon "Koko" Pickering on percussion. The group sang beautiful renditions of Christmas music both modern — the female members entertained the crowd with "Santa Baby" — and ancient, like the 16th century English melody "What Child is This." Ruffer and Coates also wowed the crowd during an Instrumental Intermezzo which featured renditions of "O Holy Night," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and more.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS:
NEW ISSUE IS ON NEWSSTANDS!

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Animal Care Center Animals Feel the Love at Christmas

The St. John Animal Care Center hosted an open house on Tuesday afternoon, December 18, at the group's animal shelter in Estate Enighed. Residents enjoyed refreshments and snacks while showering the island's abandoned and abused animals with treats and gifts.

Santa Claus Coming to Town Dec. 24

Taking a bit of a break from his around the world Christmas gift distribution, Santa Claus himself will be making a stop on St. John on Christmas Eve, Monday night, December 24.

The folks at Caneel Bay Resort are once again making sure that all the little boys and girls on St. John get to say hello to Santa.

The big man himself will be arriving at the Cruz Bay ferry dock around 9:30 p.m. with his elves on a Caneel Bay Resort ferry. Santa and his elves will make sure all the kids on St. John receive a gift.

New Year's Eve Extravaganza Planned for Island Youth in Frank Powell Park

Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its third annual New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay on Monday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza is a unique youth event which promotes positive fun on New Year's Eve and during the New Year. With giveaways and refreshments, parent registration and pick-up is required the night of the event. There will also be information about St. John youth programs for 2013 available.

Everyone can participate! Volunteers are invited to assist for one to three hours during the event.

Sisterhood Agenda thanks its corporate and community partners for making this event possible. The corporate partners are: The Westin Resort and Villas; Boyson Transportation; Scotiabank; Grande Bay Resort; St. John Insurance Company; St. John Hardware; The Marketplace; Drift Away Spa; and St. John Dental. Sisterhood Agenda's community partners are: VI Police Department; VI National Park; VI Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation; and St. John Community Foundation.

For more information call Angela Coleman at 714-7076.

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Donate today! The matching gift challenge ends December 31st. Thanks for supporting Friends of Virgin Islands National Park!

Sis Frank Concert Series Starts Jan. 4

The Sis Frank Concert Series will kick off on Friday, January 4, 2013 with Garry Dial and Luba Dolgopolsky performing a wonderful jazz lineup!

Three concerts will follow on January 25, March 29 and April 12. St. John School of the Arts is reserving 10 seats at each of these four concerts for students aged 8 to 18. Students must accompany a paying adult and reservations must be made. This is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information and to reserve a ticket, please email info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org or call 779-4322.

Concert Series tickets are selling fast! Just pay \$100 for tickets to all four concerts. Each individual concert ticket is \$30 and they are on sale now.

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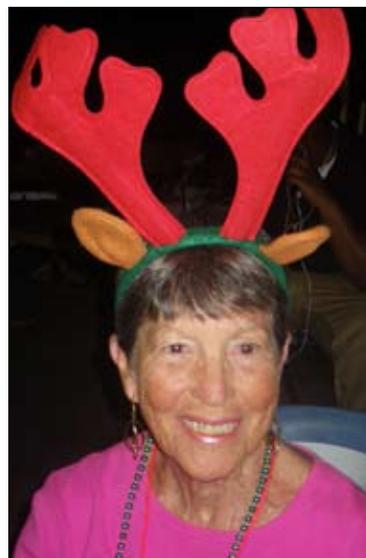
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Coral Bay neighbors got into the holiday spirit at the annual Community Tree Lighting and Sing-Along on Wednesday evening, December 19. Organized by Alvis Christian, above center, and Sharon Coldren, middle center, with Santa Claus. The evening drew residents of all ages who sang their favorite holiday tunes.



Coral Bay Marks Holiday Season with Christmas Sing-along

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents old and young, from the East End to Mandahl raised their voices in song at the annual Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday evening, December 19.

Emcee Joan Thomas kept the crowd in stitches once again, sharing jokes between introducing various singing groups. Highlights from the evening included renditions of “Frosty

the Snowman” and “Feliz Navidad” by the St. John Montessori School, as well as “Jesus, the Light of the World,” by Calvary Baptist Church members.

Other groups who sang at the ceremony included Coral Bay Community Council members, Emmaus Moravian Church members, Skinny Legs friends and Upper Carolina neighbors.

John’s Folly Learning Institute founder Alvis Christian reminded the crowd about the ori-

gins of the event, which stretch back almost 50 years.

“We can’t forget the names of the people who started this tradition,” said Christian. “Names like Arnett Marsh, Eudora Marsh, Lucy Smith-Prince, Herman Prince, George and Eirleen January, William Lomax and Guy Benjamin.”

After the songs came to an end, the siren of the fire truck signaled the arrival of Santa Claus, to the delight of the children, who each took home a present from the big man.

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Guy Benjamin School students thrilled their family members and friends during the school's Christmas Program which was a celebration of traditional Caribbean holiday festivities.

GBS Students Wow Crowd with Impressive Christmas Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With dances and skits, songs and creativity, Guy Benjamin School students amazed family members and friends with an impressive Christmas Program at the Coral Bay elementary school on Thursday morning, December 20.

Students in each classes enacted different aspects of a true Caribbean Christmas celebration, from the Crucian Festival to choir singing contests. The morning included everything from make-shift Moko Jumbies to a re-enactment of the birth of Jesus.

First graders even got a little

professional help with Calypso King Waddabe, who composed an original song just for the class to sing.

"This is a song that I've been thinking about for a while," he said. "It took me two days to write it and I hope you enjoy."

And the crowd certainly en-

joyed the first graders' rendition of "Tell Santa."

GBS students also showcased impressive dancing skills. The school's salsa dancers performed a number while the fifth grade class showed off their swing dance skills, thanks to the Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands program.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders also faced off in a choir competition, each singing beloved Christmas songs. Before the end of the show, even the crowd was asked to join in the singing.

Parents and friends also enjoyed a luncheon at the school following the performances.

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Severe Cases of Dengue Fever Reported

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Long pants and bug spray are still the order of the day on St. John with more cases of dengue fever being reported across the island.

There were no official figures available last week from the Virgin Islands Department of Health, which did not return *St. John Tradewinds* phone calls as of press time.

Yet from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay, reports of dengue fever have continued since the summer. Some cases reportedly last only a few days, while others linger for weeks. Last week alone, at least two people were admitted to R.L. Schneider Hospital with dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), which can be fatal.

One of the hospitalized DHF patients was monitored and released after her blood platelet levels increased while the other patient reportedly was given two blood transfusions before her platelet count returned to normal.

There are four different strains of dengue fever, varying from mild to the potentially fatal hemorrhagic type, according to information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Infection with one strain usually gives immunity to that particular strain. Additional infection with different strains, however, increases the risk of severe complications.

Dengue fever is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes which live near the home any place water can be collected, like in old tires and buckets.

Dengue cannot be transmitted directly from person to person, but if a mosquito bites a person with the dengue virus in their blood that mosquito can transmit the virus by biting a healthy person, according to information from CDC.

