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Breakfast with Santa

St. John children got their final holiday requests in during a "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday morning, December 19, at Sun Dog Cafe.

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AARP Chapter 4777's Sally Browne, Martha Bruce and Beverly Biziewski.

AARP Honors Biziewski and Browne

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John AARP Chapter 4777 members gathered on Hawksnest Beach on Thursday afternoon, December 17, for a reception to honor one of their own.

The group chose Beverly Biziewski as the chapter's 2009 member of the year for all of her hard work and dedication, explained St. John AARP president Martha Bruce.

"I'm the president this year by default," said Bruce. "Joan Birmingham was the president and I was the VP, but then Joan left for the states in September and I took over."

"There were a lot of things I didn't know when Joan left, and Bev was the one who helped with emails, phone calls and just everything," Bruce said.

Biziewski has been a chapter member for years and served as president of the group several times. Through the local AARP chapter, Biziewski relishes the opportunity to give back to the community.



AARP's V.I. State President Paul Simmonds, Ph.D. with Biziewski.

"I like all that AARP stands for," said Biziewski. "I like that they're appreciative of what you do and I like the volunteering. We try to be a part of a lot of events and support our members and the community."

As anyone who has attended a St. John AARP meeting knows, Biziewski keeps the time moving quickly with her humor and wit.

"I always say it's better to have a light meeting and keep people entertained while you get things done than to have a boring meeting that drives people away," said

Biziewski. "We try to have meaningful, but entertaining meetings."

While the local chapters on each island honor one member yearly, AARP's Virgin Islands Executive Council also distinguishes one of its members.

This year Sally Browne was honored with the AARP State President Award for exceptional service to the organization. Browne accepted the award at the St. Thomas AARP Chapter awards ceremony on Saturday, December 12, at Victor's Hideout

The award was launched in the early 2000s to allow the state executive council to honor one local member, explained Browne.

"Sam Morch was the State President then and he felt that at the state level, an award should be given by the executive council each year to one member for exceptional service," Browne said.

Accepting the award put Browne at an unusual loss for words.

"I was absolutely speechless," she said about being honored with the AARP State President Award. "It was such a great honor."

SJFS Screening of "Neshoba" Is Jan. 5

The next featured film in the St. John Film Society's Winter 2010 Free Film Series will be "Neshoba" by Tony Pagano and Micki Dickoff. The film will be screened on Tuesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik in Coral Bay with Pagano, from St. Thomas, himself in attendance. "Neshoba" tells the story of three young men — two Jews and an African-American — who were murdered in Mississippi in 1964.

For more information check out the SJFS website at www.stjohnfilm.com.

Adult Sailing Classes Available

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

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

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

Holiday Schedule for STJ Passport Office

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis informs the community of the holiday schedule for the St. John Passport Office.

The office, which is usually open for passport processing on Thursdays, will instead be open on Tuesday, December 22, and Tuesday, December 29, in order to accommodate the V.I. government's holiday schedule. The regular operating hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be unchanged.

Regular Thursday service will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

The Passport Office is located at the Lt. Governor's St. John office in the Islandia Building at 18-23 Enighed, Cruz Bay. For more information, contact the St. Thomas/St. John district passport office at 774-0424.

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

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

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

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

St. John Rescue Needs Volunteers

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

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

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Jury Convicts Ward of Second Degree Murder

Jahlil Ward Convicted of Murdering Jaime Cockayne

By Joseph Tsidulko
St. John Tradewinds

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.

By rejecting first-degree murder, the jury decided prosecutors had not proved Ward planned to kill Cockayne, 21, when he followed the Pennsylvania man up the hill from Front Yard bar just after midnight on June 19, 2007 and stabbed him seven times.

Ward was convicted of first-degree murder in October 2008 after standing trial with former codefendants Kamal Thomas and Anselmo Boston. Judge Brenda Hollar threw out that verdict in July after evidence surfaced that a witness statement had not been provided to Ward's attorneys.

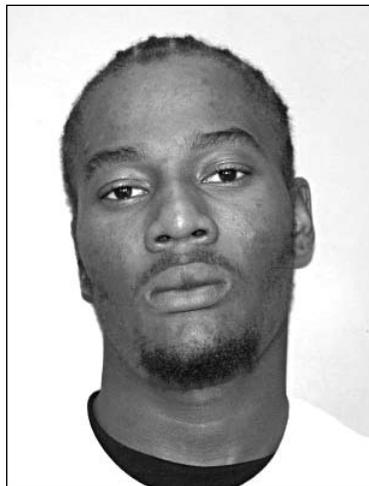
The second time around, Ward sat as the sole defendant, listening to four people who have known him for much of his life provide the bulk of the case against him.

Glanville "Shark" Frazer testified that on the night of the murder, Ward knocked on his door around midnight, barged into his house and asked for a ride to Estate Pastory. 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," according to Frazer.

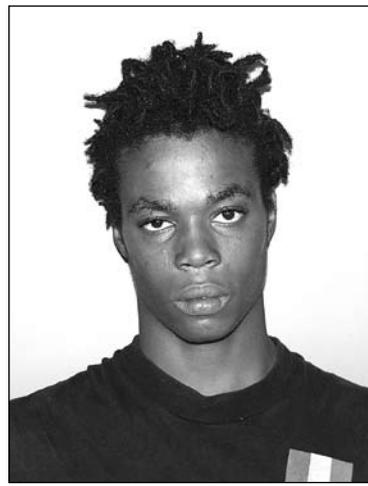
Jo'Nique Clendinen, Frazer's girlfriend and Ward's cousin, told jurors she opened the door that night after Ward came knocking and she woke Frazer up.

Asante Leslie, the defendant's 17-year-old former girlfriend, and Jamal Jackson, Ward's cousin, both testified they heard Ward admit to the stabbing in the days after Cockayne was killed.

Leslie said Ward showed her a knife and told her it was the murder weapon. Jackson said he asked Ward during St. John July 4th Cel-



Jahlil Ward



Kamal Thomas



Anselmo Boston

ebration if he killed Cockayne, and Ward described the fight that preceded the stabbing.

"He admitted it because he did it," Assistant Attorney General Courtney Reese said in his opening statement.

Ward's attorney, Michael Quinn, pointed to discrepancies in the four stories when cross-examining those witnesses and argued each had motive to fabricate their testimony. Quinn reminded the jury it was Kamal Thomas' legal team — attorney Michael Joseph and investigator David Jackson — who first accused Ward of the crime and who provided authorities with "a pretty convenient scapegoat" to deflect attention from their own client.

Quinn also focused on a statement from a man named Daryl Martens which the defense attorney claims was intentionally withheld from him before the first trial.

Martens was never located, but testimony in regard to him led to some combative exchanges in the courtroom.

On Tuesday, December 15, Quinn called to the witness stand Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs-Carty, who prosecuted Ward during the first trial.

Gumbs-Carty said Martens visited her office and told prosecutors he heard Kamal Thomas confess to the murder while the two were locked up together in jail. She said she also received a report that was

passed from the Cockayne family's attorney to the FBI identifying Martens as a potential witness against Thomas.

Out of almost 500 pages of discovery material turned over to Quinn, that document was the only one missing, Gumbs-Carty conceded. But the prosecutor said it would have been available to Quinn if he had come to view files at the Justice Department's office.

Gumbs-Carty characterized Marten's information as "suspect," but said she had unsuccessfully tried to subpoena him as a prosecution witness before the first trial.

Later in the trial, Quinn called his associate, Ashlee Gray Johnson, to tell jurors about the unsuccessful effort to locate the missing witness. More heated exchanges regarding the prosecution's integrity followed as Assistant Attorney General Claude Walker cross-examined the defense attorney.

Quinn also called several law enforcement witnesses who testified for the government in the first trial. He elicited testimony from them about the case they originally built against Thomas and Boston, and the abrupt reformulation of the crime theory after Ward was arrested almost a year later.

Thomas and Boston admitted to an altercation with Cockayne at Front Yard bar, next door to the police department's Jurgen Command, after the Pennsylvania man kicked Boston's girlfriend's jeep.

Witnesses saw Thomas, Bos-

ton and an unidentified third man chasing Cockayne up the hill from Front Yard bar, but their attack broke off when a woman who was driving by honked her car horn and threatened to call police. The next time anybody saw Jamie Cockayne, he was coming out from behind a wooden construction partition drenched in his own blood and yelling at a fleeing attacker.

Thomas and Boston were arrested in the following months, after the case garnered national media attention. At that time, Ward was in the V.I. Justice Department's witness protection program; he was sent to the U.S. Mainland after testifying against a man who shot him on St. John in 2006.

