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## *Lookin' fo' de Dock in de Bay...*

The Great Cruz Bay waterfront is ready for the installation of its new dock with an encircling floating boom to protect the environment of the nearby luxury waterfront homes and the resort's swimming beach.

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# Minor Mayhem Ends July 4 Festival

By TOM OAT

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**CRUZ BAY** — The 2015 St. John July 4 Festival almost ended with a bang — in the form of a \$50,000 fireworks display that lit up Cruz Bay — but instead the revelry ended with more of the petty late night violence that had erupted sporadically throughout the week outside the otherwise well-controlled festival grounds on Cruz Bay Creek.

One young St. John man was reported the victim of a viscous knife attack outside the festival village after the fireworks show on the festival's final "official" night Saturday, July 4, which may have cost him one of his kidneys. Another man suffered what appeared to have a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a confrontation in the center of town which was not reported by law enforcement officials.

The shooting incident, which witnesses said occurred on the sidewalk in front of the Cruz Bay and involved a single gunshot following a scuffle between two men, according to one eyewitness.

"I saw dese two guys scufflin' right in fron' de church and one guy all in dahk clothes look like he was reaching for a gun when it went off and 'e shot heself," the eyewitness told *St. John Tradewinds*.

"The other guy just ran away."

"De shot went off an' everybody start runnin'," he said. "The other guy ran right by me towards de dock."

There was no report of any shooting from V.I. Police Department.

## Another Violent Knife Attack

A block away, on-lookers outside the festival village were shocked when a violent knife attack on an unidentified young St. Johnian man left him staggering through the street near the Ubaldina Simonds U.S. Post Office in blood-soaked clothing, according to a St. Johnian witness — who was critical of the emergency response to an incident 100 yards from the island's EMT station.

"When they stopped him and opened his shirt there was blood all over the place," the eyewitness recounted. "But the officers all just picked him up and ran down the street carrying him to the EMTs."

"They should have kept him on the ground putting pressure on the wounds until the EMTs got there," opined the witness. "He could have bled out and died."

The young man reportedly was stabbed multiple times and lost a kidney as a result of his injuries.

## GHS Has Daily Summer Office Hours

Giffit Hill School will remain open for business all summer, with the exception of July 4th. Daily office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Summer campus enhancements will occur, so please take note of signs designating any changes to school entrances. Summer programming will be taking place on each campus with varying hours of operation. Call 340-776-1730 for information.

## Ocean 362 Six-Course Dinner Fundraiser Supports Family Resource Center

Chef Shaun Brian Sells of Oceans 362 at Gallows Point Cruz Bay is planning a July 16 six-course dinner with cocktail pairings to benefit the Family Resource Center and raise awareness and funds for victims of crime on St. John.

For the past three years FRC has been extending services to St. John and relies on community support. Tickets for the event are \$115 per person with a \$35 optional cocktail pairing. To make a reservation for the fundraiser and learn about how you can help the Family Resource Center call Ocean 362 today at 340-776-0001.

## OLMC Sets Grand Bazaar, Funfest, BBQ

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church is having a "Grand Bazaar BBQ and Family Funfest" on July 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be music and games for children. There also will be a "Special Sale" of furniture, clothing tools, books and much more. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale.

## CBCC Rainwater Cistern Storage Workshop Set for Tuesday, July 21

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) is hosting a workshop to listen to experts and vendors about rainwater cistern storage and drinking water systems on Tuesday, July 21, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The session scheduled for Skinny Leg's will be a discussion of UV purification and filters for drinking water quality, gutters, roof paint, cleaning cisterns, etc.

A check list of issues is available at Connections and Keep Me Posted to review in advance. If you have a particular problem, you can also schedule an on-site visit for advice. If you are a vendor and want to present, call the CBCC at 776-2099.

## On-site Wastewater Workshop July 22

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) is hosting a workshop to listen to experts and vendors about on-site wastewater treatment systems and septic tanks at Skinny Leg's on Wednesday, July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The workshop will feature experts and vendors discussing choices of wastewater (sewage) treatment systems, upgrading or replacing septic tank systems, managing your drainfield and maintaining these systems to avoid smells, and other issues. New ideas will be discussed. For more details, call the CBCC at 776-2099.

## Veterans Affairs Opened Second Friday

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

## New England Youth Theater Presents Weekend Performances in Powell Park, at Giffit Hill School

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Giffit Hill School, in partnership with New England Youth Theatre, is presenting three performances of *The Blind King & The Sleeping Queen*, written by Stephen Stearns and Peter Amidon.

The first performance, Friday, July 17, at 2 p.m. is a FREE public performance in Franklin Powell Park across from the ferry dock.

The evening performances are Friday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at GHS Upper Campus for a suggested

donation of \$5.

The final performance is Saturday July 18 at 7 p.m. at GHS Upper Campus for a suggested donation of \$5.

(Please be advised that construction is taking place at the Upper Campus, so follow signs to the temporary entrance on the left side of the building.)

The play directors are Stephen Stearns and Doran Hamm.

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# Federal Officials Open New Public Comment Period on Mega-Yacht Marina

By TOM OAT  
St. John Tradewinds

**ST. JOHN** — The federal Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has opened a second official 45-day public comment period on an amended application for the 145-slip, mega-yacht marina in Coral Harbor that doesn't include the 75-buoy mooring field in Coral Bay that was included in the controversial original plan.

The developers of the project appear buoyed by their progress in the federal approval process and the initial response from the federal agency — despite the withdrawal of a federal Fish and Wildlife Service grant to the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources which was to have been used to install a neighboring mooring field.

The ad hoc Save Coral Bay group formed to fight the proposed marina, the first and largest of two marina projects proposed for Coral Harbor, has a different interpretation of the most recent ACE pronouncement and announcement and pledges to continue their effort. (Related stories on Pg. 5)

There also was some contradiction between the ACE notice and the Coral Bay advocacy group as to whether parties who had commented in the first comment period could or should comment a second time in the new comment period.

## No "Substantial" Adverse Impact

But the federal permitting agency clearly stated its "initial determination" on the marina permit application in its notice of the new comment period that seemed to pave the way for its ultimate approval.

"The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest," the ACE notice continued. "That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources."

"The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reason-

ably foreseeable detriments," the notice foreshadowed.

