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150+ Parking Spaces Anticipated at Enighed Pond

By Andrea Milam
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St. John residents can expect some relief from the struggle to find a parking place in Cruz Bay in just three months, when the V.I.

Port Authority will open its Enighed Pond property to 150 parking spots, VIPA Executive Director Ken Hobson announced at the Thursday evening, January 14, St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The deJongh Group has long been working on plans for VIPA's St. John properties, including Enighed Pond and the Cruz Bay Creek, and the group's proposal was recent-

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– Robert deJongh of the deJongh Group

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ly accepted by the VIPA board.

The new parking spaces will line the perimeter of the Enighed Pond in a gravel parking lot with four access points from the road. The lot will be open at all times, and Robert deJongh of the deJongh Group is urging the St. John community to come together to organize a shuttle service from the lot into Cruz Bay.

The material which was dredged from the pond to open it to the ocean during the construction of the barge port has since been drying out at Enighed Pond, and has long been considered an obstacle to any type of development at the property.

The deJongh Group’s proposal calls for pushing some of the fill toward the center of the property, approximately 70 to 75 feet from the perimeter, and stabilizing the parking area with three layers of a permeable geo-textile fabric and crushed stone.

“This will form a structural crust which we believe is significant to support light vehicle loads,” said deJongh. “The placement of the additional fill in the center adds more weight and further represses it. This will allow it to compress more, and hopefully when it is eventually removed, the material will have been enhanced structurally.”

VIPA was initially reluctant to open its property to free public parking, which it only agreed to after intervention by Governor John deJongh.

The Port Authority, whose responsibilities are aviation and marine facilities, “is not in the business of providing free public parking,” said local architect deJongh.

The parking lot was funded by a recent bond issue, and design documents are complete and ready to go out to bid.

Parking at Enighed Pond will be free for the time being, according to Hobson; however, VIPA does have

plans to develop a commercial center on the property once the dredged material can be removed.

While deJongh’s explanation of the parking plan at Enighed was repeatedly met with applause by St. John Chamber members, the group was not so receptive to the deJongh Group’s suggestions for the use of the Cruz Bay Creek.

The current plan calls for relocating the Customs and Border Patrol facility to the far eastern side of the property, closest to the V.I. National Park ball field. Several chamber members expressed concern at the amount of boat traffic which would have to travel deep into the Creek to clear customs upon returning from the British Virgin Islands.

The deJongh Group also suggested an amphitheater be built in the foothills of the Battery, and that numerous commercial buildings be constructed among parking lots and green spaces — the part of the plan which drew the most opposition from chamber members.

“You would have to create a market for all that commercial space,” said local architect and Mongoose Junction builder/owner Glen Speer. “What is the real long term plan, cruise ships? That changes who we are as an island.”

Several chamber members likened the proposal for the Creek to Havensight on St. Thomas.

“If I have to give up my waterfront so cruise ship people can come here, then let them stay,” said local architect Michael Milne.

DeJongh assured the chamber that its plan for the Creek is nowhere near final.

“These features are for stimulating ideas,” he said. “They are not set in stone.”

The architect urged the group to map out where it wants the island to go in five, 10 and 15 years, and to submit its plan to VIPA. The Port Authority would welcome the input, according to Hobson.

Crimes Stoppers USVI Anniversary Celebration Set for January 20

Crimestoppers USVI is having a birthday party on St. John on Wednesday, January 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

The group is celebrating its One Year Anniversary and more than 500 anonymous tips received from Virgin Islands residents, which help to make the territory’s streets safer for everyone.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy light refreshments and hear from Crimestoppers USA Trustees, who are impressed with the Virgin Islands’ results.

Everyone who cares about their community will have an opportunity to find out more about this totally anonymous program and the positive impact it is clearly making on the territory.

For more information about the organization checkout www.crimestoppersusvi.org.

GHS Staging “Jack and the Three Golden Hairs” on January 22 and 23

The students of Giff Hill School will stage “Jack and the Three Golden Hairs,” on Friday, January 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, at 2 p.m.

Playwright and director, Stephen Stearns of the New England Theater Youth Group and his production crew, Doran Hamm, Tyler Hatton-Bullock, Moriah Martel, and Phoebe Martel, have flown in from Vermont to work with upper school students to bring this hilarious musical comedy to St. John. Performances will be in the Great Room at the lower campus and donations are accepted.

Explore Waterlemon Bay on Jan. 23 With the St. John Historical Society

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

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

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

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

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 24

Friends of V.I. National Park is hosting its 2010 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at T’ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

Olasee Davis is the keynote speaker, VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove will give the State of the Park Address and Friends of VINP president Joe Kessler will deliver the Friends annual report.

Light refreshments will be served. Parking at Cinnamon is limited, and attendees are asked to park at the NPS maintenance area by Mongoose Junction. Shuttle service will be provided from there. Call Friends at 779-4940 for more information.



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Residents, WAPA and VIWMA employees and consultants packed the Cruz Bay Legislature building for the Thursday night meeting.

Few Questions Answered by Alpine at Town Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In a meeting that grew contentious at times, residents had few of their questions answered by representatives of Alpine Energy Group during a Thursday evening, January 14, public hearing at the Cruz Bay Legislature building.

It was standing room only, although many of the seats inside the legislature room were filled with various environmental consultants and officials from V.I. Waste Management Authority and Water And Power Authority.

The meeting was the second in a series of town hall meetings hosted by WAPA, VIWMA and Alpine across the territory to share details of two proposed waste to energy and petroleum-coke burning power plants.

WAPA has signed two contracts with Alpine to construct one plant on St. Croix and a second plant in the Estate Bovoni area of St. Thomas, just a few miles from the shores of Love City.

After years of inadequate planning and funding to deal with the territory's waste stream, VIWMA faces federal orders to close the St. Croix landfill this year and the St. Thomas dump by 2014. The agency has been looking for waste-to-energy projects as long-term solutions for the territory's waste issues.

WAPA has been looking for ways to move the utility away from its total dependence on oil

for energy, and issued requests for proposals in December 2007 for alternative energy production contracts.

Fourteen proposals came in from various alternative energy producers by the May 2008 deadline, of which six were determined to fit WAPA's criteria — which stipulated financing and ownership of plants by the energy producer.

After months of negotiations, WAPA signed two 20-year contracts with Colorado-based Alpine Energy Group in August 2009. Plans call for the energy plants to burn a combination of shredded, sanitized and pelletized biomass — like old tires, wood-based waste and other combustible materials — and pet-coke.

"WAPA went through a rigorous and transparent process to evaluate the proposals," said WAPA executive director Hugo Hodge. "Critics might prefer one technology over another, but technology wasn't the only criteria. We considered the applicant's ability to finance the project."

"We made our decision based on what would be in the best interest of our rate payers," said Hodge.

The contracts between WAPA and Alpine are only the first phase of the project, and many permits must still be obtained by local and federal agencies including Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Coastal Zone Planning Committees, EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"If the permits are not acquired, the project will not happen," Hodge told the crowd.

Officials from WAPA, VIWMA and Alpine each gave short presentations detailing the proposed projects before opening the floor to questions from the audience.

Most residents who posed questions to Alpine and WAPA were concerned with the toxic by-products of burning pet-coke being discharged into the atmosphere.

"Let us know what is going to come out of those stacks," said Dan Porter.

"Would you drink a glass of water with these toxins mixed into it?" asked Pam Gaffin. "Because that is what you are asking us to do. I will have to drink and bathe in these toxins."

"Clean air and clean water are very important to our tourists," said Myrtle Barry. "We have to protect our tourist market. Our tourists won't come if our air and our water aren't clean."

"WAPA doesn't provide all of us with water — many of us depend on our roofs for water," said Barry. "It's more a threat to our health than anything else because of the chemicals that are going to be released."

Hodge adamantly denied that any toxins would end up in anyone's cisterns.

"Were it true that this stuff would end up on your roof, it would be a travesty," said Hodge. "No one here would propose a project that

would do that."

Although officials did not detail the composition of what the stacks would release into the air, Alpine officials pledged to share that information with the public in the future.

Other residents were concerned about endangered coral in the pristine bay off-shore of the proposed Bovoni plant, which also calls for construction of a pier to unload pet-coke and biomass waste to the facility.

"There are elkhorn and staghorn coral in the bay, particularly in the area near where the dock is proposed," said Gary Ray. "I think it will be very tough to get these permits under the Endangered Species Act. I'd like to see our coastline protected."

The discussion grew heated when Hugo Roller questioned WAPA's integrity in the RFP process and Lorelei Monsanto questioned entering into a 20-year agreement with a company that was only formed in 2007.

"Frankly, this deal smells worse than the waste that clearly needs to be dealt with in a better manner than is now done," said Roller.

"I'm appalled and hurt at what is happening here," said Monsanto. "We have a company that is in its infancy. My government has chosen a child to deal with our issues of trash."

"When we ask questions you make it combative," said Monsanto.

"It is very frustrating when information is being released that is not true," Hodge said in his defense after a terse back and forth with both Roller and Monsanto.

While the contracts between WAPA and Alpine have been signed, numerous public hearings will be hosted in the future as the energy group applies for the bevy of permits needed for the projects.

For more information about Alpine check out the company's website at www.alpineenergy-group.com.

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CBCC Outlines Watershed Projects Under NOAA Grant

By Jaime Elliott
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The days of Coral Bay harbor turning brown after heavy rains just might be numbered.

At a Monday, January 11, meeting at John's Folly Learning Institute Coral Bay Community Council members outlined 10 storm water projects the group will oversee over the next 18 months under a \$1.47 million federal grant.

CBCC joined forces with the V.I. Resources Conservation and Development Council, Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association, Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Coastal Zone Management Division, University of the Virgin Islands, the Nature Conservancy and various researchers to apply for a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The request was one of 50 accepted by NOAA out of more than 800 applications. In total VIRCD was awarded \$2.7 million in NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration funding for three projects in the Virgin Islands — installing swales and culverts on Estate Fish Bay Road, addressing

a severe gully erosion at East End Bay on St. Croix and the Coral Bay watershed projects.

