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(L to R) John Spinale, Makeda Dawson, Alex Ray, Jaqualyn Clarke, Luca del Olmo, Anjali Glenn, Jackson Barry, Savanna Morrisette and K'yon Louis. The Gifft Hill School Class of 2015 has earned a cumulative total of more than \$811,000 in merit scholarships for the next four years.

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A small but determined field pushed off from North Shore Road, Route 10, in front of Philomen's for the St. John Festival Bike Race on Saturday morning, June 13.

Free Fastpitch Softball Clinics on June 18, 19 and 22

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The St. John Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation and St. John Sporting Center/V.I. Eagles, will present a series of free softball clinics for girls ages 12-18 with the University of North Carolina Coaching Staff, headed by Head Coach Donna Papa.

Head Coach Papa is now in her 30th year at UNC where she has helped build the University of North Carolina into one of the country's top fastpitch softball programs. On November 30, 2012, Coach Papa was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and continues to run successful camps during the off season.

The fastpitch softball clinic schedule will be as follows:

- June 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the National Park Service's Ball Park (St. John)
- June 19 and 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Emile Griffith Ball Park (St. Thomas)
- June 22, at 1:30 p.m. on the National Park Service's Ball Park (St. John)

This is an opportunity for young women athletes to learn from an experienced college coaching staff. All young ladies interested in improving their softball skills are invited to attend all four (4) clinics.

Interested persons are asked to contact Elroy Hill, Deputy Director of Sports, Parks, and Recreation St. John, at (340) 473-7502, or Lionel Sprauve, President of the St. John Sporting Center, Inc./V.I. Eagles (340) 244-4220.

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U.S. Customs Parking Lot To Close June 17 for Festival Village Erection

The Cruz Bay Parking Lot will be closed to the public from Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to July 9, 2015, for the erection of the Festival Village Booths. Any parked vehicles that remain in the area will be towed by the owners expense. Thank you for your cooperation, sorry for the inconvenience.

JESS Graduation Set for June 17

The V.I. Department of Education's 2015 graduation and promotional exercises include the Wednesday, June 17 graduation of the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Pre-Retirement Planning Workshop Set

The Government Employees' Retirement System invites its members to participate in Pre-Retirement Planning Workshop on St. John on Wednesday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John Legislature Annex Conference Room in Cruz Bay. The Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday, June 19.

The Pre-Retirement Workshop is open to all members and offers a general overview of system and other related benefits. For additional information or to pre-register, call 776-7703 ext. 4202 or 4200. Seating is limited, so please register early.

“Saving Faith” Is Movie Night Feature

The Family Night movie “Saving Faith – Some Wounds Only God Can Heal” will be presented Free for the whol Family on Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Fellowship Hall.

St. John Festival Applications Available

St. John Festival 2015 Vendors Applications will be available at St. John Tourism. There will be applications for the following Parade, Food Fair/Parade and Festival Booth. The applications are first come basis. Additional information please contact 340-690-3692 or 340-690-1725.

The Festival Committee is soliciting sponsors for this year's Festival Fireworks. Interested parties should call 340-690-3692.

Office of Veterans Affairs Opens

The Office of Veterans Affairs began conducting office hours on the island of St. John on the second Friday of every month beginning Friday, June 12. Operating hours for the St. John office will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Battery in Cruz Bay.

Any Veteran residing on the island of St. John that needs assistance can come to the office between these hours and receive the same services they would if they were at the St. Thomas or St. Croix office to include obtaining a local Veteran I.D. It is strongly recommend that individuals call the St. Thomas office at 340-774-6100 and schedule an appointment to visit the St. John office.

“Setting an appointment will ensure that we have your files available when you arrive that”, said Director Farrell. “This is also an attempt to live up to our promise to the Veterans that reside on St. John when we told them they will not be left ou”

“Improving the Quality of Life for every Veteran within the territory at every opportunity is what the team within the Office of Veterans Affairs is striving to do,” said Director Farrell. “If the need arises to have an additional day added to the St. John schedule in the future we will do just that.”



Alex Ray (Valedictorian)
Bennington College



Luca del Olmo(Salutatorian)
University of Florida



Anjali Glenn
DePauw University



Jaqualyn Clarke
University of Virgin Islands



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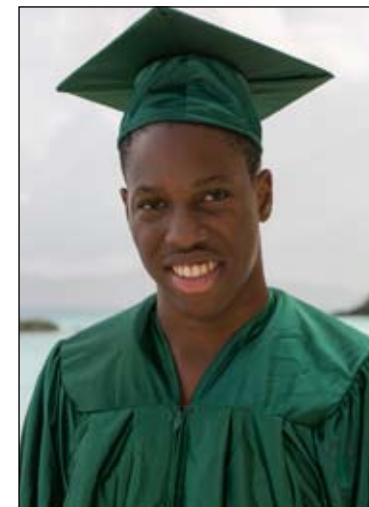
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Gifft Hill School Graduates Nine

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

GIFT HILL —It was a testament to the intimacy of The Gifft Hill School that the two top scholars in the nine-member graduating class of 2015 spent their entire academic careers at the islands only k-12 educational facility.

For Salutatorian Luca del Olmo, that was 15 years “as part of the Gifft Hill family” including pre-school.

Valedictorian Alex Ray, however, was marking the end of his only four-years of organized “school” experience that followed his homeschooling at the family home on Gibney Beach on Hawksnest Bay on the North Shore of St. John.

Both Ray and del Olmo were

“There is no such thing as ‘just’ being what you genuinely want to be. Take that giant pile of unused future that’s lying out there somewhere and, as obvious as this sounds, do something with it.”

— Alex Ray, Valedictorian,
Gifft Hill School Class of 2015

the epitome of the close-knit class of nine students who bonded at the island’s only k-12 educational facility.

Ray captured the audience with a theatrical performance cultivated by his outstanding academic career.

“There is no such thing as ‘just’ being what you genuinely want to

be,” Ray told his captivated audience. “Take that giant pile of unused future that lying out there somewhere and, as obvious as this sounds, do something with it.”

15-Year “Student” Graduates

After 15 years as part of the Gifft Hill School family – he actually started when it was still called

the Pine Peace School – Luca delivered heartfelt thanks for his experience at the only school the top-ranked Caribbean tennis player has ever known.

“Enjoy the rest of the years you have at GHS because, before you know it you will be finished,” del Olmo told GHS students in attendance. “Work hard, but have fun at the same time.”

Ray, 17, will be attending Bennington College in Vermont and studying liberal arts. Del Olmo, 17, will study engineering at the University of Florida.

All nine graduating seniors were accepted to colleges and universities. Two will attend the University of the Virgin Islands and others are enrolled at Embry-

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ON A CLEAR NIGHT... Vester Gade in downtown Cruz Bay has been opened up for nightlife with the canopy of overhead trees trimmed, a storage container moved and the view opened up for strollers — and security cameras.

Cruz Bay Opens Up and Lights Up For Growing Nightlife Foot Traffic

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Mahogany trees have been trimmed to a high canopy and bright streetlights afford a well-lit, verdant tunnel for the nightlife foot traffic on Vester Gade, or West Street, through the heart of downtown Cruz Bay — with clear lines of sight for the security cameras positioned on the corner at each end of the block.

For a town with more street names than streets — sections of the three main Danish Streets in the island metropolis have been named after gaggle of royalty — the narrow tree-lined lane is becoming the center of the Cruz Bay nightlife scene in the glow of the brightly-painted Our Market Smoothie Stand — the darling of the internet.

The scene of a recent fatal alleged “revenge” shooting of an island man on the sidewalk in front of a mid-block rental car parking lot across from the Ubaldina Simmonds U.S. Post Office has fo-

cused much-welcomed attention on the heavily-traveled, one-lane lane between the island’s newest plein air restaurant, The Longboard, and one of its oldest and typically loudest street-front “establishments,” Cap’s Place.

Following the completion of construction on the new loading dock at the Cruz Bay Post Office in recent months, the 40-foot storage container which had fill the corner of Vester Gade has been removed opening the sight lines of the ever-present surveillance cameras on either end of the block.

No Arrest in Shooting Investigation

The Friday, May 29, shooting death of Kenson Jolly, 25, of Pastory, is still under investigation by authorities as a possible act of retaliation for a vicious machete attack by Jolly on another St. John man in the same area earlier this year. There was no official information available on the status of Jolly’s prosecution on charges

stemming from that incident.

Jolly was shot from behind while sitting in a lawn chair on the sidewalk in front of a rental car parking lot in the middle of Vester Gade around 11 p.m. Witnesses have said as many as nine shots were fired and as many as four bullets struck Jolly in the neck.

Although police have expressed confidence about their investigation, there have been no pronouncements of progress or pending apprehensions nor any signs of any intensive investigation.

Surveillance Image Is Critical

With the images of the assailant purportedly captured by a video surveillance camera in the alleyway behind the V.I. Legislature Annex and V.I. Police Department Leander Jurgen Command in downtown Cruz Bay, the ultimate question may be whether the videos provide the identification necessary for an arrest?