"Based on the available information, the Corps initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH (Essential Fish Habitat) or Federally-managed fisheries in the Caribbean Sea," the official ACE legal notice reads.

"According to information provided by the applicant, the proposed project has the potential to impact approximately eight acres of marine bottom, including seagrass colonized areas, which may be utilized by various life stages of some of the federally managed species within the U.S. Caribbean," the ACE report acknowledged.

## "Not Likely To Adversely Affect

"The Corps has preliminarily determined that the proposed project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the above referenced Federally listed sea turtles (in water), lobed star coral, elkhorn coral, and designated critical habitat for acroporid corals," the report continued.

"Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Conservation Division," the brief ACE electronic notice acknowledged.

The withdrawn federal grant designated for the mooring project had been awarded to the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) by FWS in 2013 to improve marine services in the territory. DPNR officials had earmarked the funds for SEG's cleanup of abandoned vessels in Coral Harbor and creation of a new mooring field to accommodate the vessels currently anchored in the area of Coral Harbor that would be covered by the proposed marina.

The federal grant to DPNR subsequently was rescinded by FWS in the face of strong public opposition to the overall Summer's End mega-yacht marina project.

ACE had issued a Public Notice for the project in early January of this year "with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(FWS) acting as lead agency in the federal environmental compliance review, coordination and consultation procedures for the project," according to the ACE notice.

## Marina Plan Is Unchanged

With the subsequent withdrawal of the related FWS grant intended to be used to relocate the existing moorings in Coral Harbor as part of an overall plan for Coral Bay, the developers have remained focused on the mega-yacht marina, according to the spokesperson for the developers.

"That was something that was proposed... it was to address the mooring issues," SEG principal Chaliase Summers told St. John Tradewinds. "The 75 moorings are not part of the application."

The St. John Coastal Zone Management committee approved the marina plan and the mooring field plan in October 2014 after a controversial August public hearing, but Summers said the moorings were never officially part of the federal permit application so there is no change in the permit application itself.

"We actually applied in April 2014," Summers said of the ACE process for the marina. "We've been in the process for the entire time. We're really not affected by the grant."

"In cooperation with USACE, we have adjusted our application to include the upland portion of the St. John Marina thus triggering a new applications," the developer explained. "We will continue to work with USACE and other federal agencies toward our development of the most environmentally considerate marina destination now and for generations to come."

"This issuance of the public notice this week is very good news and takes us one step closer to bringing the much needed 90+ jobs to St. John along with economic opportunities which enable generational St. Johnian families with quality employment right here at home on their land, continuing their heritage while restoring the community of Coral Bay," Summers said.

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## MegaYacht News Reports Fall 2016 Opening of 145-Slip The Yacht Club at Summer's End

St. John Tradewinds

**ST. JOHN** — *By the fall of 2016, St. John, the only major U.S. or British Virgin Island without a marina, will have one.*

*And there will be plenty of room for megayachts.*

So says *MegaYacht News*, "The Trusted Source of Information on Megayachts, Builders, Designers, and Owners" in a June 10 by-lined article by writer Diane M. Byrne.

*The marina is part of a development called the Yacht Club at Summer's End. It's located on Coral Bay, on the eastern end of St. John. In the planning stages for the past several years, it's now proceeding, with all amenities scheduled to become available at once.*

*The Yacht Club at Summer's End will include 145 slips, about 50 of which will be for mega-yachts to 200 feet (67 meters). The ma-*

***So far, according to Chaliase Summers, managing member of The Summer's End Group, which is the developer, interest has been strong. Despite no advertising or publicity campaigns, she says her office has fielded inquiries for 50 slips. She ascribes it especially to megayacht owners, captains, and charter yachts, as well as local officials, being "extremely frustrated" over "no friendly access" to St. John.***

*rina will be spread over two areas, the North Club and the South Club. The latter is where megayachts will dock. The North Club will accommodate a variety of smaller boats, both power and sail, ranging from charter boats to*

*sportfishing yachts.*

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Members of the U.S. Virgin Islands contingent wave their V.I. flags as they follow their team banner in the opening ceremonies at the 2015 Pan American Games in the Rogers Centre in Toronto, Canada, on Friday, June 10.

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 Photo by Athneil J. Thomas, VIOC

**Judge François Weighs DNA Collection Request in Malfetti Murder and Pre-trial Release of Blash**

By **JUDI SHIMEL**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. THOMAS** — While prosecutors urged Superior Court Judge Denise François not to release accused murderer Mekel Wayne Blash from custody pending trial, the court also was asked by investigators to order Blash to provide a DNA sample which could connect him to the crime scene.

Blash is accused in the January 2014 stabbing death of New Jersey internet entrepreneur James Malfetti who had moved to St. John to indulge his love for water sports. Malfetti was found dead of knife wounds in his south shore apartment in January.

Judge François said the only reason for the Friday, July 10, hearing was to take testimony from the lead V.I. Police Department detective in the case, Mark Thomas.

Det. Thomas testified concerning Judge Francois' pending decision on whether Blash should be allowed to go free pending trial. The defendant has been in custody in the Criminal Justice Complex on \$500,000 bail since his arrest on April 17.

The detective told Judge Francois that in the course of the current investigation he heard from witnesses saying they received threats from a Blash associate related to a prior case.

"Based on what the witness



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo*

**Mekel Blash**

told us, we believed there was a violent threat," Thomas told the court.

But defense attorney Public Defender Julie Smith Todman noted the threats did not come from the defendant.

Smith Todman also argued against a motion to compel Blash to submit DNA evidence made by Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Webb.

Webb told the court Blash refused to submit to DNA testing when taken to the Roy L. Schneider Hospital as part of the evidence collection process.

"He was not going to allow the government to take the DNA without his attorney present," Webb

said. Smith Todman admitted she was not available at the time but added she received no notice from the Justice Department of the requested test. Neither did the Office of the Territorial Public Defender where she works, she said.

"My client invoked his right to counsel, the attorney said. "He wanted to make sure the process was properly done. You cannot hold that against him."

But Webb pressed further, citing a number of U.S. Supreme Court rulings that said an attorney did not need to be present when DNA evidence was collected. He added that he felt he knew why Blash was avoiding the test.

If the test were conducted it would provide tangible evidence that Blash was in the apartment on St. John where Malfetti's body was found.

Francois said she would take the arguments under consideration and indicated she is still considering whether to set bail conditions that would allow Blash's release until he appears at trial.

