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Queen Selection Show Is Saturday

Six young ladies will vie for the coveted crown and title of Miss St. John Festival Queen on Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m. at Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay. Pictured above L to R: Makeda Dawson, Shiquela Monstanto, Torey Challenger, Kyrelle Thomas, Sharvelle Nicholas and Dyese Turnbull.

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Wrong Marina Developer Gets Blame for School Closure on Opposite Shore

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The developers proposing a marina for Coral Bay's south shore have a public relations nightmare.

While details of their project have not been made public, the developers of the St. John Marina; Yacht Club at Summer's End, LLC., are now being blamed — erroneously — for the closing of the community's Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School purportedly to make room for another marina project proposed for the opposite shore of the broad bay that is not theirs.

After years of community involvement with organizations and events by its principals to build support for their somewhat secretive plans for the community's first full service marina, Louisiana transplants Rick Barksdale and Chaliese Summers are in full damage control.

"We just wanted to set the record straight and put the rumors to rest that it's not us," Summers wrote, "commenting on recent rumors that 'a marina' was behind the Guy Benjamin School's closing."

"Our project, The St. John Marina - The Yacht Club at Summer's End is nowhere near the school, so it's impossible that we'd have any influence in the closure," Summers wrote in an e-mailed press release. "While I can't speak for any other potential development in Coral Bay, our people and project have put both time and money into trying to keep the school going."

Daily News Guest Opinion Misplaces Blame

The *Virgin Islands Daily News* published a guest opinion article headlined: "V.I. must not close Guy Benjamin School to give a developer space for a new marina," the same day as Summer's End e-mail, Thursday, June 12.

"A development group has coincidentally just received a grant — that must be matched by the government for \$1.2 million — to build a marina in the same area, and the school would obstruct those plans," the newspaper excerpted in large bold type from the piece

identified as written by Anna Fisher of St. John.

"Send a strong message to the governor: End government corruption, save Guy Benjamin School!" the guest opinion in the *Daily News* read, closing by encouraging readers to sign an on-line petition.

The guest opinion may have been correct in its premise that a marina project could be behind the closure of Guy Benjamin School — it just fingered the wrong project.

The Summer's End group has received a \$1.27 million federal grant to develop their marina on the other side of Coral Bay, but it is not a matching grant.

Public Perception Is Clouded

Barksdale and Summers issued a statement that day which sought to clearly distance their project from a long-dormant proposed marina development on the north shore of the large bay adjacent to the elementary school which is being shuttered by the Department of Education.

Ironically, that decades-old project proposed for Emmaus Moravian Church property, including the entire undeveloped shoreline behind the elementary school, has seen new life since the Summer's End St. John Marina project was announced.

Developer Cites Support for GBS

Summers cited two examples of their group's support for the school, including their financial support and participation in the Coral Bay Yacht Club's Almost Annual Flotilla which since its inception has helped to finance improvements and operations at the beloved school.

In 2012, Summer's End partner Barksdale, along with Using Sport for Social Change founder Dean Doeling donated *Eddie Bauer* backpacks filled with school supplies to every single student and faculty member at Guy Benjamin School.

"It breaks my heart to see this happen," Summers said of the school's announced closure, citing "the

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Public School Graduations Scheduled

– Julius E. Sprauve School students will graduate on Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

– Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School will have a graduation ceremony for its sixth graders on Thursday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the school in Coral Bay.

Memorial Service for "Tony" June 17

The management and staff of Caneel Bay Resort and Cinnamon Bay Campground extend their deepest sympathy to the family of our friend and co-worker, Anthony J. "Tony" Kmett. A memorial service will be on Tuesday, June 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the campground's T'ree Lizards Restaurant.

U.S. Customs Parking Lot To Close

The U.S. Custom's Cruz Bay parking lot will be closed from June 19 to July 10 for the construction of Festival Village and subsequent break down after St. John Festival is over. Violators' vehicles will be towed by the owner's expense.

V.I. National Park Seeking Applicants for Visitor Use Assistant at Trunk Bay

In an effort to encourage employment of interested and qualified Virgin Islands residents with Virgin Islands National Park, the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is informing the community that the park is recruiting for a Visitor Use Assistant whose principal duties will be as a fee collector at Trunk Bay.

For full details about the position and to apply, please go to: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/372199500>. The recruitment ends on Friday, June 20, so interested applicants should must apply online as soon as possible.

Festival Event Applications Available

Applications for the St. John Festival Food, Arts & Crafts vendors, Festival Village Booth and Parade will be available at St. John Tourism Office starting on Thursday, May 15. All vendors must have a valid business license. For additional information, call 340-690-3692 or 340-690-1725.

Franchise Taxes Due June 30

Lieutenant Governor Gregory R. Francis is strongly encouraging and reminding corporate citizens to meet the June 30 deadline for franchise taxes and annual filing requirements. Failure to comply with the annual filing requirements will result in the assessment of penalties and interest, withdrawal of good standing status, or even administrative dissolution.

Titles 13 and 26 of the Virgin Islands Code requires every registered domestic and foreign corporation, LLC, LLP and LLLP to pay a franchise tax to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Non-profit corporations are also required to file Annual Reports and Financial Statements on or before June 30 of every year.

On Monday, June 30, offices in both districts will be open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m in order to accommodate corporate filings. In addition, penalties will not be assessed to filings that are post-marked by the June 30 deadline.

For more information, call 776-8515 on St. Thomas.

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Parents of students and community members listen as V.I. Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, above, addresses parents and guardians of Guy H. Benjamin School children in Coral Bay on Monday, June 9, announcing that the historic community school would not reopen in the Fall. Frett-Gregory said the decision to close the school was based on “efficiency” and “effectiveness.” Calabash Boom resident Zenobia Lomax, top right, a former teacher, expressed her opinion in front of a crowd of supporters, bottom right, of the school who expressed disagreement with Frett-Gregory’s decision.

END OF AN ERA:

DOE Shuttters Coral Bay’s Guy H. Benjamin School

St. John left with one public elementary school

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY – Expecting the worst, many Guy Benjamin School teachers wore black on Monday, June 9, as they braced for meetings with the Department of Education about the future of the small and historic Coral Bay public school.

After months of speculation and wide-spread rumors, DOE officials met first with GBS faculty and staff at a closed to the media gathering at 3 p.m. on the school’s campus. The staff’s fears were realized at that meeting as DOE officials informed them that GBS would close following this school year. In the fall, all public elementary school students on St. John will attend Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

A total of 12 government officials, including DOE Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, DOE St. Thomas/St. John District Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry, Office of Management and Budget Director Debra Gottlieb and Julius E. Sprauve School Principal Dionne Wells, informed parents and community members of GBS’ closure at a 5:30 p.m. meeting on

Monday in the school’s cafeteria.

With about 70 people packing the room, tempers rose and more than a few tears were shed as DOE officials told residents and parents that the long-running community school — named in honor of a local education icon who lived just up the street — would not open for the next school year. The difficult decision was made based on “efficiency” and DOE’s “effectiveness,” according to Frett-Gregory.

“We are here to discuss the future of Guy Benjamin School and how it will impact your children,” Frett-Gregory told the crowd. “Over the past four to five years enrollment has steadily declined.”

From a total enrollment of 112 students in school year 2010/11, the student body at GBS has steadily dropped with 87 registered students for 2013/2014, according to the DOE Commissioner.

Despite hosting early registration for GBS students this year, there were only 73 students signed up to attend the elementary school in the fall, Frett-Gregory explained.

“This reflected a further decline in enroll-

ment,” she said. “Our focus is on efficiency and we continue to be plagued with a teacher shortage across the territory; St. John and Coral Bay are no exception. Many of you are aware of the continued financial hardships we are experiencing here and we must utilize our resources to the best of our ability.”

“We have been without a principal here for almost two years,” Frett-Gregory said. “We are left with no other choice but to consolidate.”

DOE officials spent months trying to avoid this conversation, Frett-Gregory said.

“This decision was not a decision made lightly,” she said. “We explored all possible options to keep the doors open. That was not possible.”

“This is not a conversation that I’m happy to have,” said the DOE Commissioner. “This is one that I don’t have a choice but to have.”