Five Lovely Young Women Are Vying For Miss St. John Festival Queen 2015

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
St. John Tradewinds

With the selection of the 2015 St. John Festival Princess, the crowning of this year's festival royalty is only halfway completed.

Five young women will take to the stage in Winston Wells Bell Park in hopes of winning the title, Miss St. John Festival 2015 on June 20 at 8PM.

Each of the five contestants were given a chance to introduce themselves to the community:

Contestant #1:

Kali Rene Jackson

The vibrant contestant #1 Kali Rene Jackson was born on May 22, 1997, to Beverly Pedereaux and the late Kenvin Jackson.

Born and reared on the island of St. Thomas, Kali has attended the All Saints Cathedral School, the Ulla F. Muller Elementary School, the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, and is a recent graduate of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School.

Throughout her high school years, Kali has participated in various activities such as the Lady Rays cheerleading squad, Concert Band, and the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Kali also enrolled in business and finance courses in hopes of following her dreams of becoming an entrepreneur.

She intends to attend the University of the Virgin Islands to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and a double minor in Hospitality and Tourism and Biology.

Her dreams also include attending a cosmetology school to obtain her certification and licensure in cosmetology and esthetics, operating her own Organic Cosmetic Line named "Island Beau," establishing her own mentorship program entitled Makeup and Mentoring (M&M), and more.

Kali's hobbies include singing, reading, learning and practicing the art of makeup, helping those in need and spending time with her mom and grandma. She especially loves listening to her grandmother's life stories from her home in Grenada.



Contestant #1
Kali Rene Jackson



Contestant #2
Lakeisha Joy Hendrickson



Contestant #3
Shanell Aisha Harney



Contestant #4
Yaritza Maria Tirado



Contestant #5
Caija Llanée Campbell

and continued over to sister island, St. Thomas, at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School where she is a

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St. John Rescue Raises Donations Needed To Purchase New Jaws of Life Equipment

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After months of operating with jury-rigged emergency extrication equipment, members of St. John Rescue will soon have "Jaws of Life" with some teeth in them.

"Through the generosity of several St. John residents and visitors we are now able to purchase a new set of Holmatro Extrication Tools (JAWS)," St. John Rescue's Bob Malacarne announced in his monthly *St. John Tradewinds* column, *To the Rescue*.

Thanks to Generous Benefactors

"Thank you to all our generous benefactors," Malacarne wrote.

"Hopefully, we will have the new emergency equipment by the end of the month."

"Once we have the equipment we will be able to greatly improve our ability to extricate passengers who are trapped in a crashed vehicle," the rescue official added.

The cost of the equipment includes a day of training by an instructor provided by the manufacturer, according to Malacarne.

The volunteer rescue service severely overused its original equipment earlier this year in lengthy, challenging extrications at two mid-island fatal vehicle accidents involving two deaths and a

total of seven victims.

The equipment had been put to the test in rescue efforts in January at a one-vehicle accident involving a young island driver, who was killed when he apparently fell asleep and drove off the road in the early morning hours in a small vehicle carrying four friends.

The St. John Rescue equipment was left in pieces weeks later after it was called on to extricate the driver and passenger from a crane which had slid off Route 20 in the Virgin Islands National Park trapping the driver and the fatally injured passenger in the cab during a hazardous five-hour rescue

effort.

Duct tape has been holding the rescue company's most important equipment hostage ever since as the volunteer organization has sought funds for replacement equipment.

Months of effort sought to raise funds for the purchase of a used set of the emergency equipment that was compatible with the rescue group's old equipment and

V.I. Fire Service equipment, finally paid off with enough donations to afford a new piece of equipment, according to Malacarne.

Now, the all-volunteer rescue service faces a financial future that threatens its community efforts as it seeks a new home for its equipment, training sessions and meetings.

(See related *To the Rescue* Column on Page 12.)

Register for Summer Classes at UVI

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Registration is underway for the five-week Summer 2 term at the University of the Virgin Islands. Classes begin on June 25 and end on July 30.

A limited number of courses can be taken on St. John through videoconferencing technology at UVI's St. John Academic Center. For further information, contact UVI's registration office at 693-1160, or visit the Academic Center located on the third floor of the Market Place across from WAPA.

Senior citizen residents of the United States Virgin Islands may enroll in regularly scheduled courses at the University of the Virgin Islands free of charge during the late registration period.

To qualify, seniors must be at least 60 years of age, as verified by the senior citizen ID card issued by the United States Virgin Islands Department of Human Services, and be a resident of the United States Virgin Islands for at least one year.

Coral Bay Yacht Club Offering Educational Scholarships

St. John Tradewinds

Due to the closure of Guy H. Benjamin School, the Coral Bay Yacht Club will make funds available to help students in its community, offering four \$500 scholarships in the form of tuition for Coral Bay students attending a private school. The Coral Bay Yacht Club is also offering a \$500 donation to Julius E. Sprauve School.

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is committed to the children of Coral Bay and has run annual fundraising flotillas, the proceeds of which in the past have been used to benefit the now-shuttered Guy H. Benjamin School.

CBYC hopes to continue its tradition of hosting Flotillas in an effort to continue its dedication to the students of Coral Bay. Students who reside full time in Coral Bay may apply for the scholarship. The deadline is July 31. For information, please email maryjburks@gmail.com.

Sen. Roach Has Office Hours June 19

St. John Tradewinds

Senator Tregenza A. Roach has scheduled office hours on St. John for Friday, June 19, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the V.I. Legislative Annex Building. Please call Ms. Kamaria Penn, St. John Community Liaison, at 340-776-6285, ext. 6108, or the Senator's St. Thomas office at 340-693-3686 to make an appointment.

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Cinnamon Bay Campground tent sites are popular low cost and low carbon footprint tourism option.

No Bid Battle for Operating Concessions At VINP's Trunk and Cinnamon Bays?

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

National Park Service officials with the Virgin Islands National Park aren't saying much about the first-and-only, open-bidding process for the multi-million dollar operating concession contracts for the perennially top rated beach in the world and the only campground in the Virgin Islands National Park.

"The bid packages are due July 30," an NPS official told a May Cruz Bay town meeting called by St. John Administrator Camille Paris Jr. – without further elucidation.

NPS officials are planning an on-site meeting of interested bidders.

"They have now submitted questions," the VINP official told the town meeting without further elucidation.

The bidding process for the concession contract may be speaking for itself, however.

Only One "Potential" Bidder?

The NPS has had very little to report because there has been very little to report, according to St. John Tradewinds sources familiar with the historic bidding for the concessions.

"Only one bidder has picked up a bid package," one person familiar with the concession operations at Cinnamon and Trunk Bays told St. John Tradewinds in late May. The process includes a fee of less than

\$100 for interested parties to obtain the bid package that describes the details of the National Park Service offering for what is proposed to be a ten-year contract.

Apparently the only interested party to cough up the fee for the bid package is the current holder of the concession contract, the real estate investment company CBI Inc. which bought the remaining interests of the resort – including the long-expired concession contract for Trunk and Cinnamon Bay operations – from the original entity created by Virgin Islands National Park founder Laurance S. Rockefeller in the early 1950s.

CBI Planning To Submit Bid

The investment company is weighing submitting a bid for the two concessions which only the resort has ever operated, a CBI spokesperson acknowledged in a June 11 e-mail to St. John Tradewinds.

"Regarding Cinnamon Bay/Trunk Bay we did pick-up a pack and are planning to submit a bid by the due date," the CBI spokesperson wrote. "No news from our end, really."

There was no information available to the public on the terms and conditions of the concession contract.

NPS officials have been professionally tight-lipped while professing the openness of the first bidding pro-

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Coral Bay activists are wary of declaring success in their battle against the proposed mega-yacht marina development that would have drastically changed the isolated community.

Save Coral Bay Activists Hopeful, But Not Popping Champagne Yet

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — After orchestrating a well-organized and multi-faceted campaign opposing Summer's End Group's planned mega marina in Coral Bay harbor, Save Coral Bay activists are cautiously optimistic, but haven't yet declared victory.

"We have a lot of motivation to celebrate, but we don't want to prematurely pop the champagne," said community activist David Silverman, one of the main Save Coral Bay organizers. "We are waiting to hear from the Army Corps of Engineers and we would hope that at some point we'll get some clarity so we can move on and do other good things for Coral Bay."

The group opposing Summer's End Group's plans to construct a 145-slip mega-marina in Coral Bay was formed in October 2014 after the developer's application sailed through the territory's local permitting process. Save Coral Bay officials attracted expert environmental lawyers and raised almost \$100,000 to fight the marina.

The group filed an appeal of Summer's End Group's St. John Coastal Zone Management permit with the Board of Land Use Appeals in November. Once Summer's End Group's principals Chalice Summers and Rick Barksdale applied for their required Army Corps of Engineers permit, Save Coral Bay officials were ready with several hundred pages of comments and expert opinions opposing the project, which was filed during the public comment period.

