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Guy Benjamin School Wins Dance Competition

(Left to right standing) Rekisha Rogers, Maeven Parisl, Ajah Bisailon, Le'Nique Sprauve, Ruby Cioppa, GBS Principal Dionne Wells, Ayana Coleman-Dixon, Raquisha Edwards, Aysha Clendinen, Keiano Penn, K'Jori Christopher, Andre Hill and instructor Gina Wellner, (kneeling left to right) Lanniqua Sylvester, Jah-Haile Bruce and Mirisa Clendinen. **Full Story on Page 3.**

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Hollander's Holiday Sculpture "Plumb" Illuminates Coral Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Local artisan Gorge Hollander is spreading his particular style of Holiday cheer again this year from high atop his Coral Bay home.

Hollander, well known for his modernist sculptures and lamp designs using natural materials, erects a special holiday piece each year at his home up a steep slope overlooking Coral Bay harbor.

This year's piece is composed of rebar, lights, plexiglass and wood and is called "Plumb," which is a play on the plumb rule included in the sculpture.

A plumb line or plumb rule is an architecture term for an instrument used to find verticality, explained Hollander.

"What you do is create a vertical position," Hollander said. "You start at some height and using a line and weighted object, it allows you to align the verticality point."

The sculpture is reminiscent of a pyramid as the rebar poles positioned at the corners of the square base meet in a point at the top. A plexiglass disk hangs suspended from the tip of the structure, which also features a light bulb and several strings of twinkling Christmas lights.

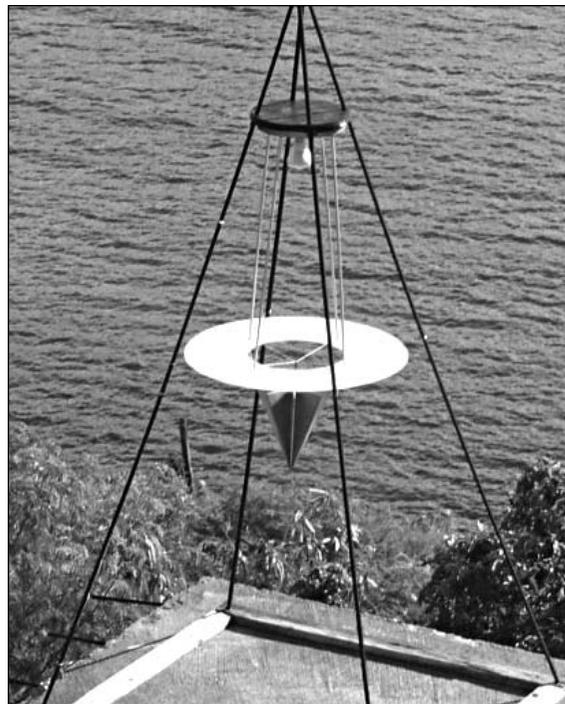
The lights dance off the hanging plexiglass disk below to create a special glow after dark.

"At night the plexiglass disk seems to float over Coral Bay," said Hollander. "The light reflects off the disk and it seems suspended in air."

The light is visible from many vantages in the Coral Bay area and also beckons vessels entering the harbor.

Hollander used many pieces from holiday sculptures past to create this year's "Plumb," conjuring memories of those ghosts of Christmas past from Dickens' classic tale.

"This piece is a composite piece of some of the other pieces I've made," said the artisan. "I've used



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by G. Hollander

"Plumb" sculpture by George Hollander.

the same rebar year after year. One year they were a Christmas tree, another time they created one bulb, and this year they're 'Plumb.'"

"It all just came together," Hollander said.

While it's not difficult to read deep meaning into Hollander's stark sculpture that beams a warm glow across the harbor, the artisan offered at least one simple idea.

"Maybe it was a prayer to the construction gods," said Hollander.

To see more examples of Hollander's work check out his website georgehollander.com.

Coral Bay Sing-Along Is December 14

The Coral Bay community Christmas tree lighting ceremony and carol sing-along is set for Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Join everyone in singing carols and welcoming Santa for the kids! This annual tradition brings neighborhoods out to sing — in a "competitive challenge for festiveness" between neighborhoods. Bring a voice and lots of neighbors, so the carols are loud! No talent is required, just lots of holiday and community spirit.

The Coral Bay Community Council is encouraging everyone to bring gifts for Santa to give the children. Please bring a wrapped gift or two labeled for boy or girl and the appropriate age. CBCC-designated gifts can also be dropped off at Connections in Coral Bay.

PSC To Tackle Ferry Matters on Dec. 16

The V.I. Public Services Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 16, at 3 p.m. at the PSC office in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas.

Commissioners will go into executive discussion first and will discuss ferry boat matters starting around 4:30 p.m. The St. John petition for a change in the operation schedule and the profitability of the Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie run will be discussed.

PSC members will also discuss a proposed adjustment to the reduced schedule in effect, which has eliminated the 9 and 11 p.m. ferry runs.

Water and Power Authority and telecommunication matters are on the PSC agenda as well.

Toy Drive To Fill Community's Need

With the Holiday season quickly approaching, it's time to remember those on St. John who won't have any presents to open without the community's help.

Joe Palminteri and Lori Dudkin are hosting the annual St. John Toy Drive for the fourth time this year. The local toy drive ensures that all gifts collected are distributed to children in need right on Love City.

Residents are asked to drop off new unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 4 and 18 at collection sites across the island by Thursday, December 17.

Collection sites are located at: the St. John Tradewinds office on the third floor of The Marketplace; Canines, Cats and Critters at Palm Plaza; Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay; Giff Hill School's lower campus; the Tourist Trap near Estate Concordia; and the Tap Room at Mongoose Junction.

St. John Singers Christmas Concerts Set for December 16, 18 and 20

The St. John Singers, under the direction of John Cahill, will present three holiday concerts this season on December 16, 18 and 20. In addition to a wide range of Christmas carols, the choir will perform short works by Bach, Handel, Mozart and Pergolesi.

Gylchris Sprauve, best known for his pure tenor voice, will be the featured guest artist. Born in Puerto Rico and raised on St. Thomas, Sprauve has devoted his life to sacred music. Sprauve will accompany the choir on piano and Detra Davis will also be a guest performer.

The first concert will be in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 16, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church. The next two concerts, on Friday, December 18, and on Sunday, December 20, will be in Coral Bay at the Emmaus Moravian Church.

All three concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available at the door.

MaLinda Media Goes Live on "Face To Face" TV Show



Broadcasting live from the Havensight Tree Light ceremony on St. Thomas, *St. John Magazine* publisher MaLinda Nelson, right, was invited to discuss the latest issue with host Addie Ottley, center, on Wednesday, December 9.

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Giffit Hill School wins the spirit award during the Dancing Classrooms competition on Friday night, December 11.



Le'Nique Sprauve and Andre Hill merengue for GBS.



Niquita Powell and Jeylani Blackwood tango for JESS.



Nadia Dudkin and Landis Wallace swing for GHS.

GBS Wins First Dancing Classrooms Competition

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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

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

In 20 sessions over 10 weeks, fifth graders at Julius E. Sprauve School, Giffit Hill School and Guy Benjamin School mastered the steps of the Merengue, Foxtrot, Rubma, Tango and Swing. Three local dancers helmed the classes — Teresa Fragueada at JESS,

Elizabeth Gowan at GHS and Gina Wellner at GBS — and Jaycee Gossett directed the program.

At the final competition, 10 dancers plus at least two alternates from each school faced off over two rounds of dancing. The first round had dancers showing off their strongest dances while the second round dances were picked at random.

In front of more than 100 family members, friends, faculty and well wishers packed in the Westin ballroom, the students showed elegance and poise well beyond their years.

Judges Diane Otis, a master adjudicator with North American Dance Teachers Association, Carlos Woods, director of the Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers of St. Thomas, and Kim Wild, assistant director of St. John School of the Arts, had a difficult task choosing between the talented teams.

After a close competition, Well-



Maeven Parsil and Jovanie Stephenson foxtrot for GBS.

ner's GBS team took home the first place trophy. JESS dancers took home silver medals and the GHS team took home the bronze.

GHS students also won the spirit award and will enjoy a pizza

party thanks to their loud cheering and strong support of their team.

