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Emancipation Day Festivities Scheduled for July 3

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This year a special effort has been made to bring Emancipation into focus as St. Johnians celebrate the 166th year since chattel slavery was abolished in the then Danish West Indies.

A full day's program is planned for Thursday, July 3, the Territory's national holiday of Emancipation. This way, on this long festive weekend, focus is brought to the Virgin Islands July cultural calendar and the related themes of Emancipation from Chattel Slavery and Independence.

Participation and involvement is urged in the Emancipation Day activities by all on all the islands of the territory.

The St. John program starts at 11 a.m. and will continue until sundown. Proposed activities and times are as follows:

- 11 a.m. - Ms. Sonia Sprauve renders V.I and National Anthem; Mrs. Alecia Wells gives Welcoming Remarks
- 11:15 a.m. - Blessing, Invocation and Benediction of the program by clergy
- 11:50 a.m. - Flambeau-Combo
- 12:35 p.m. - Emancipation Dance by Marcella
- 1:10 p.m. - Political Commitments *
- 2 p.m. - Drums, Conch Shell Call**, Libation and Cultural tasting***
- 2:20 p.m. - Choral presentation by N'Harmony
- 2:40 p.m. - Bertha Boschulte Quelbe
- 3:05 p.m. - Play, Scene from The King's Mandate, or Emancipation Echo by Ms. Pascal's drama group
- 3:35 - Reading of the Proclamation and Tributes to Mario Moorhead, J. Antonio Jarvis, Theovald Moorehead and Frank Powell****
- 4:20 p.m. - Dynamic Dancers
- 4:45 p.m. - Round-Table forum on the trial document
- 5:45 p.m. - Open Mic Forum on Emancipation and Independence***** until sunset and Torchlight Procession, led by "Pan-Around-the-Neck"

* A total of 8 (max.) candidates for electoral office (the 1st 8 responding) 5-minute maximum at mic

** Ital Anthony and Mr. Eddie Bruce will conduct drumming throughout; Manny Boyd will blow the conch shell

*** Mrs. Laurel Sewer will provide and conduct tasting of Cultural foods; PanAfrican Support will conduct Libation.

**** Sele Adeyemi, Gilbert Sprauve, and Oswin Sewer will present

*****No campaign speeches; just support for the day's event and themes

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Dignitaries gather to celebrate the opening night of festival village Friday night, June 27 in Cruz Bay. Above (L to R): Senator-At-Large Craig Barshinger, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone, Grand Parade Marshal Elsie Thomas-Trotman, Food Fair honoree Avelino Samuel, Festival Village honoree Leona Smith, Village Committee Chairwoman Jane Johannes, and Lt. Governor Gregory Francis.



Festival Village Booth No. 3 bears the theme for the 60th Anniversary in Smithsville.



Cool Sessions Brass entertains a large crowd of festival goers on June 27 at the St. John Festival Village opening.

Smithsville honors Festival Committee Chair Village opens to nine nights of entertainment

BY JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — The 60th anniversary opening of St. John Festival Village began with a tribute to the woman who has kept the party going for more than 10 years.

Leona Smith, Chairwoman of the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization, sat front row-center as the village was named Smithsville in her honor. Usually Smith sits in the last seat in the last row while royalty, dignitaries and honorees share the spotlight.

Smith has led the festival committee since around 1998. In the eyes of her fellow committee members, she is best known for her hard work and organizational skills.

“It was such a pleasure to work with Leona throughout the years. We work together but we party together too,” said Mistress of Ceremonies Alecia Wells.

Smith, who also serves as the St. John Administrator, said she has been involved in fes-

tival activities for many years and it gave her a thrill to see the banner proclaiming the 2014 village in her name.

“I’m also thankful to my family, my friends, and my staff for making sure I have all the tools I need to have a grand celebration every year,” Smith said.

Fellow 2014 honorees Avelino Samuel and Elsie Thomas-Trotman joined Smith on stage. Samuel, the Food Fair honoree, was away on the day he was honored. Thomas-Trotman, the first Miss St. John festival queen, has been chosen as the 2014 grand parade marshal.

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis, a former administrator for St. Croix, praised Smith for her service to government. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen and Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone congratulated her on preserving St. John’s cultural traditions, like the annual festival.

A robust crowd of old and young, families, singles, islanders and visitors filled the village

in anticipation of a festive night. Cool Sessions Brass, St. John’s best known dance band, and the popular Small Axe Band delivered the atmosphere.

The festival music committee, headed by Camille JuJu Paris, has built up the annual line-up, along with the July 4th fête’s reputation as the place for music fans in summer.

This year’s line up (as of Monday, June 30) includes: Stylee Band, Volume International, Daddy Jones and the Crew, Crosfyah, Rudy, Spectrum Band, Bunji Garland and Fay Ann Lyons, Kore Band (from Nevis), Calypso Monarch De Soljah, Machel Montano with Patrice Roberts and Darryl Henry (Farmer Nappy).

On July 4, Smithville presents Ah We Band, Cool Sessions Brass and Triple K with King Dice.

And on July 5, a bonus night for the 60th anniversary, the last lap scheduled performance features Otta Limtz, Imagination Brass and Roy Cape with Denise Belfon.

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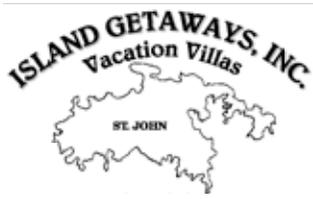
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SJCF Sees Recycling Opportunities in VI, VINP Government Funding Cuts

BY TOM OAT
 St. John Tradewinds

Territorial and federal government budget cuts and funding woes have disrupted the fledgling aluminum can recycling program on St. John — so St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Celia Kalousek is taking the opportunity to reorganize and expand the program to include plastics in addition to glass.

“I think and hope the public will react to the news of the potential end of recycling within the park and on St. John, and come to the rescue and offer to help,” said Kalousek.

“I thought great, we can get other volunteer groups to adopt-a-bin to support the effort of these understaffed and underfunded organizations!” the ebullient Kalousek explained.

VIWMA, VINP Can't Keep Up

VI. Waste Management Agency took over the St. John aluminum can collection effort in 2012 after a group of volunteers got it up and running with bright green collection boxes positioned around the island and in the Virgin Islands National Park. VIWMA has had difficulty keeping up with the can collections, so Kalousek began reorganizing her volunteers to put the popular project back on track.

“In fact, improving recycling on island and a Keep St. John Beautiful plan of dumpster area maintenance and litter control were top priorities identified in the recent survey of community impact focuses,” according to Kalousek. “People want to see recycling continue and improve so hopefully they will be willing to support it with either donations of funding or volunteer time!”

“I'd been trying to coordinate better pick-up scheduling between Waste Management and the Park or to see if the Park could take the bags of cans with their regular trash delivery to Susannaberg, and it wasn't until the VINP warned they would have to curtail the program in the park that I offered to pick up the effort of coordinating volunteers to assist the already underfunded and understaffed organizations,” Kalousek wrote *St. John Tradewinds*.

“Bottom Line” Is Recycling

“I missed an important bottom line — making an appeal to help recycling continue,” emailed Kalousek.

“I was thinking we could make a public appeal in the newspaper for volunteer assistance before pulling the bins,” Kalousek wrote. “I was hoping that an article sending out a call for volunteers willing to commit to regular bin maintenance and asking the public not to put glass, plastic and trash in the aluminum can recycle bins around the island and in the park would help the current challenges.”