Many residents had requested to have their neighborhoods be involved with the Coral Bay watershed project, but only 10 were chosen for cost-effectiveness and efficiency, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

"The projects we chose were selected by me and former CBCC storm water engineer Joe Mina," said Coldren. "We looked at where we could have the biggest impact. We wanted to get the most bang for our buck."

"There is a whole lot more to do, but we tried to spread the money around as much as we could and to do projects that will have a big impact on sediment runoff," Coldren said.

The projects all focus on slowing the flow of water and runoff into Coral Bay harbor by a variety of methods, from restoring natural guts to installing trench drains.

"The goal is to restore natural drainage flows as much as possible," said Coldren. "Many have been disturbed by regraded roadbeds and other development. We will add shallow vegetative swales,

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— Sharon Coldren, CBCC President

install trench drains, eliminate deep, excavated, unlined ditches and slow down the flow of water to the valley floor."

To attack the storm water runoff problem further, CBCC hopes to find locations for sediment retention ponds on the valley floor, Coldren added.

Many of the projects call for addressing storm water from the top of the hill, reducing the amount of runoff that reaches the bay. Where the plumes do reach the bay — and endangered coral, sea grass and other marine habitats — CBCC plans to install "last chance" measures to capture as much sediment as possible.

A dirt road in the Estate Hansen Bay area will get culverts and other measures to stabilize the sediment before it gets washed into the sea. Several trench drains will be installed along the Johnny Horn Trail, which is actually a federal highway, and a rain garden will

capture the rest of the runoff before it reaches Coral Bay harbor, according to Coldren.

A trench drain will be installed on the Lower Bordeaux Road to make use of two natural guts areas and the culvert at the intersection with Route 107 is slated for fixing, explained the CBCC president.

A knee wall located at the end of Gerda Marsh Road at the intersection of King Hill Road will be removed and retention ponds will help direct the water into a natural gut in the area.

The Coral Bay valley floor, near the main gut, will be the site of a new retention pond. Gerda Marsh Road, Mill Vista and Lala Land will all be getting water bars, culverts, baffle boxes and small bridges to span guts and direct water off of roadways.

Calabash Boom Road will be seeing the installation of water bars and containment devices like trench drains to direct water up-

slope into retention ponds. The Shipwreck Landing gut will also be the site of a "last chance" baffle box to keep as much runoff out of the bay as possible, explained Coldren.

Two main guts in the John's Folly area will be stabilized to slow down and control the flow of water in that area as well.

To check the effectiveness of the projects, several researchers will be conducting tests both on water quality Coral Bay and runoff turbidity on the hillsides, according to Coldren.

The projects will all wrap up by June 2011, when Coldren hoped additional funding would be available from NOAA for further work to reduce runoff in the Coral Bay watershed area, explained the CBCC president.

The work will all be put out for bid and local contractors are encouraged to apply for contracts. CBCC is in the process of interviewing to hire a storm water engineer who would offer expert advice to residents to address their storm water issues and oversee some of the projects.

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GHS Begins Search for New Headmaster and Seeds of Success Raises \$400,000+

By Jaime Elliott
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Despite accepting the resignation of headmaster Ben Biddle over the holiday break, Giff Hill School officials are looking ahead to an exciting year.

Biddle, who resigned on December 29, 2009, was with the school for seven years and took over as head of the upper school about three years ago. While declining to comment on the specifics of Biddle's departure from the St. John private school, the parting seems amicable on both sides.

"The future of Giff Hill School is very bright," said Biddle. "It is one fantastic place. I am confident the institution will benefit from new leadership as it ventures upon its next phase of growth and improvement."

"I have been with the school for seven years — a good stretch," Biddle said. "During that time, I have been thankful each day for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful and dedicated group of people, who will now continue to bring the school to new heights. I depart with deep gratitude toward the staff, parents and board members who have made for such an incredible experience for me and my family."

The school is forming a headmaster search committee and will begin to look for a replacement for Biddle soon, according to GHS Foundation Board chairperson Miles Stair.

"We're forming a search committee and initiating an executive search for a new headmaster which will be advertised both locally and in the states," said Stair. "The board is focused on making the best choice for the future of the school."

In the meantime, former dean of students Ed Deusser is the interim headmaster, Stair added.

"Ed is a retired educator from Massachusetts who has many years of experience," said Stair. "We have the right person to see us through the transition."

When students returned from the holiday break, they had all of their questions about Biddle's departure answered, Stair explained.



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GHS first grader Maya Dudkin signs her name to a giving tree after donating to the school's Seeds to Success program.

"We had a meeting with students in the upper school and faculty explained what is happening and the process we'll be going through," he said. "We answered all of the students' questions. They know this is a transition and understand what is happening."

GHS also recently wrapped up its matching fund campaign Seeds to Success, which garnered more than \$400,000 for the school, according to development director Beth Jones.

"We raised \$426,000 which enabled us to qualify for the matching funds," said Jones. "These funds will truly help us sow the seeds of success for GHS. We are required to raise just over half of our \$2 million budget this year due to the tremendous amount of financial assistance we offer and this money will go a long way to helping us meet that goal."

"There is no way to adequately thank our wonderful benefactors for their gifts of time, energy and money," said Jones. "They are true philanthropists who value education and love St. John and we

are so fortunate to have their support."

The campaign also helped spread the word about GHS and the work the school does, added Stair.

"We had the students, faculty, parents and board members telling the story of Giff Hill and we were able to bring in 261 supporters," said Stair. "The matching fund campaign was a huge success and it really will make a marked difference."

The matching fund campaign's success also came in almost record time, Jones explained.

"It was a success — it really was," said Jones. "We had 261 donors in a little over five weeks, which is a record for our school. One hundred percent of the students gave and an overwhelming majority of the faculty. We also had tremendous support from the community."

School officials are also excited about the upcoming completion of their new athletic field.

"We're planning a fun day opening ceremony when we'll introduce the field to the community," said Stair. "That should be announced soon. It's the first new addition to St. John sports facilities in many years."

When complete, the turf field will include covered seating for 110 people, Stair added.

"The field really is world-class," he said. "It will have covered seating for more than 100 people in the bleachers and the field itself was constructed to the best standards of the industry today for artificial surfaces."

A group of high school students at the school is still fund raising for an upcoming China trip, and GHS middle school students are planning a class trip to Costa Rica, explained Jones.

"The travel program is one of the most important parts of the school," Jones. "The kids are really fortunate that they have people who are willing literally to take them half-way around the world."

All in all, GHS officials are excited about the year ahead.

"Our future is so bright we have to wear shades," said Stair.

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Crime Stoppers Celebrates One Year with Party at Battery on January 20

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In the face of rising crime throughout the Virgin Islands, one program has hard evidence of its success — seeing criminals and guns taken off the streets.

One year after launching Crime Stoppers USVI across the territory, organizers are hosting a series of celebrations in recognition of the program's achievements, which include more than 500 tips resulting in 75 arrests.

On St. John, Crime Stoppers' celebration is on Wednesday, January 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery. The public is invited to enjoy complimentary drinks from Prestige Wine Group and Bellows International and light refreshments from Cactus on the Blue restaurant while hearing about the program.

Crime Stoppers USA chairman Tom Kern and National Crime Stoppers at-large board member Tami Lawlor will be attending the party as well, explained Bonny Corbeil, a Crime Stoppers USVI St. John board member.

"The national chairman and at large board member are so impressed with our chapter they want to come down and celebrate with us," said Corbeil. "They said we could expect only about half of the tips we got last year, so they are impressed with that."

The totally anonymous program is a citizen's initiative which takes the fear out of reporting crime, explained Corbeil.

"This is a citizen's initiative that gives the power to the people," she said. "People can trust Crime Stoppers because it's totally anonymous. People don't have to be afraid anymore."

The program, which was originally founded more than 30 years ago and has chapters across the globe, is based on people calling a tip line and reporting criminal or

"The motivation is not the money. Often people don't call back to collect the rewards. They just want the crime solved and the criminal off the street."

suspicious activity. The tipster is given a pin number and the tip is passed along to the V.I. Police Department.

If the tip leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible for a cash reward. While the monetary reward is a motivation to report crime, many people just want to get criminals off the streets, according to Karen Samuel, a fellow Crime Stoppers USVI St. John board member.

"The motivation is not the money," said Samuel. "Often people don't call back to collect the rewards. They just want the crime solved and the criminal off the street."

Crime Stoppers is a volunteer organization, which depends on membership dues and donations to pay rewards. In the Virgin Islands, St. John is home to the most memberships, but the group still needs more support, according to Corbeil.

Membership costs are \$50 for individuals, \$10 for students and \$100 for businesses, and all of the money funds rewards for tipsters.

While enjoying support from Governor John deJongh and all local senators, Crime Stoppers USVI is an apolitical organization, explained Samuel.

"While politicians support our work, what we do is not linked to any administration," Samuel said. "This is a citizen's initiative that is totally apolitical."

Corbeil and Samuel have spent countless hours spreading the word

about Crime Stoppers USVI and sharing information with volunteers on St. Thomas and St. John. Last week, however, they welcomed two new board members, Andy Rutnik and Gail-Ann Guy-Felix.

"I heard about the group when I first came back home to the island and then when I got settled on St. John, Bonny approached me about joining," said Guy-Felix. "When I heard about the work they did, I was bought. I'm really into community advocacy and am excited to work to improve the lives of local people."

"I want to make St. John a safe place for my children and other people's children," Guy-Felix said.

Rutnik jumped at the opportunity to join the group as well.