While repeatedly declining to discuss DOE’s financial details — the commissioner refused to state a dollar amount being saved by the department with GBS’ closing — Frett-Gregory insisted that the decision to close the school

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A four-acre parcel filled with material dredged from Enighed Pond when the port was created is still drying and settling and is intended someday to become a container storage area. Community activists are promoting the site as a grass-covered public gathering place for musical entertainment and a marketplace for St. John crafts and produce.

Pave Paradise, Put Up *Another* Truck Parking Lot

Enighed Pond Event and Festival Venue Or More Parking for Cargo Containers?

By Tom Oat
 St. John Tradewinds

St. Johnian reggae music legend Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering; cultural activist, artist and musician Delroy “Ital” Anthony, and St. John political activist Steve “Gadfly” Black have a common goal.

They just haven’t agreed on what it is — yet.

But, if they don’t hurry up and unite their efforts, the V.I. government, in the form of the V.I. Port Authority (VIPA), may continue to pave paradise and put up parking lots in Cruz Bay.

Pickering, a native St. Johnian and an internationally-renowned musician, has been fighting for donkey years for a public venue on the island for music and cultural events to replace the island’s historic community gathering spots which have been lost as the island population has grown.

Anthony, one of a handful of licensed “professional” craftspeople on the island, has been fighting for the long-promised St. John vendors market to showcase the work of the island’s dwindling artisanship in the face of government bureaucracy which has erased public funds earmarked for the 30-year-old project.

Black, a community activist, has reinvigorated his years-old plan for a permanent, “green” combined festival village and vendors market between the

“I imagine a Carnival Park and Vendors Village with grassy fields, palm trees, an Amphitheater. What we could have is a big, beautiful usable field for events.”

— Steve Black,
 St. John resident and community activist

Enighed Port and the gravel parking lot across from the tennis court.

“I imagine a Carnival Park and Vendors Village with grassy fields, palm trees, an Amphitheater,” Black writes. “What we could have is a big, beautiful usable field for events.”

Grasshopper, Ital and Gadfly Agree, Almost

The three almost agree that their interests could coalesce into a united front to convince the V.I. Port Authority to accede to the needs and wishes of the littlest Virgin Island, as the three St. John community activists themselves dance to different drummers.

The V.I. Port Authority, meanwhile, is moving with all due bureaucratic haste to a different tempo.

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Retirees Treasurer Barbara Isaac and Chair Helen Hart, above, address the group, right, as they consider by-laws at GRUFF meeting.

Retirees Wins Battle To Protect Their Government Pensions

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – Virgin Islands Government retirees will get an extra check this week, thanks to a group of feisty retirees who have been organizing over the past year to protect their pensions from cutbacks.

Members of Government Retirees United for Fairness (GRUFF) met with a group of 25 retirees from St. John at the Lutheran Church on Friday, June 13, to deliver the good news about the checks.

Retirees have won back 8 percent that was deducted illegally from checks issued in October 2010 which had been sent out as partial compensation to employees for unpaid raises dating back from 1989 to 1997.

Retirees To Get Checks

Several thousand retirees will be getting checks this week, according to Helen Hart, the chairperson of GRUFF. In spite of the fact that these employees had retired by the time these retroactive pay checks were cut, the Government Employees Retirement

System (GERS) still deducted the standard employee contribution of 8 percent for retirement from their checks.

GRUFF, which formed in October 2013, mobilized its membership to demonstrate at Senate hearings this past May. Attorney Joseph Arellano was hired to represent them, resulting in special legislation to correct the error.

Some retirees will see checks amounting to nearly \$2,000, according to Hart.

Though this battle has been won and

the 8 percent is now being repaid to retirees, the war to protect government employees' pensions is far from over, GRUFF members warned.

“Once a person has retired, the government cannot adjust their annuity,” declared GRUFF treasurer Barbara Isaacs.

But that’s exactly what the VI Legislature is getting ready to debate.

deJongh Proposes GERS Changes

Governor John deJongh Jr. has proposed

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“Carnival Troupe” by Lisa Etre

Special Festival Art Show at Cruz Bay Battery June 22-30

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As St. John gears up to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the July Fourth Festival, government officials are hosting a Festival-themed art show at the Cruz Bay Battery.

St. John artists, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor, will present the St. John Festival-themed show June 22 through June 30 and again on July 4.

And it's not too late to be a part of this exciting event. Any St. John artist with festival-themed work is encouraged to contact Lisa Etre at (340) 693-8391 to participate in the exhibition.

The show will run at the Cruz Bay Battery June 22, from 1 to 5 p.m., and June 23 through 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The St. John Festival-themed show will also be open to the public on Friday, July 4, from 8 to 10 p.m. Happy Festival!

Gifft Hill School Graduates Six in 12th Commencement

St. John Tradewinds

GIFT HILL – The six members of the Gifft Hill School Class of 2014 shared the stage and their personal ambitions at the St. John School's 12th commencement ceremony on the school's Trayser Field on Friday June 13.

Lexus Wesley will attend the Art Institute of Tennessee at Nash-

ville where she was awarded a \$40,000 scholarship.

Naphtali Anthony, the sole boy in the graduating class, will be traveling to Boston to work with his grandfather's company before deciding on a college.

Viniqua Davis will study Criminal Justice at Iowa State University.

Jo-Anne Attika will attend Bunker Hill Community College.

Jah'Sheada Griffith will be studying nutrition and dietetics at UVI in the fall.

Nicole Cirigliano, who attended Gifft Hill for only her senior year, will attend Colorado Mountain College where she will work towards a degree in sustainability.

Frett Awarded Full Scholarship to Eastern Arizona



18-year-old Akia Frett, star athlete on the women's varsity basketball team at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, signs her name to a letter of intent to play college basketball at Eastern Arizona College. Frett was one of three Eudora Kean players featured at a June 11 press conference, a few days before their scheduled high school graduation. Peter Seibert, the school's athletic director, says Frett, Stephaun Adams and Emari Mills will all receive full scholarships to their respective schools.

Frett, a resident of Calabash Boom, is pictured with her mother, Lelia Christopher, and her father, Akebo Frett, who Akia and Lelia call his daughter's biggest fan.

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Local Woodworker and Craftsman Avelino Samuel Selected as 2014 St. John Festival Food Fair Honoree

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

He's sold his works at the St. John Festival Food Fair for decades, and now St. Johnian woodworker Avelino Samuel is being honored for his dedication to this annual cultural event. Samuel has been selected as the 2014 Food Fair honoree.

Samuel is well-known on island for the gorgeous pieces of art he creates from local and scrap woods. He's long sold his smaller craft items, such as bowls, paper towel holders, and candle holders, at the food fair each year.

"For me, it's been one of the few places I could actually sell the smaller, more crafty stuff," said Samuel. "It's always a great opportunity for people to see locally made crafts. Food fair is perfect for that."

The talented woodturner began selling his crafts at Food Fair in the 1980s, but took a hiatus from the event when his career as an artist really began to take off. Samuel simultaneously taught woodturning at the Julius E. Sprauve School, from which he recently retired.

Samuel now spends much of his time traveling in the states, spreading his knowledge and expertise by teaching at various craft schools and clubs. In fact, he will be off island during the Food Fair that will honor his name.

"I won't be there for the fair, but I will be there in time for the Festival parade," said Samuel. "My wife will be at Food Fair selling the things I've made, so I'll be par-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Avelino demonstrates work on the lathe to school children earlier this year at the annual Folklife Festival at Annaberg Ruins.

icipating indirectly."

For the St. John Festival Committee, honoring Samuel at the Food Fair was a no-brainer, explained committee member Enid Doway.

"He's given years of dedicated service participating in the Food Fair," she said. "I voted for him to be chosen as the honoree

because he exemplifies somebody we want to recognize, being a retired teacher and with all the activities he does and the skills he has. He is somebody we'd want to honor in that way."

Samuel's talent has put St. John on the map thanks to his participation in international craft fairs, said St. John Festival Com-

"It feels special. It's a good feeling to be chosen for something that's a true representative of our island culture."

— St. John native Avelino Samuel

mittee Chairperson Leona Smith.

"His artwork has been sold at the Food Fair for many years," she said. "He's participated in craft fairs throughout the Caribbean and Europe. We chose him because of his artistry and for working with the kids to teach them woodturning."