After launching a successful social media campaign, more than 1,000 individuals also joined the chorus of letters opposing the marina. ACOE's public comment period — which also attracted letters from the Environmental Protection Agency and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration against the marina — ended on March 5.

Since then, Summer's End Group also lost a federal Fish and Wildlife Service grant, Silverman explained.

"In the middle of March, the Fish and Wildlife Service, which had awarded a boating infrastructure grant through Department of Planning and Natural Resources to Summer's End Group, were urged by many members of the community to review the conditions of that grant, one of which was that no significant environmental impacts could occur," said Silverman. "After taking a look at the potential impacts of the marina, they decided they would withdraw from the grant. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said they reviewed the grant application and that it would be ineligible for the funds."

While Fish and Wildlife Service officials have not released any funds to Summer's End Group at this point, the agency is currently considering reimbursement of soft costs to the tune of about 18-cents to the dollar, according to Silverman.

"Fish and Wildlife gave Summer's End Group until June 1 to submit any request for reimbursement

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Senator Harrigan Urges DPW To Barricade, Repair Hazardous Section of Fish Bay Road

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FISH BAY—After years of neglect by public officials, Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. and St. John Administrator Camille Paris, Jr. visited Fish Bay Road on St. John on Monday, June 8, to assess damage to the only road accessing the south shore neighborhood.

Within days, the dangerously undermined section of the road above a rental villa overlooking the scenic Rendezvous Bay, had been marked with warning signs, spray-painted with reflective paint and barricaded in anticipation of emergency repairs.

Several St. John residents called Harrigan's office to notify him about the unsafe condition of the road. The road, which runs into the Fish Bay neighborhoods from South Shore Road, has been in a state of disrepair for almost two years after the supporting land under a portion of the road was washed out.

"The damage to the road is severe and warrants the closure of a section of the west bound lane," Sen. Harrigan said. "I requested that Mr. Paris and Department of Public Works Commissioner Designee Gustav James place barriers on the area of the road to prevent vehicular traffic from traversing on the weakened portion."

Harrigan urged the Department of Public Work to address the hazardous situation.

"This action is necessary to prevent any human tragedy," the senator added, "Both gentlemen have promised to take action immediately."



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SENATOR GETS ACTION: The undermined portion of the Fish Bay road on the south shore has been barricaded.

Legal Notice

If You Worked Around Gaskets or Packing Containing Asbestos The Garlock Bankruptcy May Affect Your Rights.

Certain Personal Injury Claims Must be Filed by October 6, 2015

There is a bankruptcy involving claims about exposure to asbestos-containing gasket and packing products. Garlock Sealing Technologies LLC, The Anchor Packing Company, and Garrison Litigation Management Group, Ltd. ("Debtors") have filed a plan of reorganization to restructure their business and pay claims.

The products were used in places where steam, hot liquid or acids moved through pipes, including industrial and maritime settings.

Who is Affected by the Garlock Bankruptcy?

Your rights may be affected if you:

- Worked with or around Garlock asbestos-containing gaskets or packing, or any other asbestos-containing product for which Debtors are responsible, or
- Have a claim now or in the future against the Debtors for asbestos-related disease caused by any person's exposure to asbestos-containing products.

Even if you have not yet been diagnosed with any disease or experienced any symptoms, your rights may be affected. The Court has appointed a Future Claimants' Representative ("FCR") to represent the rights of these future claimants. Future claimants do not need to file a claim at this time.

What Does the Plan Provide?

The Plan is the result of a settlement agreement between the FCR, the Debtors, and the Debtors' parent company. The Plan proposes to use \$357.5 million to pay, in full, all pending and future asbestos claims against Garlock and Garrison. If necessary, up to \$132 million in additional funding will be provided. If the Plan is approved, you will no longer be able to file claims directly against the Debtors or affiliated companies. If you have claims only against Anchor, you are not expected to recover anything, as that company has no assets and will be dissolved.

Who Must File a Personal Injury Claim?

You must file a claim by **October 6, 2015**, if you:

- Have a claim against Garlock or Garrison based on an asbestos-related injury diagnosed on or before August 1, 2014,
- Have not settled with the Debtors, and
- Filed a lawsuit against any other defendant or a claim against any asbestos trust as of August 1, 2014.

If you do not file a claim, you may lose your right to bring your claim in the future. Individuals diagnosed with disease after August 1, 2014 do not have to file a claim at this time, but may be able to vote or object to the Plan.

Who Can Vote on or Object to the Plan?

All identifiable asbestos claimants or their attorneys will receive the "Solicitation Package". This includes the Plan, Voting Ballot, and other information. If you have not filed a claim yet, you can vote on the Plan by providing certified information about your claim, or making a motion to vote as described in the Solicitation Package available online or by calling the toll-free number.

You will need to vote on the Plan by **October 6, 2015**. The FCR will support and vote to accept the Plan on behalf of the future claimants. **You may also object to the Plan and the adequacy of the FCR's representation of future claimants by October 6, 2015.**

When will the Court Decide on the Plan?

A hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan will begin at 10:00 a.m. ET on June 20, 2016, at the US Bankruptcy Court, Western District of North Carolina, 401 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

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Morgan's Mango Rises from Ashes



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The first footings have been poured and work is progressing, above, on the rebuilding of Morgan's Mango restaurant after an April 28 early morning fire destroyed the iconic island restaurant's kitchen and business office.

Morgan's Mango owners Carlos DiBlasi and Maria Ines were the gracious subjects of a benefit at La Tapa restaurant on Sunday afternoon, June 14, that filled the nightspot with long-time island residents and friends of the popular couple.

As work progresses on rebuilding the "back of the house," Carlos and Maria are optimistic they will have the bar and deck open as the best viewing platform for the July 4 St. John Festival Parade.



CBCC Giving Away Free Oil Absorbing Pads in Coral Bay

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — Free oil absorbing pads are available at Keep Me Posted and Connections East thanks to Coral Bay Community Council's Marine Debris Removal Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The "pollution solutions" campaign is part of the organization's efforts to clean up current marine debris and stop future impacts on the bay, CBCC President Sharon Coldren explained.

"As part of our Marine Debris Grant we're doing outreach in terms of reminding people about things that are environmentally good or not good," Coldren said. "One of the things is to make sure people don't pump their oily boat bilges into the bay and to be sure to catch any oil leaks. The same goes for people with cars."

"We have lots of gravel parking areas around our shoreline and if you spill oil on the ground, it's going to end up in the bay," said Coldren.

Tall Ship Trading Company donated the printing for the oil absorbing pads which feature the campaign's logo "Coral Bay matters, Please Fix your splatters."

Elliott Hooper of Tall Ship Trading Company printed them free of charge for CBCC and we've been distributing them at

community meetings as well as at Keep Me Posted and Connections East," said the CBCC president.

Response from the public has been supportive, Coldren added.

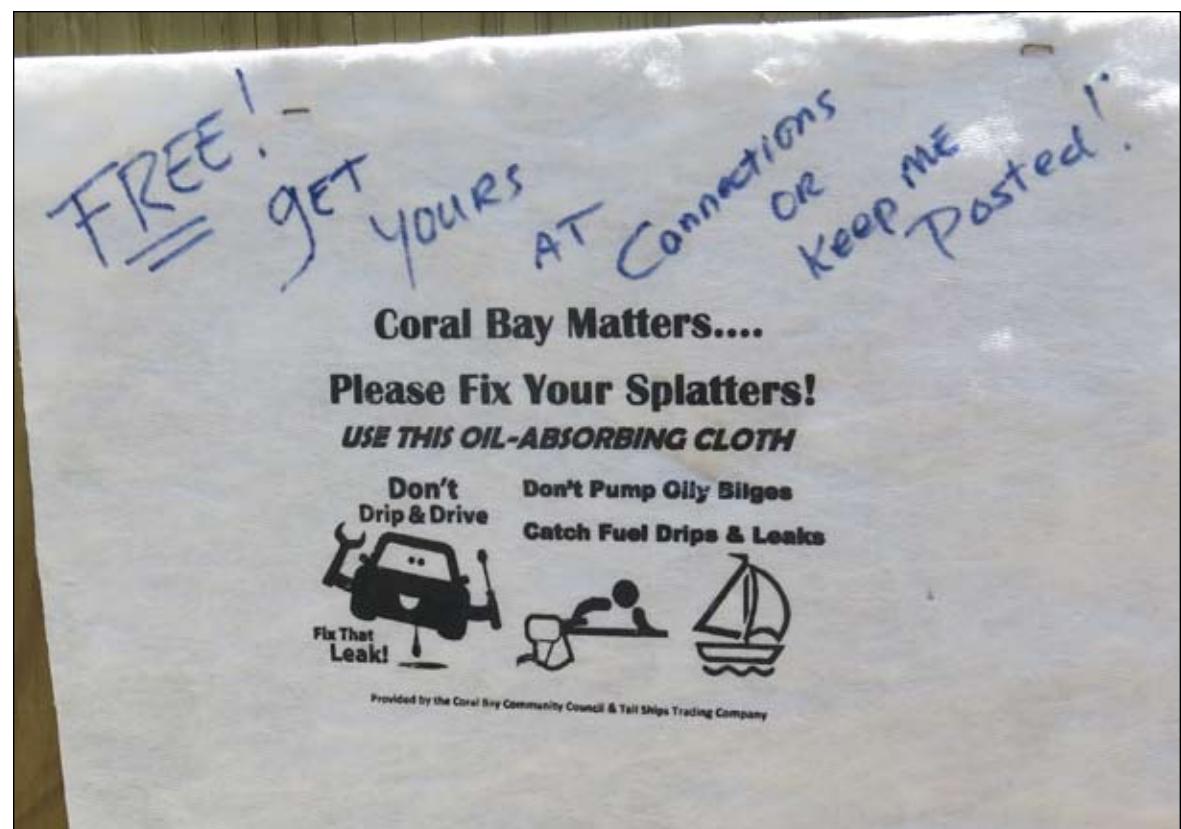
"I think a lot of people have been using them," she said. "We distributed the pads at the Coral Bay Yacht Club meeting and people snatched them up. We've also seen people collecting them from both of our distribution areas."

