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Caneel Bay Resort staff and family hosted a car wash in Cruz Bay on Friday afternoon, January 22, to raise funds for the Haiti earthquake relief effort. Residents came out in throngs to donate to the cause, wash their cars and enjoy food, drink and music. V.I. Fire Department supplied water for the event and many residents donated and volunteered in any way possible.

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Love City Organizes Quickly for Haiti Relief Earthquake Effort

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John citizens are always quick to help one in need, and their responses to the crisis in Haiti have been no different.

Across the island, Love City residents have raised money from car washes to collection jars — and students at island schools have been strongly supporting the effort as well.

Many residents have been taking advantage of Western Union's matching donation

program, which doubles the amount donated for earth quake relief. Western Union is channeling the money it raises to the American Red Cross, World Vision, Save the Children and Mercy Corps.

On Monday afternoon, January 18, Cruz Bay Watersports employees hosted a beach barbecue at the Westin Resort and Villas which raised about \$400 for the relief fund.

Caneel Bay Resort staff hosted a car wash on Friday afternoon, January 22, which drew throngs of residents lined up in

their cars to donate to Haiti relief.

On Saturday night, January 24, waitresses and waiters and bartenders at La Tapa, Zozo's, Rhumb Lines, Quiet Mon Pub, Morgan's Mango, Waterfront Bistro and Lime Inn donated a portion of their tips to the relief effort. Going even a step further, restaurant owners matched the employees' donations, which will be doubled again by the Western Union program.

A collection jar at Papaya Cafe was filled
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V.I. medical personnel relax aboard Sussman's plane en route to Haiti, above left. After landing in Port-au-Prince, officials waited for a truck to unload medical equipment, right.

Sussman Donates Plane for Haiti Relief Effort

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John homeowner and philanthropist Donald Sussman, who helped finance the island's telemedicine program at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, has stepped up to the plate for the island of Haiti.

Sussman donated the use of his private plane to Haiti relief organizers on St. Thomas who used it first on Tuesday, January 19, to deliver about 4,000 pounds of medical supplies as well as several doctors and nurses to the Caribbean nation in the throng of crisis following a powerful earthquake.

"We had about 4,000 pounds of I.V. fluids, bandages, crutches, tubing, I.V. stands, diapers and formula, lots of formula," said Jim Wilson, one of Sussman's pilots. "There were narcotics, surgery supplies and supplies for doctors to perform amputations. We also had nine medical personnel on board going there."

"There were some doctors and some nurses who were coming back with us, too, after being in Haiti for several days," Wilson said.

As soon as the Caribbean nation came into Wilson's view, devastation was evident, according to the pilot.

"You could see fires burning on the ground and you could see some areas that were littered with broken buildings and just buildings that were crumbled," said Wilson.

Since the earthquake blew out all of the windows in the air traffic control tower and destroyed the Port-au-Prince airport, just landing the plane was a challenge, according to Wilson.

"The airport was cracked all over the place and all of the windows on the tower were blown out," Wilson said. "Port-au-Prince has a few local people running the approach control and then they hand you off to U.S. military officials who have a small command center at the airport running out of a tent. When we got into the air space it was a little confused and we had to break our approach to the airport twice."

After landing in Port-au-Prince, logistical problems delayed the un-loading of cargo and the return flight home, Wilson added.

"There was no transportation available to get the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jim Wilson

After landing Sussman's plane in Haiti, officials unload about 4,000 pounds of medical equipment at Port-au-Prince airport.

supplies off the field," said the pilot. "There is a real lack of infrastructure so we had to wait a while. When they finally did show up they didn't have enough storage and they had to hunt around and commandeer a truck."

The extra time on the ground, however, allowed official to get a toddler from the Virgin Islands — who had been visiting family in Haiti but was separated from her mother — to board the flight and return home.

"They were trying to get the baby back to her mother but there were some issues during the first attempt," said the pilot. "We were able to get the baby on board and reunite her with her mother."

Wilson and his crew were scheduled to make a second trip to Haiti late Saturday night, January 23, to deliver additional medical supplies and personnel, and the plane would be available as long as it was needed, according to Sussman.

"The crew will fly back Saturday and we'll go back to Haiti as often as we can help," said Sussman. "It feels great to be in a position to make this unique and badly needed contribution."

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.

Boat Tickets to STX Ag Fair Available

Join the Love City Pan Dragons' boat trip to the St. Croix Agriculture Fair. The boat leaves St. John at the Cruz Bay bulkhead on Friday, February 12, at 11 a.m. And leaves from St. Croix on Monday, February 15, at 2 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$85 round-trip or \$65 one way. The cost for children is \$65 round-trip or \$50 one way. Tickets can be purchased at Connections or Courtesy Car Rental.

Adult Ballroom Classes Start Feb. 2

Mad Hot St. John for adults is back! St. John School of the Arts is hosting a 10-week ballroom dance series with instructor Teresa Fraguada.

Every Tuesday night starting February 2, from 7 to 8 p.m., grab those dancing shoes and a partner and learn the foxtrot, merengue, rumba and much more! Only \$125 for the series! Or pay \$15 per class and come when you want; \$25 per couple. For more information call 776-2578 or 779-4322.

Pianist Julian Gargiulo at SJSA Feb. 11

St. John School of the Arts presents pianist Julian Gargiulo in concert on Thursday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

This will be Gargiulo's fifth performance at SJSA. Traveling the world, he brings his dynamic classical rendering of compositions of renowned masters with extraordinary passion and precision, and fills the concert hall with his personal brand of charm, humor and charisma.

This year the program will include his own compositions and he will be selling his new CD. Tickets are \$30 and available at Connections or at the door.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Free Vow Renewal at Trunk Bay Ceremony

Celebrate Valentine's Day by re-affirming love and commitment at the eighth annual free marriage vow renewal with Love City's famous barefoot minister Anne Marie Porter.

The ceremony will be on Sunday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay beach. So far 630 couples have enjoyed the free, fun event. No registration is required, just show up! For more information call Cathy Dove at 642-2182 or email Cathy@bookitvi.com.

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. Help save a life and make a difference — join St. John Rescue. Contact Bob Malacarne at 626-5118 or Chris Jordan at 514-4793.

Ward's Second Murder Conviction in Doubt

Third Trial Possible as Hollar Considers Government Misconduct Motion

By Joseph Tsidulko
St. John Tradewinds

Jahlil Ward has gotten another reprieve from sentencing in the murder of Jamie Cockayne, and whether the 22-year-old Giffit Hill man's second conviction for that crime will stand now is in question.

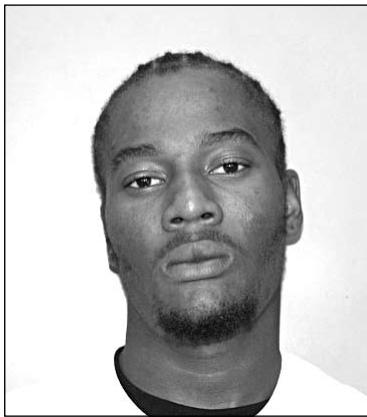
Instead of going forward Friday, January 22, with a scheduled sentence hearing, V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar heard arguments on post-trial motions from Ward's attorney, Michael Quinn.

Hollar said two issues the defense attorney raised require further consideration and could ultimately lead her to set aside the verdict of second-degree murder which a jury rendered in her courtroom on December 18.

It was the latest setback in a high-profile case that has seen many, with court appearances pushing a resolution away as often as they move it forward.

At last month's retrial, prosecutors argued Ward fatally stabbed 21-year-old Cockayne seven times just after midnight on June 19, 2007, about a half-hour after the Pennsylvania man got into a fight with Anselmo Boston and Kamal Thomas inside Cruz Bay's Front Yard bar.

The judge wants more time to consider Quinn's argument that



Jahlil Ward

the V.I. Attorney General's Office acted inappropriately by intimidating a witness from returning to the territory for the retrial. Quinn said prosecutors disclosed in a court filing they took the position that they would prosecute Daryl Martens for accepting a bribe from the Cockayne family.

At the same time, they offered immunity to three other witnesses who also took money from the victim's parents but whose testimony was beneficial to the government's case.

Martens made a statement to authorities in September 2007 recounting an ostensible jailhouse confession he heard Thomas make.

After Ward was convicted of Cockayne's murder in October

The judge wants more time to consider Quinn's argument that the V.I. Attorney General's Office acted inappropriately by intimidating a witness from returning to the territory for the retrial.

2008, Quinn learned that out of almost 500 pages of discovery material turned over to Ward's legal team, Martens' statement implicating Thomas as the killer was the only document missing. For that reason, Hollar threw out the first jury's conviction and granted Ward his second trial.

The Attorney General's office resorted to misconduct the second time around to keep Martens from coming to court, Quinn argued, even with the recent fallout from their failure to disclose his statement, Quinn argued.

"They did their very best to keep Mr. Martens off the stand, even then," Quinn said.

The Cockayne family paid to put Martens in a hotel for a week, and provided him with a car and a telephone.

The Cockaynes say Martens was homeless, and they wanted to make sure he would be available to talk with authorities. At the time, Ward had not surfaced as a suspect in the case, and Thomas was still considered the likely killer. Martens eventually left the territory and is believed to be in California.

After Quinn learned about the missing statement, dogged efforts to contact Martens proved fruitless, he said.

Quinn argued a possible reason for Martens inaccessibility was the looming threat of prosecution. He said the Attorney General's policy was inconsistent with the offer of some form of immunity to the Cockaynes themselves, to two witnesses who received \$5,000 payments that were characterized as reward money, and to Aaron Ferguson, the first to discover Jamie Cockayne after he was stabbed. The Cockaynes gave Ferguson money to consult with a lawyer before he talked to authorities.

Hollar granted Thomas and

Boston, both convicted of felony assaults against Cockayne in October 2008, new trials after she learned of the \$5,000 payments.

Quinn argued the government's actions regarding Martens were heavy-handed and violated Ward's right to a fair trial.

Hollar described the prosecutor's position as "totally egregious."

Hollar tried to remedy Martens' absence in Ward's second trial by allowing Quinn to examine Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs-Carty, the prosecutor in the first trial. Gumbs-Carty had met with Martens after he came to light. Quinn argued it was an inadequate substitute for having the witness himself.

Hollar must decide if the misconduct was such that Ward deserves a third trial. Other options would be to altogether dismiss the case, or to reprimand the government and publicly chastise prosecutors without infringing on the jury's verdict.