With the pending completion of improvements to the Susannaberg Transfer Station — including a new “tipping floor” for sorting refuse — VIWMA is planning to reduce the number of bins and collection sites on St. John, and Kalousek sees that as an opportunity for the public to take more responsibility for the community's recycling efforts.

There are a lot of things that need to happen to make a consolidated recycling plan work, but these recyclable items are commodities, and although it takes space, staff, equipment, insurance and other overhead expenses, it is being done all over the world and can be done here too.

— Celia Kalousek, executive director
 St. John Community Foundation

“We could send out a call for volunteers and really kick-start the ‘Dumpster Divas and Dudes’ program that has been in developmental stages of solution brainstorming,” Kalousek added, mentioning another project that has come up in committee impact meetings. “We envisioned other organizations and businesses adopting a dumpster, like they Adopt-A-Mile in the states and keep it clean and litter free.”

Generating Recycling Solutions

Kalousek's first priority, however, is to maintain the St. John aluminum can recycling program.

“I am still hoping we can generate a potential solution for the challenges WMA and the Park are having regarding overflowing recycling bins that are trashing up our beach areas,” Kalousek said, “including:

- help WMA continue their weekly pick up of recycled aluminum cans around the island by sorting out glass and plastic;

- help VINP keep the recycling bins by their trash receptacles (or SJCF could create signage to be used on the lids of the VINP's collection bins) so the recyclable aluminum cans can be continued to be separated and kept out of the landfills;

- coordinate a reliable schedule of volunteer maintenance of the VINP bins to support Waste Management's weekly pick up schedule.”

“If VINP could, as needed between WMA and volunteer pick ups, take our green recycling bags from the recycle bins with the bags of trash they take from their regular trash bins to Susannaberg, WMA will take the green bags of cans to St. Thomas for recycling,” Kalousek added, although she said the VINP may be looking into contracting their own weekly trash pick-up.

Continue Improving Recycling

Kalousek, meanwhile, plans to follow up on her offer to provide the Park with more ‘Green Bags’ for the bins and signage to encourage aluminum cans only (glass, plastic and other trash in the recycle bins is a main cause of the overflow issues) and continue to work with CBCC, IGBA, GHS and others to expand and improve recycling island wide.

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Very First Miss St. John To Lead This Year's Parade as Marshal

BY ANDREA MILAM
St. John Tradewinds

More than 50 years ago, she was selected as the first Miss St. John in a competition that was vastly different than the glitz, glamor, and perfectly choreographed routines of the Festival pageants of today. Now, in honor of St. John Festival's 60th anniversary, Elsie Thomas-Trotman will lead the Fourth of July Festival parade as parade marshal.

Thomas-Trotman was chosen to lead the parade because of her history with St. John Festival, and for the difference she's made in the St. John community.

"I feel great about it," said Thomas-Trotman, who currently stays busy serving as a commissioner on the Public Services Commission, and as the Board of Stewards chairperson at the Bethany Moravian Church. "I think it's an honor and a privilege, especially since it's our 60th anniversary."

The very first Miss St. John competition in the early 1960s was "like a popularity contest," recalled Thomas-Trotman.

"I was very young and naive, and I really didn't realize the importance of it," she said. "My mother and Mr. Albert Sewer, who I worked for during my summer breaks, did most of the work. The only thing we had to do was sell chances, or votes, and whoever turned in the most money was the winner."

Thomas-Trotman emerged victorious, and said she's glad she earned the Miss St. John title before the competition evolved into the dazzling show it is today.

"I don't know if I could go up on that stage," she said with a laugh.

After becoming the first Miss St. John, Thomas-Trotman stayed involved with the St. John community in various



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

2014 St. John Festival Parade Marshal
Elsie Thomas-Trotman

ways, including working as a police officer in the 1980s and 1990s. She rose through the ranks, becoming the first female V.I. Police Department deputy commissioner.

Thomas-Trotman's passion for her pursuits was evident when she steered an interview about her selection as parade marshal into a conversation about a new project at the Beth-

"We'll have some nice costumes. They're going to be really very colorful, flashy, and all of that."

- Elsie Thomas-Trotman, 2014 garnd parade marshal

any Moravian Church that requires help from the public.

"We are working on an extension to our bathroom, mainly because our building is used as a hurricane shelter," she said. "By law, we don't have enough bathrooms, so we're trying to comply even though we aren't getting any funds from the government or FEMA. We are soliciting help in doing the work. Anyone who can help should call me at 776-6782 or the church at 776-6291."

Although her duties are never far from her mind, Thomas-Trotman is excited to lead the 60th St. John Festival parade.

"I'm looking forward to it being a safe and memorable experience for everyone," she said.

In honor of the 60th anniversary, several other past princesses, queens, and princes will appear in the parade, along with dune buggies, brightly painted motorcycles, and the usual colorful costumed troupes and majorettes. Parade chair Natalie Thomas said she expects close to 50 troupes to perform in the parade, including a troupe of Festival Committee members.

"We'll have some nice costumes," Thomas said. "They're going to be really very colorful, flashy, and all of that."

The parade is set to kick off by Mongoose Junction on Friday, July 4, at 11 a.m.

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Pickering Supports Simple Venue for Sports, Music – Grass of Course

BY TOM OAT
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Keeping it simple,

Philip “Grasshopper” Pickering sees a public venue between the Enighed Pond waterfront and the Cruz Bay short-term parking lot at the tennis courts as a simple grass field.

No need for an amphitheater which might focus sound to the annoyance of any neighbors, opined Pickering, an international Reggae performer.

A simple well-maintained field of grass surrounded by a walkway which could contain temporary structures for concessions at events and performances would be enough, the St. Johnian artist explained.

It may not be big enough for the cricket pitch long-sought by New Zealand-St. John “snow-bird” Frank Langley, founder of the St. John Arts Festival — another potential user, but the grass field also could be surrounded by the island’s first sports track.

Dual Function as School Sports Field

Pickering and other proponents of the fledgling plan to provide a public venue for performances, events and gatherings — including the ultimate proposal for a potential new enlarged St. John Festival site with neighboring parking — are trying to find common ground,

and Grasshopper thinks the dual function of a much-needed public performance venue as a sports field could be it.

Pickering agrees such a field also could help ease the impact of the Department of Education’s closure of the Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay in the forced consolidation of the island’s public schools at the Julius E. Sprauve School in the heart of Cruz Bay — which has the necessary classroom capacity but limited playground and sports facilities.

With little realistic hope for the promised new center-island St. John educational complex in the foreseeable future, a well-maintained grass field could double as a sports facility for the island’s only public school — like the one at the island’s private school “up country.”

Wells Ball Field Over-Used

Community efforts have tried to maintain the Winston Wells Ball field — which doubles as the Sprauve school playground — in playing condition, but it is a never-ending battle against the elements and use.

A community effort brought the island’s Pine Peace Basketball court back to life in walking distance of JESS; the public Cruz Bay tennis courts are serving a burgeoning St. John youth tennis talent pool, and a playing field across the road at Enighed Pond could pro-

vide the perfect complement to athletic facilities for the island’s school children.

Public utilities are available at the site for the possible addition of rest room facilities, and irrigation for the field could come from the V.I. Waste Management Agency’s wastewater treatment plant.

VIPA Plans Are for Long-Term

Pickering is aware that the V.I. Port Authority may have long-term economic interests in developing the parcel as a container trans-shipping storage facility

As it stands, St. Johnian VIPA Chairman Robert O’Connor Jr. acknowledged, the Enighed Pond site is an unstable plane of dredged material which will take years to dry out and stabilize — if it ever will.