"I was asked to become a board member and I agreed because I am already impressed with what the group has done," said Rutnik. "I've been involved with the crime issue — I've written about it and complained about it and I've seen a lot of initiatives fail."

"I think if you're going to complain about something you should be ready to participate in solving the problem," Rutnik said. "Crime Stoppers is based on a really good theory where you put the public in a safe position. That's why I think we'll be successful."

Everyone is invited to the January 20 celebration, Corbeil added.

"Everyone who cares about St. John should come out and hear about Crime Stoppers and celebrate all the great work we've been doing," she said.

St. John Ice Company will be donating ice and Baked in the Sun is donating a delicious birthday cake for the January 20 Crime Stoppers anniversary celebration. Don't miss the chance to hear more about this very worthwhile program and join the movement toward positive change.



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H1N1 Shots on Jan. 19

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The H1N1 vaccine is now available to the general public and residents can get vaccinated during free mass vaccinations that the Department of Health will conduct territory-wide this month.

"In order to accommodate as many persons as possible, we decided to hold mass vaccinations for those who did not fall into the initial priority groups sanctioned by the CDC," Sheen said.

Residents can also get the vaccination at their private health-care provider, however, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention has said it recognizes that a small administrative fee may be charged by non-public health service businesses.

Mass vaccinations have also been scheduled specifically to reach first responders, students attending private and parochial schools, children six months to five years old at daycare and Head Start centers, as well as children under age 10, who already received the first dose of vaccine and must get a second dose.

First Responders will be allowed to show up at a scheduled mass vaccination that fits their work schedule, Sheen added.

On St. John vaccinations will be administered on Tuesday, January 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Marketplace for first responders and the general population.

Vaccinations will be available on January 19, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Morris F. de Castro Clinic for general population, children six months to five years in daycare and Head Start centers, and children less than 10 years old, who need a second dose.

More information call 773-1311.

Davis To Speak at Friends Annual Meeting

*By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds*

Local ecologist and culturalist Olasee Davis will be the keynote speaker at this year's Friends of V.I. National Park annual meeting on Sunday, January 24, at Cinnamon Bay Campground's T'ree Lizard Restaurant at 2 p.m.

Friends president Joe Kessler has long known Davis and chose to invite the St. Croix-based environmental activist as the group continues its commitment to enhancing ecological education for local students.

"I've known Olasee for a quite a while now and he's a very well known naturalist," said Kessler. "I thought it would be interesting to have someone local address the group this year and keep the focus on environmental, cultural and preservation issues."

Davis, an extension assistant professor at the University of the Virgin Islands' St. Croix campus has earned several degrees of higher education including a master's degree in forest ecology.

"He is a very accomplished person and I'm looking forward to a very interesting keynote address," said Kessler.

The Friends president will be giving the group's annual report during the meeting which will detail the non-profit's programs over the past fiscal year. With the installation of the Francis Bay accessible boardwalk trail and expanded science camps at the V.I. En-

vironmental Station, 2009 was a busy one for Friends, Kessler explained.

"Francis Bay Trail is a huge accomplishment this year and we also finished the moorings in Hurricane Hole this past year," said the Friends president. "We're also very proud of the work we've done with kids. We have our park in the classroom program which gave virtually every kid on St. John the opportunity to get out in the park."

"From the Earth Day Fair to class trips to Annaberg and the eco-camps, it all added up to about 2,000 school trips to the park," Kessler said. "That is amazing to me."

Kessler will also recognize the volunteer of the year as well as the park partnership awardee, which is given annually to someone from VINP who demonstrates the partnership between Friends and the park.

During the annual meeting V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove will deliver the State of the Park Address and will recognize a VINP volunteer of the year as well.

Parking at Cinnamon Bay Campground is limited so meeting attendees are asked to park at the VINP maintenance area by Mongoose Junction, from where shuttle service will be provided. People parking at the maintenance area should arrive by 1:30 to make it to Cinnamon Bay by 2 p.m.

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SJHS Society Travels Back in Time with Geology Exploration

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Nearly 100 people filled the Bethany Moravian Church on Tuesday evening, January 12, to be transported back in time, and not just back a few centuries — Don Drost and Roy Watlington of the University of Virgin Islands brought the crowded room back millions and millions of years with their presentation on geology.

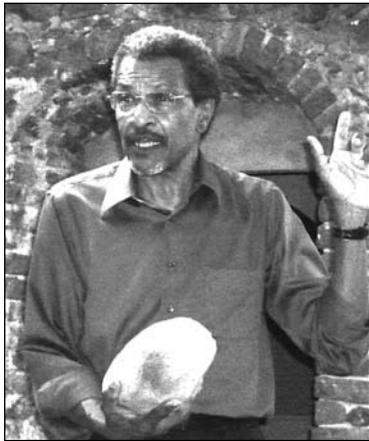
The foundational rock of the Virgin Islands is of “oceanic origin,” explained Watlington. Magma was extruded onto the ocean’s crust, which created the most ancient rocks in the territory, the oldest of which has been dated at 108 million years old.

“Initially, local volcanic activity appeared to have been centered in the northern Virgin Islands,” said Watlington. “Volcanism continued in both submarine and subaerial modes after the islands breached the ocean surface.”

New magma continued to flow until approximately 30 million years ago, Watlington explained.

St. Croix, which started off as two separate islands, was likely formed both from debris spewing from volcanic activity in the northern part of the territory, and from its own volcanic activity.

The volcano which created the northern portions of St. Thomas and St. John, known to geologists as the Louisenhoj Formation, may have been located in Pillsbury Sound, according to Watlington.



Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

Prof. Roy Watlington

Southern St. Thomas and St. John are made up of rocks classified in the Water Island Formation, he added.

Today, the Virgin Islands rest on the Caribbean Plate, which is bordered by the North American, South American and Cocos Plates. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are located in the seismically active northeast corner of the plate.

There are approximately 40 earthquakes per month in the Virgin Islands, according to Drost.

“The Caribbean Plate is subducting, or moving over, the other plates,” he said. “Significant subduction now happens at the eastern boundary, giving rise to today’s volcanism.”

Most of the Caribbean islands were formed by volcanic activity, and some, including the Soufriere Hills Volcano on the island of

Montserrat, are still active. Barbados was uniquely formed when one tectonic plate scraped material off another tectonic plate. That material rose to the ocean’s surface, becoming the island, which is known to geologists as an accretionary wedge.

Drost and Watlington also discussed the class they team up to teach at the University of the Virgin Islands, Science 100. The class, intended for incoming freshmen, covers hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis, and is focused strictly on the Caribbean.

“Part of our philosophy is to keep students in college,” said Drost. “Some of our objectives are to help students understand the scientific method, geography, environmental issues, natural hazards and the history of the Caribbean.”

The course has been well-received by the majority of the nearly 6,000 students who have taken the class.

Drost and Watlington use many tactics to keep students interested, including by playing Caribbean music during the 10 minutes before class starts while showcasing images from the class’s latest field trips, which include snorkeling and kayaking adventures.

“We’re proud of what we’re doing, and we’re attracting national attention,” said Drost. “One of my favorite quotes from a student is, ‘I failed Science 100, but I’m happy because I get to take it again.’”

IGBA General Meeting and Power Point Presentation Set for January 21

Island Green Builders Association will be hosting a general membership meeting at Ocean Grill upstairs on Thursday, January 21, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Doug White will present a happy hour power point presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

First Annual St. Thomas Blues Festival Set for January 22 at Reichhold

The first Annual Johnnie Walker St. Thomas Blues Festival is set for Friday, January 22, at 8 p.m. at the Reichhold Center at the University of the Virgin Islands.

The much anticipated concert features Curtis Salgado, Trampled Under Food and Eden Brent.

Tickets are now available at The Reichhold Center Box Office; VI Bridal and Tuxedo at Tutu Park Mall; Home Again at Red Hook Plaza; Eccentric Shoe Boutique; Urban Threadz at Havensight; and at Connections on St. John.

Please note that tickets are going quite fast so make plans early. For more information check out stthomasbluesfestival.com.

Organized Relief To Haiti from St. John

The St John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, Administrator Leona Smith, Unity Day Group and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger last week organized a way to get donations to Haiti directly and quickly.

Connections owner Cid Hamling is a Western Union agent. Western Union is waiving transfer fees to Haiti for the next week. As an agent, Connections donations will be matched by Western Union. Donate \$10, it instantly becomes \$20. Donate \$100 and it will put \$200 in Haiti right where it is needed for relief efforts.

Bring donations in cash to Connections. Checks are accepted for amounts over \$50 and are tax deductible if made payable to St. John Revolving Fund. Write “Haiti” in the memo line.

The deadline to drop off money for Connections and Western Union to match donations is Monday, January 25.

SJSA Welcomes Cellist Ivanov Jan. 28

St. John School of the Arts presents Kain Ivanov, cellist, and Elena Antimova, accompanist, on Thursday, January 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and are available at Connections or at the door.

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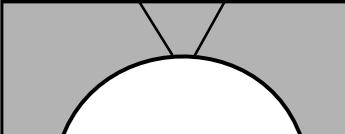


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Get Ready for College with Chris Teare Jan. 20

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As high school students look ahead to college, the process can be daunting, but advice from an expert can make all the difference.

Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library is hosting a free workshop on Wednesday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the library in an effort to help St. John students realize their dreams.

"Finding a College that Fits" is open to all high school students on St. John and their parents or guardians and will be led by Chris Teare, director of college counseling at Antilles School.

Teare has years of experience as a college counsellor and hosts a weekly radio program on AM 1000 about post-high school journeys. Teare also leads an annual summer seminar in New York state, where he guides students and parents through the college selection process.

The college counsellor worked with Giff Hill School students last year and has chaperoned a number of college tours with local students over the years.

The Sprauve Library workshop is part of Antilles School's "Open Doors" program which is focused on realizing higher education opportunities for students no matter where they attend high school in the Virgin Islands, explained Teare.