Despite the complexities of the case, "the evidence is overwhelming that the defendant murdered Jamie Cockayne," Walker said in his closing argument.

Walker said Ward followed Cockayne to the Fashion Palace for three reasons: the young man was white, he had money and he was physically well-built. The only reason Cockayne died with his money still on him was because he was a fighter and would not give in to his attacker, Walker said.

Quinn used his final opportunity to talk to the jury to methodically dissect the testimony of all major witnesses and argue the prosecution's lack of integrity in how they handled the case, especially during the first trial. He accused prosecutors of dishonesty and of violating

Ward's constitutional rights by withholding evidence, and police of bungling the case while being pressured by media attention spurred by the victim's frustrated family.

The original charges leveled against Thomas and Boston should cast doubt on the case against Ward, Quinn argued. He said a conviction would be "a grave injustice."

On Thursday evening, December 17, after deliberating all afternoon, the jury informed Judge Hollar they could not reach a verdict. Hollar urged them to continue working the next day. They returned with their verdict shortly after lunch.

Thomas and Boston also have new trials pending. The two were acquitted of murder in the first trial, but both convicted of third-degree assaults against Cockayne. Hollar recently threw out those verdicts after learning that the victim's family paid two government witnesses.

The Cockaynes explain the two \$5,000 payments as reward money that they had publicly offered.

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Rain, Rain, Go Away

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Steve and Helen Simon's annual parade and jazz concert attracted musicians, loads of children, Santa Claus and a crowd of admirers. We had fun and survived the showers. Poor Frank Czarnecki of Concert Works covered and uncovered the equipment every time the rains came.

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The St. Croix Jazz Band entertained the crowd with an emphasis on Latin rhythms. The leader's tiny son slept at his feet through it all.

We missed J'moi Powell who was singing at his church and couldn't make the concert. Too many events on one night.

Steve, Helen and several other sponsors are to be thanked for, once again, bringing Santa

and his gifts for every child.

I can't imagine directing an event that includes a parade, gifts, jazz concerts by young musicians, food, water, chairs, etc. — that takes a lot of organizing.

Samuel Family Celebrates a Wedding and Champion Volleyball Senior

What a family! Avelino looks forward to his wedding and Megan leads Penn States' team to its one hundredth win! What will they do when she graduates?

Last Week's Spelling Corrected

Every week there's a marriage or two! To spell Mares instead of Mars and Fairbairn instead of Fairbairn should be noted! Sorry, Mares.

First Prize for the Latest Party Costumes

Mary Ellis is the winner! All those lights blinking away! "Merry Mary!"

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

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested two men on various burglary charges last week in connection with a Thanksgiving night armed robbery and home invasion.

Cruise Riely, 23, was taken into custody on December 9 at about 8:25 p.m. and 22-year-old Mekel Blash was arrested on December 10 at around 10 a.m.

The suspects were charged with First Degree Robbery, Simple Possession, First Degree Burglary, Unlawful Entry, Grand Larceny and Third Degree Assault. Blash was also charged with Unlawful Sexual Contact.

Both suspects are also facing weapons charges in an unrelated case which has not yet been scheduled for trial.

Their latest arrests stemmed from a robbery that occurred at an Estate Bethany home which was reported to police on November 27.

The victims were having Thanksgiving dinner around 11:15 p.m. on November 26 when two males wearing masks entered their home and demanded money, according to the VIPD's probable cause fact sheet.

Riley pointed a gun in one victim's face and demanded money. He later escorted the victim into the bedroom, ordered him on the floor, hit him with the gun several times and demanded more money and drugs, according to the fact sheet as reported in the *V.I. Daily News*.



Cruise Riley, left, and Mekel Blash.

Riley then put the gun in the other victim's mouth and threatened to kill both victims if they went to the police, according to the V.I. Daily News report. The robbers then took off with about \$600.

Both men were advised of their rights on December 11, when V.I. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Alan Smith upheld the charges and imposed house arrest and 24-hour electronic monitoring as bail conditions.

Riley's bail was set at \$100,000 and he will be eligible for release after posting 30 percent of that amount. Blash's bail was set at \$150,000 with 30 percent provision imposed as well.

As of press time, both men were out of jail after posting bail.

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The Emmaus Moravian Church choir and friends sing for the crowd.

Community Sing-Along Marks Start of Season in Coral Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay residents marked the official start of the Christmas season on Monday, December 14, with the annual community sing along and tree lighting ceremony at the basketball court near the Coral Bay Fire Station.

Just as residents on the eastern side of St. John have been doing since the 1960s, community members gathered to sing Christmas carols in a friendly neighborhood competition. From East End to John's Folly, neighbors raised their voices in song to spread a bit of Christmas cheer.

"This is our community in Coral Bay and we need to get together like this and be grateful for each other and our traditions," said Bonny Corbeil, a board member of the Coral Bay Community Council. "Something is really missing if we don't do this."

Since the inception of the Coral Bay Community Council in 2003, the group has helped make sure the community sing along continues to thrive, with members spearheading a toy collection for local children.

"We've been doing this for a



Residents young and old were all smiles during the Coral Bay Tree Lighting ceremony.

long time and it's something that we love to participate in," said CBCC president Sharon Coldren. "This is a really nice event for everyone. For older members of the community it's great to see the kids running around and having fun."

"And it's great for the kids to let them know that everyone cares about them," Coldren said.

More than just keeping an old tradition alive, this year's event drew one of the biggest crowds in recent years, which was kept in stitches thanks to emcee Joan Thomas and her humorous stories.

For many residents, it just wouldn't be Christmas without the Coral Bay sing along.

"This is a wonderful thing and

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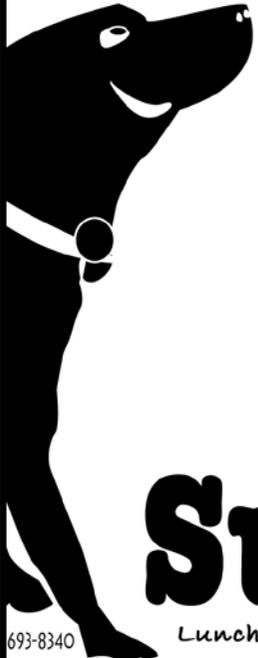
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Ned Gerard, Joy and Andy Stillman (left) got into the 60s spirit which featured Illuminati Band of Preston, Ron Keele and Ty Perrino (right).

Groovy Party Nets \$15,000 for ACC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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.

Proudly sporting tie-dye T-shirts, bell bottoms and long flowy dresses, the crowd fully embraced the party's Swinging 60s theme. Party-goers enjoyed food and drinks from some of the island's most eminent chefs, caterers, restaurants and purveyors while raising much-needed funds for the ACC, explained the group's secretary B.J. Harris.

"It was so much fun," said Harris. "We had probably 130 people and everyone dressed up in hippie garb. There were peace symbols everywhere and the food was fabulous."

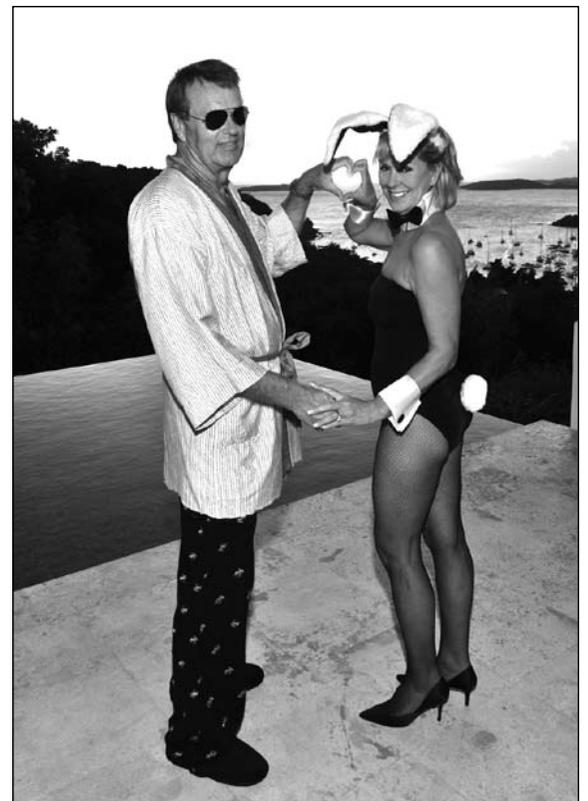
"We raised in excess of \$15,000," Harris said. "My personal goal was \$15,000, but we were going to be happy with whatever we raised in today's economy. We were just delighted with the crowd and with the amount of money that we raised."

