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Captains readied their vessels for the annual boat races, above, as hundreds of residents and visitors crowd the Cruz Bay waterfront, left, during the St. John Festival Food Fair on Sunday, June 22.

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The St. John Scotiabank branch — an original tenant of The Marketplace on St. John — will be closing in September as a sign of the territory's continued economic woes.

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Scotiabank To Close St. John Branch

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

The rumors are true: Scotiabank will be closing its St. John Branch located at the Marketplace on September 20, 2014.

"Our staff has been notified. Letters have already been dispatched to our customers," said Lawrence Aqvi, Vice-President of Scotiabank in the Virgin Islands.

Aqvi attributed the closing to the economic climate.

"The Virgin Islands has been suffering from a downturn in the economy since 2008," he said. "The St. John branch hasn't been growing."

St. John customers will still have access to the bank's ATMs on St. John, while their accounts will be consolidated to the Red Hook branch on St. Thomas.

"Nothing will change," he added.

Stakeout in Deli's Front Window Nabs Wanted Man

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

ENIGHED — What do you call four uniformed V.I. Police Officers and a V.I. National Park Ranger sitting at a table in the front window of Sam and Jack's Deli on the third floor of The St. John Marketplace on a Friday afternoon — without any food, or even coffee in front of them?

A St. John stakeout.

The Friday afternoon post-lunch lull at the popu-

lar deli/restaurant was broken by law enforcement activity around 2 p.m. June 20 as the V.I. Police Department got their man — putting a 50-something worker for a local small general contractor up against the wall and into handcuffs.

Someone from the newspaper would have to go to the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay and be cleared for public access to the log of activity to provide that information to the public.

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GHS Informational Session June 25

The public is invited to an open informational session at Giff Hill School on Wednesday, June 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will provided. Please join GHS staff at the Lower Campus (incoming Preschool through 5th grade) or at the Upper Campus (6th through 12th grade) for tours and information about the exciting programs offered at GHS.

Tuition assistance is still available for 2014-2015. For more information, call 776-6595 (Lower Campus) or 776-1730 (Upper Campus).

IGLA Green Thursdays Summer Documentary Series Starts June 26

The Island Green Living Association will start its Green Thursdays Summer Documentary Series on Thursday, June 26, with Forks Over Knives.

The documentary follows two doctors as they explore how degenerative diseases can be avoided by adopting a diet that omits all meat and processed foods. The screening will be at the Gift Hill School Upper School Atrium, and will start at 5:30 p.m.

Passport Office Closed Until July 17

The public is advised that the St. John Passport Office will be closed from June 20 to July 17. Customers needing to renew or apply for passports are encouraged to visit the St. Thomas Passport Office located at Nisky Center for services.

For more information, contact the St. Thomas/St. John District passport office at (340) 774-4024.

Register by July 2 To Vote in Primary

Voters must register to vote and declare their party affiliation by Wednesday, July 2 in order to vote in the primary election on August 2.

Corporations and Trademarks Staff To Assist Citizens on June 25 and 30

Corporations and Trademarks staff will be on St. John on Wednesday, June 25, and Monday, June 30, 2014 to assist corporate citizens in filing their franchise taxes. Representatives will be at the Tax Assessor's Office in the Islandia Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Corporate citizens of St. John may visit the office on those days to remit reports and payments to comply with the June 30, 2014 due date. Reports received after June 30th are subject to penalty and interest assessment.

For more information, contact the St. Thomas Corporations and Trademarks Office at 776-8515.

File Franchise Taxes Due by June 30

The territory's corporate citizens are reminded that franchise taxes are due at the end of the month. Registered corporations (domestic and foreign) are required to pay a franchise tax to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on or before June 30th of every year. Statutory filing requirements and annual fees also apply to LLC, LLP, and LLLP organizations. Non-profit corporations are required to file Annual Reports and Financial Statements.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Judi Shimel

Above: Governor John de Jongh, Pamela Samuel and Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone help newly crowned Miss St. John, Festival Princess and Junior Miss officially open the 2014 Festival Food Fair Sunday, June 22, in Franklin Powell Sr. Park. The fair was named in honor of Avelino Samuel of Coral Bay, an internationally recognized wood turning artist and educator. The honoree is currently on a six city U.S. tour, teaching his craft to American youth.

Left: A display of mocko jumbies rest on parquet brickwork at the base of a sculpture in Franklin Powell Sr. Park during the 2014 St. John Festival Food Fair Sunday, June 22.



Above Left: Al fresco diners enjoy fresh fruit and prepared dishes served at the Festival Food Fair on Sunday afternoon. **Above Right:** Frosty containers of passionfruit punch and iced moringa tea await thirsty visitors in Franklin Powell Sr. Park.



Hot Sun and Food Fair Fun

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – The Sunday sun served up a hot one for the 2014 St. John Festival Food Fair, but cold drinks, warm smiles and lots of cool shade kept the party going.

Any spot in Franklin Powell Park provided some refuge and an opportunity to browse among the tented vendors with their crafts. The food fair celebrates culture in its many forms and the creative touch of Virgin Islanders.

Painter and musician Llion Maynard set out his canvasses in the center of the park and went off to a display of native fruits near the roadway. On his table was a furry fruit at the end of a curly vine, looking like a possum.

“It’s baobab,” he said to a curious visitor.

At the table’s other end lay two long pods, resembling okra. “That’s moringa,” Maynard said.

In two bottles was homemade tea. He said

he started drinking moringa tea while staying in New York. When he came to St. John he found moringa trees growing on island, so he began bottling his own. It helps on days when he doesn’t eat right, he said.

Most of the food fair crowd was engaged in eating right, whatever right meant to them that day. For some it was a heaping plate of conch in butter sauce with fungi, mac and cheese. For others, a thick slice of cooling watermelon.

And for those who wanted to beat the heat, two cool containers of passion fruit punch and more moringa tea. Cecilia Andrews poured drinks into cups in between touting the benefits of beauty oils and creams.

This year’s fete came in time for the festival’s 60th anniversary. It was also a time for royalty to reign from the past to the present. Sixteen former queens, princes and princesses donned sashes and gathered at the food of the Powell Park bandstand to honor their tradi-

tions.

“It’s an honor to be here because it’s 60 years and it’s an honor to be part of it,” said 1993 Prince Reynaldo Oquendo.

Governor John deJongh helped with coronation duties for Junior Miss D’Azhae Harrigan, Princess Tae Zha Maduro and Queen Kyrelle Thomas, who won her title early Sunday morning at the Winston Wells Ballpark.

The Food Fair honoree, however couldn’t make it. Woodturning artist Avelino Samuel was away doing the thing he loves most in life, teaching children, said his wife, Pamela.

“He is a member of the international society, so when they want him they book him two years in advance,” Pamela Samuel said as she accepted the plaque recognizing Avelino for his cultural contributions.

Samuel is a retired industrial arts teacher from the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