Showing remarkable transformations throughout the course of the program, all of the students were winners, explained Dulaine.

"Everyone is a golden student tonight," said Dulaine. "You all did great. I remember at the first lesson when you didn't even want to look at each other or touch each other and now you have become real ladies and gentlemen."

Gaining popularity from the critically acclaimed documentary Mad Hot Ballroom — and the fictional film adaptation Take the Lead starring Antonio Banderas — Dancing Classrooms has made a difference in the lives of countless students who gain problem solving, crisis management and self respect lessons along with instruction in the Fox Trot and Swing.

Mad Hot St. John is the first program of its kind in the Virgin Islands, but doesn't seem likely to

stay that way for long, explained Dulaine.

"You know other schools are jealous of you," Dulaine told St. John students at the competition. "They want this program in St. Thomas and St. Croix and it was here in St. John first."

While GBS principal Dionne Wells walked away with the oversized first place trophy, she won't have an easy time defending the win next year, as students were already looking forward to the start of the next Mad Hot St. John.

Cruz Bay-Red Hook Ferry Runs Offered Hourly — For Now

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite a Public Services Commission order, ferries have been plying the waters between Red Hook and Cruz Bay hourly, according to commuters.

The public utility regulating body approved an order last month to reduce the ferry schedules after 7 p.m. to every other hour, instead

of the normal hourly runs. Many commuters, however, have been pleasantly surprised to find the ferries running every hour at night.

While the official ferry schedule — per the PSC order — eliminated the 9 and 11 p.m. runs from Red Hook to Cruz Bay and the 8 and 10 p.m. runs from Cruz Bay to Red Hook, all runs were running last week.

The PSC is having a meeting on Wednes-

day, December 15, at its office at Barbel Plaza on St. Thomas, and ferry matters are on the agenda to be discussed at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and comments from residents are welcome.

For more information or to check the ferry schedules call Varlack Ventures at 340-776-6412 or Transportation Services of St. John at 340-776-6282.

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

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Guess who got married on Saturday, December 5?
 Bride - Mares Fairbairn
 Groom - Rob Crane
 Brides's mother and father - Brenda and Martin Fairbairn
 Maid of Honor - Carey DePree
 Best Man - Matt Ellis
 Bride's brother, Bill, witnessed the ceremony from London via computer.
 Reverend Anne Marie Porter officiated.
 Sam and Lyle were ushers (they happen to be cats).
 Setting - the beautiful front yard at Caribsurf facing a lovely sunset at 5:30 p.m.
 A banquet followed presented by Ted and company.
 There will be photos at a later date. Congratulations and very best wishes to Mares and Rob!

Powell Charged with Marijuana Possession

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

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

Officers were in the area apprehending another individual on unrelated charges when they smelled an odor of marijuana, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

When approached by VIPD officers, Powell handed over a Ziplock bag containing a substance that field tested positive for marijuana, according to the report.

On Thursday, December 10, V.I. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Alan Smith upheld a charge of simple possession of a controlled substance against Powell, who was released on an unsecured \$500 bond.

Powell was scheduled to face arraignment on Thursday, December 17.

Adopt-A-Family During the Holidays

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

For more information call 774-0930 ext 4226.

Next RAVI Meeting Is December 16

The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter, will host its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 15, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation Office on the third floor of The Marketplace.

Volunteers are needed. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information, contact Paul Devine at 693-9410.

Christmas Bird Count Set for Dec. 19

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count is set for Saturday, December 19, starting at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed.

For anyone who is not sure of the bird species, the group will assign a more experienced birder partner. Anyone interested in participating should contact Laurel Brannick at 776-6201 ext. 257.

PSC Hosting Annual Workshop Dec. 17-19

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission will be conducting its annual "Commissioners/Staff Workshop" December 17 through December 19, at the Westin Resort and Villas on St. John.

In regards to the Change of Control Proceeding for the Virgin Islands Telephone Corp., d/b/a/ Innovative Telephone, take notice that the Hearing Examiner, Ronald Belfon will file his Report to the Commission by December 28. The PSC Meeting to consider and take action upon the Report of the Hearing Examiner will be announced.

The PSC will host a Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, at 3 p.m., in the St. Thomas Office located in Estate Ross, Barbel Plaza USVI.

For more information contact the PSC at 778-6010 or 776-1291.

STJ Chamber Chapter Meeting Dec. 15

Due to the holidays, the December meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be on Tuesday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

VI Port Authority Executive Director Ken Hobsen will make a presentation regarding VIPA's plans for parking in Cruz Bay. Please come prepared with concise questions and a positive attitude to show the chapter's desire to work with VIPA in getting the island's urgent parking needs met.

The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and will last until 6:45 p.m. to allow for more question time.

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Kayakers return to Caneel Bay after their excursion to surrounding beaches.

Kayak, Hike, Snorkel and Become a Friend of VINP with VI Ecotours

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While there are many ways to enjoy the natural beauty of the Virgin Islands National Park, one kayak company is offering an afternoon adventure which also helps support and protect that beauty.

When someone books Virgin Islands Ecotours' Caneel Bay Kayak, Hike and Snorkel Adventure, that person also becomes a member of the Friends of VINP, the non-profit group which supports the park's educational and cultural programs.

"With every tour booking we donate money on behalf of every guest in their name to Friends of the VINP and they receive a one-year membership," said Sybille Sorrentino, V.I. Ecotours owner.

And membership to Friends definitely has its privileges. Members receive the group's quarterly newsletter, discounts at the Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction, an invitation to the group's annual meeting and discounted seminar and workshop fees.

"We also have other businesses who are affinity members and offer discounts to Friends of VINP members as well," said Friends development director Noreen Cavanaugh, who helped create the VI Ecotours partnership program. "It's like a round robin kind of thing or like multi-level marketing in its purest sense."

The program is poised to make a big impact on Friends' current membership. Last year V.I. Ecotours led more than 1,000 people on the Caneel Bay kayak trip and Sorrentino expects at least that number this year, she explained.

"The bottom line is that we're going to bring in about 1,000 new members to Friends of VINP," said Sorrentino. "These people already have an interest in the island and the park and through the membership with Friends it keeps them connected to St. John."

The membership program also allows Sorrentino to give back to VINP, she added.

"I just feel like I'm kind of a steward of the park and I wanted to be able to give back in some way," said the V.I. Ecotours owner.

Returning a favor to the nature that supports their livelihood is exactly the idea behind the Friends membership offer, explained Cavanaugh.

"One of the things I've been working on as development director at Friends is a way to get businesses who benefit from the park to look at how they can give back on a regular basis in a way that they don't have to sit down and write a check once a year," Cavanaugh said. "This is a steady stream that comes on a regular basis that doesn't hurt because it's a little at a time."

Cavanaugh hopes other busi-

nesses will consider offering the program as well, she explained.

"A lot of the businesses that are here on St. John and St. Thomas benefit from the VINP and make money off the park in some way, shape or form," said Cavanaugh. "Even people on St. Thomas want to come to St. John to see the beautiful beaches which are all part of the park. What we want is for them to also develop and create an awareness about the park for the guest."

Even without the included one-year membership to Friends of VINP, the Caneel kayak tour would be well worth the \$89 price tag for adults and \$49 for children.

Participants kayak out of Caneel Bay beach to nearby Scott Beach, where they go ashore to hike Turtle Point Trail. Snorkeling at Scott and Paradise Beaches is next, followed by the short paddle back to Caneel Bay.

"It's about a three-hour adventure and is designed for all skill levels and all ages," said Sorrentino. "It's easy and just beautiful."

V.I. Ecotours also offers a similar program on St. Thomas. The cost of the company's Historic Hassle Island tour, which leaves out of Frenchtown, also includes a one-year membership to Friends of VINP, which has been instrumental in supporting the preservation efforts on the island.

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JESS Football Team Closes Perfect Season

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A perfect season is no easy task in any sport.

There are so many things that can go wrong on any day, that not dropping a single game during an entire season is a rarity. The chances of accomplishing a perfect season are even less when a team is in its first season.

It seems that no one told those odds, however, to members of the Julius E. Sprauve School's flag football team.

The Cruz Bay public school formed a flag football team for the first time this year and, while officials hoped the students would do well, the team far exceeded anyone's expectations.