The perfectly detailed pieces that Samuel creates, from the smallest bowls to the largest works of art, begin as pieces of local or scrap wood. Seagrape is one of his most commonly used local woods, and he also uses mahogany and red locust scraps from cabinet shops.

"It feels special," Samuel said of being selected as Food Fair honoree. "It's a good feeling to be chosen for something that's a true representative of our island culture."

The Food Fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, at 1 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park. The coronation of the St. John Festival Queen, who will be chosen the evening of Saturday, June 21, will also take place at the event.



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Governor's Reading Challenge Books To Be Distributed at Food Fair

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

All St. John students should be sure to attend the St. John Festival Food Fair on Sunday, June 22, where they'll get more than just the best kallaloo soup on the island.

Students should be sure to stop by the Governor's Reading Challenge table for the free book give-away from 1 to 5 p.m. Free books will be distributed to students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade.

This is the final Reading Challenge of Governor John deJongh's administration and government officials hope to have more participants than ever.

The program tasks students with reading at least five books during the summer school break and rewards those who do so with special events in the fall.

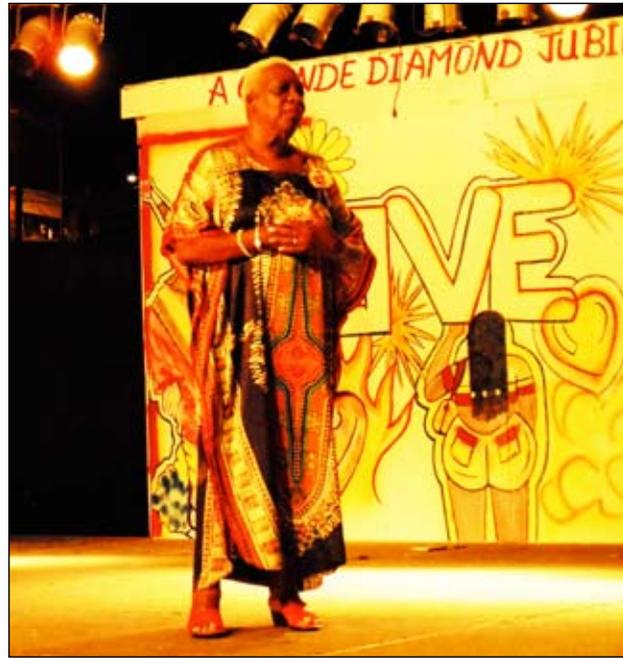
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Ina Lee models a colorful full-length tunic, left. Emcee Jackie Clendenin, above, entertained the small crowd while keeping the show on time.

Lee and Johannes Star in Senior Variety Show

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – A small but very appreciative audience was thoroughly entertained by island elders at the 2014 St. John Festival Senior Variety Show on Friday

St. John diva Ina Lee, at an announced 80 years young, was shimmying like she was 18 again, and the regal Jane Johannes strutted her stuff in high fashion.

Lee, Johannes and emcee Jackie Clendenin encouraged the more than one dozen young women vying for festival crowns on stage to wow the audience.

Emcee Clendenin was a show stopper herself in a

short, brightly-patterned, flowing cocktail dress with matching light blue high-heels.

Clendenin controlled the pace of the show like she was at the U.S. Post Office front counter, giving the senior stars time for costume changes — and time to catch their breath — between appearances on stage.

The lovely emcee also directed the dozen or so dazzling contestants for festival titles as they introduced themselves to the small but appreciative audience in a warm up for the Festival Princess competition Sunday night and the Festival Queen Selection Pageant Saturday, June 14 at 8 p.m.

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Contestant #4
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Contestant #5
Shiquela Monstanto



Contestant #6
Makeda Dawson

Six Queen Contestants Vie for 2014 Festival Crown

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The St. John Festival Queen Selection show will be on Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m. at Winston Wells Ballfield in Cruz Bay.

Six young ladies will vie for the coveted title of Miss St. John Festival Queen: Contestant 1 Dyese Turnbull, Contestant 2 Sharvelle Nicholas, Contestant 3 Kyrelle Thomas, Contestant 4 Torey Challenger,

Contestant 5 Shiquela Monsanto, and Contestant 6 Makeda Dawson.

Tickets for Saturday night's pageantry are available at Chelsea Drug Store and W&W Fastfoods on St. John, and International Records and Tapes and Mayrose Boutique on St. Thomas.

Don't miss the chance to watch these six beautiful ladies compete for the crown!

VINP To Renovate Restrooms, Remove Roadside Trees

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Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald advises the general public that a contract to renovate the Visitor Center Restrooms, in order to maintain health and safety code, has been awarded. Renovations are scheduled to begin on Monday, June 16 and end on August.

The renovations will include replacing deteriorated sinks, faucets, stall partitions, water closets, and floor tiles. Portable restrooms will be available during the time that the permanent restrooms are being rehabilitated.

For more information, please contact Kelly Hoeksema at (340) 776-6201, ext 247.

The motoring public on St. John should be aware that a contract has been awarded to remove hazardous trees along the North Shore Road. The project is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 16, and continue through September 30.

The contracted work will include the Francis Bay road as well as Annaberg. In addition, hazard trees will be removed at some recreational areas such as Hawksnest, Trunk Bay Maho Bay, and Red Hook.

While the roads will not be closed during the duration of the project, motorists are urged to exercise caution and be alert for flagmen.

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CAHS Student D'Azhae Harrigan Wins St. John Festival Jr. Miss Title



Contestant No. 1
Kyara Lewis



Contestant No. 2
Mirisa Clendinen



By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds
CRUZ BAY – Fans of July 4th Festival pageants got a special treat in time for the 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee when they came June 7 to witness the crowning of a St. John Junior Miss.

14-year-old D'Azhae Harrigan, a student at the Charlotte Amalie High School donned the crown at the end. Harrigan sustained a brisk competition from Marisa Clendinen, Kyara Lewis and Raven Phillips-Love to capture the crown.

About four hundred spectators from St. Thomas and St. John filled the seats at the Winston Wells Ballpark to support their favorite contestant. Recent victories of contestants from the sister islands in each other's pageants has helped to raise a spirit of competition.

The four contestants tried to leave a lasting impression on the judges through the introductory segment and presentations on creative school wear, Caribbean flower costume, prom wear, an ambassadorial presentation and ending with question-and-answer.

Radio deejay, talk show host and sportscaster Sheldon Turnbull served as master of ceremonies.

Too old to rule as festival princess and too young to reign as queen, the junior miss competition featured age-appropriate energy and flair.

There was also a touch of comedy as Harrigan played a psychic trying to convince a traveller to visit the Virgin Islands in a phone

Contestant No. 3 Raven Phillips-Love, at left.

conversation.

Crowd Cheers Favorites

The crowd cheered their favorites throughout the night, but ramped up during question and answer, where the question posed to the contestants was:

"Over the past five years, there has been an increase in teenage relationship violence. If you witnessed one of your friends being verbally or physically abused, what would you tell her, who would you tell and why?"

Clendinen delivered the winning reply.

"I would tell her she doesn't belong with him. One time with abuse is one time too many," the St. John contestant replied. Abuse cannot be tolerated and if you see abuse you should do something about it."

In the end the judges had the last say and they named Harrigan the winner and Clendinen first runner up. They named Phillips-Love Miss Congeniality.

The photographers awarded the title of Miss Photogenic to Clendinen. She also won best prom wear and Miss Intellect for her response to the question about teenage dating abuse.

Harrigan walked away with the titles of most cooperative contestant, best creative school wear, best Caribbean flower presentation, and best ambassadorial presentation.

Asked at the end of the night how she felt, the new Miss St. John kept it simple.

"Amazing," she said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Judi Shimel

Contestant No. 4 D'Azhae Harrigan, a 14-year-old student of the Charlotte Amalie High School, hears the announcement naming her the 2014 St. John Junior Miss, June 8 at Winston Wells Ball Field.

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Dessert at Ocean 362

Ocean 362 Rolls Out Summer Menu and Deals for Locals

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the summer season heats up and the crowds begin to dwindle across St. John, Ocean 362 at Gallows Point Resort is rolling out enticing locals only specials and a lighter summer menu to go along with its unparalleled water views of Pillsbury Sound.