"We do things to try not only to support students at Antilles but also students enrolled in all of the other schools in the territory," said Teare. "The program at Sprauve Library is part of trying to fulfill our mission of opening doors for local students."

The college counsellor will customize the workshop to fit his specific audience, so the information will be relevant to attendees, he explained.

"My intention is to bring materials that will be appropriate for the students and parents anywhere in high school, from ninth to 12th grade," Teare said. "Then I'm going to see who shows up and fine tune what I do based upon the audience."

Teare will outline steps for students in each grade in high school to follow to lead them on the right path after graduation.

"The reality is that everything you do or don't do starting day one in ninth grade is part of the record used to evaluate your college prospects," he said. "I say as soon as you enter high school, the meter is running. There are things parents and students should know and can do in ninth grade that can help the cause."

Students in tenth grade should be considering a way to spend a summer at a university in order to get a taste of college life, Teare explained.

"In tenth grade, I'm a fan of students looking seriously at summer programs, ideally off-island, at a university campus where they can gain some artistic, academic or athletic enrichments, and also learn more about what it's like to live in a dorm and eat in a dining hall," said Teare. "This gives students a feel for what may well be the next step in their educational journeys."

By junior year, students should be taking tests and looking at colleges they are considering. When students are seniors in high school, they should be well along the college path. Even if that is not the case, however, there is still time, Teare explained.

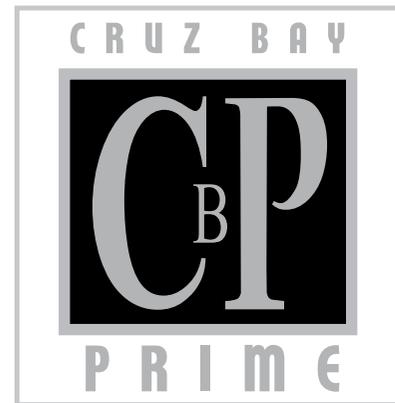
"I find seniors who still need to sign up for tests and things, and I want them to understand that there are still opportunities for them," said Teare. "All deadlines have not passed, but they need to get going. So seniors should come out to this workshop too."

No matter where they are in the college process, all high school students and parents should attend the workshop, Teare explained.

"Anyone in high school can be made aware of things that can be done right now, this winter, this coming spring and summer, to put a child in the best position to find a college that truly fits," said the college counsellor.

Tune in to Teare on AM 1000 on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. to hear more about the college process.

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June 15-21, 2009

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- Architect Tracy Roberts, Springline Architects



VIPD Arrest 2 Men in Cruz Bay

VIPD officers arrested 23-year-old Melgin De La Cruz Belez, also known as Daniel Rodriguez, and charged him with Simple Assault and Battery and Identity Theft following an altercation in a St. John night club. According to the initial report police responded to a fight at Cap's Place at about 10:30 p.m. on June 6.

VIPD officers arrested 39-year-old Devon David Crooke on Sunday morning, June 7, and charged him with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance.

Crooke was arrested June 7 at about 11:30 a.m. in the Pine Peace area of St. John. At the time of his arrest Crooke had in his possession 43 dime bags of marijuana and another larger zip lock bag full of marijuana. Crooke was also charged with Resisting Arrest, Aggravated Assault and Battery, Destruction of Property, Delaying and Obstructing a Police Officer and Disobeying a lawful order.

June 22-28, 2009

Third Circuit Rules Against Government; 2006 Tax Bills Rescinded Again

"We find no clear error in the District Court's underlying findings of fact, and we agree with the District Court's application of fact to law — that the Board of Tax Review's functionality did not meet constitutionally required due process standards."

- Third Circuit ruling

Cruz Bay Business Owner Pistol Whipped, Robbed in Daylight Attack



Cleamena Hodge-Duncan Is 2009 Festival Food Fair Honoree

31-year-old Boyce Questioned, Arrested for Villa Break-in

V.I Police Department officials on St. John arrested 31-year-old Clayton Boyce on Thursday, June 11, at around 3:30 p.m. and charged him with third degree burglary in connection with a break-in at a St. John villa.



Kids And The Sea, St. John celebrated the achievement of 25 students in a ceremony Saturday, June 13, at Skinny Legs.



Tae Kwon Do Promotions

Tae Kwon Do students showed off their skills in front of sensei Anthony Lewis and black belt students from St. Thomas on June 11 at St. Ursula's multipurpose center.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 3

June 29-July 5, 2009



St. John Administrator and Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John President Leona Smith presents 2009 Food Fair Honoree Cleamena Hodge-Duncan with a plaque for her contributions to St. John Festival during the opening of Food Fair on Sunday, June 28.



Lea Scott Wins 2009 St. John Festival Queen Crown



Daniela Joseph Crowned 2009 St. John Festival Princess

Daniela Joseph wowed the crowd and the judges at the St. John Festival Princess selection pageant on Sunday night, June 21, at Winston Wells ball field.

Prince-appointee Davon Alfred didn't have any competition, but he still strutted his stuff in the Sportswear and Evening-gear segments, showing he truly deserved his crown.

Brown Leads Festival Parade



Tourist Drowns

Doctors said 76-year-old Mark Dales suffered Cardio Pulmonary arrest and drowned while swimming off Watermelon Cay, St. John on Friday afternoon, June 19. Dales was vacationing with his wife on a private sail boat. He was pronounced dead by medical staff at MKSCHC.



Fourth of July Parade Brings People Together from All Islands, Beyond



"Pennville" Honoring Long-time St. John Festival Leader James Penn

"I feel good. I put in a lot of hard work to get this thing going. This honor has been a long time coming."

— James Penn, 2009 Festival Village Honoree

NOAA Grants \$1.5M To Watershed Management

Visitor Sets Out To Help St. John Youth By Using Sport for Social Change

On one visit to St. John, the sight of several students kicking around a flat soccer ball made Dean Doeling stop in his tracks. That scene was the inspiration for what would become Using Sport For Social Change (USFSC), an organization to empower Love City youth through sports.

"At first I thought, 'let me use Nike to get these kids some balls,'" Doeling said.

The Nike artist soon realized that the needs of St. John sports went farther and what started out as a way to get local schools some new Nike balls has turned into a venue to effect real change on the island.



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July 13-19, 2009

Jomo Gordon Arrested for First-Degree Robbery

V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested 27-year-old Jomo Gordon and charged him with Robbery in the First Degree. Police said the suspect attempted to sell a gold chain to an individual but instead took the money without handing over the jewelry. Gordon was born on St. Kitts and lives on St. John.

March 30-April 5, 2009 continued



Hulin "Woody" Cargile Passes Away

July 20-26, 2009

Swine Flu Reaches the Shores of St. John

St. John officially recorded its first case of confirmed swine flu in recent weeks, joining the ranks of all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix and countries across the world.

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center officials reported one confirmed case and eight pending cases of the H1N1 virus, which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization last month.

TPL Launches Save Maho Bay Camps Fund

After 37 years of environmentally conscious operation, Stanley Selengut's lease for Maho Bay Campground is due to expire in January 2012.

In anticipation of the looming deadline, the popular campground is currently planning to shutter its doors in July 2011 to have enough time to clear the property before evacuating. Hoping to save the beloved campground from the wrecking ball, Trust for Public Land recently launched a campaign to acquire the 14-acre eco-resort perched above Little Maho Bay on North Shore Road in the V.I. National Park.



CORAL BAY TRIANGLE PLEA

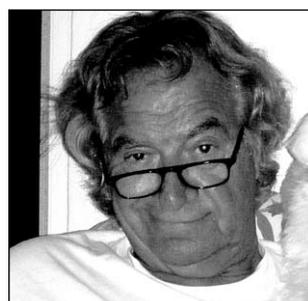
Since the beloved jumble of signs at the Coral Bay triangle were removed last month by Moravian Church officials, there has been an outpouring of opinions on the iconic corner.

One resident painted their opinion on a new sign and placed it at the Coral Bay triangle on Tuesday morning, July 7.



Sea Life Shines in Coral Reef Stars

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Giobatta Corrado Bruzzo Passes Away



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2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 3

July 27-August 9, 2009

Gift Hill and South Shore Roads Getting Major Repairs

Lorenzo Liburd Sentenced to Six Years for Smuggling Cocaine

Lorenzo Liburd of St. John was sentenced last week to six years and 10 months in prison for trying to smuggle two kilograms of cocaine in his carry-on luggage through Cyril E. King airport on St. Thomas, according to a published report. Liburd, 36, was convicted in January of two counts of drug possession for attempting to transport two kilograms of cocaine on a Delta Airlines flight bound for Atlanta, Georgia.

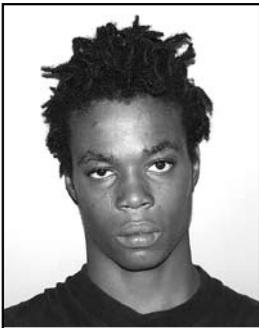


Trunk Bay Sugar Factory Saved From Collapsing

The Trunk Bay sugar factory was saved from near total collapse last month thanks to the grueling efforts of a National Park Service Historic Preservation team.

Eight NPS restoration experts worked 10 hour days, six days a week for eight weeks to shore up the ruins located across North Shore Road from the popular Trunk Bay beach.

August 10-23, 2009



Boston and Thomas Get 12+ Years, Ward Gets New Trial in Cockayne Case

Two men convicted of assaulting James "Jamie" Cockayne before he was stabbed to death in June 2007 were each sentenced to 12 and a half years behind bars while the man convicted of murdering the 21-year-old was granted a new trial by V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar.

Beulah Dalmida-Smith Named Director of DPNR's Fish and Wildlife



New Francis Bay Accessible Boardwalk Ready for Use

Friends of V.I. National Park put out a call, St. John residents responded and about 650 feet of boardwalk was installed near Francis Bay over the past two weeks.

