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The End of an Era

The Maho Bay Campground property sold for \$13.95 million last week, spelling the end for the popular and long-running eco-resort on the North Shore of St. John.

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DOH Set To Fog for Mosquitoes Jan. 17

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The Department of Health will begin fogging of neighborhoods next week to decrease the population of nuisance mosquitoes.

Cruz Bay and Coral Bay are set to be fogged between 6 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 17.

DOH officials cautioned those with compromised immune systems to stay indoors and close windows at the time that fogging is being conducted.

Fogging will be conducted in addition to other mosquito abatement efforts like Larviciding, which involves the treatment of water sources that hold mosquito eggs, or Larvae, to kill off the immature mosquito before it becomes a flying mosquito, explained DOH Commissioner Darice Plaskett.

This method of mosquito abatement was chosen because it is deemed more environmentally friendly and more effective in controlling Aedes mosquitoes, Plaskett added.

Dengue Fever is caused by a virus transmitted by the female Aedes Aegypti mosquito. These mosquitoes lie in and around houses and buildings and are active during the daytime. They lay eggs around where people live in containers that hold water. These include old tires, plant containers, empty drums and even food containers for animals.

Fogging helps to kill off the increase in mosquito population that normally comes with heavy rains but residents are reminded that fogging by itself does not effectively reduce the risk of Dengue transmission.

The Health Commissioner reminds residents of steps that they can take to effectively protect themselves and their families from the Dengue virus:

- Avoid mosquito bites by closing windows and doors without screens; repair or install screens;

- Wear clothing that protect from mosquito bites (long sleeves, long pants, closed shoes, hats);
- Apply insect repellent only to exposed skin or clothing, follow product instructions carefully. Do not use repellents on babies less than two months of age;
- Protect infants: cover cribs, strollers and baby carriers with cotton mosquito netting at all times, day and night, both inside and outside of your home. Dress babies in loose cotton clothing that covers arms and legs;
- Empty water out of old drums, tires, plants in water, plastic containers, and other items that are not being used. Turn outdoor containers upside down when not in use to prevent water collection or drain them weekly;
- Make sure cisterns are tightly covered so that mosquitoes cannot get inside and lay eggs;
- Place fish in stored or standing water that cannot be drained or emptied easily. Small fish eat mosquito larvae; and
- Repair broken septic tanks and cover vent pipes with wire mesh.

Residents can help by contacting DOH's Environmental Health Division at (340) 715-5111 to report standing pools of water near their homes and in their communities that cannot be emptied by residents and that may benefit from larviciding.

Plaskett also reminded healthcare providers that dengue is reportable by law and that all suspected cases must be reported to the Health Department using the VI Notifiable Disease Form and submitted via confidential fax at 713-1508. Copies of the form, which have been distributed to health care providers, can also be found on the home page of www.healthvi.org under Forms and Applications.

SJHS Monthly Meeting Set for Jan. 8

The St. John Historical Society will explore the history of Hassel Island at its monthly presentation on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

St. Thomas Historical Trust Hassel Island Task Force Chairman Charles Consolvo will discuss the trust's efforts to preserve the historic island in Charlotte Amalie's harbor.

Consolvo's presentation will be followed by an exclusive screening of a new 25-minute video on the history of Hassel Island, created by renowned local videographer Erik Miles. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

St. John Animal Care Center's Annual Membership Meeting Set for January 9

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

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

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

SJHS Touring Hassel Island Januray 12

On Saturday, January 12, St. John Historical Society members are invited to a three-hour tour of historic Hassel Island led by Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg of the VI. National Park.

She will guide hikers through the Creque Marine Railway, the leprosarium, Fort Shipley, the officers' quarters, Hazzel Cemetery, and Careening Cove. The hike will continue on to Fort Willoughby.

Hikers will be transported from Frenchtown to Hassel Island by SeaTow for a cost of \$6 per person round trip, departing at 9 a.m. and returning to St. Thomas no later than 2 p.m. Members interested in attending should email Robin Swank at robinlynnswank@gmail.com. To sign up to become a member of SJHS for just \$20, visit www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org.

STJ Film Society Kicking Off Season with "Once Upon An Island" Jan. 15

The St. John Film Society kicks off its 2013 season with its premiere film on Tuesday, January 15.

"Once Upon an Island," is an 80-minute documentary film directed by Briar March about the rising sea levels associated with climate change and islanders will be very interested to learn about this important topic.

The January 15 screening takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts. Local climate change subject experts will be in attendance and there will be a prize raffle. St. John Film Society screenings are free to the public. For more information visit www.stjohnfilm.com.



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Maho Bay Campground's wooden walkways, left, will remain on the property — at least for now — but reports are the property will become a family compound. Little Maho beach, above (to the left of the campsites).

Maho Bay Campground Land Officially Sold for \$13.95 Million

Campground Operations Closing May 15 To Vacate Land by End of June

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

"The end of Eden," is how one Maho Bay Campground fan explained the news which spread across St. John last week.

After more than 36 years in operation, Maho Bay Campground will officially close this year. The 13.8-acre North Shore Road property upon which the campground sits was sold on December 27, 2012, for \$13.95 million to Maho Bay Camps LLC.

Campground officials emailed a notice to Maho Bay Newsletter subscribers on Tuesday, January 1, sharing the sad news.

"We have just discovered that the property which Maho Bay Camps sits upon has officially been sold," the newsletter read. "The only information that has been released, is that a direct sale to an unknown buyer took place on 12/27/2012 for \$13,950,000. No one is releasing any more details."

"We do not know who they are or their intentions," according to last week's Maho Bay Campground newsletter. "All we know is that we are only taking reservations until we close on May 15, 2013. We will continue to update you as we find out more."

And details about the new

property owner remained unclear last week with hopeful rumors circulating that the buyer was an "environmentally-oriented" rich individual who planned to build a single family compound, according to Maho Bay Campground owner Stanley Selengut.

"We haven't really the vaguest idea of who the buyer is," Selengut said last week from his Florida home. "The rumor is that it is a wealthy, environmentally-oriented person who is going to build a single family estate. What we know is that my lease is over; that Maho is closing."

Selengut signed the lease for the 13.8-acre property located on a hillside between Francis and Maho Bay beaches in 1974. He opened the first 18 tents, of what would eventually become a 114-unit pioneering eco-resort, in 1976.

The concept was basic — provide simple accommodations while keeping people close to stunningly beautiful nature — but just about unheard of at the time. The idea proved popular, however, and today Selengut is widely considered the grandfather of eco-tourism.

"Maho has been phenomenal," said Selengut. "It's almost been like a miracle. It started with like 18 units and the concept was to keep people off the ground in ac-

commodations that were simple, but comfortable and close to nature. It was successful from the minute it opened and it grew so successfully."

"It really stimulated a lot of change in how people address building on sensitive land," he said. "It's been a great run for me."

Maho Bay Campground's successful growth also impacted St. John. With 114 units and an additional 12 studio accommodations at Harmony Studios, the loss of Maho Bay Campground's estimated 12,000 annual visitors will surely be felt throughout the island.

"The economic ramifications on the island will be huge," said Selengut. "We handle about 12,000 guests a year. That's 12,000 round-trip ferry rides and taxi rides, restaurant guests and more. Also consider the things that we buy on island and all of our employees and this is really going to have a major, major impact."

With Maho Bay Campground being one of the few affordable accommodations to be found on St. John, the loss of those rooms will not necessarily be filled elsewhere on Love City, explained Selengut.

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— Stanley Selengut,
Maho Bay Campground founder/owner

2012 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

**MONTH:
DECEMBER**
2.11 inches

DEC. AVERAGE
3.91 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D
35.87 Inches

Y-T-D AVERAGE
48.43 Inches

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FitzGerald, second from right, should be on island in March to assume the position of VINP Superintendent.

Brion FitzGerald Named New VINP Superintendent

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

National Park Service officials last week announced that Brion FitzGerald will take over as V.I. National Park Superintendent this year.

Former VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove retired in August 2012 and since then Deputy VINP Superintendent Mike Anderson has been Acting VINP Superintendent.

Anderson will continue in that position until FitzGerald officially takes over the post in March, at which point Anderson will continue as VINP Deputy Superintendent.

While NPS officials made the announcement internally, there was no official press release from NPS as of press time last week.

"The selection was made and was announced to staff," said Anderson. "The NPS Regional public information officer will put out an announcement for the public, but I haven't seen it yet. Being in the middle of the holidays, it may take a few more days before we hear something."

Anderson will keep FitzGerald up to date on all VINP happenings until he arrives on island the first week of March.

"I will be Acting Superintendent until Brion arrives the first week of March," said Anderson. "I will continue overseeing park operations while consulting with him. We'll keep him posted on what's going on in the park and so forth."

FitzGerald is currently Deputy Superintendent and Chief Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, where he has been employed for the last 18 years, according to information from NPS.

FitzGerald could not be reached for comment last week.

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VINP Accepting Public Comments on Action To Make Park Smoke Free

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument officials are considering adopting a smoking ban and the public has two weeks to have their voices heard on the matter.

VINP officials are considering prohibiting smoking and tobacco use on all VINP beaches, pavilions and inside restroom facilities. If adopted, the action will be included in the 2013 VINP Compendium, which will be issued this month, explained VINP Acting Superintendent Mike Anderson.