Symptoms of dengue fever, which is commonly called bone break disease, include high fever, severe headache usually behind the eyes, joint, muscle and bone pain and rash.

DHF is characterized by a fever which lasts from two to seven days with the symptoms of dengue fever. When the fever declines, however, symptoms including persistent vomiting, severe abdominal pain and difficulty breathing develop, according to information from CDC.

"This marks the beginning of a 24- to 48-hour period when the smallest blood vessels (capillaries) become excessively permeable (leaky), allowing the fluid component to escape from the blood vessels into the peritoneum (causing ascites) and pleural cavity (leading to pleural effusions)," according to information from CDC. "This may lead to failure of the circulatory system and shock, followed by death, if circulatory failure is not corrected. In addition, the patient with DHF has a low platelet count and hemorrhagic manifestations, tendency to bruise easily or other types of skin hemorrhages, bleeding nose or gums, and possibly internal bleeding."

There is no vaccine for dengue fever and the best treatments include hydration and pain relievers with acetaminophen, according to CDC information.

Patients with dengue fever should avoid pain relievers containing aspirin, according to information from CDC.

People who suspect they have DHF should seek immediate medical attention, according to the CDC.

With no vaccine for dengue fever, the best preventive measure is to eliminate places where mosquitoes lay their eggs, according to CDC information.

"Items that collect rainwater or to store water should be covered or properly discarded," according to the CDC. "Pet and animal watering containers and vases with fresh flowers should be emptied and cleaned (to remove eggs) at least once a week. This will eliminate the mosquito eggs and larvae and reduce the number of mosquitoes present in these areas."

The CDC also recommends using mosquito repellents containing between 20 and 30 percent DEET and wearing long pants when outside.

"The emphasis for dengue prevention is on sustainable, community-based, integrated mosquito control, with limited reliance on insecticides," according to the CDC. "Preventing epidemic disease requires a coordinated community effort to increase awareness about dengue fever/DHF, how to recognize it, and how to control the mosquito that transmits it. Residents are responsible for keeping their yards and patios free of standing water where mosquitoes can be produced."

For more information about dengue fever, check out www.cdc.gov/dengue.

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Reindeer Runners Spotted at Annaberg



About 30 people came out on Sunday morning, December 23, for the annual Reindeer Run 5K at Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins. Matt Crafts was the first male finisher and Mary Vargo was the first female across the finish line. Hosted by the St. John Landsharks, runners made donations to the St. John Animal Care Center as registration for the race. Many runners embraced the Christmas themed run, and the top male, female and children finishers took home Holiday-themed prizes.

Almost the Local News

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Santa Visits St. John

By Will Ferrol
Holiday Editor

St. John Tradewinds

Today a skinny-dipping Santa was seen sunning himself on Solomon Beach. This was a final break before the long, economy-tourist-level flight tonight.

An excited and energized Wonk family was heroically trying to push him back into the water, without having much success.

"We just wanted the poor creature back in the water. We remember watching the news on TV of them blowing one up on the beach in Oregon!"* said Mrs. Wonk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wonk and their four kids were on the land side pushing with all their might trying to roll the dough-white, inert blubber-body towards the sea.

The jolly old man chortled at the humor of the situation with the Wonks. This episode was therapeutic. He needed a break after the year of dealing with Apple toy designers, Chinese sweatshops and the EEW union, (European Elf Workers.)

But Park Ranger Frank Pestiferous would have none of it.

"We ain't toleratin' none of that-there peculiar behavior here. No Sir, Mr. Claus! This ain't one of them Frenchy islands... And don't pick up any

of them seashells neither. And I hope there ain't none in any of yo' creases and crevasses."

Pestiferous is what some might call a "Piece a Work."

Capt. Skinny Badlands, noted cetaceanologist and certified expert on any matter you can name, stood on the beach and loudly opinionated on why whales beach themselves, "Pollution, shipping noise, military sonar, yabba-yabba-yabba... but mainly they think they are at a beach bar."

The Wonk family, Mal, his wife Lifelis and children, Niles, Susan, Freddy and Tarantoöla spend the Christmas-to-New-Year's holidays on the island. Mr. Wonk's father, Mal Brooks, use to bring him along when Brooks, Alan Allduh and friends came for those holidays. And the tradition continues.

So Santa with sand between his toes, a smile on his face and a National Park citation in his pocket may visit you tonight. Look for sand on the floor as proof.

* Search: "The Infamous Exploding Whale" on YouTube. This reporter cried actual tears watching this — he can't invent anything as wonderful as this actual TV footage. November 12th 1970... Here's a quote, "The blast blasted blubber beyond all believable bounds." Please, please watch this. OMG, it's good.

Water Quality, Public Access Are Top Concerns for Coral Bay at Marine Uses Plan Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Ensuring adequate, safe and clean public access to Coral Bay harbor and learning more about the water quality of the bay were among the top concerns discussed at a Coral Bay Community Council meeting in mid-December.

CBCC officials are focusing on developing a Marine Uses Plan as part of an updated Watershed Management Plan for the area. The meeting, hosted on December 11 at Guy Benjamin School, drew on 20 people who shared their ideas about how Coral Bay harbor should be used.

The crowd included developers, representatives of government agencies, Coral Bay residents and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, who also lives in the area, explained CBCC President Sharon Coldren.

"The meeting drew about 20 people ranging from the individuals who are leading the possible development of a marina on the west shore of the bay to representatives of government agencies and a number of residents, including boaters," said Coldren. "It was a very positive group and we started a laundry list of issues related to uses of the

bay."

Everything from fishing and boating to sewage problems on land and on boats, was discussed, according to Coldren.

One area of concern talked about was long-term plans for marinas in the area, explained Coldren.

"We acknowledged future marina plans as a long-term issue," she said. "No permits have been issued and the permitting process is a minimum of a five to 10 year process. And that's assuming it's allowed."

"There are substantial environmental reasons that make it unlikely particularly because of the amount of seagrass in the bay and the sensitive environmental nature of it," said Coldren.

Short-term issues discussed at the meeting included access, water quality and moorings, Coldren added.

"There were concerns about public access to the water including docks, a boat ramp and parking," said the CBCC president. "How do we be sure we have this public access and how is that access maintained so that it is neat, clean and safe, was something that people wanted to work on."

Residents at the December 11 meeting

"How do we be sure we have this public access and how is that access maintained so that it is neat, clean and safe, was something that people wanted to work on."

— Sharon Coldren, CBCC Pres.

also expressed concern about the quality of water in Coral Bay, according to Coldren.

"There were concerns about sewage in the bay from leaking septic tanks on shore and boats in the water," she said. "There can be seepage from sewage high on the mountain. What is the impact of that on the bay?"

"What is the impact of human uses along the shoreline, high on the hills and on boats," Coldren said. "They probably all have impacts of one kind or another."

Residents want to see more water quality testing done in Coral Bay harbor, Coldren added.

"The need for detailed studies of the harbor was brought up by the audience," she said.