Students Make Splash at VIERS Summer Camp



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August 24-September 6, 2009

VIPD Arrest Two on St. John

Two suspects were arrested on St. John Saturday, August 8, and charged with Burglary. V.I. Police Department officials said the suspects confessed to breaking into a business and a residence. Arrested was 36-year-old Nicholas Digregorio, who is originally from Pennsylvania and 27-year-old Gregory Hodge, originally from South Carolina. Both Hodge and Digregorio have no fixed addresses on St. John and are listed as vagrants.

Police said the pair broke into a residence in Estate Enighed and removed items valued at more than \$100 dollars.



Kenny Chesney Receives Painting from Golden

TS Ana, Hurricane Bill Are First Storms of 2009 Hurricane Season Library Reopens, Patrons Welcomed To New Comfortable Environment



Mad Hot St. John: Dancing Classrooms Comes to Love City

Precision, hard work and elegance will culminate in classrooms across Love City this year, as fifth grade students at all three island schools will have the opportunity to learn the exciting world of competitive ballroom dancing.

Ernest Morris Passes



Jean Cornwell Mason: January 14, 1921-July 25, 2009



Germain Wins Starfish Watermelon Bash

Brummel Germain ate more watermelon slices than anyone in the Starfish eating contest.

September 7-20, 2009

Drunk Driver Arrested, Vehicular Homicide Charges

"They were going faster than the speed limit and it appears the car was airborne. And that girl had a much better chance of surviving if she had her seat belt on."

Victims Injured During Early Morning Knife and Machete Robbery

Two victims were assaulted and robbed by three suspects carrying knives and a machete who entered their Estate Enighed apartment during an early morning burglary Thursday, September 3.

The victims received lacerations from a knife or machete and bruises, according to Melody Rames, V.I. Police Department's Public Information Officer, who said the incident was reported at 2:15 a.m.



Grande Bay Calls for Public's Support in Rezoning Request

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- Kelly Frye, VP of Operations Bay Isles Associates, LLLP

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2009 YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 3

September 7-20, 2009 continued



Caribbean Affordable Housing Company Shows Off First Finished Home

Four Men Hold Down, Duct Tape Armed Robber Until Police Arrive

When a masked man armed with two guns attempted to rob four St. John residents around 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning, August 23, he was wrestled, held down and duct taped by the victims until police arrived at the scene to arrest him.

St. John police arrested Jamal Todman after he was detained by the males who said Todman tried to rob them, according to a V.I. Police Department press release. Two weapons, a loaded 25 caliber semi automatic pistol and a BB gun, were recovered from the suspect.



Marzano Gives Sirenusa Property To Bank To Avoid Foreclosure

Carlo Marzano, the developer-owner of Sirenusa, a multi-story condominium project perched above Cruz Bay, has given the property to the bank to avoid foreclosure.

“The truth is that an affiliate of Banco Popular has taken over the project from the original developer/borrower,” said George Dudley, a partner in the law firm, Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, counsel to Banco Popular and its affiliate. “Marzano didn’t sell the property — he gave the property to the bank in lieu of foreclosure.”

Third Conviction in Cockayne Murder Trial Overturned; New Are Trials Granted

All three men convicted in the October 2008 Jamie Cockayne murder trial may not face the same witnesses in retrials ordered by Judge Brenda Hollar after questions were raised by defense attorneys for two men convicted of attacking Cockayne before he was stabbed to death by a third man about “rewards” paid by the Cockayne family to several witnesses in the trial after it was concluded.

After a four-hour hearing, Judge Hollar ordered new trials for two St. John men, Kamal Thomas and Anselmo Boston, who were convicted of beating Cockayne in an attack on a Cruz Bay street shortly before he was fatally stabbed by a third man, Jahlil Ward. Judge Hollar ordered the attorneys for all three defendants to submit motions for the new trials by September 15, including any motions concerning granting separate trials for all three defendants.

September 21-October 4, 2009



St. John Is Territory’s Trailblazer for Telemedicine

St. John residents will now have access to expert physicians on the mainland without ever leaving their island via a new innovative medical technology available at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Alpine: At the Higher Elevations of Bad Government

The past several months have seen an overwhelming outpouring of public opinion against the Alpine Energy deal. Certainly the concerns expressed have raised important insights as to why further investment in fossil fuel based energy systems are not in our best interests.

As a small community, the sustainability of our undeniably fragile economic state should be of paramount concern to all of us. With the substantial ceiling of debt already committed to by our local government, there is little wiggle room left to financially engineer any long term options to what yet could be a protracted world-wide economic slump.

What makes our continued dependence on fossil fuels and the consequent outflow of petro dollars that much more onerous in our particular situation is that the abundance of alternative sources in the forms of sunlight hours and trade-wind velocities gives us a natural advantage to embrace their

associated technologies.

The question: 'Why have we had so many failed starts in diversifying our power production infrastructure?' begs to yet be adequately answered.

Going back to 1999 when the Turnbull administration and the WAPA board sought a sale of WAPA to Southern Energy, a certain precedent was set in which the legal requirement of competitive bidding was circumvented in favor of exclusive negotiations with a pre-determined preferred bidder. A subsequent lawsuit to that effort revealed that Southern Energy had arranged an all-expenses-paid trip for several WAPA board members that included first-class air fare, lodgings at a Ritz-Carlton Hotel as well as all meals.

The defeat of that effort unfortunately has not put a stop to the methodology. In 2001 Caribe Waste Technologies was the sole submitter of a \$180 million dollar proposal that would have turned the territory's waste into energy

The undeniable truth is that every agency of government here is over-politicized and under-professionalized, and as a consequence, new ideas, no matter how promising or genuinely cost effective, are often rejected outright. Utilities across the United States and around the world are seeing the real value of moving in the direction of a smart grid that allows for an active interface between utilities and customers.

via a gasification plant built on St. Croix. Once again the lack of a transparent bidding process stymied the move in that direction.

This latest attempt to conjure up a diversification plan is once more dependent on an essentially non-competitive bidding process. Instead of soliciting proposals from various firms in each of the distinctly different categories of technology that was earlier on promoted as a multi-pronged plan to lessen our dependence on oil, the request for proposals (RFP) drafted by WAPA requested one bidder from each category to bid against the others.

Taking the old apples and oranges analogy and expanding it into a veritable basket of fruit really does not allow for an accurate analysis of the merits of the winning proposal, but rather effectively locks out the loosing technologies which should all have been bid separately to establish their cost effectiveness and attain the desired goal of real diversification.

Should the Alpine Energy deal be allowed to go forward, the increasingly obvious conclusion is that we will not only continue our over dependence on fossil fuels, it will come at a price not even determined to be competitive and in the best interests of WAPA's customers.

To be absolutely clear on this matter, it needs to be stated that waste-to-energy is not the problem here, rather it is the substantial component of petroleum coke in this particular proposal, and the

failure of government to act transparently and in accord with its' own laws and regulatory statutes. Frankly, this deal smells worse than the waste that clearly needs to be dealt with in a better manner than is now done.

The on-going and essentially open-ended consulting contract which WAPA has with R.W. Beck is fast approaching \$3.5 million, and could go much higher. Finding line losses and other problems might serve to further document the flaws inherent in the systems current design, but we're not even beginning to see those efforts that will be needed to overhaul or remedy that process by which many of the bad decisions were made that led to this state of affairs.

The undeniable truth is that every agency of government here is over-politicized and under-professionalized, and as a consequence, new ideas, no matter how promising or genuinely cost effective, are often rejected outright. Utilities across the United States and around the world are seeing the real value of moving in the direction of a smart grid that allows for an active interface between utilities and customers.

By actively allowing customers to monitor peak production and associated costs, such systems hold the greatest potential to manage 'peak usage', the most challenging aspect of maintaining adequate production capacity. Here in the territory, we are yet in the dark ages where politics is king, and every step in the direction of alterna-

tive power and better management is perceived as a threat to that hegemony of thought that prefers to control rather than serve.

On the subject of carbon pricing, short-sighted expediency on the part of the major economic powers, may cause it to be relegated to some future date. The consequences of inaction however, or even of a less than adequate response, are not deferrable.

Rising ocean levels, changing climate patterns, the endangerment and extinction of many different species, and the adverse effects on the general health of all higher life forms that depend on a relatively low-carbon atmosphere are considerations that require quantification in determining the true costs of the continued use of fossil fuels.

To date, the lop-sided effects that result when subsidies for oil and natural gas exploration hide the true costs of those energy sources have only served to postpone the day when good decisions will be based on an accurate cost basis.

If we consider the cost of fossil based fuel production as having been too high these past several years, why then entertain any proposal now that continues that dependency?

It really should not be too difficult to predict that once the global economy begins its' next lurch forward on an accelerating pattern of growth, that all energy sources, pet-coke included, will rise exponentially as the value of the dollar loses its' glimmer due to an ever higher balance of trade deficit.

The question of how to achieve a truly cost-efficient and necessarily stable long term solution to our energy needs is so critical, that every politician should consider their political futures to be on the line as they mull this matter over.

After all, doing something wrong, even for all the right reasons is still a mistake, and in this case it would be one that will assuredly jeopardize are financial futures to a degree that cannot now even be accurately calculated.

Hugo Roller

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Community Banking

Dear Editor,

I had a very troubling phone call from my local bank yesterday. One of the service representatives called me and asked the following: "You had a funds transfer into your account. What is the money being used for?"

I told her it was none of her business what I was using my money for. The conversation continued, and she kept asking. I kept telling her it wasn't the bank's business.

When I escalated to the local vice president's office on St. Thomas to complain, I got two more "senior officers." They again demanded the information, and told me it was a homeland security issue. These two wanted not only the use of the funds, but also the source of the funds.