Blash is charged with first degree murder, assault, grand larceny, burglary and use of a weapon in the commission of a violent crime. The attorney for Malfetti's family has publically questioned any court ordered release of the accused murderer.

## Save Coral Bay Has Different Perspective on Mega-Yacht Marina Approval Process

By TOM OAT

*St. John Tradewinds*

**CORAL BAY** — The opposition to the proposed Coral Bay mega-yacht marina has a very different interpretation of the latest federal action on the project's permit application and where it leaves the developers in the approval process for the controversial project.

But they remain steadfastly opposed nonetheless.

"The Summers End Group has been forced to re-submit their Army Corps permit application because the previous application has been determined to be incomplete," Save Coral Bay announced on its internet site, more than somewhat in contradiction to the developer's claims the permitting process was proceeding unchanged. (See related story.)

Save Coral Bay, the grassroots community effort organized in 2014 in opposition to the proposed marina, has attracted worldwide support in raising more than \$98,717 of an elevated target of \$150,000 from 890 people in nine months since the marina received controversial V.I. government approval, according to a recent posting on the organization's internet site. Save Coral Bay has not provided a complete public accounting of the funds to date.

The ad hoc group has marshaled legal warriors who have volunteered to challenge the initial marina application. The community group is organizing a public response to the next round of the federal permitting process— encouraging supporters to voice their continued opposition during the newly-announced second federal permitting process and comment period.

### Agreeing in Disagreement

The organization's official statement on the status of the permitting process set the stage for continued opposition.

"In March the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rescinded the grant that had been given to SEG," the anti-marina group proclaimed on its web site. "As a result, the Army Corps then became the lead agency and they reviewed the application, requested a new

submission from SEG, and will publish a new Public Notice. At that time we will most likely need to resubmit our comment letters."

The statements from the two sides did seem to coincide in agreeing that the marina plan resubmitted by SEG for the required federal public notice period did not include a mooring field.

"What did SEG change in their 'new' application?" the anti-mega-yacht-marina activists asked rhetorically on their internet site.

"Virtually nothing, except they totally removed the 75 position mooring field," the Save Coral Bay site answered itself.

"It's still the same environmentally destructive mega marina on 1,333 steel pilings, covering 28 acres of Coral Bay," the activists posted. "So when the time comes we will need to find the comment letters we sent in January and resubmit them. Instructions to follow..."

### "Full Story"

In what the site refers to as the "Full Story," the opposition to the SEG project touted its progress and foreshadowed future plans:

"In January and February when we submitted thousands of letters in opposition to the Summers End Group mega marina plans. You remember that five federal agencies voiced strong objections to the SEG plans. And in March the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) rescinded the federal grant that had previously been awarded to SEG."

"Last year, when SEG filed their Army Corps permit application, the FWS was still on the record as having awarded a funding grant to SEG," the advocacy site explained. "According to federal regulations FWS, as a funding agency, thereby became the 'lead agency' in the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review of the Army Corps permit."

"However, when FWS pulled the plug on the grant in March, they lost that lead agency status and the project came back to the Army Corps of Engineers as

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## Marina Developer Would Get Credit For Removing Derelict Coral Bay Vessels

By TOM OAT

*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. JOHN** — If The Summer's End Group marina developers get the federal approvals they are seeking to construct the mega-yacht marina, they plan to remove the derelict vessels in Coral Bay to satisfy part of their required "compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment."

"The applicant has offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable

functional loss to the aquatic environment: To mitigate for impacts that cannot be avoided, red mangroves will be planted amid the riprap along the entire waterfront, watershed management will be undertaken both on site and in the surrounding watershed to improve runoff water quality, informational buoys will be placed to warn boaters of shallow reefs and seagrass beds, and an intensive cleanup of the bay removing derelict vessels from the seafloor that are impacting seagrass will be undertaken."

### "Compensatory Mitigation"

The Coral Bay Community Foundation received a federal grant in 2014 and has sought bids for the removal of the score of boats that have foundered in the shallow, silted inner harbor mangroves.

Unable to field an acceptable bid in a first attempt, the CBCC recently announced it would again seek bids from contractors to begin removing some of the hulks in the shallows and along the mangrove on the inner shore of the harbor.

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## Sen. President James Won't Sign Gov. Mapp's "Gay Marriage" Act for Lt. Gov.

By TOM OAT

*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. THOMAS** — Senate President Neville James, acting as Lieutenant Governor with Osbert Potter out of the territory on official business, refused to sign an Executive Order enabling same-sex marriages on Thursday, July 9, while acknowledging Gov. Kenneth E. Mapp was intentionally putting him in the middle of a debate in which he already had announced his opposition.

"This afternoon Governor Kenneth E. Mapp signed an Executive Order on Marriage Equality, and forwarded the Executive Order to Acting Lieutenant Governor, Senator Neville James, for him to attest or witness the Governor's signature pursuant to section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands," Government House announced in a press release earlier in the week.

In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Osbert E. Potter, the

Senate President is next in the line of succession.

Earlier in the week Sen. James had made it clear in a St. Thomas Daily News article that he supported same-sex unions but disagreed with same-sex marriage.

After Gov. Mapp had announced he would be signing the executive order, Lt. Gov. Osbert Potter left the territory on previously scheduled official business, according to published reports.

Government House an-

nounced it had "been advised by Acting Lieutenant Governor Neville James that he needs an opportunity to be advised on his duties as Acting Lt. Governor before attesting to the Governor's signature.

"I will not be signing the executive order," Sen. Potter told reporter Judi Shimel in a interview Thursday night, July 9. "I think they new that all along and tried to put me on the spot.

The Senate President told

Shimel he had spoken with a number of his colleagues as well as political advisors and that "we've had a good laugh about it."

"I want to compliment the governor," the Senate President said with a major dose of irony. "It was unquestionably a brilliant, tactical move on the part of the governor."

"Unfortunately for the governor, I grew up playing chess and checkers, too," Sen. James told Shimel.

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## V.I. Senate President James Launches St. John Land, Heritage and Property Tax Task Force

*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. CROIX** — V.I. Senate President Neville James and Legislature Secretary Sen. Myron Jackson are in the final stages of establishing a plenary council of Senators, Government officials and representatives from the National Park Service to discuss, analyze and make recommendations to the Lt. Governor's office for future property tax valuations, Sen. James announced said Tuesday, April 7.