The subject of planning and managing

mooring and anchoring areas was also discussed, according to Coldren.

"Having appropriate visitor anchoring areas and how to manage the anchoring and mooring areas was talked about," she said.

Through the Marine Use Plan project—which will span at least the next several months—CBCC is hoping to create actionable plans, explained Coldren.

"What we want to have is actionable plans in areas that allow us as a community to continue to improve and refine each of these areas," said the CBCC president. "We're talking about better community services and better community knowledge. We're talking about having a better Coral Bay, protecting our environment better and increasing our enjoyment of the bay."

The next CBCC Marine Uses Plan meeting is set for January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School, room six.

"The meeting is open to all," said Coldren. "This is a team effort and everyone is welcome to be a part of the planning team to do this. Just show up and be productive."

For more information about the Marine Uses Plan, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

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Animal Care Center of St. John Unveils Shelter's New Website

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The Animal Care Center of St. John is ringing in the New Year with a new website, at www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com.

ACC's former website was created by John Fuller shortly after ACC's reorganization in 2005. It has been one of the organization's most valuable assets, helping with fundraising, dissemination of information about the humane work going on at the shelter, and promoting adoptions of its resident cats and dogs.

With full appreciation to Fuller for his trend-setting awareness of electronic communications — including joining Pay Pal for receipt of donations to ACC — more than a year ago a former member of the Board of Directors, Karin Schlesinger, perceived a need for an updated website.

Schlesinger pulled together a "technology committee" to work on the need. Although the ACC By-Laws do not provide for a standing technology committee, it nevertheless came together on an ad hoc basis.

Despite the fact that the Schlesingers have left the island, ACC volunteer Gail Siart, carried on the project. Recently, Siart became aware that a visitor to the island, Jonathan Cleveland, heads a design group in Boston. Cleveland joined the ACC's Sunday dog-walking group, "Hiking with Hounds," and the rest is internet history.

Cleveland generously offered to develop a new website at no cost to the ACC. Siart and Cleveland got started this past summer, deciding, according to Siart, "the ACC website has been sorely in need of an upgrade for many years now."

On his part, Cleveland wrote that he "recently fell in love with the pets at the ACC."

His "love of animals and work in the non-profit field in-



spired him and his staff to create the new website as a gift to the ACC," said Cleveland.

A resident of suburban Boston, Cleveland engaged the staff of his design firm in the project. Back in Boston

"Web designers and developers Diana Kmiotek and Adamo Maisano spent the last three months creating the site and building in all the bells and whistles to keep the new site

current and informative," he said. "The site now features all pets available for adoption, calendar of events, news, staff bios, volunteer information, and a feed to the ACC Facebook page."

Cleveland Design is a full-service communications firm providing smart, strategic design solutions in all media to clients across the globe, explained Cleveland. Founded in 1992, the firm has years of experience solving complex communications challenges for clients of all sizes, he explained.

Cleveland is also the author of "Designing for the Greater Good," published by Harper Collins in 2010.

ACC wishes to publicly thank Jonathan Cleveland and his design team for their valuable gift to the shelter, its resident animals, and all of the ACC members, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors.

Without adequate interface with ACC directors and staff, it would have been impossible to create the new website that is now up and running.

Among the ACC participants who helped were volunteer Laurie Damron, Shelter Manager Kate Webster and Board members Kelly Cruikshank, Lucy Banks, Monica Munro, and Jason Corley. Very special thanks go to Gail Siart for her role as the intermediary between Cleveland Design and the ACC.

St. John Tradewinds encourages readers to log in to the site at www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com. It's linked with the ACC Facebook account, is linked with Petfinder, has a listing of upcoming events, and continues to facilitate much-needed donations to the ACC. But don't just go electronic.

Visit the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay. A dozen rescued dogs and more than 30 formerly homeless St. John kitties are hoping to go to a Home for Christmas.

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Mickey and Minnie Mouse are getting into the Three Kings Day celebration business this year.



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Three Kings Day Goes Mainstream

St. John Tradewinds

Some 20 years ago I read an article on the cost and availability of the gifts carried by the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus.

Gold we know about, but Frankincense and Myrrh are somewhat of a mystery. Both are gum resin gathered by trees in Northern Africa.

The article stated that both frankincense and myrrh were available in New York City and I enlisted my New York City based son to shop for me at the location mentioned in the article.

Both resins are listed in the Encyclopaedia Britannica as used for incense in temples and were highly esteemed by the ancients.

I gave part of my stash to the Sunday School class in my church along with the encyclopaedia articles to further the children's understanding of the Gifts of the Magi. I brought some to St. John where I would light the incense after dinner parties to remind some folks of their early church experiences.

On St. John, and especially in Puerto Rico, I saw evidence of Three Kings Day and read of its addition here to the Christmas festivities by Spanish-American residents.

Also, you might recall the 2010 Census question relating to identifying persons of Hispanic, Latin, or Spanish groups. The data collected showed that around 51 million Americans, or 16 percent of the population, are Hispanics.

Between 2000 and 2012 their numbers rose by around 55 percent, more than four times the growth rate of the general population. Hispanics are also younger on average than other Americans and are getting richer (The Economist, 12/15/12 issue, page 68).

I guess I should not have been surprised when I googled Three Kings Day that Disney is making it a three-day celebration commemorating the three-gift-giving kings. This will be at Disneyland, January 4 through 6, 2013. Caramba!

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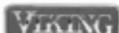
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St. John Rescue members watch as Todd Doster explains immobilization techniques.



St. John Tradewinds

Greetings and best wishes for a happy Holiday Season and a safe and prosperous New Year to all.

St. John Rescue is accepting applications for membership in our dynamic volunteer organization. We prefer but do not require applicants to have emergency medical experience. However, we provide on-going training that focuses on extrication, rappelling, patient assessment, CPR, AED, and more. Most of our members are trained as EMT's, First Responders, or Emergency Medical Responders.

Please consider joining our great organization. We would love to have you be a part of our rescue family. Applications are available on our website www.stjohnrescue.org.

St. John Rescue has moved into our new training facility in Estate Pastory. All our community CPR and First Aid classes, our training sessions, and all our meetings will be there.

To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, N-R, EMT

CALLS FOR ST. JOHN RESCUE

December 1-19, 2012

- 12/2 - MVC on Centerline Road no injuries
- 12/6 - DOA transport from Coral Bay
- 12/7 - MVC Coral Bay no injuries
- 12/8 - Cardiac Arrest Bethany Church
- 12/13 - Medical Emergency-Bethany
- 12/13 - Drowning-Honeymoon Beach
- 12/13 - Transport patient to MKS from Honeymoon Beach
- 12/19 - Medical Emergency-Enighed
- 12/19 - Transport patient from MKS to home in Enighed

We are in need of office furniture for our training center. If anyone has a file cabinet, desk, shelving, or chairs please contact me at

(340) 626-5118 or any member of St. John Rescue. Donations are tax deductible.

Our next CPR class will be on January 12 starting at 10 a.m. The location will be our new training center on Centerline Road in Pastory. Please send us an email at stjohnrescue@gmail.com to register for this class.