Not only did the JESS flag football team members — composed of students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades — win all of their St. John/St. Thomas district games, but they also beat the best St. Croix team.

After not losing a single game during the regular season or the playoffs, the JESS flag football team traveled to the big island on December 5 to face the St. Croix district champions, whom they handily defeated to keep their perfect record intact.

"They had an undefeated season," said JESS principal Mario Francis. "We were already the district champions and then we went to St. Croix and played



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The JESS team didn't lose a game during their first season.

the St. Croix champions and we won 16 to 8, so we're now the territorial champions."

The JESS flag football team won all nine regular season games before heading to the Turkey Bowl on November 25. A win at that game put the football players in the playoffs where they kept their perfect season alive and went all the way to take the championship game.

The win in St. Croix two weeks ago capped the team's perfect season.

"This is our first year having a team and we won the whole thing," said Francis.

JESS Gala Postponed Until April; Kitchen Improvements Still Planned

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After trying to host their annual gala in late January, Julius E. Sprauve School officials have decided to hold off until spring.

The annual JESS gala is now scheduled for Saturday, April 10, at Caneel Bay Resort. The fundraiser usually takes place in early January, but a multitude of projects at the Cruz Bay public school campus delayed the planning committee this year, according to JESS principal Mario Francis.

"We had a lot of activity taking place here on our campus from right when we came back in September," said Francis. "It's our main focus to improve instruction and the folks on the planning committee are basically the same people involved in a lot of the projects that take place on the campus so they were just busy."

Instead of throwing the party together at the last minute, JESS gala planning committee members decided to postpone the event, Francis explained.

"It's really a very difficult task to take on and to do it as well as possible," he said. "Instead of rushing it and not doing it to our full capacity, we met with Caneel Bay and asked if we could change the date to later in the year."

"We came up with something in April which I think will be excellent for the community," said Francis.

Francis was not ready to share this year's gala theme or which specific project the funds raised at the

event will be used for, the principal added.

"The staff has given us some input, but we still need to have some discussions before decisions are made," said Francis.

Last year's gala raised about \$50,000 that was earmarked for new kitchen and cafeteria equipment including new appliances, stoves, fans, air conditioning and a speaker system — none of which has been purchased yet.

"We have our plan in motion but that has been delayed," Francis said. "We hope now to have the work done in early January. Where before we didn't put the work out to bid, we're doing that now."

"So instead of just going with one vendor, we're trying to see how we can maximize the funds to our best use," said the JESS principal. "But the process becomes a bit more time-consuming."

The Department of Education is responsible for covering some of the upgrades, Francis added.

"Some of the improvements are the responsibility of the Department of Education and they have some funding for the project so we're not going to trump their efforts," he said.

The new equipment should be installed by the end of January, and Francis looks forward to being able to show off the improved kitchen and cafeteria, he explained.

"Way before the gala in April, we'll have an open house and invite everyone to come and see the improvements," said Francis.

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Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI, Customs and Border Protection, V.I. Police Department and other federal agencies collaborated on a five-day-long drug eradication sweep in early December. A total of 3,400 marijuana plants, including 150 plants found on St. John, were confiscated during the sting. No arrests were made and no one was injured in the operation.

VIPD Investigate Cruz Bay Burglary

St. John Tradewinds

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

The victim told police the burglary happened at about 4:30 a.m. when he awoke to see two masked men in his apartment.

The 28-year-old victim told police he told the suspects to get out of his apartment but the suspects began to hit him about the body.

One suspect had a firearm and

both were wearing masks, the victim said. After striking and threatening him, the suspects left the apartment. Nothing was taken from the victim or his apartment during the incident, the victim said.

The victim was taken to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center where he was treated and released.

The VIPD's Criminal Investigation Bureau is following up on this case. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Reindeer Ramble Run on Sunday, Dec. 20

St. John Landsharks are hosting a run on Sunday, December 20.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Donations of pet food or treats to benefit the Animal Care Center, would be appreciated. Runners should meet at Annaberg parking lot.

Santa and two reindeer — three runners — will run together as a team. The race is not a relay — the three runners must start, run, and finish together. Jingle bells and "harness" will be provide and participants should feel free to elaborate with hats, tinsel, antlers and more.

The course starts at Annaberg, heads to the Maho Bay pavilion then to Francis Bay and back to Anaberg. There will also be a kids short course for the little reindeer. For more details call 779-1416.

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Starfish Market hosted a party to showcase the grocery store's new renovations on Friday, December 11. Guests enjoyed an elaborate feast, open bar and music by Spectrum Band as well as many events throughout the week.

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

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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

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

As Starfish neared its first decade on the first floor of The Marketplace, officials looked to update the supermarket, explained consultant Frank Laverde.

"I was instrumental in designing the store 10 years ago when it first moved to The Marketplace," said Laverde. "David Mugar, the owner, decided two years ago that we should remodel the present store because it was getting tired."

"He asked me to assign a firm and lay out the store again to set it up for the remodel," Laverde said.

Renovations got underway in early July and throughout the process Starfish never shut its doors, Laverde explained.

"It was an especially tough remodel because we didn't close the store," said the consultant. "We felt we had a com-

mitment to the community to stay open. In fact, [store manager] Nedra Ephraim insisted that we stay open because of the commitment to the community — they expected it of us."

The celebrations last week marked the beginning of the holiday season on St. John and served as a big "Thank You" to Starfish customers, Laverde added.

"We wanted to thank the customers for shopping with us under adverse conditions as we moved product around almost daily," said Laverde. "We celebrated all week."

"The employees have been great and the customers have continued to support us through the whole remodeling process and we wanted to thank them," said Starfish manager Nedra Ephraim.

With bright new signs and expanded refrigeration, shelving and freezer space, Starfish offers even more products than before, Laverde explained.

"We've changed all the refrigeration, expanded our shelving and freezer space and installed new flooring, ceiling and lighting," he said. "We've actually expanded the entire store and picked up about 200 square feet more of space."

"We've added space in all departments — meat, produce, grocery and frozen foods," Laverde said. "Now we can offer even more variety of products in the store. We're the only full service supermarket on St. John and have most every-

thing that people want."

While the expanded offerings are a welcome upgrade for customers, the Starfish renovations also marked an investment in the St. John economy, Laverde added.

"David Mugar [Starfish owner] is an astute businessman and a philanthropist and he believes in giving back to the community," said Laverde. "Over the last 10 years, we've invested more than \$8 million in the stores, both the market and the gourmet store. Most of that money was spent in supplies and purchased between St. John and St. Thomas."

"General contractor and subcontractor labor was all from St. John for the most part," Laverde continued. "That money was spent in the community and spent probably during the worst recession we've seen since the 1920s."

Starfish owner David Mugar is committed to offering the best possible shopping experience for St. John customers, Laverde explained.

"David's commitment was to make Starfish an even better store for the people of St. John," he said. "Alone this year the remodel cost more than \$2.5 million. David has always believed in taking care of the employees and customers and the business will be successful and it is."

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Rafe Boulon Details Rich Scientific History for Historical Society

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The diverse ecosystem and relative isolation of St. John have long made the island the perfect place for scientific study.

Recorded studies of Love City's plant and animal life go all the way back to 1767, and the island was the site of some of the most extensive underwater studies with the advent of scuba diving in 1956.

"This little island has produced a lot of cutting edge science," V.I. National Park Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon told the St. John Historical Society at its Tuesday evening, December 8, meeting at the Bethany Moravian Church.

The first reliable source of information on plants came from Moravian missionary GCC Oldendorp in 1767, when he listed plants and animals found on all three Virgin Islands.

A more comprehensive study came in 1987, with Woodbury and Weaver's vegetation map, which described different types of vegetation and where they are found on St. John.

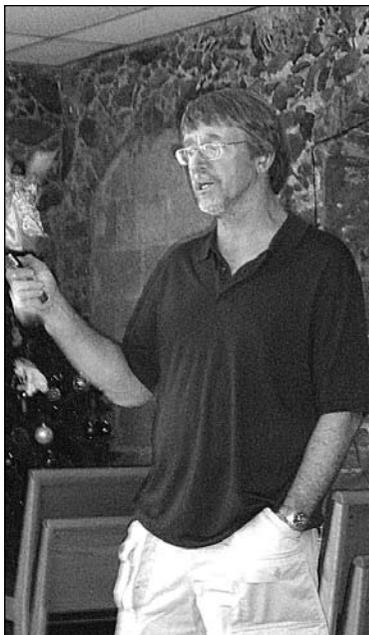
Pedro Acevedo-Rodriguez got even more specific with his study in 1996, when he counted 747 species of vascular plants, 86 percent of which were native to St. John. He also found that St. John shared 87 percent of its species with the rest of the Caribbean.