"The St. John Land, Heritage and Property Tax Task Force" whose duty will be to provide recommendations and a framework for coming up with assessments and real property valuations on the island of St. John, will be appointed by the Senate himself.

The names of the appointees will be announced by the end of the week, Sen. James said.

"Our objective is to get everybody back on the same page as it relates to comfortably paying property taxes," Sen. James said in a prepared statement. "We have a situation on St. John where the December 2013 property tax bill is still in dispute; 505 property owners on St. John filed for an informal appeal on their valuation at the end of last year, and so in an effort to resolve this, property tax bills that were scheduled to go out at the end of 2014 had to be pushed back to early 2015."

"We're losing time and money every time we send an individual out to reassess these properties and the people of St. John are losing their patience," Senator James said.

In his statement Sen. James made reference to a recent case in V.I. Superior Court where St. John residents demanded that a temporary restraining order be issued against the local government to stop it from collecting 2013 property taxes.

"The taskforce we are establishing is in no way meant to duplicate the services of the Board of Tax Review," the senator clarified. "The people of St. John believe the current methodology used to create the valuation models are flawed because they're based on the sale prices of pricy vacation villas that surround them."

"I am inclined to agree with that position, my hope is that this taskforce will develop a fair and accurate model that everybody can live with," concluded Senator James.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER!**



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Danger Lurks Below! There are still plenty of warning signs, but no sign of any repairs to the treacherous section of heavily-traveled road.

## Commendation for Erection of Barricades, But Fish Bay Road Still Threatens Drivers

By TOM OAT  
St. John Tradewinds

**ST. THOMAS** — After a flurry of agrandizing government intervention in June, the six-inch thick concrete roadbed precariously spanning the chasm above Rendezvous Bay apparently will face a sixth rainy season of runoff worsening the menace to drivers to and from the south shore residential area.

Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. thanked Commissioner Designee of the Department of Public Works Gustav James for his help with the closure of the damaged portion of Fish Bay Road, St. John during the hearing for the Committee on Housing, Public Works, and Waste Management in early July.

Residents would like to thank DPW Commissioner-designee James for his help with the repair of the extremely treacherous section of dead-end road is the only access to south shore neighborhoods of Rendezvous Bay and Fish Bay.

When and if it happens.

DPW emergency measures including signage have sought to address residents' concerns about the potential for a traffic accident on the busy residential road where it

is reduced to one lane to keep traffic off the undermined outer section.

### Wistful Wishing for Repairs

Residents of the island's south shore neighborhoods still are hoping wistfully for the announcement of an emergency repair project to stop the entire outside lane of the concrete road bed from falling on the infamous "Orange Ball" house overlooking other luxury vacation rental homes on the hillside above Rendezvous Bay and Ditleff Point.

The erosion has steadily undermined the two-lane roadbed during heavy rains since the house was built and the size of the undermined area has steadily increased to several car lengths.

"Thank you for making it easier for me by keeping your word," Sen. Harrigan said to James. "You are a man of honor and I enjoyed working with you."

Sen. Harrigan along with his staff and St. John administrator Camille Parris had traveled to the site on June 9 to survey the damaged road after receiving calls from residents expressing their concerns over the road condition.

After assessing the damaged roads, Sen. Harrigan requested that

Commissioner-designee James have barriers put in place to prevent further damage to the weaker portion of the road and the preventative measures were quickly put in place.

### "Please help."

"Visitors and islanders alike are now driving their vehicles over the bad piece of road, it is only a matter of time before the road breaks," a resident wrote St. John Tradewinds in June, before Sen. Harrigan's visit.

"The other problem has been that cars coming toward town barrel around the blind corner and side swipe the cars going out towards Ditleff/Rendezvous and Fish Bay," the writer continued. "When there is a really bad accident will something finally be done?"

"We have been living with this road condition for five years!!," The resident wrote. "Please help."

Aside from thanking the commissioner for his help, Sen. Harrigan also said in a press release that he inquired into the slated purpose of the money allocated for the ferry boat funds as well as possible solutions in regards to the issue of crypts blocking the entrance to other crypts in our cemeteries.



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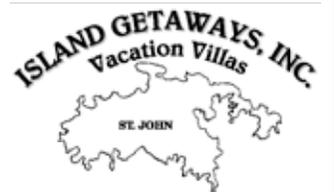


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## Same Sex Weddings Already Popular As Territory Prepares for Legal Changes

By **JUDI SHIMEL**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. JOHN** — The recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court over the right of same sex couples to legally marry has produced an array of reactions from St. John wedding planners and other professionals working in that lucrative tourism niche market.

Some of those who preside over wedding ceremonies say they have already performed nuptials for same sex couples on St. John. Others say they never sought out that segment of the wedding market but expect it to become a percentage of their annual business.

And one wedding planner says she is currently busy putting together a destination wedding for a female couple, one of whom is from the Virgin Islands.

A June 26 Supreme Court decision declared same sex couples had the right to be married and that marriages that took place in U.S. states which allowed them had to be recognized in states and territories nationwide.

“That’s a legal question that the court may be called upon to rule on, but what I can tell you is that the Superior Court is required to follow the decisions of the United States Supreme Court,” Judge Michael Dunston said.

### V.I. Legal

#### Definition at Odds

Current V.I. statutes in define marriage as a union that can only be entered into by a couple made up of one man and one woman. But legal precedence for changes to the law was established a few

weeks ago by the V.I. Supreme Court when they ruled in the case of a St. Croix couple— two women— who were married in Canada and are raising the biological children of one spouse.

The lower court denied the petition to adopt filed by the same sex spouse, but the high court rejected that decision and sent the ruling back to the lower court for further adjudication.

Change for some in the Virgin Islands is arriving too slowly. Complaints appeared on social media after June 26 from those who said local courts were not yet performing civil wedding ceremonies.

But St. Thomas resident Annette Hill-Bowring hopes change will proceed with sufficient speed for her sister Deborah to marry in the territory on July 28.

Deborah Hill, born and raised St. Thomas, married her female partner in Georgia a few weeks ago.

“They got married a couple of weeks ago, but they wanted to do the reception and the civil union here,” Annette said.