The case against Ward largely rested on the strength of witnesses who said they heard the defendant confess to the crime. On Friday, Hollar agreed with Quinn that some witness accounts put forward at trial could not be reconciled with others.

Prosecution witnesses who incriminated Ward — all discovered by an investigator working for Kamal Thomas — directly contradicted the testimony of witnesses at the crime scene.

Glanville "Shark" Frazer testified that soon after the murder, Ward knocked on his door, barged into his house and asked for a ride to Estate Pastory. Some of that account was seconded by Frazer's girlfriend, Jo'Nique Clendinen, who told jurors she let Ward in that night.

Ward held his shirt in his hand, had blood speckles on his white sneakers and said he "just had a fight with a white boy," Frazer testified.

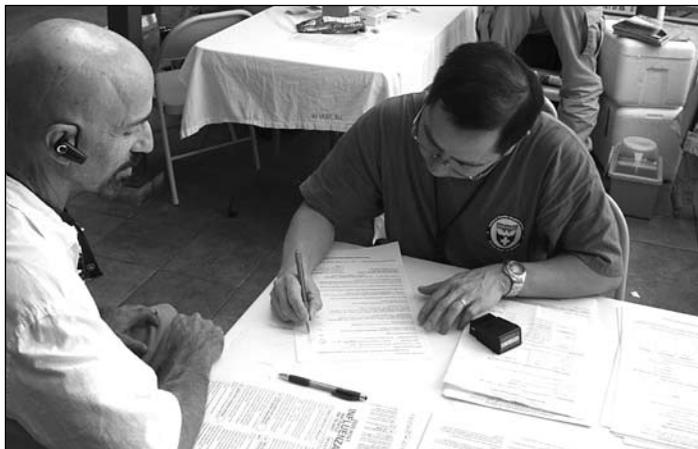
But witnesses at the crime scene said Cockayne's attacker ran straight to a waiting car that was parked on the street outside Frazer's house.

Abigail Schnell, who watched from her second-story apartment, could not remember if the fleeing assailant got into the passenger or driver side of the car. Ferguson, who saw Cockayne emerge from behind a construction partition profusely bleeding, said a heavy set man was already standing by the getaway car, ready to drive off.

Hollar said she will need to re-view the trial transcripts before she can decide if a conviction based on such conflicting testimony can hold. Matters involving the credibility of witnesses are generally in the province of the jury, who decide how much weight to give to any witness' testimony. But a trial judge has the discretion to override verdicts that are clearly illogical.

Hollar set a deadline of February 16 for written arguments regarding the two outstanding issues.

Resident Get H1N1 Vaccinations



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Federal health officials were on St. John last week to administer H1N1 flu vaccines. Shots were available at The Marketplace and Morris F. deCasro Clinic.

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Local and national Crime Stoppers officials posed with V.I. Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis, far left, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy, both center.

Crime Stoppers USVI Celebrate First Year

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After spending countless hours getting the territorial citizen's crime fighting initiative off the ground, Crime Stoppers USVI organizers celebrated the program's success with a first anniversary party at the Cruz Bay Battery on Wednesday night, January 20.

About 30 people mingled on the Battery deck, enjoyed compli-

mentary hors d'oeuvres from Cactus on the Blue and toasted Crime Stoppers' success with beverages donated by Prestige Wine Group and Bellows International.

Launched in January 2009, Crime Stoppers USVI is a totally anonymous crime fighting initiative that gives the power to the people, explained Bonny Corbeil, a member of the group's St. John board.

"People can call the tip line and report what they know without anyone ever knowing that they made the call," said Corbeil. "This really puts the people in control here, which is why I've been so passionate about this program. This takes away the fear of retaliation and gives the people power."

Once a tip comes in from a citizen, that information is passed

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Coby Cooper Arrested for Wharfside Village Burglary

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Estate Pastory resident Coby Cooper was arrested early Saturday morning, January 16, and charged with third-degree burglary for breaking into a storage area in Wharfside Village.

Cooper, 56, the former vice president of Integrated Assets Management Inc. — which used to own and run island restaurants Asolare, Chateau Bordeaux, Paradiso and Chole and Bernards — was reportedly working at the Balcony Restaurant in Wharfside Village most recently.

The St. John man faced V.I. Superior Magistrate Court Judge Alan Smith on Monday, January 18, when third-degree burglary charges against him were upheld.

An eyewitness saw Cooper remove hinges from a room at Wharfside Village and walk off with several boxes, according to a report in the *Virgin Islands Daily News*. The witness contacted the owner of Wharfside Village, who reported the matter to the V.I. Police Department, according to the report.

It was unclear when the burglary occurred or what the boxes removed from the storage area contained. Cooper was arrested in his Estate Pastory home at 6:03 a.m. on January 16.

Cooper's bail was set at \$10,000 with a 10 percent provision. He will face arraignment on January 28. As of press time, the Balcony's doors were shuttered.

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Residents mingled over car washing in Cruz Bay January 22, while raising funds for Haiti earthquake relief.

Love City Organizes Events Quickly for Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort

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from customers all week as well as employees' tips. The Papaya Cafe jar garnered \$482, which will be matched by Western Union.

The quick response from the island's youngest residents has been perhaps most impressive. Students at Guy Benjamin School hosted a bake sale and donated all proceeds to the Haiti relief fund.

Julius E. Sprauve School students worked all week to raise funds through bake sales, and even saving their own pennies. Fifth grader Ezius Ashly raised \$400 alone for the relief effort.

"I put in part of my savings and my mom gave me some money too," said Ashly. "My mom, Michelle Collins, who owns the Grapevine, and Colleen Kramper also donated some money. I did it because that could have been us."

"There are a lot of children suffering and if that happened to us, they would help us," Ashly said.

JESS fourth grader Joel Williams raised almost \$200 for the earth quake relief.

"I raised money from my parents because I saw the people in need in Haiti," said Williams. "That made me sad and it made me want to do something. I feel like I did the right thing."

Even JESS faculty were impressed with the outpouring of donations from students, explained the school's vice principal Brenda Dalmida.

"There has been overwhelming generosity from our students," said Dalmida. "We had a school meeting last week and talked about what the kids were seeing on television and we had conversations about children helping children. We talked about how people were suffering right now."

"From kindergarten to the ninth grade, all of our students have really come through," Dalmida said. "We first said we would throw a pizza party for the grade that raised the most money, but now we're going to throw one big pizza party for the whole school."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

JESS students counted pennies, quarters, dimes and nickles which were donated as part of the school's week-long Haiti relief fundraiser.

In total, JESS students raised \$2,869 in only one week, which will be matched through the Western Union program.

By Saturday, January 23, St. John residents donated \$18,739 to the Western Union matching fund, according to Western Union agent Cid Hamling who owns Connections.

"All that money came in just one week from this little island," said Hamling. "I've always been pleased to be a Western Union agent, but now I'm really proud of all of their efforts. From the Sprauve kids to the Papaya Cafe, to Michael Beason collecting tips while he was playing music to people coming in and saying 'I wish it could be more,' everyone has opened their hearts."

Connections will accept donations to the Western Union program through Monday, January 25, and the company is not charging a fee to people who are wiring money to Haiti.

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**Supporters Can Dance the Night Away
at SJSA Dance-a-thon Saturday, Jan. 30**

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's time to dust off those dancing shoes and support arts education in Love City.

St. John School of the Arts is hosting its second annual Dance-a-thon on Saturday evening, January 30, at 7 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

The dance is the major fundraiser of the year for SJSA, and proceeds will help support the school's many activities as well as the scholarship fund which is used by many students.

There are two ways to take part in the event, which was wildly popular last year. Dancers can sign up and get people to pledge money, or just show up and pay the admission fee. The cost of admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 18 years old and \$50 for

families.

"Pledge dancers will go out and get their friends, family, co-workers or businesses to sponsor them," said Kim Wild, SJSA assistant director. "Non-pledge dancers can still come out and have fun and dance and just pay the admission fee at the door."

The night will also include a bingo room for people who want to take a break from the dance floor and rest their feet. There will be tunes for everyone to enjoy as a DJ will be playing songs from all different genres and eras of music.

"We'll have everything from Frank Sinatra to Black Eyed Peas," said Wild. "There will be Zydeco, Lady Gaga and Talking Heads. There will literally be something for everyone to dance to."

A large part of the fun at last year's Dance-a-thon were the cos-

tumes some dancers donned and Wild is encouraging more outrageous outfits this year.

"The costumes were a lot of fun last year so we're really trying to get more people to dress up this year," she said. "People should come dressed in their favorite decade like a flapper from the 20s or a hippie from the 60s. It's really a fun way to get the energy going."

Pledged dancers are eligible for cash prizes as well. There will be adult and child prizes for best costume and most pledges received.

Pledge packets for dancers are available at Connections, SJSA, the Julius E. Sprauve School and Giff Hill School. For more information call SJSA at 779-4322. SJSA officials have been experiencing problems with their phone line. If 779-4322 is not in operation, call 776-2578.

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Jazz V.I. All Stars at The Beach Bar

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Dale, Andrew and Rhett bring a steady beat as the band sails through your favorite old-time and brand new songs!

In fact, the band is rehearsing their arrangements so seriously that they will take a vacation from The Beach Bar performances on the following Sundays — February 7 and 14 and March 14 and 21.

They will be organizing a master class in Jazz at the St. John School of the Arts for adults and young people. If you are interested in understanding and performing, please call Kim Wild at the school at 779-4322 or 776-2578 if the first number is out of order. Or call Sis Frank at 776-6777. It promises to be a whole lot of fun!

With good solid training, we can offer top music

to The Beach Bar audiences. Look at the success we are achieving with the "Young Lions!" The ferries are full of devoted friends, family and Jazz fans. Sunday's heavy rain made no difference in the audience.

It's great to have Harvey, Dean and Sybil sit in — I know they look forward to performing each winter.

"Bou-quet" Flower Shop a Big Hit

What a relief to have an attractive shop that arranges and delivers flowers to clients! Look for it at the Lemon Tree Mall where Sally's, Lime Inn and Pink Papaya are in Cruz Bay — across from Fred's Restaurant. It is so much easier to call up and ask to have your gift delivered. They'll even write a card for you!

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IGBA's Certification Program Encourages Homebuilders To Think Green

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The very beauty of St. John which has attracted thousands of visitors over the past several decades is being threatened by those who love the island enough to build a home here.

But thanks to the Island Green Building Association's Residential Tropical Green Building Certification Program, construction doesn't have to affect St. John in a negative way.

"Growth is inevitable, but IGBA believes that a loss of resources is not," said local architect Doug White during his presentation on green building at the Thursday evening, January 21, IGBA meeting.