The oxygen generator has been ordered and should be delivered to our training center in late January. Once it is in operation, St. John will have an unlimited supply of medical grade oxygen.

Members of St. John Rescue recently completed 36 hours of recertification classes. A 12 hour course dealing with trauma emergency response was presented by Registered Nurse Eileen Lee Singer, who is a trauma nurse in the Emergency Room at South County Hospital in Rhode Island.

Todd Doster traveled from Southwestern Community College

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Coral Bay Community Council Introduces Planned Giving Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay Community Council has thrived over the past nine years of its existence thanks to generous donations, numerous volunteers and dues from the more than 300 members in the group.

With those resources alone CBCC officials have managed to improve stormwater runoff in the Coral Bay watershed, organized cleanups, supported youth programs and more.

This coming year, however, CBCC has big plans to raise funds to take the organization to the next level, explained the group's president Sharon Coldren, who serves in a volunteer capacity.

"We have managed thus far over the past nine years to survive on membership dues and donations," said Coldren. "We are trying now to grow and become professional. We do not want to be entirely dependent on volunteer assistance."

Thanks to a major grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, CBCC was able to hire Patricia Reed as an environmental projects manager. With those grant funds running out, CBCC want to keep Reed on as an employee, Coldren explained.

"We want to keep Patricia and we don't want to be completely dependent on volunteers and me," she said.

In addition to covering Reed's salary, the group hopes to be able to hire an executive director at least on a part-time basis, Coldren added.

For the first time in its history, CBCC is introducing a Planned Giving program, asking supporters to pledge anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000 annually with the option of paying annually, quar-

"We are hoping through a variety of resources to raise \$60,000 to \$80,000 total this year. Some will be support from our grants, but we won't be getting it all from that avenue. We must be able to cover the base line staff salary from sources that we control."

— Sharon Coldren, CBCC president

terly or even monthly.

CBCC hopes to raise between \$60,000 and \$80,000 through the Planned Giving as well as dues, donations and fundraisers, Coldren explained.

"We are hoping through a variety of resources to raise \$60,000 to \$80,000 total this year," she said. "Some will be support from our grants, but we won't be getting it all from that avenue. We must be able to cover the base line staff salary from sources that we control."

"We are hoping that people will think of us with their giving this year," Coldren said. "We need this in order to have CBCC continue to thrive and be able to do the Watershed Management Planning process and keep an office open and deal with all the issues that arise."

For more information about the CBCC Planned Giving program, check out the group's website at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.com or call the office at 776-2099.

Gail Karlsson Speaking at December 30 Unitarian Universalists Meeting

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus.

The guest speaker for Sunday, December 30, is Gail Karlsson who will speak on "Renewal and Resilience." The coming of the New Year is a time for reflection about what was predicted for the past year, how things have actually turned out, and how to improve the ability to prepare for whatever is coming next.

Karlsson is a lawyer, author and part-time St. John resident. She works as a consultant to the United Nations Development Program on environmental policies, sustainable energy and climate change.

Childcare is available. For transportation from Cruz Bay ferry dock call 776-6332 in advance.

Animal Care Center's Winter Gala at L'Autre Monde Set for January 19

The committee for the St. John Animal Care Center's winter gala, formerly known as "Christmas for the Animals," is delighted to announce that this season's gala will be at L'Autre Monde, Helen Simon's home in Great Cruz Bay.

The winter gala has always been the major fundraiser for the ACC. This winter it will feature "An Evening in Paris" as its theme. The gala will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 19.

L'Autre Monde will be decorated as a Parisian cafe. Favors will echo the theme, and guests are encouraged to dress to reflect a Parisian flair.

Kelly Cruikshank, gala committee chairwoman, announced that once again tickets will sell for \$100 for each person. After December 31, however, they will be sold at \$125.

Plans are for tickets to be available at the ACC shelter, Connections East and West, St. John Hardware, Nest & Co. at Mongoose Junction, St. Johnimals, Chelsea Drug Store and the Catered To office on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Tradewinds will be publishing additional information about the gala in subsequent issues.

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Enjoy Postcard Perfect Views of Great Cruz Bay from Grandview

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

With postcard perfect views of Great Cruz Bay harbor and beyond, deeded access to two beaches and the convenience of being only a few minutes from town, Grandview has it all.

This two bedroom, two bathroom home is available for \$875,000, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O’Neil.

“The name ‘Grandview’ says it all,” said O’Neil. “This is a charming home above Great Cruz Bay with two equal master suites.”

The home is located in a private, quiet neighborhood on Roman Hill on a gently sloped 0.53-acre parcel about five minutes from the dining and shopping of Cruz Bay.

“The neighborhood is quiet and private,” said O’Neil. “Grandview is located on Roman Hill circle with spectacular water views over the center of Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas.”

Grandview comes with deeded access to two beaches on Chocolate Hole and Hart Bay, plus access to the dinghy landing area on Chocolate Hole Bay.

Outside enjoy beautiful and mature landscaping with ample room to add a pool, explained O’Neil.

“There is plenty of room to expand,” she said. “Plus one could easily and inexpensively add a pool.

The current owners have a boat, so they are on the water every day and do not want a pool.”

“When the owners are not in residence, Grandview does well on short term rental, even with out a pool,” said the Holiday Homes broker/owner.

Inside Grandview, find two air conditioned master suites each with en suite bath. An expansive great room leads into a charming open-plan kitchen and dining area. A covered deck wraps around three sides of the home for plenty of space to enjoy the breezes. There is also a large uncovered area, perfect for stargazing.

Constructed by St. John architect Bruce Roberston, Grandview is a classic Caribbean home with exotic hardwood and native stone details throughout.

The home is also energy efficient, explained O’Neil.

“There are great breezes at Grandview and superb sunset vistas,” she said. “And the home is energy efficient so electricity runs less than or around \$100 per month.”

With stunning views of the harbor below, the ideal buyer might just be a boater, according to O’Neil.

“The perfect buyer of Grandview might be a boat owner who could keep an eye on their boat in the harbor below right from their deck,” said the Holiday Homes broker/owner. “The home would also be good for a small family, a single owner, newly-weds or a retired couple.”

For more information on Grandview, call O’Neil at Holiday Homes at 776-6676 or 998-7451.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers



Party Time at Mongoose

St. John residents rang in the holiday season at the annual All-Island Holiday Party, also called St. John Prom, at Mongoose Junction on Saturday night, December 15. A huge crowd donned their finest holiday duds and danced the night away to Ah We Band at the Cruz Bay shopping complex. **Additional photos on back page.**



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Happy Kwanzaa

& Happy Hanukkah

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Stabbings: 0
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1st Degree Burglaries: 2
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3rd Degree Burglaries: 51
Grand Larcenies: 58
Rapes: 1

2012-TO-DATE

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Arsons: 0
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Rapes: 1

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Coral World Dolphinarium Opponents Allege Bias at CZM Hearing

**Chairperson Austin Monsanto
Department of Planning & Natural Resources
Division of Coastal Zone Management**

Greetings Chairperson Monsanto;

This correspondence is to put on record the glaring bias that took place at the Coral World Dolphinarium's proposal presentation to the CZM Board and the public on December 13, 2012.