In 2000, Eleanor Gibney used aerial photos to classify vegetation, and found that St. John is comprised mostly of moist forests, dry forests, woodlands and sparse vegetation.

"A lot of the studies completed here were for thesis work," Boulon said. "St. John is a good place to do this kind of work thanks to the national park."

Some of the studies resulted in positive change for the island, such as Colorado State University's Watershed Sciences Program erosion study, which was conducted from 1992-2004.

"Unpaved roads were their preferred targets for measuring erosion rates compared with undisturbed hillslopes," said Boulon.



Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

V.I. National Park Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon presents the history of science on St. John at the Tuesday evening, December 8, St. John Historical Society meeting at the Bethany Moravian Church.

"Volunteers dug out tons of runoff soil gathered over several months and weighed it."

Students found that undisturbed hillslopes had a runoff rate of 0.01 tons per hectare per year, while unpaved roads had a rate of 25 to 600 tons per hectare per year.

"They developed a new watershed erosion model for St. John, which is used today in the Fish Bay watershed, which extends all the way up to Catherineberg," said Boulon.

The Maho Bay Camps Road Erosion Reduction Project, which was completed in 2005, reduced erosion in that area by 70 percent, Boulon added.

Government agencies also take advantage of the island's relative lack of development by continually monitoring environmental conditions, Boulon explained.

The USDA and the National Resource Conservation Service

have five climate/soil monitoring stations on St. John, four of which are at Lameshur, and one of which is at Cinnamon Bay.

St. John also claims one of the 13 PRIMENet sites in the U.S., which is located at Lind Point. PRIMENet, a program of long-term monitoring of environmental stressors in national parks born out of a partnership between the National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, observes many different conditions at the VINP site including ozone, visibility and standard meteorology.

Boulon also shared information on studies of St. John birds — the earliest being in 1877, by Frederick Ober who collected birds on the island for the Smithsonian — and amphibians, reptiles, insects and exotic animals.

With the advent of scuba diving in 1956, an entire underwater world was opened up around St. John, beginning at Lameshur Bay.

"A lot of marine science, worldwide actually, began in Lameshur Bay," said Boulon. "Some of the longest data sets in the Caribbean came from there."

Technology has no doubt increased exponentially since the 1950s, when Herb Kumpf and Helen Randall compiled their Marine Habitat Map using both aerial photographs and information they collected by pulling one another on a wooden sled in the water behind a boat.

"The contrast in technology is mind-boggling," said Boulon.

No presentation on underwater science would be complete without the mention of Tektite, the underwater habitat located at Lameshur Bay in 1969 and 1970.

"Some phenomenal work came out of that project," said Boulon.

When it comes to the underwater life surrounding St. John, fishery issues are well documented, while coral diseases are still poorly understood, Boulon explained.

"A lot of work is needed," he said. "We do know that we can control local stressors such as sediment, anchors and pollution, to increase the resilience of corals."

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U.S. Virgin Islands Takes Over Atlanta As Angie Smith Represents St. John

St. John Tradewinds

In keeping with the Department of Tourism's strategy to market the territory to potential visitors in primary gateway markets, the department coordinated a series of high-profile events in Atlanta recently targeting area travel agents, Atlanta-based media and Georgia residents.

Combined, the week's events created the opportunity to promote the territory directly to more than 75 travel agents, 30 journalists and 85,000 consumers in just one week.

VIVA! Villas owner Angie Smith was the sole St. John representative at the event, and the only villa company official from the Virgin Islands.

"The blitz/trade show was done to attract more travel agents to book clients in the V.I. now that Delta Airlines is offering more flights from Atlanta to the territory," said Smith.

The week's events began with a travel agent luncheon hosted by Regional Sales Manager Kay Milliner. Top-tier travel agents based outside Atlanta's metropolitan area attended the luncheon, where they learned about the territory's latest developments.

A travel agent cocktail reception and destination presentation was hosted the following evening in Atlanta which provided the opportunity to promote the territory to agents.

All travel agent events were attended by hotel representatives from Bolongo Bay Beach resort, Divi Carina Bay, Marriott Frenchman's Reef, Secret Harbour, Sand Castle on the Beach, VIVA! Villas and Wyndham Sugar Bay.



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VIVA! Villas owner Angie Smith at the Atlanta trade show, above.

Atlanta residents woke up to the sounds of steel pan music and culinary delights from the USVI on Thursday, December 3 when CBS' Better Mornings Atlanta dedicated much of its 2-hour morning show to the U.S. Virgin Islands, featuring a series of USVI-branded segments throughout the broadcast.

"Through our comprehensive approach we're pleased to be able to target all of the key audiences that can influence travel to the territory from the Atlanta market," DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty said.

Plans are already underway for the DOT to saturate additional key markets in 2010 with a series of similar events.

Concrete Polishing Offers Alternative to Tile

*By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds*

After selling his concrete finishing company in the states, Robert Melnik brought all of his equipment to St. John when he and his wife Betsy moved to the island more than two years ago.

Now that equipment is being put to good use again since Melnik launched Innovative Concrete Polishing Technologies on Love City recently.

"Innovative Concrete is a company that I first started in the states," said Melnik. "I formed it originally for my son but then he went back to school and I sold the business and brought all of the equipment to St. John."

Concrete polishing is a grind and polish process that utilizes industrial diamonds, hardeners and sealers to level and polish a floor from within the concrete surface itself. While the process has been around for years, recent advances have made polished concrete floors more accessible and desirable, Melnik explained.

"Polished concrete floors are really becoming more of a commodity now than ever before," he said.

While the use of concrete floors has been widespread in Europe for some time, the practice is catching on across the globe thanks to its environmental

safety and cost-effectiveness.

"Concrete floors are an alternative to tiles and concrete doesn't need any glues or any finishers which would end up in landfills," said Melnik. "Also concrete floors can be cleaned very easily without detergents or chemicals."

"Polished concrete is also one of the most economical flooring alternatives out there," Melnik said. "Reduced costs come from reduced maintenance and the durability of the product."

The practice, which also improves old and deteriorating floors, makes perfect sense in the islands where concrete floors are common sightings.

"Before this the only real choice for people was tile," said Melnik. "Polished concrete really makes sense down here because it can improve an old floor and is ideal for a new floor."

Melnik's first island floor job was his own East End home, which he completed last year. Since then, Innovative Concrete has done work for the St. Thomas Human Society and expects more orders soon.

"Architects have been really interested in this process because it's green and is a great alternative to tile," said Melnik.

For more information on Innovative Concrete Polishing call Melnik at 779-4089.

Friends of VINP Offering Interesting Seminars This Winter

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park has just announced its diverse lineup of nearly 40 seminars guaranteed to provide a deeper glimpse into the island's unique culture, ecology and history.

"I think it is a great way for locals and tourists alike to experience the park in a way they might never have had a chance to before," said Audrey Penn, Friends' program manager.

"And it's a great chance to get to know our local artisans, botanists, entrepreneurs, and the rangers and employees who work in our park daily on the water and around the trails who are all experts on this island," said Penn.

Beginning December 19 with a native plant and bird hike stretching from Lameshur to Europa Bay and ending on April 17 with a Maho Art Center expo, the Friends' 2010 series promises an array of exciting seminars that have drawn popular attendance year after year as well as a few new ones sure to attract a strong following.

Friends usually runs its seminar series from January to April, but this year the series is getting an early start.

"We thought we were missing out on a crucial month, so we started early this year," Penn said. "It all worked perfectly and enabled

us to fit in more classes — like the Kwanzaa drum circle classes on December 26 which will coincide with Kwanzaa celebrations."

Keeping always-popular events like the sea turtle sail, full moon hike and green building house tour on the calendar — and adding some zest with new seminars such as a pepper sauce making class led by local spice guru Trinidad Charlie and a reef ecosystem exploration tour — Friends expects seminars to fill up in no time.