In addition to overseeing the island's feral cat feeding and spay program, the ACC also runs a no-kill shelter in Cruz Bay, the cost of which mounts quickly, Harris explained.

"We really count on the support of the community to meet our budgetary needs," she said. "We only get a tenth of what we need from the government. So this will really help us continue the important work that we do."

A live band, fronted by Preston Elliot, kept the crowd on its feet and brought back memories for some guests.

"The dancing was amazing," said Harris. "There were people out on the dance floor on Saturday night who never dance. I think people really enjoyed the



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Tre Vista villa owners Olaf and Karen Nelson.

Jimi Hendrix and Beatles tunes so much they had to get out there and dance."

The group is already planning for next year's annual fundraiser and is accepting new theme ideas, Harris added.

"Anyone out there who has an idea for next year's theme should contact us because we want to get started right away," she said. "It's going to be tough to beat this year's Christmas for the Animals, but we're going to try."

The group always accepts donations and often needs volunteers. For more information on the ACC or to donate or volunteer call 774-1625.

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Maho Bay Campground Future Uncertain as Lease Nears End

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

With just two years and one month left on Maho Bay Camps' lease, hope looms above an uncertain future for the eco-resort and its 112 guest tent cottages spanning 14 acres of lush beachfront property on the island's quiet northeastern shore.

Maho's 37-year lease expires in January 2012, according to John Garrison, Trust for Public Land's (TPL) Southwest Florida and Caribbean field office director. TPL is engaged in negotiations with the landowners for possible purchase, but Garrison remained tight-lipped on the details.

"I am not at liberty to say a great deal — all I can confirm is that we are definitely working with the landowners of the property where the campground resides," Garrison said. "We have a confidentiality agreement and we can't give any more information than that. All I can say is that we are working on it."

If a land acquisition by TPL or a similar conservation organization is successful, Maho Bay Camp officials hope to lease or get a concession to use the property in order to continue to operate the Caribbean's first eco-resort as it has been for more than three decades.

"Our hope is that the property will be acquired by a land conservation or preservation company such as the National Park or the Trust for Public Land," said Maggie Day, vice president of Maho Bay Camps and Estate Concordia Preserve. "We are really hopeful that they will be successful,

"...all I can confirm is that we are definitely working with the landowners of the property where the campground resides. We have a confidentiality agreement and we can't give any more information than that."

— John Garrison, field office director
Trust For Public Land
Southeast Florida and Caribbean

and of course, we hope to be able to operate Maho Bay Campgrounds as it is. We would certainly try to obtain a lease agreement."

Even in the tougher-than-average market, Day said Maho Bay Camps continues to experience financial success year after year due to the unique niche it fills in the Virgin Islands tourism industry.

"We continue to offer a very strong, nature-based campground with simple accommodations at moderate pricing," Day said. "We think we are an important part of the tourism market and we'd love to see that continue."

Maho Bay Camps began operating as an eco-resort be-

fore "ecotourism" was a coined term, and over the years, it has continued to maintain a very low impact on the island's resources through its minimal use of energy, creative recycling efforts and low water usage.

"Our interests are to continue to work in ways to minimize wastes and keep coming up with ways to engage our guests in recycling and preserving energy and water," Day said. "Maho continues to get older but looks better now than ever, and we would like to continue seeing that into the future and so would our guests."

The eco-resort's main clientele are repeat guests — many of which are three-generation families who visit Maho year after year — comprising 80 percent of its occupancy rate during season and consisting of 20,000 names in its data base, according to Day.

If Maho was able to extend its lease, Day said the already green eco-resort would be looking at ways to become even greener.

"Something we would like to look at would be ways to improve our alternative energy capability," Day said. "It would be a real focus for us if we could get an extension on the lease."

But for now, it looks as if Day and others who would like to secure a more permanent place for Maho will have to keep their fingers crossed and wait to see what the future holds.

"I don't anticipate there will be any major announcement in the very near future," Garrison said.

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(L to R) Molly Murrill, pronouncer; Janice Jones, judge; Ty Massaquoi, GHS Spelling Bee winner; Ronnie Jones, pronouncer; Deblyn Van Gelder, teacher; and Terry Fields, judge.

Who Can Spell A-N-A-L-G-E-S-I-A?

By Deblyn Van Gelder
Special to St. John Tradewinds

Childhood is often marked by many memorable events: losing a front tooth; falling off of a bike; or — like Ty Massaquoi did last week — winning a spelling bee.

Congratulations to Massaquoi who bested 64 other students to claim victory as the Giffit Hill School Spelling Bee champion of 2010.

The fourth grader prevailed over staunch spellers in grades four through eight, earning the crown in the 11th round with the word A-D-I-E-U.

Luca del Olmo (seventh grade); Damien (A.J.) Hodge (eighth grade); and Larisma Maduro (fifth grade) sparred with Massaquoi through seven rounds of word play, with del Olmo emerging as alternate.

Massaquoi will travel to St. Thomas on February 15 to represent GHS in the St. Thomas/St. John District Spelling Bee. Next time you see him, show your support and challenge him with a word to spell.

Community members offered their support to make the spelling bee a success. Ronnie Jones and Molly Murrill pronounced the words, while Janice Jones and Terry Fields served as judges.

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My First Semester at Georgetown

By Malik Stevens
St. John Tradewinds

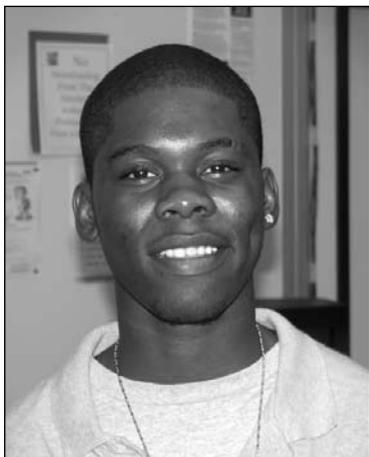
Four months may seem like a pretty long time, but for me it has definitely flown by, bringing an end to my first semester at Georgetown.

Although sleep has been a bit scarce, my first semester has been nonetheless amazing. From the orientation to the many on-campus events, to the countless number of amazing people I have met, this semester has been quite enjoyable.

There have been a few days where I did feel like it was all a bit too overwhelming, but I did persevere and besides, the days that I enjoyed greatly outnumbered those that I didn't.

My first semester was comprised of five classes: Spanish, Theology, Humanities and Writing, General Psychology and World History. For the most part, these classes were good experiences, but no matter where you go in life, there are bad eggs.

I do feel that my World History class called for too much reading and the text book was extremely boring, resulting in an uninterested student. Although the course was a bit boring, I did learn a lot. Other than History, the rest of my classes all went fairly well. They were challenging, but I did find them interesting and beneficial.



Malik Stevens

Moving into the second semester, my schedule will be comprised of Physics, Intro to African American Studies, Spanish, Social Psychology and Math Modeling (a class revolving around graphs and their analysis).

With one semester behind me, I do know more about coping with my work load and managing my time. Plus, I have learned from my mistakes that I made first semester.

I now know that chronic procrastination is not a disorder, but an excuse, and that every weekend does not necessarily have to consist of a party. All in all, next semester will be great.

Besides my full course load, I have also been taking part in many extracurricular activities. I work for a program called DC Reads, for which we go out into public elementary schools and tutor third and fourth grade students. I am also a board member of the Caribbean Culture Circle here at Georgetown.

Along with these, I played on intramural flag football and basketball teams. I balanced this all while being a regular attendant of Yates (Georgetown's student and faculty gym).

Although the semester was enjoyable, a break is necessary. For the next few weeks, I will be back home on St. John, relaxing and recuperating to put in another strong semester at Georgetown. I cannot wait.

Thank You Once Again

Like always, I have to acknowledge my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped me get to where I am. Thank you all for the love and support; especially the Rotary Club of St. John and the members of the Bill Morris Scholarship Committee.