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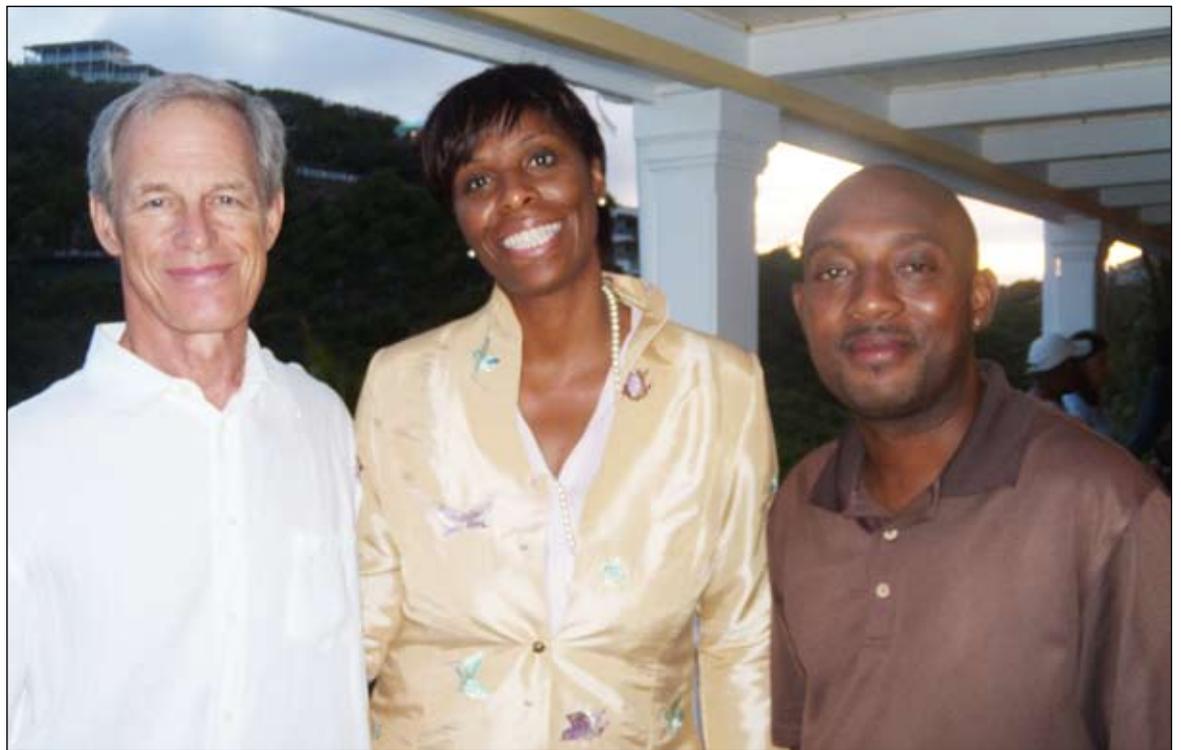
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Stacey Plaskett, center, with her St. John fundraising host Miles Stair, left, and her campaign manager Cletis Clendenin, right.

Stacey Plaskett, Candidate for Delegate, Outlines Issues for Territory

By Amy Roberts
 St. John Tradewinds

RENDEZVOUS — “St. John is really an important place. Many of your issues are related to federal issues,” Stacey Plaskett told a group of St. John residents on June 19. The candidate for delegate to Congress was referring to the fact that 60 percent of the island’s land is within the boundaries of the Virgin Islands National Park, which is managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

But Plaskett emphasized that the most critical issue affecting the entire territory is economic growth.

“We need new jobs and new revenues that will assist us in so many areas, and closely related to that is [the cost of] energy,” she said.

As counsel to the territory’s Economic Development Authority for five years, Plaskett said that she often met with manufacturers who were excited about setting up shop in the Virgin Islands because of the tax advantages and the pool of skilled workers, but when they saw the cost of utilities, they often lost interest. [At more than 50 cents per kilowatt hour, the Virgin Islands has one of the highest rates for electricity in the United States.]

Plaskett said she spent two days in October meeting with experts in the banking and financial industries to discuss the territory’s fiscal concerns. “We spent one day talking about how we got where we are now, and one day talking about what are our options. I’m thinking of a fundamental push for us ten, 15, 20 years ahead, for our children’s children.”

Plaskett said that as delegate to Congress, she would make her office a place “to meet and unite

“So much of what happens in Washington happens on committees,” she said. “A delegate is a lobbyist for the Virgin Islands. We’re a special interest group. All of St. Croix, parts of St. Thomas, and all of St. John are considered rural and are eligible for grants and federal programs, including New Market Tax Credits, which the territory has never tapped.”

— Stacy Plaskett, candidate for Delegate to Congress

when you have business in Washington. If grants come through, we can assist you with technical support,” she said.

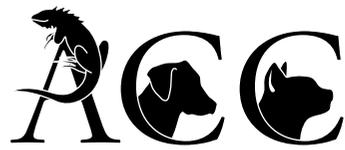
She would also seek to get herself appointed to two Congressional committees, Transportation and Agriculture.

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Ultramarathon Paddle Boarder Perrin Circumnavigates St. Thomas, St. John To Kick Off 2015 Adventure Challenge

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

USVI WATERS – Paddle boarding has earned its place as a leisure sport in the Virgin Islands, with young and old alike taking to calm bay waters as a means of sightseeing and exercise.

But no one had attempted to continuously circumnavigate St. Thomas and St. John — until June 14 and 15, when professional ultramarathon paddle boarder Shane Perrin took on the extreme challenge.

The 71-mile adventure took Perrin 33 hours and 57 minutes to complete, including the single hour of sleep that he stole during the early morning hours on Honeymoon Bay. Perrin is sponsored by VerticalOar.com, a hub for stand up paddle boarders that was founded by a childhood friend of St. John Brewers co-owner Chirag Vyas.

“We’d had discussions with

“When I turned the corner on the west side of St. Thomas near Mermaid’s Chair, it got nasty and I was just flat out blasted with wind. There were headwinds and nasty swells, and if I stopped paddling I just went backwards at a pretty quick pace. After leaving Hull Bay, there was cross chop bouncing off the rocks and just washing me all around.”

– Shane Perrin, paddle boarder

Vertical Oar about doing something unique in the V.I.,” said Vyas. “We wanted to showcase the potential for ultramarathon paddle boarding here in the islands.”

Perrin’s grueling adventure began at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, when he launched from Cruz Bay beach. He crossed Pillsbury Sound, then headed west along St. Thomas’s south shore.

“When I turned the corner on

the west side of St. Thomas near Mermaid’s Chair, it got nasty and I was just flat out blasted with wind,” said Perrin. “There were headwinds and nasty swells, and if I stopped paddling I just went backwards at a pretty quick pace. After leaving Hull Bay, there was cross chop bouncing off the rocks and just washing me all around.”

Perrin took brief respites at
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Shane Perrin at Leinster Bay, St. John, above, and at Brewers Bay, St. Thomas, below.



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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

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CRUZ BAY – It takes a lot to smile at the end of a long contest, but six contestants of the Miss St. John 2014 Queen Pageant did just that early Sunday morning.

Perhaps the brightest smile of all belonged to 16-year-old Kyrelle Thomas, an honor student from the Charlotte Amalie High School, Contestant Number Three. Not only did Thomas smile when her name was called by the judges, she danced down the runway towards a crowd of adoring fans who waited for hours to witness the outcome.

The judges also awarded the new Miss St. John the titles of Best International Wear, Best Evening Wear and Best Talent. As a member of the CAHS Marching Hawks, Thomas performed classical and popular tunes on alto and baritone saxophone.

Contestant Number Six, Makeda Dawson, won the title of First Runner Up. She also won Miss Congeniality and captured the question and answer segment for her response to the topic of the proper use of social media by students.

Sharvelle Nicholas, Contestant Number Two, received the title of Miss Photogenic, a designation given by pageant photographers. Nicholas also won Third Runner Up.

Dyese Turnbull, Contestant Number One was named Second Runner Up and Most Cooperative Contestant.

When she was asked about her joyful response to winning the crown, Thomas said, “because I worked long and hard for this, really long and really hard for this.”

Then she was whisked away to pose for the camera, along with her fellow contestants.

By winning the 60th anniversary queen title, Thomas reigns over the St. John Festival Diamond Jubilee. The occasion was also celebrated by several past festival queens who danced in the introductory number and appeared on stage to greet the fans.

Queen Contestants gather to celebrate the selection of 2014 St. John Festival Queen Kyrelle Thomas early Sunday morning at the Winston Wells Ball Field. Thomas, a 16-year-old student from the Charlotte Amalie High School, was chosen at the end of a four-hour pageant viewed by hundreds of spectators. She also won the titles of Best International Wear, Best Talent and Best Eveningwear.

Pictured left to right: Makeda Dawson, Shiquela Monsanto, Torey Challenger, Queen Kyrelle Thomas, Sharvelle Nicholas and Dyese Turnbull.



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Leona Smith has wielded a broom when necessary to make the St. John Festival a growing success as long-time chair of the Festival Committee.

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Festival Village To Be Dubbed “Smithville” in Honor of Festival Committee Chairperson Leona Smith

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Festival Village to be Dubbed “Smithville” in Honor of Festival Committee Chairperson Leona Smith

After years of doing a lot of the hard work that goes into making St. John Festival a success, and after almost as many years of turning down the honor, St. John Festival Committee Chairperson Leona Smith has been selected as the 2014 Festival Village honoree.