Unfortunately, after sitting in the freezing atmosphere for almost five hours, many of us were not given the opportunity to have testimony placed on record in the same manner as Coral World, its supporters and employees.

In a democratic society, an example of fairness and equality should be exhibited by this and all decision and policy making agencies and boards as it relates to due diligence and process.

Mr. Chairperson, your decision to end the meeting before all testifiers were allowed to present their concerns to the public, borders on tyranny and dictatorship. These actions provide yet more fuel for anarchy in our community. Is that the reason DPNR law enforcement was there?

Was it the Board's intent to show favoritism towards the applicant by allowing them to make their presentation and then allow rhetorical comments by Coral World's paid employees? There were no oppos-

ing views by the employees, so why not count Coral World and their employees as one group.

That in of itself would have cut down on the time spent giving redundant comments and would have allowed time for all viewpoints to be shared.

The Board was well aware of this controversial issue and should have made allowances for the volume of documentation. The process appeared one-sided and the fact that people were called to testify out of order shows that the process used on December 13, 2012 was flawed.

It would not have looked so biased if the Board made its selections based on pro or con. There seemed to be blatant conflict of interest issues in the way this meeting was conducted.

It seems, political interference with various agency operations is why we continue to be in one crisis after another. Unfortunately, due to lax laws, unfunded programs and little to no enforcement where it needs to be, legislation most often times favor the interests of corporations over the people and the environment, with tragic consequences to the health and aesthetics of our home, the Virgin Islands.

It is my prayer that all future public hearing will be conducted with fairness, openness and transparency. Thank you.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Caroline A. Browne**



Outside a classroom in Isreal.

Why Shootings Don't Happen in Israeli Schools

Why there is no shooting in Israeli school?

The picture speaks for itself. The people who speak about limiting the gun permits are totally wrong. Experience shows that liberalization of gun carrying permits lower violent crime.

The bandits who are responsible for the violent crimes are less sure if a person they want to rob does not have a gun too. He might even shoot back.

All people who work in a place where the mass shooting usually starts (mainly schools) should be

armed and should shoot back if a terrorist starts killing.

You cannot use more stringent laws against guns — the contrary is true. Bad guys will always get a gun, permit or not. To let good people carry a gun is a sure way the bad person might get discouraged and, eventually, killed by his intended victim.

Disarming means to disarm the guys who want to use the gun for his and other people protection.

Z. Hruza, MD

Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Ode To Friends and Fellowship

Come all ye faithful
It's time to have some fun
Come meet all your neighbors
And visit "out of the sun."

Please save an hour
Maybe even less
While you are visiting
Time files I must confess.

Where is this new nirvana
Where joy and fun abound
And Christmas packages
All come wrapped in brown?

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So next time you come to visit
Wish the staff a hearty greeting
And find a new friend in the line
It's really worth repeating.

– Muse of Reef Bay

Stealing from the Working Class

So I suppose you are walking around in the woods just outta sight at a construction site, and you spot a steel bending machine....and you think to yourself.... wow, I could sure use one of those!

You put a plan together to thief it from the working class, because you don't have the balls to get out and make it on your own. You are a coward and you will end up at hell's gate with your stolen booty as an anchor. If you had an accomplice, it will arrive in hell with you and you'll both drown in your bad karma.

You should put it back before it's too late, but being the coward that you are, it is highly likely that you

are too much of a sissy to do that, as you'll get caught returning to the scene of the crime.

I am not sure what you are gonna do, but I am placing bets that you will sell it for less than its worth just to get rid of it. Much like all the other stuff you've ripped off from the working class.

I wish you peace on this Earth, cuz when you die, you are going to hell in that hand basket you stole.

Look at yourself in the mirror and know that you are doomed to come back to the planet as a shovel used for picking up dog turds. I'm just sayin...

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Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon (at left) often top lists of the country's Greenest Cities.



The Greenest American Cities

Dear EarthTalk:

Which are the greenest American cities, and why?

**D. Hansen,
Wichita, KS**

Which American city is the greenest depends on who one asks. Every year dozens of publications and websites release their own assessments of which cities have the most environmentally conscious citizenry, the highest percentage of recycling or the lowest carbon footprint per capita.

Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, and San Francisco, California, are often top contenders, but some of the other leading choices may be a surprise.

The Daily Beast based a recent round-up of greenest U.S. cities on data collected by market research firm Experian Simmons, which has been tracking the greening of the nation for half a century.

Researchers polled thousands of Americans to find out what percentage in different geographic regions think and act in an eco-conscious way versus what percentage do not, as well as what percentage make a conscious effort to recycle. The company also tracked the number of public transit trips per capita and the percentage of households that use solar heating by region.

Honolulu, most likely by virtue of the fact that one percent of homes there utilize solar power, came out on top. New York, with more than double the amount of public transit ridership per capita than any other U.S. city, is number two, followed by San Francisco, Seattle and Boston.

Meanwhile, the website Ecosalon looked at similar types of data and drew different conclusions, finding San Francisco to be the greenest. Ecosalon was especially impressed by San Franciscans routinely voting for aggressive green programs (like banning plastic grocery bags and financing renewable energy

sources for public facilities) and by the fact that the city diverts 70 percent of its waste, thanks to mandatory recycling and composting. To top it off, nearly half of all San Franciscans bike, walk or take public transit every day — and the city is on track to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent below 1990 levels this year. Ecosalon ranks Portland, Oregon, second, followed by Seattle, Chicago and New York.

In another ranking, Canadian research company Corporate Knights granted Portland, San Francisco and Seattle a three-way tie for America's greenest city. Denver ranked number four while Albuquerque, Charlotte (NC) and Oakland tied at fifth.

“Unlike other city-sustainability rankings, this ranking focuses on the effort cities are making rather than on their results, which could take years to achieve,” said Kent Portney, a Tufts University researcher who participated in the project. “In other words, this ranking is aspirational in nature.”

Each city was awarded a point for undertaking one of 38 programs or policies listed by Corporate Knights, in categories such as smart growth, land-use planning, pollution prevention and more, explained Portney.

And in yet another recent round-up, Mother Nature Network (MNN) declared Portland, Oregon — where 200 miles of dedicated bike lanes and legions of supporters of local and sustainable food sources rule — the nation's greenest city. San Francisco, Boston, Oakland and Eugene, Oregon, round out MNN's top five.

Regardless of which city is “greenest,” all U.S. cities are greening up every day because planners now realize the economic advantages of using less energy, recycling more and keeping air and water clean. Everyone can help by supporting municipal energy savings, recycling and composting programs and community enhancement efforts.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Watts Up!

St. John Tradewinds

With WAPA rates sky-high and still going higher, I thought it would be good to show how to calculate energy consumption.

A watt measures the rate of energy conversion or transfer. Watts are based on hourly usage, so a 100-watt light bulb will use 100 watts in an hour, 200 watts in two hours, and so on. In 24 hours, it will use 2,400 watts, or 2.4 kilowatts (kW).