Stop by the Cruz Bay restaurant during slow season on Sunday for Kids Night when children under 12 can enjoy free fare from the children's menu when dining with their parents.

On Monday locals will get 15 percent off their bills while Wednesday is half-priced appetizer night. Thursday night at Ocean 362, take advantage of half-off bottles of wine.

While the summer deals will draw diners to the restaurant, it is Chef Ramesh Pillai and the Ocean 362 team's food and exciting drinks which are the true highlights at Ocean 362.

A perfect evening will surely start with a cocktail or two from the extensive and exciting specialty drink list.

The Global Warming, a Grey Goose vodka martini with Pama and candied hibiscus flower petals, is beautiful to behold and

tasty from the first sip. But the drink really comes alive once the chili infused ice globe begins to melt, providing a balancing jolt of heat.

Another standout on the drink menu is the Topsy Turtle Fizz, made with Hendrick's Gin, St. Germain, fresh lemon and lime juice and Ting all shaken up with egg whites. The frothy and bright drink is a perfect nod to classic cocktail culture and recalls a Ramos Gin Fizz.

Other tantalizing specialty drinks include the V.I. Tai, with light and dark rums, fresh lime juice and house-made falernum bitters and orgeat syrup; the Mayan Mojito Martini, with Reposado tequila, fresh lemon and lime juice and fresh cilantro; and the Antipasto Martini, with Sapphire Gin and caper berry brine served up with a caper berry and a prosciutto-wrapped sage cheese stuffed olive.

Cocktails run from \$13 to \$17 and will surely get that appetite awake and ready for Chef Pillai's summer menu, which still includes all the popular soups, salads and appetizers.

Don't miss the show-stopping cream of lentil soup garnished with pancetta and truffle oil or try

the cioppino with local fish, lobster and shrimp in a tamarind and tomato broth.

The appetizers at Ocean 362 offer a little something for everyone. Fish lovers will not want to miss the fresh catch of the day ceviche, with shaved shallots, cilantro, chives and green chillies or the local tuna tartar served in a spicy lime yogurt aioli.

Other popular appetizers include the garlic masala shrimp served over turmeric yucca mash and the plum duck taco served with chimichurri sauce and micro greens.

Appetizers range from \$13 to \$17 and the ceviche and tartar are served with crispy crostini.

The entree offers are where Pil-

lai's nuanced palate, and thoughtful use of spices, are most obvious. The grilled local Mahi Mahi is served with sweet cashew tamarind basmati rice and a tequila, lemon, yogurt and cilantro dressing. The Malabar shrimp curry, with cumin pilaf and a white bean, chickpea and vegetable ragu, is unveiled and mixed table-side.

The creamy lobster risotto includes shiitake and oyster mushrooms and is topped with a prosciutto-wrapped bundle of asparagus. The double-cut lamb chops are served with mint chutney, a demi-glace and a perfectly prepared gratin dauphinois.

Other entree selections on Ocean 362's summer menu include fish and chips made with lo-

cal red snapper and served with a citrus soy sauce, seafood pasta in a white wine garlic cream sauce and a port tenderloin wrapped in prosciutto, stuffed with four cheeses and served with garlic yucca mash and a port shallot confit.

Entrees range from \$23 to \$43 and Chef Pillai is happy to prepare vegetarian and vegan dishes. The kitchen is also happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions.

Ocean 362 is open Wednesday through Monday with the lounge open at 5:30 and dinner starting at 6 p.m.

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America Cold War

By Past Commander
Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds

May 1 was Cold War Veterans Day, also referred to as Cold War Victory Day, because America did win this War.

The American Cold War Veterans (ACWV) hosted its Annual Conference June 5-9, in Washington, DC. It was also attended by Survivors of the June 8, 1967 attack on the Naval Intelligence Ship *USS Liberty* and victims of communism. Memorial ceremonies were hosted at Arlington National Cemetery, the Naval Memorial and the Victims of Communism Memorial to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for the memory of those freed of communism.

The services were inspiring and continue to open up my eyes to the hardships that were endured by veterans of all branches who served in this period of our history. PTSD was not much of an issue back then as it is today; but you could see it in the eyes of those I met at the convention breaking down into tears as we shared recollections of our assignments and fellow comrades lost.

A Bill is now in Congress, H.R.4807 the Cold War Service Medal Act of 2014, and as of this writing is in the House Armed Services Committee. It must be acted upon and passed quickly.

A Cold War Medal should be issued. I have seen many comments about the issuance of a Cold War Service Medal for those who

served during the period September 6, 1945 to December 26, 1991. The medal is not only about what any individual did, it's about what we all did. The sacrifices, long periods of time far from loved ones, often in harsh and dangerous conditions. There were many lives lost during America's longest war, even though it was an undeclared war.

The Cold War Veterans served just like any member of the American Legion but those who served during the in-between "so called declared wars" are not eligible to join the American Legion.

The Cold War included combat and non-combat veterans. The Cold War era included major conflicts like Korea and Vietnam and smaller fights all over the world.

These veterans are the "Forgotten Veterans." We were all brothers and sisters of the fight against communism, a long struggle to contain the spread of communism and help free the world of the domination and suppression enforced by the heavy handed regimes.

That is what the medal is for; recognition that together we defeated communism, brought down the Berlin Wall and helped bring about the demise of the Soviet Union.

Combat soldiers received rightful individual recognition for their service, and were well deserved. As American heroes their rewards are obvious and should indeed be worn proudly.

The Cold War Service Medal represents the combined service of veterans who served during this period. It's about dedication, readiness and sacrifice. It's about being a well trained and powerful military that our enemies had second thoughts. Yes, the Cold War veterans stopped the invasion into the lands of our allies and brought freedom to millions of people. It's about the combined force that all veterans served under during some

very troubling times.

Today service members receive the Global War on Terror Service Medal. The Veterans of the Cold War fought the war on communism, and faced daily danger, just as those serving today face danger.

The Virgin Islands have many veterans who served in the Cold War including the period of the in between declared wars. They should be recognized. We are all one.

If you support the Cold War Service Medal, please contact Congresswoman Donna Christensen and let her know how you feel. Ask her to Co-Sponsor H.R. 4807, vote for the passage and promote the introduction of legislation in the Senate. Let's support these forgotten heroes. All veterans are considered as one.

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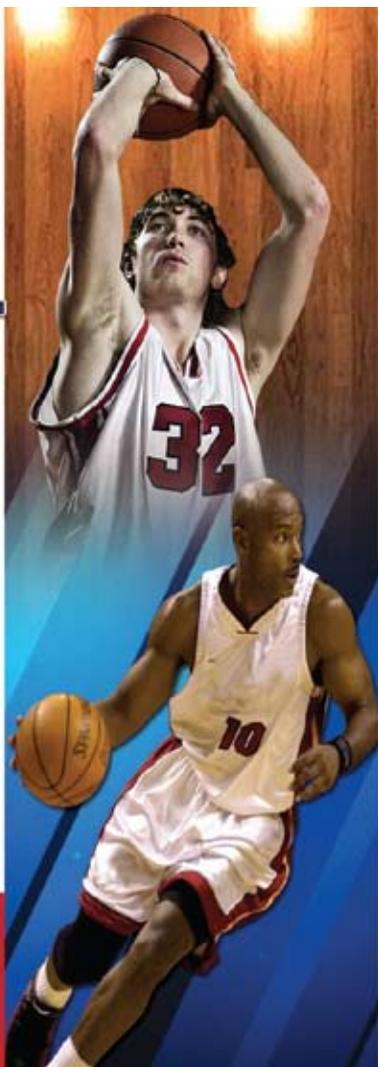
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Tuesday, June 17, beginning at 4 p.m.: 10th grade orientation

Wednesday, June 18, beginning at 4 p.m.: 11th grade orientation

Thursday, June 19, beginning at 4 p.m.: 12th grade orientation

All parents/guardians attend the orientation sessions, and must provide a copy of their child's immunization card and health insurance if available.

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Villa Mahr has potential with its four bedrooms, two bathrooms and pool.