There already is concern about what may be in or under the dredge spoils potentially tainted by industrial waste dumped in that area when the pond and its shoreline were used as a community commercial refuse site — and even whether the site should be better sealed or covered than it has been.

In the meantime, there is federal money available for construction of a community sports field project, according to St. John Community Foundation’s Celia Kalousek.

All that is needed is a site for a project.

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Time is of the essence, as the Rotary Club of St. John takes the lead to update the Coral Bay community's only basketball court.

Guy Benjamin School Closure and Marina Rumors Not Stopping Coral Bay Basketball Court Renovations

BY JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

Despite the recent closure of Guy Benjamin School and widespread rumors that a marina is slated for the area, Rotary Club of St. John members are still committed to renovating the dilapidated Coral Bay basketball court through fundraising and in kind donations.

"Of course Rotary is going ahead with the renovations," said Rotary Club of St. John member and Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren. "The renovations have nothing to do with the status of the school. The kids and adults of St. John still need that court."

Rotary members kicked off a campaign to renovate the run-down court — which lacks nets, backboards and a functioning bleacher area — back in March with the

"We need a basketball court now. The written agreement between the Moravian Church Conference and the V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation says that if they get approval for a development on the property, the developer has to build a new basketball court elsewhere on the land."

— Sharon Coldren, CBCC President

goal of raising \$50,000 from the community for the project.

The project will not be funded by the V.I. government, yet the government did execute an agreement between the Moravian Church Conference, which owns the land, and Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, which will

oversee the renovations once the funds are raised by Rotary. The land, Parcel 10 Estate Emmaus, is currently under a 100 year lease to T-Rex St. John, LLC, which plans to construct a marina, hotel and restaurant on the property, according to wide-spread rumors.

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David Knight Jr. Launches New Edition of *Moko Magazine*

BY AMY ROBERTS
St. John Tradewinds

You might recognize some of the faces featured in “Faces of St. John,” a collection of photographs by Imran Stephen featured in the newest issue of Moko Magazine.

But don’t go looking for it on the newsstands. Moko Magazine (www.mokomagazine.org) is strictly an online publication at this point, although its publishers plan to produce a “hold-it-in-your-hands” paper magazine in the not-so-distant future.

Moko Magazine is the brainchild of David Knight Jr., a writer whose family has lived on St. John since the 1930s, and Richard Georges, a poet and lecturer at H. Lavitty Stout Community College (HLSCC) on Tortola.

The two men met at the Islands Between Conference held at the University of the Virgin Islands in 2012 and discovered that they shared a common dream — to promote poetry, fiction, art and criticism from artists throughout the Caribbean. They published their first issue in November 2013. The third issue of Moko Magazine debuts on July 1.

The magazine has its folk art elements. Much of its poetry and fiction is written in one of the many English Caribbean Creoles, the languages spoken in kitchens and bedrooms throughout the re-

gion. But the visual art has little to do with pictures of palm trees and sunsets that are so popular in local galleries.

“We want to publish contemporary art with a Caribbean focus,” Knight said. “The work has to reflect the Caribbean heritage or experience.”

Knight added that it is often difficult to define “who qualifies as a Caribbean artist since this might include people in the diaspora or transplants who are not strictly speaking ‘from’ the region. You meet very few Caribbean artists who haven’t moved around a lot. In our new issue we have artists based in Australia and Sweden.”

One piece in Moko Magazine’s second issue, entitled Bato Disik, is described in the magazine as “a site specific installation comprised of a large water bath filled with multiple boats similar to the batos used by Mauritian fishermen in their villages. The boats are cast out of sugar. Over time the boats disappear, mirroring the disappearance of the fishing trade in Mauritius.”

“Along with the sugar batos, an 8-minute video entitled Bain De Mer is displayed. The video is inspired by the tragic story of Le Morne, a coastal mountain in Mauritius where an entire village of escaped slaves leaped to their deaths to avoid recapture.”



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Amy Roberts

David Knight, Jr.

Although Mauritius, located off the east coast of Madagascar, is thousands of miles from the Caribbean, the connections with the Caribbean experience are plain. The fishing industry, based on boats known as “bateaux” in other islands further down the Caribbean chain, is also dying. There are several places in the Lesser Antilles named “Le Morne.” And the stories of slaves leaping to

their death to avoid recapture are told about Mary Point and Ram Head on St. John. Finally, the artist, Andrea Chung, is of Jamaican heritage.

Most of the Moko Magazine’s artists and writers live in Europe, the United States, and other Caribbean Islands. “The faces of St. John,” by St. Lucia-born photographer Imran Stephen, is the first feature that deals with St. John.

“Moko is aiming to bring V.I. artists to the region as much as we want to bring a regional awareness to the V.I.,” Knight explained.

Local writers and artist are encouraged to submit their work to Moko Magazine. (The guidelines for submission are on the website.) Knight said that they tend to receive more submissions from independent Caribbean nations rather than territories. “A lot of the independent nations in the Caribbean have invested more in the humanities than the dependent territories.”

The magazine does not pay for submissions or make any profit from advertisements. It’s a labor of love, as is Knight’s newest venture, an overview of art history in the Virgin Islands from pre-Columbian Taino art to contemporary culture.

Working with Le Vaughn Belle, who teaches Humanities at University of the Virgin Islands-St. Croix, and curator Priscilla Hintz-Rivera, Knight is now researching artists including Camille Pissaro and Albert Daniel. They’re planning to unveil the project, including a possible exhibit, in 2017, around the time of the centennial commemoration of the Virgin Islands’ transfer from Denmark to the United States. They’re also hoping to publish their work in book form.

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Government Ferries Are Closer To Begin Providing Inter-Island Service

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The latest additions to the territory's mass transit system have edged closer to begin plying the waters between Cruz Bay, St. John and Red Hook, St. Thomas, announced Public Works Commissioner Darryl A. Smalls last week.

"Following the recent completion of inspections administered by the United States Coast Guard, the two new state-of-the-art passenger ferries, Red Hook I and Cruz Bay I, are now undergoing a final going over before being turned over to the two franchise operators, Transportation Services and Var-

lack Ventures," Smalls said.

Smalls said Tuesday that in final preparation for being brought into service the vessels are undergoing a hull cleaning process and the application of a coating to maintain the efficiency and the life of the running gear. "The vessels are out of the water to facilitate this process. Since they arrived in the territory late last year, the ferries have been docked near the Crown Bay Marina."

Additionally, the operating agreements between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the franchisees are presently in final

review prior to execution by all parties. "While this has been a long process to initiate service with the new ferries, I thank and commend everyone involved

for their commitment in ensuring that we have a comprehensive agreement that protects the new ferries, vital assets of the territory's transportation system."

Boating Registration and Commercial Fishers' Licensing Scheduled

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources advises the public that all boating registration and commercial fishers' licensing for 2014-2015 will be conducted as follows [Please note the new license registration protocol]:

St. Thomas/St. John- Division of Environmental Enforcement, Cyril E. King Airport from 9am-12pm and 1-3:30pm.

— Recreational boat & mooring registration - June 16 to June 30, 2014

— Commercial fishers' licensing and boat registration July 14 to July 16, 2014

Commercial fishers are required to call the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) at 340-775-6762 for an appointment slot. Please be advised that fishers are to receive a collaborative presentation from DFW, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, NOAA Fisheries and US Coast Guard which may require 40 minutes prior to registration.