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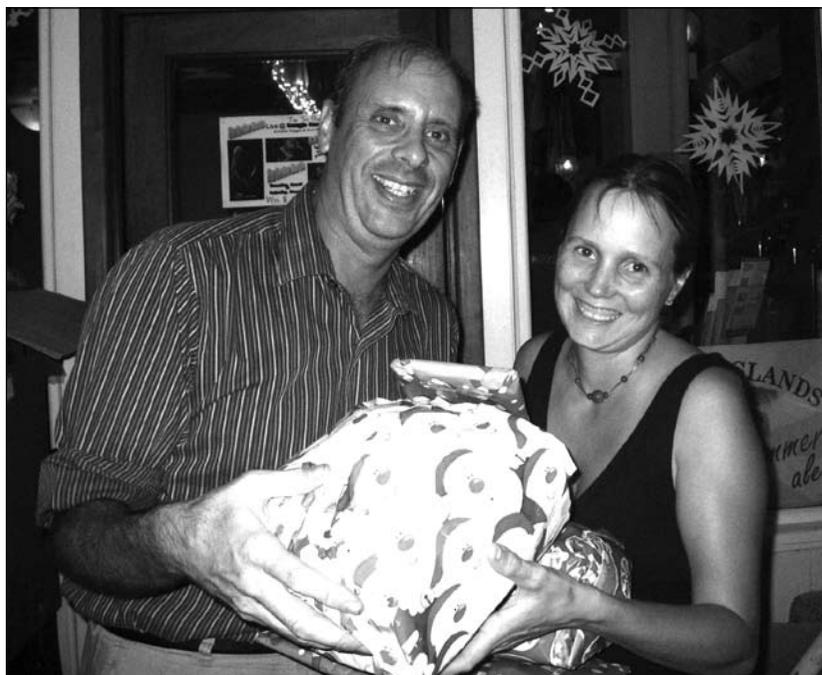
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"SKIP" School and Explore the VINP

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Friends of V.I. National Park's School Kids in the Park (SKIP) Fund is now available to schools territory-wide.

The purpose of the SKIP program is to nurture the development of the next generation of conservation citizens. VI public schools continue to under perform in providing the natural science curriculum children need and deserve.

The program's goal is to provide young people with opportunities for an environmental education that will help them better understand basic tenants of scientific theories, and the importance of conservation, with the hope that they will pursue further study in the fields of natural and environmental sciences.

As adults, the children will be better prepared to make thoughtful decisions about how to care for our fragile island environment.

The Friends' SKIP program consists of four connecting elements designed to assist teachers with ways to engage their students in the V.I. National Park. SKIP encompasses the group's flagship projects: Park Study Grants; Transportation Fund; and the Environmental Fair/Reef Fest.

With several years of experience with these projects, Friends has had important feedback from teachers and VINP rangers which led the group to further enhance the program by establishing a fund that will provide materials and supplies to improve the field trip components. The cost of the supplies is generally minor and in some cases can be used over multiple years.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Friends of VINP

Students enjoy the Virgin Islands National Park as a living classroom.

This year, Friends was able to acquire additional funds which will allow more students and teachers to use the living classroom of the VINP.

As the program expands, Friends looks forward to working with new teachers and students in its efforts. Friends sends a special thank you to VI Audubon Society, which offered interim assistance with funding to avoid any interruption in field trips and excursions as confirmation from primary donor Golden Eagle Financial was awaited.

Without support, Friends could not offer this exciting and educational program. Friends and the youth of the VI thank everyone for their generosity and interest in this program.

For more details call the Friends at 779-4940.

Special Holiday Reading at Head Start



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Miles Stair reads to students at the Cruz Bay Head Start program on Thursday morning, December 17.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of J. Chabot



Volunteers set up camp at a group site at Cinnamon Bay, above left, to begin work on trails, right.

VINP Volunteers To Improve Trail Vistas and Clear Around Ruins

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

As the V.I. National Park volunteer program enters its fourth season, volunteer coordinator Jeff Chabot is anticipating a busy few months, with projects on tap including clearing scenic overlooks along the North Shore Road and on hiking trails, and continuing to clear ruins in the VINP.

The volunteers plan to clear 14 scenic overlooks, or vistas, tackling one site per week.

“We’ll do the three big vistas on the North Shore Road, so visitors can stand on the road and take a picture again instead of having to stand on the wall and hold their cameras over their heads,” said Chabot.

Eleven other vistas will be cleared on VINP trails, the volunteer coordinator continued.

“One of the primary reasons people go on hikes is so they can see beautiful vistas,” said Chabot. “Our intent is to take the Tuesday work parties out to put those trail clearings back where they should be.”

The volunteers plan to tackle two sites on the Caneel Hill trail, including at the tower at Margaret Hill which was erected four years ago. A vista approximately three-quarters of the way up on the Cinnamon Bay trail will be cleared, along with two sites on the Bordeaux Mountain trail, which have been completely closed off by vegetation.

“Most major trails had at least one really nice vista in the past that we’re going to resurrect this year,” said Chabot.

The volunteer coordinator hopes people and local organizations and

businesses will eventually take “ownership” of trails in the VINP, helping to maintain that trail and keep it clear, he explained.

“Taking ownership is a theme blossoming in the states,” Chabot said. “People take ownership of a trail and help clean it up.”

In addition to opening up scenic overlooks on trails, the VINP volunteers will continue to clear ruins in the park, focusing on maintaining and improving viewability at the historic sites.

“We’ll be clearing out the understory and thinning out the trees to make a huge open glen at Catherineberg the same way we did at Cinnamon Bay,” said Chabot. “One of the big projects we have on tap is clearing the Leinster Bay ruins, which will be one of my March projects, when I have five groups coming back to back.”

The VINP’s volunteer program has come a long way since its inception four years ago, when volunteers lacked transportation and could only tackle trails and ruins within walking distance from Cruz Bay.

During its second season, the volunteer program was lent an old Jeep Wagoneer by the VINP’s maintenance department. The vehicle was often stuffed full of volunteers, Chabot remembered.

“It got us by the second year,” he said. “There were days we had as many as 13 people hanging out of it.”

The volunteers are now riding in style in an eight passenger work van and a 15 passenger van.

“The work van was bought specifically for volunteer activities, and the passenger van was bought for things like executive tours, but

we’ve really monopolized it,” said Chabot.

The majority of Chabot’s volunteers are people staying at Cinnamon Bay and Maho Bay Camps, however he plans to include Caneel Bay this year, which has showed interest in participating.

Interest in the volunteer program has continued to rise, explained Chabot.

“Repeat enthusiasm is starting to build,” he said. “My dream is to get this program to go national. All the parks need it.”

The volunteer van leaves the VINP maintenance area on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. sharp and picks up at Caneel, Cinnamon and finally Maho Bay at 8:30 a.m.

For more details on the volunteer program, contact Chabot at jeffchabot@aol.com, 998-5627, or the Friends of VINP at 779-4940.


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1. What is your name, what do you teach at SJSA and how long have you been teaching at the school?

This Muilenburg, MA, MT-BC. I teach "Music Circle," which are music classes for children 5 and under which I teach at Giffit Hill School in their pre-school and pre-kindergarten classes, and at the St. John School of the Arts with toddlers and their caregivers.

Also "Drama Games," a drama class focused on process rather than performance for school-aged children taught at the School of the Arts, and private piano lessons for beginning to intermediate piano students

2. What is your background as far as education and/or experience in your subject or area of expertise?

I have a masters in expressive therapies, with a specialization in music therapy, from Lesley College in Cambridge MA. I'm a board certified music therapist; I've been singing and playing the guitar and piano for over 30 years.

I have worked for over 10 years doing music and expressive



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SJSA music and drama teacher This Muilenburg.

therapy (including art, drama and play therapy) with children who have behavioral, emotional or special needs. I taught music therapy coursework at the post-graduate level at the University of California for five years. I also worked as a music teacher for toddlers for three years and received the Music Together teacher training before coming to St. John in 2009.

3. What do you like most about teaching at SJSA?

There are so many wonderful

moments when I feel that I am helping the kids to have beneficial creative experiences, with music or drama, and that is what it's all about for me.

Helping the kids to find, express, explore and enjoy their innate creative energy. I also love being able to get to know the children and their families. Having just moved back to St. John this year, I really appreciate the connections I'm making with families here through

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I had the opportunity to talk with several St. Johnians about Old Time Christmas. They included Mrs. Andro Childs, Mrs. Eulita Jacobs, Mr. Carl Penn, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson.

Andro reported that "Thanksgiving signaled the beginning of preparations for Christmas. Special liqueurs had to be prepared, not only bottles of the traditional guava-berry, but also guava and sea grape liqueur. My Mama (Miss Myra Keating Smith) was a master at blending and creating these drinks from native berries and rum. My Aunt Meade (Miss Meade Keating Titley) was in charge of baking breads and cakes in the family outdoor stone oven. For Christmas, Sweet Bread was always high on everyone's list. On Christmas Eve the serenaders would come. For weeks before you'd hear people crooning, tuning up, and getting ready for serenading. The serenaders went from house to house Christmas Eve and during the night singing Christmas carols and we served them guava berry drinks, ham, sweet breads, etc."