On *the* Market

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Enjoy BVI Views and Carolina Valley Location at Villa Mahr

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy views of Hurricane Hole and the British Virgin Islands dotting the horizon from the quiet Estate Carolina Valley area of Coral Bay from Villa Mahr, which boasts tons of potential.

Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 are found on two levels of a stand-alone home in the Carolina Valley area. With a total of four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a masonry swimming pool on just over a third of an acre, the home is for sale for \$699,000, explained 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly.

“This property has a lot of potential,” said Donnelly. “A new owner could easily to live in one unit and rent the other; or live elsewhere and have two income producing units.”

The home is perched on a hillside with paved parking spaces and mature landscaping. Nestled in a peaceful area of Estate Carolina, the quiet and tranquility at Villa Mahr will make you feel like you’re worlds away from it all. Yet the home is located only a few minutes from the fun shops and restaurants in Coral Bay.

The island’s beautiful and rugged south shore V.I. National Park beaches as well as the unspoiled East End are also only a short drive from Villa Mahr.

The home’s private location means you’ll relax to the sound of tree frogs instead of traffic, explained Donnelly.

“Villa Mahr is located in a quiet area of Coral Bay where you don’t hear road noise like some many properties all over the island do,” said the 340 Real Estate broker/owner.

Inside Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2, find two separate units on two levels. The upper unit, Unit 1, features two bedrooms and one bathroom as well as an airy screened-in gazebo room. Unit 1 at Villa Mahr also boasts a spacious great room encompassing both living and dining spaces with an exposed timber beam ceiling. The cozy, open plan kitchen is found just off the great room.

Downstairs in Unit 2 at Villa Mahr find two bedrooms and one bathroom with an open kitchen just off the great room. Step through the sliding glass doors from the new living room area to the recently added deck which stretches down the length of the home; the perfect space to relax in the shade and soak up the view.

One of the best features of Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 is found just a few steps off the deck at the masonry swimming pool. It’s not difficult to imagine spending endless days stretched out on a lounge chair next to the refreshing swimming pool with a cold drink in hand.

For more information about Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2, call 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly at (340) 779-4478 or on her cell phone at (340) 643-6068.

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Obituary

Michael Weinman Dies in Maryland

St. John businessman Michael Henry Weinman, owner of the St. John Lumberyard Complex in Cruz Bay, died Sunday, June 1.

Weinman, a retired real estate developer who was a co-manager of the family-owned Morris Weinman Co., died of heart failure at his Worthington Valley, Maryland, home. He was 78.

Weinman lived part of the year on St. John, where he was active in commercial real estate and served on the boards of the Gift Hill School and St. John School of the Arts.

Weinman was the beloved husband of Lauri Weinman (nee Jenkins); dear former husband of Sally S. Weinman; devoted father of Mark (Sherri) Weinman and Jan (Michael) Irwin; dear step father of Cindy (Michael) Gribbin, Michael (Elaina) Dance and Stephanie (Ken) Kelly; devoted brother of ZJ (Jerry) Greenspan; loving grandfather of James and Andrew Irwin, Rachel, Kyle and Sophie Weinman, Katie Gribbin, Kelly Gribbin and her fiancée Owen Jordan, Kevin Gribbin, Chris Gribbin, Martha (Trent) Nelson, Scott Dance, Lila Dance, Lauren (Kevin) Stockslager and Ellie Tehan; loving great grandfather of Vincent Stockslager.

Weinman was an avid sailor and commissioned the building of several custom-built boats in which he explored the Western Hemisphere. He also earned a pilot's license and flew a twin-engine Piper Cheyenne until a few years ago. He had enjoyed going on safari in Africa, particularly in Kenya and Tanzania.

Weinman was born and raised in Baltimore and was a 1953 graduate of St. Paul's School. In 1957, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He served in the Army for a year at Fort Knox, Ky., before going to work in 1958 for Sunny's Surplus, which was a family-owned retail business.

Weinman continued working in the clothing business in manufacturing and retail until he became a full-time real estate developer in the 1970s.

He later became co-manager with Melvin Weinman, his uncle, of the Morris Weinman Co. in Pikesville. He retired in 2012.

– With excerpts from a story by Frederick N. Rasmussen, *The Baltimore Sun*



Letters to St. John Tradewinds

A Good Friend Passes Away

A good friend passed away the other day, Michael to many, but known to those close to him as just Mike. His arrival every winter always meant the beginning of a social season, where family, friends, new and old would inevitably be invited for dinner, boat trips, or just house guests.

Michael Weiman loved being a part of people's lives, a love of boats and the sea, was his gift to his guests and friends. Whether it was his well-heeled friends from Baltimore or some local fishermen, he was always ready to pull anchor to share his love of the sea. My wife and I were one of those lucky souls to have that pleasure when we set course from Klein bay one night on a journey to St Barts. Mike and I watched the weather for three days, looking for the right window of opportunity to set sail (although it was a power boat) towards the Anegada Passage.

Then with our bags packed and ready to go we received a call from Mike that tonight was the night. My wife Janet had packed a cooler bag with some champagne and sweets to enjoy on the overnight sail. Mike and Lauri had the boat already and soon we were on our way, out of Klein Bay, heading towards St Barts.

It was a dark night; the waters were calm as we left the lights of St John behind, nose into the wind. Mike was at the helm while Lauri and Janet prepared some snacks and wine, I stared into the starry night from the stern, thinking how idyllic a life on the sea. Not long after, the wind and chop picked up, wine glasses tipped, stomachs churned and the boat creaked with each pounding wave. Mike steady at the wheel kept us on course; Lauri and Janet abandoned the idea of wine and cheese, and looked for a comfortable spot to settle in for the night.

I conferred with Mike on the rapidly deteriorating conditions but was assured the boat was able and encouraged me to try to get some sleep. Soon, Lauri, Janet and I were all huddled in the main cabin as it was the only place that didn't shudder with each crashing wave. Mike tried every boat maneuver in the book to steady the boat and keep on course, with Lauri assuring us that he was more than capable in

handling these now very rough seas.

With only one comfortable cushioned couch which somehow avoided the battering seas, had to shared on a rotating basis. Mike stood isolated, with both hands on the wooden handled wheel, each wave pushing us to starboard then to port, as he wrestled with the foaming seas. After many hours of pounding seas, salt spray, our weary eyes spotted the first lights of St Maarten.

Within the hour the sun rose gloriously in the east and the green hills suddenly appeared, and the seas calmed as our boat settled into a smooth rhythm. Lauri, Janet and I showed all the signs of the rough nights journey, however Michael soon appeared as fresh and exhilarated as a person who had just awoke from a good nights sleep. He was a true captain, never once letting his hands off the wheel, hour after hour he stood at the helm, always in control, as we as crew could offer no help.

That night was soon forgotten when we docked in our beloved St Barts. Gustav Harbour was busy with yachts of all sizes and styles, all masterfully docked in stern to bow rows. Our comparatively smaller boat with its classic lines and great design, always got a lot of good looks from the decks of the mega yachts, much to Mike's delight.

Mike was a sailor by heart and he would always check out all the large sailboats in the harbor, as if looking for the perfect one, the one that he might captain some day, and sail into this very same harbor. It was his dream to sail the Caribbean in this style, a dream he would eventually realize. Mike started on sailboats, and spoke of them more romantically than nautically, his divergence to power boats was more for practical reasons. When Mike finally fulfilled his dream on the 120' sailing yacht *Sunday Morning* it most certainly must have been with his classic smile of a man completed satisfied.

Janet and I had one more great adventure with Lauri and Mike, and that was to Africa. But that is for another story for another time, but for now Mike, I will rest my pen and say goodnight.

Andy Rutnik

Kung Fu Panda

In an animated movie of the same name, an unlikely hero came in the form of a panda. Not gifted with strength, agility, speed or intellect, this creature possessed one quality which made him a savior — he believed.

It took him a while, and the help of a wise turtle, but ultimately, the panda's courage enabled him to step out in faith and conquer fear.

There are many people living lives of fear and doubt because folks put them down for maybe not being as appealing as others in

looks or speech or a disability.

If things have been a struggle for a long time, you may wonder if things will ever turn around or if this is it.

Well, that depends on you.