Plans were proceeding. Wedding planner Leslie Dawson from Perfect Weddings on St. Thomas was hired to put the special day together. All of this after Annette and her sister realized the Supreme Court decision affected U.S. territories like the Virgin Islands, as well as the 50 states. When her sister realized she could get married at home, Hill-Bowring said, she started to cry.

Dawson was more matter-of-

fact about her first same sex client.

### Couples “All the Same”

“It’s all the same,” she said.

One partner in the couple wants to spend freely, the other is more hesitant. Most of the traditional couples she plans for behave the same way.

As for the possibility of arranging a same sex destination wedding for St. John, Dawson said it’s possible but again, it would be up to the couple.

Mary Bartolucci from Island Weddings in Paradise said she has been marrying same sex couples on St. John for a while. If anyone comes to her and wants to get married, she said she felt they should be married.

However, she added, the Supreme Court ruling would make the nuptials more substantive than symbolic.

Katherine Steinborn from KatiLady said the same sex market would be a new addition to her wedding planning business, adding that she never sought clients from that sector because they could not legally marry.

“It’s not a market I went after,” she said.

Steinborn added she doubts there will be a surge in requests for same sex destination weddings because there are other places in the U.S. that have accommodated same sex couples in the past.

“Once St. John allows it, I expect to see it happen more often,” she said. “I don’t see it being less popular than other wedding destinations.”



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## SJSA Campers To Perform “Rainbow Sea” on July 24

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St. John School of the Arts will present The Rainbow Sea performance on Friday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m.

The summer campers have been working so hard on singing, dancing, acting and coming to-

gether to perform a beautifully written musical created, directed and produced by Andrea Green.

This program is fully funded by ASCAP Foundation and Elixir Nepenthe, Inc. We are grateful to Peter Strauss who was instrumental in getting this program sponsored. Hope to see you there!

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Next Letter Deadline: Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>



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## Summer Slam Success

Developed as a partnership between Freshwater Church and V.I. Parks and Recreation Department, the second annual Summer Slam basketball clinic was conducted June 29 through July 2.

The free basketball camp took place daily at Pine Peace basketball court. About 50 local children and teens participated and were divided into teams named beautiful for St. John beaches.

The participants practiced and drilled with their volunteer coaches from Michigan, New York City, Texas, Arizona and Tennessee. Their hard work was culminated with a playoff game on July 2 and 65 medals were awarded at the event.

First place ribbons also went to the winning teams Cruz Bay and Hawksnest. Cruz Bay won for the children's age group and Hawksnest won for the teen division. A free hotdog lunch was enjoyed by all after a fun week of Summer Slam basketball.



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## PD Parking Solution?



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The V.I. Police Department brought its new Segway vehicles to St. John to lead the Fourth of July parade, so island residents weren't too surprised to see the futuristic vehicles subsequently parked up in front of the Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay the next day – along with a handful of the dozen other police vehicles parked around town.

# Inner Visions Reggae Star Recovery Is Slow; Family, Friends, Fans Are Hopeful, Thankful

By JUDI SHIMEL  
St. John Tradewinds

**CRUZ BAY** — Relatives of a popular St. John reggae artist says he has a long road ahead to recovery as they shared with St. John Tradewinds the extent of health challenges facing Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering and the progress he is making.

Pickering, leader of the reggae legacy band Inner Visions, is currently in a Puerto Rico rehabilitation center, receiving therapy for the effects of a stroke he suffered in March. Pickering is a highly-regarded musician and community activist who helped bring the sounds of St. John roots music to reggae fans across the territory and along the U.S. college circuit.

His mother, Irma Pickering, says weeks of medical treatment and therapy have allowed Grasshopper to move better and enjoy an occasional game of Dominoes. But there are more steps to be taken towards a full recovery, she said.

The Inner Visions bandleader was rushed to the Scheider Regional Medical Center March 29 after suffering a medical crisis. He was transported to the Intensive Care Unit at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Puerto Rico April 5.

Family members including his mother have taken turns visiting by his bedside, overseeing his recovery since then.

### Heart Surgery Ahead

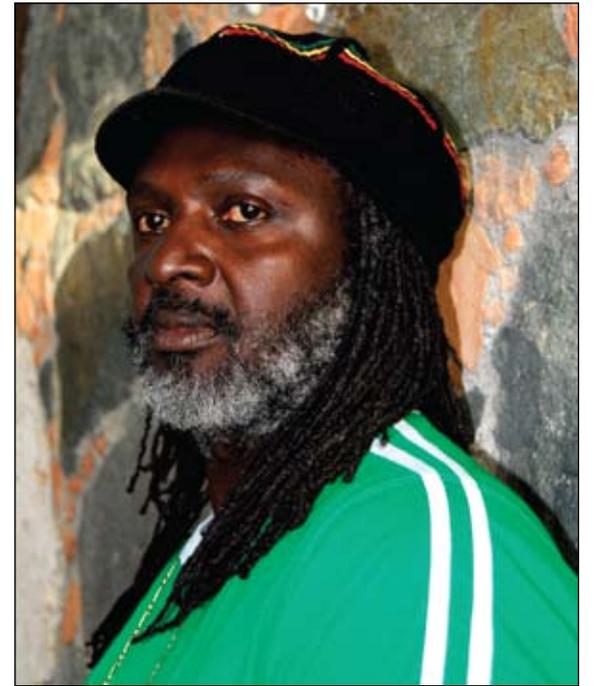
Further improvements are expected after surgery for a heart condition, his mother said.

Members of the St. John community and fellow artists from the music scene have actively supported the family in their effort to get Pickering back on his feet. Fundraisers and block parties have been organized.

A Go Fund Me page, launched March 30 garnered support from 718 people who raised \$15,775. The St. John Revolving Fund generated funds that helped provide medical transport from the V.I. to Puerto Rico.

Irma Pickering has patiently handwritten thank you notes to those who have lent their support.

“We, the family of Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering are very grateful to you, our community for your continued support. In his time of need, youve reached out to us with financial donations, calls, encouraging cards, flowers and prayers. As the prayers go up, the



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Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering

blessings will come down to Grasshopper. God is our shield and refuge. He will give us the strength to press on regardless. We are honored to be part of this “Love City” that comes together in time of need... always,” she wrote.

Inner Visions began its musical mission in the 1980, formed by Grasshopper, his brother Alvin “Jupiter” Pickering and Paul Samms. Grasshopper’s sons Akiba “Mr. Snooze” and Aswad “Hollywood” Pickering joined the band several years later.