The oil leak outreach campaign is part of the larger NOAA grant aimed at removing and eliminating marine debris. The grant totals about \$90,000 with an additional \$50,000 in matching funds from volunteer hours and community donations.

CBCC and Coral Bay Yacht Club members took the first step this past weekend to prepare for what Coldren hopes will be next month's abandoned boat removal project.

CBCC officials and volunteers spent Sunday morning, June 14, removing small debris from in and around Coral Bay harbor and marking larger items that could not be removed. Those larger items will be collected by a contractor who was recently selected to remove sunken and abandoned vessels from the bay.

While Coldren declined to name the contractor until all paperwork was completed, she did



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CURB YOUR CAR: Free oil-absorbent pads for use under parked vehicles are part of Coral Bay Community Council environmental efforts funded by a federal grant.

say that the project should be underway by July.

"We selected a contractor and we've submitted the documentation to Department of Planning and Natural Resources and the

Waste Management Authority requesting permission," said Coldren. "I don't want to say who the contractor is until everything has been signed and all permission has been granted. We're working hard

on doing this in July and August."

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To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, NR-EMT, ASHI, NAEMT

Good News – Bad News

St. John Tradewinds

Greetings to our friends and neighbors on the island of St. John. This is a “good news-bad news” article.

First the good news. Through the generosity of several St. John residents and visitors we are now able to purchase a new set of Holmatro Extrication Tools (JAWS). Thank you to all our generous benefactors.

Hopefully, we will have the new emergency equipment by the end of the month.

The cost of the equipment includes a day of training by an instructor provided by the manufacturer. Once we have the equipment we will be able to greatly improve our ability to extricate passengers who are trapped in a crashed vehicle.

Now for the bad news.

St. John Rescue is quickly running out of funds. We are seriously looking to downsize by moving to a less expensive building. If we don't find a more suitable location our funds will run out in about five months.

All our members are volunteers. Some of our expenses are actually covered by our members out-of-pocket. The

annual cost for CPR and First Aid classes alone is nearly \$2,000. This entire amount is paid for by one rescue member. We try to keep the class affordable to all our residents and visitors.

No St. John Rescue member is paid for any services rendered.

However, the cost of registering, insuring, and maintaining our three vehicles and one rescue boat is constantly increasing. It is only because of donations from our visitors and residents that we are able to provide our much needed emergency services.

Please make every effort to support St. John Rescue by attending our 3rd annual Rib Cook-off. It will be presented on November 14 (rain date November 21). The location will be the Coral Bay Ball field. Your attendance at this event will really help to keep us up and running.

You can follow us on Facebook to keep up with our activities.

In order to fill some vacancies St. John Rescue members voted to add the following people to our board:

Amy Raymond was voted in as president, Ann McCrave is our new secretary, and Shay Copeland is now our liaison. Ian Samuel remains our vice president, Cassandra Moore continues her role as treasurer and Pete Hassen remains on as our chief.

Although we have been awarded a grant from HUD to purchase land and build a new structure for our headquarters, that money can only be used to purchase property and erect a building. None of the grant monies can be used for operating expenses.

In addition, we have not been able to locate a piece of property that is suitable to the Feds from HUD. We need at least 10,000 sq. ft. of property that is not in a flood zone. The land must also be relatively flat. We have enlisted the help of several real estate agents on St. John. To date we have not been able to secure a suitable site. Once we find a site we will purchase a metal building in order to expedite our move into a rent free facility.

We need help from our friends and neighbors in order to be able to continue operations. Please consider helping us in any way you can. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Our CPR classes will resume on July 11 starting at 9:30 a.m. at our headquarters in Pastory. The cost is \$30. If you would like to sign up for CPR please send me an email at: stjrescue9@gmail.com.

Health and Wellness Advice:
The oceans are teaming with fish

and marine life that may bite or sting humans. The best way to treat such encounters is to avoid them. General treatment for bites is to stop the bleeding, get out of the water, clean the wound, dry off and try to stay warm, treat for shock, get to a medical facility.

Remove sea urchin spines carefully by pulling straight out-do not twist, wiggle, or bend. Remove the stinger or sheath of a stingray and the stingers of a lionfish.

Immerse the wounds in hot water for about 30 minutes to relieve pain. Clean the wound aggressively and leave it open. Get to a medical facility as soon as possible.

Fire Corals, Anemones, and Jelly Fish can sting via a capsule containing a barbed, threadlike tube that delivers a paralyzing sting when propelled into attackers and prey, and which continues to sting after the initial contact. Pain usually resolves over 60-90 minutes. Severe cases can result in necrosis, ulceration, and secondary infection.

Treatment for stings: Remove any tentacles (do not handle them with bare hands). Rinse liberally with sea water. Flood the area with vinegar. Be on alert for a secondary infection.

Incidents for the month of May:

- May 1 - Assist EMS with treatment of a male who fell at High Tide;
- May 9 - Assist EMS with a motor vehicle crash on Centerline Rd. in Adrian;
- May 13 - Assist EMS with a motorcycle crash near Columbo Yogurt Stand;
- May 17 - Respond to Winston Wells Park to treat a male involved in altercation;
- May 23 - Respond to Lind Point Trail to rescue a hiker who was found unconscious;
- May 29 - Respond to Bayside Minimart for a male who was shot;
- May 30 - Transport a DOA to Myra Keating Smith Community Health Center;
- May 31 - Respond to Annaberg ruins for a male who fell and injured his leg.

Events for the Month of May:

- May 1 and May 9 - CPR Classes;
 - May 15 and 16 - Stand-by at Country Music concert at Winston Wells Park;
 - May 25 - Beach to Beach Power Swim starting at Maho Beach.
- Until next month remember that St. John Rescue is always “ON CALL FOR LIFE.”

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On the Market

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

Enjoy Jaw-dropping Water Views from Every Room at Villa Lantano

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

PETER BAY—Soak up jaw-dropping vistas of the turquoise waters and powder white sand beaches of the Virgin Islands National Park out to Jost Van Dyke in the distance from every single room of the stunning Villa Lantano.

Tucked away in the gated enclave of Peter Bay Estate on the island's famed North Shore Road, the five bedroom, five and a half bathroom Villa Lantano is for sale for \$5.9 million, explained Merry Nash of Islandia Real Estate/Seaglass Properties.

The home is surrounded by V.I. National Park property with the stunning alabaster beaches of Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay only a minute's drive in either direction.

Enjoy the abundance of shops and fine dining establishments in Cruz Bay, which is located only short drive from Villa Lantano.

The home's Estate Peter Bay address, however, means you can put your toes in the sand without even having to get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Villa Lantano comes with deeded access to the white sand beach of Peter Bay beach, which is just a short walk down away.

From the minute you enter this dramatic 5,568-square foot home, you'll feel transported to your own private paradise. The main living spaces and two large bedroom suites are found in the main house at Villa Lantano, while two additional spacious bedroom suites as well as an efficiency apartment are nestled away in a separate pod.

The main house also boasts a beautiful custom kitchen featuring hard wood cabinets, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. It's the perfect kitchen in which to whip up gourmet meals for friends and family who might never want to leave.

Host dinner parties in the formal dining room which features oversized arched windows as well as double French doors, bringing those gorgeous water views right inside. Guests will also love joining your al fresco dinner parties with the stars twinkling above.

There are plenty of places to lounge near the refreshing swimming pool and relaxing spa on the spacious decks at Villa Lantano. Stretch out on a lounge chair while you work on that tan while soaking up the tropical sun or cool off



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Villa Lantano offers Virgin Islands National Park views from every room.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Celebration of Lisa Durgin's Life in Nevada Included St. John

Dear Loved Ones,

I had the honor of attending Lisa Durgin's Celebration of Life in Gardnerville, Nevada, on Sunday, June 7.