"These popular seminars usually have five to 10 people on the waiting lists each year and we expect some of these new ones to be very well attended," Penn said. "I am sure we are going to have a waiting list."

One seminar in particular — consisting of three one-on-one wood turning lessons given by St. John native and master wood turner Avelino Samuel — already only has two more spaces available, explained Penn.

Another 2010 seminar sure to generate high attendance is the Hassel Island tour where participants will kayak from Frenchtown to Hassel Island while soaking up a bit of history about the Danish and British Colonial ruins from VINP archeologist Ken Wild.

"Friends is currently cleaning up the debris on Hassel Island with a grant from NOAA and the island



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Friends of VINP

Participants enjoyed a mud bath during last year's Eco Spa seminar.

will be open to tourists soon," Penn said.

Fees vary based on individual seminars, but all proceeds will funnel into the Friends general fund which sustains important programs such as SKIP (School Kids in the Park), pays for grants and scholarships for local students and supports projects to improve the national park, Penn explained.

All seminars are tax-deductible, and Friends members receive a \$5 to \$10 discount while children under 12 receive 50 percent off all seminars excluding boat trips.

Each year, Friends generates between \$5,000 and \$10,000 from

its seminar series, according to the program manager.

"This year, we expect to make more than \$10,000 — that is the plan," Penn said. "If we can get all the classes filled, we will make upwards of \$10,000."

The newly designed seminar brochure is available online at <http://www.friendsvinp.org/2010seminar.htm> or can be picked up at the Friends store located on the street level of Mon-goose Junction I.

Interested registrants can sign up with Friends via phone at 779-4940 or email seminars@friendsvinp.org.

FRIENDS SEMINAR SCHEDULE

- Dec. 19 Saturday - Native Plant & Bird Hike
 - Dec. 21 Monday - SNUBA
 - Dec. 26 Saturday - Kwanzaa Drum Circle
 - Dec. 27 Sunday - Pastels Workshop I
 - Dec. 30 Wednesday - Native Tea Time
- JANUARY**
- Jan. 5 Tuesday - Eco Spa
 - Jan. 9 Saturday - Using the 5 Senses in Writing
 - Jan. 10 Sunday - Botanical Hike
 - Jan. 14 Thursday - Spirit Doll Workshop
 - Jan. 16 Saturday - Kayak the Mangroves of Hurricane Hole I
 - Jan. 17 Sunday - Pastels Workshop II
 - Jan. 23 Saturday - Marine Biology Boat Trip
 - Jan. 27 Wednesday - Pepper Sauce Making
 - Jan. 29 Friday - Full Moon Hike
 - Jan. 30 Saturday - Hassel Island Tour I
- FEBRUARY**
- Feb. 3 Wednesday - VINP Archive Tour
 - Feb. 5 Friday - Kayak Caneel Bay
 - Feb. 6 Saturday - A Glimpse into St. John's Past
 - Feb. 8 Monday - Archeology Boat Trip
 - Feb. 10 Wednesday - Birds of the Park
 - Feb. 13 Saturday - Coastal Ecology
 - Feb. 14 Sunday - Romance in the Sky
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Classic Caribbean Holiday Menu from Chef Jim McManus

By Chef Jim McManus
St. John Tradewinds

Puerto Rican cuisine masters the preparation of pork. Anyone who has eaten Lechon (or whole roasted suckling pig) while visiting Puerto Rico can give testament. The skin itself is a savory-sumptuous candy.

This Christmas Menu was designed with the small Caribbean cottage or boat in mind. Everything can be done in a toaster oven, on a grill or stove top.

The Glazed Pork Loin on the menu, while very different from Lechon, is none the less Puerto Rican inspired. The cabbage and potatoes are simply a Caribbean take on a classic European pairing of pork, cabbage and potatoes.

Buen Provecho!

Guava-Orange Glazed Pork Loin Roast with Braised Spicy Red Cabbage and West Indian Potato Stuffing

Pork:

- One 2-3 pound pork loin roast
- 8 whole garlic cloves blanched in boiling water for 2 minutes and peeled

- 2 tablespoons jerk seasoning
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion quartered
- 3 carrots peeled
- 2 red crisp apples peeled cored and cut into ½ inch wedges

Glaze:

- 2 cups guava juice unsweetened
- 1 cup orange juice
- ½ cup lime juice
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 cup dark rum (Optional)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ cup red onion
- 2 cloves garlic minced

Directions:

Preheat oven 350

Glaze:

Combine all of the glaze ingredients in a two-quart sauce pan and bring to a boil.

Turn down to a simmer and cook until reduced down to 1 ½-2 cups. This will take about 45 minutes.

Pork:

With the tip of a sharp knife, make eight incisions in the pork



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of J. McManus

Shipwreck Restaurant's Chef McManus offers a Christmas menu designed just for the Caribbean.

and push whole garlic into each incision.

Liberal season roast with the jerk seasoning

Do not be afraid of using too much. It is supposed to form a nice spicy crust that will work well with the natural sweetness of the glaze

Heat oil in roasting pan and, using tongs, sear on all sides until dark brown.

Line the bottom of a two-quart roasting pan with onions, carrots, apples and place the roast on top. The vegetables are your baking rack and add a nice flavor.

Baste with glaze and transfer roast to oven for 20 minutes.

Baste again, then roast for 20 more minutes

Roast until thermometer inserted in the center reads 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

The internal temperature will continue to rise another five to 10 degrees.

Baste with the glaze and place pork on a large plate and tent with foil for 20 minutes before slicing. Add any pan juices to the remaining glaze and serve on the side.

Braised Spicy Red Cabbage:

- 1 pound Red Cabbage cored and sliced ¼ inch thick
- 1 red onions peeled and sliced ¼ inch thick
- 1 Grannysmith Apples peeled, cored and sliced ¼ inch thick
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons Valley Doll Hot Sauce *
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 bay leave
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

Put all the ingredients in a large

stock pot and bring to a boil. Turn the heat down to simmer and cook uncovered for 35 to 40 minutes. The apples will totally disintegrate and give it some thickness. Taste for seasoning and adjust to your liking.

*Valley Doll Sauce is optional, but for a true Caribbean flavor, you can purchase it at Shipwreck Landing St. John or via email at valleydoll51@hotmail.com.

West Indian Potato Stuffing:

- 2 local sweet potatoes peeled and cut into 2 inch pieces placed in water with lemon juice to keep from turning brown
- 2 yams (state-side sweet potatoes) peeled and cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1 russet potato peeled and cut into 2 inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 each red pepper and green pepper seeded and diced
- 1 red onion peeled and diced
- 2 teaspoons jerk seasoning
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup canned tomato sauce (Goya makes a good Spanish Style)
- ½ cup raisins
- 4 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Boil or steam the potatoes until soft in the center when checked with fork.

Check the local sweet potatoes as they are denser than the others.

Heat olive oil in a sauté pan and add peppers and onions. Sauté until soft.

Add jerk seasoning, brown sugar, tomato paste, raisins and cook until golden brown. This will take about 20 minutes.

Add butter and milk, and stir to incorporate. Keep to the side, off the heat.

Once the potatoes are soft in the center, drain completely and allow to dry for a minute.

Place potatoes in a mixing bowl, mash and incorporate the onion and pepper mixture a little at a time to maintain a stiff consistency.

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Save a Trip to St. Thomas — Check Out 212 Boutique for Party Clothes and More

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While Love City residents are used to traveling to St. Thomas for many needs, a new store at The Marketplace is sure to save a few shopping trips across the sound.

Kristen Cox opened 212 Boutique last week on the second floor of The Marketplace in the former Pond Bay Club sales office location, and the store was bustling with customers almost from the minute she unlocked the door.

With everything from sunglasses to cocktail dresses, it's easy to see what all the buzz is about. 212 Boutique — named after the store's Marketplace suite number — is chock full of trendy and classic pieces, from Anne Klein jeans to frilly sun dresses.

"I've always loved to shop — it's in my blood," said Cox. "I always wanted to open a shop and this space became available and I just couldn't say no. I always envisioned something like this in this location."

Cox's opportunity is Love City's blessing. The shop owner is committed to keeping prices at 212 Boutique affordable and promised that nothing in the shop would ever be more than \$100.