They have independently produced six cd albums on Blue Bitch Records — named after a valued V.I. native stone — and built a fan base covering the Caribbean, Europe and the U.S. mainland.

At home the band performed for visiting headline performers and assisted countless benefits for schools, community groups and other causes. Grasshopper Pickering is also one of the founding members of the St. John Cancer Fund.

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# Family Resource Center, Ocean 362 Friends Join Forces for Fundraiser

By JUDI SHIMEL  
St. John Tradewinds

**CRUZ BAY** — An old friendship and some creative thinking produced an elegant idea to help St. John residents faced with domestic violence and crime — a six-course dinner with wine pairings at Ocean 362 Restaurant on Thursday, July 16.

The fundraising dinner was arranged with the help of chef Shaun Bryan Sells, owner of Ocean 362, according to Vernon Arajuo, development director for the Family Resource Center.

Arajuo and Sells first hit it off as children, growing up together in Coral Bay.

### Childhood Island Friends

"I've known him since I was five," Arajuo said. "The event was born out of a friendship between myself and the chef."

FRC has been serving St. John for a little more than a year with as few resources as an agency of its kind might expect to have.

Working from a borrowed space at the Myrah Keating Smith Clinic, one social worker has found more than a full measure of woe, Arajuo said.

Almost daily someone comes

calling because of child abuse, relationships turned violent or sexual power games involving children, according to the FRC director. As the fundraiser began his pursuit of resources to advance the cause and his childhood friend joined in on events, the extent of St. John domestic violence problems became more apparent.

"Neither one of us was aware of how serious problems of domestic abuse and child abuse were on our small island," Arajuo said.

### Getting Message Out

The July 16 event is a means of getting the message out there among supporters and would-be supporters, in a comfortable atmosphere, he said.

Everybody isn't willing just to write a check, the FRC official acknowledged. This dinner gives those who are willing to help a chance to put a face on those who provide that help.

In addition to the six-course dinner, organizers are planning a silent auction of art pieces that will be displayed throughout the evening.

Arajuo hopes the greatest attraction will be an opportunity to enjoy good food, good wine

and good company — for a good cause.

### "Friend Raise" for Funds

"The aim of this event is to 'friend raise' and a part of that is fundraising," he said.

Some friends are already starting to appear, including Gallows Point Resort General Manager Akhil Deshwal. Ocean 362 is located "upstairs" on the resort property overlooking Cruz Bay and Pillsbury Sound.

"We're supporting this organization," Deshwal said. "We need their feet on St. John; we did whatever with our capacity we could do."

"Hopefully they can get some benefit from this," he added.

### Additional Family Services

One of the most recent benefits to appear is the addition of an interventionist to the staff of FRC, St. John. Additional plans, already in the works, tilt in the direction of adding youth services, Arajuo said.

The second of two town meetings on a Community Block Grant application in support of an FRC St. John youth intervention program is scheduled for July 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Legislature.

## "We're not all there..."

Connections and Connections East are selling one-of-a-kind tank-tops and T-shirts to help raise money for St. John "mother ship" Silver Cloud of Coral Bay.

The shirts proudly bear the perfect quote about St John: "We're all here 'cuz... we're not all there!" — in addition to logos from years past.

The shirts cost \$25 each and all proceeds go directly to the haul-out in Trinidad, according to Connections' Cid Hamling.

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## Governor Mapp Disapproves Carambola Application for EDA Benefits Extension

### *St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. THOMAS** — Governor Kenneth E. Mapp disapproved the application of the Carambola Golf Club, LLC. (Carambola Golf) for an extension and modification of economic development benefits on July 2 and called for additional information.

“The application submitted to me for review recommending approval does not include information necessary for me to act favourably on the application to award an extension and modification of benefits,” Gov. Mapp said in a press release.

“The application submitted revealed that as part of their renewal application Carambola Golf requested that its original commitment to maintain employment for 39 employees

be reduced to 18 employees; that there be a cut back in their requirement to pay for health insurance, and that all compliance issues be waived,” the Governor stated in his response to the EDA Board.

“Throughout the entire time of Carambola Golf’s benefit period, they remained non-compliant in several areas: employment, charitable contributions, and health insurance,” Gov. Mapp wrote. “Additionally the EDC acknowledges that Carambola Golf grossly overstated their projections.”

“For instance Carambola Gold projected that it would have direct expenditures of \$11.1 million; the actual direct expenditure was \$4.9 million,” Gov. Mapp added. “Carambola Golf projected \$26.5 million in indirect and induced outputs; the actual amount was \$12 million.”

It is the Governor’s position that economic development benefits should only be granted when it is necessary to attract major investments, create jobs and spur opportunity for business creation, according to a Government House press release.

Further, such beneficiaries seeking extensions must exhibit that they have contributed to the growth of the EDC program and more specifically to the Territory’s economy, according to the statement.

“If the EDC had granted a reduced amount of benefits and term, I may have acted differently,” Gov. Mapp said. “For these reasons I do not approve or endorse the grant of extended or modified economic development benefits to Carambola Golf Club, LLC at this time.”

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## Georgia State Senior Kissa Williams Is Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Winner

### *St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. JOHN** – Kissa Williams of St. John is winner of the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund, one year, \$2,500 scholarship award for the school year, 2015-2016.

Kissa Williams, is entering her senior year at Georgia State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in ESOL. This area of concentration, English for Speakers of Other Languages, will enable her to teach English to those who don't speak English.

This is Kissa's second Ruby Rutnik Scholarship award. She received the first one in 2012 after graduating from Eudora Kean High School to attend Georgia State with an intended major in Nursing.

In her second year of college she realized that nursing was not her passion and found that teaching is. She has been on the Dean's list since then and expects to graduate in December 2016. It is her goal to teach at the elementary level.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Giff Hill School, the new administrators of the RRSF, wish this forward-thinking girl great success and hope that she will return to the Virgin Islands.

Since the RRSF was established in 1997 to honor the memory of Ruby Rutnik more than \$156,000 has been awarded to college-bound St. John girls. Since 2012 the RRSF endowment fund has supported approximately \$100,000 in annual financial aid to Giff Hill School students through anonymous donors matching grants. Ruby was in the first class at Pine Peace, the founding school that became Giff Hill School.