Fishermen on the island of St. John will be required to travel to Department of Planning and Natural Resources on St. Thomas.

Commercial fishers are required to call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 340-772-

1955 for an appointment slot. Please be advised that fishers are to receive a collaborative presentation from DFW, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, NOAA Fisheries and US Coast Guard which may require 40 minutes prior to registration.

Appointments range between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m., with limited slots per appointment time. Please call early to secure an appointment time and confirm how many helpers you intend to have accompany you.

Note: Presentations must be received during the registration process. If you are not able to register during the allotted time frame, late registration will still entail the presentation component; thus, it is recommended that you register during the allotted times in July.

In order to be eligible for registration, commercial fishers must come prepared with all necessary documents, including commercial fishing licenses and helper cards, at the time scheduled for their appointment and be up to date on submission of commercial catch report forms.

Contact the Division of Fish & Wildlife at 340-775-6762 on St. Thomas to schedule appointments and for more details.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

VOTING DISTRICTS ARE NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO OVERCOME THE CURRENT PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fourteen years ago 87 % of the people of the Virgin Islands voted to reduce the number of Senators from 15 to 9. An overwhelmingly majority of the voters let the leaders of our community know that they thought the community would be better off if there were fewer Senators.

Since that time, there have been many candidates that used "Election Reform" as part of their campaign. And nothing has changed.

There has been no serious discussion about creating voting districts to elect senators to represent individual communities within our community, nor changing the Island Administrator position to an elected position so that the Island Administrator is chosen by the people on the island that they administer rather than the Governor.

There must be some reason that this very important issue is continuously ignored. The only reason that I can envision is that it is in the best interests of the incumbent Senators to keep the system the way that it is rather than change it to be more representative of the desires of the people. It is obvious that reducing the number of Senators will mean some incumbents will not be re-elected and is not in their best interest.

Not quite so obvious is that the current system of the top seven vote-getters on each island becoming Senators is not only not representative of any particular group except special interest groups such as taxi associations, WAPA etc, etc; incumbents can all focus on helping the special interest group and therefore securing their vote. It also heavily favors incumbents because of simple name recognition. It is extremely unlikely that a current Senator will be less well known in the community than a candidate that has not been in the public view for the previous two years.

An even greater potential problem with the current system is that every single candidate is competing against every other candidate for Senator in their District. Candidates must try to get the votes of the same special interest groups if they are going to be elected. Regardless of a candidate's Political Party or their personal opinions on particular issues they are all competing against each other for the same voters. In the past this has created many "alliances" that have been detrimental to the community as a whole.

There has been great improvement in many areas of the Community and also the functioning of our Government in the last few years but the state of our economy, the level of violent crime, cost of electricity, the literacy rate of the children that go through the public school system are all at levels which are intolerable. We need community leaders that are going to help us, we are tired of helping them and we want things to change.

The world at this time is in great turmoil. Wars, economic situations, division amongst countries and within countries and the pollution we are creating are all at levels which are unsustainable.

We in the Virgin Islands have a unique potential because we have the financial resources of the United States and at the same time we are extremely autonomous and to a large degree control our own destiny.

We are a very diverse community; racially, culturally, and economically and we need to take advantage of that diversity to help the community rather than continue to focus on the differences. It is one thing to say "Good Morning" to everyone that you meet, and a nice thing to do, but it is quite another to help each other.

The children in our public schools need our help. The young adults turning to violence and crime need our help. The community needs the creation of more jobs and the training to do those jobs. Our government work force needs the training and guidance to provide the service that we need to advance. The people and the businesses need a dependable and economical system of providing electrical energy. These are all things that we can have but we need to have leaders that are working for the well-being of the community.

As we have seen, this system of "free for all" election of Senators is a hindrance to our growth. As we have seen, the Senators have determined that it is in their self-interest to keep the system they way that it is rather than modify it in response to the concerns of the people. It is not in the best interest of the community to keep things the way that they are although it is in the best interest of the incumbents.

If the current Senators continue to refuse to address this issue it is time to elect senators that will address it.

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A younger Barry Duncan, left (second from left) at the old Coral Bay Hardware, a wiser Barry Duncan, above left, and the old Crash Landing (now Banana Deck), above right.

Barry Duncan Is Back To Paint St. John

BY TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

Barry Duncan's long, full white-grey goatee gives proof to his advertised claim of 35 years of experience in the USA, USVI and PR.

By his own count, Barry made land-fall on St. John as a 21 year old surfer and didn't get too far from the beach of Cruz Bay before he landed a job helping build the beachfront landmark Wharfside Village.

Actually, the island's legendary Doris Jadan and her Russian opera singer husband Ivan took Barry in first, as a guest worker in the Jadan's complex of simple houses on the ridge behind what is now the roof of the Grande Bay Resort.

"She put me in one of their houses and I did a lot of work for them," Barry recalled.

"The Penthouse" at Wharfside

Barry soon was sleeping in the roof-top housing for the air conditioning for Wharfside Village as he helped "ground-break-

ing" island developer Mo Poulon build the signature St. John beachfront commercial property at the island's ferry dock.

"Mo always wondered out loud why I was the first person at work every day," Barry recalled. "He never knew."

"Mo Poulon is still a person who did an awful lot for this island," Duncan said of the developer behind numerous island projects including the Lavender Hill and Century Hill condominiums. "He was a tough guy and he was in a position where he had to do what he had to do."

"Mo is a good person," Barry said succinctly.

Getting It Done

As the legend goes, Barry subsequently took on any role that needed to get done in the island's overall economic development fueled by the burgeoning residential and commercial construction industry.

Duncan opened the island's first Dutch Boy paint store in 1993 at the nascent Lumberyard commercial center — which

actually wasn't that much of a lumberyard, Barry acknowledges.

In those days, Duncan toiled around the island in a 1955 U.S. Post Office Jeep with the steering wheel on the right" and a palm frond roof — "some old guy had it before me."

It wasn't too long before Barry opened a hardware store in 40-foot converted container behind what is now Candi's Barbeque as he continued painting and contracting and later opened Coral Bay Hardware

Crashed Planes and Bikinis

Barry may be best known for the Crash Landing rooftop restaurant and bar overlooking Wharfside Village with its iconic mini-seaplane crashing into its roof. Duncan's then-wife Amy opened Love City Surf Shack and bathing suit boutique.

Barry officially left St. John looking for greener Caribbean pastures, but he didn't get farther than Vieques, the Puerto Rico island closest to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Barry's greener pasture actually has a

horse in it.

"t'ings are slow" on Vieques

But "t'ings are slow" on Vieques as far as business is concerned, admits Barry, so he's back on St. John taking on work

Today, Duncan is living on the job at a full renovation project he's performing on an old island cottage in Cruz Bay — up the road and lifestyle from his old Wharfside Village rooftop digs with a sunset view over Frank Bay — close to his first St. John home at what is now the Ivan Jadan Museum.

After work, Barry chats with passersby from the street level balcony of his renovation work in progress about being "home" on St. John and of his "home" on Vieques — which he can almost see to the west of St. Thomas.

Barry gets tongue-tied as he tries to explain his relationship with St. John — he knows he will always find that St. John is and always will be the North Carolina-born surfer's "home."

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Seven Students Awarded Ruth "Sis" Frank Merit Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts congratulates those students who auditioned on Saturday, June 21 for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance Merit Scholarship.