Again I refused to tell them, and escalated to the VP. When I finally talked to the VP, he demanded the same information, source of funds and use of funds, and threatened me that if I didn't tell him both the source and the use, he would issue me a 30-day warning and close my account. I told them all that none of this was any of their business.

Incidentally, since the funds arrived into my account via electronic funds transfer, the source should have been very obvious to the bank. And use of the funds should have also been obvious, since the funds were put into my personal checking account, which the bank can also view.

The bottom line is — Homeland Security through SB (BoNS) is allegedly interested in investigating someone on St. John using a bit of his own retirement money to build a small addition to his home in the woods in Upper Carolina. You too may eventually get a call from SB (BoNS) demanding that you tell them what you are using your own money for.

Well, up yours, SB.

Here's what I am going to do — after I thoroughly complain through the channels of SB (BoNS) about the treatment and threats I received from the various staffers — Move My Money.

There is a movement that is gaining popularity. Move your money from the large international banks into the small local banks. Puts money back into the community. Helps avoid the financial meltdowns of the past few years.

A good article is at <http://moveyourmoney.info>. Here is some text from the article:

"People all over the country are choosing to move their money out of bigger banks and into smaller, community-oriented financial institutions that generally avoided the reckless investments and schemes that helped cause the financial crisis.

Fueled by the personal initiatives of thousands, it's a grassroots effort that has the potential to shift power in the financial system away from Wall Street and to Main Street.

Check out the video, read up on what inspired the idea, connect with others through Facebook and Twitter and then use the tools and links provided to find a community bank or credit union in your area."

For your information, there is a new community bank on St. John. Merchant's Bank at the new shopping center near the Westin. There are also two community banks on St. Croix. You can enter a zip code at the web site above, and you will get a list of community banks in that area.

I am going to do my small part and move my money to Merchant's Bank, as soon as it is up and running and able to take deposits.

Gerry Hills
St. John

Baffled About Alpine

I sure am baffled, are you? On St. Thomas and St. John we have two sources of outside income. One is the Federal Government and the second is tourism, and the leaders of the community seem to delight in taking chances with the environment that could produce devastating results to these islands.

Any environmental catastrophe will eliminate tourism. Although it might increase the Federal funds for the clean up, I am sure it would be a net loss. Six months ago they were ready to gamble that filling the hole in Lindbergh Bay would not cover the beaches in front of the hotels with mud.

Now they are preparing to gamble a half a billion dollar guarantee on a group that has never built anything, so they can build a "clean" pet coke and trash plant. I really don't know if the folks on St. Croix are for this or not but the people of St. Thomas and St. John cannot take the risk that this gamble presents.

How about if we let Alpine go somewhere else and build this plant and if it is successful economically and does not damage the environment ask them to come back and talk about it. At least then they will have a track record.

Greg Miller

What Do You Think?

Send your letters to editor@tradewinds.vi

NEXT DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 67
Under Investigation: 64
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2010 TO-DATE

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Solved: 0

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Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

3rd Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 4
Under Investigation: 3
Solved: 1

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

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

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Alateen Meetings

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



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Maho Bay Clayworks

Ara Cardew will lead a weekend of activities at Maho Bay Clayworks this month.

Maho Bay Clayworks Welcomes Ara Cardew January 21-28

St. John Tradewinds

Maho Bay Clayworks is hosting a weekend lecture demonstration workshop featuring Ara Cardew from January 21 through 28.

Cardew is an internationally noted potter who was born into the Cardew family of English potters and has been making pots since he was a small child.

The weekend workshop will include a Friday evening reception, demonstrations, a slide show and discussion on Saturday and a demonstration on Sunday.

The workshop fee is \$150 for the public, and \$125 for studio members with active studio cards. The fee to attend the Saturday events only is \$85, or \$80 for people with active studio cards.

Space is limited. To register or for more information please contact Gail Van de Bogurt at mahobayclay@earthlink.net or mahobayclayworks.com., or call 514-6594 or Maho Bay at 776-6226 ext.212.

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American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



New Officers Elected



By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds

The New Year is upon us and best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

On January 9, Post 131 elected the following Officers for the 2010-2011 periods: Jerry Runyon, Commander; Corine Matthias, Vice Commander; Les Anderson, Adjutant; Edmund Roberts, Judge Advocate; Rudolph "Pimpy" Thomas, Sgt At Arms; Doug Benton, Finance Officer; Ray Joseph, Chaplain; Aburey Sewer, Historian; Harry Daniel, Service Officer.

All above also members were also elected to the Executive Board and Roger Winslow was elected Assistant Service Officer. Additional Executive Board Members are Cheryl Boynes Jackson, Mahlon Pickering and Elmo Rabsatt.

On Saturday, January 23, 2010 a luncheon and Swearing In Ceremony for the above New Officers will take place at Sputnik Bar and Restaurant in lieu of the Post 131 Headquarters in Coral Bay. The luncheon will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. followed by the short Swearing In Ceremony.

The luncheon is being provided by Post 131 and there will be an open bar. Post 131 will be honored with the presence of American Legion Department of Puerto Rico Commander Luis Figueroa, who will conduct the Swearing In Ceremony.

Commander Figueroa will be accompanied by his Adjutant Michael Quiles. Uniform of the Day will be Class B with hat and for those without uniforms appropriate civilian attire.

All new and current officers are expected to be at

the luncheon and Swearing in Ceremony. All members are encouraged to attend, whether or not they have the Class B Uniform. This is the time to meet the new officers, especially the officers from the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

The luncheon and ceremony will be followed by a tour for the Department Commander of the legion's New Post Headquarter in the process of being renovated at the Coral Bay Department of Agriculture and the island of St. John on the way back to Cruz Bay to catch the ferry back to St. Thomas.

All transportation for the Department Commander and his Adjutant will be provided by the St. John Community Foundation Dial A Ride.

On Sunday, January 24, American Legion National Commander Hill will be arriving at St. Thomas Air Port around 4:30 p.m. Commander Hill will be staying until January 25.

Prior to his departure, there will be a meeting at Post 90 (Sub Base). All members are welcome to be present at his arrival and also for the meeting at Post 90.

For additional information on both of the above events contact Corine Matthias, Post Adjutant at 779-4250 or Jerry Runyon, Post Commander at 776 6445.

The time is drawing to a close for renewing 2010 membership. Keep membership at 100 percent to show support for the new leadership. Without support and participation Post 131 fails.

May God Bless America and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Chabuz and Slodden Running for Cause

St. John Tradewinds

After meeting the veterans who spent a week on St. John last year with the Wounded Warriors program, two Love City residents are running to ensure the group's return this year.

Maurice Chabuz, owner of Skinny Legs and Hank Slodden, owner of St. John Phonebook, were blown away by the young men and women they met through the organization.

"You really could see the difference just being here made for these men and women," said Chabuz. "I think it's really important for them to be able to come down and have time to enjoy themselves."

Wounded Warriors, based out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center Hospital and veterans' facilities across the country, first visited St. John in 2007, but canceled its 2008 trip due to lack of funds.

The veterans' group returned to St. John last year and Chabuz and Slodden will be raising funds next month to help ensure Wounded Warriors make it back this year as well.

Chabuz and Slodden, both avid runners, will raise

money through their respective 8 Tuff Miles performances. The pair will start the popular St. John foot race at the back of the pack and are accepting donations for each runner they pass.

This year's 8 Tuff Miles, set for Saturday morning, February 27, will be capped at 1,000 participants. Chabuz and Slodden regularly finish within the top 100 racers, so are expecting to pass about 800 to 900 runners on their way to the Coral Bay finish line.

8 Tuff Miles' new electronic tracking this year will allow the men to keep an accurate count of just how many runner they pass.

"If we get people to pledge just a penny, a dime, a dollar, whatever, that will add up pretty quickly," said Chabuz.

The two will also donate a portion of the funds they raise to the Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba (SUDS) which operates out of Walter Reed and spent time on St. John last year as well.

As of press time, the runners were still working out details of their fundraising efforts. To support the runners or for more information call 690-8621.

SJSA Presents “Learning to Sea” Documentary by Ziggy Livnat

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Filmmaker Ziggy Livnat will treat viewers to a perspective of the Virgin Islands they have likely never considered when he presents his film, “Learning to Sea,” at the St. John School of the Arts on Friday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The film, which Livnat created six years ago, compares marine life in the Caribbean Sea and the Red Sea, 7,000 miles apart.

Learning to Sea, which took approximately three years to make, features footage from both the Caribbean Sea and the Red Sea in an effort to show just how similar two different ecosystems can be.

“The purpose of the film is to show that we are all one,” said Livnat. “The message at the end of the day is that we should take care of our planet, no matter where we are. We can make a difference.”

Livnat captured the footage during more than 300 dive trips with an underwater high definition video camera, and he shunned practices such as feeding the fish in an effort to get a better picture.

“It’s important to me not to interrupt or manipulate the animals in any way,” he said.

The idea for the film was born in 1994, when Livnat, a native of Israel, first came to St. Croix.

“When I first came to the Virgin Islands and looked underwater, I was amazed to see how similar it was to the Red Sea,” said Livnat. “It’s very different, but then again it’s so similar.”

The result of Livnat’s hard work is a 45-minute documentary which has been shown around the world and awarded the 2003 CINE Golden Eagle Award, which was won by Star Wars creator George Lucas in the past, and the Best Non-commercial



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Nahja Ray

Ziggy Livnat will share footage he filmed over three years in the Caribbean and Red Seas.

Documentary at 2003’s Animal Behavior Society Film Festival, among others.

Livnat has been taking pictures and filming underwater for years, and his photographs have even been published in National Geographic and other magazines. He went on to pursue a master’s degree in the arts, “to learn video as a language,” said Livnat.