Miss Eulita said that the saving grace in this season of drinking and eating was that the revelers ate before they drank and walked long distances between houses while serenading.

Christmas presents were important to children as they are today. Andro remembers receiving a little red wagon, a tea set and other special toys. The tea set was played with for a few house and then put away. On Sunday afternoons and other quiet times it would be brought out for play.

There was always a ham for Christmas and even sometimes two, both for the serenaders and the family. Henry Jackson talked about "pone", a mixture of sweet potato and pumpkin pudding being baked. Others remembered the "American" apples and oranges that they would find in their stockings and the special nuts like Brazil and Hazelnuts. Also Christmas hard

candies that Santa brought by way of the Sears Roebuck catalog.

Miss Eulita said that the candies would be placed in small bags for each of the children. According to Carl Penn, the first candies to be consumed were the homemade Jawbones named because they were hard enough to break your jaw (but such delicious peppermint that they were irresistible).

Henry reported that you would spend the Fall months finding just the right size jar to store your candy after Christmas to keep it fresh and away from others until you wanted to share.

But, these were times of caring and sharing, an everyday occurrence on St. John that was magnified by the joyful season.

During the weekday afternoons, the church choirs could be heard practicing Christmas carols and children practicing Christmas recitations. They were preparing to perform for family and friends who would walk or ride on donkeys and horses from all over the island; Coral Bay, Monte, Gift Hill, Pastory, and Good Hope.

Almost all of the people were either Moravian or Lutheran. They celebrated the season together and greeted each other with "Compliments of The Season!"

The most precious memory for many was walking home from Bethany in the moonlight singing Christmas carols and eating candies from small Christmas gift boxes given to the children at the program.

The boxes were about the size of the boxes we get our bank checks in. These candies were shared with your brothers and sisters when you arrived home.

We all have friends and family to help celebrate the holidays but think about all the fine memories of Christmas in donkey years (long ago) that the locals have. Ask them about it and you'll hear some wonderful tales. Compliments of the season to one and all.

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

The result: ***the only viable long term and sustainable waste management solution AND not a moment too soon.*** These projects fully integrate materials and energy recovery strategies for recycling/reuse and alternative/renewable energy source with no landfill requirements. WMA negotiated and signed contracts which, ***significantly enhance recycling and reuse, and maximize the energy recovered from waste, and permit the long overdue final closure of both landfills.***

EPA Administrative Orders on Consent

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

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

Solid Waste Management Alternatives: New Landfills, Off-island Disposal, Recycling, Waste-to-Energy

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

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

Waste that are screened and removed such as scrap metal, white goods, scrap tires, lead-acid batteries, e-waste, used oil, and household hazardous waste will continue to be diverted to existing and planned waste processing facilities for transportation to mainland recycling facilities. New convenience centers with recycling and household hazardous waste collection centers are currently under construction. ***Consequently, the waste-to-energy alternative does not compete with but rather complements recycling goals in the Virgin Islands.***

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

Project History

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

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

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

Technical Due Diligence

The Alpine projects will process solid waste into refuse derived fuel. Solid waste will be screened, shredded, sterilized, and pelletized for storing, handling, transporting, and combusting. The refuse-derived fuel – fluff or pellets – will be fired in a fluidized bed burner (gasifier) along with a combination of secondary fuels such as pet coke and opportunity fuels such as tires and sewage sludge.

The conventional waste processing system will convert municipal solid waste to shredded refuse derived fuel. The optimized system will sterilize and pelletize the refuse derived fuel for storage and handling, transporting to ensure continued operation availability. Unlike our mainland counterparts, we do not have any alternative waste disposal options within the territory. These additional optimized systems recognize and address the unique realities faced by insular island communities such as ours and minimize the need to seek off-island disposal options in the event of system down time.

The RDF Facility consists of well proven conventional waste processing equipment and machinery – shredders and classifiers - that has been in successful operation for over 30 years. The sterilizer and pelletizer units, which will be used to optimize the process as needed for storage and handling, transporting and combusting the RDF pellets, are new technology tested and recently placed in operation in Aruba.

Environmental Benefits

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

When the waste-to-energy construction is completed and ready to accept waste for processing, the landfills will FINALLY be closed. *Upon closure of the landfills, the planned methane gas recovery systems for alternative energy production will further enhance the indirect environmental benefits of the overall projects.*

Alpine Project Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alternatives outside the territory exceed proposed annual service fees for waste-to-energy and do not offset energy or environmental costs associated with displacement of fossil fuels with refuse derived fuel.

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

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

Note: More recently, Hawaii negotiated waste-to-energy service fees in the \$125 per ton range for an expansion of its RDF facility.

It should be noted that the start-up year indicates that the debt service payment payoff should be factored into lower service fees for operating costs only. Additionally, WTE fees must be competitive due to availability of landfills at generally lower service fees in proximity to the facilities.

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

May Adams Cornwall
Executive Director



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Our business office will be closed from December 21 to 27.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

An Amazing Night at the Westin

This past Thursday, I decided I would go to observe the efforts of the Mad Hot Ballroom dancing efforts at the Westin, sponsored by Pond Bay Resort.

I knew from the passionate discussions by the three dance instructors (Gina Wellner, Beth Gowan and Teresa Fraguada) in Connections that they were absorbed in something very special for the past 10 weeks in our three St. John schools — Giff Hill, Julius E. Sprauve, and Guy Benjamin Schools.

They met almost everyday with incredible enthusiasm and energy to compare notes. They shared their excitement with anyone for what they were doing with the children of St. John.

Director Jaycee Gossett had approached me months before to ask if Connections would get involved in what sounded to be a true gift to our youth. Of course, I agreed — but, still had not a clue of what its' impact would mean for our special little rock. So I went to the Westin that Thursday night, just to spend an evening, watching our children, doing something, possibly, fun. No real expectations.

What I experienced and saw so clearly was the most amazing thing. These 5th graders were filled with confidence, civility, grace, discipline and poise, as they performed merengue, foxtrot, tango, rumba, and swing — and they were mixing it up big time with total enjoyment.

What I felt among the parents was pride and unity of our St. John community. I was goose-bumped, as I drove home.

I have been a big believer and supporter of KATS (Kids And The Sea), and the Love City Pan Dragons for the past 29 years, because I have seen their amazing abilities to instill confidence in our children, as they learned to swim, row, sail and compete in sailing regattas, and play the pans — and, go on to excel in so many ways.

What I saw December 11th, made me go back to the Westin on Friday night for the final competition among the island's three schools. I could not quit talking it up all day Friday, as one of the most incredible experiences I have had on St. John.

All of these kids are medal-winners in what I consider their Olympics!

I want to applaud Bob Emmett of Pond Bay for sponsoring this far-sighted gift to our children; the founder of Dancing Classrooms Pierre Dulaine (who had such an amazing command of the children and parents); Judges Dianne Otis, Carlos Woods, and our St. John School of the Arts' Kim Wilds; instructors Gina Wellner, Beth Gowan, and Teresa Fraguada; the principals of our three St. John schools; and all of the kids who participated — and have been given a gift that will stay with them for all their lives.

I so hope we can continue this program in our schools, as it is truly one of the best gifts we can give our children.

**Most sincerely,
Cid Hamling**

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Canine Christmas Wish

What do you say to your children when they look at you with big round eyes and say they want to save a stray dog?

In spite of yourself, you say "Ok Dear, let's do what we can."

As new visitors to St. John we have been overwhelmed by the friendliness and the beauty of the island and people. One evening, while strolling through town we came across a sweet and friendly dog named "Sable."

She was so happy to meet and play with my children, we thought she was just another piece of this blissful island scene. Until we learned that she had been abandoned by her owner and left to starve on the streets.

So we kept her in our hotel for the night and the next day, we took her to the animal shelter. Connie Joseph, the shelter director, was there to greet us and she knew Sable immediately.

"Oh yes, we know Sable," Connie said. "She ends up here every



time her owner decides he can't care for her anymore. It's really sad."

"But she's the sweetest dog in the world," my children chorused. "Sable deserves a real family!"

So we decided to write this letter to share our story, and to ask that you look into your hearts this Christmas and see if you might just have the perfect spot in your home for a sweet "mature lady" to rest and be loved.

Sable is both bright and spry, and she is all love. She is wonderful with children and loves to

swim and eat hamburgers.

Connie has lots of furry friends to choose from to make your holiday filled with love. As of today there were more than 30 cats and a nice selection of dogs, including a new arrival today; a little beagle with big brown eyes and a happy, playful spirit.

Connie has her work cut out for her.