Scholarship winners are: Kwanye Jarvis (Bronze Level), Naina Krigger (Silver Level), Nadia Leoni (Gold Level), Aaliyah Lord (Bronze Level), John Ovcina (Bronze Level), Trystein Pierre (Platinum Level) and Emily Wild (Gold Level). Their scholarships will go toward their tuition for 2014-15 school year at SJSA.

Each recipient auditioned in front of three independent judges and truly showed a desire, commitment and focus in their chosen art form.

Voting Registration Extended to 7 p.m. July 2

St. John Tradewinds

The St. Thomas-St. John Board of Elections reminds residents of the Virgin Islands that the last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Wednesday, July 2.

Those who need to register, change registration card, change address or party affiliation need to do so by July 2. To give residents more time, the Board of Elections will extend registration hours on July 2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 340-774-3107.

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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 18, 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

CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

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

CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN (340) 643-8074

Festival Parade 2014

11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1725

Festival Fireworks Display

9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

SATURDAY, July 5, 2014

Festival Village Wrap-up

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Villa Bougainvillea is conveniently located in Cruz bay with Views of Moorehead Point and Frank Bay, above, and is comprised of two separate apartments.



On *the* Market

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

Villa Bougainvillea Offers Water Views, Sunset Vistas and Lots of Potential

BY JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy water views and stunning tropical sunset vistas from Villa Bougainvillea which offers a new buyer tons of potential.

This four bedroom, three bathroom home is spread across two apartments on two separate levels right in Cruz Bay town and is for sale for \$825,000, explained Holiday Homes of St. John broker associate Jan Courlas.

Nestled on a hillside just above the tranquil Frank Bay beach, Villa Bougainvillea puts one just a few minutes' stroll from all the dining, shopping and nightlife of Cruz Bay.

"The perfect buyer for this property will love being in town and within walking distance of all the amenities of shops, galleries, restaurants and churches," said Courlas.

Soak up beautiful Caribbean sunset views across Pillsbury Sound and watch as the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance. Villa Bougainvillea boasts beautiful stone work, a gated yard and a views from both levels.

The perfect buyer for Villa Bougainvillea would be someone looking for a diamond in the rough, Courlas explained.

"This home will suit a buyer who will enjoy re-decorating and making upgrades to this beautiful

stone building which is waiting for some love and attention," said the Holiday Homes of St. John broker associate.

Villa Bougainvillea is composed of two spacious apartments spread over two levels with private entrances.

"The buyer will like the two level, two apartment feature of this in-town home," said Courlas. "You can live in one apartment and rent the other."

Upstairs find a two bedroom and two bathroom apartment with an expansive great room with oversized windows which let in tons of air and natural light. Soak up views of Frank Bay beach below and St. Thomas in the distance from this cool and soundly constructed apartment.

The lower unit at Villa Bougainvillea boasts two bedrooms and one bathroom as well as a specious living room and a large, covered veranda with water views.

Mature trees, extensive island stone work and a fully fenced yard — not to mention the ability to stroll out your front door and walk a few feet to the azure waters of Frank Bay beach — round out the many amenities offered at Villa Bougainvillea.

For more information about Villa Bougainvillea, call Broker Jan Courlas at Holiday Homes of St. John at (340) 776-6776 or on her cell phone at (340) 643-5102.

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South Shore Road in Danger of Fire

Is there anywhere other than St. John where a gasoline tanker truck climbs a 35% grade through a dense residential neighborhood to park in a public road to pump gasoline uphill?

If this continues, some day, South Shore Road will be a river of fire. I hope I don't see it.

Larry Best

Dear Good People of Coral Bay:

Once again, Thank you from the Pets and Vets!!!!

I would not have thought it possible, but we made more on a summer yard sale than one in March. The grand total was \$958, so checks for \$479 went to Team River Runner and Champions For Heroes (Pets2vets).

We surpassed last year's total with the two sales, and we haven't even had the "official" November yard sale yet.

Where does it come from?? Many thanks to Jim Donovan, Marie Naisby, John Gardner, Mary Davidson, Meagan Elliott, Bev Melius, Cindy Costanzo, Emily Lundberg and Bert Bryson, Angelo and Colleen Liberatore, Trish Capuano, Bryn Liller, Alisa Gessner, Carey Chapin, Barb Douma, Phyllis Benton, Nancy Stromp. All gave donations of stuff or cash, and big or small, every one is greatly appreciated.

Special mention must be made of Peggy and Roy Parker and Renee and Fred (once of *Pepper*) who gave enormous amounts of cool stuff — literal truckloads. Look for more of their stuff in November.

Who keeps it organized? Thank God for friends who give up a Saturday to sort, hang, sell, bag, and rearrange. The yard sale ladies this go round were

Pauline Findley, Jane Cook, and Caroline Rogers — absolutely couldn't get done without them.

Where is it kept? Once again, my great thanks to Privateer Bay Homeowners Association, for the use of dry and clean storage. No way I can keep this stuff on a boat until sale day — their kindness is indispensable.

Who buys it?? All you great people... You have no idea how much fun you make it, and how we look forward to joking with you all. Come and buy or come and chat with us, it's all good.

I hope when you use your towel, or rototiller, or whatnot, that you give Thanks that you don't need the sort of help the pets and vets do, and give yourself a big hug for helping them.

I truly appreciate each one who gave time, money, or stuff, and who came by to buy or talk.

See you in November!

Angela Ebner

P.S. For anyone who wants more info on two great organizations, go to www.teamriverrunner.org and to www.p2v.org.

P.P.S. For more information about our yard sales, email me at amebner3@vipowernet.net.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Send your letters/opinions to: editor@tradewinds.vi

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Post Office Expansion Continues



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Footings and rebar are visible at the Cruz Bay Post Office site as their expansion continues to move steadily ahead. An additional 900 square feet will be added to the existing 3,200 square foot structure.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult and student interests and concerns
by Raven Phillips-Love

Running for St. John Festival Jr. Miss

St. John Tradewinds

Recently I had the opportunity to compete in the St. John Festival Jr. Miss Pageant. The pageant hadn't been held since 2005, but in celebration of the 60th anniversary of St. John Festival, the pageant was revived once again.

The pageant showcased the personality, grace, and poise of four young ladies; two from St. John and two from St. Thomas. It was a night of music, culture, dancing, singing, and acting that culminated in the crowning of a brand new Jr. Miss St. John.

It goes without saying that a lot of work went into this pageant. This work was executed not only by the contestants and their chaperones, but the pageant committee as well.

I'm certain that there were hours of sleep lost, tears shed, and many sacrifices made by everyone involved with the pageant. The whole process began way back in December when we had our first meeting. In it they explained the various rules and regulations of the pageant like the age requirement (12-15 years old), having 70 percent cumulative grade in school, and the restriction on inappropriate language and fighting.

The Committee also provided us with a calendar that detailed all the different events that the contestants needed to be present for. Each event was an opportunity to showcase not only the contestant's abilities, but also St. John as a whole, so the committee members put extra emphasis on being present at each event. That meeting marked the beginning of the long journey towards the stage.

The months leading up to the pageant were filled with practices, meetings, dresses, makeup, speeches, and a large array of appearances. It was a bit overwhelming, but I knew what I was getting myself into. I had accepted from day one that it was going to be a lot of tiring and sometimes tedious work. I knew that there would be days that I just didn't feel like moving and days that I might even want to quit. I didn't quit because I knew it would be worth it in the end.

Believe it or not, the few precious minutes you get to be on stage makes the whole process worth it. Pageantry is something I've done for a very long time and I love it dearly. I can admit that pageantry may not be for everyone, but it's something that every girl should try at least once. It can be grueling and stressful at times, but it's a very rewarding experience.