IGBA's building certification program awards homebuilders a three-, four- or five-star rating based on a checklist of 66 items covering 11 areas where builders can have a positive impact on the environment.

One way homeowners can make

a minimal impact to the environment during the building process is to clear only the portion of their property where their home will be built, rather than clear from lot line to lot line, as is commonplace on St. John.

"This is where most of the damage is done," said local scientist Barry Devine.

Silt fences are not installed properly at construction sites 90 percent of the time, added White.

In addition to reducing runoff, keeping a site's original vegetation in tact is the simplest and most cost effective landscaping plan, as those plants are already well established and will survive island weather, according to White.

Using a chart depicting sedimentation rates in Johnson's Bay, White showed the link between construction and runoff.

"From the 1980s to today, the sedimentation rate in Johnson's Bay has gone through the roof, primarily as a result of new home

construction," he said.

Rainfall is another factor in runoff, explained Devine, who pointed out that the sedimentation rate dropped in the 1990s, when St. John experienced a drought.

Another way homebuilders can respect the environment during construction is by building with sun patterns and trade winds in mind.

"Masonry walls, if not shaded with vegetation or porches and galleries, will absorb heat all day and radiate heat all night," said White.

A well thought-out home which takes advantage of trade winds should not need air conditioning, White added.

IGBA's building certification program suggests that homebuilders go beyond typical water conservation, such as collecting water in a cistern, and collect gray water from paved surfaces, such as driveways, to use for things such as irrigation.

Homebuilders can also be conscious of water use by installing

low-flow shower heads and toilets, and by purchasing Energy Star appliances, which can also help reduce energy costs.

Other ways to reduce those WAPA bills include installing a solar hot water heater and drying clothes on a line outside, White added.

One aspect of green building that is not always considered is the home's visual impact.

"Is it in harmony with the surrounding community?" said White.

One way to ensure a minimal visual impact is by avoiding light pollution, the architect continued.

"Minimize the amount of ambient light visible from outside the property," said White.

Green building is not limited to those constructing new homes. Homeowners can work to make their existing properties green as well, explained Devine.

"Every time someone does something new to their house,

they can do something that makes a little more sense," said the local scientist.

IGBA is currently reviewing its first two applications for its Residential Tropical Green Building Certification Program. The group hopes to educate those interested in building homes on St. John in an effort to promote green building with its certification program.

"We need to educate our clients to look at the life cycle cost versus the up-front cost," said White. "There's a huge life cycle cost savings if you're building green."

The group at last week's meeting agreed that there needs to be education at every level of home building and buying, from purchasing land, to working with the rental management agencies, which currently encourage those building homes to rent out on St. John to include a bathroom for each bedroom and air conditioning.

For more information on IGBA, visit www.igba-stjohn.org.

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Two Love City Wedding Planners Recognized for Excellence in Service

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Two St. John wedding planner companies were recently singled out for being in the top of their fields.

Stacy Mulcare, owner of Ceremonies of St. John, was named by *Destination Wedding and Honeymoon Magazine* as one of the top 25 destination wedding planners in the world.

Fellow Love City wedding expert Mary Bartolucci's company, Island Style Weddings, was chosen by Wedding Wire to receive the 2010 Bride's Choice Awards™ for Wedding Planner.

Mulcare was the only wedding vendor in the Virgin Islands to be honored by *Destination Wedding and Honeymoon Magazine's* inaugural top 25 list.

"This is the first year they've compiled a list of who they consider to be the top 25 destination wedding planners internationally," said Mulcare. "I'm the only one in the Virgin Islands who was selected. It's a great honor and I feel blessed."

"I think this is really going to boost the Virgin Islands for destination weddings," Mulcare said. "I was selected because I have a long-standing, strong reputation in the industry and the magazine also was provided endorsements from past clients."

Mulcare's feature will run in the March/April 2010 issue of *Destination Wedding and Honeymoon Magazine* which will hit newsstands on February 23.

Island Style Weddings was named among the top five percent of all vendors in the 100,000-strong Wedding Wire community.

"Wedding Wire, the nation's leading wedding technology company, just announced Island Style Weddings has been selected to receive the 2010 Bride's Choice Awards for Wedding Planner," said Bartolucci. "The annual awards recognize and celebrate excellence in quality and service within the wedding industry, as determined by recent interviews and extensive surveys from over 500,000 newlyweds."

"We would like to thank our past newlyweds for nominating us for the 2010 Bride's Choice Awards," said Bartolucci.

For more information about the Bride's Choice Awards, check out WeddingWire Storefront at www.weddingwire.com/ or visit Island Style Weddings at www.islandstleweddings.com.

For more information about Ceremonies of St. John or the *Destination Wedding Magazine* feature, check out usviweddings.com or destination-weddingmag.com.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Department of Education Commissioner Dr. LaVerne Terry presents an award to Love City Leapers coach Patrice Harley at the Big Read 2010 kick off on January 22.

VICA Kicks off 2010 Big Read at Battery

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Council on the Arts launched the Big Read 2010 program on Friday, January 22, with a celebration of Ernest Gaines' best selling novel "A Lesson Before Dying," at a reception at the Cruz Bay Battery.

The Big Read Program is a partnership between the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Libraries and Museums, the University of the Virgin Islands' Reichhold Center for the Arts and the IT-Learning Resources and Student Technology Services Area, the Department of Education and the V.I. Police Department.

V.I. Council on the Arts and First Lady Cecile deJongh hosted more than 100 guests at the Battery on January 22. The event featured a Cajun inspired theme with cuisine, art works and music from the southern United States.

Guest speakers at the launch included V.I. Magistrate Judge Alan Smith and Big Read 2010 spokesperson VIPD officer Delvin Fleming.

More than 100 free copies of "A Lesson Before Dying" are now available, while supplies last, at the

Sprauve Library. More copies will be available for loan from libraries throughout the territory.

Community members will be brought together through a variety of activities from now through the middle of June — there is truly something for everyone during Big Read 2010.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The National Endowment, in partnership with the Institute of Museums and Library Services and Arts Midwest, brought together partners from across the United States to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

The U.S. Virgin Islands is one of the 189 communities nationwide participating in the Big Read from September 2009 and June 2010. Locally, VICA will organize panel discussions and film screenings to engage the community at community centers, libraries, and schools.

Upcoming events will be announced throughout the year. Grab the book and join the fun. For more information on Big Read 2010 contact Tasida Kelch at 774-5984 or tasidakelch@yahoo.com.

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Senate Committee on Health Hosting Meeting on Jan. 27

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The V.I. Senate Committee on Health will convene a hearing at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Wednesday, January 27, at several times during the day to discuss services available on the island of St. John at the Morris DeCastro Clinic and to hear testimony on several pertinent health related bills.

The first session will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., after which the committee will break for lunch. The committee hearing will re-convene at 6 p.m. to accommodate as many testifiers as possible, explained Committee on Health Chairperson Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve.

"The committee is eager to return to St. John to complete some of 2009s unresolved business," said Sprauve. "I have called this meeting again to discuss issues critical to St. John that were previously heard in December 2009 but due to a poor showing of essential testifiers, very little was accomplished. I anticipate a productive meeting and encourage the residents of St. John to attend and participate in this meeting."

The morning agenda includes Bill No. 28-0005: an Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter 11, section 34, to require doctors and physicians to disclose any financial ownership or interest in any medical laboratory within or outside the Virgin Islands and from referring patients to a laboratory in which they have financial interest.

Bill No. 28-0176: an Act to honor and commend Cynthia Browne Stapleton, RN, CNM and to name the Labor and Delivery area of the Eugenie T. Ford OB Unit the "Cynthia V. Browne Stapleton Labor and Delivery Unit," will also be heard in the morning session.

In an effort to provide residents with an opportunity to attend during the focused discussion on services provided by the Department of Health's Morris DeCastro Clinic, the committee will resume at 6 p.m. after working hours.

"Too often citizens cannot attend meetings vital to their needs due to their work schedule," said Sprauve. "I planned the meeting so that concerned residents can truly participate in the process."

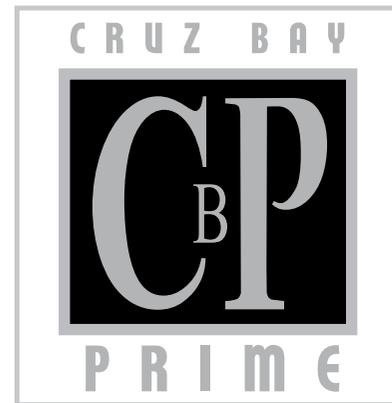
Topics to be covered in the evening portion of the hearing include: women's and men's health services; adolescent health prevention and treatment service; and employment and manpower challenges relative to the Department of Health's Morris DeCastro Clinic.

St. John emergency medical services and interisland transportation and the much anticipated update on the ambulance boat project will also be heard.

"I am hopeful that this meeting will bring together all the key stakeholders to improve the health and medical services provided to the people of St. John," said Sprauve.

For more information on the January 27 hearing or to participate, call 693-3513 or email srichardson@legvi.org.

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V.I. Police Department Officer Dennis Vanterpool and Officer Davina Van Holten read to students during story hour at Elaine I. Sprauve Library on Wednesday, January 20.

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Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library Help High School Students Face Future

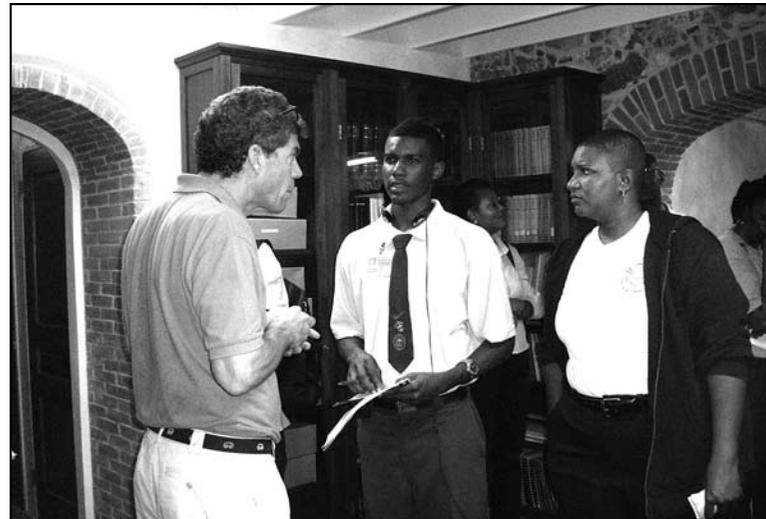
St. John Tradewinds

Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library welcomed an impressive crowd Wednesday night, January 20, at the group's "Planning for College" seminar for St. John high school students.