The average ceiling fan uses 100 watts per hour, so that's 2.4 kW daily and 72 kW monthly if you don't shut it off. With WAPA rates of \$0.50 per kW, that ceiling fan will cost you \$36 per month.

An ampere (amp) measures the amount of electric charge passing a point in an electric circuit per unit time.

To calculate the energy consumption of a pool pump that uses 220 volts, you would multiply the amperage by the volts to get the total wattage. If the pump uses nine amps, it will consume $9 \times 220 = 1,980$ watts each hour it is on.

Most pool pumps run for at least four hours per day, so $1,980 \times 4 = 7,920$ watts (7.9 kW) daily and 237.6 kW monthly. At \$0.50 per kW, that pool pump will cost \$118.80 a month to run.

As you can see, it's all about math. To calculate how much energy an appliance uses, multiply the number of hours it runs per day by its wattage. Here's how to calculate how much power the most popular appliances take.

TV - Many people leave the TV on for a long time, and this appliance can be quite an energy killer. For example, a 36-inch TV uses 133 watts, while a 27-inch uses about 113 watts. A larger, 60-inch TV uses around 170 watts, while many flat-panel TVs will "settle" for 120 watts.

So if the TV runs for six hours a day, multiply that

by the wattage according to the size of your TV.

Computer - A desktop computer will use about 270 watts per hour when it's turned on and about 60 watts when it's in standby mode. The average laptop will consume about 50 watts.

Most people run their computers for four hours a day at least, so it's easy to calculate how much you're spending on that.

Refrigerator - Multiply the wattage of your fridge by 24 hours to calculate what it's using daily. Newer fridges, made after 2000, use about 70 watts per hour, while those built previously can take in about 120-140 watts, depending on the model. Really old fridges consume about 250 watts per hour.

Microwave - The average microwave consumes 750 watts per hour if used continuously. Some models can consume as much as 1,100 watts. Considering that most people use a microwave for less than 30 minutes a day, though, the consumption shouldn't be very high.

Coffeemaker - Love coffee? You may want to switch to tea when you learn that a regular coffeemaker consumes about 900 watts per hour—many times more than a fridge or TV.

Remember that \$118.80 pool pump bill? They now have high-efficiency, energy-saving pool pumps that can save you over \$75 a month

Now you see it's all about conservation and efficiency!

An energy audit can help you discover exactly where your WAPA costs are coming from. If you would like an energy audit done for your home, give us a call.

Dan Boyd of Island Solar is a Virgin Islands Energy Office authorized vendor. For more information call 340-626-9685 or by email at islandsolarvi@gmail.com.

Tis the Season for Mega-Yachts



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mares Crane

The 437-foot mega-yacht *Al Mirqab*, owned by Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani, was spotted off the shoreline of St. John last week. Built in 2008, the yacht can accommodate 24 guests and has a crew of 55.

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Civil Air Patrol Cadets with St John Rescue Instructors, above.

Todd Doster (center) guides EMT Dave Horner (left) and Chief Preston Pollock with "trauma" patient Jamie Brown.

Continued: To The Rescue

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in Franklin, North Carolina, for a 24 hour National Registry EMT recertification and transition course. Seventy-two hours of EMT training is required every two years by the National Registry of EMT's. We do our best to keep our EMT's up on their certification requirements.

Both of these training sessions can be used for our EMT's to renew their certification with the National Registry of EMT's or for our First Responders to upgrade to Emergency Medical Responder status.

St. John Rescue members train several times per month in order to maintain their skills and to keep up with changing trends in the EMS field.

We recently hosted 16 Civil Air Patrol Cadets from St. Thomas. The purpose of their visit to St. John was to learn CPR. These teenagers were enthusiastic from the minute we began the class. I was very impressed by their leader Lt. Joel Connors.

Lt. Connors is a nationally certified EMT and a member of both St. Thomas Rescue and Virgin Islands EMS. His influence on these young men and women

is clearly expressed by their knowledge of First Aid and CPR procedures and particularly by their pleasant, cooperative, and inquisitive nature.

These teens were prepared and got into the practical CPR training with enthusiasm. It was a pleasure working with such wonderful people. My hope for the future of the Virgin Islands has been buoyed because of my interaction with these young ladies and gentlemen.

Assisting me with this class were EMT Darrell Tasman and Rescue Chief Preston Pollock. Their support made teaching this class so much easier.

In addition, I am very grateful to Lynell Audain for allowing us to conduct the class at the Methodist Church preschool. Audain has been very helpful to us as St. John Rescue. We would not have been able to host this group of students if Audain had not offered this space to us.

Isn't it amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together!

The emergency number to call from a cell phone on St. John is (340) 776-9110.

Customer Appreciation Event December 28

St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market and Starfish Gourmet & Wines will be having a customer appreciation event on Friday, December 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first level of The Marketplace. Come out and enjoy the festivities.

ACC Annual Membership Meeting on Jan. 9

St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center (ACC) of St. John will hold its annual membership meeting on Wednesday, January 9, at 6 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School lower school greatroom. The agenda will include the following:

- President's report for 2012 - Sheila Karcher
- Treasurer's report for 2012 - Monica Munro
- General membership vote by paper ballot to fill one vacancy for the 2013 ACC Board of Directors.

Brief biographies for the three candidates will be handed out with a paper ballot to each ACC member attending. Voting privileges are extended to all ACC members with paid-up membership dues. Expired memberships can be renewed and new memberships will be accepted at the door. Results of the voting may be announced at the conclusion of the voting. Electronic votes cannot be accepted.

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St. John Tradewinds

Crime prevention is up to all of us. We will not see a significant reduction in crime until more people come forward with what they know.

Crime Stoppers allows you to do that anonymously, with no fear of retaliation and without having to testify in a court of law.

If you know something, say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

At 11:58 p.m. on December 6, a man was assaulted by five or six males at Island Blues in Coral Bay. He was treated for head and body injuries at the clinic. Tell us what you know. The minimum reward for the arrest of one of these thugs is \$900.

St. Thomas

On Wednesday, October 24, at 8 p.m., a woman discovered that her vehicle parked in the area of Market Square had been broken into. Her bag that contained several items, including a 40-caliber handgun valued at \$600, was stolen. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglar is \$714.

The 1673 tips that have been submitted to Crime Stoppers are making a difference. So far they have enabled law enforcement to make 176 arrests and take 90 illegal weapons off the streets of the territory. They have also allowed us to pay out over \$54,000 in cash rewards.

Please continue to be part of the solution. Make our community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at <http://www.crimestoppersusvi.org/> or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Tipsters will remain completely anonymous. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward.



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Friday, December 14

1:05 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that she got into a verbal altercation with her husband. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

2:05 p.m. - A visitor from Ohio p/r that his rental Jeep was damaged while parked in Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

6:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his driver's license, bank card and cash while scuba diving in the area of Annaberg. Lost documents.

7:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone took her cell phone and wallet off the rail at Wharfside Village. Grand larceny.