In my opinion, the Jr. Miss pageant was successful. There were a few difficulties but things like that are expected. For the most part, the pageant ran smooth-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Judi Shimmel

Phillips-Love competed against winner D'Azhah Harrigan

ly.

Despite this, the main complaint amongst the attendees is one uttered much too often: the wrong person won. This is a complaint that has been repeated in almost every pageant I've ever competed in. What we all need to understand is that every contestant in a pageant works hard and sacrifices a lot of, not only their family's money, but their own free time as well.

Some contestants sacrifice more than others, some have more supporters than others, and some are more experienced than others. But at the end of the day there can only be one winner.

As a community it's our job to trust the judges to make a fair decision, and to support all of the contestants, no matter who wins. We should not be berating a girl for losing, in the same way we shouldn't be ostracizing a girl for winning. Pageantry is a lot of work and it takes a lot out of you. The last thing any contestant needs is mistreatment from the people she is or was trying to represent.

It's okay to have extra love and support for a specific contestant, but make sure you treat the other contestants with the respect they deserve. Have faith and congratulate the newest St. John Festival Jr. Miss — D'Azhah Harrigan.

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ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Deepest sympathy and condolences to the Anderson Family on the passing of Norman.

-MN

Community Calendar

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

Monday, 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.

Thursday, July 3

— This year a special effort has been made to bring Emancipation into focus as St. Johnians celebrate the 166th year since chattel slavery was abolished in the then Danish West Indies. A full day's program is planned for Thursday, July 3, the Territory's national holiday of Emancipation, in Frank Powell Park, starting at 11 a.m.

Friday, July 4

— Festival Jouvert starts at sunrise near the V.I. National Park dock in Cruz Bay.

— Independence Day, National holiday

— St. John Festival parade starts at 11 a.m. near Mongoose Junction.

— Festival Fireworks show will light of they sky over Cruz Bay harbor starting at 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 5

— Festival Village wrap up.

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.

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

Strange Skin Formations on Donkey

At least one of the two male donkeys in two pairs that travel between Caneel Bay and Jumbie Beach has strange skin formations on its hind quarters and shoulders.



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Photo by Tom Oat

Accomplished Athlete Megan Hodge Honored

St. John Tradewinds

ST.THOMAS — The Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation chaired by Sen. Myron D. Jackson met at the Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall Monday afternoon, where they approved a measure to honor and commend Megan Hodge for her outstanding performance in the sport of volleyball.

Bill No. 30-0395 proposed by Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone passed with a vote of five yes, two absent.

Mark Daniel, Vice President of the Virgin Islands Volleyball Federation (VIVF) spoke in support of the measure. "The Hodge family has served the VIVF well with many members representing the Virgin Islands in numerous international tournaments over the years," he said. "It is only fitting that this body recognizes Megan Hodge's amazing achievements on the national and international level."

Michael C. Hodge, Hodge's father and founder of the Jammers Volleyball Club n Durham, North Carolina shared just a few of Hodge's accolades over the years—Big Ten Freshman of the Year, Big Ten Player

of the Year, National Freshman of the Year, four time First Team All American, Broderick Award Winner, and Best Scorer and MVP of the 2012 Grand Prix. She was also selected as a member of the USA Volleyball Olympic Team.

The Committee also reconsidered Bill No. 30-0418, a measure to establish a Virgin Islands Sports Commission and a National Sports Policy within the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation that would be responsible for the regulating sports, recreation, leisure and wellness programs in the Virgin Islands.

"Bill No. 30-0418 was created to address a comprehensive sports policy for the territory," said the committee chairman. "For many years the Virgin Islands has produced world class athletes with a population of 100,000. I think that's remarkable given the size and the resources of this territory."

Representatives of varying sports entities supported the measure saying that a unified front would be beneficial for all, though they noted that funding was greatly needed across the board. The measure was held in committee pending further amendments.

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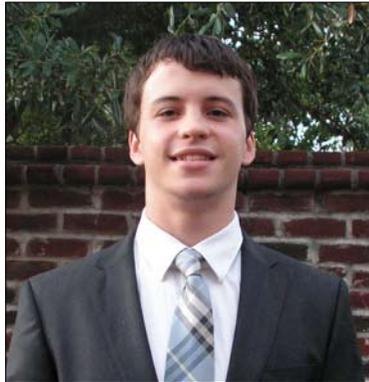
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals P

Antilles Graduate Nemeth Takes Part in Institutional Investment All-America Competition

St. John Tradewinds

Antilles School graduate and St. John resident Jozsef Nemeth, a junior finance major at Stetson University represented the school at the Institutional Investors All-America Student Analyst Competition.



Jozsef Nemeth

Nemeth, pictured, participated as one of 700 students representing 34 colleges and universities from all over the United States. Nemeth, as well as other students throughout the years, have joined the contest through the investment class taught by Chris Tobler, Ph.D., associate professor of finance.

This year, Nemeth was ranked in the top five in the country in two categories, placing him higher than students from some of the top schools in the country.

"In the investment class I offer, part of the student's grade is determined by their ability to use investment software and becoming familiar with trading strategies," said Tobler. "Jozsef has been our top student for the last couple of years. He has been in the Roland George Investment Program (RGIP) as a junior, which is rare because it is usually reserved for seniors, and is currently working with RGIP Director K. C. Ma in his hedge fund."

Participants managed a faux portfolio of investments amounting to \$100,000 each in an environment representative of those used by professional traders. Every portfolio tracked the equity value, net asset value, and profits and losses on a daily basis, and marketing to all positions, as a prime broker would. Participants had to follow Regulation T, the Federal Reserve Board rule designating a 50 percent margin requirement on initial stock purchases.

They were then free to trade in any of the seven industry sectors: Basic Materials, Capital Goods/ Industrials, Consumer, Energy, Financial Institutions, Health Care, and Technology, Media & Telecommunications.

"The Student Analyst Competition was very interesting, as it allowed me to practice different stock-picking techniques and track my performance," said Nemeth. "I also saw it as an opportunity to prepare myself for the RGIP program that I was taking the following semester. For both RGIP and any professional that sets target prices, it is key to prevent abnormal losses from irrational decisions."

"The Student Analyst Competition allows our students to master the theories and strategies we teach them in class and apply them in the real world," said Tobler. "It's a great experiential learning component of our curriculum."

This story originally appeared on: <http://www.stetson.edu/portal/stetson-today/2014/06/hatter-national-investment-competition/>. It was submitted to *St. John Tradewinds* by Jozsef Nemeth's mother, St. John resident Nancy Nemeth.

Carolyn Chabuz Earns Bachelor's Degree from Florida Tech

St. John Tradewinds

MELBOURNE, FL — Carolyn Chabuz, a Bio Sci, Premedical major from St John, earned a bachelor's degree at Florida Institute of Technology's Spring Commencement in May.

Founded at the dawn of the Space Race in 1958, Florida Tech is the only independent, technological university in the Southeast. The university is ranked in the top 200 in the Times Higher

Education World University Rankings 2013-14, has been named a Barron's Guide "Best Buy" in College Education, is designated a Tier One Best National University in U.S. News & World Report, is one of just nine schools in Florida lauded by the 2014 Fiske Guide to Colleges and is recognized by Bloomberg Businessweek as the best college for return on investment in Florida. A recent survey

by PayScale.com ranks Florida Tech as the top university in Florida for mid-career salary potential. The Melbourne-based university offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Fields of study include science, engineering, aeronautics, business, humanities, mathematics, psychology, communication and education. Additional information is available online at www.fit.edu.