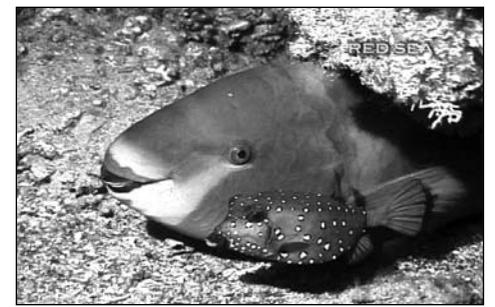
“I realized that as amazing as photographs can be, many people don’t read the accompanying article, which is missing the point for me with what I’m trying to accomplish,” said the filmmaker, who is also involved in conservation and education. “I had to transform to video.”

Livnat has spent the last six years living

in Hawaii, however he’s been in St. Croix for the past six months working on a public service announcement for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which will be shown on all incoming cruise ships and flights to the Virgin Islands. The filmmaker has already created a similar PSA for the state of Hawaii, which is shown to more than two million visitors per year.

The PSA features footage Livnat has captured of animals moving their mouths, and voice overs, which make it appear as though the sea life is speaking, teach visitors about reef etiquette.

“There’s a very thin line between preaching and recruiting,” said Livnat. “We want



Parrotfish



Cowfish

the tourists to go in the water, but we want them to make educated decisions. The PSA will explain how the taking of corals and shells as souvenirs can hurt the ecosystem, along with the problem of point source pollution.”

Livnat will show his Hawaii PSA and some of the footage he’s shot for the Virgin Islands PSA at the Learning to Sea screening.

The filmmaker is looking forward to his Love City debut, which will also be his first trip to the island, he explained.

“I’m looking forward to sharing my film with the local community,” said Livnat, who will also be filming at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station during his time on the island. “It’s going to be an exciting night.”

For more information, visit www.forth-sea.com.



This Week’s Starfish Shopping Spree Winner: Lori Barlas

Lori Barlas stocked up on fresh strawberries and meat during her 60 second shopping spree at Starfish Market. Barlas’ name was drawn out of hundreds who tried for a spree during the supermarket’s re-opening festivities in December.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Tropical Focus



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. John 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. Please contact Bob Malacarne at 626-5118 or Chris Jordan at 514-4793.



A St. John Moment Atop Bordeaux Mountain

Everyone on St. John was excited to see Le Chateau de Bordeaux open for breakfast, even those of the four legged persuasion. This donkey was among the crowd on a recent morning at the Bordeaux restaurant.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Cary Chapin

Crime Stoppers USVI: Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

On January 4 at about 8:20 p.m., a burglar entered the second floor of a villa in Catherineberg. The burglar, described as a black male aged 18 to 25, 5'9" to 6'0", and wearing a black shirt and blue jeans, took a black patent leather Dooney & Bourke handbag valued at \$500, a silver Motorola Razr phone, \$1,000 in cash, two credit cards, a driver's license, and a passport.

Please help police identify and arrest this burglar. The minimum reward for an arrest is \$710 plus 10 percent of the value of the property recovered.

St. Thomas

Police are requesting the community's assistance in solving a rash of home burglaries in the Fortuna and Estate Thomas area. Stolen items include jewelry, money, and electronics. Please help catch this burglar. The minimum reward for an arrest is \$710 plus 10 percent of the value of the property recovered.

St. Croix

On January 3 at about 1:30 a.m., near the Department of Human Services Office on King Street in Frederiksted, Akeem Lee, a 20-year old male, was shot and killed. Anyone with any information about this senseless murder, should call Crime Stoppers. The minimum reward for the arrest of the killer(s) is \$1,250.

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

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

Crime Stoppers USVI is now one year old. Members and their guests are invited to attend one of three receptions on January 16, 19, and 20. New members are welcome to join.

For more details, or information, please visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 22

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ACC's Annual Meeting Is January 20

The Animal Care Center of St. John will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at 7 p.m. at the Giff Hill Lower School.

ACC President Diana Ripley will review the group's 2009 accomplishments and will discuss future goals. Residents and visitors to the island are invited to attend, meet the Board of Directors and ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Free Training for Non-Profits

The Department of Human Services announces a free 12-week training session for directors, managers and board members of nonprofit organizations.

The sessions will begin on January 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the DHS Video Conference Center- St. Thomas

Call Ms. Warrington at 774-0930 ext. 4103 for more information and registration forms. Space is limited, so register promptly.

Salbi To Speak at Antilles on Jan. 21

The Forum is pleased to host Zainab Salbi, author and founder of Women for Women International, on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Prior-Jollek Hall at Antilles School.

An amazing woman whose organization has now helped over 250,000 women survivors of war and civil strife, Salbi will share her own story, as described in her book, "Between Two Worlds: Escape from Tyranny, Growing up in the Shadow of Saddam."

She will also talk about the work of Women for Women International and explain why she so firmly believes that stronger women build stronger nations, and will answer questions.

Tickets are available by calling the Reichhold Center at 693-1559 and at Dockside Bookshop, Home Again and Interiors. Tickets are \$25, \$10 of which will go to Women for Women International. The price for teachers is \$10. Students with an ID are free, but must get tickets in advance. For more details, call 690-4350.

Boat Tickets to St. Croix Ag Fair

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

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

"Seeing Eye" Dogs Allowed on Taxis

Taxi operators are reminded that they "shall not refuse a passenger" unless the passenger is intoxicated and disorderly or in possession of a pet or animal other than a seeing eye dog that is not properly and adequately secured in a kennel case or other suitable container. There is "no charge" for the seeing-eye dog or pet. Any taxi operator found in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission will be cited.

Adult Ballroom Classes Start Feb. 2

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

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

Robert Byrd Scholarship Applications Available

St. John Tradewinds

St. Thomas/St. John School District Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry announces that applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Robert Byrd Scholarship.

Graduating students who have been accepted to a college or university for attendance in the fall of 2010 are eligible for this four-year scholarship.

Annually administered by the Department of Education, the Robert Byrd Scholarship program sees five Byrd scholars receive awards

of \$1,500 per year, which can be renewed for a maximum of eight consecutive university or college semesters upon submission of required evidence showing maintenance of eligibility.

To be considered for the scholarship award a student must satisfactorily complete secondary school or GED requirements with a cumulative average of "C" or better; show evidence of enrollment at an institution of higher education; and have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and promise of continued

academic achievement.

Applications are available from guidance counselors at the various public and private high schools, the Office of the Commissioner of Education, the V.I. Board of Education the Curriculum Center in Anna's Retreat, and downloadable at www.doe.vi. Completed applications should be submitted to the Office of the Insular Superintendent no later than Friday, March 19, at 5 p.m.

For more information contact J. Nicole Smith at 775-2250, extension 8520.

St. John Police Report

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Land Line: 911 • Cellular: 340-776-9110

Police Dept: 340-693-8880 • Fire Station: 340-776-6333

Saturday, January 9

1:09 p.m. - A citizen c/ requesting police assistance in the area of Leinster Bay. Police assistance.

4:50 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that someone broke into his home while he was present. Burglary in the second.

11:13 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r loud music. Loud music.

11:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fight in progress in the area of Woody's. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, January 10

8:23 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r hearing two shots fired. Illegal discharge of firearm.

4:36 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone stole items out of her vehicle at The Marketplace. Grand larceny.

5:25 p.m. - Badge #255 p/ with one Malik Cheatham of no fixed address under arrest and charged with grand larceny. Bail was set at \$35,000 by order of the court.

Monday, January 11

8:45 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a hit and run accident. Auto accident.

2:00 p.m. - Badge # 708 p/ with one Braullio Martinez of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, D.V. No bail was set. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

10:25 p.m. - Pond Bay resident p/r that someone was on his property. Trespassing.

Tuesday, January 12

9:50 a.m. - A visitor from Maryland r/ a break-in at Maho Bay Campground. Burglary in the third.

1:30 p.m. - A St. John Car Rental employee r/ several males using drugs and trespassing on the premises after hours. Trespassing.

4:27 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male beating on a female in the area of Grande Bay. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

9:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r a disturbance in the area of Power Boyd. Disturbance of the peace.

10:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she fell in the area of Cruz Bay. Accidental injury.

Wednesday, January 13

8:38 a.m. - An Estate Gift Hill resident r/ an electrical pole on fire. Accidental damage.

11:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/a two vehicle accident in the area of Dolphin Market. Auto accident.

1:00 p.m. - An Estate Freeman's Ground resident r/ a larceny. Grand larceny.

6:21 p.m. - The manager of Island Blues r/ suspicious activity in the vicinity of the restaurant. Police assistance.

8:00 p.m. - Badge # 05 p/ with one Thomas Simon of Estate Enighed/Contant under arrest and charged with possession and intent to distribute in the area of Meada's Plaza. Bail set at \$10,000 by order of the court.

Thursday, January 14

12:14 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that he was threatened by another male in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

8:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that police presence is needed to assist the traffic in the barge area because it is full of vehicles departing the barge. Unfounded traffic situation.

9:46 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance with her stepson. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, January 20

Crimestoppers USVI is having a birthday party on St. John on Wednesday, January 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Wednesday, January 20

Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library is hosting a free workshop on Wednesday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the library in an effort to help St. John students realize their dreams.

Wednesday, January 20

The Animal Care Center of St. John will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at 7 p.m. at the Giff Hill Lower School.

Thursday, January 21

Island Geen Builders Associations will have its general membership meeting at Ocean Grill Restaurant's upper deck from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. during happy hour. From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. a PowerPoint presentation will be given by Doug White.

Friday, January 22

The first Annual Johnnie Walker St. Thomas Blues Festival is set for Friday, January 22, at 8 p.m. at the Reichhold Center at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Friday, January 22

For The Sea Productions, created by award-winning underwater filmmaker Ziggy Livnatto, was designed to promote marine conservation via visual experience. He will bring his entertaining and educational film "Learning to Sea" to the St. John School of the Arts on Friday, January 22

Friday, January 22

The students of Giff Hill School will stage "Jack and the Three Golden Hairs," on Friday, January 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, at 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 23

The St. John Historical Society will explore the historical landscape of Waterlemon Bay

on Saturday, January 23, beginning at 9 a.m. and starting from the Annaberg parking lot.