Almost 50 students and parents attended, with students from five schools represented. Chris Teare, director of college counseling at Antilles School, both inspired and motivated confidence in the students and parents who attended the first seminar.

"This is the Friend's first sponsored program in the newly renovated library, and we are grateful to have discovered this critically important community service for the young adults on St. John," said Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library President Debbie Hime. "It is enlightening to see them visualizing their future as the next generation of leaders through this important initiative."

The next seminar, on Wednesday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Carol McGuinness

College counsellor Chris Teare, at left, talks to students and parents during the "Planning for College" seminar at Elaine Sprauve Library last week.

library, will focus on St John seniors and specifically the college application process.

Seniors and their parents or guardians are urged to attend, and other high school students and parents are warmly welcome.

The Friends of the Library are planning other future seminars as well. To be included in email notifications regarding the high school student seminars, send an email address to stjohnlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Friends of Library Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 29

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of the Elaine I Sprauve Library's Annual Meeting is on Friday, January 29, at 5 p.m.

Friends members and the St. John community are welcome to join in honoring guest speaker Ingrid Bough, Territorial Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

Bough has brought new energy and insight to the territory's libraries from her previous tenure at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. Originally from St. Croix, her love for the Virgin Islands is only enhanced by her dedication to improve library services.

The year 2009 was one of the library's most productive years, with the historic building's renovations completed and reopened to the public in August. The library inside is both beautiful and cool — literally — with the installation of central air conditioning.

Along with the government's renovations, Friends purchased almost \$6,000 worth of custom fur-

niture for the children's room and other areas.

During and following the renovations, several individuals provided additional volunteer service: Hank Slodden; Toby Slodden; Elmo Rabsatt; Kent and Paula Savel; David and Peggy Spoth; Cherry Glass; and Tiareah Schaub helped with the move back into the building; Bill Flynn hung pictures; St. John Fire Chief Winifred Powell and the VI Fire services delivered the old bookcases to their new homes at schools and also picked up library supplies from the St Thomas library administrative office.

Story Hour has kicked back into action with Sprauve School, Methodist Pre School, Giff Hill and the new Coral Bay Montessori School enjoying the weekly experience. Many thanks go to the Story Hour reading program volunteers: Miles Stair; Heather Ruhsam; Anna Tuttle; Jo Ann Hall; Christie O'Neil; Nanci Bauman; Gerianne Kotas; and Steve Hogroian.

The Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library's website launched and has some valuable information at www.stjohnlibraryfriends.org.

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College Students Study St. John Post-Emancipation Cattle Industry

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While most visitors to St. John are drawn by the beaches and crystal clear water, one group of university students recently traveled to Love City for a much different reason — cattle.

Five Oberlin College Environmental Studies students spent two weeks on St. John looking at the post-emancipation cattle industry on the island.

Led by Oberlin College visiting assistant professor of Environmental Studies Crystal Fortwangler, the students looked at connections between the natural and cultural landscape of the island for a two-week winter term project.

“We’re encouraging the park to consider a stronger focus on the post-emancipation era on island including the working landscapes like cattle, bay rum, charcoal making and basket weaving,” said Fortwangler. “So we decided to focus on cattle.”

“We thought cattle would be a good starting point because we’re trying to look at how the ecological landscape and the human landscape intersect,” said Oberlin College student Abbey Chung. “Cattle had such a widespread influence on the landscape and on the culture here.”

The group, which stayed at the V.I. Environmental Research Station, toured former cattle farms with Edmund Roberts, who worked on some of those farms as a boy.

“We went out with Edmund Roberts who worked on a few cattle farms when he was young,” said Oberlin senior Nick Laudeman. “He took us to some old sites and we saw some of the old troughs and dips and we saw barbed wire that is still up in parts of the island. The wire was two inches into some of trees we saw.”

The Oberlin students also toured Lameshur Bay with St. John flora expert Eleanor Gibney and saw first hand how the landscape is affected by land use.

“Eleanor Gibney took us on a tour of Lameshur and showed us some of the plants that are indicative of cattle ranges,” said Marion Rockwood. “The plants are there because the cattle ate them or transported them and introduced



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Crystal Fortwangler

Oberlin College environmental studies students and Edmund Roberts pose near a cattle dip at Cinnamon Bay.

them to that landscape.”

“We learned to read the plant landscape with Eleanor and determine what it means in the cultural history when you find wild tan tan for instance,” said Fortwangler.

In addition to their explorations, the group hoped to make real difference on St. John, Fortwangler explained.

“One of our main points was to think about ways in which to celebrate and respect the histories of working industries on the island and think of ways that can become a part of the culture,” Fortwangler.

While the V.I. National Park has a strong interpretive division, most of the material ends at the post-emancipation era, according to Laudeman.

“The park definitely has a strong interpretive program but they work up to this point so they need to work more toward getting to this time frame,” he said.

The group met with several park officials including VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, Archaeologist Ken Wild and Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon.

“We had really strong support from the park,” Fortwangler said. “Meeting with everyone was a really nice way to pull together all of the areas of the park — cultural, resource and interpretive division.”

Even without making changes within the VINP’s operations, the Oberlin students took home some valuable lessons from their St. John study.

“My favorite part was meeting with Edmund Roberts and talking to him about cultural history and the way communities and individuals interacted with cattle,” said Oberlin student Julia Munson. “He had a very strong sense of community and he had so many stories to share.”

“I liked being able to look at Mary’s Point and other areas where you can easily see the plants there and know that means that cattle were there,” said Chung. “Learning how to read the landscape in a way that most people don’t is really exciting.”

“As environmental studies students this project was really important because it got us to recognize that the environment means the human involvement as well as the natural landscape,” said Chung. “When studying the environment it’s really hard to separate the two.”

Following their St. John stay, the group traveled to St. Croix to stay at Castle Nugent and tour an operational cattle farm. Once they return to Oberlin, the students will compile recommendations for VINP to integrate post-emancipation information into its interpretive division.

“We’re excited,” said Fortwangler. “At the end of this week, we’ll submit recommendations to the park service on ways they can move forward with their interpretive division and incorporate a celebration of the post-emancipation era.”

Fortwangler also plans to expand on the students’ work in the future, she added.

“This was kind of a preliminary investigation and we’d like to do more extensive research and hopefully come back over the summer,” said the Oberlin assistant professor.

The Oberlin College group consisted of Fortwangler, Laudeman, Chung, Rockwood, Munson and Mary Badame.


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Community Commemorates September 11 with Freedom Walk

Around 40 people gathered under the Cruz Bay sun to participate in a freedom walk to remember the tragic day that occurred eight years ago and will forever be etched in Americans' hearts.

The freedom walk began at the National Park Visitors Center at 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 11, and continued to Franklin Powell Park for a noon-time commemoration ceremony.



Paving the Way for More Accessible Island

Janet George-Carty had a big smile on her face as she snipped the bright red ribbon that hung loosely across the entrance of Francis Bay's new accessible trail and glided in her wheelchair across the elevated wooden boardwalk.

The 650-foot boardwalk, unveiled during a Wednesday morning ceremony on September 9, now makes up the lower section of the popular Francis Bay walking trail and signifies a first step in the drive to make rugged St. John a more accessible island.

Injured Robbery Victim Finds Police Station Vacant

The victim of an early morning robbery Thursday, September 3, in Cruz Bay was severely wounded by three men who armed themselves with weapons found in the victim's apartment — and after waiting for officers to show up for nearly 45 minutes, he walked to the police station to find no one there.

Mon Phon, the chef at Morgan's Mango, wanted to set the record straight regarding an article entitled "Victims Injured During Early Morning Knife and Machete Robbery," that was published in the previous issue of *St. John Tradewinds* that contained statements made by a V.I. Police Department official he claims are incorrect.



Rain Tapers Off for Love City Triathlon

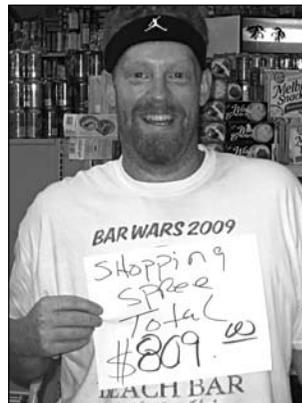


Roundabout Construction Ahead of Schedule

Construction on the Cruz Bay roundabout could be finished six months ahead of its scheduled completion, according DPW Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones.

"Big Red" Wins 60-second Shopping Spree

After downing 8 hotdogs and buns in 3 minutes, Red Hauge won a 60-second shopping spree courtesy of Starfish Market's customer appreciation campaign.



October 5-11, 2009



VIPA Installing Security Fencing at Creek

The Cruz Bay Creek got a facelift last week, but not the type for which many residents had hoped.

As part of a security mandate from the U.S. Coast Guard, V.I. Port Authority (VIPA) began installing security fencing around at the Victor L. Sewer Marine Facility, or Cruz Bay Creek, according to a VIPA press release.

Ground Breaking for Route 104 Construction

Armed with golden shovels, officials, including Governor John deJongh, broke ground at the area's first ARRA funded project.



Grande Bay Draws Fire at Public Hearing for Rezoning Request

Grande Bay Resort came under fire from a Department of Planning and Natural Resources senior planner, a condo owner and residents during a rezoning request public hearing at the St. John Legislature Building on Thursday night, October 1.

October 5-11, 2009

Bennett "Trying To Save" Three Island Restaurants and Regain Ownership

The futures of Asolare, Paradiso and Chloe and Bernards restaurants, owned by Integrated Assets, were in question as talk of bounced checks and restaurant closing circulated across St. John. With rumors swirling around the island that three prominent restaurants were on the verge of closing and employees were getting bad checks, former Integrated Assets restaurant owner Winston Bennett called *Tradewinds* last Friday to respond to the talk on the street.



Work Stops on Pond Bay Club Due to Financing Issues

"In today's world, there are no certainties and this is a day-to-day issue right now as to where we are. There are a lot of moving pieces to the puzzle. This will inevitably push back our opening date a bit, but it's not a fundamental issue."