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By **JAIME ELLIOTT**  
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“The current owners raised their family in this pod-like cottage in Estate Upper Carolina,” said Donnelly. “The property also has plenty of room for expansion.”

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### St. John Rotary Club Thanks Children's Carnival Village Volunteers

**Dear Love City,**

On behalf of Alecia M. Wells, Joan Bermingham and myself — all past presidents of the Rotary Club of St. John I wish to thank the community for its support of Children's Carnival Village.

This is a drug and alcohol free place for our kids to play, win gold coins and redeem them for great prizes. It seems like a mad house sometimes, and it's a lot of hard work; but the laughter and smiles make it all worthwhile.

There are so many people we would like to thank, including the St. John Accommodations Council for their strong support each year, Starfish for the water, Preston Pollock for daily deliveries of the prizes and ice (and for getting one more year out of our hot wheels track for us), and the Freshwater Church for bringing new and wonderful young people to help.

We tried to have all the volunteers sign up each night — it takes 24 people to make it fun for the workers AND for the kids — and we were open six nights this year. You can see by the length of the list below, that many, many of our volunteers worked ALL SIX NIGHTS, and for them we are truly grateful.

If I have missed you, I'm sorry and will make it up to you (perhaps a free gold coin?). If I have butchered your name, next time print it! But thank you all for making Kids' Carnival such a great success.

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If you see any of these folks on the street, please promise them that YOU will come help next year — you will see big smiles all around.

**Thank you,  
B. J. Harris, Secretary  
Rotary Club of St. John**

### St. John Educational Facade



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat*

Despite noticeable and commendable efforts to spruce up the Julius E. Sprauve School buildings for the 2014-15 school year and keep the facilities in very good condition through the school year, signs of the age of the complex are showing once again. This crumbling facade on the Winston Wells Ball Field side of the JESS "cafetorium" was visible during the preliminary events of the 2015 St. John Festival to remind St. Johnians of the moribund community effort for a new island public educational facility.

## Coral Bay Community Activists Silverman and Coldren Meet With Gov. Mapp and Top Staff

*St. John Tradewinds*

ST. JOHN — Coral Bay community gadfly David Silverman and associates were able to distract Gov. Mapp from his political troubles on St. Thomas for an hour—long summit with the Governor and his top staff about the Coral Bay Community Council and Coral Bay issues.

Silverman, who displayed his internet prowess in fomenting opposition to a proposed mega—yacht marina and organizing the Save Coral Bay campaign, duly reported on his newsmaking in a Facebook posting:

*Here is a brief synopsis of the meeting this afternoon with Governor Kenneth Mapp:*

*The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Coral Bay Community Council to the Governor and explain the main priorities for community programs in Coral Bay. Attending for CBCC were Sharon Coldren, Sean Richardson, and myself.*

*Attending for the Governor were Randy Knight (Chief of Staff) and Rochelle Corneiro (Deputy Chief of Staff) and of course, Governor Kenneth Mapp.*

*After explaining the goals and operation of the CBCC to the Governor, we got into a broad discussion of his approach to community governance. He is a very supportive of initiatives stemming from communities, and believes this is far superior to a top—down management. He is a strong supporter of community visioning and planning. He urged us to engage all interests in the community and to bring ideas and plans to the attention of him and his staff.*

*The Governor spoke at some length about steps to improve public safety and emergency services. He also discussed the urgent need for comprehensive solid waste management, and said he would be introducing legislation for increased recycling, composting, a ban on single—use plastic bags, and a nickel deposit on glass beverage containers. He spoke positively of the work that IGLA has done to remove usable materials from the waste stream.*

*Governor Mapp plans to spend a couple days on St. John every 6—8 weeks and promised to visit Coral Bay to see some of our work and planned projects.*

*On the subject of marina development, the Governor said that he is protective of the environment*

***After explaining the goals and operation of the CBCC to the Governor, we got into a broad discussion of his approach to community governance. He is a very supportive of initiatives stemming from communities, and believes this is far superior to a top—down management. He is a strong supporter of community visioning and planning. He urged us to engage all interests in the community and to bring ideas and plans to the attention of him and his staff.***

— David Silverman

*and will not allow environmentally destructive projects under his watch. He said that he believes St. John could benefit from a marina but the one which was proposed in Coral Bay was too large and he would not sign the permit. He reiterated what he said last year — the developers need to propose something that the community can support and that the environment can support. He said that the review of the proposal by the Army Corps of Engineers was “government in action” and that these projects need to be supported from all quarters — CZM, Governor, Legislature, and Army Corps — if they are to proceed.*

*We discussed use of the Guy Benjamin School and the Governor asked us what uses it could be put to. We mentioned Adult Education, Early Childhood Programs, and Computer Center. He and his staff were supportive of all of these ideas.*

*All in all it was a positive meeting, with good communication and lots of opportunities for further discussion.*

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## Coral Bay Yacht Club Offering Educational Scholarships

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

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is committed to the children of Coral Bay and has run annual fund-

raising flotillas, the proceeds of which in the past have been used to benefit the now-shuttered Guy H. Benjamin School.

CBYC hopes to continue its tradition of hosting Flotillas in an effort to continue its dedication to the students of Coral Bay. Students who reside full time in Coral Bay may apply for the scholarship. The deadline is July 31.

For information, please email [maryjburks@gmail.com](mailto:maryjburks@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

### June 22-August 14

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

### Thursday, July 16

— Chef Shaun Brian Sells of Oceans 362 at Gallows Point Cruz Bay is planning a July 16 six-course dinner with cocktail pairings to benefit the Family Resource Center and raise awareness and funds for victims of crime on St. John. To make a reservation call Ocean 362 today at 340-776-0001.

### Saturday, July 18

— Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church is having a "Grand Bazaar BBQ and Family Funfest" on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be music and games for children. There also will be a "Special Sale" of furniture, clothing tools, books and much more. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale.

### Tuesday, July 21

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a workshop to listen to experts and vendors about rainwater cistern storage and drinking water systems on Tuesday, July 21, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The session scheduled for Skinny Leg's will be a discussion of UV purification and filters for drinking water quality, gutters, roof paint, cleaning cisterns, etc.

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a workshop to listen to experts and vendors about on-site wastewater treatment systems and septic tanks at Skinny Leg's on Wednesday, July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The workshop will feature experts and vendors discussing choices of wastewater (sewage) treatment systems, upgrading or replacing septic tank systems, managing your drainfield and maintaining these systems to avoid smells, and other issues. New ideas will be discussed.