"We wanted to give the public an opportunity to comment on this proposed action," said Anderson, who will serve as VINP Acting Superintendent until Brion FitzGerald takes over the post in March. "Once we review the comments, the 2013 Park Compendium, which will be completed this month, will contain guidance on visitor use for smoke-free beaches."

VINP officials plan to install cigarette disposal containers at heavily used areas like Trunk Bay, with signs announcing the Smoke Free area, Anderson explained.

If adopted, VINP, with its sensitive marine environment, will become one of the first National Park Service beaches to ban smoking, the Acting VINP Superintendent added.

"As far as I know, we'll be one of the first parks to do this and I think with our situation with the marine environment, the sea turtles, our abundance of shore birds and marine animals, we need to mitigate the risk of wildlife choking on cigarette butts and becoming sick or poisoned by the accumulation of cigarettes," said Anderson.

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— Mike Anderson, Acting VINP Superintendent

"This is a really preventable impact to park resources that is going to be good for the children who may be playing on the beach, good for the marine life and certainly good for the water quality in the park," Anderson said.

Smoking and smoking debris poses a second hand smoke hazard to all park visitors and constitutes a general safety and sanitation hazard to small children playing in the sand, according to a prepared statement by VINP.

The accumulation of toxic cigarette butts and other tobacco by-products directly onto VINP beaches is a preventable hazard to park marine life, according to the statement.

Birds and marine animals can ingest cigarette butts leading to choking, poisoning, and or death. The plastic and toxic chemicals found in cigarette butts leach into the marine environment leading to the bioaccumulation of toxins in the marine environment.

Cigarette filters are made from cellulose acetate, a plastic that breaks down into smaller pieces over time. Research has shown every littered cigarette butt can take from two to 25 years to breakdown as toxic chemical compounds con-

tinuously leach into the environment, according to information from VINP.

If adopted, VINP beaches will be posted with "Smoke Free Beaches" signs along with cigarette disposal receptacles in heavy visitor use areas. Smoking will be allowed in other areas of VINP, excluding areas specifically designated in the Park Compendium.

The proposed rule is expected to also enhance visitor experiences especially at Trunk Bay where hundreds of cruise ship passengers enjoy the VINP daily, according to VINP information.

The purpose of the park compendium is to provide the public and park employees with a document that lists the special designations, closures, public use limits, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent, according to information from VINP.

The Superintendent's authority to implement these provisions is found in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1.5(a). The compendium is available to the public upon request. The compendium will be reviewed and up-

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TOP Buddha Garden's meditative theme and serenity of the owner, Jay, and his wife, Yelena.

MIDDLE Buddha Garden's custom-made lotus flower and lotus statue on the roofline.

BOTTOM Buddha Garden's owner Jay Hetherly and Yelena Rogers on the terrace.

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St. John Magazine's article "Buddha Garden" is written by Jaime Elliott and photographed by Yelena Rogers.

New Issue of *St. John Magazine* Continues Tradition of Excellence

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The latest issue of St. John Magazine hit newsstands across the island last week to great acclaim from readers, advertisers and subjects alike.

This seventh issue of Addy Award-winning magazine, published by MaLinda Media covers topics ranging from the Cruz Bay local eatery Sogos to a history of the island's ghuts.

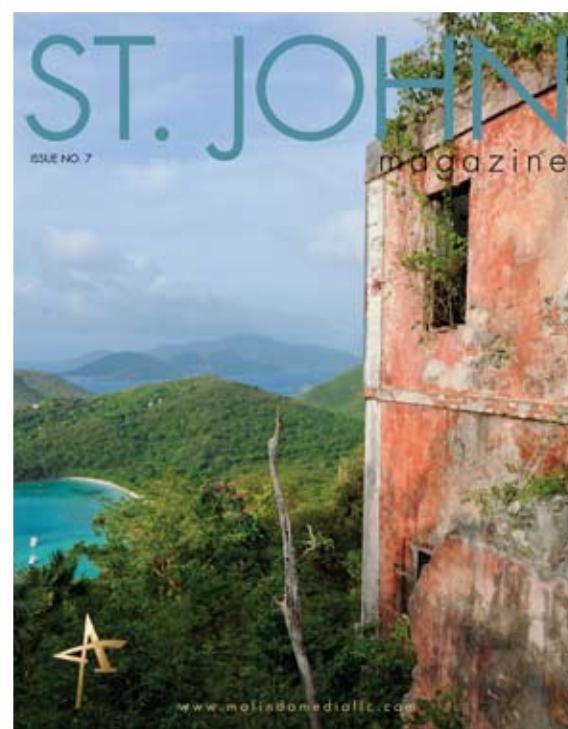
The over-sized glossy publication also tells the story of Estate Concordia, the recent paddle board craze and Coral Bay's tall ship Silver Cloud and its owner Elliot Hooper among its future articles.

The pages include stunning images from some of the most talented local photographers. The renowned Steve Simonsen's aerial photos of St. John in "A View from Above" will have readers flying in the clouds, while part-time resident photographer Fernando Ramos captures the action of paddle boarders and Giff Hill School graduate Tristan Ewald captures the mysterious beauty of the island's colonial era ruins.

Nature lovers will take a kayak trip with writer Andrea Milam, learn about the island's crabs from Rafe Boulon and experience the attractions of environmentally friendly Estate Concordia with writer Mauri Elbel.

Art adorers will spend some time in Donald Schenell's studio as the ceramic artist creates the studio's iconic sconces and signature platters and learn about painter Denise Wright's inspirations for her captivating abstract canvases.

"This year's feature articles are stories that will inspire, education, intrigue and ground readers — pro-



St. John Magazine 2013 Cover: America Hill photographed by Tristan Ewald.

viding an understanding of the island's rich history, local people, fascinating tales, island life, our ever-caring community and featuring its most famous and breathtaking landscapes and seascapes," wrote Publisher MaLinda Nelson in this issue's Letter from the

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CBCC Marine Uses Planning Meeting for Phase Two Set for January 15 at GBS

St. John Tradewinds

One of the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project: Phase 2 activities will be to develop a community-based Marine Uses Plan for Coral Bay's waters and shoreline.

As has been long rumored, there are two proposals for marinas in Coral Harbor in their early stages of concept development, although it will take many years for the planning and permitting processes to play out.

Want to have a say in how Coral Bay's beautiful blue waters are used and enjoyed? Join the Planning Team!

The second Marine Uses Planning meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 6 at Guy Benjamin School. After a general discussion of progress to date, the group will break into four small groups to discuss key issues identified at the first meeting: short-term public boating access issues like boat ramp, parking, dinghy docks; marina planning; water quality issues; and moorings and anchorage planning.

The Marine Uses Plan will be developed by residents and stakeholders in the community, in conjunction with federal and territorial government representatives knowledgeable about environmental, economic and regulatory concerns.

It is part of the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project Phase 2, being coordinated by the Coral Bay Community Council. Everyone in Coral Bay is encouraged to participate. More information about the overall project can be found at the CBCC website at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

Rafe Boulon, photographed in uniform in 2009, retired from the VINP at the end of December.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo File



VINP Chief of Resource Management Retires

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Growing up on the shoreline of Trunk Bay, there was never any question that Rafe Boulon would spend his life working to protect local marine resources.

After a storied career spanning 18 years with the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Fish and Wildlife and another 14 years at V.I. National Park, Boulon retired late last year.

December 28 was Boulon's last official day serving as VINP's Chief of Resource Management. Looking back over his career, Boulon, 60, was most proud of the land he helped to acquire for VINP.

"What has brought me the most satisfaction has been my land acquisition work," said Boulon. "From Maho Bay Estate to Nanny Point, Beverhoudstberg and several different parcels at Hawksnest, in the time that I have worked with the park, the land area has been increased by 8 percent."

"That is a significant amount," Boulon said. "I don't think the park is going to get much bigger; the rest of the land is either too highly priced or developed."

Another area of particular accomplishment for Boulon was helping to create a successful Storm Mooring Program in Hurricane Hole, he explained.

"Another thing that I've been really proud of is the Hurricane Hole Storm Mooring program, which was something that I wanted to do back with DPNR in Benner Bay," said Boulon. "We could never find the funding or the political will

to do it on St Thomas. But when the water part of Hurricane Hole became a national monument, we had the opportunity to protect the resources there."

Boulon's work in the Hurricane Hole area dates back to the mid-1980s, he added.

"My history with Hurricane Hole goes back to the mid-80s when I did a three-year habitat study in the area," said the VINP's former Chief of Resource Management. "Hurricane Hole is one of the most pristine and valuable habitats for juvenile fish in the entire Virgin Islands. It's a super important area and the basis for it is the mangroves."

"The prop roots and the rest of it — the clean water and the low disturbance — we wanted to do that to make sure we maintain the area," he said.

As a native St. Johnian and one time boat owner, Boulon also knew just how important the area is as a safe haven for vessels during storms.

"I knew it was also such an important hurricane refuge area for local boaters as well," he said.

With both his local knowledge and relationships with residents, Boulon was able to keep boaters happy while making sure the area was protected.

"We walked that fine line between use and conservation which you are always walking," he said. "You are always looking for that balance between use and protection. That is what resource management is all about; trying to find ways people can use and experi-

ence an area and protect the resources."