It was a beautiful, blue bird day. Hot and sunny and bright. Lisa's gardens were blooming and red balloons guided 50-some attendees to Lisa and Bob's house on Laura Springs Circle in Gardnerville, just a few miles from the Genoa Community Church that Lisa loved so well and where Reverend Patrick led the congregation in service, prior to the Life Celebration gathering at noon.

The little country chapel was packed and the congregation welcoming. I even recognized a few choices in the GCC service that have made their way into the STJ UU service (or vice versa) such as the "Divine Love Flowing through Me..." offering prayer, and the circle of love at the conclusion of service. I felt Lisa's influence in these small ways and recognized her name tag, still affixed to the bulletin board.

Lisa and Bob's house was festively decorated with a photo display, a guest book, and programs. Lily roamed and received love from everyone.

Along the property line, looking out on the vast fields and meadows and mountains and Nevada big sky, Bob had set up pop up tents and chairs and beautiful planters and a small table with one of his favorite photos of Lisa next to a beautiful, woven basket urn. The birdsong was particularly vociferous and beautiful. It was immediately and poignantly understood why this setting stole Lisa's heart – the view, the sounds, the smells – remarkable, soothing, and comforting.

First Reverend Patrick read the obituary "because," he said, "there are things I learned from Lisa's obituary that I hadn't known before."

Me too! I learned that Lisa and I both began school at Hartford College for Women – she four years ahead of me. We never discovered that small intersection in our lives during her life.

I have included Lisa's obituary for you at the conclusion of this email.

Next, there were prayers and a particularly moving meditation when Reverend Patrick asked the group to close their eyes and to silently speak to Lisa what there had

not been time to say before her passing.

Next Reverend Patrick sang a number of devotional songs accompanied by his guitar and sometimes accompanied by his wife Mary. One they chose especially for Lisa was Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" as Lisa had sung it with Patrick and Mary in the past.

Next, family members and friends spoke in eulogy and each had a unique experience or reflection to share. Some recalled her silly side, goofy voices she affected. A letter was read, sent by Jonathan Edwards, an old friend. Each eulogy shared the unique relationship that each person had with Lisa. I include mine here.

I met Lisa Durgin four years ago through the Unitarian Universalist Church on St. John – me an Irish girl from Connecticut transplanted to California and then transplanted once again to St. John – and as a single gal new to the island, Lisa took me under her wing. She gave me hints and tips, what to do and what not to do. And when I took on work in vacation rentals for a period of time she gave me advice about the business. We built a website together for

the church.

Although we didn't always see eye to eye, we knew the friendship was big enough and had enough room for difference of opinion. Lisa reminded me that life is messy with that signature shrug. We stood up and became church members together. I never met a harder worker than Lisa Durgin – she could do more in a day than I could do in a week – not just for her business, but for the church, St. John Singers, ACC. Plus, in minutes she could whip up the best pot luck dishes, to boot.

Her joy came through her voice, in her singing, and the sight of her in her formal black dress and her glasses around her neck, mouth wide, singing to her hearts content with St. John Singers is one that will fondly remain in my memory. And she loved to share her island with St. John newcomers and guests.

When I close my eyes I envision Lisa zipping around the island, driving like a demon, tooting her horn in passing, dashing here and there on her tanned spindly legs in her shorts and Liberty print floral tops. Al-

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SUBMIT LETTERS, OPINIONS & OBITUARIES TO:

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Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)



Promoting Pre-school Education

Our community sends kids to compete in International Chess Tournaments, to summer and winter Olympics and to sailing regattas all over the world. We have more kids that go into pro sports and that are playing on college teams than any community this size in the world. Every year we send kids to MIT, Harvard, and other schools all over the US.

This community sends a lot of kids off to really do great things. Now is a good time to start to take care of the kids who don't get enough help to excel in what they want to do. By the eleventh grade only 37 percent of the kids in public schools read at grade level. This is not just a V.I. problem, many public schools in the states are not teaching kids what they need to know to succeed in life.

Our schools have gotten a lot better and now most of the schools have summer programs to help kids that are behind. This is a great step and our teachers and staff are doing it and they deserve credit for doing it.

In the V.I. 34 percent of the kids entering kindergarten have cognitive skills that are below the level that they need to take in the information at a rate necessary to keep up. Fifty percent of our kids begin school with language skills that are below the level necessary to learn what they are being taught.

A lot of these kids overcome these problems but a lot don't. Kids are born with an empty brain that is like a sponge and by the time they are six it is pretty

full. What their brains learn to be able to survive and possibly to thrive depends on what they learn during those few years. It often takes a lot of effort to change direction after that.

We have a great opportunity in our community and that is that we have the facilities to provide pre-school and after school programs to a lot of kids. Our housing communities have buildings and grounds that would provide an ideal place to do it. Kids could learn some of the tools necessary to be prepared to enter kindergarten. They could begin to learn sports and music, be exposed to reading and math and learn to take care of each other.

It doesn't really matter what language kids speak at home, and it is much easier for kids to learn multiple languages than it is for adults to learn them. When they go to school, except for a few Spanish speaking classes in the lower grades, the language is English and learning to speak and read it correctly is extremely important for them to be able to learn anything else.

Maybe someone should call Bill Gates and see if he would like to help out. He could send checks and we could give him quarterly reports. Maybe a couple of EDC companies would like to contribute to their community by creating preschool programs at the Housing Communities on our Islands. Ideas?

**Greg Miller
St. John, VI**

Obituary

Life Legacy of Lisa Kathleen Durgin

St. John Tradewinds

CARSON CITY, NEVADA

— Lisa Kathleen Durgin, beloved daughter, sister, wife, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away peacefully May 27 surrounded by friends and family, in Carson City, Nevada, after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

Lisa was the daughter of John M. and Nannina Lincoln Durgin, born January 5, 1958, in Geneva, NY. Her early years were spent in Connecticut and Maine, enjoying her grandparents, other relatives and friends.

Lisa's family moved to Kennebunk, Maine in 1969 so their girls could grow up in a small town near the beach. She was active in her school, was a cheerleader, a majorette with the band, sang in the school chorus, made many life-long friends, and graduated from high school in 1976.

Although she lived on St. John, she made it a point to keep in touch with that lively class, as well as her teachers, and attended as many reunions as she could. She was close to family members, remembering special events, visiting as often as possible, and sharing her island home with family and friends.

After graduating from Hartford College for Women with an Associate degree and from the University of Hartford with a BA, she headed to St John with classmates. Soon afterwards she met her partner and husband, Robert Conn, and settled in to make the island their home.

While there she got her real estate license, and later founded her villa management business, Vacation Vistas, which she ran until earlier this year. Her caring and professional staff is continuing her legacy.

Lisa touched the lives of so many, from all walks of life. She valued each person who came into her life, and she became a sister, friend and confidant to many.

Lisa immersed herself in the community, contributing to the local businesses, schools, church and fund-raising events. She sup-



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Lisa Durgin

ported and worked with V.I. Tourism, Pine Peace School, the Chocolate Hole Association, the Animal Shelter and local artists. She was a conscientious protector of the environment.

She loved singing with the St. John Singers, joining in karaoke nights, walking the island trails with friends and her dog, exercising regularly, photographing island flora and fauna, and meeting with her Thursday night group. Lisa was a great cook, and would whip up a dish to share at any event, with her Unitarian Universalist Fellowship members and at friends' celebrations.

Lisa and Bob enjoyed traveling and planned vacations to the Minden-Gardnerville-Genoa area in Nevada, and bought a home there in 2003. She made it back to their home with Lilly, her German Shepherd service dog, after two months in Houston hospitals for her treatments. All three were welcomed by their many friends in Nevada.

She was active in this commu-

nity also, visiting the local farmers markets, and canning and preserving nature's bounty. She attended the Genoa Community Church where she enjoyed singing, entertaining family and friends at her home and touring and walking the country side.

Lisa leaves her husband and his mother, Louise Fenoglio; his siblings Constance Garnett, Preston Conn, Debra Vela and her husband Robert, and Epimino Cantu, his wife Julie and two children, and other relatives in Texas.

She leaves her parents, sisters Lorilee D. Reuillard and husband Mark, and Shawna D. Helman and husband Douglas, four nephews, one niece, her cousins Michelle and Matthew Lincoln and Anne Marie Mustapha, her husband Morgan and four children. She was predeceased by her grandparents Merrill Harding and Anita Dewing Lincoln, Ann Davis Lincoln, Mary Ellen Galvin and Clarence Durgin, and aunts, uncles and cousins in Millinocket and southern Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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Friday, June 17

— The V.I. Department of Education's 2015 graduation and promotional exercises include the June 17 graduation of the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

June 22-August 14

— Gifft Hill School will offer summer academic enrichment sessions for children ages 3 to 11 from June 22 to August 14. Qualified instructors will lead students in age-appropriate academic enrichment activities and field excursions that will enrich students' understanding of classroom work.