You see, the panda was living a life of mediocrity, but knew that there was something else out there. He wanted to explore and find out, but was being held back by his well-intentioned father.

Whether parents, other family members or friends, people will try to persuade you to take a less risky

approach. In most cases, they don't want you fail and be disappointed,

But sometimes the unexpected happens and you discover a path of freedom and joy. It's amazing when your job becomes a career, a spouse becomes a soul mate, talent becomes a blessing and God becomes real.

Our testimony in life consists of failures and victories, trials and errors. But, through it all, our core attribute should be "be true to thyself."

Emmanuel Prince

Portable Gas Station on Shore of Coral Bay Sprouts Bright Yellow Awning and Looks Ready To Open



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The bright yellow and green portable fueling station which has been parked by the side of Route 107 on the shore of Coral Bay between the intersection with Route 10, the Gerda Marsh Scenic Highway, and Route 20, the Bordeaux Mountain Road, has sprouted a matching bright new yellow awning and appears to be being prepared to open.

The isolated community, meanwhile, is still waiting for a promised station with in-ground tanks at the former Domino gas station for which St. John businessman James Boynes is seeking permits from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

U.S. Coast Guard Certifies Second Ferry For Franchise Operators After Drills

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

It took more than seven months, but the prospective operators of both new government-owned, 84-foot, 204-passenger, aluminum, catamaran-style ferries — which have large VITRAN logos emblazoned on their upper decks — have passed their required local U.S. Coast Guard inspections and safety drills with their prospective vessels.

Now, the historic operators of the franchised public service route between Red Hook, St. Thomas, and Cruz Bay, St. John — which two St. John companies have shared for decades — have to reach an operating agreement for the vessels with the V.I. government.

While the two St. John ferry companies may be trying to protect their franchises in any operating agreement negotiated with the V.I. Department of Public Works, it appears DPW Commissioner Darrell Smalls is moving closer to getting the franchise operations under more government control.

\$7.6 Million Government Purchase

The two vessels, which were built in Louisiana, were purchased with \$7.6 million in federal funds and arrived in the territory in the Fall of 2013. They have been stored in Crown Bay, St. Thomas since their delivery while the government has negotiated with the

two ferry companies which share the franchise.

Officials of Transportation Services and Varlack Ventures have spent months trying to negotiate operating contracts with DPW as owner of the vessels.

DPW Commissioner Smalls had pushed to get the ferries in operation by February of this year, and USCG officials said the local inspections and safety drills were not complicated or time-consuming.

Transportation Services did not complete its local USCG inspections and certification for *Cruz Bay I* until late May.

Varlack Ventures, which has three operating ferries in its fleet, has been in no hurry to add the government-owned ferry *Red Hook I*, which was certified by the USCG on Wednesday, June 11.

U.S. Coast Guard St. Thomas officials in charge of inspecting the vessels have not been involved in the discussions over operating contracts between the franchise operators and the V.I. government.

Neither Varlack Ventures general manager Delrise Varlack nor Transportation Services general manager Kendrick Augustus have spoken publicly about their companies' negotiations with DPW.

DPW officials have provided no information to the public on the status of negotiations with the St. John ferry operators.

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Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, June 17

— Julius E. Sprauve School students will graduate on Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

— Ivanna Eudora Kean High School orientation for 10th grade will take place in the cafeteria on Tuesday, June 17, beginning at 4 p.m. All parents/guardians attend the orientation sessions, and must provide a copy of their child's immunization card and health insurance if available.

Wednesday, June 18

— Ivanna Eudora Kean High School orientation for 11th grade will take place in the cafeteria on Wednesday, June 18, beginning at 4 p.m. All parents/guardians attend the orientation sessions, and must provide a copy of their child's immunization card and health insurance if available.

Thursday, June 19

— Ivanna Eudora Kean High School orientation for 12th grade will take place in the cafeteria on Thursday, June 19, beginning at 4 p.m. All parents/guardians attend the orientation sessions, and must provide a copy of their child's immunization card and health insurance if available.

Thursday, June 20

— St. John Festival's Music Mix will be in Winston Wells Ball Feild starting at 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

— Auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Merit Scholarship will be conducted on Saturday, June 21 at 2 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts for all outstanding and talented students on St. John and St. Thomas. The scholarship is applied to tuition for the 2014-15 school year at SJSA.

— St. John Festival's Miss St. John Selection show will be at Winston Wells Ball Park at 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 22

— St. John Festival's Food Fair and Coronation will be in Frank Powell Park starting at 1 p.m.

— All St. John students should be sure to attend the St. John Festival Food Fair on Sunday, June 22, where they'll get more than just the best khalo soup on the island.

— St. John Festival's Boat Races will start near Cruz Bay Harbor at 3 p.m.

Monday, June 30

— Lt Gov. Francis reminds corporate citizens to meet the June 30 deadline for franchise taxes and annual filing requirements.

ALCOHOLICS 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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Retirees Win Battle To Protect Their Pensions

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changes to the Government Employees Retirement System (GERS) that would help offset the system's \$1.8 billion unfunded liability — the difference between what is being paid into the system in contributions and the obligations to pay out retirement benefits.

Without these changes, the retirement system will collapse within ten years, according to GERS Administrator Austin Nibbs.

Among the proposed changes that will affect current retirees:

- Cutting benefits by 10% to Tier 1 employees (those hired before October 2005).
- Eliminating the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) now set at 1.5%, for five years.

Virgin Islands retirees are not the only ones facing cutbacks.

"State and local pension plans are under attack," according to AARP CEO Barry Rand, in January-February 2014 issue of AARP Bulletin. "In early December, a federal judge approved Detroit's bankruptcy plan, endangering the pensions of retired fire fighters, police officers, and other city workers."

"Recently the city of Central Falls, Rhode Island, cut pensions for workers by up to 55 percent in its bankruptcy proceeding," the AARP's Rand continued. "Rhode Island effectively ended COLAs for retirees in 2011. That could cut benefits for retirees by as much as 40 percent over the long term."

GERS Concern Over deJongh Plan Changes

Another issue of concern in Gov. de Jongh's proposed legislation involves raising the cap — the maximum benefit that retirees can collect — from \$65,000 to \$110,000. GRUFF has estimated that nearly 1,000 government employees, including senators, judges, commissioners, school principals and top administrators, would qualify for higher benefits upon retirement if this proposal is passed.

Nearly 8,000 government retirees receive GERS benefits now, according to GRUFF chairperson Helen Hart.

Retirees Group Questions Benefit Cuts

GRUFF Treasurer Barbara Isaac questioned how the government could consider cutting benefits by 10 percent for the majority of employees while raising the benefits for employees who have received higher pay.

"While some members are suffering, why raise other people's caps?" she asked.

With input from GRUFF, senators Shawn-Michael Malone and Tregenza Roach are preparing new legislation to address the GERS' unfunded liability. They are expected to unveil this proposal in September and hold public hearings.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Amy Roberts

Retirees GRUFF Chair Helen Hart smiles at a suggestion during the meeting on Friday, June 13, at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

"We have to make sure we don't go to sleep over the summer thinking everything is fine," Isaac said. "I don't know if we can win everything, but one thing we have to be steadfast about is not cutting the annuity."

"They might start (the cuts) at 2 percent, but what about the next year?" she asked. "We didn't create this unfunded liability. Our elected officials created this problem."

At Friday's meeting, Hart distributed proposed by-laws for the organization to St. John retirees for discussion and ratification. The group agreed to hold at least three of its ten annual general membership meetings on St. John.

GRUFF, which still owes more than \$20,000 in legal fees, has been raising funds through tee-shirt sales and soup sales on St. Thomas. The organization is now recruiting new members, asking them to contribute \$50 which will be used solely to pay the attorney's fees.

New members are requested to send a money order (not a personal check) to: GRUFF, P.O. Box 303989, St. Thomas, VI 00803.

Elections for officers and board members will be in November 2016 under the proposed by-laws. Current officers are: Helen Hart, chairperson; Franklin Sewer, Vice-Chairperson; Lottie Van Holten, Secretary; Barbara Isaac, Treasurer; Lola Roberts Richards, Chaplain; and Lorraine Edwards Evans, Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals P

Pave Paradise, Put Up *Another* Truck Parking Lot

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VIPA officials are preparing to unveil a plan for completion of the St. John port project with the creation of a cargo area on the four acres of filled land between the port's paved waterfront and the gravel public parking area across from the tennis courts — after the site is stabilized.