While Boulon will not be the VINP's Chief of Resource Management next hurricane season, he has agreed to help make sure use of Hurricane Hole continues to go smoothly.

And that is not the only post Boulon will be responsible for in the future. He already sits on St. John Historical Society's board of directors and he recently accepted an offer to join Friends of V.I. National Park's board of directors as well.

Retirement will also give Boulon a chance to visit his grandchildren — he has one in California and two more on the way — and plan more trips on his beloved motorcycle. Boulon also has plenty of house projects on tap at Wind Swept, his Trunk Bay home, and plans to compile his family's history.

"I want to write a book about growing up on St. John and share some of my memories and pictures from our family," said Boulon. "I'm hoping to have time to do all the things that I didn't have time for when I was working full time."

In Boulon's absence, VINP Resource Manager Thomas Kelley has been appointed Acting VINP Chief of Resource Management, at least for now, explained VINP Acting Superintendent Mike Anderson.

"Thomas is in the post now and we'll rotate that responsibility at a future date to other staff members," said Anderson.

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Support St. John Public Schools and Celebrate Democracy at “Or More” Party January 21

By Jaime Elliott
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Determined to improve resources at the island's public schools, Ronnie and Pat Lee are hosting an “Or More” Party to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the inauguration of President Barack Obama on Monday, January 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at their Chocolate Hole area home.

The soiree is a non-political gathering to celebrate democracy and to raise funds to purchase computers for the Cruz Bay public elementary and middle school Julius E. Sprauve School as well as the Coral Bay public elementary school Guy Benjamin School.

The Lees are hoping to raise at least enough money to purchase 75 computers for the two St. John public schools. Attendees are asked to RSVP to ronaldslee@att.net and the party will be capped at 80 guests.

The minimum contribution is \$50 per person, “Or More,” explained Ronnie Lee.

“If we raise more money, then we'll be able to buy even more computers,” he said.

Food and refreshments will be contributed by the Lees and all of the money raised will be used to purchase computers for the schools, Ronnie Lee explained.

“Pat and I are, in large part, the product of public school educations,” he said. “With Julius E. Sprauve and Guy Benjamin Schools serving more than 80 percent of the St. John children, we strongly believe that more attention and private funding needs to be provided for our long-term island residents in order to eventually improve their opportunities for higher education and the possibility of a better standard of living.”

Lee is no new-comer to fundraising. He is an integral part of the annual St. John School of the Arts’ successful Broadway Comes to St. John fundraiser and he secured enough funding last year to purchase a van for JESS, he explained.

“Pat and I usually attend the JESS Fundraising Gala each year, but last year we were not here when it was hosted,” said Ronnie Lee. “We still wanted to do

something for the school so I went to speak with [JESS Principal] Ms. Wells and [former JESS Vice Principal] Ms. Dalmida and said ‘What would you like to have for the school?’”

“She told me that whenever there is a sporting event, they have to beg for a ride from other schools or some other entity,” he said.

Ronnie Lee was happy to help with the van project; for which he was able to get 15 people to pledge \$1,000 each which was matched by the JESS Parent, Teacher and Student Association. Now, he is excited to make an even bigger impact for students, Ronnie Lee explained.

“Although a school transportation van may be a small symbolic gesture, computers for at least 75 students would be an important and significant addition to the chemistry of education,” he said. “We hope our small fundraiser on January 21 can make a big difference in the educational opportunities of our island children in the future.”

For more event details email the Lees at ronaldslee@att.net.



Tradewinds News Photo by Bill Stelzer

City-based Jazz pianist Garry Dial and SJSAs vocal instructor Luba Dologopolsky wowed the crowd.

Standing Room Only at SJSAs Concert

St. John Tradewinds

It was standing room only on Friday night, January 4, as St. John School of the Arts kicked off its Sis Frank Concert Series.

The night featured New York City-based Jazz pianist Garry Dial with SJSAs vocal instructor Luba Dologopolsky performing an exciting Jazz lineup.

“The turn-out was an amazing tribute to the memory of Sis Frank, a co-founder of the school,” said SJSAs board of directors member Ronnie Lee. “She’s probably watching from that great Carnegie Hall in the sky, beaming with pride to know that delightful music filled the air in Cruz Bay and that the

performers played to a packed house.”

There are three more concerts scheduled as part of the Sis Frank Concert Series. The Ahn Trio will play on Friday, January 25, SJSAs Faculty will take the stage on Friday, March 29, and New York Empire Trio will perform on Friday, April 12.

With such a great turnout for the first concert in the series, SJSAs officials expect only a limited number of seats to be available for the remainder of the shows. Residents are encouraged to purchase their tickets early.

For more information about the concerts or to buy tickets, \$30 each, call SJSAs at 779-4322.

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Earth Journal: “Once Upon a Mattress”

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My name is Mariah Scheer, and I am a Senior at Giffit Hill School on St. John.

Since the age of 10, I have acted in nine theater performances on the island and at The New England Youth Theatre in Vermont. My first three theater productions were with the Epiphany Theater Company and the St. John School of the Arts. The last six productions were with The New England Youth Theater (NEYT) company from Brattleboro, Vermont.

This company, made up of professional teachers and performers and directed by Stephen Stearns, visits St. John every January and April to put on a full melodrama show in just a few weeks with a group of Giffit Hill School students during our minimester classes.

During each annual two-week minimester, I’ve learned skills necessary to perform in front of a large audience. Also I have developed my voice and acting skills through techniques that Stearns and the NEYT family teach.

There is no better feeling than getting ready to perform on stage. The mix of emotions that one has to deal with is eventually overcome by the amount of confidence from the time and effort one has put in to the show.

I love the feeling of performing and actually having the mind of the character I am portraying. Acting has opened up new windows for me to grow as a person and

become who I am today, a fearless and confident actress and human being. With this being my last year to perform in the GHS theater production, I plan to continue to act in plays during college.

For this year’s theater performance, my peers and I am excited to be performing “Once Upon A Mattress,” a musical retelling of “The Princess and The Pea.” I will be playing the overly comedic and overbearing Queen Aggravain. I hope you can come support me and my fellow students in this funny, engaging play.

The performance dates are Friday, January 11, at 7 p.m. and January 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. And for those of you who are interested, there is a limited-seating farm to table tasting prior to the opening night show.

As the culmination of another minimester program, a collaboration between the EARTH Program, Culinary Arts Class students and Chef Mathayom Vacharat will create delicious, locally grown tasters for you to enjoy.

You will hear from the student chefs about their experience of growing, harvesting and cooking these yummy creations.

This limited capacity tasting will be followed by the opening of “Once Upon a Mattress.” Tasting guests will enjoy reserved VIP seating for the performance and ticket cost is \$75 per person. To RSVP email mollymurriel@giffthillschool.org.

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SJFS Screening "There Once Was an Island" January 15 at St. John School of the Arts

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The St. John Film Society has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant and a Virgin Islands Council on the Arts grant for the 2013 season.

The grants will allow the group to present a robust season of thought-provoking, entertaining films and visiting filmmakers. Please join St. John Film Society in kicking off the season with its January 15 premiere, and stay tuned for more 2013 program details!

"There Once was an Island," an 80-minute documentary released in 2010 and directed by Briar March, will be screened on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

The documentary tells the story of some the world's first climate change refugees, a unique Pacific island community which considers leaving their homeland forever to escape life-threatening sea level rise.

"There Once Was an Island," presents the human face of climate change, challenging audiences everywhere to consider their relationship to the earth and to their neighbors.

What if this community had to decide whether to leave its homeland forever and there was no apparent help available?

This is the reality for the culturally unique Polynesian community of Takuu, a tiny, low-lying Pacific Ocean atoll within Papau New Guinea. As a tidal flood submerges this fishing and agricultural community they experience the devastating effects of climate change, firsthand.

In this documentary, the three intrepid characters of Teloo, Endar, and Satty allow viewers into their lives and culture, showing the human face behind environmental crisis.

Two scientists, oceanographer John Hunter and geomorphologist Scott Smithers, investigate the impact of climate change on communities with limited access to resources and support, while the citizens of



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The affects of rising sea levels are already being felt in some parts of the world.

Takuu consider whether to move to an uncertain future in Bougainville or to stay on Takuu and fight for a different, but equally uncertain, outcome.

ACC Winter Gala Tickets Still on Sale

Special to St. John Tradewinds

Tickets for the annual Animal Care Center of St. John Winter fundraiser Gala are still on sale at the ACC shelter as well as at Connections East and West, St. John Hardware, Nest & Co., St. Johnimals Chelsea Pharmacy and Catered To.

Tickets are \$125 each.

The winter gala, formerly known as "Christmas for the Animals" will be on Saturday, January 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Great Cruz Bay villa L'Autre Monde.

Reflecting the villa's name, this winter's event will feature decorations appropriate to the theme "An Evening in Paris." Favors will reflect the theme and guests are encouraged to dress with a Parisian flair as well. Black turtleneck shirts are suggested for gentlemen and slinky dresses for the ladies. It is rumored that berets and boas will be in evidence.

The committee for the gala will be hosting its final meeting on January 8 after which details about the food and beverage offerings will be announced. As

in past ACC galas, numerous St. John restaurants and caterers will be donating special finger foods, appetizers and desserts crafted for the event.