Friday, June 19

— The Government Employees' Retirement System invites its members to participate in Pre-Retirement Planning Workshop on St. John on Wednesday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John Legislature Annex Conference Room in Cruz Bay. The Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday, June 19. For additional information or to pre-register, call 776-7703 ext. 4202 or 4200. Seating is limited, so please register early.

— Senator Tregenza A. Roach has scheduled office hours on St. John for Friday, June 19, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the V.I. Legislative Annex Building. Please call Ms. Kamaria Penn, St. John Community Liaison, at 340-776-6285, ext. 6108, or the Senator's St. Thomas office at 340-693-3686 to make an appointment.

Friday, June 26

— The Family Night movie "Saving Faith – Some Wounds Only God Can Heal" will be presented Free for the whol Family on Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Fellowship Hall.

Friday and Saturday, January 29-30, 2016

— Broadway Comes to St. John 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

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

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No Bid Battle for Operating Concessions Trunk Cinnamon Bays?

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cess for the contracts to operate the concessions at the world-renowned Trunk Bay and the classic beach-front cottages, campground and restaurant at Cinnamon Bay in the Virgin Islands National Park.

One interested party, who acknowledged he declined to pay the fee for the bid package, said several details of the proposed transfer of the conjoined NPS operating agreements for the two properties made any competing bid against current concession holder CBI impracticable.

The investment by any successful bidder would include a multi-million dollar price tag to "buy out" the existing "improvements" for which the current operator, CBI Inc., is to be reimbursed, the long-time island businessman emphasized.

The CBI bid apparently would reflect the buyout provision.

Change in Contract Terms?

While the bidding process is open until July 31, the apparent lack of competitive bids has brought rumblings that the proposed ten-year concession contract may be reconfigured and offered as a 20-year contract to afford the economic payback on a bid – to attract a bid other than from current operator CBI Inc.

The NPS official overseeing the concession con-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Cinnamon Bay cottage

tract was not available to comment on the possibility of a change in the current bidding process for the concession contracts nor on the number of bid packages distributed or bid fees collected when St. John Tradewinds asked for information at the V.I. National Park Visitors Center at Cruz Bay Creek on Friday afternoon June 12.

Assistant Superintendent Jayne Schaeffer cordially responded to the inquiry on Saturday, June 13, and referred questions to the VINP contracting official.

Save Coral Bay Activists Hopeful, Not Popping Champagne Yet

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they might have," he said. "Officials said they would consider those requests under the terms of the grant which of which the federal share was about 48 percent which works out to about 18-cents on the dollar."

Summer's End Group officials have submitted reimbursement requests for soft costs including engineering and permitting expenditures, Silverman added.

"Fish and Wildlife officials are reviewing the request and if they find Summer's End Group eligible they will return 18-cents on the dollar and that would happen probably by the end of August," said Silverman.

Since Summer's End Group was initially granted the boating infrastructure grant by Fish and Wildlife Service, ACOE deemed that agency was determined to be the lead on the project. Now that the grant has been withdrawn, ACOE has become the lead agency and has determined that Summer's End Group's application is not yet complete, according to Silverman.

"If there is an agency who is providing funding for a project they become the lead agency for the ACOE permit and National Environmental Protection Act review," said Silverman. "Fish and Wildlife was the lead agency but since they have withdrawn participation from the project, the lead agency status returned to ACOE."

"Now ACOE has looked at the permit application from the perspective of the lead agency and they've told Summer's End Group that additional information needs to be provided for their application to be completed," Silverman said. "Summer's End Group has to provide additional information to ACOE if they want to continue pursuing their permit."

There is currently no deadline for Summer's End Group principles to submit the additional information requested by ACOE, but the permit will not languish forever, Silverman added.

"There is no deadline at this point but ACOE expects Summer's End Group to respond in fairly short order," he said. "At some point the may provide a deadline and if that isn't met the application would be abandoned."

At this point, Save Coral Bay activists are keeping in contact with ACOE officials and waiting to hear about their appeal with BLUA as they remain cautiously optimistic about the fate of Coral Bay harbor.

"We're staying in touch with the agencies and we're making sure that our contingencies are in place if we have to argue a case with BLUA of if there are any additional comment periods from ACOE or public hearings," said Silverman. "We are staying on top of it, but as far as I know there have been no developments."

At least of the properties which was associated with the land-based portion of Summer's End Group's marina development, the Voyages building, is back on the market, Silverman added.

"Since the Voyages building, which is owned by Merchant's Bank, is back on the MLS that leads me to believe that some land owners are considering that this project might not be going ahead," Silverman said.

Save Coral Bay volunteers continue raising funds through the group's www.GoFundMe.com/SaveCoralBay. For more information about Save Coral Bay, check out the group's website at <http://savecoralbay.com>.

Letter Continued: Celebration of Lisa Durgin's Life in Nevada Included St. John

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And when I had a challenging personal time, Lisa was there. I wasn't just me, of course, whom Lisa took under her wing – Bob refers to Lisa's "wounded birds with broken wings." Lisa had a heart the size of Texas and helped anyone and everyone in her path.

At church she spoke of the teachings of Abraham which I had no idea what that was before I met Lisa. I sensed that she was spiritually evolved – an older sister to my own spiritual evolution. She stood vigil as friends passed in her presence; she witnessed passings fearlessly.

That's why it doesn't surprise

me when caregiver Vicky tells us Lisa never expressed fear in her last weeks, days, hours. I like to think that our physical, material form is shed when we have spiritually evolved, to no longer need to be earthbound and of the material world. I like to think that is the case with Lisa.

She loved singing and Lily and Bob and she loved her work; that's where her loyalties lay first and foremost. But lucky for us this woman had more energy than the energizer bunny and we were the blessed recipients of that energy, that vibrancy, that laid back, down to earth, salt of the earth gal.

Her sister Lorilee told me that

even when Lisa was abstaining from speaking to conserve her energy, as Lorilee shared with Lisa the outreach of support from St. John, Nevada, Maine, all over the world, Lisa found strength to reply: abundance, abundance, everywhere."

That is the world that Lisa Durgin lived in, even in her last hours – not a world of scarcity, but a world of abundance.

I encourage you to share your memories and stories celebrating Lisa's life on Sunday at Hawk-

nest, and directly with Bob and Lisa's families, as the eulogies meant as much to them to hear as to speak.

After many eulogies, friends and family members wrote messages on the red balloons that had dotted the property and released them, symbolizing Lisa's release from this earthbound place. The rest of the low-key, mellow afternoon was spent enjoying food and beverages and swapping stories of Lisa and her family times – like the times she surprised her par-

ents on Christmas or of Lisa and Bob's 30 years on St. John, including when David Crosby and Neil Young showed up on-island.

All of these stories to the backdrop of Jason strumming his acoustic guitar and singing songs like "Mona Lisa." The feeling of love was strong. The feeling of abundance was strong.

With you in love and spirit on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you on St. John in July.

Warmest Regards,
Michelle Ward

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Head of Class

Honor Society member Samuel Liburd takes his place at the head of the class during graduation ceremonies for the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Class of 2015.

*St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Judi Shimel*

Gifft Hill School Graduates Nine

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Riddle Aeronautical University, Flagler College for Business, DePaul University and Lynn University.

The graduates received more than \$811,000 in scholarships, according to Gifft Hill Head of School Laurie Bottiger. Graduate Nikita Dawson alone was awarded \$162,000 in scholarships.

Colleges being attended by members of the graduating class include: Bennington College, DePaul University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Flagler College for Business, Lynn University, University of Florida-Gainesville and the University of the Virgin Islands.

The nine members of the graduating class were: Alex, Ray, Luca del Olmo, Anjali Glenn, Nikita Dawson, Savanna Morrisette, Jaqualyn Clarke, Jackson Barry, John Spinale and K'yon Louis.

"You have a responsibility to assist others in learning," guest speaker V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett reminded the graduating class. "Push that on the other students as well. Be those avant-garde individuals wherever you go."

In what parents Michael and Barbie Barry acknowledged would be admittedly more embarrassing moments for their graduating son Jackson, the long-time island restaurateurs and performers presented a song they had written when Jackson was born.

Michael Barry is a member of the GHSA board of Trustees and Barbie Barry is a member of the faculty at GHS. Jackson was appropriately abashed.

More than 200 people attended the sunset graduation ceremony on Trayser Field on the Gifft Hill School Upper Campus.

6-14

CRYPTOQUIP

N B N Z J U P A N U L V D N U C V I V V Q J G L N Q D
A N N U , V Y N P Y B E Z P E M O J I Z N N U D U L N V U L N Z
M J E D W P Y I , " C L E U ' D G V V W P Y I ? "

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals G

Virgin Islands Police Department Reports District Arrests

St. John Tradewinds

Monday, June 8 – Teshawn Turnbull, 21 of Bergs Home, was placed under Citizen's Arrest after he was identified as the male who came to the complainant's place of work and created a disturbance. Bail for Turnbull was set at \$500 by Order of the Court.