VIPA is planning to spend more than \$10 million on the undeveloped area in the center of the port property which was filled with material dredged from Enighed Pond when the port was created.

"It's going to be years and years," VIPA Chairman St. Johnian Robert O'Connor Jr. said of the timetable for the cargo parking project in an impromptu interview with *St. John Tradewinds* on Saturday, June 14. "It's too unstable."

The gravel lot across from The Marketplace on South Shore Road adjacent the wastewater treatment plant at the entrance to the barge ramp currently is used for containers in transit.

Grassy Concert Venue Short-term Option?

Could the roughly four-acre area between the Enighed Pond paved bulkhead and the temporary medium-term parking lot across from the tennis courts be used as a public venue in the interim?

Pickering actually thinks Black's idea has some merit. Grasshopper can see a grass-covered St. John public venue dedicated to musical performances and gatherings to replace the public performance areas lost in recent years such as Enighed's Pond Mouth and the enhanced Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

"It could work," Grasshopper said.

Anthony, who has been preserving island crafts with limited marketing assistance from the V.I. government or the Department of Tourism, is looking for any support for native artisans. It also is looking for the St. John Capital Improvement funds earmarked for an island crafts marketplace or vendors plaza which appear to have been re-appropriated for other government expenditures.

Questions recently have been raised as to the whereabouts of more than \$5 million in St. John Capital Improvement funds — \$3 million of which was earmarked by V.I. Senate legislation for a St. John vendors project opposite Cruz Bay Creek.

Black, a persistent government critic, has been bringing his plan for a grassy public gathering place on the interior portion of the Enighed Pond port to the attention of anyone who will listen for more than four years. Black also sees the Enighed Pond site as a permanent venue for the St. John Festival, moving it from its current sewage-leak-prone home on the cramped Cruz Bay Creek waterfront parking lot.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The four-acre dredge fill site at Enighed Pond will take many more years to dry and settle before it can be used for a container parking and storage area, according to VIPA Chairman Robert O'Connor Jr.

Almost

Since VIPA announced the transfer of the government-owned Enighed Pond Mouth property to the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources for the creation of a new St. John Fish Market with docking for fishermen, hopes for the reopening of that former public gathering spot have gone out with the tide

VIPA's community-minded effort in identifying a site for a new island fish market has raised hopes that the agency could cooperate on a community effort for a concert venue.

There is no question St. John needs to create a public gathering place and a better carnival event venue than circling the Crowley wagons on the arid playing field of the Julius E. Sprauve School — taking over Cruz Bay's only sports field for more than a month each summer and doing annual damage in defiance of community efforts to improve the beleaguered playing surface.

The only question should be which way to face the loud speakers.

Steve Black is even willing to aim the music from the proposed concert venue and new home for the St. John Festival away from the Enighed Pond waterfront and back at his home on Margaret Hill overlooking Cruz Bay.

Editor's Note: definition of gadfly provided below:

gadfly |'gad, fli|
noun (pl. **gadflies**)
a fly that bites livestock, esp. a horsefly, warble fly, or botfly.

- an annoying person, esp. one who provokes others into action by criticism.

ORIGIN late 16th cent.: from gad, or obsolete gad 'goad, spike,' from Old Norse gaddr, of Germanic origin.



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10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacombo	Latin Jazz
3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	David Laabs	Classical Guitar
5:30 8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

MONDAYS

4:30-7	Concordia	Lauren Johnny B	Open Mike
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan

TUESDAYS

6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	High Tide	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacombo	Latin Jazz
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Greg Kinslow	Guitar
6:30-9	Tamarind Inn	Steel Pan	Tropical

WEDNESDAYS

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
5:30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St John Flutes	Classical Duets
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
6-9	Pickles	Micheal Beason	Open Mike
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Ocean Grill	David Laabs	Classical Guitar
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

THURSDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

FRIDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Mikey P	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Balcony	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
6:30-9:30	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Keyboard Vocal
7-9	Barefoot Cowboy	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
8-11	Beach Bar	Flipswitch	Rock

SATURDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Jason Jones	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Skinny Legs	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

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Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
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Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

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Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332



Guy Benjamin School teachers Mary Burks and Jane Roskin wore t-shirts to the education meeting that stated, "Those who say it can not be done shouldn't interrupt the people doing it."

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

DOE Shuttles Coral Bay's Guy H. Benjamin School

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was based on a lack of human resources.

"With the financial challenges we are facing we have to make wiser decisions based on the resources; our financial resources and our human resources," said Frett-Gregory. "I kept the conversation to efficiency and effectiveness, not cost savings. I don't want to have that conversation."

"We did all we could to ensure keeping the doors open," she said. "The numbers did not give me the opportunity to tell you the doors will be open. Think about the human capital we have in the territory."

"We are doing the best we can do with what we have available to us," said the DOE Commissioner.

In the fall, all GBS students will be transferred to JESS in Cruz Bay, which is preparing for the additional enrollment by planning for two classes at each grade level, explained Smith-Barry.

"All students enrolled at GBS will be transferred over to JESS unless parents inform us otherwise," said the DOE District Superintendent. "We are prepared to make that transition by moving them to the JESS campus. We expect two classes at each grade level next year at JESS."

DOE plans to provide bus service to all students and is exploring the possibility of having a para-professional ride along as a chaperone, Smith-Barry explained.

Education officials need parental support in order to make the transition a smooth one, the district superintendent added.

"We all have the responsibility to work together now to make this transition as smooth as possible," said Smith-Barry. "We ask for your support. We understand emotions are high, GBS has always been a special place."

Despite Frett-Gregory's insistence that department "efficiency" forced the school's closure, many residents at last week's meeting did not believe that to be the full story.

"What is the real reason for this," asked Zenobia Lomax, a former GBS teacher. "The government

doesn't have the money to run this small school? It's a shame that the little babies will have to go to JESS."

"Cruz Bay is congested already," Lomax said. "Why can't some from JESS come up here? There is no playground at JESS for our children."

It is the community's responsibility to look out for the island's children, Lomax added.

"We have to look out for our children," she said. "Who is looking out for them? It's a shame what is happening on St. John now."

"We can't close this school," said Lomax. "This is a historical school. This school has always been known as the best little school on St. John."

Many residents at the meeting believed that the land would eventually be used for a long-rumored marina.

"I heard the governor mention a marina here in Coral Bay in the future," said Delroy "Ital" Anthony. "We need to hear him talking about our schools, not a marina. What are we doing; are we looking at a marina here?"

Richard Burke also questioned DOE officials about the planned marina rumors on the government-owned land.

"There are a lot of rumors that someone else wants this land," said Burke. "Is there any truth that there is a third party who want this land?"

Frett-Gregory promised she had no idea about a marina or a third party interested in using the land, she told the crowd.

"No one has discussed with me any third party interested in this property," said Frett-Gregory. "I do not know anything about that."

While DOE officials are concerned about efficiency, they should be more worried about quality, explained GBS parent Colleen Brooker.

"Your concern is efficiency and our concern is quality," said Brooker. "We felt very confident that our school, despite being dismantled by DOE, our school continued getting excellent test scores and, more important, our children were happy."

Developer Gets Blame for School Closure

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importance of sustainable development that helps prevent the shuttering of schools and locally would support children, the generational culture of St. John and opportunities for families to have a better life.”

Moravian Church officials recently donated \$5,000 to the St. John Rotary fund-raising effort for “temporary basketball court repair” to the Coral Bay court — but the church representative stressed the “temporary” applied to the courts themselves.

A representative of the Moravian Church recently reaffirmed that some of the church’s major landholdings on the shores of Coral Bay — including the church-owned Coral Bay field, the community basketball court on church property between the field and Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School and the undeveloped shoreline behind the elementary school — are in a long-term development agreement.

(The development group, T-Rex, has been in a long-term contract for a number of years for the development of the Moravian property, and has since joined with a venture capital company, Sirius Development LLC, as controlling partner, according to Rory Calhoun, the member in charge.)