Gala committee members include Kelly Cruikshank, ACC Shelter Manager Kate Webster and ACC Board member Monica Munro. Jennifer Troisi, head of "Top Dogs" catering service is in charge of food management. Well-known, hard-working ACC volunteers on the committee include Rob Upham of St. Johnimals, Missy Hansel of Nest and Debbie Duplessi of Catered To.

Sally Furlong, who chaired the 2012 Waga committee, Christine Ransley and Katie Peterman are also committee members. A very special committee member is Helen Simon, owner of L'Autre Monde. At the first committee meeting in October 2012, Simon volunteered to design and donate the decorations that will transform her villa into a Parisian cafe for the evening.

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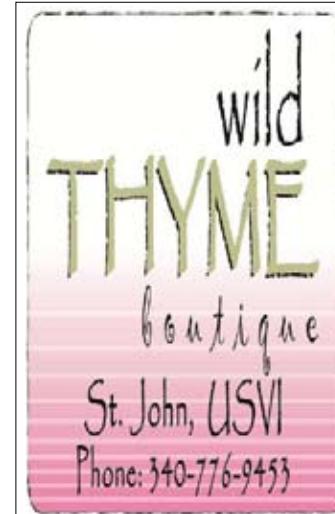
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The bookmobile, above, is slated to arrive on St. John soon to reach residents unable to use the resources of Elaine I. Sprauve Library in Cruz Bay.

St. John Bookmobile To Be Cruising Soon

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes last week provided an update on the St. John Bookmobile, which is set to debut early this year.

"It has always been the intent of the department's Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums to ensure that a bookmobile operated in St. John as one part of our commitment to expose our children to the world of books and reading," said Barnes. "There are some enhancements that must be completed on the bus and once done will allow us to introduce into the community."

Currently located at the Department of Property and Procurement, the St. John Bookmobile, has been retrofitted with a handicapped lift in compliance with the American Disabilities Act.

The Bookmobile is a state-of-the-art mini-library that will traverse the island of St. John to encourage reading in neighborhoods and at community events.

The goal is for the bookmobile to make the offerings of the library more accessible to people who find it difficult or impossible to travel to the Elaine I. Sprauve Public Library in Cruz Bay.

The air-conditioned vehicle will contain more than 500 books of various genres and provide Internet accessible stations with two flat-screen monitors.

"Our roll-out dedication celebration is being planned for the long-awaited St. John Bookmobile and it will be one more vehicle that we are pushing and promoting to expose our children to books and ensure that library services are near to our seniors,"



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The state-of-the art facility also includes internet accessible stations with flat-screen monitors, above.

said Ingrid Bough, Territorial Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

The St. John Bookmobile will join its predecessors the St. Thomas and the St. Croix Bookmobiles, Bough added.

For more information about the St. John Bookmobile, contact Ingrid Bough, Territorial Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums at 773-5715 or visit the Virgin Islands Public Libraries website at www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org.

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Our electrical power here in the Virgin Islands can be a little too much at certain times and not enough at other times. Power fluctuations can really wreak havoc on your refrigerator, A/C units and electronic equipment.

Power surges, referred to in the industry as "transients," are extremely brief, abnormally high voltage spikes on AC power. A number of conditions affect the quality of power you receive, and power surges are by far the most common.

Every piece of electrical equipment in your home is designed to operate at a specified nominal voltage, such as 120 volts AC. Most equipment is designed to handle minor variations in standard nominal operating voltage. Even the smallest power surges, however, can be very damaging to nearly all equipment.

Surge protectors are designed

to reduce and divert potentially damaging short-duration voltage spikes safely out of the system to ground. This is similar in concept to pressure relief valves that protect water heaters from overpressure. It is a common misconception that surge protectors "absorb" surges; in fact, they divert the surge away from the protected equipment.

Low power can be even more of a problem for your electrical equipment. A brownout is a drop in voltage in an electrical power supply system. Intentional brownouts are used for load reduction in an emergency and lasts for minutes or hours, as opposed to short-term voltage sag or dip.

The term "brownout" comes from the dimming experienced by lighting when the voltage sags. A voltage reduction may be an effect of disruption of an electrical grid, or occasionally it may be imposed in an effort to reduce load and pre-

vent a blackout.

Different types of electrical apparatus will react in different ways to a brownout. Some devices can be severely affected, while others may not be affected at all. Refrigerators, A/C units, and electronic equipment are often the most severely affected.

The effects of brownouts can be corrected by a "power line conditioner," a device intended to improve the quality of the power delivered to electrical load equipment. Although there is no official definition of a line conditioner, the term most often refers to a device that acts in one or more ways to deliver a voltage of the proper level.

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

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

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

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

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

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

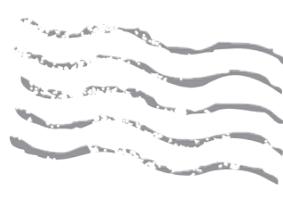
Tradewinds will be publishing additional information about the gala in subsequent issues.

NPS Director Jon Jarvis Speaking at Friends Annual Meeting January 27

Friends of V.I. National Park's Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

The keynote speaker this year is National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis. Also on the program will be the newly appointed VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald, who will give a State of the Park address. Friends president Joe Kessler will present the Friends Annual Report.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided and there will be a shuttle service from the VINP maintenance area near Mongoose Junction. For more information call Friends of VINP at 779-4940.



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Residents Pack Bajo el Sol for Pirate Bill Art Show and Fundraiser

Friends of long-time Coral Bay resident William Aiken, better known to all as Pirate Bill, packed Bajo el Sol on Friday evening, January 4. The Mongoose Junction gallery hosted a group art show and fundraiser for the ailing pirate, who has been diagnosed with cancer. The event featured images of Pirate Bill and his beloved cats of Johnson Bay by some of the most acclaimed artists on St. John, as well as live music and lots of laughs. The works will be featured at Bajo el Sol throughout January.





On the Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers*

Enjoy Endless Views from Villa Rendez-View

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

Feel all your stress melt away as you gaze upon the mesmerizing Caribbean Sea from the expansive covered decks at Villa Rendez-View.

This three bedroom, two and a half bathroom home located in Estate Rendezvous and Ditleff is for sale for \$985,000, explained Islandia Real Estate Broker Associate Marty Beechler.

The home's convenient mid-island location is just one of its many draws, explained Beechler.

"Villa Rendez-View is conveniently located off Gift Hill Road, just above South Shore Road (Route 104) only a short drive from Cruz Bay," said Beechler. "This charming three bedroom all masonry home features fabulous views of Rendezvous Bay, Ditleff Point, and the Caribbean Sea east to Rams Head and south to St. Croix."

The home's flat driveway and lack of stairs, both rare and coveted finds on St. John, also make the home inviting, Beechler added.

"Park your vehicles on the nice level area at the top of the paved driveway and walk just a few feet on a level path — no stairs — to the front entrance," he said. "Every room is on the same level — a

rather unique benefit not so readily available on St. John."

Once you enter Villa Rendez-View, however, it's all about that water view and the shaded, covered deck areas, Beechler explained.

"Enter into the great room and your attention is immediately drawn to the captivating view of Rendezvous Bay through the French doors that open to the covered deck which runs the entire length of the house," he said. "The deck is completely tiled and is also accessible from the two corner bedrooms. It provides attractive, covered outdoor living area for dining al fresco or just limin' around while taking in the view and enjoying a sea breeze."

An indoor dining room located between the living room and kitchen, offers another option for spending an evening in at Villa Rendez-View. And while the fine dining of Cruz Bay is only a short drive away, the professional grade kitchen at the villa will surely entice you to whip up a few meals at home.

The kitchen features custom cabinetry, a six burner commercial-quality range and oven, a large center island and two large identical refrigerators with pull out freezer drawers," said Beechler.

There is also a comfortable living room, which offers the ideal

spot to curl up with a good book, as well as a half-bath located next to the front entrance, Beechler added.

With access to the main deck from the master bedroom and guest bedrooms, luxurious lazy mornings spent soaking up the view will hard to limit.

"The master bedroom opens to the main deck, has a king-sized bed and en suite full bath with a large tiled shower that opens to its own little deck with a privacy fence to provide a one-way view to the sea," said the Islandia Real Estate Broker Associate. "The guest bedroom is located on the opposite corner of the house and shares a full bath with the third bedroom and also has an indoor/outdoor shower with a one-way view of Rendezvous Bay."

What really sets Villa Rendez-View apart from other properties on St. John is in the details, explained Beechler.

"The owner of the villa is an accomplished builder who constructed this home with special care and pride in workmanship," Beechler said. "The foundation and exterior walls are solid poured reinforced concrete. The rafters are an integral part of the wall and are steel reinforced horizontally and vertically."

With plenty of space to add a



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A professional kitchen, below, will have you dining al fresco and soaking up the views from Villa Rendez-View.



pool and numerous amenities, Villa Rendez-View literally has it all.

"Amenities include DISH network and wifi DSL, fully shuttered exterior, a 5KW generator, 200 amp electrical service with transfer switch and sewage treatment plant with gray water irrigation system," said Beechler. "Additional living space could be added by enclosing the lower level masonry foundation columns and beams. The home already has two

separate electric meters for this purpose."