— Bob Emmett, principal
First American Development Group/Carib Pond Bay Club

Nickbarg Tops the Fleet at District Singlehanded Championship

Concerned Parent Questions Wood Used To Build Shack Fire

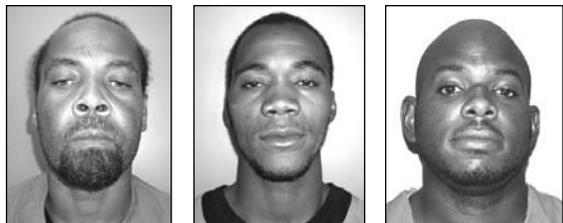
"...all it takes is one tablespoon of this ash to be lethal to a person. After the fire, the ashes were just laying there in the field where the kids have P.E. class."

— Tom Krall,
JESS parent



2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 4

October 19-25, 2009



VIPD Nab Three St. John Men on Separate Charges

V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested three persons on separate charges recently. The charges include Contempt of Court, Assault Third and Grand Larceny.

Jah-wada Jones of Estate Glucksberg, St. John was arrested at about 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. Police said Jones began to run when approached by police officers. He admitted to police that he just smoked a marijuana joint.

Glenford Walters of Estate Grunwald, St. John was arrested and charged with Assault Third Degree at about 5 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Police said Walters stabbed a victim in his forearm and in his back.

Jesse Richards of Estate Rendezvous was arrested at about 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, following a domestic argument with a female victim. The victim told police during the argument Richards took her cell phone and her keys without her permission.

Break-in Shatters Quiet Night for Estate Mandhal Couple

"I kept praying 'please don't hurt us — I have nothing that is worth my life.' I could hear them throwing things in my kitchen and they kept screaming. I heard them open the refrigerator and the freezer door."

— Robbery victim, Estate Mandhal



First Ever Using Sport for Social Change Just Play Day a Success

Despite a morning downpour, the first annual Just Play Day on Monday, October 12, drew a crowd of about 80 St. John children of all ages who converged on the Winston Wells ball field for a full day of games and competition.

Rotary Honors Kessler, Simon, Barry and Cline at Awards Dinner

Nancy Bast Passes Away



USVI Quarter Enters Circulation

October 26-November 1, 2009

VIPA Approves Plan To Create 150 Parking Spaces at Enighed

VIPA To Close Cruz Bay Creek Parking Lot

"The deJongh group... [has] been pretty tight-lipped about it. But they have some nice ideas."

— Senator Craig Barshinger

St. John Residents Take Stand Against Domestic Violence, Remember Victims



SAMBACOMBO Gears Up for 500th Monday Night at La Tapa

November 2-8, 2009

PSC Approves Ferry Rate Hike

The newly approved fares, which will go into effect on Sunday, November 8, will increase travel costs for most ferry passengers. The only fare that will not change is the child fare to Red Hook which will remain \$1. The biggest Red Hook jump is for a one-way ticket for adults, which will be \$6 instead of \$5. Under the new fee structure, senior citizens will pay 25 cents more each way, and commuter, bulk, student and teacher ticket fees will increase 50 cents each way.

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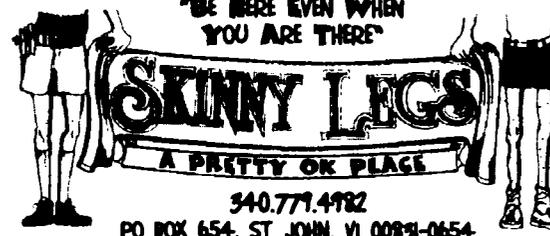
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German Bank Seeks to Take Over Pond Bay for \$62M Debt

November 9-15, 2009

Wounded Warriors Take to Waters

After laying their lives on the line, 13 wounded veterans enjoyed a much-deserved week of fun in the sun on Love City last week.

But this group of men and women — many of whom lost limbs during their tours of duty — didn't just lounge on the beach every day.

VINP, VIPA Dig Out Cruz Bay Creek

Dinghies won't be getting marooned at the Cruz Bay Creek any longer.

V.I. National Park and V.I. Port Authority officials worked quickly last week to combat the rising fill level at the Cruz Bay Creek dinghy dock.



ACC Rakes in \$5,100 at Flea Market

Junior Tennis Players Swing Away at Ruth "Sis" Frank Tournament



Nickbarg Nabs National Single-handed Laser Championship — a V.I. First

For the first time ever, the national laser single-handed championship medal is in the Virgin Islands — and it's on St. John.



GHS Goes Green with New Field



Buchalter Weds Levine at Trunk Bay

Suki Dickson Buchalter and Bucky Buchalter of Coral Bay are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Jessa to Brian Levine of New Jersey.

November 16-22, 2009



Veteran's Day Parade Draws Big Crowd

Massachusetts Woman Hangs Herself in Room at Westin Resort and Villas

A St. John vacation ended in tragedy for a Massachusetts couple who stayed at the Westin Resort and Villas in early November. An apparent attempted suicide was reported at the resort on Tuesday night, November 3, around 11 p.m., according to V.I. Police Department spokesperson Melody Rames.

Public Works Anticipates January 2010 Completion of Roundabout



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2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 4

Gregoire Arrested After Gun Falls Out of His Pocket

A St. John man was arrested last week in Cruz Bay when his unlicensed gun fell out of his pocket, according to the V.I. Police Department. Steven Gregoire, 30, was walking near Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, November 11, around 8:30 a.m. when the gun slipped out of his pocket and fell on the ground, said police.

V.I. Police Department officer Earle Mills, a member of the Bike Patrol Unit, was conducting a routine inspection of the Cruz Bay area when he saw Gregoire's gun fall, according to a report in the V.I. Daily News.

"I drew my weapon and told him to not pick it up," Mills was quoted in the Daily News. "He picked it up and put it in his pocket. I walked up to him with my gun to my side and told him to hand over his weapon."

November 23-29, 2009



Pine Peace Residents Lose Everything in House Fire; Community Helps To Rebuild

Doreen Callwood, who has already dealt with more than her share of grief after mourning both a son and a daughter in the past few years, didn't even have shoes on her feet when she ran out of her burning house earlier this month.



Rain Pours Down on St. John

More than three inches of rain soaked St. John on Sunday and Monday, November 15 and 16, according to Rafe Boulon's collection data at Trunk Bay. The saturated ground resulted in extreme runoff at the Coral Bay dinghy dock.



**Real Housewives of NYC Filmed on Gibney Beach
St. John Man Convicted of Firearm Possession**

Jahmal Todman of St. John pleaded guilty last week to possession of a firearm within a school zone and first-degree assault.

Todman pleaded guilty before District Court Chief Judge Curtis Gomez to two counts contained in an October 1 federal indictment which also charged him with attempted robbery. As part of his plea, Todman admitted that on August 23, 2009, within 1,000 feet of the Julius E. Sprauve School he attempted to rob four persons and struck one of them with a firearm. After a brief struggle, the victims subdued Todman and held him until the police arrived.

St. John Magazine Keeps Trademark Quality

The wait is finally over! With glossy pictures that jump from the pages, the newest edition of *St. John Magazine* will hit newsstands on Monday afternoon, November 23.

November 30-December 6, 2009



Calabash Boom Residents Complain of Noise, Smell, Sight and Safety of Waste Water Treatment Facility

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Listening to What People Want

Dear Gary (Ray),

Thank you for your email. Last week was a marathon session of meetings on the Alpine Energy Plan. I have an opportunity to respond to your thought-provoking email.

The AEG deal was done by WAPA, WMA, and the governor with little public input. This causes a huge confidence gap, yet we do it over and over.

Based on my research, petcoke burns like coal, but has no mercury. It has lots of sulfur which must be removed or you get acid rain.

The Florida Jacksonville plant that I toured (with three others senators and Paul Chakroff and Hugo Hodge) was burning cleanly, with little complaint from residents. However, the power plant is surrounded by wetlands — they have a lot more space to play with than we do.

While there, we met with the Sierra Club. Members of the club work hand in hand with the Jack-

sonville Electric Authority [JEA] plant managers. Fortunately, the plant managers want clean air too. As a result, they have installed every available scrubbing technology, which drove the price of electricity from 10-cents per kilowatt-hour to 12.6-cents per kilowatt-hour.

This is a 20 percent increase, which made the customer base unhappy. Of course we would love to pay anything under 20-cents per kilowatt-hour! We will not see low prices because we lack economies of scale.

The next big question is, would we botch burning petcoke like we have sewage? Just because JEA burns petcoke cleanly does not necessarily mean that it will happen like that here.

There is an enormous credibility gap between the people and the government. It is up to WAPA, WMA, and AEG to close that gap.

Another concern is: If we go to Refuse-Derived Fuel [RDF] + petcoke, will we then put solar on

the back burner for 20 years — the minimum length of the AEG power-purchase agreement?

Solar thermal works. I visited a 70 Megawatt plant on 400 acres in Boulder City Nevada. It has thermal inertia, so that passing clouds do not affect its performance, unlike photovoltaic.

The plant price was \$250 million. It is not a technology that needs to be developed, it is in service today. The technology is improving, notably the ability to run late into the night using a heat storage technology that involves a substance that changes phase around 700 degrees F.

It is expected that within a number of years it will be possible to run all through the night. In Spain, solar thermal plants are running until 10 p.m. Solar thermal plants can burn LNG, coal or even petcoke on days the sun doesn't shine, as a backup fuel.

I am glad to report that WAPA is issuing an RFP for a solar option in February. But issuing an RFP is not the same as building a plant and accepting the gift of solar energy that nature provides.

Certainly we must offer the people of the VI less expensive, more reliable, and green electricity — that is what they are requesting. It is clear to me that we are willing to pay a few cents more per kW-hr in order to preserve our environment.

I am listening closely to what the people want. Unless this confidence gap closes, I do not see that we can burn petcoke.

We also need to consider making RDF and selling it to Puerto Rico. We can buy inexpensive electricity for St. Thomas/St. John via cable from Puerto Rico, as well. Building a 33 MW petcoke/RDF plant should be considered after the direct purchase option, wouldn't you think?

How is the AEG deal specifically and our energy future in general looking to you?

Craig Barshinger
Senator at Large
28th Legislature
of the Virgin Islands

How Long Is It Going To Take?

I was in the Andes in Peru this fall and it took 20 minutes to process my credit card for a \$60 sale for a painting and the seller was very happy to wait for the processing, and I didn't really mind either. There were no people behind me and it was probably the biggest sale of the day.

With Vitelco down and WAPA on its last legs how are the businesses in this community going to survive? I use the cell for calls and my condo has a generator, when the cable goes off I read a book.

How are the businesses on Main Street going to survive with a 20 minute wait for a credit card approval? Governor deJongh you have been a great disappointment, but you still have time to make a difference.