"We really are running the shelter on a week-to-week basis, never knowing if we can stay afloat," she said. "But we have been here for a long time, and hopefully we will be here to continue helping these animals find loving homes."

The children and I have been back to visit and walk Sable everyday. Maybe you and your family could drop by to visit Sable and her friends, too and make their Christmas and yours, a very special one. Charlie and Lexi think you will be so glad you did.

**Jennifer, Charlie
and Lexi Garland**

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Untruth – Part 3

Questions about the nature of reality, the nature and extent of human knowledge, whether impartiality is obtainable or only an unobtainable illusion, whether or not humans can use reason merely to serve desire, whether our inclinations and choices are predetermined or in some way free of them, are all questions which others are more qualified than I to pursue or answer.

However that doesn't mean I can just leave it to them. At least that is the presumption upon which providing a sound liberal education, for sooth, is based: that individuals need to be exposed to such questions and from that experience can make better choices for themselves.

So despite science and determinism or even because of it, we do have a choice. In particular, education, training and (self-) discipline are preconditions, which can cause changes in character, thoughts and feelings, habits and behavior, at least in the long run.

In which case at least the young (even a future self) might be made able to do in the uplifting vein as we say, rather than as we (currently) do.

Of course that means we will need to provide an appropriate education and training, that sound liberal education. This is not high or even on all agenda and budgets. A sound liberal education is even heresy to some.

To be sure, the products of what's passed off as a liberal education often have been less than admirable persons, although indeed they might have been worse without.

Individual capacities vary, too. Some will say that a sound liberal education is beyond the intellectual capacities of all but a few. Some will say there are more efficient means anyway. In every field of endeavor leaders arise, some well intended, some not.

Other inducements to influence behavior, besides providing a liberal education, include: with myths and illusions, by confusing and deceiving, bribing or intimidating, even murder and genocide. "Whatever it takes", "All's fair in love and war" and "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing" are popular maxims.

However, some leaders and thinkers do hold out the hope that a sound liberal education is accessible by most people, if on different levels of complexity.

And it does not seem to be too difficult a concept to arrive at, grasp and hold that virtue and good are worth pursuing for their own sake, even when there is disagreement about where the defining authority lies or even if there were no "Ultimate Certainty" to authorize, or "Ultimate Reward and Punishment" to motivate and enforce, or even if the other inducements to which leaders or society may resort are not applied.

However, perhaps the human species just isn't built that way, that virtue and good for their own sake aren't motive enough. Consider that for many it is true that "faith sustains in adversity". On the other hand consider also that while any particular sustaining faith is true for some, for others it is not.

So then, if in any case we are inclined to the method of liberal education, what constitutes a sound liberal education needs wise consideration. Neither the hotly passionate nor the coolly cynical need apply; we have seen and do not want what their schools produce.

Knowledge, Understanding and Wisdom, my possibly archaic Baltimore Catechism informed me long ago, are three of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost, along with Temperance, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

It wasn't taught to me back then but I figured out since (I think) that Knowledge is about what's so, facts — like the parts of a car. Understanding is about how it all fits together — like so the car would run; also about how others see things. Wisdom is about using Knowledge and Understanding for good results — like deciding whether or not to give an individual a license to drive, and making sure to give that person good driving lessons beforehand.

How to identify the wise? The short answer is: by their results you shall know them. The matter is urgent, but taking time for careful consideration and reconsideration is a good sign too. We must press on, or so our young president seems to think.

Nicholas Childs

2009 Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree Light Organizers Thank Carolers

The Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree 2009 organizers thank the various communities that came out to support the caroling last Monday: Bordeaux; Upper Carolina; Mamey Peak; Calabash Boom; Hard Labor; Friis; John's Folly; Mandahl; Spring Garden; Palestina; Eden; East End; Skinny Legs family; Emmaus Moravian Church; Coral Bay Community Council; and the Calvary Baptist Church.

Special thanks to Skinny Legs, Concordia and the Guy Benjamin School for donations.

This is an annual community event that usually takes place mid-December. We encourage the community to come out and support this historical event and keep this wonderful tradition going.

We also want to thank those who wanted to donate, but could not due to various circumstances. Season Greetings to all and remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

Barbara Dalmida on behalf of the Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree 2009 organizers

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 67
Under Investigation: 64
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

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

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Alateen Meetings

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

What Do You Think? Send your letters to editor@tradewinds.vi

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Thanks from HYPE

Helping Young People Excel Inc. family would like to extend warm wishes to the entire community, especially to those businesses and individuals who so graciously supported our endeavors by providing us with goods, and services throughout the year.

You made our raffles, walk-a-thon, bake sales, car wash, food/soup sales and concert a success.

It is because of caring and conscientious people like you that makes it possible for the HYPE program to exist and provide mentoring, tutorial classes, counseling and life skills to our at-risk young people.

We say, Thank You! For all that you have done and we look forward to your continued support. We wish you all the very best for the holidays. Merry Christmas to all and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
Sgt. Arlene Chalwell

WAPA/Alpine Deal Is Bad News for Rate Payers/Taxpayers

Why do the agreements signed between the VI Water and Power Authority and Alpine Energy Group represent a bad deal for the citizens of the USVI?

The Public Services Commission failed to represent the interests of the WAPA ratepayer or VI taxpayer in their approval of the WAPA / Alpine agreements.

The installed cost of the Alpine Anguilla and Bovoni facilities is very high. This cost is amortized over 20 years and passed on to the WAPA ratepayer as part of the "electric energy charge" to be paid to Alpine.

According to WAPA's consultant, R.W. Beck, Inc., the estimated costs for the Anguilla and Bovoni projects, [including electric interconnection, land and site development, dock facilities, legal, insurance during construction, financing and development costs; interest during construction, working capital; and owner's indirect costs] total \$444.8 million for 49 megawatts (MW) of electrical energy, or \$9.08 million per MW.

According to figures provided by R.W. Beck, Inc. and the agreements signed between WAPA and Alpine, the total estimated costs to WAPA for the development and construction of the Alpine Anguilla and Bovoni facilities [not including the \$44 million cost for constructing pelletized refuse-derived fuel (PRDF) facilities or the \$17.48 million for WAPA interconnection and system upgrade facilities to be covered by WAPA, or the \$18 million per year (\$360 million over 20 years) to be paid to Alpine under separate agreements signed with the VI Waste Management Authority (VIWMA)] appears to be \$383.3 million for generation of 49 MW of electrical energy, or \$7.8 million per MW.

It can be argued that at least some of the over \$420 million not included in the \$7.8 million/MW figure should be included as a cost of energy generation (i.e., the cost of generating fuel from municipal solid waste (MSW) as distinct from the cost of MSW handling and disposal), but even taking this low number, the cost per MW of generating electrical energy is very high compared to alternatives.

At a capital cost of \$7.8 million/MW, energy generation from wind, solar and other renewable resources is competitive in today's dollars and with today's technologies. Further, construction of a facility at Bovoni may be completely unnecessary if a cable currently being discussed by WAPA with Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority could bring energy from Puerto Rico or Culebra to St. Thomas at a capital cost of \$40-60 million.

WAPA recognizes that there is a fuel cost for petroleum coke. Further, while arguing correctly that there are costs attendant to generation of electric energy from wind and solar, WAPA Executive Director, Hugo Hodge, in testimony before the PSC, acknowledged that there is no fuel cost for wind or solar energy.

Yet the cost of petroleum coke fuel was not covered as a cost of electrical energy generation by the power provider in the deal signed with Alpine. This cost would be passed on to the WAPA ratepayer as a part of our WAPA bill, over and above the 14.2 to 31.9

cents per kWh peak hour electric energy charge to be paid to Alpine.

The market price of petroleum coke is highly volatile, in some markets even more volatile than fuel oil. According to a July 1, 2009, Reuters report (Petcoke booms as cement makers try to replace coal):

Cement makers worldwide are buying petroleum coke or petcoke wherever possible to replace more expensive steam coal as a fuel and raw material As a result petcoke prices have risen \$10.00 a tonne to \$35.00 during the past month and are likely to reach parity with coal prices later in the year.

Meanwhile, to make costs palatable to ratepayers, WAPA projected the price of petroleum coke to rise 25 percent (1.11 percent per year) over the next 20 years.

I'm not from Missouri, but I challenge WAPA's \$5 million consultants to look at the price history, run the regression analyses and "show me" how we can reasonably expect petroleum coke prices to rise slightly over 1 percent per year over the next 20 years, when prices on the Mediterranean market rose over 32 percent per year on average between 1998 and 2008, according to Jacobs Consultancy, a world leader in monitoring fuel prices.