While Villa Rendez-View is currently in use as a full time residence, the home would also make a great short-term vacation rental, Beechler added.

"And, at only \$985,000, it offers the discerning buyer quality at a reasonable price," he said.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Dolphinarium at Coral World Should Not Be Allowed

As reported in the *Daily News*, Coral World proposed to Coastal Zone Management (CZM) to expand their current offerings to include a dolphinarium. I believe this request should be denied for both practical and ethical reasons.

The financial benefits to Coral World from a dolphinarium are cited as a reason to support their request.

Since Coral World is now losing money despite the addition of sea lions some years ago, how might the dolphinarium with its significant up-front investment bring Coral World into the black; that is, to stop it losing money? How well has Coral World evaluated the environmental problems a dolphinarium will bring to its bay?

However, there is a larger overarching issue that has not been addressed by Coral World. Is it ethical to hold captive such sensitive and intelligent creatures as dolphins? This is a question that has been debated elsewhere by people who are experts in the field of cetacean biology.

Less than three months ago, on 25 October 2012, Sea Life, the world's largest aquarium operator (including dolphinaria) decided against exploitation for profit of these sea mammals. Here is what they wrote (their entire letter is at http://www.wdes.org/submissions_bin/SeaLife_Letter_re_GA_AQ_Permit.pdf.)

I include here their salient points.

"...Sea Life concurs with the view of all the leading authorities in this field and indeed the majority of ordinary American citizens canvassed on this subject that cetaceans are not suited to captivity...no matter how spacious or well-designed the facilities.

"They are wide-ranging, highly intelligent and social animals which suffer acute sensory deprivation in any kind of unnatural confinement.

"The argument that such displays are good for education and conservation does not, in our view, come anywhere near to outweighing the undoubtedly suffering and stress incurred not only by the captured animals themselves, but also by the family groups from which they have been so cruelly and abruptly separated.

"America is an enlightened nation which should be leading the world in demonstrating care and compassion for special creatures like these. Instead we

are one of the worst offenders in perpetuating an outdated and wholly unethical trade and practice.

"Sea Life's parent company has itself — through its acquisition of theme parks which already housed them — become custodian [sic] of captive dolphins and whales.

"Rather than further exploit these animals for profit, we are urgently progressing plans to create a natural sanctuary where these and hopefully others from other public attractions around the world, can be re-homed, retired and if feasible, rehabilitated.

"Keeping cetaceans of any kind, even when there is some educational merit, is a vastly different proposition to the display of fish and other marine creatures which have been proven to flourish in carefully designed and maintained aquarium tanks.

"Unless they are injured or ailing rescued animals requiring full time care, it is just plain wrong...and we would be failing in our responsibility as the world's largest aquarium operator were we not to say so publicly, for the long-term credibility of our industry..."

They said it, not me, but I am persuaded.

There is more to the Coral World proposal than financial turnaround and jobs. Whereas those are certainly important issues, where do they rank when there is an undeniable moral question to decide first. We must not conclude that the end (alleged financial success) justifies the means (exploiting captive dolphins).

At various times of the year dolphins come into Cruz Bay and they swim with the humans who come out to greet them. It is the dolphins' choice to come and go.

Dolphins are encountered by boaters in the waters around St. John, and it is then that humans and dolphins can swim together. The dolphins may stay and prolong the encounter or they may go. They have a choice. Isn't that the better experience for us?

The time for public comment to CZM is over, but I hope people will keep the issues alive through letters to the editor and posts to blogs. Dolphinaria deserve a critical review of costs and benefits, for surely these questions will come up again.

Dave Murray

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Geo-Tourism is becoming more and more popular.

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Geo-Tourism

Dear EarthTalk:

I've heard of Eco-Tourism, but what on Earth is "Geo-Tourism?"

**Sally Kardaman
 Sumter, SC**

"Geotourism" describes tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a given place, including its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and the well-being of local residents. The idea is that tourism can be a positive force that benefits both travelers and local environments and economies.

National Geographic Senior Editor Jonathan Turtell coined the term in 1997 to distinguish it from "ecotourism" or "sustainable tourism," both of which more narrowly focus on travel's ecological impacts.

In addition to a "do-no-harm" ethic, geotourism seeks to enhance prospects for sustainable development based on the specific character of a given place rather than on standardized international branding, generic architecture and food, etc. In other words, a geotourism tour won't involve sending someone to an exotic locale only to be put up at a Hilton or Marriot and get discount coupons to Taco Bell and McDonald's.

"Today the world's great destinations are under assault as visitor numbers rise exponentially every year," reports the non-profit National Geographic Society, publisher of National Geographic. "The result is damage to the sites, overcrowding and erosion of the local culture and environment."

The Society hopes to reverse these trends with geotourism. Its Center for Sustainable Destinations (CSD) helps local communities, governments, tourism bureaus and private businesses enhance and

sustain their distinct character while harnessing the power of tourism for positive impact.

"Residents discover their own heritage by learning that things they take for granted may be interesting to outsiders," reports CSD. "As local people develop pride and skill in showing off their locale, tourists get more out of their visit."

The Society's "Geotourism Charter" lists 13 principles that qualifying sites must adhere to in order to earn a geotourism distinction. The main current running through the Charter is appreciation for the distinctive aspects of a given place and culture, and an eagerness to showcase them to curious and supportive visitors.

The term geotourism is fairly new, but several places have offered "geotourism"-worthy travel for years. Costa Rica's Rio Tropicales Lodge takes visitors white water rafting, horseback riding, hiking and on other rainforest excursions. It hires and trains locals to manage operations and teach guests about local cultures first-hand — and has launched several reforestation efforts and an education program that teaches elementary students across Costa Rica about the importance of protecting the rainforest in their backyards.

Another organization is 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking in Nepal, which trains local women to be tourism professionals and trekking guides. In just a few short years the group, which promotes low-impact treks in the Himalaya region, has trained 600 women as ambassadors to the outdoors across Nepal and beyond.

Aspiring geotourism professionals can learn about their future profession by focusing on it as part of a new concentration within the geography department of Missouri State University.

USCG, Caribbean Border Interagency Group Seize \$29 Million Cocaine Shipment, Arrest Two

St. John Tradewinds

The U.S. Coast Guard and Caribbean Border Interagency Group law enforcement authorities seized more than 2,600 pounds of cocaine, a go-fast vessel and detained two Dominican smugglers during an at-sea interdiction Sunday, December 30, in the Caribbean Sea.

The drug shipment is estimated to have a wholesale value of more than \$29 million.

The interdiction was a result of a multi-agency law enforcement effort in support of Operation Caribbean Guard.

The crew of a patrolling U.S. Customs and Border Protection marine surveillance aircraft detected two men aboard a suspicious 32-foot Cuddy-Cabin power boat December 30, approximately 60 nautical miles south of St. Croix.

USCG watchstanders in Sector San Juan diverted the Coast Guard Cutter *Matinicus* to interdict the suspect vessel. The crew of the *Matinicus* interdicted the suspect vessel with the assistance of the CBP aircraft crew, who vectored the cutter to the vessel's position.

The crew of the *Matinicus* boarded the interdicted vessel and discovered 40 bales of suspected contraband in plain view in the vessel's forward compartment. A field test confirmed that the packages contained cocaine. The crew of the *Matinicus* embarked the two Dominican detainees and 40 bales of suspected contraband, and took the seized vessel in tow.

The *Matinicus* transferred the detainees Monday night, December 31, along with the contraband shipment and seized vessel, to awaiting CBP officers in Ponce, Puerto Rico, who in turn, transferred custody of the seizure to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations for further investigation.

"This is the third major cocaine shipment this Holiday season in the Sector San Juan area of responsibility in which the Coast Guard and Caribbean regional

law enforcement partners have collectively detained a total of three vessels, six smugglers and kept over 4,847 pounds of cocaine from reaching criminal hands," said USCG Capt. Drew Pearson, Sector San Juan commander. "Our efforts to stem the flow of drugs into Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as far off shore as possible is unwavering and will reduce crime across the region."

Since May 21, 2012, the USCG has seized, under Operation Unified Resolve, in partnership with regional law enforcement authorities in the Caribbean, 21,711 pounds of cocaine and 1,576 pounds of marijuana during 19 law enforcement cases. The whole sale value for these seizures in worth over \$198 million dollars.

Operation Caribbean Guard is a Department of Homeland Security multi-agency law enforcement operation to support ongoing efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands being executed under the San Juan Regional Coordinating Mechanism/Caribbean Border Interagency Group.

CBIG was formally created to unify efforts of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico, and Puerto Rico Police Joint Forces of Rapid Action, in their common goal of securing the borders of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands against illegal migrant and drug smuggling.

The USCG supports this initiative by forward deploying Coast Guard resources and capabilities from the United States, such as C-130 and HC-144 maritime patrol aircraft and additional Coast Guard cutters, to augment locally assigned federal resources and strengthen patrol efforts to deter, detect and disrupt illicit maritime trafficking in and around Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Coast Guard Cutter *Matinicus* is a 110-foot island class patrol boat homeported in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

VINP Accepting Public Comments on Action To Make Park Smoke Free

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dated annually to ensure adequate protection of the park's resources, provide for public safety and enjoyment and to address changes in public use patterns.