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SJCF Sees Recycling Opportunities in VI

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"The St. Croix dump closed and they now have a separation station; CBCC has been working on plans for a St. John separation station," Kalousek added. "IGBA is talking to companies in the states who have potential solutions including crushers for cans and balers for plastics. Giffit Hill School and SJCF are at the table with them to see how we can improve recycling on island."

"An intern from Duke University did her thesis on potential solutions for plastic recycling on island

several years ago, and now graduated, she is working with a company that offered to give us a plastics baler if we can build a program of support to start recycling plastic water and soda bottles," Kalousek said.

"There are a lot of things that need to happen to make a consolidated recycling plan work, but these recyclable items are commodities, and although it takes space, staff, equipment, insurance and other overhead expenses, it is being done all over the world and can be done here too," Kalousek said.

Coral Bay Basketball Court Renovations

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While Rotary Club officials have raised \$40,000 so far for the project, the nearby elementary school was recently shuttered by the Department of Education and rumors have been rampant about the likelihood of the marina development moving forward by T-Rex.

The school's closing, however, doesn't mean youth and adults in the area don't still need recreation facilities and even if a marina is built, it is likely years away, according to Coldren.

"We need a basketball court now," said Coldren. "The written agreement between the Moravian Church Conference and the V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation says that if they get approval for a development on the property, the developer has to build a new basketball court elsewhere on the land."

"I see that as being a minimum of four to five years away," she said.

The project calls for resurfacing the existing court and repairing the bleachers, goals and baskets — to the tune of about \$50,000 with in kind donations — as opposed to the cost it would run of constructing a whole new court, Coldren added.

"If we were building a 30 year basketball court, like they did in Cruz Bay, we'd be talking about a \$250,000 project like in Cruz Bay," Coldren said. "But what we're talking about are renovations to the basketball court we have. We're repairing the court with the understanding that it will likely be used for five to 10 years."

"And we understand that developers will put in a new court before having this basketball court being turned into an alternate use," she said. "Contributing to this project is a promise of a continued public basketball court in Coral Bay."

The renovations come a year after lighting in the area was upgraded thanks to a federal LED grant, making costly electrical upgrades unnecessary, Coldren added.

Rotary members hope to raise the final \$10,000 needed and realize savings from vendors, the CBCC president explained.

"We're hoping to make up the rest with additional contributions this summer as well as in kind donations," said Coldren. "We are talking with vendors of asphalt and fencing and bleacher wood to see what deals they can give us in terms of discounts so we can meet that target expenditure of \$50,000."

"Some of the items we need are very expensive,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Jaime Elliott

The project includes repairing the wornout bleacher, above.

so we're going to need help with the companies who supply those vendors like barge travel and gravel," she said. "We will need help from them with reduced costs in order to make this work."

Rotary Club officials continue to accept donations to the basketball court renovation project which will be successful only with community support, Coldren added.

"We recognize that the whole community will contribute one way or another to make this happen," she said. "We're still encouraging donations and we also need those vendors who can provide some of the things we need to do so at a discounted rate. That is what we're counting."

Renovations, which also include painting lines to make the court available for volleyball and pickleball use, are still expected to be complete by September, according to Coldren.

"The project should be complete by early September but at this point we don't have an exact date since we don't need to have the court finished by the time school opens," she said.

Rotary Club of St. John is accepting tax deductible donations to the Coral Bay basketball court refurbishment. Checks, with "Coral Bay basketball court" written in the memo line, can be made out to Rotary Club of St. John Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 710, St. John, VI, 00831.

For more information, call Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren at (340) 776-2099.



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A make-shift raft that carried 53 cubans, above. Crewmembers from the Coast Guard Cutter *Key Largo* rescue a Haitian migrant, left, from the water west of Mona Island, Puerto Rico, Friday. The suspected smugglers, in an attempt to flee the area and avoid interdiction, allegedly threatened the migrants onboard and forced two Haitians, including a minor, overboard without life jackets.

Coast Guard Repatriates 53 Cuban Migrants

St. John Tradewinds

MIAMI — After being rescued by the Coast Guard, and transferred aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Knight Island*, 53 Cuban migrants were repatriated to Bahia de Cabañas, Cuba, Friday, June 27.

These repatriations are a result of five separate attempts to illegally migrate to the United States aboard rustic vessels in the Florida Straits stemming back to Monday.

Coast Guard assets involved in the cases were:

Coast Guard Cutter *Margaret Norvell*, 154-foot fast response cutter homeported in Miami.

Coast Guard Cutter *Knight Island*, 110-foot patrol boat homeported in Key West, Florida.

Coast Guard Cutter *Vigilant*, 210-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in Port Canaveral, Florida.

“The Coast Guard and our local partners are maintaining a robust presence in the Florida Straits using a variety of surface and avia-

tion assets and continually seeking ways to most effectively deploy force packages,” said Cmdr. Timothy Cronin, deputy chief of enforcement for the 7th Coast Guard District. “There is a legal way to seek entry into the United States. For those that choose to take to the sea and attempt to illegally enter, know that the Coast Guard is, first, out there to save you from the sea, but we will also prevent you from crossing our borders. And once we safely embark you on board our ships, we will quickly return you to your country of origin.”

Once aboard a Coast Guard cutter all migrants receive food, water, shelter, and basic medical attention.

In the month of June, 217 Cuban migrants have been interdicted by the Coast Guard.

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St. John

On Monday, June 16 at 12:45 p.m., police received a report about a burglary at Calabash Boom. The complainant stated that the apartment was broken into and several items were stolen, including a box spring and a mattress. Other items were moved around. The suspects used a truck or a vehicle large enough to haul the stolen items. Please help police in solving this case.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m., a 40-year-old man was in the area of Windward Passage where

he met an unidentified man to pick up a package. He was handed a bag with what appeared to contain counterfeit money and other illegal items. A fight erupted when he refused to accept the bag, and the other man fired shots. Although he was not shot, he did sustain a stab wound from his own knife when he fell on the ground.

St. Croix

On Saturday, June 14 at about 10 p.m., a 911 operator was notified that three people were injured in a shooting at Aureo Diaz housing community. The three residents of the apartment were shot through the door by an undetermined number of assailants. If you were in this housing community and observed anyone with a gun, or running away from the apartment, or you might know the perpetrators, please let us know. Please help put an end to senseless violent acts in our communities.