Also excluded from the Alpine electric energy charge is the cost of PRDF, which contributes 34 percent and 17 percent of Alpine's energy production on St. Croix and St. Thomas, respectively.

In fact, under the agreements signed with VIWMA, Alpine is to be paid \$18 million per year to process PRDF from municipal solid waste using energy to be provided at no cost to Alpine from combustion of petroleum coke/PRDF.

Sweet, Alpine gets paid by one USVI ratepayer/taxpayer-supported authority (VIWMA) to process the refuse-derived fuel, then by another authority (WAPA) for the electrical energy generated from its combustion.

The US Environmental Protection Agency is now required by law to regulate release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and climate change legislation is working its way through the US Congress.

Whether in the form of cap and trade, carbon tax, or some other mechanism, there will be a monetary cost for emitting CO2 and other greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, but this cost will have little effect on Alpine's profits. This burden is largely borne by WAPA ratepayers under the Alpine deal.

Burning fossil fuels releases greenhouse gasses. Generating energy from wind, solar, geothermal and/or ocean thermal energy conversion does not.

The cost to WAPA ratepayers of CO2 mitigation may range from 3-5 cents per kWh to over 20 cents per kWh depending upon the cost per ton of carbon emitted into the atmosphere eventually set by the federal government and/or the marketplace.

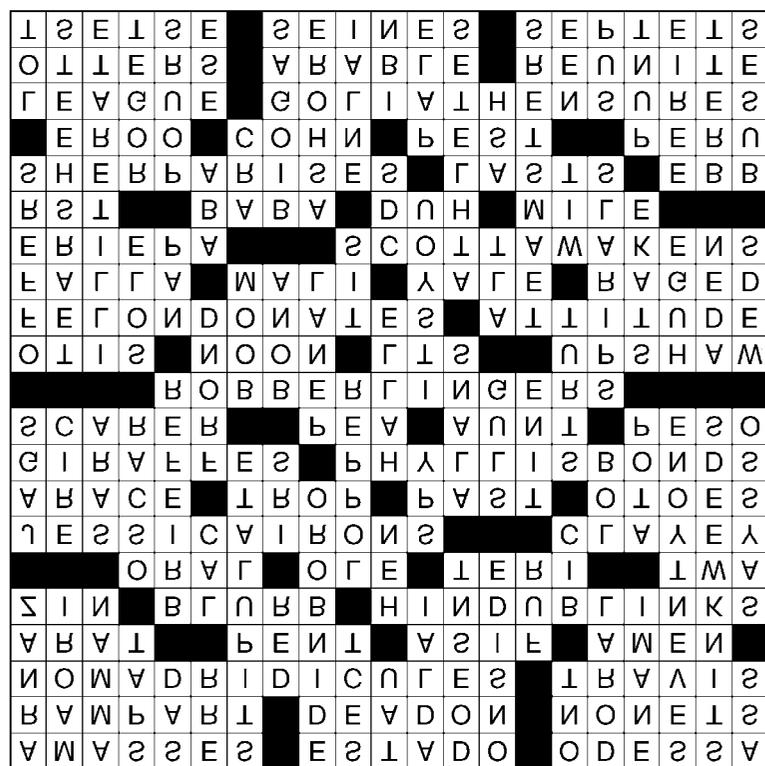
Paul Chakroff
Executive Director,
St. Croix Environmental Association

Tuglife in Spotted in Dry Dock



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The St. John-St. Thomas barge Roanoke or Tug Life, which has been out of service for several weeks, is in drydock in Crown Bay for repairs, including the construction of a new ramp.



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Alpine Project Will Destroy Ecosystem

Making their way through the Virgin Islands' legislative hopper are two leases that would sanction Alpine Energy Group LLC to locate a waste to energy plant at Bovoni.

However communities that will also be affected include Sapphire, Red Hook, Nazareth, Fredenhoy, Nadir, Bolongo, Watergate, Plantation Cove, Limetree, Bakkroe Estate, Frenchmen Estate and Havensight business district. The Alpine plant will be erected on Stalley Bay and would significantly alter the fragile ecosystem that is blossoming in spite of our failure to protect it.

Stalley Bay hits home to me because my family and 250 other homeowners moved into this community beginning around 1960 when Senate President Earle B. Ottley and Governor Isidor Piawonsky established the opportunity for working class people to realize the dream of owning a home and raising a family in this community.

Prior to moving, many of the residents of Bovoni lived in Savan, Hospital Ground, Paul M. Pearson Gardens, Oswald Harris Court and Bournefield/Kirwin Terrace. All of the residents were attracted to the beauty of this ecology.

I can remember seeing deer running across the road leading to the area where Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School is now located. I can remember seeing flocks of native parrots flying across the aqua blue sky as they sought protection in the evening. This was in the late sixties and very early seventies, before the "dump" appeared

Now fast forward 35 years to the future and have you seen a deer or a native parrot lately?

V.I. Biologist Amy Dempsey stated "dumping of the dredged material into Stalley Bay would damage the fragile Elkhorn coral." How would the bay thrive under the development process that includes dredging thousands of cubic yards of sand from the ocean bottom, digging, mooring piles, bulk heads, sewage system, waste water, thousands of yards of concrete plus steel, gas, an anchoring system, self loading fuel barge, chemical storage, waste treatment building, retaining walls, fuel storage, discharge lines, and sea water intake pump.

This thought process offends reason! Those of us with the ability to reason must ask this most basic of questions, without fear of reprisal.

Edwin Munez of the Fish and Wildlife division of the US Army Corp of Engineers addresses the reason for taking Stalley Bay out of the equation: "The disposal in the alternative site, Stalley Bay would have impacted coral hard ground, sea grass beds, and other marine habitats including federally listed Acroporids corals. These impacts would have required substantial compensatory mitigation and a prolonged permitting process."

WICO in its report to the U.S. Corps of Engineers stated that "Benthic survey at Stalley Bay had shown

that construction of a containment area would directly impact healthy sea grass beds and Acroporids."

At the CZM Hearing on April 7, 2009 Edward Thomas CEO and President of WICO, explained why Stalley Bay was eliminated from the list for dumping of dredged spoils into Lindbergh Bay.

"It came down to two options that were reasonable and feasible, Stalley Bay and Lindbergh Bay," said Thomas. "The Lindbergh Bay option would be less damaging to the environment."

With the CEO and President on record in defense of protecting Stalley Bay our elected officials might be wise to follow suit.

At the most recent hearing at the legislature the words Stalley Bay have been deleted and replaced with the words Long Point, meaning exactly the same place that they are claiming to erect this facility.

Upon further examination of the transcript the Post-Auditor revealed the following, "Steam cycle make-up water, portable water and cooling tower make-up water will be provided from the combination of desalination water produced from the water drawn from Stalley Bay and from treated effluent water delivered from the mangrove lagoon waste water treatment plant."

Further, according to the official, "a reverse osmosis desalination plant will be co-located with the project to deliver all water supply needs to the project with an intake and outfall installed in Stalley Bay."

The post Auditor made another disclosure that follows; "the project is expected to be located on the Southwest side of Long Point (Eastern side of Stalley Bay)".

The project will cover approximately 30 acres of land which will include a dock at Stalley Bay. The dock will be used to deliver pet coke fuel, hydrated lime, limestone, and other combustibles required to sustain a plant of this magnitude.

Alpine is also working with the V.I. Port Authority, Waste Management, and the Department of Public Works to make the dock attractive for other commercial use. Based on this revelation the pristine tranquil bay will be ruined forever!

Complicating matters is the increase in traffic to an already congested corridor. There will be trucks carrying bottom ash, fly ash, tons of trash, tons of limestone, tons of chemicals necessary for this operation, from the plant to a site not yet identified. This is another set of details that has not been sorted out by the elected officials of our territory.

Our elected officials and their hire-lings have tried to keep this sordid deal from public scrutiny. Bob Marley's words should be our mantra, "what's done in the darkness will come to light." We must keep shining the light.

Clarence Payne
St. Thomas resident



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Calvary Baptist Church children sing during the annual Coral Bay sing-along.



Coral Bay Sing-Along

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"We started out on East we've been doing it for years," said Maurice Chabuz, Skinny Legs owner. "When you think about Christmas this is it — this is the spirit of Christmas."

"This is how I start getting in the Christmas spirit," said Pam Dolson, who read a passage from the Bible to remind everyone of the "true reason for the season."

The event drew residents young and old. St. John Montessori School children sang a well-rehearsed version of "Frosty the Snowman," and the Emmaus Moravian Church choir, which featured 96-year-old Guy Benjamin, sang "Joy to the World."