The leaders of this community really need to take a hard look at the current situation and begin to make some hard choices. Do you want to have tourism as a major source of income? Or do you want to go back to sitting under a coconut tree and enjoying the weather?

Greg Miller

Problems with Homeland Security

This is a follow-up to the issue I wrote about last week in St. John Tradewinds — SB (BoNS) calling me up and demanding that I tell them what a money transfer into my personal checking account was for and where it came from. And threatening to close my account unless I told them.

It turns out that under the Patriot Act, a bank can ask for that information. The person at SB (BoNS) who responded told me that they would actually call up everyone and ask for that info for any transaction of \$5,000 and up. I told her that answer was patently false.

But — here are some problems with our ever-vigilant Homeland Security Agency and its alleged representative SB (BoNS).

First, the phone call came almost three months after the money transfer. Quite a head start. Good thing I was just adding on to my little house in the woods in Upper Carolina, or goodness knows what I might have been able to do in those three months. A real terrorist would have been long gone.

Second, suppose I actually had been a terrorist of some sort. Building a WMD in my evil lab. I would have just told the person the money was an investment. She would have checked a box somewhere on some form, and eventually mailed the form somewhere to the bowels of Homeland Security, where somebody else would check other boxes.

“Everything is okay down here. Nothing to report on St. John.” The phone call, demands, and threats are all 100 percent useless! Under no circumstances whatsoever would a terroristic plot be exposed by a clerk at SB.

Third, if indeed calls are made for every funds transfer of \$5,000 and over across the U.S. people would be busy all day and all night just making phone calls. Job creation, perhaps, but stupidity beyond belief.

Move your money into a Community Bank. I found the local representative for Merchant's Bank to be very helpful and accommodating, as I fully expected, having known her and her family for a number of years. The website for information about the benefits of Moving Your Money is <http://moveyourmoney.info>.

And, if my ex-bank, SB (BoNS), calls me up three months from now about a recent wire transfer that I just made into my personal checking account, I guarantee that I will make up something that will not fit into any of the little boxes that someone is checking.

Gerry Hills

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Our Love of The St. John Animal Care Center

For us, it all began on a rainy New Years Day 2005, barside at Caneel's Turtle Bay, talking with beloved bartender Lesley.

When we told him that we would have to part with a stray cat that had befriended us during holiday stay, Lesley raised his eyebrows in curiosity and asked, "do you really want to take the cat with you?". "Is it possible — yes we would love to" and with that Lesley proceeded to dial a few numbers, ask a few favors.

"At 4 p.m. tomorrow, you will go to the Animal Care Center and then to the veterinarian from there. They will give the cat shots, provide you with the customs documentation and even sell you a carrying case to take the cat home."

I was amazed at his proactive stance and off we were with our new cat to the ACC and vet. We learned that the ACC is a 501 nonprofit that takes in dogs who are abandoned and neglected, some of them found tied to trees or trapped in houses for weeks.

For the felines, there is a TNR program where the feral cats are captured, spayed, neutered, given all shots and released in the wild where feeding stations are replenished for them daily. The domestic cats and kittens are often adopted on island, however the veterinarian assistant explained that some off island people transport stray dogs and cats back to the states where they are more easily adopted. She added that she regularly takes kittens with her when she visits home in the Northeast.

The next year, Lesley greeted us with a smile and questions of how our cat was doing. Rainy, our tiger striped boy, was one of the most fastidious cats I had ever met. He got up in the morning, washed up before breakfast, then played, napped, and repeated the wash up before cuddling into bed with one of us at night.

Although he had lived in the wild, he settled into the indoor cat life very quickly. What a treasure Rainy is still! We visited the ACC that year, gave a donation and learned how they had progressed in their development. The next year, we brought back a large and loveable pit bull for someone off island who had already adopted Marley but had not been able to do the transport.

Next we brought two kittens that were already spoken for in the Northeast. The airlines want a nonstop flight for the transport, health documentation from the veterinarian and a statement that the animal can be in

down to 25-degree weather. Connie Joseph, the extremely altruistic animal specialist who runs the ACC with other helpers, is able to guide people through the easy process as well as to explain the personalities of the various animals.

This year my sons, ages 20 and 17 and my daughter, age 11, along with dog specialist friend Henry Kanter went to the ACC for our annual visit. My children loved spending time with the cats, who wandered comfortably through four rooms and gradually increasingly comfortable with all of us humans.

We decided to take a mellow 6-month-old black lab/island mix with us this time. Our friend Henry is affiliated with an animal nonprofit in the Northeast and felt comfortable that we could get a dog adopted to the right home in a short amount of time.

Always sweet natured, she did not mind the two baths and de-ticking that I did for hours before our adventure. On the grounds of Caneel Bay, manager Nikolay Hotze was expecting Lucky and helped out with the transfer of Lucky and her large crate onto the *Lady Caneel*. Guests had heard that Lucky was on grounds and we met many dog lovers at the dock as they congregated to bid goodbye to friends.

Lucky is a hearty island dog and took the very cold weather in stride. She has played well with other dogs, never showing a moment of aggression. Literally everywhere we took Lucky, people raved about what a calm, good-natured dog we had. After two weeks of foster care in which we got to know her better, we have placed her with a loving family with three older children; the family lost their beloved older dog in the fall.

Each year, as a family on vacation, spending money on food and lodging, we are aware that just a fraction of our spending money from one day could make a huge difference to the ACC. Thinking of the wealth of many of the island's visitors, we marveled at what a difference it could make if people gave the amount of one dinner each holiday to the ACC, or perhaps more.

We thank Caneel Bay for their help with our cat Rainy and the subsequent animal transports. Most of all, we thank Connie Joseph at the ACC for being so giving and helpful. We look forward to working with the ACC in the future!

Dawn Balcazar

A True Professional

When I hear people complain about tradesmen who are undependable and unprofessional, I want to tell them about the refrigerator repairman I called when my fridge began laboring, dripping and forming ice in my bottles of juice. I'd never met Paul, but he answered my call immediately and asked me to describe what I was seeing and feeling in the fridge... where was the ice forming? Where were the drips? Was the air moving in the freezer?

He then said, "I think you can solve this problem with out my coming up there."

It sounded as if the line that carries water away from the box was frozen. He advised me to unplug the fridge for a day and let it sit with doors open to defrost — then plug it back in.

I did, and the fridge is purring like a kitten, and breathing with cold dry icy air, just the way it should.

Where else but on St. John do we find a professional like Paul?

**Sincerely,
Paula Myles**

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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

2010 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

3rd Degree Burglaries: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Grand Larcenies: 4
Under Investigation: 3
Solved: 1

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 4

November 30-December 6, 2009 continued



Food, Wine and Inner Visions Make a Great Flavors 2009 Event

Rotary Fundraiser Nets \$17,000 for Scholarships

Family Requests Second Autopsy in Westin Suicide

Extramarital Affair, Fears of Being Poisoned and a \$3 Million Estate

Less than a month after officials discovered a Massachusetts woman hanging in her St. John hotel room bathroom, the woman's family is alleging foul play.

When Joan Baruffaldi, 45, was found hanging by a bathrobe sash from the shower curtain rod in her hotel room bathroom on November 3, officials ruled the incident a suicide.

2,000+ Pounds of Debris Cleared from St. John

The 2009 International Coastal Cleanup ended November 15 leaving Love City's coastal shores and trails cleaner and St. John residents with a greater respect for their island home.



Raphalia Delores Smith Dies

December 7-13, 2009



Fortsberg Pilgrimage Marks 1733 St. John Slave Rebellion

Residents Eager for Coral Bay Development, But Cautious of Runoff

While no one spoke against the proposed Coral Bay development at a Wednesday evening, December 2, public hearing at the St. John Legislature building, several residents and St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee members expressed environmental concerns about the project.

Genevieve Marsh Thomas, president of G.E. Marsh Legacy Development and Holding Group, Inc. is requesting a major CZM permit to develop her almost five acres of property located along King Hill Road off Route 107 in Coral Bay.



Large Fleet Takes To the Seas for 28th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta



Serafina Francesca

Craig Sullivan and Suzanne Schlessinger welcomed their beautiful baby girl Serafina Francesca Sullivan into the world on September 25, 2009. At birth, Serafina weighed five pounds, five ounces and measured 18-and-a-half inches long.



Record Number of Runners Turn Out for Turkey Day 5K



Broncos Win Championship

December 14-20, 2009



GBS Wins First Dancing Classrooms Competition

It was a mad hot night at the Westin Resort and Villas on Friday, December 11, as about 40 students from all three island schools strutted their stuff in the first annual Colors of the Rainbow team match dance competition.

The contest was the culminating event of the 10-week Mad Hot St. John dance program sponsored by Pond Bay Club. An offshoot of Dancing Classrooms, the internationally renowned program created by ballroom extraordinaire Pierre Dulaine in New York in 1994, the program was launched on St. John in September.

Jamari Powell Charged with Marijuana Possession

V.I. Police Department officers arrested 19-year-old Jamari Powell of Susanaberg on Wednesday evening, December 9, outside Nature's Nook in Cruz Bay.

VIPD Investigate Cruz Bay Burglary

V.I. Police Department officials on St. John are investigating a first degree burglary that occurred Wednesday, December 9, in Cruz Bay.

The victim told police the burglary happened at about 4:30 a.m. when he awoke to see two masked men in his apartment. The 28-year-old victim told police he told the suspects to get out of his apartment but the suspects began to hit him about the body.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 4



Starfish Says "Thanks" to Community with Week-long Celebration

After overseeing more than five months of renovations, Starfish market officials threw a week-long party last week to celebrate the store's sleek new look and expanded offerings.

Wine samples and food tastings were on offer every day last week, including a December 9 turkey and ham spread that fed more than 300 people. The festivities featured many Starfish purveyors and culminated with a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 20.



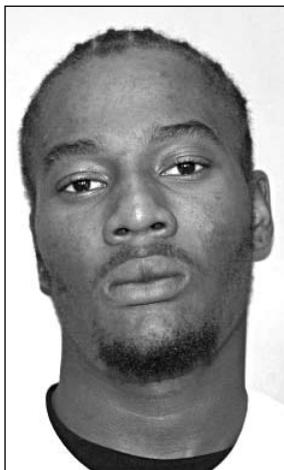
JESS Football Team Closes Perfect Season

December 21, 2009-January 3, 2010

Jury Convicts Ward of Second Degree Murder
 Jahlil Ward Convicted of Murdering Jaime Cockayne

For the second time, Jahlil Ward has been convicted in V.I. Superior Court of stabbing to death Jamie Cockayne.