10:00 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance at the Westin Resort and Villas in reference to his luggage. Police assistance.

Saturday, December 15

7:34 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that his brother was making a lot of noise. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

9:20 a.m. - A Caneel Bay Resort resident c/r that her husband is opening her mail. Police assistance.

2:39 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance to retrieve personal items from her residence. Police assistance.

5:54 p.m. - A visitor from New York r/ a lost wallet. Lost wallet.

6:26 p.m. - A Power Boyd Plantation resident r/ a disturbance at the U.S. Customs parking lot. Disturbance of the peace.

7:17 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Sunday, December 16

12:10 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that someone broke her window. Destruction of property.

2:15 a.m. - Badge #1177 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one J'nye Thomas under arrest and charged with destruction of property and D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

10:09 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ that a bag was taken from his vehicle at Wharfside Village. Grand larceny.

3:30 p.m. - A female c/r an assault in the area of Estate Enighed. Unlawful sexual contact first.

Monday, December 17

1:12 p.m. - The manager of Fatty Crab p/r that a male jumped from the roof of the restaurant onto the business' Jeep, causing damage to same. Destruction of property.

2:00 p.m. - Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Roderick Baker Jr. of Michi-

gan, under arrest and charged with resisting arrest and destruction of property after defendant ran from officers who were executing an arrest warrant. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

5:52 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r an auto collision. Auto collision.

7:11 p.m. - A Frank Bay resident c/r disturbance of the peace in the area of JJ's in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:25 p.m. - Badge #1254 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Richard Wiltshire of St. Thomas under arrest and charged with disturbance of the peace and disobeying a lawful order after defendant caused a disturbance and refused to leave when ordered to do same by officer. Bail was set at \$1,500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

Tuesday, December 18

10:26 p.m. - A Moorehead Point resident c/r seeing a suspicious truck. Suspicious activity.

Wednesday, December 19

8:59 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r lost documents. Lost documents.

9:37 a.m. - A Caneel Bay Resort employee c/r an overturned vehicle in the area of the resort. Vehicle tampering.

11:05 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that someone tampered with her vehicle in the area of downtown Cruz Bay. Vehicle tampering.

12:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a male tried to run her over with his vehicle in downtown Cruz Bay. Assault in the third.

2:18 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r receiving threatening telephone calls from his ex-girlfriend. Telephone harassment.

3:45 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Thursday, December 20

10:52 a.m. - A Delbert Hill Car Rental employee c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

3:00 p.m. - A Mamey Peak resident c/requesting police assistance with a package he received. Police assistance.

5:30 p.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident c/requesting police assistance with a tenant. Police assistance.

6:20 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident c/r being in an auto collision in the area of Pine Peace. Auto collision.

7:45 p.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident c/r an assault at her residence. Simple assault.

Community Calendar

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

Monday, December 24

— Taking a bit of a break from his around the world Christmas gift distribution, Santa Claus himself will be making a stop on St. John on Christmas Eve, Monday night, December 24.

Wednesday, December 26

— The Sigma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host its 18th Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration on Monday, December 26, at 6 p.m. at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

Friday, December 28

— Starfish Market and Starfish Gourmet & Wines will be having a customer appreciation event on Friday, December 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first level of The Marketplace. Come out and enjoy the festivities.

Monday, December 31

— Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its third annual New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay on Monday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Friday, January 4

— The Sis Frank Concert Series will kick off on Friday, January 4, 2013 with Garry Dial and Luba Dolgopolsky performing a wonderful jazz lineup! Three concerts will follow on January 25, March 29 and April 12. St. John School

of the Arts is reserving 10 seats at each of these four concerts for students aged 8 to 18. Students must accompany a paying adult and reservations must be made. This is on a first come, first served basis. For more information and to reserve a ticket, please email info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org or call 779-4322.

Wednesday, January 9

— The Animal Care Center's Annual Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, at 6 p.m. at the Giffit Hill Lower School greatroom.

Saturday, January 19

— The Animal Care Center's Winter Gala will be hosted on Saturday, January 19, at "L'autre Monde," Helen Simon's home Great Cruz Bay.

Saturday, February 16

— The Third Annual Broadway Comes to St. John — the St. John School of the Arts Fundraiser of an original musical featuring fourth graders from across St. John — will be Saturday, February 16, 2013.

Saturday, February 23

— The 9th Annual Friends of VINP Gala at Presidio del Mar in Estate Peter Bay on February 23.

March 2013

— GHS is seeking artists for the 27th Annual Auction in March 2012.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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WHAT THEY ALL HAVE

ACROSS

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- 6 French river
- 11 "Hey, buddy, over here"
- 15 Bow shapes
- 19 "Dad" co-star Hawke
- 20 Building wing
- 21 Blues singer — James
- 22 It may hit a bull's-eye
- 23 Ringing-up places
- 26 Kitchen draw
- 27 High-flying toy
- 28 Nutrition info
- 29 Altar promise
- 30 — stop to
- 32 With 83-Down, glacial epoch
- 33 Egyptian beetle
- 35 Common back-to-school buys
- 39 Kind of eye surgery
- 41 University official
- 42 Arrives
- 43 Hollywood stars, say
- 48 La Scala star
- 51 Jean — (Revlon brand)
- 52 Lawlessness
- 53 Slacks with folds
- 57 Singer Berry
- 58 City near Phoenix, on an envelope
- 61 Mendes or Longoria
- 62 Plant that's the source of poi
- 63 Pig sound
- 64 — Piper
- 67 Do-nothings
- 72 Pastiche

- 73 Family trees show them
- 76 Telling sign
- 77 Rocked from shock
- 79 Writer — St. Vincent Millay
- 80 Granted
- 81 "La Dolce —"
- 82 Grassy field
- 84 Footwear part
- 86 Hybrid offspring of two kinds of roaring cats
- 87 Anglers' tools
- 93 Impartial
- 95 "Do — others ..."
- 96 Repeated word in a Doris Day song title
- 97 Casanovas
- 100 Specialist on a running track
- 102 "Nothing — it seems"
- 105 Tricks
- 106 Coaster sites
- 110 Cause long-lasting anger
- 115 Hollywood's Cage, to pals
- 116 Hip-hop pal
- 117 —Kosh B'Gosh
- 118 Tavern cask
- 120 Spots in la Seine
- 121 Roman 202
- 123 Operators are involved with them
- 127 2009 Wimbledon semifinalist Tommy
- 128 Dreaded dino
- 129 Fixes text
- 130 Once upon —
- 131 Bone in the forearm
- 132 Old oil name
- 133 Feeling
- 134 Things that this