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ACROSS

- 1 Sag down
- 6 "Your Business" channel
- 11 Solo seen with Chewbacca
- 14 Snapshot
- 19 Meet with fellow grads
- 20 Classic name in arcades
- 21 Santa — Zoo
- 22 Biblical king in Matthew
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 "I come from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
- 27 English king called "the Conqueror"
- 28 Sunrise side
- 29 Concerning kidneys
- 30 Airline to Lod
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 36 1987 NFL MVP John
- 38 Some tournament rounds, informally
- 39 "There — god!"
- 40 Comply with
- 43 Ore- — (maker of Crispers!)
- 44 Sticky stuff
- 47 Vainglory
- 50 Riddle, part 3
- 55 Down time
- 56 "Eh" grade
- 57 Very old Olds
- 58 Choir female
- 59 High-school grad, e.g.
- 60 Stick (to)
- 63 Catch sight of

- 67 State-of-mind missions, in military slang
- 70 Riddle, part 4
- 74 Diving result
- 75 Not casual
- 76 Lead role in "La Cage aux Folles"
- 77 End in — (finish evenly)
- 78 Océano filler
- 80 Thai language
- 82 Little peeve
- 83 Part of DOJ: Abbr.
- 84 Riddle, part 5
- 91 Certain poem
- 92 Check casher, say
- 93 Kicker Groza
- 94 Seeks some answers
- 95 Brand of brake fluid
- 96 "Greetings"
- 98 Calyx part
- 102 End of the riddle
- 110 Firework part
- 111 City near Giza
- 112 Holy likeness
- 113 Prehensile-tailed fish
- 115 Fight
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 120 Nobel winner Joliot-Curie
- 121 Immense time span
- 122 Subparts
- 123 Penetrating
- 124 Was nervy enough
- 125 007, for one
- 126 Ballerina's skill, in Paris
- 127 Actress Witherspoon

DOWN

- 1 Bank in a check transaction
- 2 Replenish the stock of

- 3 Make illegal
- 4 "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
- 5 Gilpin of "Frasier"
- 6 Molten rock
- 7 Giant step
- 8 No, in Ayr
- 9 Lingerie garment
- 10 Op. — (abbr. in a footnote)
- 11 Responses to jokes
- 12 "— of robins in her hair": Joyce Kilmer
- 13 Three-nation pact of '94
- 14 Old Jewish sectarian
- 15 Capital of Montana
- 16 Bornean ape, briefly
- 17 Relating to musical pitch
- 18 In an unusual way
- 24 Spa reaction
- 25 100-yr. stretches
- 32 Ballet bend
- 33 Verdi work
- 34 Apple option
- 35 — and kin
- 37 Kobe cash
- 41 Florida birds
- 42 Driver's peg
- 44 Medusas' counterparts
- 45 At a boat's back
- 46 "It's hard to — Trane"
- 47 GOP symbol
- 48 Fights noisily
- 49 Have title to
- 50 Bankbook ID
- 51 Put back on the roster
- 52 Certain organ part
- 53 Bygone bird
- 54 Long-eared leapers
- 59 Little city
- 61 Qualified

- 62 By means of
- 64 Hang in there
- 65 Prized violin, for short
- 66 Fidel's friend Guevara
- 68 Pabst beer
- 69 "— -haw!" (rodeo cry)
- 71 Of ill repute
- 72 Golfer Sandy
- 73 Film terrier
- 77 Big whoop
- 79 "Shucks"
- 81 Sly-fox linkup
- 84 Bought the film rights to
- 85 Performs like Snoop Lion
- 86 Makeup of Hawaii
- 87 Noodlehead
- 88 Waikiki wiggling
- 89 Accepts
- 90 Send in troops, e.g.
- 95 Holy place
- 96 Innuendo
- 97 Inceptions
- 99 Chase
- 100 Frozen or liquid things
- 101 "Joan of Arc" star Sobieski
- 102 Pungent
- 103 Dr. of radio
- 104 Winter coat feature
- 105 Hill helpers
- 106 Inside story
- 107 Singer Bono
- 108 Tantalize
- 109 Snead of golf
- 114 Frosty coat
- 117 "Slung" stuff
- 118 — steady basis
- 119 Wine, in Paris

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Connecting with Nature

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Invasion of the Coqui Snatchers?

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Imagine young lovers calling out to each other in the darkening woods, looking forward to meeting up for a night of romance under the stars. Suddenly a bright light appears above them, which seems to be coming from the forehead of an enormous dark figure stalking noisily through the underbrush. As they hesitate, startled and confused, one of them is snatched up and carried off.

A short distance away the captive is poked and probed, and then something sharp snaps, taking off a couple of toes. The victim jumps and squirms and manages to escape – hopping off into the dark with an improbable tale about a frog-snatching, toe-biting monster lurking in the forest.

What sort of creature would do this?

It turns out to be a young woman wearing a miner's light strapped to her head – Pearl Cales, one of the graduate students from the College of Staten Island in New York City doing research periodically at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource

Station (VIERS). She has been studying the frogs' songs and calls, and also has a good eye for spotting them. She finds them hiding on low parts of trees in forested areas, inside bromeliad plants, or in the leaf litter on the ground. It takes quick hands to catch them.

But why is she snipping their toes? Apparently it is difficult to identify the different types of native tree frogs just by their calls. The toe samples are used for DNA analysis.

The dominant type of frog on St. John is the Whistling Coqui (*Eleutherodactylus cochranæ*), which is found only in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. These frogs are quite small (about the size of a quarter) and are brown or gray with small brown spots on their throats and legs. They mostly sleep in bromeliads during the day and eat insects at night. They also lay their eggs in the bromeliads. The eggs hatch after about two days, without turning into tadpoles, so these frogs do not need to breed near a body of water.

The Red-Eyed Coqui (*Eleutherodactyl-*

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Pearl Cales taking DNA sample from tree frog, left, and Whistling coqui on a bromeliad, above left, photos William Stelzer. Pearl Cales with Cuban Tree Frog, above right, photo Richard Veit.

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lus antillensis) is a similar tree frog, also mostly found only in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands but not as common. In addition to its red eyes, it also has distinctive black streaks in front and back of its eyes. During the day, these frogs are generally hiding on the ground, but at night they get up on low bushes and branches to catch insects. After a rainstorm, the female will lay eggs in the wet leaf litter. These eggs too will hatch without any tadpole stage.

Unlike a coqui, the Caribbean White-lipped Frog (*Lepidactylus albilabris*) is semi-aquatic and needs to be close to water for breeding. The eggs are laid on the ground near a stream or a ditch suitable for tadpoles. Pearl found lots of these tadpoles in large puddles of water along the road by

VIERS.

One of things Pearl is investigating is whether there are impacts on local frogs due to the introduction of three non-native species: the Puerto Rican Coqui, the Cuban Tree Frog, and the Cane Toad (*Bufo marinus*).

St. John is a small island and, as everyone knows, non-natives can be quite invasive, disrupting the domains and routines of the locals, and encroaching on or destroying their habitats.

Most people in St. John are already familiar with the Cuban frogs, which are much larger than the native ones. So far Pearl has not seen much impact from them on local St. John frogs, though in the British Virgin Islands coqui populations seem to be declining where Cuban frogs have spread into their customary habitats. (These big frogs can also cause

lots of trouble for homeowners by squeezing into the water pipes – and even breeding in swimming pools).

The even larger cane toads are of more concern. They have been showing up in Coral Bay, probably arriving in plants imported from Florida (like a number of other invasive species). These toads are voracious predators and will eat the native frogs, along with many other small creatures. (If threatened, they also produce a toxic secretion that can burn your skin and poison your pets.)

These introduced invaders seem to be the really dangerous coqui snatchers.

Gail Karlsson is an environmental lawyer and part-time resident of St. John. Her book *The Wild Life in an Island House* is available on amazon.com or view some of her other writing at gvkarlsson.blogspot.com.

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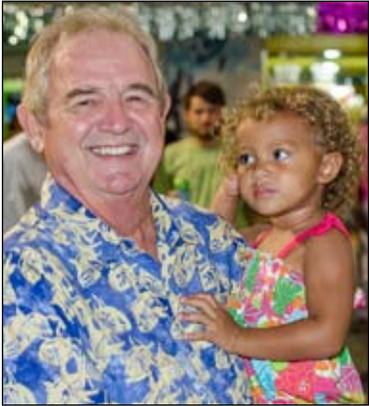
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