Smith, who leads the Festival Committee on an entirely volunteer basis, is one of a small handful of people who coordinate the weeks of events leading up to the culmination of the Fourth of July Festival parade. With this year being the 60th anniversary, the schedule of events is bigger and better than ever, thanks in large part to Smith, explained Enid Doway of the St. John Festival Committee.

“Leona works hard, she really does,” said Doway. “We don’t get paid for the work we put in. We do it to keep this part of our culture alive, and she really works hard.”

Smith leads the committee each year as they organize and plan pageants, the construction and setup of Festival Village, a bike race, a boat race, food fair, nightly live music, and of course, the big July 4 parade and culminating fireworks show. Parade chair and Festival Com-

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— Enid Doway, member
St. John Festival Committee

mittee treasurer Natalie Thomas credits Smith with organizing and streamlining the process.

“Everything is more organized,” said Thomas. “It’s very hard work, but some of the things she’s done have made it easier.”

Smith brought order to the food fair, which now requires vendors to submit applications in order to participate. Vendors are organized along the Cruz Bay waterfront by what they are selling, from fresh foods to arts and crafts. In addition to shaping up St. John Festival’s operations and events, the annual cultural celebration has grown thanks to Smith’s efforts.

“Festival has actually grown quite a bit under her leadership,” said Thomas. “The parade has grown to more than 40 entries, and we’ve added activities like the bike

race that we didn’t have before.”

One of Smith’s other talents as Festival Committee chairperson is fundraising, Thomas continued.

“She is a very good fundraiser,” Thomas said. “She raises a lot of money for us to be able to put on the fireworks show.”

Smith, who grew up on St. John and fondly recalls performing as a majorette when the July 4 parade took place in Coral Bay, turned the honor back around to her committee members.

“I actually give the honor to most of the committee members who have really put St. John Festival on the map,” said Smith. “Many years ago it used to be small, but now it attracts thousands and thousands of people thanks to all the hard work that the committee has done to really make Festival a success.”

Smith encouraged residents and visitors alike to enjoy the live entertainment that’s on tap for the Village this year, including big-name international artists like Krosfyah, Bunji Garlin, and Machel Montano.

“I think we’ve taken our music to a level where people come out just to see the entertainment,” she said. “We are proud of our music selection.”

Smithville, located at the customs parking lot in Cruz Bay, will open on Friday, June 27, at 7 p.m.



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Sixth grade students of the Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School Class of 2014 gather on Thursday, June 19, as the last promotional class at the soon-to-be-closed Coral Bay public school.

Sad and Stoic, Guy Benjamin School Sixth Graders Say Goodbye

By Judi Shimel
 St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY – The last graduates of the Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School were honored at a promotional ceremony held on the school grounds June 19.

Eight sixth graders said their good-byes to the school that has borne the name of the late Coral Bay educator, historian and author since 1975. The rest of the school — students, faculty and staff, also said goodbye since the Department of Education announced June 9 that Benjamin School will not re-open in the fall.

A promotional exercise should have been a happy occasion but for many it was tinged with sadness. Community leaders who led the fight to keep the school open and supported some of the school's needs, commended the graduates and those who brought them to their special day.

“We in Coral Bay know this school has done a wonderful job of educating these students, and you students, you have done well in helping the school make AYP every year,” said Sharon Coldren, head of the Coral Bay Community Council.

Annual Yearly Progress — or AYP — is an academic standard required of all Virgin Islands Public School. It is measured in part by standardized test scores. And while some public schools have not reached the standard and others have reached it once or more, Benjamin School has achieved the standard seven years in a row.

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A few days before the sixth grade promotion ceremony, the school received a plaque from the Department of Education Office of the Insular Superintendent recognizing the seven consecutive year it achieved the Annual Yearly Progress standard.

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Twenty-three Eighth Graders Honored at JESS Promotional Ceremony

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – Twenty-three students from the Julius E. Sprauve School celebrated their pending transition to high school at promotional exercises held June 17 in the Sprauve School cafeteria.

The student heard words of encouragement and caution from JESS Principal Dionne Wells. A gathering of parents, teachers and well wishers cheered their accomplishment as ten top performing students received gifts and other forms of recognition.

“Set goals for yourself. Make sure your goals are meaningful. You must take ownership of your own learning,” Wells said.

There was also special praise for one member of the JESS Class of 2014 who emerged as a top student, having entered the school several years ago, speaking no English.

Salutatorian Daniela Melo-Cedana, the JESS 2nd Honor Student, thanked all the teachers who encouraged her to never give up as she grew academically strong. Melo-Cedana credited her achievements to hard work and dedication.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Eighth graders from the Julius E. Sprauve School accept the praise of family, friends and educators on Tuesday, June 17, during promotional exercises held at the school.

“If we use these, we will meet again in a similar place, but in 2018,” she said.

Soft-spoken 1st Honor Student Joel Williams said he too was grateful for his progress.

“For me, it’s a huge privilege to be here with my fellow classmates to receive a promotional certificate. It proves hard work pay off,” Williams said.

Most of the graduating class will at-

tend the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School as freshmen in the fall. Wells and other education administrators informed the students about the increasing demands of high school; the increasing workload they will have to keep up with, which will require them to adjust.

The principal asked parents of the promotees to continue supporting their children’s education.

Assistant Superintendent Michael Harrigan presented two top JESS students with new learning tools in recognition of the hard work they had already put in. Williams, as the Class of 2014 top science student and Neisha Somersall, as the 2014 top math student, were given new tablet computers, equipped with features to help them do their homework.

The computers were provided by Southern Trust, LLP., where Virgin Islands First Lady Cecile de Jongh serves as general manager.

“The overall mission of these gifts from Southern Trust is to give the high achieving students something they can use for a long time to come,” Harrigan said.

What the community deserves: District Representation

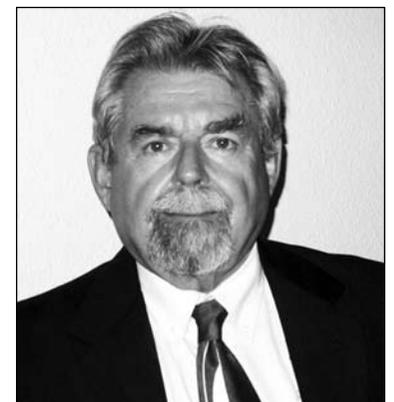
B. Gregory Miller

- > Resident of the Virgin Islands since 1992
- > Licensed Professional Engineer in the VI and NH
- > Operated a Engineering and Survey Business in the Virgin Islands since 1995
- > My business has been in St. John for 15 years and I can help this community.
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“Let’s get the job done correctly and then go and do another one.”

B. Greg Miller

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I will work very hard to accomplish these goals but what we really need right now is a system of electing leaders that results in responsible leadership, not a way for people to suck off the Government Teat.

We need to implement a way to have District Representation, by creating Districts out of Estates and having St. John have its own Senator, not one third of a Senator.

The free-for-all system now favors the incumbents because of name recognition. Every vote you cast after the first one is a vote against the first one so please vote wisely.

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Samuel Graduates with Class of 2014



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Nineteen-year-old Isaac Samuel poses with proud father Neville on Saturday, June 14 as he prepared to join the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Class of 2014.

Kean High Principal Sharon McCollomb said 2014 was the year of the largest number of St. John student graduates.

Parents, friends and family gathered in the school gymnasium to witness 35 St. John students accept their high school diplomas.

Always Smiling, Cinnamon Bay's "Tony" Kmett Remembered Fondly After Inexplicable Suicide

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

CINNAMON BAY – There would not have been enough room in Lionel Roberts Stadium on St. Thomas to hold all the visitors to St. John and St. Johnians whose lives were touched by the ever-present, infectious, twinkling smile of Caneel Bay and Cinnamon Bay Resort's Tony Kmett.

Instead, dozens of Tony's co-workers at Caneel Bay Resort, the concessionaire operating Cinnamon Bay, gathered on a rainy Tuesday afternoon to say good-bye to the Tony who touched their daily lives during his 32 years with the resort — and who committed suicide six months after his retirement and leaving St. John.