The provisions found in the compendium constitute only one of many tools designed to manage and protect the Virgin Islands National Park. It is important to utilize this document in conjunction with Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, which includes the full text of National Park Service regulations, including those authorizing the provisions outlined in this compendium. Chapter I, Parts 1-7, of Title 36, include sections addressing resource protection, public use, recreation, boating, vehicles and traffic safety, commercial operations, and special regulations.

These regulations are applicable on all federally owned lands and waters within the boundaries of VINP and on lands and waters under the administrative control of the National Park Service.

In addition, certain regulations found within Title 36 are applicable on non-federally owned lands under the legislative jurisdiction of the United States. Interested parties may also wish to review the VINP planning documents including the General Management Plan (1983), Resource Management Plan (1999), and Commercial Services Plan (2001).

36 CFR Section 2.21 Smoking (As Proposed)

61. Smoking is prohibited as follows:

Within the interior portions of all NPS buildings.

At locations posted as no smoking areas.

Within 50 feet of a gas pump or flammable materials storage area.

Smoking is prohibited on all Park beaches, Park pavilions, and inside restrooms.

Determining Factors: This regulation provides for a smoke free environment inside NPS buildings and provides for visitor safety and resource protection.

Innovative Announces FUSC Rate Change

St. John Tradewinds

As a result of action taken by the Federal Communications Commission that affects carriers nationwide, Innovative Telephone, Innovative Wireless and Innovative Long Distance customers will notice a decrease in the Federal Universal Service charge effective January 1.

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) Surcharge Factor recovers the costs associated with Innovative Telephone's contributions to the federal universal fund program.

The government-mandated program is designed to help keep telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. Effective January 1, there will be a decrease in the FUSC charge factor from 17.4 percent to 16.1 percent.

For residential telephone customers and single-line business subscribers, the FUSC charge will decrease from \$1.20 to \$1.18. Multiline telephone business subscribers will experience a decrease from \$1.72 to \$1.66 per line. Multi-line subscribers, however, may be subject to additional regulatory fees.

In addition to the FUSC rate changes, there will be a one-time adjustment to FUSC charges on January 2013 customer bills to make a correction to the FUSC charges billed in December 2012. This one-time adjustment will be a \$0.07 charge related to the billing correction.

Customers with questions regarding this notice should contact the Innovative Business Office at 779-9999. Innovative's Business Office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

DeJongh Urges American Airlines To Maintain Liquor Box Fee Waivers

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John P deJongh last week wrote to an American Airlines official urging the airline to maintain the policy that allows baggage fee waivers for liquor boxes.

The letter to Art Torno, Vice President for Latin America, Caribbean and Miami, thanked the airline for its continuing partnership with the territory, but expressed concern about suggestions that American is considering changes to the liquor box waiver policy that allows travellers to bring home spirits without incurring additional baggage costs.

"The waiver safeguards a significant source of revenue for the Virgin Islands," deJongh wrote.

The Virgin Islands is world-renowned for duty-free shopping, with a wide selection of retail offerings, including many spirits and locally produced rum. Those retail goods attract travelers from around the world, according to deJongh.

"Implementing baggage fees on liquor boxes would seriously affect sales of one of our most noted local products and duty-free goods, affecting a large and key segment of our commercial trade," he said.

The governor asked Torno to consider revenues generated by the new policy must be "set against the loss of goodwill from travelers and the effect on continuing business, not to mention on our local industries and economy."

DeJongh said he or Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty would be happy to discuss the matter further with American Airline executives.

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

Accommodations

Caribbean Villas & Resorts
tel. 1-800-338-0987
or locally 340-776-6152

Island Getaways
888-693-7676,
islandgetawaysinc.com
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

Suite St. John Villas/Condos
tel. 1-800-348-8444
or locally at 340-779-4486

VIVA Vacations
tel. 779-4250
P.O. Box 1747, STJ, VI 00831

A/C & Refrigeration

Dr. Cool | St. John 693-9071
A/C Refrigeration and Appliances
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Sub-Zero, Wolf, Bosch, Viking

Architecture

Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA
tel. 776-6356
P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

Banking

Firstbank
Located in downtown Cruz Bay
340-776-6881

Scotiabank
#1 Mortgage Lender in the VI
The Marketplace (340) 776-6552

Green Building

Island Green Building Association
check www.igbavi.org for Seminar
Series info and ReSource Depot
inventory

Insurance

PGU Insuracne
Located at The Marketplace
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Jewelry

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Located in Mongoose Junction
776-6548 or (800) 626-3445
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Landscaping

Alfredo's Landscaping
tel. 774-1655 cell 513-2971
P.O. Box 91, St. John, VI 00831

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P.O. Box 1228, STJ, VI 00831

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Restaurants

**Fish Trap Restaurant
and Seafood Market**
tel. 693-9994, Closed Mondays

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tel. 693-7755
Open 7 Days a Week

Skinny Legs
“A Pretty OK Place”
tel. 340-779-4982
www.skinnylegs.com

Services

C4th Custom Embroidery
tel. 779-4047
Located in Coral Bay

Island Solar
"Off the Grid Living for 10 Years"
tel. 340-642-0531

Villa Manager

Seaview Vacation Homes, Inc.
tel. 340-776-6805; 1-888-625-2963
www.seaviewhomes.com

Wedding Services

Weddings by Katilady
www.stjohnweddingplanner.com
www.katilady.com
340-693-8500 - Consulting, Travel
Coordination, Accommodations

Maho Bay Campground Land Sold for \$13.95 Million

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as much as \$20 million to the island of St. John and there is no other place to put these guests,” he said. “No one else can pick up the slack. Caneel and the Westin are too expensive for our middle class guests who save up all year long for their trip to Maho.”

“The only other place is Cinnamon Bay Campground and they can’t expand without all the approvals and stuff,” Selengut said.

Selengut does own the land under Harmony Studios and plans to continue renting those units as affordable short-term accommodations. He also owns the 51-acre Estate Concordia Preserve, half of which is an eco-resort with 42 units, with the other half being divided into lots for environmentally-sound construction.

The eco-resort owner plans to expand Concordia, but does not have definite plans in place at this time, he explained.

“Eventually Concordia will be bigger than Maho, but I’m almost 84 years old so I’m not so sure what I’ll be able to do,” said Selengut.

Maho Bay Campground’s closing also threatens the future of the popular Trash to Treasures program, which included glass blowing using recycled glass bottles and batiking textiles. Selengut was unsure last week about what would happen to the program, he explained.

“I’m fairly old and I’m legally blind and the idea of closing Maho is a sadness,” he said. “The idea of closing the Trash to Treasure program is really devastating to me. It’s been so successful and the last time I was down there I got to see what amazing pieces they are turning out.”

“They seem to solve more and more problems,” Selengut said. “It’s really amazing and it’s a win-win for everyone; it’s good for the environment, the guests love it and there are great classes for kids. I’d really like to see the program continue.”

With only 42 units at Concordia currently, however, Selengut doubted that the program would find a new home there.

“You need about eight staff to run the program and you’re dealing with glass and waste paper and textiles and it’s a real production,” he said. “Also supporting the salaries and the insurance; we don’t have enough customers at Concordia for it.”

The future of Maho Bay Clayworks, owned by ceramic artist Gail Van de Bogurt, is also in question.

Campground officials also have to decide what to do with the hundreds of mattresses, thousands of chairs and tables, kitchen, laundry and office equipment which must be removed from the land before the lease expires at the end of June.

Maho Bay Campground is not accepting any reservations after May 15 to allow time to clear the equipment. The buildings, however, will remain on the property, explained Selengut.

“The lease says that I have to leave all improvements to the land and I think the definition of that is everything that is attached to the land; all the buildings,” he said. “But we will be getting rid of all the furnishings and tables and laundry and kitchen and office equipment.”

Selengut was still unsure of what to do with all of



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Stanley Selengut, center, with island architects Glen Speer, left, and Rob Crane, right.

the equipment last week, but was hoping to be able to donate most of it to families in need.

“I’m really thinking of donating this stuff locally between St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix,” he said. “I’d like to try to find people in need and get some volunteers to help.”

When reached at his Florida home last week, Selengut was still processing the news of the imminent closure of Maho Bay Campground.

“I haven’t gotten to the point of making all the decisions that have to be made yet,” he said. “The deal just closed last week and until then I was hoping the sale would fall through or something. It isn’t a happy time for me unfortunately.”

Selengut wasn’t the only one saddened by the news of the campground’s upcoming closure. Many Maho Bay Campground fans expressed their sadness on the company’s Facebook page last week.

“I can’t express how sad this makes me. I am really glad that I got to experience it. What a loss, makes me want to cry.”

“Very sad. I’m glad I got to spend a few weeks there over the past 25 years. I was hoping for another visit, but I guess it’s not to be.”

“Can’t believe it..my heart is breaking..thought someone would save us in the end...oh, well...guess we can keep our fingers crossed that maybe the buyer is a former Maho guest or worker who hit it big and will continue a campground there.”

“I will miss you Maho Bay Camps. Will come by one more time before you close since its because of you I fell in love with these islands and still call it my home. You were my first real island home.”

“Sad day.”