puzzle's nine longest answers have

DOWN

- 1 Light kisses
- 2 Body of moral values
- 3 Sorority letter
- 4 Relay runner
- 5 Ballpoint fluid
- 6 Acclaim
- 7 Toronto site
- 8 Mag for execs
- 9 Do another lube job on
- 10 Radiated, as charm
- 11 House cat, e.g.
- 12 "Hurry up!"
- 13 Walk cockily
- 14 Small sample
- 15 Rumpus
- 16 Guy using a CB
- 17 Davy of the frontier
- 18 Accents
- 24 1969 Tony winner Jerry
- 25 Branching point
- 31 "Nashville" network
- 34 "Alas and —!"
- 36 Kiev's land: Abbr.
- 37 Nil
- 38 Chaplin's fourth wife
- 40 Confound
- 43 Part of SPF
- 44 Get a lungful
- 45 One of TV's Partridges
- 46 Hip dude
- 47 Vacation facility
- 49 Peace sign
- 50 Counsel
- 54 Olympic swimmer's assignment
- 55 Operatic bass Pinza
- 56 Dog paw part
- 59 Relative of -ette or -trix
- 60 Timetable, for short
- 63 Humorist Nash and others
- 65 Frozen waffle brand
- 66 Turning tuner
- 68 Comic Jon
- 69 Political exile
- 70 Rip again
- 71 Sounds like an angry dog
- 74 Blue dye from a plant
- 75 "... — we speak"
- 78 Drug magnate Lilly
- 83 See 32-Across
- 85 Opposite NNE
- 86 Verdi's "— Miller"
- 87 Mustache named for a Chinese criminal
- 88 Hostile
- 89 Native of a Caribbean island nation
- 90 Weeders' tools
- 91 Chips brand
- 92 Brewery kiln
- 94 Oomph
- 98 Mork from —
- 99 Pirates' guns
- 101 Crimson, e.g.
- 103 Per each unit
- 104 Pageant bands
- 107 Unglossy
- 108 Pitchers
- 109 — Island
- 111 Mafia boss Frank
- 112 Fashionable Calvin
- 113 "— at 'em!"
- 114 Slalom turns
- 119 To be, to Livy
- 122 "Well, this — surprise!"
- 124 Prefix with skeleton
- 125 Writer Anaïs
- 126 Minoe of movies

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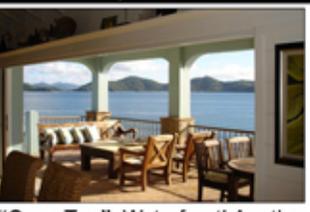
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"Casa Tua" Waterfront! Another great house by Jim Phillips. New, beautiful, masonry home located on the water at Lagoon Point between Coral Bay & the beautiful National Park beaches at Salt Pond Bay and Lameshur. Two bedrooms in the main house & a separate guest house. Spectacular water views over the East End of St. John to the BVI, sound of waves breaking on the reef. Excellent snorkeling, bonefishing and beachcombing. **\$2.1M**



"Colibri" - Superb sunset and water views from this three bedroom waterfront home in the very desirable Great Cruz Bay sub division. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and the pool, and lots of room for expansion. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. Great Cruz Bay is a designated mooring area for yachts. **\$3,795,000.**



"The Point at Privateer" - The eastern most point of St. John in the U. S. Virgin Islands is the location of St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads & underground utilities. All building sites have great breezes & unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt, Cooper, Ginger, Peter & Norman Islands - many are waterfront. This is a subdivision for the more discerning buyer. From **\$575,000 to \$9.15M.**



"Villa Tramonto" - Is an elegant contemporary styled villa located high atop a level site within the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Constructed in 2010, the stately fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, open floor plan, professional tropical landscaping, underground utilities and paved access roads. **\$2.395M**



"Orion's Hill" - the crowning jewel on Ajax Peak with picture perfect dwellings, cool breezes and 360 degree views from sunrise to sunset and from Coral Bay to Jost to St. Thomas from the widow's walk. This "best piece of land on St. John", is 5 minutes from Maho Beach, a short drive to Coral Bay. The main house has vaulted ceilings & two en suite bedrooms. The 1BR 1,120sf cottage with views is a bonus. **\$1.4M**



"Villa Tesori" features sweeping views over Rendezvous Bay to St. Croix. Creme de la creme of south shore homes this 5 BR masonry & stone villa offers nearly 5000 sq' ft' inside & 2000' more outside with 25' pool & poolside wet bar. Designed for families & adult groups with the highest quality of comfort available. Features include wireless internet, beautiful stonework, standby generator, air conditioning, flat screen TV/DVD's in all bedrooms, fully equipped gourmet kitchen, lush tropical landscaping & convenient south shore location. **\$3,474,900**



"Palm Terrace Villas"- Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom unit is over 1100 sq. ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. Excellent short term rentals. **\$525,000 to \$849,000.**

"Cruz Views Condos"- Convenient to Cruz Bay, nice water views, quiet area with lush landscaping and large pool and deck. One and two bedrooms. Excellent rentals. From **\$475,000 to \$549,000**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot subdivision permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M.** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres overlooking the marine preserve at Bork Creek and Hurricane Hole, just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Maho Bay - 13 acres in the middle of the National Park with a beautiful white sand beach, suitable for a small hotel or high end estate development - a real gem of a property for **\$19.5M**

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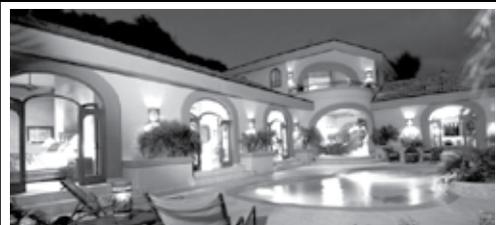
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With painted faces and feather-adorned hair, residents took part in the Taino workshop "A Walk in My Moccasins" on St. Croix.



Opi'A Taino International Presents "A Walk in My Moccasins"

St. John Tradewinds

Painted faces and feathers teemed the grassy lot adjacent to the well known historic building, Fort Christian, on Saturday, December 1.

Months of blind research, unanswered phone calls, and missed curfews, had all been in preparation for this single day, the day that many took "A Walk in my Moccasins."

Maekiaphan Phillips, Founder and President of Opi'a Taino International, Inc., set out to abolish the myth that Taino people are extinct. Guest speakers Senator Elect Myron Jackson and Roberto Borrero, Kasike of the Yukayeke in Guania, shared their knowledge and support.

As spectators and invited guest arrived, and the event commenced with the sounding of a Guamo (Conch shell) by Kacike Borrero, they sat focused on the knowledge that was being imparted.

December 1, 2012 marked a momentous day in the history of the Virgin Islands as it was the first step towards having the Taino people counted back in the census after 200 plus years of being counted out, explained Phillips of Opi'a Taino.

It also set aside a day to honor our Amerindian ancestors. At the end of the impar-

tation of knowledge everyone followed the children across the street into a replica of an ancient Taino Village. Shared in the village was history, tools, artifacts, pictures, food (eaten by the Taino's of old) agriculture, candy, and homemade drinks. Best of all family members were united.

This program was funded in part by the Virgin Islands Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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"VILLA KALORAMA" Panoramic views from classic modern 5 bdrm, 4.5 bth rental villa in Virgin Grand Estates features native stone, ipe hardwoods, glass walls & a secure property. Dramatic great room opens onto 40 ft pool & large verandas for spectacular indoor-outdoor living.

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"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!

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