Hymns Under Forest Canopy

The signs informed off-season visitors to Cinnamon Bay Campground that the camp store would be closed for two hours on the rainy Tuesday afternoon for a staff function.

There were no questions asked as visitors heard the mournful *a cappella* hymns rise under the damp canopy of trees on the languid Tuesday afternoon from a "Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of Anthony 'Tony' Kmett."

It was a service to ease the bereavement of his predominantly female and St. Johnian co-workers as much as testimonial for the always-smiling Tony.

Rain Is "God's Blessing"

Fr. Anthony Abraham of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic



Anthony "Tony" Kmett

Church remarked on the rain which began to fall as the memorial service started, "God's blessing," and his stentorian voice echoed in the *al fresco* T'ree Lizard's restaurant at Cinnamon Bay as he spoke of Tony's suicide at 61, on May 30 at his home in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Fr. Anthony spoke forthrightly of the church's change in perspective concerning religious services for suicide victims as he sought to help Tony's long-time co-workers deal with the unexpected and unexplainable suicide of their cheerful co-worker.

As it was, his co-workers sang and prayed and — those who could muster their composure — spoke about the bonds they form with co-workers with whom they often spend more time than they do their own families.

And they somberly, fondly but honestly spoke in tributes of the ever-smiling Tony who, they acknowledged, wasn't perfect but

was always there for his co-workers and especially guests — smiling.

Tony's career at Cinnamon Bay and with Caneel was the only job he ever held after his military service in the 1970s.

Before leaving the St. John after his retirement in November, outwardly Tony seemed elated talking about his nebulous retirement plans to casual friends.

But Tony was insecure about his future telling close friends and former co-workers when he returned to St. John that he had been unable to find work after several months in the states.

Unsuccessful finding work on his brief return to St. John, outwardly Tony was less his ebullient self — but told a few of his friends and former co-workers of his deep despair.

When Tony spoke with close friends in Caneel management they encouraged him to get some counseling for his job search and his growing depression.

"Lonely" Behind His Smile

Tony said he was "lonely," one co-worker said, incredulously.

Tony left St. John the last time after less than a month and returned to Johnstown. He was found dead in his home.

At his memorial, several staff members spoke fondly of Tony's guitar playing for guests at the weekly campground gatherings.

If you listened to the rain on the forest canopy at Cinnamon Bay Campground you could almost hear Tony strumming.

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Stop by Bajo el Sol to view work by artists Kaye Eichner and Denise Wright.

Work by Denise Wright and Kaye Eichner Featured at June 27 Bajo el Sol Show

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's time to get ready for St. John Festival and Bajo el Sol is setting the mood.

Join the Mongoose Junction art gallery on Friday evening, June 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. to view new works by painter Denise Wright and ceramic artist Kaye Thomas Eichner.

It was the perfect temperatures and endless activities which has been inspiring Eichner, she explained.

"In the land of the tropics, the land of St. John, and the land of endless summer, there is a sense of living in the moment," said Eichner. "Ride the waves, now. Enjoy the beach, now. Have a fresh lemonade. Indulge."

"The surf might not be here tomorrow, maybe you'll be too busy for the beach tomorrow, or just maybe those lemons you've been waiting to make lemonade with won't last 'til tomorrow," said the ceramic artist.

Eichner is ready to embrace life and wants her work to remind people they can be surrounded by beauty all the time, she explained.

"Indulge in summer, in life, and what better way to do so than surrounding yourself with beauty and art," said Eichner. "There is a pleasure in viewing art, a sense of wonder and mystic. And don't just view my art; use it. Use it daily."

"Allow it to be a reminder that you did ride that

surf, 'wasted' an entire day at the beach, and best of all, when life gave you lemons, you made lemonade," she said.

For layerist Denise Wright, a long-time St. John resident, late June and early July mean just one thing - Festival.

"It's Carnival," said Wright. "It's fun time for St. John. Fun is the theme for this show for me."

"Bright, Carnival colors balanced with some calm, cool blue seascapes," she said. "Carnival fun and serene beach enjoyment. Yin and Yang."

In addition to creating beauty on the canvas, Wright also delves even deeper and hopes to inspire others, she added.

"Once again, I have quotes and notes on the edges of my paintings which I believe to be truths that will help us all live in consciousness and awareness," Wright said.

The June 27 artists' reception will also feature appetizers from Ocean Grill, a wine tasting by Island Cork owner Paul Tsakeres and music by Lee Morris on keyboard. Work by Wright and Eichner will be featured throughout the month of July.

Bajo el Sol is located up the stairs at Mongoose Junction and regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the show or Bajo el Sol check out www.bajoelsolgallery.com or call (340) 693-7070.

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Chef's Corner

Cooking with Mares Crane

Healthy and Tasty Recipes for Summer

St. John Tradewinds

This month I have put together some fast tasty healthy recipes. I wish everyone a great summer where ever you are. Next month we will have to be a little unhealthy. I will have visited a little vilage where cheddar cheese originated!

Start the day with a delicious smoothie — here are two options.

BANANA PECAN SMOOTHIE

Blitz 1 large chopped banana with 1 Cup Soy milk, 1 tsp honey and a pinch of nutmeg. Pour into a glass and top with 1 Tbsp of chopped Pecans

STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Blitz 1 small banana with 10 strawberries, 1/2 Cup milk and 1 heaped Tbsp probiotic yogurt. Now for some lunch and dinner recipes.

SALMON AND QUINOA SALAD

1/2 Cup Quinoa rinsed; handful of each broccoli florets, asparagus and frozen edamame beans; 1 salmon fillet about 6 oz; 2 chopped scallions; handful each of chopped parsley, mint and spinach; 1 lemon; 1 crushed garlic clove; 1 Tbsp olive oil and 3/4 Cup vegetable stock

Fry Quinoa in olive oil and add the stock and simmer until absorbed. Meanwhile simmer the vegetables in water for 5 minutes. Drain and reserve cooking liquid. Add Tbsp of lemon juice to the reserved water and poach a seasoned salmon fillet in it for 6 to 8 minutes until cooked. Cool and remove the skin and flake into large chunks.

Combine quinoa with the cooked vegetables, chopped spring onions and herbs. Place the salmon on top with extra lemon juice mixed with some of the crushed garlic clove to your taste and season with salt and pepper.

TOFU AND BROCCOLI STIR FRY

Handful of broccoli florets, 1 crushed garlic clove, 1/2 chopped de-seeded red chilli, 2 chopped scallions, handful frozen edamame beans, 1/2 a bok choi, and 1/2 Cup diced tofu, 1/2 Tbsp each soy sauce and hoisin sauce, handful cashew nuts.

Stir fry broccoli in 1/2 Tbsp olive oil until tender, add a little water if it begins to catch. Add the garlic and chilli, frying for 1 minute and then add scallions, edamame, chopped bok choi and tofu. Stir fry 2 to 3 minutes. Add hoisin and soy sauces and nuts to warm through.

STEAK WITH BEETROOT MASH

1 potato peeled and chopped, 1 beetroot peeled and chopped, 1 Tbsp low-fat creme fraiche, 1 steak of choice, handful fresh spinach leaves and seasoning.

Simmer potatoes and beetroot in a pan of water for 10 to 15 minutes until tender and drain. Add the creme fraiche and seasoning and mash together.

Grill steak 3 to 4 minutes on each side depending on cut of meat. Leave to rest for a few minutes. Serve with the mash and wilted spinach

SHELLFISH STEW

1/2 medium onion finely chopped, 1/2 a fennel bulb finely chopped, 1 crushed garlic clove, pinch of crushed coriander seeds, olive oil, 4 Tbsp fish stock, juice of 1 orange, 1 small tin chopped tomatoes, 1 tsp dried mixed herbs, mixed frozen or fresh shellfish.

Fry onion, fennel, garlic and coriander seeds in 1/2 Tbsp olive oil until soft. Add the stock, orange, tomatoes, mixed herbs and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Add the shellfish and cover and cook until cooked through. Serve and enjoy!