Sunday, January 24

Friends of V.I. National Park is hosting its 2010 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

Thursday, January 28

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

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

— The Department of Human Services will host public hearings to discuss the new rules and regulations for administering child-care facilities across the territory. On St. John the meeting will be on ??, January 28, at St. Ursula's Senior Citizens' Center in Cruz Bay, from 6 to 9 p.m. d run through February 14.

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.

Sunday, February 14

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

Saturday, March 13

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 20 Be partial to
- 21 Exploitation
- 22 Make livid
- 23 Foundry workers' mind-reading?
- 26 Dogs from Japan
- 27 City with rapid population growth
- 28 IRS employees' physiques?
- 30 Jug handle
- 31 Grand total
- 32 Military off.
- 33 Bell-ringing method?
- 38 Big drinks taken on a veranda?
- 45 Dune buggy, e.g., briefly
- 46 "Prelude — Kiss"
- 47 Golfing goal
- 48 Very arid
- 49 Reviews one's fib?
- 55 Neighbor of Costa Rica
- 56 Gushing flow
- 57 Sky light
- 58 Actress Garson
- 60 Like nos. below zero
- 61 Throw out, with "of"
- 63 Cooties
- 65 Where 88-Downs are worn
- 67 Expert tennis server
- 68 Cobbler-filled woodland?
- 71 H.H. Munro's pen name

- 75 On a ship
- 78 Et — (and others)
- 79 Dylan who hosts MSNBC's "Morning Meeting"
- 82 By means of
- 85 News pieces
- 87 Is in a play
- 89 Tracking devices
- 90 Engraver
- 92 Situation when a date is scheduled to induce labor?
- 95 Sly plans
- 97 Drag to court
- 98 State of fury
- 99 Picture
- 100 Mae's hairpiece?
- 102 Cheese-topped seafood?
- 106 — -pitch
- 107 Murals, e.g.
- 108 Japanese for "yes"
- 109 Worked as a short-order cook all of one's days?
- 116 Manicurist's tool
- 121 Bank, often
- 122 Mirthful flying insect active in spring?
- 124 When a computer is functional
- 125 Vanity
- 126 Part of NNE
- 127 Make happy
- 128 Infant's sock
- 129 Put on
- 130 Perلمان of "Cheers"
- 131 Genders

DOWN

- 1 Leg, for one
- 2 Three-layer cookie
- 3 Bill killer

- 4 Tooth coat
- 5 River mouth features
- 6 Whole bunch
- 7 Brick baker
- 8 Eisenhower, familiarly
- 9 Nasal wall
- 10 Winsome
- 11 Workplace watchdog org.
- 12 Jet spewer
- 13 Resembling a certain fruit
- 14 Like some smudges
- 15 Tot's bed
- 16 The Green Hornet's sidekick
- 17 "Heavens!"
- 18 Dick Tracy's sweetheart
- 24 Revolution-era loyalist
- 25 Militarize
- 29 Pops' bros
- 31 Birthplace of Starbucks
- 33 Multistory shrine
- 34 Running shoe brand
- 35 Opposed
- 36 Revered Fr. woman
- 37 High crags
- 38 Compadre
- 39 Not a copy: Abbr.
- 40 Belafonte or Lewis
- 41 Sickly pale
- 42 Oil-rich land
- 43 Arena event
- 44 Sweater flaw
- 47 Filter
- 50 Sporty Toyota
- 51 Bogotá bear
- 52 Common VCR format
- 53 Israeli port
- 54 Largest known dwarf planet
- 59 —'acte
- 62 Sword type

- 64 Novelist Segal
- 66 In reserve
- 69 Metrical foot
- 70 Take the blame humbly
- 72 Andre of tennis
- 73 Hoops legend — Abdul-Jabbar
- 74 Foot part
- 76 "— Kangaroo Down, Sport"
- 77 Laid-back
- 80 French painter Jean
- 81 La Brea — Pits
- 82 Three-piece suit piece
- 83 Hankering
- 84 Aleve target
- 86 "You bet!," in Mexico
- 88 Delhi wear
- 91 Hack down
- 93 Carpet
- 94 "— -haw!"
- 96 Normandy town
- 101 Moved like a night crawler
- 102 Stephen of the Supreme Court
- 103 — Tzu (dog)
- 104 Sainly signs
- 105 Thumb (through)
- 107 Kenya loc.
- 109 Bungle
- 110 Seized auto, say
- 111 Gung-ho on
- 112 Tidy up text
- 113 Moore of "Disclosure"
- 114 Block brand
- 115 De-crease
- 116 Muzzle part
- 117 "— girl!"
- 118 Big-screen theater
- 119 Tardy
- 120 Seeing pair
- 123 — -jongg

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Employment

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U.S. Virgin Islands Dept. of Tourism Outlines 2010 Marketing Strategy

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On the heels of a challenging year for the tourism industry, the Department of Tourism unveiled its 2010 marketing strategy to successfully address the lingering challenges of the economic recession and entice potential visitors to the Territory in the new year.

During a press conference at Grande Cru Restaurant at Yacht Haven Grande last week, DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Deputy Commissioner Chantal Figueroa and Director of Communications Allegra Kean-Moorehead provided an overview of the Department's 2010 strategic marketing approach to members of the local media.

As many competitive destinations maintain and even increase their marketing spend for the coming year, DOT recognizes the need to maximize the effectiveness and return on investment from the territory's marketing dollars in light of a 35 percent cut in the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund for 2010.

Every activity will be evaluated to determine the most effective use of funds to target a focused group of potential visitors.

Advertising Campaign

The territory's advertising campaign will reflect the newly-introduced "You Unscripted" brand positioning, which conveys a visitor's ability to shed their everyday persona given the wide variety of activities available in the territory and take on a new identity during their vacation.

The "You Unscripted" TV campaign is currently underway with ads airing in Boston, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dallas and Miami. A print campaign has also been launched and ads will appear against key segments throughout the year.

Key Markets

The department will dedicate significant resources to reach potential visitors and saturate key feeder mainland markets that offer air service to the territory, including a new integrated approach to in-market outreach.

Online marketing initiatives will continue to be a focus for DOT in 2010 as well. Recent enhancements to the department's website, VisitUSVI.com, will be followed by a third phase of updates, which will include a Danish language translation of the site, bridal request for proposal functionality and the incorporation of a booking engine.

Additionally, the marketing team will leverage social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter to engage the consumer in a forum where they are actively seeking information and establish ongoing relationships with visitors.

Strategic Partnerships

In 2010, the department will continue to forge strategic marketing partnerships and promotions that reach potential visitors in new ways and create opportunities to market to consumers in key markets and niche segments.

Among the department's upcoming partnerships is a co-branded promotion developed with the Minnesota Vikings NFL franchise to support new Sun Country air service to St. Thomas.

Through the promotion, the destination will be featured through broadcast, print and online channels to potential visitors in the Minnesota market. During the January 17 Divisional Playoff game, the U.S. Virgin Islands will enjoy significant exposure through the Vikings flagship radio network, in-stadium signage, PA announcements, Vikings.com and a "Longest Kick" competition at half time offering a lucky fan the chance to win a vacation to Bolongo Bay Beach Resort.

The public relations team will continue to seek new ways to generate positive coverage for the territory after securing more than 1,700 stories valued at \$13 million dollars in advertising equivalency during 2009. For 2010, public relations activities will focus on generating widespread media coverage for the department's bookable offers both nationally and in key markets, as well as a robust press hospitality program that provides opportunities for the media to showcase the destination through feature coverage based on their in-person experience of the islands.

Product Development

Development of the tourism product will be a major focus of the department's efforts to elevate the overall visitor experience and ensure repeat visitation in a competitive environment. Initiatives in 2010 will include the establishment of a Visitor Helpline to address visitor needs/concerns while on vacation, a new Safety Tips Brochure that provides safety tips and information on local customs and laws.

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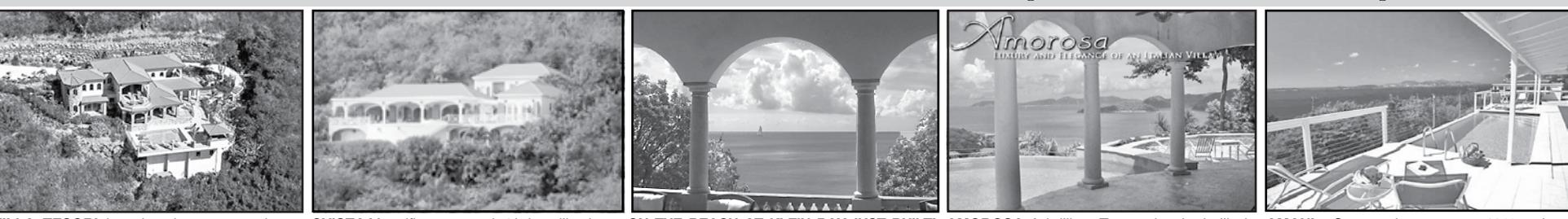
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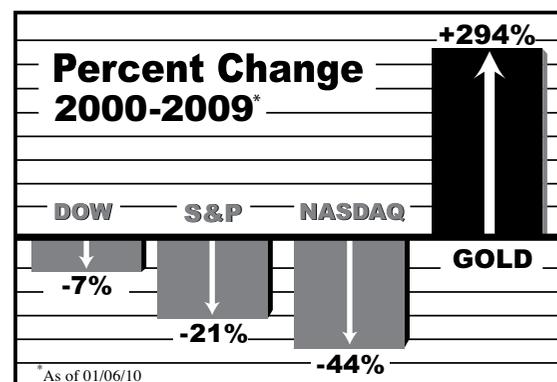
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