Before the sad day in May arrives when Maho Bay Campground stops welcoming guests, however, Selengut is looking forward to one more great season at the campground, he added.

“It’s going to be a great last season,” he said. “And loads and loads of people are coming over to check out Concordia, so that’s good.”

For more information about Maho Bay Campground, check out www.maho.org or call 776-6226.

CRIME STOPPERS — United States Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers USVI thanks the community for the 1,680 tips submitted since the program began in January of 2009.

In addition we would like to explain exactly how you remain totally anonymous when you submit a tip via the Crime Stoppers program.

Using the communication network provided by national Crime Stoppers affiliates, we have technology which makes it impossible for us, law enforcement, an attorney, or anybody else to trace your phone call, text message, or web tip back to you.

When you dial 1-800-222-TIPS, the call goes to a private telephone company in Virginia. They transfer your call to one of their own in-house phone lines and then forward it on to our answering service in Texas.

Even if one of our Texas operators had caller ID, which they don't, the only number they would see is from Virginia, not your number. So, if someone were able to get the telephone records of our Texas answering service, the number recorded would be from the service in Virginia. The Virginia Company purges all of their transfer records at the end of each month.

Web and Text Tips are handled in a similar fashion. The messages are routed to computers in Canada where it is legal to transfer your message to another computer before forwarding it on to us. Even though we can send messages back and forth, this makes it impossible for anyone to trace a message back to your computer or your cell phone.

Finally, special IRS rules permit all Crime Stoppers rewards to be paid in cash with no tax reporting. One of our volunteers will deliver the cash to you, at a time and place of your choosing, or, we will even hide it somewhere for you to pick up later.

Since the original Crime Stoppers organization began service in 1976, there are no known instances where an anonymous citizen's identity has ever been revealed using Crime Stoppers information.

If you know something, you can safely say something by submitting your information on any crimes at <http://www.crimestoppersusvi.org/> or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).



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Police Log

Friday, December 21

1:50 p.m. - A visitor from Virginia p/r that her iPhone 4 was stolen from a bar in Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

5:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that a male unlawfully entered her residence and went to sleep. Unlawful entry.

Saturday, December 22

2:40 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that an unknown female struck her with a bottle. Assault in the third.

9:18 a.m. - A concerned citizen c/r an overturned vehicle in the bushes. Auto collision.

Sunday, December 23

1:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone flattened her vehicle's tire while it was parked in Cruz Bay. Damage to vehicle.

2:00 p.m. - A George Simmons Terrace resident p/requesting police assistance to retrieve his belongings from a residence in Bellevue Village. Police assistance.

6:05 p.m. - A visitor from Michigan p/r that he lost his wedding band in the male restroom at Trunk Bay. Grand larceny.

No time given - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r she was in a physical fight with her ex girlfriend. Simple assault, D.V.

Monday, December 24

12:32 p.m. - Badge #1175 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Ivan Chinnery under arrest and charged with burglary in the second. Bail was set at \$50,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

8:45 a.m. - A Conrad Sutton Car Rental employee r/ that his rental vehicle was damaged in the parking lot of the Lumbyard. Damage to vehicle.

11:00 a.m. - A visitor from Washington, D.C. requested police assistance to retrieve her belongings from where she and her husband were staying while on their honeymoon. Damage to property.

5:15 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a truck struck his vehicle in the area of The Marketplace. Auto collision.

Tuesday, December 25

3:12 a.m. - A citizen c/r that his

daughter is being assaulted. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

4:40 a.m. - A citizen c/r a D.O.A.

Wednesday, December 26

7:40 a.m. - A Bordeaux Mountain resident c/r a disturbance. Simple assault and battery, D.V.

11:54 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her cell phone was stolen. Grand larceny.

Thursday, December 27

9:15 a.m. - A Hansen Bay resident c/r that her father was not breathing. D.O.A.

4:07 p.m. - A George Simmons Terrace resident c/r that a female is calling her job and harassing her. Telephone harassment

Friday, December 28

3:04 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her engagement ring and wedding band were stolen on St. Thomas. Grand larceny.

6:16 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that she was assaulted. Simple assault.

11:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male who struck him in the eye with a pen. Assault in the third.

Saturday, December 29

7:42 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her neighbor was talking too loud. Police assistance.

8:10 p.m. - A visitor from Nevada c/r that his elderly mother fell and injured herself in the area of Wharfside Village. Accidental injury.

Sunday, December 30

4:47 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r that she was having a disturbance with her sister. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

10:30 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, December 31

8:49 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that a taxi driver drove over his brooms in the area of the roundabout in Cruz Bay, causing damage to the brooms. Destruction of property.

1:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r a collision in the area of Upper Pastory. Auto collision.

2:40 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r a larceny. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, January 1

3:08 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace.

3:25 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male threatened to kill him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

3:49 a.m. - An employee of the Sports Bar in Estate Enighed c/r a fight in progress. Disturbance of the peace.

4:32 a.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

9:32 a.m. - An employee of Big Planet c/r that an unknown woman came into the store and destroyed merchandise and the computer. Destruction of property.

11:40 a.m. - The owner of Margarita Phil's c/r money missing from the restaurant. Grand larceny.

12:36 p.m. - Security at the Westin Resort and Villas c/r a trespasser at the pool who is beligerent. Trespassing.

4:04 p.m. - Badge #1250 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Heather Turfley of unknown address under arrest and charged with destruction of property and trespassing. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

5:20 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone struck her vehicle and drove away in the area of Maho Bay beach. Hit and run.

10:15 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r a disturbance at the Sports Bar. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, January 2

2:45 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/requesting police assistance with his roommate. Police assistance.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r a disturbance with a male on her property. Disturbance of the peace.

10:55 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/requesting police assistance on her property. Police assistance.

Thursday, January 3

10:54 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that an engine was taken from his shop yard. Grand larceny.

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.

Tuesday, January 8

The St. John Historical Society will explore the history of Hassel Island at its monthly presentation on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

Wednesday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 12

On Saturday, January 12, St. John Historical Society members are invited to a three-hour tour of historic Hassel Island led by Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg of the V.I. National Park.

Tuesday, January 15

The St. John Film Society kicks off its 2013 season with its premiere film on Tuesday, January 15. "Once Upon an Island," is an 80-minute documentary film directed by Briar March about the rising sea levels associated with climate change and islanders will be very interested to learn about this important topic. The screening begins at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts.

One of the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project: Phase 2 activities will be to develop a community-based Marine Uses Plan for Coral Bay's waters and shoreline. As has been long rumored, there are two proposals for marinas in Coral Harbor in their early stages of concept development, although it will take many years for the planning and permitting processes to play out. The second Marine Uses Planning meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 6 at Guy Benjamin School.

Saturday, January 19

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

Saturday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 23

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

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

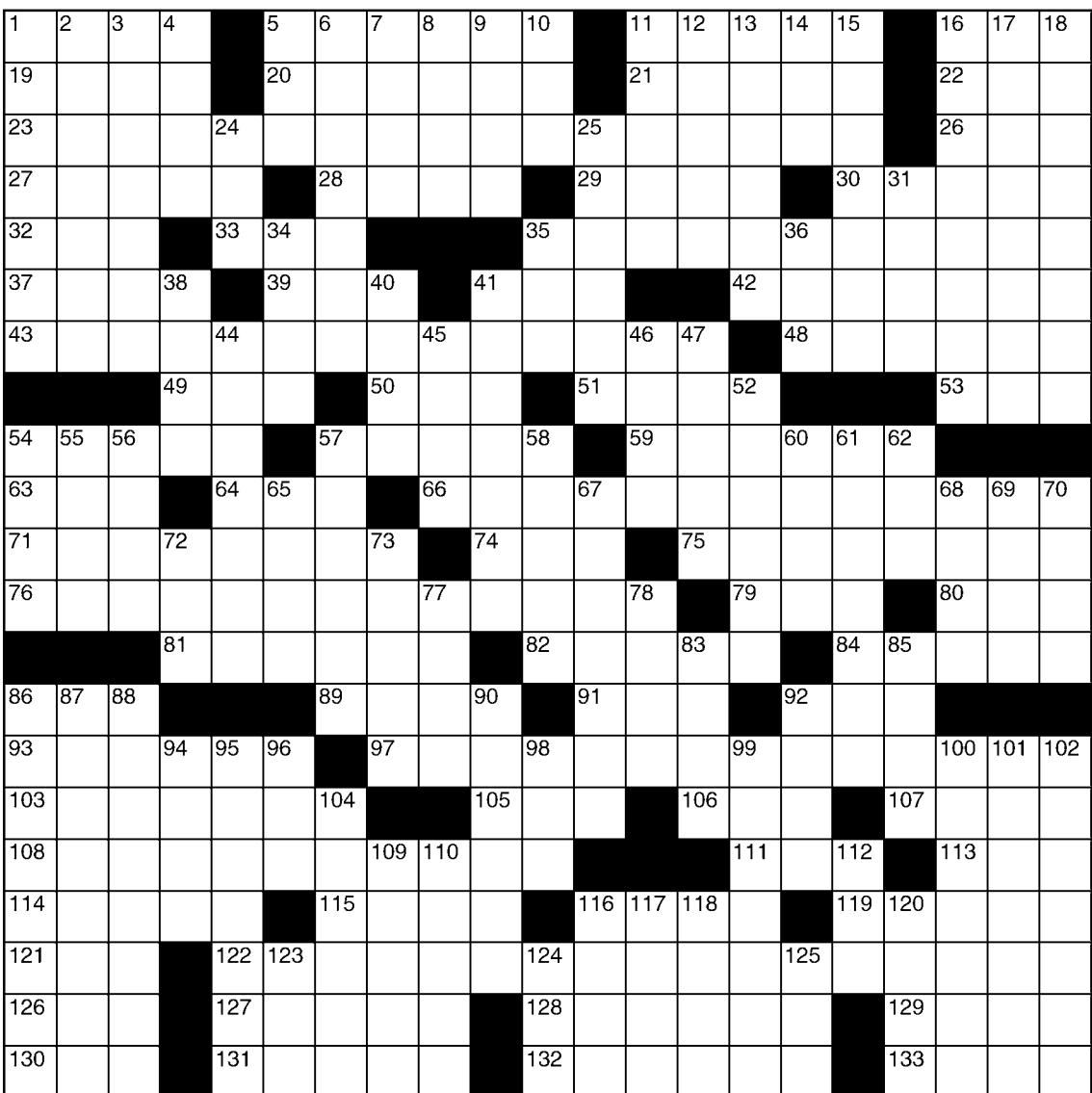
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