CHICKPEA, SPINACH AND CASHEWS WITH CUMIN AND COCONUT

Olive oil for frying, 2 medium onions finely chopped, 3 garlic cloves finely chopped, 2 1/2 Cups fresh baby leaf spinach, 2 tins of chickpeas drained and rinsed, 1 1/2 Cups unsalted raw cashew nuts, 3/4 Cup goji berries, 1 tsp ground cumin, 2 Tbsp desiccated coconut toasted in a frying pan until golden.

Heat olive oil, then add onions and garlic and fry until softened. Stir in spinach and cook until it wilts. Add chickpeas, cashew nuts, berries and cumin then cook for another 3 minutes. Season to taste. Sprinkle over toasted coconut, stir well and serve. This makes a great side dish.

VIETNAMESE-STYLE NOODLE SALAD

1/2 Cup unsalted peanuts chopped, 2 Tbsp groundnut oil, 2 garlic cloves peeled and chopped, 2 stems lemon grass outer leaves removed and soft center chopped, 2 red chilies deseeded and finely chopped, small piece ginger peeled and grated, 4 Tbsp reduced salt soy sauce, package glass noodles, 3 limes, 1 large carrot, peeled and grated, 1 mango peeled stoned and sliced, 1 bunch scallions chopped, 1 bunch cilantro chopped.

Toast peanuts in a pan until golden, then set aside. Heat the oil then

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Soak Up Stunning View Only a Few Hundred Feet from the Shoreline at Rivendell

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

If you have ever dreamed of owning a stunning home only a few hundred feet from a sugary sand beach with every luxury amenity you could imagine, Rivendell is for you.

Rivendell, a four bedroom, four and a half bathroom Lower Peter Bay home is for sale for \$5.25 million, explained Islandia Real Estate owner/broker Nick Van Assche.

The Mediterranean-style villa is nestled on a full acre and a half of land just 300 feet from the sandy beach inside the gated enclave of Lower Peter Bay on North Shore Road. Rivendell's location means you are only a few minutes from Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay.

While the beaches are close by it will surely be difficult to pull yourself away from your own backyard at Rivendell. Enjoy sweeping views of Jost Van Dyke, the V.I. National Park and off shore cays from your spacious brick patio which also features an infinity edge swimming pool, a hot and a waterfall feature.

The patio also boasts a covered gazebo with an outdoor kitchen and plenty of space for dining and lounging either in the sun or in the shade. Tucked away in a beautiful tropical garden, Rivendell feel like private oasis.

"Rivendell is an exceptional and luxurious private home on 1-1/2 lush acres, secluded within lovely tropical gardens," said Van Assche. "This beautiful

property offers two fully air-conditioned pavilions, an infinity-edge swimming pool with a large built-in hot tub and waterfall and a second entertainment kitchen shaded under an open pool side pavilion."

Inside, find a recently updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hard wood cabinets and island stone details. The expansive great room encompasses a comfortable living space and affords sweeping water views.

Rivendell's four en suite bedrooms are spread over two air conditioned pavilions affording the utmost in privacy. Enjoy beautiful water views and elegant finishes throughout the home.

"Rivendell is beautifully distinguished by its breathtaking sea views, lovely gardens with tiled walkways and patios with brick accents," said Van Assche.

No details have been overlooked at this exceptional home, Van Assche added.

"The home boasts sink-into sofas and mahogany and teak furnishings enhanced by custom tropical woods and native stonework throughout," he said. "Rivendell also has fully-screened windows, hand-painted sinks, and original island art. Although just a few minutes from the white sands of Peter Bay Beach, Rivendell is completely private and sequestered within a privileged world of its own."

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Obituary



Caneel and Cinnamon Bay's Anthony Kmett, 57, Dies in Pennsylvania

St. John Tradewinds

Anthony J. "Tony" Kmett, 57, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, passed away Friday, May 30, 2014 at his residence.

Born in Johnstown, Tony was the son of Bernard A. Kmett Sr. and Joan L. Piskurich) Watson. He married Lubertina (Hilda) Castillo.

Tony was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents, Tony and Amelia Piskurich and Andy and Mary Kmett.

Surviving are his son, Michael, and his former wife, both of Switzerland; his parents; stepmother Alice Kmett; stepfather Donald Watson; sister Roseanne Conrad; and brothers Bernard, Tony's twin; Ronald; Richard and sister in law Kim; and John. Tony is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Tony graduated from Johnstown Vocational-Technical School in 1974, where he was an accomplished wrestler. He served two years in the U.S. Navy and four years in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

In 1982, Tony moved to St. John, where he was employed for 32 years in the maintenance and customer service for Caneel Bay Resort and Cinnamon Bay Campground. He retired in November 2013.

Tony enjoyed playing his guitar and entertaining friends and family. He will be remembered for his joy for life and his constant smile.

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Government or Kids in a Candy Store

Election time is rolling around again and so are all the promises. Just so we the voters don't make the same mistakes, let us take a peek at what our politicians have done for us and our wallets. Lets start at the top and work our way through.

As we all know, our governor decided he needed to build himself a new fence (to keep the riff-raff out or was it to keep it in) and borrowed \$500,000 to build his new fence. Should he have to pay this back? Well not according to him.

A few years ago our senators needed funds for Thanksgiving and decided to spend \$850,000 for dinners. Sounds like some very good turkey. We the people of the Virgin Islands voted to reduce the amount of senators. However, Ronnie Russell decided that we do not know what we really need and has decided to keep the current amount.

Teachers and nurses (thank you for your hard work) were docked 8% on the paychecks because the government didn't have enough in the till. However,

the senators manage to find enough funds to purchase new cars for themselves.

And now that it's time to leave office, Craig Barshinger has decided that our solar program was not good enough, so he has managed to help WAPA tell us what we really need.

And now to the new election. One of the first things out of the people mouths (that are running for office) is that our children are our biggest commodity. Well Donna Christensen has found grant money for a marina that really isn't going to help (except to make some people richer), but cannot give any help on saving Guy Benjamin school. Maybe we should start investing on building prisons.

This is just a tip of the iceberg, but election time is coming around and instead of voting for family and friends maybe we should really check out who is going to help the Virgin Islands. So far, all I see is kids in the candy store.

Name Withheld by Request

It's So Hard Closing Guy Benjamin School

In the early 1990s, the musical group Boyz to Men sang this song that tells of losing a loved one to tragedy. This is how we feel after hearing the news that Guy Benjamin School would be closing. A little school with a big heart, numerous supporters and a committed faculty and staff, to the students and staff GBS meant family.

Despite cutbacks, GBS carried on its long and rich tradition of educating and empowering young minds and bodies. A place where peace and quiet facilitated an environment of eager learning. Sadly a move to a noisy and congested setting seems to be the only option after the DOE has rendered its verdict.

While we celebrate the progress made externally and internally at the Julius E. Sprauve School, our concern as a community is that consolidation does not always result in a better product.

Will the money saved by closing GBS be used to improve conditions at JESS? Will DOE trim some of the fat from upper management to show that they too feel the financial pain?

It is amazing to note that while we consider our children to be the leaders of tomorrow, our leaders of today have shown that progress is made by going backwards. Given the importance of early childhood education in today's world, it would seem that concerted efforts would have been applied to save this beloved institution.

God knows that the community of Coral Bay has worked hard all these years to take care of their own.

It is a sad day in St. John history that we had to close a school.

With tears in our eyes, we say goodbye.

Emmanuel Prince

VIPD Consent Decree

I would like to bring to your attention the current status of the Virgin Islands Police Department as it pertains to the Consent Decree.

The VIPD has been under a Consent Decree (the Decree) for the past five years and two months as most of our residents should be familiar with its background as it pertains to the implementation of police reforms. On Wednesday June 18, 2014, all parties, including representatives from the United States Department of Justice, the Local Attorney General's Office, the Virgin Islands Police Department, and Independent Monitors, met for an evidentiary hearing in the District Court on St. Thomas, where the VIPD demonstrated to the Court its progress towards substantial compliance in the areas of the Citizen Complaint Process, and Training. Based on the hearing outcome, it was clear to all involved, that substantial progress had been made by the VIPD in these areas.