"My goal is to give people on St. John an option other than going to St. Thomas or ordering from a catalog or online," said Cox. "My goal is to keep everything under \$100. We need to be able to buy things here on St. John and in order to do that, the prices have to be affordable."

"I'm not out to price gauge people," said Cox. "I want to give people great options to shop right here on St. John and be able to find what they want at prices they can afford."

Cox plans to keep a wide variety of clothing stocked at 212 Boutique so there is something for everyone, she explained.

"I've got a little bit of everything," said the shop owner. "From island fancy clothes to beach ware — you name it, we'll have it."

While Cox's full line of merchandise had not yet arrived last week, 212 Boutique still boasted beauti-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Tom Oat

Find everything from bags to dresses at 212 Boutique in The Marketplace.

ful silk tops, cotton sun dresses and trendy cocktail dresses, jeans, stylish "reader" sunglasses, jewelry and soft leather pocketbooks in bright colors.

"I'm still getting things in, but I wanted to open with what I had already," said Cox. "Bathing suits, hats and shoes are still on their way."

Most of the merchandise is women's clothing, but Cox does have a few men's offerings with more to come, she added.

"I have a few items for men now, but eventually I'll try to have some more men's styles in here," said Cox.

Stop by 212 Boutique Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the holiday season for great finds at great prices. And keep going back because Cox is adding more merchandise regularly and let store manager Moriah Love help pick out the perfect items.



Beauty Lounge Hosts Grand Opening Party for New Location at Mongoose

The Beauty Lounge owner Saphia Boynes smiles for the camera during a grand opening party at the newly re-opened salon and spa in Mongoose Junction on Thursday night, December 10. The two-level, new Beauty Lounge is a full-service salon and spa.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people of St. Thomas and St. John for their generous donations towards my trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to participate in the Ms. Senior America Pageant.

I had a wonderful time participating in such a prestigious pageant and at the same time representing my beautiful Virgin Islands. It was a great experience that could not have happened if not for your generosity.

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Thank you also to those of you who wished to remain anonymous and to those I may have left off the list in error. (Honorable Mention): My Chaperones Corine Mathias and Eleanor Josiah.

Respectfully, Ina V. Lee

Not Feeling Jolly This Season

'Tis the season to be jolly but I don't feel that way. A sense of hopelessness seems to be pervasive. Why?

It is because I have absolutely no faith left in the possibility for change for our islands under the present system of governance.

I do not believe that a new Governor or new Senators can ever break through this thick dysfunctional system that has been in operation for many years now.

It is a cancerous monster of bureaucracy with re-cycled people being moved from one position to another — year after year, administration after administration — often when they have already proven to fail in their previous role.

This system is old, badly broken, incapable of meeting the needs of its constituents, top heavy with administrators, and spends all of our monies on "too many chiefs and not enough Indian," expenditures, here is so much talk, non-stop talk, we talk issues to death, then move onto the next problem and begin the talk process again.

There is rarely any action or timely solutions.

It has been proven to fail the people — time after time. It does not work.

It does not get the basic needs of each individual and each unique Virgin Island problems addressed.

Why do we not see and understand this?

You will not find too many people happy with the hoped for changes on St. John since Gov. deJongh was elected.

I do not fault the governor for this. I believe that he is a great man who is trying to work hard with a failed system of representation. Add 15 Senators to the mix — one at-Large from St. John who has to run from island to island to somehow balance the decisions made — and it only adds to the probability of failure.

An island Administrator with no power — meeting with citizens over concerns then writing down problems then sending them over

to St. Thomas to be discussed (yet again) does not work.

Have our roads been fixed? Do we have better parking on St. John? Do we have a striped Centerline Road yet? Why are our citizens left with the burden — time after time — meeting after meeting, testifying about the same problems that have plagued us for the last 10 years — yet get no solutions?

A lack of faith and hope by the people in government is a very serious issue that can no longer be ignored. Something has got to change and soon. It impacts everyone, especially our youth who look to us to be positive role models of change.

We do not need 15 Senators for a VI population of approximately 120,000 people. We do not need commissioners with assistant commissioners who then have deputy commissioners and further assistance to once again organize meetings to discuss the (same) problems — once again and reach the usual consensus: we have no monies.

We do not need to spend \$85,000 a year for salaries for each Senator who is elected to legislate laws — when many are not enforced (no money!) or appropriate money (no money!).

With every challenge comes opportunity to think outside the box.

There is an opportunity for someone in a leadership role to summon the courage within their hearts to address this issue.

Sadly, our Constitutional Convention failed us miserably — and we are in "the twilight zone" of "what now?"

Who will pick up this lead and become a true voice for the people of the Virgin islands?

In a letter I have written to individual Senators concerning my frustrations. I am being told that our Governor holds the power to create Island Councils on each island, through executive order to identify needs and find solutions on each island by the individuals who live there.

Governor deJongh, we need you to address this possibility.

Why can't we have a Town Council on each island dealing directly with island issues with an elected council to solve problems directly? Why can't we have our own budgets?

There does not need to be another layer of government...God knows that is not what anyone wants!

All that we need to do is own the fact that our present system is an absolute failure. There are plenty of facts that support this.

I suggest anyone in our islands that is absolutely tired with the lack of evident change still — to write every Senator as well as our Governor to ask for leadership now in making the change that brings the power and control of each island back to the people who reside there.

We know the problems, we have made suggestions for years on what is needed to make things better however no one is listening.

This is an election year. We have to find a way to get our voices heard.

Local Island Government must be at the top of issues that every person demands. There must be a referendum on this. Anyone who refuses to look at this issue just might be more concerned about self-preservation or in keeping their job and the status quo.

Those are the individuals that we should dismiss. We have far too many problems for these kind of individuals.

If not, we will continue to "spin our wheels" and get nowhere like we have done for years and years now.

We will continue the downward spiral of a lack of faith and hope in government.

We, the people, deserve so much better. Is anyone in power out there or up there listening?

Bonny Corbeil,
St. John

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Untruth – Part 2

To my shame and embarrassment I find I am full of bias, that I have prejudices about every group that I am able to distinguish — including the one I'm commonly supposed to belong to — and prejudices also about groups I actually am not able to distinguish, including the one I really belong to if it exists.

I catch myself at it time after time. Sometimes at least, rather than looking to justify or hypocritically conceal (while holding on to) prejudice, I do question my assumptions and motives. Obviously I still have work to do.

So, how can we do better? What I am saying is that apparently it's not easy, if rationality is up for grabs and free will and true impartiality are only illusions, and if moreover many are quite satisfied that this be so.

To add to the difficulty, we are even confused and conflicted within ourselves. One explanation is genetic and evolutionary. Evolution is a gradual selective process that takes place over thousands and millions of years.

Most of the genes we carry around with us today got selected for what worked long ago in the prehistoric eons in the jungles, caves and savannahs, not for what works best during the relatively brief period since. Especially not since that point in time when so much of what is important to us is accomplished sitting at a desk.

Moreover, a proponent of evolution, prominent scientist Richard Dawkins, argues that our "selfish" genes are into "survival of the fittest" for themselves, rather than for the individual organism carrying them, or for the species to which that organism belongs.

Now if some of these genes, which are focused only on their own perpetuation, (and not necessarily on working together for us,) help to determine our inclinations and preferences; and each organism carries a scrambled recombination of genes from its parents and ancestors; then, right there in our haphazardly inherited genes is also a scientific explanation for our being at war with ourselves,

torn this way and that, for our ambivalence and fallibility.

Moreover, we are not just dealing with disinformation put out by bad or confused intentions. Not all misinformation is either wholly or partly intentional. And miscommunication can also occur when individuals with different backgrounds or from different locations use the same words and have different meanings or implications and associations.

Opposite sexes and different social or age groups, peer groups or gangs, bring in all sincerity to the same words different collective experiences. Different individuals have different wants and needs.

Different languages, cultures, local conditions, add to the confusion. Different nations and regions, and different ideologies and religions have different realities: polytheists, pantheists, agnostics, monotheistic Jews, Christians and Muslims, deists, atheists, religious fundamentalists and secular empirical scientists all have different basic assumptions, methods of reasoning and conclusions about what is so and what is right.