“Meanwhile, the community should not suffer,” the Moravian church official told the St. John Rotarians when making the donation in April. “The children of Guy Benjamin School should have a safe place.”

“Our heart is still in the community,” the Moravian official added. “While we are there we need to be responsible for the property we own.”

“Even though we had already leased the land, they gave us permission (for the donation to repair the basketball court),” the official said of T-Rex.

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St. John

On June 3 at 6 p.m. police received a report of a burglary that occurred at #1U2B Bethany. This break-in occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30

p.m. the same day. Several items were stolen, including a Play Station 3, Maui Jim sunglasses, and a checkbook. Please tell us what you may know about this crime.

St. Thomas

On April 3 at about 7:45 a.m., Mr. Joseph Brookes was seen driving westward on Julian Jackson Drive. Earlier that morning Mr. Brookes told his son that he would be going fishing down by Stumpy Bay. Mr. Joseph Brookes has not been seen since then. Anyone with information relevant to Mr. Joseph Brookes’ disappearance, please contact the VIPD Major Crimes Unit at 340-642-8449, 911, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.



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NATIONAL REPLACEMENTS

ACROSS

- 1 Flynn of old films
- 6 Hardly subtle
- 13 Census datum
- 16 Actor Belushi
- 19 Primed
- 20 Its capital is Bucharest
- 21 Install, as tile
- 22 Prefix with polar
- 23 Old directory-assistance request, in Belmopan?
- 26 Pan coverer
- 27 Vitamins, e.g.
- 28 "— -haw!"
- 29 Ale barrels
- 30 Caesar of 1950s TV
- 31 Add an inducement, in Stockholm?
- 36 Rock band staple, in Doha?
- 42 Galaxy unit
- 43 Steelmaking places
- 44 Divided-skirt garment
- 46 Really anger
- 50 — facto
- 51 In the vicinity
- 53 Early TV comic Louis
- 55 Contemptible
- 56 Alternative to GPS
- 58 Tart pie topping, in Sanaa?
- 64 "Break —!" ("Do well!")
- 66 Duo quadrupled
- 67 Gets close to
- 68 Dependents expecting meals, in Budapest?
- 74 Mortise's counterpart

- 75 Full-speed, archaically
- 76 Place to live
- 77 Really tough puzzle, in Manama?
- 81 Like Bach's music
- 86 Paul's "Exodus" role
- 87 RR building
- 88 Less effectual
- 90 — lang syne
- 91 Hip-hop artist
- 94 Bona fide
- 98 Radiate
- 99 Jai —
- 101 Hand over a duty, in Thimphu?
- 104 Old directory-assistance request, in Belmopan?
- 108 Will be now?
- 109 Locality
- 110 Lav, in Bath
- 111 Promise
- 117 Deli salmon
- 118 Orwell novel, in Port-au-Prince?
- 123 Sch. URL ender
- 124 Sporty truck, briefly
- 125 Norm
- 126 Ornamental ruffle
- 127 "You're right"
- 128 Actor Wass
- 129 Argue in too much detail
- 130 Long suit

DOWN

- 1 Land o' leprechauns
- 2 Bausch & Lomb brand
- 3 Balsa floater
- 4 Sign of rot
- 5 Greek harp players of old
- 6 Chastain of women's soccer
- 7 Pol Trent

- 8 Gallic pals
- 9 Lao-tzu's universal
- 10 Journalist Curry
- 11 Pen tip
- 12 — kwon do
- 13 Vulcans, e.g.
- 14 Dictionary of geography
- 15 Needle hole
- 16 Kentucky Derby drink
- 17 — Montoya ("The Princess Bride" swordsman)
- 18 Center
- 24 Israeli leader Golda
- 25 Soap stuff
- 29 Deborah of "The King and I"
- 31 La — (Philadelphia university)
- 32 Intl. commerce group
- 33 Munch on
- 34 Richard Gere title role of 2000
- 35 Fictional Solo
- 36 Arabian ruler
- 37 Lead-in to suction
- 38 Snow queen in "Frozen"
- 39 Blockhead
- 40 300, to Livy
- 41 Pier
- 45 Tangle up
- 47 Pond flora
- 48 Melon, e.g.
- 49 Lea females
- 51 "Tra" follower
- 52 Producing an effect
- 54 So-far nonexistent
- 57 Carta lead-in
- 59 Everest, e.g.
- 60 Outer: Prefix
- 61 High degree
- 62 Conclude
- 63 Premaritally named

- 65 Duffel with workout gear, maybe
- 68 "You could — pin drop"
- 69 Far from cool
- 70 "— any drop to drink"
- 71 Egyptian — (spotted cat breed)
- 72 Grafton's "— for Outlaw"
- 73 Sharif of film
- 74 Ski lift type
- 78 Manna eater
- 79 Donovan of "Clueless"
- 80 Speak wildly
- 82 Waikiki site
- 83 Cease
- 84 Arm bone
- 85 Early utopia
- 89 "I'm not impressed"
- 92 The old man
- 93 Samara-dropping tree
- 95 Green gp.
- 96 Indian bread
- 97 Amer. money
- 98 County officer
- 100 Pressed
- 102 Less difficult
- 103 Very dry, as champagne
- 104 Bill — and His Comets
- 105 Whittle away
- 106 Infiniti rival
- 107 Adversity
- 111 Starbuck's captain
- 112 Pudding starch
- 113 '60s hairdo
- 114 Dark genre
- 115 Unorthodox sect
- 116 — Stanley Gardner
- 118 Brazil —
- 119 Bistro check
- 120 Cain raiser
- 121 Slithery fish
- 122 Pro-gun gp.

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Cruz Bay Family Practice Adds Summer Pediatric Clinic for Physicals

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Natalie Larson is accepting new patients from birth to age 21, beginning Tuesday, June 17, at Cruz Bay Family Practice.



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St. John Tradewinds

Now is the time to avoid the back-to-school Immunization rush to meet children's vaccination requirements. Cruz Bay Family Practice is adding a Summer Pediatric Clinic beginning Tuesday, June 17, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The V.I. Department of Health requires that all students complete their physicals and have their vaccines updated before the beginning of the next school year.

Natalie Larson, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Preventive Medicine and Certified Lactation Specialist, is available for appointments for school physicals, vaccine administration in coordination with the Department of Health, and comprehensive pediatric care for children from birth to 21 years of age.

A complete list of required immunizations will be available with your appointment. Parents and guardians should remember to bring identification and their child's immunization card to the appointment.

Larson's pediatric care includes a myriad of child wellness and health services: newborn and infant healthcare visits with comprehensive parent education and sup-

port; injury prevention; comprehensive well child exams; school/camp physicals; hearing and vision screening; scoliosis screening; vaccination updates; patient education and preventative care including natural remedies when applicable; diet counseling and weight management; and screening for obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol.

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SATURDAY, May 31, 2014

Pan-o-Rama

4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: LISTON "MATEY" SEWER (340) 514-2341

FRIDAY, June 6, 2014

Festival Beach Jam 2014

7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY BEACH

CONTACT PERSON: LINDA S. WILLIAMS (340) 776-6444

SUNDAY, June 8, 2014

St. John Festival Jr. Miss 2014 Selection Pageant

6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

FRIDAY, June 13, 2014

Senior Variety Show

7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SATURDAY, June 14, 2014

Festival Bike Race 2014

8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 514-6611

SUNDAY, June 15, 2014

St. John Festival Princess 2014 Selection Pageant

6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: LORRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804

FRIDAY, June 20, 2014

Festival Musical Mix 2014

9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: JUJU PARIS (340) 690-2827

SATURDAY, June 21, 2014

St. John Festival Queen 2014 Selection Pageant

8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

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SUNDAY, June 22, 2014

Food Fair & Coronation

1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK

CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

Festival Boat Races

3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-2498

Children's Festival Village

6 P.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT PERSON: ST. JOHN ROTARY

FRIDAY, June 27, 2014

Festival Village Opening

7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT

CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

THURSDAY, July 3, 2014

Emancipation Day

10 A.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK

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FRIDAY, July 4, 2014

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SUNRISE AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

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Festival Parade 2014

11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

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Festival Fireworks Display

9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

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SATURDAY, July 5, 2014

Festival Village Wrap-up

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