Work continues by all involved to ensure that all areas in these two sections, and the other sections outlined in the mandates, are brought to substantial compliance as timely as possible. As we move forward, the VIPD is tasked with selecting quarterly goals from selected areas of the Decree and must meet compliance in the areas selected by mid-August.

The VIPD continually strives to do its part with the personnel and assets available in meeting the mandates as established by the Decree. We are encouraged by feedback received by the Monitors and the Court, and will continue to work diligently towards the goal of substantial compliance in all areas. Because of the efforts being made from day one, we are a better police department and will continue to improve as the decree mandates are met.

**Rodney F. Querrard, Sr.,
V.I. Police Commissioner**



**Tae Zha Maduro
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Newly crowned St. John Festival Princess Tae Zha Maduro, 8, celebrates the moment along with grandfather Glycerius Herman and cousin Sh'Nyah Bacon, the reigning VI Carnival Princess.

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St. John Festival Princess Contestant No. 1 Marlene Warner, above left, and St. John Festival Princess Contestant No. 3 Kaleya Redding, above right.

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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, June 25

— The public is invited to an open informational session at Giffit Hill School on Wednesday, June 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join GHS staff at the Lower Campus (incoming Preschool through 5th grade) or at the Upper Campus (6th through 12th grade) for tours and information about the exciting programs offered at GHS.

— Corporations and Trademarks staff will be on St. John on Wednesday, June 25 to assist corporate citizens in filing their franchise taxes. Representatives will be at the Tax Assessor's Office in the Islandia Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

— The Island Green Living Association will start its Green Thursdays Summer Documentary Series on Thursday, June 26, with Forks Over Knives. The documentary follows two doctors as they explore how degenerative diseases can be avoided by adopting a diet that omits all meat and processed foods. The screening will be at the Gift Hill School Upper School Atrium, and will start at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 30

— Lt Gov. Francis reminds 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.

— Corporations and Trademarks staff will be on St. John on Monday, June 30, to assist corporate citizens in filing their franchise taxes. Representatives will be at the Tax Assessor's Office in the Islandia Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2

Voters must register to vote and declare their party affiliation by Wednesday, July 2 in order to vote in the primary election on August 2.

Saturday, November 22

The Rotary Club of St. John will host the organization's annual Flavors of St. John fundraiser on Saturday, November 22 inside the Westin ballroom. The fundraiser will include about 24 participating restaurants, live music by Cool Sessions, a number of wine distributors and silent auction. Details to follow later.

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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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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Guy Benjamin School Class of 2014 Says Goodbye

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Students, staff and faculty at Benjamin School did it, in spite of several challenges, including the loss of their principal, Brenda Dalmida, loss of the first grade teacher and class, and spotty funding from the central government for several months.

Speaker after speaker at the June 19 graduation expressed a sense of loss. First honor student, Kahlajah Powell, called the occasion bittersweet.

But Powell urged her classmates to remain focused as they and the rest of Benjamin School transferred to the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

"Today is the day we are recognized for going to the seventh grade, but do we really know what that means?" Powell said. "Let's make sure we get to the next stage by working hard and making sure we don't get too distracted."

Lillie Hayward, the Benjamin School Class of 2014 2nd Honor Student, shared the hopes she once had for the school and the people she thought she'd leave behind.

"I'd like to say how sad it is to see this school closing. I always thought we would leave and the fifth graders would take our place. However, our hearts will always be here," Hayward said.

Acting Principal Dionne Wells asked, on behalf of Benja-

min School teachers, if a wing of Sprauve School could be renamed in honor of Guy Benjamin.

"Mr. Benjamin was my neighbor and a family friend, and I think something should be named in his honor," Wells said. "Benjamin School has accomplished great things and they should be recognized."

Assistant Insular Superintendent Joseph Sibilly Jr., said he would carry the request back to the Department of Education.

Members of the graduating class include Kahlajah Powell, Lillie Hayward, Liliana Farrell, Dylan Gumbs, Akhil Luke, Kathleen Casimir, Tecari Smith and Wendy Denis.

Chef's Corner: Healthy and Tasty Recipes for Summer

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add garlic, lemongrass, chilies and ginger. After 1 minute add the soy, set aside. Cook noodles according to the packet instructions. Drain, rinse with cold water, drizzle with the juice of 2 limes. Add the carrot, mango, scallions and most of the cilantro. Season, then garnish with the peanuts, lime wedges and some cilantro. Chicken or steak can be added.

I have included these last two recipes because they were devised by my cousin's children (27 and 23 years old) who have undertaken an enormous challenge to raise money for cancer research. It is called Bikesplashbike. They will be cycling from Land's End in Cornwall to John O Groat's (from most southwest tip of Great Britain to the most northeast tip of Great Britain) swimming the largest lake in between, Lake Windermere.

I wish them the best of luck and I know they have the incredible determination and dedication to complete it. Thank you for sharing your recipes!

CHOCOLATE BANANA BREAD (GLUTEN FREE)

8 medium bananas mashed, 2 apples peeled, cored and chopped, 1 cooking apple, peeled, cored and chopped, 1/4 Cup chopped dates, juice of 1 lemon, 1 Cup sugar, 4 large eggs, tsp vanilla extract, 1/4 Cup sunflower oil, 2 Cups rice flour, 1/2 Cup dark chocolate, pinch of salt.

Preheat oven to 350F and line 2 x 7" loaf tins with parchment paper. Stew apples with the dates and lemon juice about 10 minutes, set aside and

cool.

Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add sugar and continue beating. Add apple mixture, mashed bananas, sunflower oil and vanilla and mix well. Stir in the rice flour and salt. Add the chopped chocolate.

Pour into tins and bake for 35 to 45 minutes. Leave to cool in the tin about 10 minutes before turning out on a wire rack. Enjoy warm or cool depending on your patience level. Personally I think it is slightly better cold.

ORANGE, ALMOND AND CARROT CAKE (GLUTEN FREE)

3 Tbsp pine nuts browned, 3 medium carrots, peeled and grated, 1/2 Cup mixed orange and lemon juice, 1/2 Cup sultanas, 2/3 Cup sugar, 1/2 Cup olive oil plus extra for greasing, tsp vanilla extract, 3 large eggs, 1 2/3 Cups ground almonds, tsp ground cinnamon, zest and juice of 1 lemon

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and line base of 9" round spring form cake tin. Put sultanas in a saucepan with the mixed juice and bring to the boil and simmer 3 minutes. Cool.

Whisk sugar and oil until airily mixed. Whisk in vanilla and eggs. When well whisked fold in almonds, cinnamon, carrots, sultanas and lemon zest and juice. Pour into tin and sprinkle with the nuts. Put in oven 30 to 40 minutes until top is risen and golden and a skewer inserted comes out sticky but more or less clean. Cool in the tin and then turn out and enjoy!

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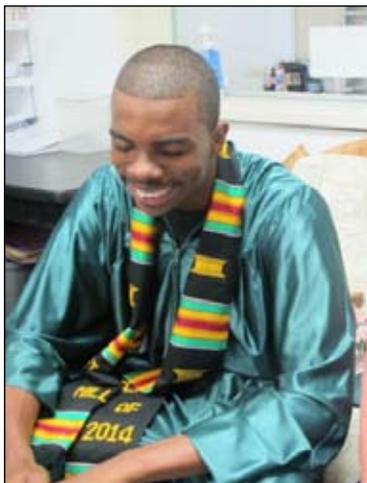
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Books will also be distributed at selected public housing community recreational centers.
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June 21, 2014
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12:00pm - 3:00pm
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Cruz Bay during the Festival Food Fair
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Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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Stacey Plaskett Tells Her Story

By Amy Roberts

St. John Tradewinds

RENDEZVOUS – When Stacey Plaskett met with a group of St. John residents at the home of Miles and Susan Stair on, Thursday evening, June 19, she had three goals in mind: to introduce herself to a community that knows little about her, to listen to questions and concerns from her audience, and to raise funds for her campaign for Delegate to Congress.

Plaskett began her presentation by telling her story. Both of her parents were born on St. Croix and migrated to New York City in the 1950s.

"I like to say that I grew up in the largest Caribbean island — Brooklyn," she said. "Even though my father was a NYC policeman for 30 years, he still talks like he's in Gallows Bay [St. Croix]."