I see more and more where the person right next to me can have wildly different ideas about what is right and what is so, even about what I take to be simple matters of fact.

It seems indisputably in our best collective interest to reduce the sea of disinformation and misinformation that contribute to the confusion.

Surely it is dangerous if many of us, even vast majorities, are deluded, full of delusions, or even delusional and passionately committed to remaining so.

Clearly, it can be dangerous if one person's hero and martyr against an unjust invasion is another's terrorist, suicide bomber against a just national defense, if one person's truth is another's abominable heresy.

Modern transportation and communication increase the danger from across the seas, at our borders and in our neighborhoods and homes (at the same time as they increase the richness of experience

and depth of understanding), as do modern weaponry and means of delivery.

Although so often delusional, biased and dishonest, over twenty-four centuries ago the ancient Greek philosopher Protagoras put reality itself at our mercy, "Man is the measure of all things: of the things that are, that they are; of the things that are not, that they are not."

That we as we are should be the measure of reality itself is frightening to contemplate. We watch it practiced and applied, locally, nationally, regionally and universally, even in the highest legislative, executive, judicial and academic councils.

History has shown such practice and application to be at times evil and uncontainable. Under the circumstances to make ourselves comfortable with that could be diagnosed as widespread being in states of denial, when it is not sheer cynical complicity and complacency.

Ironically, not to say cynically, meanings change. The ancient Cynic (originally meaning "dog-like" for a shabby minimalist lifestyle) philosophers actually maintained that virtue was the only good. To maintain an impoverished simplicity or to see virtue as the only good is not the meaning of "cynical" now.

So if we are dangerously confused deluded ignorant deceitful and at odds with one another, how do we begin to reduce the danger? Our president Obama is in favor of negotiation.

If there is an objective reality out there independent of our limited minds, which at least we can apply our limited minds to, and to that limited extent figure out together and use together in order to work things out together, if all of that, then it seems basic to the enterprise to arrive at mutually understood same meanings for words and to find compatibilities among different versions of how to determine what is so and what is good, in order to negotiate our real and perceived differences.

Nicholas Childs

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0	Solved: 0
Shootings: 0	Under Investigation: 0
Stabbings: 1	Under Investigation: 1
Armed Robberies: 2	Under Investigation: 2
Arsons: 0	Under Investigation: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 1	Under Investigation: 1
2nd Degree Burglaries: 18	Under Investigation: 18
3rd Degree Burglaries: 67	Under Investigation: 67
Grand Larcenies: 68	Under Investigation: 68
Rapes: 0	Under Investigation: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1	Solved: 0
Shootings: 0	Under Investigation: 0
Stabbings: 0	Under Investigation: 0
Armed Robberies: 5	Under Investigation: 5
Arsons: 0	Under Investigation: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 6	Under Investigation: 6
2nd Degree Burglaries: 17	Under Investigation: 16
3rd Degree Burglaries: 68	Under Investigation: 66
Grand Larcenies: 67	Under Investigation: 64
Rapes: 1	Under Investigation: 1

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.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

A Caribbean Christmas Wish by Dana Heuschkel

Twass the nights before Christmas
and all through the Caribbean,
Not a donkey was grazing
nor a goat was a bleatin.'

Just the treefrogs in harmony
and the moon full of glow,
Sea waves all glistening
softly tossing to and fro.

Time goes by slowly,
people in passing say "Good Day,"
Positive vibes flow freely
Love City's roosters alarm us all day.

Online shoppers are clicking,
families preparing for feasts,

Newcomers arrive and depart
always from West to East.

So as the Paradise rule goes
Slow down and be blessed;
For the Holidays are here
enjoy time with loved ones and rest.

May our blazing sun
kiss your face and soul
for mistletoe and eggnog
are far from the North Pole.

Merry Christmas to all
Live your life full of cheer,
Remember One Love
throughout this New Year!

"Do The Right Thing"

An open letter to Governor deJongh,

Since election your administration has shown professionalism and vision and has been a breath of fresh air. Through hard work you have tackled many long standing problems and recognized opportunities as they have presented themselves. Overall you get high marks from many Virgin Island residents.

When the Alpine Energy deal was announced and several letters appeared in the press criticizing the deal, I thought, surely our government must have done their homework and were looking out for our best interests. Now, as things unfold, I have grave doubts.

Openness in government is a wonderful thing. Please explain to the Virgin Islands people why this deal had to be made without our knowledge, input, or review. Please release and make public all of the information about the various options looked at by WAPA for alternative energy.

If a fraction of what has been printed in the opinion section of the local newspapers is correct, these "energy producing" plants would present a serious hazard to our environment and our health.

For example, if a polluting plant is placed in Bovoni, which is upwind of downtown Charlotte Amalie and the majority the St. Thomas population, the water collected off roofs for drinking, washing, and cooking would become a health hazard — not to mention the air we breathe.

This could be "the perfect storm" health wise, adding an increase in cancer rates to an already alarming rate of HIV/AIDS, obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure currently afflicting the territory. Pollution would also collect in our pristine waters and fishing areas, negatively affecting our draw as a tourist destination.

Does this remind anyone of Lindberg Bay, but with far graver consequences? A ground swell is occurring. Please come forward now and talk with us.

Either explain in plain terms why we need this deal and why it is the best thing for the Virgin Islands or admit that a mistake was made and cancel the deal.

The Virgin Islands needs alternative non-polluting energy now. We have an abundance of sunshine and wind. Why not tap these non-polluting sources of power?

We cannot afford to waste time and effort fighting each other with costly lawsuits. We need to come together and focus our resources on a clean solution to our energy needs.

It's OK to say we made a mistake and move on. Doing that would show responsibility (to the people) on the part of our government. As Spike Lee said "Do The Right Thing."

Don Porter, St. John

Thanks To EMTs, St. John Rescue and MKSCHC

I want to express my deepest thanks to the EMS, St. John Rescue, and the folks at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center emergency room.

Following my pre-Thanksgiving dive from a ladder which should have killed me, I spent Thanksgiving day being truly thankful (and please forgive me if I miss some names under the circumstances) for EMT Ernest and his crew, St. John Rescue Terry, and the caring and careful stitchery of Dr. Barot and the care of nurse Chris Jordan and her crew.

I am on the mend and still very thankful. One note to the ambulance crew though: please use your siren! At least a little. The most comforting sound to a person lying bleeding on the ground would be the sound of the approaching ambulance.

John Fuller, St. John

St. John Police Report

Saturday, December 5

2:40 p.m. - A visitor from San Diego r/ a larceny at Westin Resort and Villas. Grand larceny.

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r he lost his wallet in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

11:39 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he was assaulted by his ex-girlfriend. Simple assault.

12:55 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r he was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

Monday, December 7

1:53 p.m. - A visitor from California p/r that her laptop was stolen out of her suitcase. Grand larceny.

4:48 p.m. - A Morris F. deCastro employee c/r a disturbance at the Cruz Bay clinic. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, December 8

1:15 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that he was robbed in his house at gunpoint on October 4, 2009. Robbery in the first.

6:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a two vehicle accident in the area of Estate Pastory on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

7:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at Cocoloba in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, December 9

4:32 p.m. - A citizen r/ a male bleeding in the area of Cruz Views Apartments. Burglary in the first.

10:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:42 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he and a female had a verbal altercation at the Lumber Yard. Disturbance of the peace.

12:45 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he is being harassed. Disturbance of the peace.

3:44 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

5:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r a man shouting in the area of Frank Bay. Police assistance.

6:43 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ a larceny. Grand larceny.

6:50 p.m. - The people of the Virgin Islands r/ that someone possessed a controlled substance. Simple possession of a controlled substance.

9:00 p.m. - Badge #726 p/ with one Jamari Powell of Es-

tate Susanaberg, under arrest and charged with simple possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. He was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

9:20 p.m. - Badge #177 p/ with one Cruise Riley of Estate Pastory, under arrest and charged with robbery in the first degree. His bail was set at \$75,500 by order of the court. He was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

Thursday, December 10

1:14 a.m. - A citizen r/ having a disturbance with a male. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

12:20 p.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident p/r that unknown individuals were present on his property. Trespassing.

3:03 p.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident p/r he was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

2:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he lost his documents. Lost documents.