CALENDAR GIRL'S PLAYLIST

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| 1 "— la Douce" | 75 Neolithic time | 75 Praise | 62 With 100-Down, surprising revelations |
| 5 Neighbor of Namibia | 76 1960 Oscar-winning Melina Mercouri song | 2 "One soweth, and another | 63 Balm additive |
| 11 "Futurama" genre | 79 Cortés' gold | —" : John 4:37 | 67 — Noir (men's cologne) |
| 16 Tour vehicle | 80 Rodeo lady | 3 Actor Walter | 68 Zoo pen |
| 19 Eye drop | 81 Sweaters with high, snug collars, for short | 4 Stuck in — | 69 Bacterial culture base |
| 20 Luvs product | 82 Ohio city | 5 Find the total | 70 Depend |
| 21 Turkic people | 84 Cautious | 6 American Falls locale | 72 Vietnamese festival |
| 22 Transfer — (cell stuff) | 86 — cone | 7 Marvin of R&B music | 73 Request from |
| 23 1972 Chicago hit | 89 ICU locale | 8 Andy Taylor's kid | 77 Lenin's land |
| 26 Intent | 91 J-N link | 9 Fisheye, e.g. | 78 Annual: Abbr. |
| 27 Is — (has a penchant for) | 92 Rapper — Wayne | 10 Prado pieces | 83 Forget to use |
| 28 Pop music's Bee — | 93 Pair | 11 Boat back | 85 Scatting Fitzgerald |
| 29 Isn't correct | 97 1992 hit for the Cure | 12 Italian resort island | 86 Al Capone's nickname |
| 30 — Domingo | 103 Patriotic hymns | 13 Lake that feeds the Mississippi | 87 Away from the city |
| 32 Mischievous little laugh | 105 Round geom. shape | 14 Quite a way | 88 Away from the city, maybe |
| 33 Soprano Sumac | 106 Stubbed digit | 15 Annoying | 90 Enterprise captain Jean-Luc |
| 35 1986 Bangles hit | 107 Adopt- — (shelter program) | 16 Wave around threateningly | 92 Stead |
| 37 "Take — face value" | 108 1967 Rolling Stones hit | 17 Square inch, say | 94 — ed (gym class) |
| 39 Mohawk-sporting star | 111 Lazy sort | 18 Siberian sled dogs | 95 Missives |
| 41 Hardly happy | 113 "— tu" (Verdi baritone aria) | 24 Singer Clark | 96 Aussie avian |
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"Sea Palms" in Great Cruz Bay on Maria Bluff with fantastic water views south to St Croix & west to St Thomas. This well built 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home features custom mahogany trim, air conditioning, wet bar, walk in closet, open floor plan, high ceilings, large pool, easy access & fantastic sunsets. Each bedroom has a private balcony. Large 0.76 acre corner lot has room for a guest house. **\$1.7M**



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"Picture Point" - One of the most beautiful lots on St. John, this parcel is high on Bordeaux Mountain at "Picture Point" - aptly named because it has the most breathtaking views on St. John & it is hard to drive by without snapping a few photos. See all the way from Jost Van Dyke to Tortola, Virgin Gorda & Peter & Norman Islands. Over one acre with a moderate slope & paved access for an easy build. High elevation & easterly trade winds. Adjoining half acre also available. Just listed at **\$550,000**



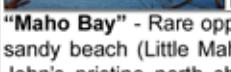
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"Glucksberg Gazebo" - a wooded lot with large trees and a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof with 12 volt solar panel, screened walls and sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted and Hurricane ties at the rafters. **\$129,500.**



"Boatman Point Waterfront" – Stunning easterly facing parcel with wonderful breezes, soothing sounds of the waves and breathtaking sun & moon rises. Spectacular homesite on a downhill build with topo included. The shoreline is a mix of cobble beach & rock face, with great snorkeling. 175 feet of frontage at a fantastic price. **\$730,000**



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St. John youngsters enjoyed a safe and positive New Year's Eve party with Sisterhood Agenda.

New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza Draws Crowd to Frank Powell Park

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Almost 100 people packed the Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay on New Year's Eve, Monday night, December 31, to ring in the year at Sisterhood Agenda's Sisterhood/Brotherhood Youth Extravaganza.

From 8 p.m. until midnight, the event featured DJ music and positive vibrations, explained Sisterhood Agenda founder and president Angela Coleman.

"We had a wonderful Sisterhood/Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza event in Cruz Bay," said Coleman.

"Young people of all ages, local residents and visitors gathered together in Franklin Powell Park to celebrate 2013."

With volunteer assistance, Sisterhood Agenda gave out top hats, feather tiaras, noisemakers, fairy glitter, flashlight necklaces, horns, rulers, chips, drinks and lollipops, Coleman explained.

"Throughout the event we thanked our corporate and community sponsors of the event because without them, the event would not be possible," she said. "At various points during the night, we also encouraged everyone to keep the spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood alive in 2013 and to

show love for each other in our community."

Coleman thanked Darcaja Thomas for her community service during the entire evening as well as Sisterhood Agenda's corporate partners: The Westin; Boyson Transportation; Scotiabank; Grande Bay; St. John Insurance Company; St. John Hardware; The Marketplace; Drift Away Spa; and St. John Dental.

The group also thanked its community partners VI Police Department; VI National Park; VI Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation; and St. John Community Foundation.

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"Donald Schnell: a glance behind the potter's wheel" is written by Mauri Elbel and photographed by Tristan Ewald.



"Ruins of St. John" is written by Amy Roberts and photographed by Tristan Ewald.

New Issue of *St. John Magazine* Continues Tradition of Excellence

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Publisher. "No matter what your interests are, there is a story for everyone."

Each of the seven issues of *St. John Magazine* to date have enthralled readers, and Nelson approaches every publication with the same goals, she explained.

"Each issue is approached with thoughtfulness," she said. "We think about 'What makes this island different,' 'What is special about this island,' and 'What view haven't we seen.'"

"My 'idea list' is ever-growing," said Nelson. "However, my approach is no different from the first magazine. This issue was the most difficult to finish thus far."

While Nelson is thrilled with every single one of the features in this latest issue, having one writer return after a year's absence is one her personal highlights in *St. John Magazine Issue No. 7*, explained the publisher.

"This issue highlights many wonderful stories about the island and its people," Nelson said. "I am so thrilled

to have Carol Beckowitz 'Traveling Backtime' back in this year's issue."

"She was not able to be part of the magazine last year due to overwhelming circumstances," Nelson said. "But this year, she's back with the most marvelous story about Oscar James Sr. growing up in Coral Bay in the 1950s."

Captured by photographer Bill Stelzer, James' smiling face greets readers on page 22, as she tells stories about growing up in age not really that long ago, but vastly different from the St. John of today.

Another recent addition to the *St. John Magazine* is the Business By the Bay Q&A, which this year features former Senator, V.I. Port Authority Board Member and businessman Robert O'Connor, Jr.

The concept of this feature was co-created by the late Ruth "Sis" Frank and the publisher, who was a *St. John Magazine* contributor as well, explained Nelson.

"The business Q&A is a relatively new feature that was created with the late Sis Frank," said the publisher. "Sis thought it was a great idea and together we created

a short but important list of people to interview; and the list continues to grow."

As Nelson expands her ideas of subjects to grace the pages of future *St. John Magazine* issues, she continues to find inspiration from the island itself.

"My inspiration is the magic of St. John," said Nelson. "This place never disappoints me and always surprises me."

Looking ahead, *St. John Magazine* fans can expect more of the same level of quality from MaLinda Media and her team, Nelson added.

"Readers can expect another stunning magazine next year," she said. "I love the fact that nobody knows what the magazine content is and it's a surprise until it hits the newsstands."

Be sure to pick up copies of *St. John Magazine Issue No. 7*, \$10 each, at Starfish Gourmet, Papaya Cafe, St. John Spice Company, Now and Zen, Deli Grotto and other island outlets.

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