Her parents regularly sent her back to St. Croix to spend holidays with her extended family. It was only later that she realized they did this not only to strengthen her roots, but also so they could work double shifts in her absence and send more money home to the family.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Plaskett interned at the Washington office of Ron de Lugo, the territory's first delegate to

Congress, who held the post from 1973–1979 and from 1981–1995.

Plaskett gave birth to her first child, Jeremiah, while at Georgetown and had two more sons while working full time during the day and attending law school at night at American University.

Her first job after law school was working as a prosecutor for the Narcotics Division in the Bronx, where after four days of training, they handed her stack of cases and sent her into the courtroom. "Stacey prosecuted several hundred cases and served as a prosecutor in the Narcotics division handling undercover and long term narcotic operation prosecution, giving her a first hand understanding of crime, its deterrence, and its effects on communities," according to the website ourcapmpaigns.com.

Plaskett moved to Washington, working as Counsel on the U.S. House of Representatives, House Ethics Committee, and later to the Department of Justice. She worked with the 9/11 Victims' Compensation Fund, and was an attorney in the largest civil litigation matter in U.S. history, the federal RICO case against the tobacco companies, which resulted in millions of dollars in funds for health care in the territory.

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Stacey Plaskett Outlines Issues

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Plaskett said she would like to see the Virgin Islands ports expanded to be able to handle the new, larger ships that will be plying the waters when the Panama Canal expansion is completed in 2016. The territory's exemption from the Jones Act gives it a further advantage over stateside ports.

Long-term resident Iris Kern asked Plaskett what the federal government can do to cut the crime rate, reduce poverty, and improve social services.

"One of the points in my Seven-Point Plan deals with poverty," Plaskett responded.

She said federal aid is based on a formula which is calculated on the number of Virgin Islanders that fall below the federal poverty line. That line is currently defined as having income of less than \$29,000 for a family of four.

"Some jurisdictions have exemptions to that poverty line based on the cost of living," said Plaskett. "Hawaii, for example, has a \$40,000 limit."

She said she would seek a similar exemption for the Virgin Islands.

As a resident of Frederiksted, Plaskett said she regularly sees families that are "living on the cusp of poverty. The soup kitchen at My Brother's Table feeds government workers who say they can't afford to feed their families on their salaries. That is outrageous."

Plaskett said she worked in the Bronx as a prosecutor when New York City initiated the "Broken

Windows" program, a successful initiative in law enforcement which encouraged police officers to address vandalism as a way of stemming the crime wave. That initiative involves increased funding to hire, outfit, and train law enforcement officers, something she'd like to see happen in the Virgin Islands.

But crime is also related to social policies, Plaskett said. Providing meaningful activities, programs and jobs for young people is critical to solving the territory's problems.

Maggie Day, a long-time resident who works for Red Hook Family Practice, asked Plaskett what can be done to include the Virgin Islands in the Affordable Care Act, which extends health insurance to those living in the mainland United States but not to residents of territories.

"We need to push to be added to an exchange with another state," Plaskett responded. She said that a proposal to join West Virginia's exchange was denied by the Federal Government. More advocacy is needed, she added.

Plaskett ended the meeting with a request for financial support.

"I care so much about the Virgin Islands," concluded Plaskett. "I see myself not as a politician, but as a public servant running for office."

She promised to be on St. John during the July 4th Festival to meet with residents and ask for their vote in the Democratic Party primary election on August 2.

Plaskett and the Primary

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

Perhaps the most challenging part of winning the election in November to Delegate to Congress is winning the Democratic Party's primary scheduled for August 2.

Stacey Plaskett faces stiff competition from two other candidates in the primary, Emmett Hansen II, a former two-term senator to the VI Legislature from St. Croix, and Shawn-Michael Malone, the popular six-term senator from St. Thomas who now serves as Senate president.

Fortunately for Plaskett, she now has an issue that clearly distinguishes her from her St. Thomas competition, her opposition to the so-called "Malone Amendment," an issue that "has been extremely controversial," Plaskett told her audience at the June 19th gathering on St. John.

The issue is complicated, but Plaskett summarized it for her listeners. On April 24, the Virgin Islands Senate passed legislation to merge the Government Development Bank and the Small Business Development Agency, legislation that Plaskett helped craft in her former role as general counsel to the Economic Development Authority.

The legislation contained a three-page technical amendment sponsored by Senator Malone — the 'Malone Amendment' — which concerned the protection of benefits for tenants of the Research and Technology Park located at the University of the Virgin Islands on St. Croix. These are businesses which are involved in e-commerce and rely primarily on the internet and other communication networks.

RT Park tenants receive significant tax benefits, including exemption from Gross Receipts Tax and reductions in corporate income tax liability.

The Malone Amendment "broadened enormously the definition of e-commerce," Plaskett explained. "It

included anyone who uses the data cloud. It included any type of consultancy or advocacy for e-commerce business — so that I (as a private consultant) could apply for benefits. It also included the ISPs—Internet Service Providers."

The Malone Amendment effectively gives tax benefits amounting to \$45 million to the three largest internet service providers, Innovative Internet, Broadband V.I., and Choice Communications, according to Plaskett. These three companies are all "virtual tenants" of the RT Park; they maintain their offices elsewhere, yet they are eligible for RT Park programs.

"My objection is first to the process," said Plaskett. "The changes in the amendment were substantive, not technical, and should have gone through the committee process which includes hearings."

The Malone Amendment was passed without any committee scrutiny or public hearings in the midst of St. Thomas Carnival activities.

The St. Thomas-St John Chamber of Commerce sponsored full page ads in the *Daily News* to publicize the issue. After Attorney General Vincent Frazer ruled that these virtual tenants were not legally entitled to RT Park benefits and ISPs did not fit the definition of e-commerce businesses, Governor John deJongh Jr. vetoed the legislation. The Senate overrode the veto on June 18.

At the meeting on St. John, Plaskett also questioned whether the government could afford to give tax benefits to established corporations when the government is operating at a \$45 million deficit and is projected to have a \$55 million deficit next year.

Plaskett said she called the four senators who voted against the override to support them in their stance. She said the ISPs provide financial assistance to many community groups and activities sponsored by senators, and those opposing the Malone Amendment risk losing their support.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Amy Roberts

Stacey Plaskett is running for Delegate to Congress in the democratic primary election.

Stacey Plaskett Tells Her Story

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In the private sector, Plaskett has extensive experience as an attorney and lobbyist for the health and financial industries.

"With nearly 20 years practicing law — negotiating multi-million dollar agreements, drafting legislation, managing billions of dollars — going to Congress, a body of law makers, will be an easy transition," she told the *Source* when she announced her candidacy last November.

Plaskett moved back to St. Croix ten years ago, where she spent five years as counsel to the Economic Development Authority and five years in private practice with Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC (KFK), a law firm with offices in the U.S. Virgin Islands and New York.

She lives in Frederiksted with her husband Jonathan Buckney-Small and now has five children, four sons and a daughter, ranging in age from 26 to five. Plaskett is active in numerous community groups, including the St. Croix Landmarks Association and the Caribbean Museum Art Center in Frederiksted.

Plaskett was once a Republican but became a Democrat in 2008. She first ran for election in 2012 against Delegate Donna M. Christensen in the Democratic Party Primary, gaining a respectable 43% of the vote against the nine-term incumbent. Though Christensen is now running for governor of the Virgin Islands, Plaskett faces stiff competition in the Democratic Party Primary on August 2.

(See related stories on Page 4 and this page).

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Lastly, report what you know about perpetrators who have committed burglaries and the people or businesses who are buying the stolen goods.

St. John

Police responded to reports of shots fired around 5:15 pm on June 9. This incident took place in the Coral Bay area of Cases by the Sea and Island Blues. A male was shot and transported to the Clinic. Tell police what you know about this incident.

St. Thomas

On Tuesday, June 10 at 2:30 a.m. a female caught a ride from an unknown black male in an area unknown to her. The woman was taken to a beach where she was raped by the driver. The victim stated no weapon was used.