A very different trial from his first ended with a slightly different verdict on Friday, December 18, with jurors finding the 22-year-old Giff Hill man guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree assault and a weapons offense.



Groovy Party Nets \$15,000 for ACC

After the last chocolate covered strawberry was eaten the final notes of Jimi Hendrix's "Kiss the Sky" died down, the Animal Care Center's Christmas for the Animals was deemed a smashing success.

The annual holiday party is one of the main fundraisers for the ACC, which cares for the island's feral cat and dog populations. This year's event was hosted on Saturday, December 12, at the beautiful Tre Vista villa in Great Cruz Bay and garnered more than \$15,000 for the non-profit organization.



St. John Police Arrest Cruise Riley and Mekel Blash for Burglary



Community Sing-Along Marks Start of Season in Coral Bay

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Employers Must Provide W-2VI Forms to Employees by February 1

Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, reminds all Virgin Islands employers that they are required to furnish Form W-2VI (U.S. Virgin Islands Wage and Tax Statement) for calendar year 2009 to every employee by February 1, 2010.

Failure to provide an employee with Form W-2VI by February 1, 2010 may be subject to a civil penalty of \$50 per form. In certain cases, criminal penalties may also apply.

Form W-2, which is used for employment in the continental United States, cannot be used for Virgin Islands employment. Form W-2VI must be used to report wages paid to every employee for work performed in the Virgin Islands during 2009, regardless of where the payroll is prepared or how long an employee worked in the Virgin Islands.

Failure to use Form W-2VI will result in processing delays and penalties. Form W-3SS (Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements) must also be used in lieu of Form W-3, which is designated for use in the continental United States. Forms W-2VI and W-3SS are available at the Bureau's offices on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix.

Watson-Anderson reminds employers that the wage information to be reported to the Bureau can be transmitted by electronic format. Questions regarding the electronic transmission format should be directed to the Computer Operations Department at 715-1040, ext. 2251.

Questions regarding Forms W-2VI and W-3SS should be directed to the Office of Chief Counsel at 714-9312 or 715-1040, ext. 2249.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Above left, Crime Stoppers USA national board member Tami Lawlor and chairman Tom Kern at the Battery. Above right, Lt. Gov. Francis, Kern and VIPD's Foy show off the birthday cake from Baked in the Sun.

Crime Stoppers USVI Celebrate First Year

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along to V.I. Police Department officials who follow up on the lead. During Crime Stoppers USVI's first year, the group received 503 tips which resulted in 75 arrests, \$53,000 worth of recovered stolen property and narcotics and 40 illegal weapons confiscated, according to Judi Fricks, chairperson of the group's board.

"Getting those guns off the streets is the biggest thing for me," said Fricks. "Those 40 fewer guns on the street probably mean 40 fewer shootings and homicides. That is huge."

Crime Stoppers USVI's success in its first year far surpassed expectations, Fricks added.

"The program exceeded every expectation we were told to expect," said Fricks. "We were told to expect three to four tips a weeks and we received almost 10 tips each week for the entire year. And we were so successful because of the support we've gotten from the community, the media and the police."

"That is the only way this can be done," Fricks said. "It's about all of us who call in tips and donate money and join as dues-paying members and the media who every week run our releases. And a very critical component of the program is law enforcement."

The local Crime Stoppers group's numbers were so impressive Crime Stoppers USA board chairman Tom Kern and national board member Tami Lawlor traveled to the territory to join in the celebration last week.

"Getting more than 500 tips in your first year really is amazing," said Kern. "That really is a great start and it's a credit to the organizers of Crime Stoppers USVI."

The existence of Crime Stoppers in the territory is due to the relentless efforts of organizers on each island, including Fricks, Corbeil and Alan Brown, who first conceived of the idea.

"Brown came to a Crime Stoppers USA conference in Texas two years ago and approached me about starting a chapter in the Virgin Islands," said Kern. "That was two years ago and he never stopped working on this."

"Alan Brown approached me about this two years ago and it was my intention to introduce him to police officers and say 'bye, bye,'" said Fricks. "Well, here I am and I'm thrilled to be here celebrating our successful first year."

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen

property, the tipster is eligible for a cash reward. To ensure anonymity, tipsters are given pin numbers after making the first call, which they use to check on the status of their tip later.

The funds for the cash rewards come from dues-paying members and donations from the community. The group is entirely volunteer with little overhead, so most of the funds collected go directly to paying cash rewards.

Memberships are \$50 for individuals, \$10 for students and \$100 for businesses and have been the lifeblood of the program, explained Fricks.

"We really wanted the average citizen to feel like they could make a difference with Crime Stoppers and their membership," said Fricks. "It was very important to have the community buy into what we were doing. We have 250 memberships across the territory and out of those 108 are from little St. John."

The small, tight-knit community of St. John makes it an ideal location for a successful Crime Stoppers program, according to VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy.

"In the beginning when Crime Stoppers first came to the VIPD, we thought it was a new tool we could use, especially on St. John," said Foy. "It's such a small community here, we heard a lot of times that someone knew what happened but didn't want to talk to the police. Now we can tell them to call Crime Stoppers and these issues are cleared up."

"The program has helped us police the police also," said Foy.

Citizens can call Crime Stoppers to report any kind of crime including corruption in government agencies and the police department.

The key to Crime Stoppers USVI's success is partnership between the citizens, police and media, explained Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis.

"We support Crime Stoppers 110 percent," said Francis. "The part that is really interesting is the community support. The key to whole thing is the partnership with the community."

Attendees sang Crimes Stoppers USVI "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed a birthday cake donated by Baked in the Sun. Crime Stoppers USVI St. John board members are Corbeil, Andy Rutnik, Karen Samuel and Gail-Ann Guy-Felix.

For more information about Crime Stoppers USVI or to donate to the group, check out the website www.crimestoppresusvi.org.

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Obituaries

Ronald J. Doherty

St. John Tradewinds

Ronald J. Doherty, 71, died in Edgewater, Florida on January 5, 2010. A private service was held for immediate family in Florida.

Ron was a longtime resident of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. He resided in St. John, VI, and Andover, New Hampshire for the last 10 years.

Ronald was born in Winthrop, MA. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a graduate of Merrimack College. He worked and retired as an owner and entrepreneur in the electronic semiconductor industry.

He loved people, and was always looking for opportunities to help others better their lives. Ron was well read and cherished the time he spent sitting and talking with family and friends. He enjoyed golf, cards, computers and discovered cooking later in life.

Ron is held in loving memory by his wife of 50 years Jean (GiGi)



Ron Doherty

Doherty; and his four children, Chip Doherty and wife René of Bethune Beach, FL, Brian Doherty and his wife Nancy of Chelmsford, MA, Lori Doherty Francis of St. John, VI, and Mark S. Doherty of St. John, VI; and grandchildren Jillian Doherty, Julie Doherty, Sean Doherty, Jonathon Doherty, Chelsea Doherty, Joseph Doherty, Aspen Moore and Lily Francis.

A memorial celebrating his life will be announced for late February early March in Coral Bay.

Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik

St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik died at his home on Beacon Hill, Boston Massachusetts, October 27, 2009. He was 96 years old. He was born November 22, 1912, in Cleveland Ohio.

He devoted his life's work to Cancer and Aids Research. He co-discovered [transfer] tRNA in 1956, helping clarify the way cells generate proteins. In 1978, he invented Antisense Therapeutics, a form of treatment for genetic and viral disorders.

His research was affiliated with Harvard University, the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research, and the Massachusetts General Hospital. He won the Presidential Medal of Science in 1991, and the Lasker Special Achievement Award in 1996. He continued to work in his laboratory until several weeks before his death.

Paul and his wife and lab partner, former Mary Connor, deceased in 2005, were married for 69 years.

They enjoyed St. John, living at Gallows Point Resort for 25 years. They called their home their secret paradise. Their favorite days were spent snorkeling off the beaches of Gallows Point. They also enjoyed motoring their zodiac, Spongecake, along the shoreline of St. John, visiting Honeymoon Beach and Lovango Cay. Most of all they loved the warm community at Gallows Point.

Paul is sadly missed by his family; Elizabeth Z. Coakley and husband Richard Coakley of Sedgwick, Maine; John P. Zamecnik and wife Elena Decima of Alta Gracia, Argentina; and Karen Z. Pierson and husband John Pierson of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren; Gabriel Coakley, Aran Coakley, Natasha Zamecnik, Alexandra Zamecnik, Eliza Pierson, Katherine Pierson and Isabella Pierson; and two great-granddaughters, Freya Pierson Grant and Clara Matilde Goodliffe.

There will be a memorial celebration of Paul and Mary's lives in the late spring.

St. John Police Report

Friday, January 15

No time given - A citizen r/ a parking situation at St. John School of the Arts. Unfounded.

11:34 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ receiving harassing telephone calls.

Saturday, January 16

1:13 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, January 17

12:05 p.m. - A citizen r/ seeing a male who appeared to be intoxicated operate a boat. Police assistance.

12:34 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that someone hit her vehicle and kept driving. Hit and run.

3:50 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ a recovered weapon. Recovered firearm.

6:32 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

6:04 p.m. - A citizen r/ a pole fire in the area of Round Bay on the East End. Police assistance.

7:44 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ damage to her property. Destruction of property.

Monday, January 18

4:25 a.m. - The owner of Wharfside Village r/ that he received a phone call indicating that a former tenant, one Coby Cooper, was breaking into an office in the area of Balcony Restaurant. Burglary in the third.

4:49 a.m. - A resident r/ that there is possibly someone inside the property he care takes in Estate Pastory. Burglary in the third.

8:02 a.m. - Central Dispatch r/ a house fire in the area of Estate Fish Bay. Destruction of property, D.V.

10:00 a.m. - Unit 403 P and 403 W p/ with one

Mark Wallace under arrest and charged with destruction of property, D.V.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of Chocolate Hole. Police assistance.

Tuesday, January 19

12:23 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on South Shore Road. Auto accident.

No time given - Badge #1099 p/ with one John Doe placed under arrest and charged with D.U.I. Bail was set at \$3,000 by order of the court.

8:10 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she is being harassed by another female. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:11 a.m. - A Jacob's Ladder resident p/r that someone removed her vehicle without permission. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

No time given - An Estate Contant resident c/r someone unknown cut her water pump pipe. Destruction of property.

3:12 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ being harassed by a male. Harassment.

9:42 p.m. - A citizen r/ power lines down in the area of Estate Enighed. Police assistance.

10:00 p.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident r/ that someone cut her gas line. Destruction of property.