Monday, June 8 – Cecil Jay Rushing, 55, of the sailing vessel "Happy Hours," Cruz Bay, was arrested and charged with Simple Assault after being positively identified as the individual who strangled a woman. Bail for Cecil Jay Rushing was set for at \$500 by Order of the Court.

Wednesday, June 10 – Ralph Filandro Every, 37 of sailing vessel "Windstar 357," John Brewer's Beach, was arrested and charged with Third Degree Assault after he was positively identified as the person who held a knife to a male's throat and threatened to kill him. Bail for Ralph Filandro Every was set at \$25,000 by Order of the Court.

Thursday, June 11 – Justin Rivera of Greenwood Drive, Warwick, R.I., was arrested at the Cyril E. King Airport, as he was trying to leave the territory. Rivera was charged and arrested with Third Degree Burglary, Grand Larceny

after being positively identified on video surveillance footage as the individual who burglarized Eco Tours on St. John. Bail for Justin Rivera was set at \$60,000 by Order of the Court and Rivera was unable to post bail and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his

Advise of Rights Hearing.

Thursday, June 11 – Burton Fahie, 44, of Bordeaux, was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle after he was positively identified on surveillance video as the individual who removed a vehicle without the

permission of the owner. Bail for Fahie was set at \$25,000. Unable to post bail, Fahie was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing.

For more information, contact Kevin Jackson at 340-712-6080 or kevin.jackson@vipd.gov.vi.



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St. John

On Wednesday, May 20 at about 9:50 a.m., officers were dispatched to Stein Works in the Estate Carolina area. The owner stated that the store was locked and secured on May 19 at about 4 p.m. When reopened on May 20 at 9 a.m., the owner discovered that the store had been burglarized.

Stolen were several pieces of rare jewelry, many of which contain both silver and gold along with gold scraps. Investigation revealed that entry was gained by breaking the glass of the southern window. The value of the jewelry is more than \$10,000. If you know anything about this burglary, please call us.

St. Thomas

On April 25, at about 10:15 a.m., a man opening the Famous Delight business (former St. Thomas Dairies), was approached by an armed perpetrator who was wearing all black and a black mask, and was forced to get down on the floor. Another male, also wearing all black with a black mask, assisted as the look-out, according to the victim. More than \$85 was stolen and the victim had to be treated for injuries. The suspects fled on foot to the area of Lovenlund Apartments.

St. Croix

On November 09, 2002, the body of 17-year-old Stephanie Pariris of Castle Burke was found on the ground a few feet from a black Nissan Altima in that area. A second body, that of 19-year-old Dale Roberson of Morningstar, was found shot to death inside that same heavily-tinted Altima.

To help law enforcement solve these or other crimes you can submit a tip via the internet. Please go to www.crimestoppersusvi.org and click on Submit a Tip. You will be given an identifying code and will remain anonymous. There is technology in place that prevents us from seeing your email address. You can also call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or text your tip to CRIMES (274637), then type USVI in the body plus your message.



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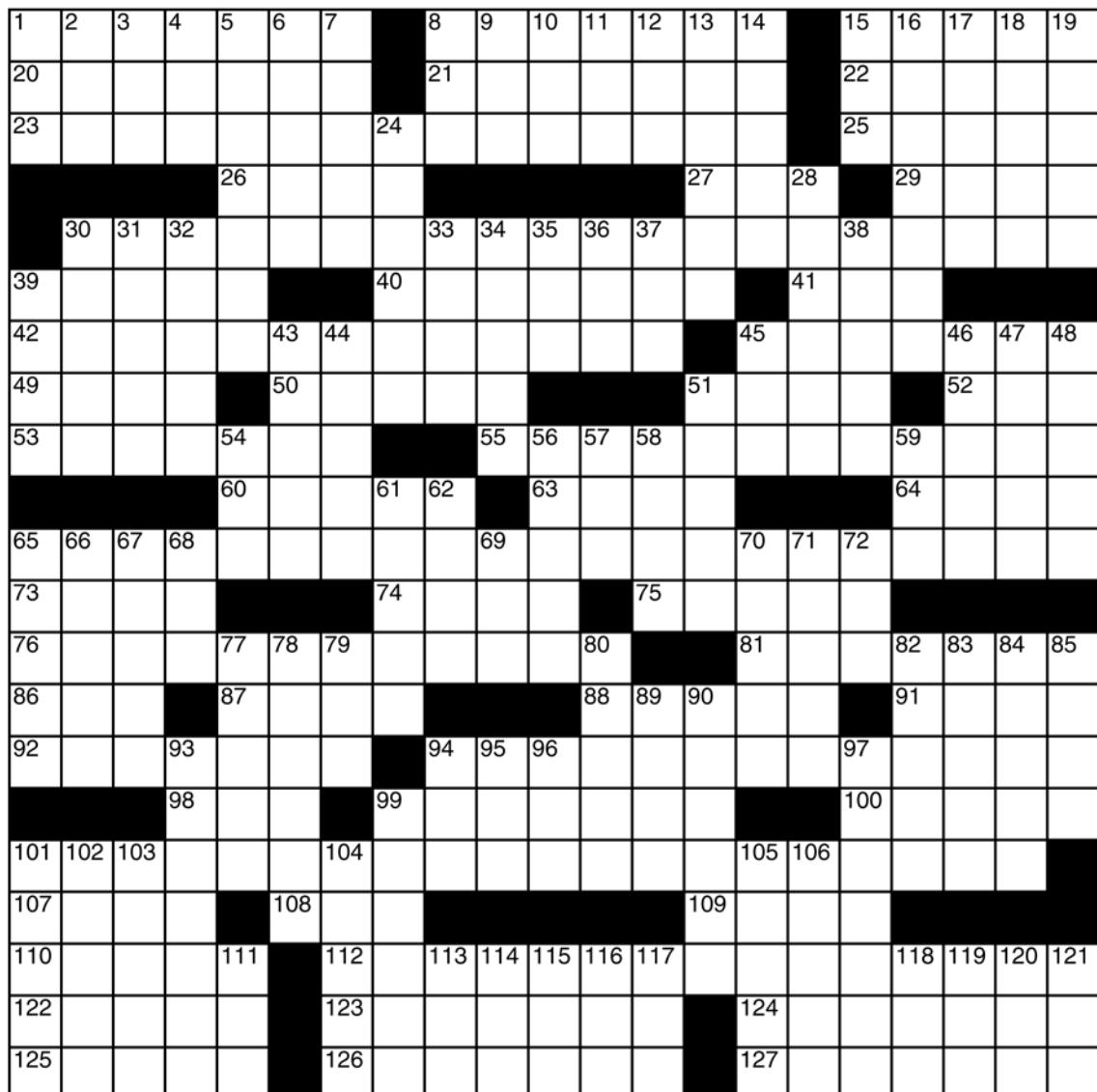
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Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



PLAYFUL BREEDS

ACROSS

- 1 Deluding deliberately
- 8 Stiff cat hair
- 15 Capital of Morocco
- 20 Of the side
- 21 Plane for short hops
- 22 Put a hex on
- 23 Dog having no bounds?
- 25 "I repeat ..."
- 26 Gal pal, in Grenoble
- 27 Parts of lbs.
- 29 Bring to ruin
- 30 Dog hanging out with pride members?
- 39 Gawk rudely
- 40 Restrained with shackles
- 41 Bit in trail mix
- 42 British money depicting a dog?
- 45 Capital of Indonesia
- 49 Hollywood's Raines
- 50 Edible mushroom
- 51 Sack fiber
- 52 Catering hall receptacle
- 53 Take eager advantage of
- 55 Equaling a dog's level of coziness?
- 60 Plant pore
- 63 "When I was — ..."
- 64 With 32-Down, Lucille Ball's partner
- 65 Dog carrying a container of high-fat spread?
- 73 Verdi song

- 74 Cozy recess
- 75 Old heads of Iran
- 76 Dog along with Mrs. Truman?