In addition to the neighborhood groups, the Calvary Baptist Church and Skinny Legs employees and friends also sang carols for the crowd. Benjamin shared the history of the tradition with the crowd.

"We started out on East End and we decided to start a singing group out there," said Benjamin. "We practiced and thought we were pretty good so we invited people from other neighborhoods to come out and sing with us."

"Every village wanted to come out and show how they could do and that is how this started," Benjamin said.

Children's gleeful squeals soon drowned out the last of the Christmas carols as Santa Claus rode into the field on a shiny red fire truck. Children lined up to tell the big man a few last minute requests and receive a toy donated by the community.

No Coral Bay event is complete without at least a snack and this event was no different. The crowd enjoyed fruit punch and cookies before wrapping up another community Christmas sing along.

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Adopt-A-Family During the Holidays

The Department of Human Services' Division of Children and Family Services is coordinating its third annual Adopt-A-Family Program. Community sponsors and families are asked to provide a great Christmas for a less fortunate family.

For more information call 774-0930 ext 4226.

STJ Rescue Needs Volunteers

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

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

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

St. Ursula's Christmas Services

Christmas

Schedule of Services

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 10:30 p.m. Carols
- 11:00 p.m. Candle light Midnight Mass with steel pans, organ and choir

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

World's Largest Cruise Docks in Crown Bay



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Oasis of the Seas made its second visit to Crown Bay, St. Thomas, on Tuesday, December 15. The mega ship is scheduled to move to Havensight when the Charlotte Amalie harbor dredging is complete.

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.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day. St. John Tradewinds business office will be closed from Monday, December 21, to Sunday, December 27.

Tuesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 30

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

Saturday, February 6

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

March

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

Saturday, April 10

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

St. John Police Report

Friday, December 11

6:03 p.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident. Traffic accident.

11:34 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Saturday, December 12

8:50 a.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident p/r being threatened. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

1:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r being involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

2:40 p.m. - A St. John Bar employee c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:40 p.m. - Unit 402H r/ recovering contraband from an individual who ran away from the area of Joe's Diner. Recovered contraband.

Sunday, December 13

7:55 a.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto accident.

8:18 a.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident c/r that a male is making a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

9:03 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r that he is being harassed by a female. Disturbance of the peace.

9:56 a.m. - An Estate Fortsberg resident p/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery.

5:03 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

5:42 p.m. - The people of the Virgin Islands r/ an assault outside of Cap's Place. Assault in the third.

7:51 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/request police assistance. D.O.A.

Monday, December 14

9:11 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that she recovered her boat in the area of Coral Bay harbor. Recovered vessel.

7:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ an auto accident on St. Thomas. Auto accident.

Tuesday, December 15

12:47 a.m. - A citizen r/ that her vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle in the area of Es-

tate Enighed. Auto accident.

7:35 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r having a problem with her daughter's father. Disturbance of the peace.

11:34 p.m. - A St. John Bar employee c/requesting police assistance in removing an individual from the establishment. Police assistance.

Wednesday, December 16

3:25 p.m. - A resident p/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

4:14 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ an assault. Assault in the third.

Thursday, December 17

9:05 a.m. - An Estate Gift Hill resident r/ his son broke into his home and removed coins. Burglary in the third.

10:10 a.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident p/r damage to his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

5:36 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

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All-Island Holiday Party at Mongoose



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Visitors and residents, including the Majettes of St. John (above right) packed Mongoose Junction December 12.



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St. John residents were dressed to the nines for the

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VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) is soliciting proposals for:

RFP-WMA-003-C-2010 Cruz Bay Ejector Station No. 1 Upgrade

The VI Waste Management Authority is hereby requesting sealed proposals for the Cruz Bay Ejector Station No. 1 project includes but is not limited to the upgrade of an existing pump station and the installation of a new wet well, valve chamber, pumps, 8-inch PVC sewer and 6-inch Ductile Iron (DI) force main to be tied into the existing force main. The project is located on the island of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The bidding document can be obtained from the Division of Procurement and Property at #1 La Grande Princesse on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands or 9500 Wheatley Center, Suite 2, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, at a cost of \$200 per set. This is non-refundable cost.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal (PRFP) may be obtained from the VIWMA's Director of Procurement and Property, #1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or by contacting the Director, Mrs. Cecile Lynch, directly via phone or email.

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING: Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9am at the Legislative Conference Room in Cruz Bay, St. John, Virgin Islands

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 4:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

PROPOSAL DUE PLACE: Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL 1
Christiansted, VI 00820
P. O. Box 5089
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(Six Sealed Proposal Packages Marked Proposal for RFP No. RFP-WMA-003-C-2010, DO NOT OPEN)

NOTE: The proposal number must be placed on the outside of all Bid Packages. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the submission deadline.

DIRECT INQUIRIES: Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch
Director, Procurement and Property Division
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Email: clynch@viwma.org Phone: 340-718-4489

All questions pertaining to the submission of Proposals, scope of services and the award process should be directed in writing by emailing Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch, the Director of Procurement and Property, at clynch@viwma.org, or in hard copy format to the Director of Procurement and Property.

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority reserves the right to waive any non-substantive informalities, technicalities, or irregularities; or reject any or all qualifications and proposals; or to re-advertise for proposals, and to award or refrain from awarding the contract for the work. The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority also reserved the right to accept or reject any Proposal or any item listed therein. VIWMA further reserves the right to waive any informality in Proposals received.

May Adams Cornwall
Executive Director



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The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) is soliciting proposals for:

RFP-WMA-004-C-2010 Cactus Hill Sewer Line

The VI Waste Management Authority is hereby requesting sealed proposals for the Cactus Hill Sewer line to include but is not limited to the installation of approximately 1,100 linear feet of 8-inch PVC sewer, manholes and sewer services to adjacent properties on the island of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The bidding document can be obtained from the Division of Procurement and Property at #1 La Grande Princesse on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands or 9500 Wheatley Center, Suite 2, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, at a cost of \$200 per set. This is non-refundable cost.

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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

St. John Tradewinds

Seasons Greetings to one and all! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice, or the Crucian Christmas Festival, this is the time of year to appreciate friends and family, take some time off from work, and generally enjoy the blessing of being alive together.

My staff and I wish you the best during this holiday season leading up to the welcoming of the New Year. We remind you to party responsibly and this means no driving-after-drinking. We're almost to 2010, let's make it there hale and healthy!

The Holidays can be an especially lonely time for some whose family and friends are far away, so take the time to reach out to someone to whom you haven't spoken in a while. Your call or visit may be the most precious gift that your friend receives.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are always a joy on St. John. This year, the annual Community Carol Sing sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John will be at Wharfside Village at 5:30 p.m. Song sheets will be provided. Harvey Werbel will play the accompaniment on the piano.

In addition, there will be a brass quartet and your senator will be playing his bass trombone in public for the first time. The caroling will conclude at 7 p.m., and families often walk over to Cruz Bay Park to watch Santa Claus arrive. If you wonder how Santa's sleigh can arrive with no snow,

then you'll have to come and find out!

To me, the highlight of Christmas is serenading in Cruz Bay Park, but you must get up before dawn to see it. It is a tradition from backtime that has been kept alive throughout the years.

Often people gather at their churches and start singing before dawn as they make their way to a rendez-vous in Cruz Bay Park. Koko plays a lively banjo, Wesley strums the squash, and everyone joins in with their voices or instruments.

Whether you are a visitor or a local, if you want to celebrate the "real" St. John, serenading is the way to do it. Serenaders share not just music and love, but also Christmas treats such as cookies, cakes, and maybe even a little guavaberry. If you come, do so with an attitude of respect and joy, and make sure to bring food or drink to share!

I usually deal with the issues of the day in my Senator-at-Large report, but today I wanted to set them aside and focus on the fellowship, family, friends, and fun that fill this Holiday Season.

One timely note of business is that my Committee on Economic Development, Energy, and Technology will be hosting a hearing on the Alpine Energy Deal on January 13, 2010. There is a great deal of interest in examining this deal from an economic, technological, and environmental perspective. Anyone who would like to testify should call my office at 693-8061.

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"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute 2 bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and easy access. Fully furnished. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. Space below could be converted to another bedroom. **\$575,000**



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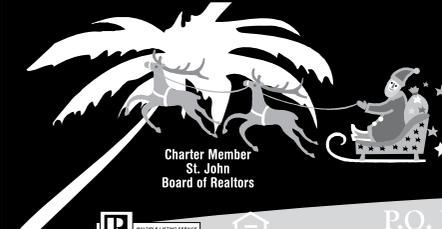
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