Wednesday, January 20

5:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of The Marketplace. Auto accident.

Thursday, January 21

9:45 a.m. - A citizen r/ that he lost his license. Lost documents.

8:50 a.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident c/r a male creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community to help to solve the following crimes. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

V.I. Police Department officials are requesting the community's help in identifying the burglar of a residence that occurred on January 11 at 7:15 p.m. at a villa in Maho Bay. The suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door and stole a black purse with a lizard finish that contained three credit cards, a driver's license, and \$700 cash. The minimum reward for an arrest is \$714.

St. Thomas

VIPD need additional information to identify the killer(s) of a male who was shot to death in the area of PMP basketball court on December 19, 2009 at about 5:40 a.m. Please help police identify the killer(s). The minimum reward for an arrest is

\$1,250.

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 your message to CRIMES (274637).

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report that in the first half of January we received 23 new tips, several of which should result in arrests. Thank you to the community for making the USVI a better place to live, work, and raise a family. To donate to the rewards fund, please visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org and become a dues-paying member.

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.

Wednesday, January 27

— The V.I. Senate Committee on Health will convene a hearing at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Wednesday, January 27, at several times during the day to discuss services available on the island of St. John at the Morris DeCastro Clinic and to hear testimony on several pertinent health related bills.

— The next Friends of the Library seminar is Wednesday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the library. The seminar will focus on St. John seniors and specifically the college application process.

Thursday, January 28

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

— “Crowns,” a Gospel Musical about the story of six African American women, will open at Pistarckle Theater on January 28.

— The Department of Human Services will host public hearings to discuss the new rules and regulations for administering child-care facilities across the territory. On St. John the meeting will be on Thursday, January 28, at St. Ursula’s Senior Citizens’ Center in Cruz Bay, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, January 29

Friends of the Elaine I Sprauve Library’s Annual Meeting is on Friday, January 29, at 5 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.

February, February 11

St. John School of the Arts presents Julian Gargiulo in concert on Thursday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Celebrate Valentine’s Day by re-affirming love and commitment at the eight annual free marriage vow renewal with Love City’s minister Anne Marie Porter. The ceremony will be on Sunday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay beach.

Saturday, March 13

Giff Hill School’s 24th annual Dinner Auction will be Saturday, March 13, at the Westin Resort.

Saturday, April 10

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

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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A PUZZLE 4 U

ACROSS

- 1 Mini-plateau
- 5 Capital of the Bahamas
- 11 Winfrey of TV talk
- 16 Slalom path
- 19 Nerve cell appendage
- 20 Collaborator with Marx
- 21 Sports site
- 22 Wish to undo
- 23 Hilarious
- 26 Hitting stat
- 27 Fixes firmly
- 28 Crew tool
- 29 “My stars!”
- 31 Urban trains
- 32 Phrase on U.S. money
- 37 Give help to
- 40 Ocean east of N. Car.
- 42 — epic scale
- 43 Ominous March day
- 44 Low-altitude sky formation
- 52 Engage in employee recruiting
- 53 Get weary
- 54 Rodeo gear
- 58 Irritate
- 59 Tie up
- 60 Prefix with byte
- 63 Not Dem.
- 64 Spread out ungracefully
- 66 Aficionado of the arts
- 69 Water under the draw-bridge
- 70 Way yonder
- 72 Eligible to be drafted
- 73 Laos’ home
- 74 Natl. population-counting agcy.
- 79 Sadat’s predecessor

- 81 Minn.-to-Miss. dir.
- 82 Other, in Orizaba
- 83 Expression
- 84 Desert plants
- 85 Pronoun for two genders
- 87 — B’rith (Jewish group)
- 88 Having a center, as a cell
- 91 New Mexico’s largest newspaper
- 96 City haze
- 99 Test centers
- 100 Cow’s call
- 101 Infiltrator
- 102 “Stop talking and start doing!”
- 107 Type widths
- 110 “So long, mon ami”
- 111 Copy Q-Tip
- 112 City near San Jose
- 117 TV’s “— Sharkey”
- 118 Umberto Eco novel
- 124 “— for Evidence” (Sue Grafton novel)
- 125 Melted together
- 126 Boys, in Spain
- 127 Give the ax
- 128 Espy
- 129 Defer (to)
- 130 Trig function
- 131 Number of times the letter “U” appears in each of this puzzle’s eight longest answers

DOWN

- 1 Country in Africa
- 2 Final, e.g.
- 3 Won ton —
- 4 Point of view
- 5 Bright lights
- 6 Some kind of —

- 7 Military offs.
- 8 Salt, in Arles
- 9 Throw for —
- 10 Regular
- 11 Big bungler
- 12 MetLife rival, briefly
- 13 Cartoon dog
- 14 Abby’s twin
- 15 President after Grant
- 16 Small chore
- 17 Vanquish
- 18 Earthquakes
- 24 Actor Linden
- 25 R&B group — Hill
- 30 Painter Reni
- 32 Stately tree
- 33 Pinkish red
- 34 Exec’s mag
- 35 Florida’s — Harbour
- 36 Party game
- 37 Cigar waste
- 38 Suffix with Manhattan
- 39 Acceleration contests
- 40 Facial woe
- 41 Mild reproof
- 45 Price to run a promo
- 46 Defreeze
- 47 Endure longer than
- 48 Elec. or gas
- 49 Bits of fluff
- 50 Pakistani language
- 51 River of Russia
- 55 Some old Germans
- 56 Chilling
- 57 Harpoon
- 59 Lomita, to L.A.
- 60 Option list
- 61 Cain’s raiser
- 62 Camel’s kin
- 64 Push down, informally
- 65 Outlaw-hunting band
- 66 Jose’s house

- 67 Be a drifter
- 68 Food critic in action
- 71 Pelt
- 75 Yule song
- 76 — Reader (magazine title)
- 77 Hindmost
- 78 Actor La Salle
- 80 Human rights org.
- 84 Stephen King novel
- 86 Netherlands city, with “The”
- 87 Shrub
- 88 Prefix with natal or noir
- 89 Strike lightly
- 90 Ron of “Tarzan”
- 92 Slo- — fuse
- 93 79-Across’s fed.
- 94 Sackable NFLers
- 95 “Yer out!” shouter
- 96 Empty spots
- 97 Kid’s slimy “dessert”
- 98 Indolent
- 103 Bloated
- 104 Land south of Braz.
- 105 Sprinkled-on powders
- 106 Pick — tab
- 107 — & Young
- 108 Teed off
- 109 Cram full
- 112 Boxers’ safety org.?
- 113 Untold eras
- 114 Grab bag
- 115 Wise guide
- 116 Part of 80-Down: Abbr.
- 119 “Yes, Yves”
- 120 Avail
- 121 Toon frame
- 122 Count up
- 123 “— ‘em!” (“Attack!”)

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STJ. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard	St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Every 3rd Sunday: Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306
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New Island Map Debuted



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Denise Barbier and Jen Knowles-Donnelly celebrated the launch of their new Island Treasure map with a soiree at Ocean Grill in Mongoose Junction on Thursday afternoon, January 14. The Island Treasure map is available for free at points across St. John and includes coupons and interactive riddles to answer. Anyone who answers all of the riddles and questions will be able to enter for a chance to win a trip back to St. John.

Coral Bay Triangle Gets A Few More Signs



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The Coral Bay Triangle is looking spiffed up lately. Moravian Church officials removed the collection of signs that had previously adorned the iconic corner in Coral Bay months ago. The new signage has been a collective effort between Coral Bay business owners and Moravian Church officials, who own the property. While the updated corner signs have been welcome by many, some residents still lament the changing times on the traditionally quiet eastern side of Love City.

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"Lovango Love Shack" is an intimate beachfront hide-away elegantly furnished and outfitted with top of the line appliances, including a whirlpool spa. This self contained paradise features all modern utilities and amenities in an open style floor plan just steps from the palm studded white sand beach, with private dock (use and maintenance shared with a few nearby neighbors). This is what real island living is all about! **\$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**



"Casa Del Palmas" - Completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access on quiet dead end road, paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees and colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. The spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with pool. **\$650,000**



"Battery Hill Condos" - Two lovely ground floor 2-bedroom units with spacious, private sun decks and delightful water views. Tastefully furnished and completely air-conditioned, these units are walking distance to town and Frank Bay Beach. Just steps away from both the spacious pool deck amid tropical landscaping and the ample parking area. Excellent short term rentals. A perfect opportunity to have your vacation condo and rent it while you are away. **\$550,000 & \$795,000**



"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**



"Snail's Pace" - "Cute As A Button" describes this cottage perfectly. Fronted by a white picket fence, this cozy studio home has all new cabinets, furniture, bath, paint, pumps, tropical landscaping, paved access and walking distance from Reef Bay beach. Includes 1996 Jeep Wagoneer and furniture. List price is below appraisal. The flat lot is a gardener's delight. Walk to Reef Bay Beach. **\$499,000**



"Palm Terrace Villas" - Four of the newest and most spacious condos to be found on St. John. New construction finished in 2005, beautiful views, sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom is over 1700 sq. ft. and the three bedroom penthouse units are over 2100 sq.ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$975,000 to \$1,399,000**

"THE SHOPS AT COCOLOBA" - This is an exciting new shopping complex on the water's edge in Coral Bay. "Turnkey" operation with over 10,000 total square feet with room to expand under W-1 zoning guidelines. 125 KW generator, waste water treatment plant, drip irrigation system, plenty of parking, excellent occupancy, plus over 400 feet of water-frontage. **\$3,900,000.**

"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**



"Cruz Views" unit 7 is a very popular rental, featuring beautiful views to St. Thomas and sunsets, proximity to the pool and sundeck, and walk to town. This unique air-conditioned corner unit has been recently refurbished including new tile floors, mahogany cabinets, furniture and bath. Lush, tropical landscaping adds the perfect touch. **\$599,000**

Best Deals: Seagrape Hill - **\$95,000 & \$99,000**, "Bella Vista" - 4 bedrooms with terrific views to the BVI for only **\$850**, Estate Bethany - building lot with views over the Westin just reduced to **\$99,000**, One acre on Bordeaux with terrific down island views - motivated seller - **make an offer**, Beautiful lot at Calabash Boom with views up the Sir Francis Drake Channel now just **\$199,000**. Three new land listings at Estate Pastory with nice sunset views starting at **\$200,000**.

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CBR HOME LISTINGS

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

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

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

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

AURORA - Luxurious 4 bd/4 bath 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.

VILLAROMANCE - 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 great room, ample room for expansion. \$1,595,000.

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