3:29 p.m. - Central Dispatch r/ a female down in the area of Privateer, Coral Bay. Police assistance.

Friday, December 11

9:22 a.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in an auto accident.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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OUTER WEAR

ACROSS

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- 15 Farm bundle
- 19 Laudatory poems
- 20 Boffo review
- 21 Ring of color
- 22 Alda or King
- 23 Unwelcome U.N. official in Iraq
- 26 Fine spray of rain
- 27 Paint variety
- 28 Forty winks
- 29 Comic Margaret
- 30 Foundation
- 31 Skeleton bit
- 33 Certain financial counselor
- 37 Old ring king Muhammad
- 40 Do a bit of housework
- 43 Univ. or coll
- 44 German for "you"
- 45 Bosc, e.g
- 49 Obama's party: Abbr
- 51 Ingrained
- 56 Scotland's — Ness
- 57 Cosmic distance unit
- 59 Dangerous downdraft for aircraft
- 61 Edible gastropod
- 63 Err on
- 64 Friend, in Cannes
- 65 Out of kilter
- 66 Anti votes
- 68 Thirst
- 71 Phoenix-to-Philly dir
- 72 Planner that shows seven days per page

- 80 Env. add-in
- 81 Castle feature
- 82 Fertilizable cells
- 83 Impudent kid
- 85 Sales agent, for short
- 86 Kicked in seed money
- 90 Sailor's "Stop!"
- 94 Most-dreaded thing
- 97 Air raid
- 99 Large public show
- 100 Make lovable
- 101 Crib item
- 103 It's depreciated with respect to foreign currencies
- 105 Sea, to Debussy
- 107 Vegas transaction
- 109 Ogling stare
- 110 See 7-Down
- 111 Interlace
- 118 Jay Leno's network
- 120 Blue color
- 121 Seaport in Scotland
- 122 Howe or Koteas
- 125 Of charged particles
- 129 Trail mix bits
- 130 1997 Doris Kearns Goodwin memoir
- 134 Tucker (out)
- 135 Sanctions
- 136 Uptight
- 137 Bombeck of household humor
- 138 1974 CIA spoof film
- 139 Scold loudly
- 140 Cameron of "The Mask"
- 141 Promising

DOWN

- 1 Hound's hanging fold
- 2 Brain gain
- 3 Ham or lamb
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- 5 Coffeepot
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- 9 Greek letters
- 10 Extreme anger
- 11 Yr. ender
- 12 Gunslinger's tally mark
- 13 Maui greetings
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- 15 Animated deer
- 16 Fake name
- 17 Rodeo rope
- 18 Come into
- 24 Nitrous —
- 25 Notice
- 32 "Excuse me!" elicitor
- 34 PC screen type
- 35 Motion of fans in a stadium
- 36 Cat docs
- 37 Belt makers' tools
- 38 Roaring cat
- 39 Cuzco Indian
- 41 Junk e-mail
- 42 Garr of "Short Time"
- 46 Cogitate
- 47 Horse kin
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- 50 Impersonate
- 52 Bit of a dance?
- 53 Axed down
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- 55 Clothesline alternative
- 58 Iris coverers
- 60 Jazz singer Simone
- 62 Mauna —
- 67 Motor oil additive
- 69 Infomercial exhortation
- 70 Mop & —
- 72 "What a tangled — weave"
- 73 Bankrupt company in 2001 news
- 74 Greeting sent online
- 75 Swiss river
- 76 Terrific
- 77 Blanket for the legs
- 78 Youngest of the Gabors
- 79 Orange type
- 84 Mao — -tung
- 87 Three, to Luigi
- 88 And others, for short
- 89 Sea wall
- 91 Wheel pin
- 92 Fix, as a cat
- 93 Ripped
- 95 Unexciting
- 96 Become corroded
- 98 First place?
- 102 However
- 104 Circular path
- 106 "Casino —" (Bond flick)
- 108 Believer in one God
- 111 Hopes for
- 112 Furnish
- 113 Singer Gene
- 114 Flower jars
- 115 Patio cooker
- 116 Pipe bend
- 117 Irritated
- 119 More shy
- 123 "Me, Myself, —"
- 124 Dreamcast maker
- 126 Emperor before Galba
- 127 Big pet food brand
- 128 Bluesman Robert
- 131 "My Mama Done — Me"
- 132 Bygone USAir rival
- 133 W follower

Community Calendar

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

Monday, December 14

– The Coral Bay Community Christmas tree lighting ceremony and carol sing-along is set for Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Tuesday, December 15

– Due to the holidays, the December meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be on Tuesday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's.

– The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter, will host its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 15, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation Office.

Wednesday, December 16

– The V.I. Public Services Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 16, at 3 p.m. at the PSC office in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas.

December 16, 18 and 20

– The St. John Singers under the direction of John Cahill will present three holiday concerts this season, one in Cruz Bay on December 16 and two in Coral Bay on December 18 and 20.

Thursday, December 17

– V.I. Taxicab Commission is hosting its annual veteran medallion auctions December 16 through 18, which are open to V.I. veterans of the Armed Services only. On St. John the auction will be on Thursday, December 17, at 11 a.m. at the Boulon Center.

– Join the St. John Film Society for a free film screening of "The Black Candle" at 7 p.m. at The Marketplace, third floor.

– The last day to donate to the St. John Toy Drive.

Saturday, December 19

– The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count is set for Saturday, December 19, starting at 7:30 am. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in participating in this annual event should contact Laurel Brannick at 776-6201 ext. 257.

– The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission will be conducting its annual "Commissioners/Staff Workshop" from December 17, through December 19, at the Westin Resort.

Sunday, December 20

– The St. John Landsharks are hosting a run on Sunday, December 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Donations of pet food or treats to benefit the Animal Care Center, would be appreciated. Runners should meet at Annaberg parking lot.

UPCOMING GALA SCHEDULE

JANUARY 30

St. John School of the Arts Dance-a-thon at The Westin Resort

FEBRUARY 6

Friends of VINP Gala
Janet & Martin Marshall's Villa in Great Cruz Bay

MARCH

Giffit Hill School's Annual Dinner Auction at The Westin Resort

APRIL 10

Julius E. Sprauve School Fundraising Gala at Caneel Bay Resort

CORRECTIONS

The story "New Retail Ventures Opening at The Marketplace," in the December 7 to 13 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included incorrect information. Barbara Tyne is the leasing manager for The Marketplace. *St. John Tradewinds* apologizes for the error.

The story "VINP Volunteers Make Jumbie Beach Access Safer with New Trail" in the same issue did not give proper credit to the V.I. National Park's maintenance department. The VINP maintenance department is responsible for keeping VINP roads clear and safe.

The incorrect website to donate to the Giffit Hill School matching fund program was listed in the story "With GHS Seeds for Success Matching Fund Program, Donors Can Make a Difference." To donate to the school online go to the website <http://pinepeaceauction.com/donation.html>.

Old Historical Society Photo Clarification



Members of the St. John Historical Society Inventory Committee at work in Cruz Bay. (L to R) Ruth Low, Jane Bowry, Florence Lewisohn, Steve Edwards, and Mimi Caesar. Not pictured: Dotty Politis.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

RFP-WMA-001-T-2010 Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services for the VI Waste Management Authority's Vehicle Fleet on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

The VI Waste Management Authority is hereby requesting sealed proposals for the preventative maintenance and repair services for all of the VIWMA's vehicle fleets on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Prospective submitters may secure a proposal package for their review from the Authority's Procurement and Property Division, St. Thomas/St. John District Office at Wheatley Center II, Suite 2, St. Thomas, or from the St. Croix District Office at No. 1A La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, St. Croix.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Tuesday, December 21, 2009 at 4:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

PROPOSAL DUE PLACE: Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
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P. O. Box 5089
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(Six Sealed Proposal Packages Marked Proposal for RFP No. RFP-WMA-001-T-2010, DO NOT OPEN)

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

DIRECT INQUIRIES: Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch
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Email: clynch@viwma.org Phone: 340-718-4489

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

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority reserves the right to waive any non-substantive informalities, technicalities, or irregularities; or reject any or all qualifications and proposals; or to re-advertise for proposals, and to award or refrain from awarding the contract for the work.

May Adams Cornwall
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VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

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

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

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