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By Frank A. Longo

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REMAKING "THE LONGEST DAY"

ACROSS

- 1 Escape key's position
- 8 Schoolroom with easels, maybe
- 14 Not very new
- 20 Spur on
- 21 Big name in luxury watches
- 22 Darius' land
- 23 Biceps with more sweat?
- 25 Rang, as bells
- 26 Hosp. triage sites
- 27 El Cid, e.g.
- 28 Puerto —
- 30 Troll's home
- 31 Zest
- 32 Running specialists' outfits?
- 38 Actress Kerr
- 42 Whoopi's "The Color Purple" role
- 43 Fruit coverer
- 44 Shut down skiing peaks again?
- 47 Flinches or blinks, say
- 51 Check beneficiary
- 52 In order (to)
- 54 "I figured it out!"
- 55 With 78-Down, Coke Zero, e.g.
- 56 Lipstick flaw
- 60 Breaks loose
- 64 Vanquish
- 67 Put cicadas under water?
- 70 Sleep like —
- 72 Assume as fact
- 73 "... to market, to buy — pig"
- 74 Most inferior shoe

- bottoms?
- 79 Fasteners threaded at two ends
- 83 Zippy chip dip
- 84 Railroad station
- 86 Afghanistan's Tora —
- 87 Application
- 88 — Minor (Little Dipper locale)
- 91 Altercations
- 94 Hound type
- 98 Never-forgotten four-letter words?
- 102 Like sharp cheese
- 104 After, in Amiens
- 105 Filamentous
- 106 What a store manager likes to see on faces?
- 111 FedEx or DHL rival
- 112 "No" voter
- 113 Roo's friend
- 114 Norwegian hub
- 116 Bee product
- 119 Sea robber
- 121 June event "remade" six times in this puzzle
- 127 GPS suggestions
- 128 Hard money
- 129 Less trustful
- 130 Aim
- 131 Atoll part
- 132 Sam-I-am's creator

DOWN

- 1 Proctor's cry
- 2 — about (around)
- 3 Omegas' preceders
- 4 33 1/3 rpm discs
- 5 "Doesn't matter which of the two"
- 6 Ticket given gratis
- 7 The "T" of NWT: Abbr.
- 8 — Dhabi (emirate)

- 9 Toys — (kids' haven)
- 10 "Creep" trio
- 11 IM snicker
- 12 Not at all fond of
- 13 Fundamental
- 14 Enemy
- 15 "Life of Pi" director Ang
- 16 Biting Count
- 17 Hajji's faith
- 18 Food strainer
- 19 Pluto's realm
- 24 Pop idol?
- 29 Perp catcher
- 31 Groups of athletes on horseback
- 33 Hosp. area with IVs
- 34 Sci-fi writer Stanislaw —
- 35 Tree for a bark beetle
- 36 "How the Other Half Lives" author Jacob
- 37 With 41-Down, tittering laughs
- 38 "Judge —" (1995 Stallone film)
- 39 "— Meenie" (2010 hit)
- 40 A-G linkup
- 41 See 37-Down
- 45 Long hauler
- 46 Stuffing stuff
- 48 Raven cries
- 49 "I heard —!"
- 50 Expresses
- 53 Ward of "CSI: NY"
- 57 Pre- — (replace)
- 58 "— 'n' Andy"
- 59 Put new turf on
- 61 Miso soup ingredient
- 62 Labor pain?
- 63 Motor coaches
- 65 — mater
- 66 Labor
- 68 Really peeve
- 69 Scale interval

- 71 Central figure of Christianity, in Florence
- 74 Bait fish
- 75 Santa —, California
- 76 Some Pac-12 athletes
- 77 Indian wrap
- 78 See 55-Across
- 80 Plenty o'
- 81 Cornered, as a raccoon
- 82 Smart-alecky
- 85 Pinball no-no
- 89 Bad wrecks
- 90 Clock radio toggle
- 92 Pulitzer-winning composer Gunther —
- 93 Reasons
- 95 Surfeit
- 96 Psyche part
- 97 Big storm
- 99 "... — quit!"
- 100 Clergyman's field: Abbr.
- 101 Mao — -tung
- 103 "In excelsis —"
- 106 Old Ford
- 107 Grant's side
- 108 Swagger
- 109 TV actress Portia de —
- 110 Salt's "Help!"
- 115 Sotheby's cry
- 116 2012 Nintendo console
- 117 Deck quartet
- 118 Children of boomers
- 120 "Taps" hour
- 122 Blanc of many voices
- 123 Onetime big record label
- 124 One, in Berlin
- 125 M&M color
- 126 Three, in Bari

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Tiana Rogers above left, Ameir Sprauve's winning artwork, above center, and Lillie Hayward pictured with her award and winning poster, left.

Students Honored for Outstanding Artwork in Poster Contest

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As part of the commemoration of National Mental Health Awareness Month in May and National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 8, V.I. First Lady Cecile de-Jongh hosted a poster contest.

The objective of the contest was to bring awareness about the importance of maintaining good mental health, as well

as to identify, recognize, support and encourage young Virgin Islanders who demonstrate talent in the visual arts.

Students in public middle schools were asked to express their feelings about mental health through their artwork in the contest, which was titled "My Feelings are a Work of Art."

Judges on St. John were Elaine I. Sprauve Librarian Carol McGuinness, retired Ivanna Eudora Kean High School

art teacher Lisa Etre and St. John artist Livy Hitchcock.

Ameir Sprauve, a Julius E. Sprauve School student, was named first place winner while fellow JESS student Tianna Rogers and Lillie Hayward of Guy Benjamin School were awarded honorable mentions.

The winning students were feted with a reception at Government House on St. Thomas hosted by First Lady de-Jongh.

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Shane Perrin continues his circumnavigation around St. John, left, as he departs Salt Pond Bay after a short respite.

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Ultramarathon Paddle Boarder Circumnavigates St. Thomas and St. John To Kick Off 2015 Adventure Challenge

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various beaches as he made his way along St. Thomas's north shore before heading back across Pillsbury Sound for St. John — in the middle of the night.

"Coming back toward Cruz Bay, there was a nasty wind coming through plus ferry boat traffic, other boat traffic, and huge swells rolling across," said Perrin. "I hit the worst area when I couldn't read the conditions well, so instead of timing things like I can during the day, it was more just reacting to the waves that came. The moon definitely helped, but I fell in a lot."

Perrin continued on with his circumnavigation of St. John, again facing difficult conditions at Ram Head before meeting up with Vyas and St. John Brewers co-owner Kevin Chipman at Salt Pond Bay for a brief moment of relief. He then paddled about three miles offshore to take advantage of a downwind that helped him complete his journey back into Cruz Bay, where he arrived at 4:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

At that point, not only did Perrin remain upright, he joined a cocktail hour in his honor at Motu, where he chatted with patrons. Perrin's extreme paddle boarding adventure is amazing in its own right, but what makes his feat even more astounding is the fact that Perrin is a kidney transplant survivor. He essentially pioneered the sport of ultramarathon paddle boarding in 2011, when he decided to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the transplant by competing in a 340-mile-long kayak race — on his paddle board.

"It was a huge challenge, and I didn't know what the impact would be; I just looked at it as a personal celebration," said Perrin. "Out of 117 kayakers, I was the only paddle boarder and I placed 34th. I shocked people."

Since then, Perrin has paddled thousands of miles in various races and expeditions, and ultramarathon paddling has taken on a life of its own. Perrin's circumnavigation of St. Thomas and St. John was a kick-off of sorts for a big event that St. John Brewers and VerticalOar.com are planning for next year.

"We have some other things planned including an event next year that will essentially be a combination race/adventure challenge," said VerticalOar.com founder JP Pesare. "We're trying to incorporate Survivor meets the Amazing Race meets stand up paddle boarding meets eco-challenge. We're going to try and bring business to the Virgin Islands while increasing the awareness of what you can do with stand up paddle boarding."

Stay tuned to VerticalOar.com for more news on the 2015 challenge, or follow St. John Brewers on Facebook for more information.

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SATURDAY, May 31, 2014

Pan-o-Rama

4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

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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

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FRIDAY, June 13, 2014

Senior Variety Show

7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

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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

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Festival Boat Races

3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

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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

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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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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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