DOWN

- 81 Gunfire noise
 - 86 Pindar work
 - 87 Heavy cart for haulage
 - 88 Ejects
 - 91 — Alto, California
 - 92 Fund for the future
 - 94 Dog's felt-tip pen?
 - 98 — Vicente
 - 99 Drum machine
 - 100 Property claims
 - 101 Dog that doesn't dial long-distance?
 - 107 Latin love
 - 108 Detroit-to-Charlotte dir.
 - 109 Golfer McIlroy
 - 110 Circle measures
 - 112 Hit by a dog?
 - 122 Heart's place
 - 123 French "Stephen"
 - 124 Resembling element #50
 - 125 Speediness
 - 126 Electrified
 - 127 Made irate
- 9 That man's
 - 10 Audit gp.
 - 11 Racecar fuel additive
 - 12 Chiang — shek
 - 13 Glorifies
 - 14 "The Godfather" character Carlo
 - 15 TV maker
 - 16 Capital of Maine
 - 17 Ranch iron
 - 18 Brief digression
 - 19 Carpentry joint part
 - 24 Harder to grab hold of
 - 28 Haydn work
 - 30 Ripped off
 - 31 St. — Girl (beer brand)
 - 32 See 64-Across
 - 33 Memo words
 - 34 Nabisco's — Wafers
 - 35 Prefix with 20-Across
 - 36 Sugar pie
 - 37 H.S. subj.
 - 38 Zaps in the microwave
 - 39 — Out of My League"
 - 43 Whacked, biblically
 - 44 Thus far
 - 45 Wine vessel
 - 46 Indian money
 - 47 Tie up tightly
 - 48 #1 Rolling Stones hit
 - 51 A tribe of Israel
 - 54 Subj. for U.S. aliens
 - 56 Burlap bags
 - 57 Camera init.
 - 58 Scottish refusals
 - 59 Gator's tail?
 - 61 Mork's girl
 - 62 First little bit of progress
 - 65 BLT part
 - 66 Wear slowly

- 67 Buenos — (capital of Argentina)
- 68 Comedy bit
- 69 Weeding aid
- 70 Cuban hero José
- 71 Deep fissure
- 72 President before DDE
- 77 Noble goal
- 78 Dialects
- 79 Equine loser
- 80 Hercules player Kevin
- 82 Spring month
- 83 Sulu player George
- 84 Coeur d'— (Idaho city)
- 85 Rocky crags
- 89 Atop
- 90 Gender determiners
- 93 Like Russia before 1917
- 94 Visualize
- 95 Chance, old-style
- 96 Pt. of NCAA
- 97 Siding (with)
- 99 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
- 101 Pine relative
- 102 Nebraska city
- 103 Ciphers, say
- 104 Kefauver of old politics
- 105 Terra- —
- 106 Hatch of politics
- 111 Ending for Tokyo
- 113 Copacabana's home
- 114 Fun and games, for short
- 115 Printer fluid
- 116 Butyl ender
- 117 Lipstick color
- 118 The Indians, for short
- 119 Aperitif with white wine
- 120 Scrape (out)
- 121 Beatty of "1941"

Answer to June 14 Cryptoquip:

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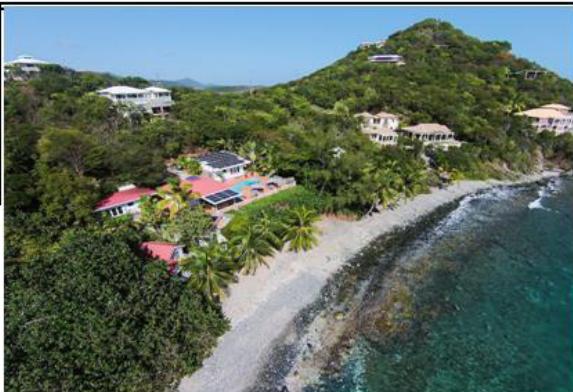
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Queen Contestants

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junior.

She aspires to become a world-renowned cosmetologist, and her passions include Modeling, makeup artistry, fashion and styling.

In her spare time she enjoys giving back to the community as a volunteer with the Friends of the National Park to preserves and beautify our national parks.

When she is not giving back to the island she loves dearly, she can be seen researching fashion tips on the internet, working on her fitness by playing volleyball.

"Taking advantage of a great opportunity to become an ambassador for my native island of St. John, I welcomed the challenge of vying for the title of Miss St. John 2015," explained Hendrickson. "This platform will strengthen my public speaking, showcase my natural talents, market myself as model, and serve as a resounding voice for my people."

Contestant #3: Shanell Aisha Harney

Hardworking and optimistic, contestant #3 Shanell Aisha Harney was born on December 13, 1997, on St. Thomas to Marcia Bedminster.

Her educational journey has spanned across New Testament Academy Elementary School, and Calvary Christian Academy, and she is a recent graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School.

Throughout her school journey, Shanell has many accomplishments. She was the valedictorian of her sixth grade class, and was voted class president of the Calvary Christian Academy Class of 2011.

Shanell is also a past member of the Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra, where she played tenor bass and bass pan.

While she was a member of the steel orchestra, Shanell had the opportunity to travel to Trinidad; the birthplace of steel pan, to play in the infamous St. Magarets Boys School steel pan competition and to observe pan extraordinaire Mr. Guppy make a steel pan from scratch.

No stranger to pageantry, Shanell has previously captured the title of Miss IEKHS 2013-2014.

"My first pageant showed me who I really am it also taught me that my light should shine from within and I fully embrace that," said Harney. "Now I know that I am truly ready, willing and able to conquer my next challenge, which is to vie for the title of Miss St. John 2015. With God as the captain of this ferry on my quest for a successful life I won't be misguided. Where there's a will there's always a way!"

Contestant #4: Yaritza Maria Tirado

Dance enthusiast contestant #4 Yaritza Maria Tirado is the eldest of two children to Roberto and Maria Tirado.

Her parents always put emphasis on importance of education. For that, she is a recent honor graduate of the Charlotte Amalie High School class of 2015.

She had the opportunity to be a member of the Golden Hawkettes Dance team and participated in Advanced Placement courses including Spanish, English Language and Literature.

She has previously competed in the 2008 St. Thomas Carnival Princess Competition, and was crowned Ms. CAHS Queen 2014 where she captured the titles of best talent, best promotional campaign, best evening wear and Ms. Intellect.

In the fall of 2015 she will be attending the University of the Virgin Islands where she plans to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

She is also well rounded in her community as a member of the Caribbean Ritual Dancers, and the Sebastien Majorettes where developed her leadership skills as a captain.

Her passion for dancing has allowed me to obtain the National Dance Alliance All American Dancer Award in 2014.

"I truly believe that 'success' isn't just about what you accomplish in your life, it's about what you inspire others to do". I am Yaritza Maria Tirado, your St. John Festival Queen contestant #4, who believes that in order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure" declared Tirado.

Contestant #5: Caija Llanée Campbell

Avid reader contestant #5 Caija Llanée Campbell was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Jamillia Campbell.

Her favorite color is gray because she feels that "It's the median between black and white that helps my personality to never be too extreme, and to always have the ability to see other perspectives".

She has lived on and off St. Thomas since she was three years old. In the summer of 2009 she spent all of her time on St. John in the St. Ursula summer camp program while her mother worked at Vibe Collections in Wharf Side Village.

Despite the fact that she currently resides in St. Thomas, she frequently visits St. John.

She is seventeen years of age and is a recent graduate of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, where her favorite subjects were English and History, and she was an active member of the book club.

She plans to attend the Michigan State University.

"Story after magnificent story has led me across the depths of the oceans, beyond the peaks of mountains, and across the sands of deserts," explained Campbell. "I will use these adventures as my inspiration in the various segments of the Miss St. John Festival Queen pageant."

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Festival Village Honoree: Bernice Mahoney-Boynes

Festival Food Fair Honoree: Ruth Frett

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: Alecia M. Wells

FESTIVAL THEME:

**Come Together Culturally on the Scene for
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FRIDAY, June 5, 2015

Festival Food Sale 2015

1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
Contact: Linda S. Williams (340)776-6444

SATURDAY, June 6, 2015

Festival PAN-O-RAMA 2015

4p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
Contact: Liston "Matey" Sewer (340)514-2341

SATURDAY, June 13, 2015

Festival BIKE RACE 2015

8a.m. St. John National Park
Contact: Jane Thill (340)514-6611

SUNDAY, June 14, 2015

St. John FESTIVAL PRINCESS 2015 Pageant

6p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field
Contact: Loraine "Pat" Richards (340)626-4804

SATURDAY, June 20, 2015

St. John Festival QUEEN 2015 Pageant

8p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field
Contact: Enid Doway (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 21, 2015

Festival FOOD FAIR & CORONATION 2015

1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
Contact: Leona E. Smith (340) 690-3692

Festival BOAT RACE 2015

3p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor
Contact: Slim (340) 771-2498

SATURDAY, June 27, 2015

Festival VILLAGE 2015 OPENING

7p.m. Cruz Bay Parking Lot
Contact: Jane Johannes (340)776-6450

Festival CHILDREN'S VILLAGE 2015

6p.m. St. John National Park
Contact: St. John Rotary Club -Alecia Wells (508)963-2641

FRIDAY, July 3, 2015

EMANCIPATION DAY 2015

10a.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
Contact: Alecia Wells (508) 963-2641

SATURDAY, July 4, 2015

Festival J'OUVERT 2015

Sunrise: St. John National Park
Contact: (340) 690-2728/ 690-1725/ 690-3692

Festival PARADE 2015

11a.m. St. John National Park
Contact: Natalie Thomas (340)690-1725
Festival FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2015
9p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor
Contact: MaLinda Nelson (340) 776-6492

SUNDAY, July 5, 2015

Festival POKER RUN 2015

12p.m. Cruz Bay Beach Front
Contact: Gaylord Sprauve (340) 690-9340

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