### Wednesday, July 22

— St. John School of the Arts will present The Rainbow Sea performance on Friday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, July 24

— Grab your bike, lace up those running shoes and start training for the 16th Annual Love City Triathlon on Sunday, September 6 at 7 a.m.

### Sunday, September 6

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a workshop to listen to experts and vendors about rainwater cistern storage and drinking water systems on Tuesday, July 21, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The session scheduled for Skinny Leg's will be a discussion of UV purification and filters for drinking water quality, gutters, roof paint, cleaning cisterns, etc.

### 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

## Gov. Mapp Joins Homeland Security To Fight Child Exploitation and Predatory Crimes

*St. John Tradewinds*

**USVI** — Governor Kenneth E. Mapp cited the need for a territory-wide approach to fighting the escalation of child exploitation and other predatory crimes against children, after meeting with Homeland Security officials on Thursday, July 9

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in St. Thomas and St. Croix has partnered with members of local, state and federal law enforcement, and community leaders, to form the U.S. Virgin Islands Crimes Against Children Task Force (VICTACTF).

Through the VICTACTF, federal and local law enforcement agencies will pool their resources to jointly investigate all crimes committed against children in the USVI. Task Force members will be encouraged to share evidence, ideas and investigative and forensic tools to ensure the most successful prosecutions possible.

possible.

The VICTACTF will allow law enforcement to speak with a unified voice to defend the children of the U.S. Virgin Islands. VICTACTF is composed of the following agencies: ICE-HSI (lead agency), U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshals Service, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Justice-Office of the Attorney General, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services and the Family Resource Center.

"I am extremely encouraged by the level of cooperation that we are receiving from federal law enforcement," Mapp said in response to the establishing of the New Task force. "Protection of our Virgin Islands children and the further enabling of our police department's ability to do so, is of utmost importance to the Lt. Governor and myself."

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### Bethany Moravian Church

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

### Calvary Baptist Church

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Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

### Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

### Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

### Freshwater Church

Freshwater Church St. John USVI  
Sunday Worship 10 am at Hawksnest Beach  
Follow us on Facebook, 340.514.6578

### Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays, 340-715-053

### Missionary Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

### Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay  
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;  
Mondays: 12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m.  
& Fridays: 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

### Prayer House of Faith

Sunday Morning Service at 8 a.m; Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays  
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### St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

### Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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

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Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

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



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Save Coral Bay T-shirts are available for purchase at Tall Ships in Coral Bay or online at [savecoralbay.com](http://savecoralbay.com).

## Save Coral Bay Has Different Perspective on Mega-Yacht Marina Approval Process

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lead agency,” the Save Coral Bay site explained. “The first thing the Corps did was assign a new project manager to the permit review. The first thing the new project manager did was take a fresh look at the permit application and he concluded that it had multiple deficiencies and was “incomplete”. He told SEG that they needed to correct those deficiencies and submit a new permit application. That all happened in April.”

“Last week we received a copy of the ‘new’ permit application submitted to the Army Corps by SEG. It is virtually identical to the original plan with a few exceptions. First, they have removed the ‘mooring field’ that was never adequately described or designed in the original plan. They’ve made no changes whatsoever to the 145 slip mega marina. They’ve included a description of the land-based project components in the application. Based on these changes the Corps is now preparing a new “Public Notice” announcing a new Public Comment Period. The notice could be published as soon as this week.”

The notice has since been published by ACE. (See related stories.)

**“What does all of this mean?”**

“Clearly, the ‘new application’ does not address any of the major flaws identified by our group and all the federal agencies,” the activists acknowledged.

“What does all of this mean?” the Save Coral Bay

site asked rhetorically.

“Basically, SEG has been forced back to square one in their Army Corps permit application process,” they answered themselves. “This gives us an opportunity to update our comments, if necessary. There’s nothing to do right now, and I will keep everyone informed as soon as any new information surfaces.”

“We all know the drill— when the time comes, if necessary, we will send in our comment letters and get the job done,” the internet posting stated. “Our lawyers will be all over the case with our formal comments, revised to reflect any changes in the application.”

“All of the prior federal agency comments are in the public record and since Summers End has not addressed any of the issues raised in those comments, they are still perfectly valid. The designation of all of Coral Bay as an “Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)” still holds and provides the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the authority to veto any Army Corps permit which does not address the concerns of the EPA.”

“So this is just another part of the process, ensuring a “by the book” review of the SEG permit application— a little extra work for us, but a lot of additional time, delay and expense for SEG— none of which they have to spare,” the Save Coral Bay posting concluded.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals B

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**The Yacht Club at Summer's End: Marina Coming to St. John, USVI**

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By the fall of 2016, St. John, the only major U.S. or British Virgin Island without a marina, will have one. And there will be plenty of room for megayachts. The marina is part of a development called the Yacht Club at Summer's End. It's located on Coral Bay, on the eastern end of St.

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## MegaYacht News Reports Fall 2016 Opening of 145-Slip The Yacht Club at Summer's End

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strong. Despite no advertising or publicity campaigns, she says her office has fielded inquiries for 50 slips. She ascribes it especially to megayacht owners, captains, and charter yachts, as well as local officials, being "extremely frustrated" over "no friendly access" to St. John.

"The market is here, the market wants to come to St. John — it just hasn't been able to," Summers explains. "There's so much to offer."

Since three-quarters of St. John is protected national parkland, the natural beauty has long been a strong attraction. It's something that The Summer's End Group intends to preserve, too, by becoming a Blue Flag marina.

"Just because we're developers doesn't mean we're not environmentalists," Summers comments. She says her team has worked closely with U.S. government agen-

cies to ensure local marine life remains as undisturbed as possible.

Summers considers the Yacht Club at Summer's End the "gateway to Virgin splendor," positioned at the entrance to Sir Frances Drake Channel. When it opens, expect to find on-site customs and immigration. This will make arrivals from the British Virgin Islands or elsewhere in the Caribbean simpler. Additional on-land amenities will include in-slip fueling, a market for provisioning, a wine and cheese shop, restaurants, shops, and a private crew lounge. Security and concierge services will be available, too. All of the Yacht Club at Summer's End buildings, some of which are new construction while others are renovations, will blend what the developer calls "Tommy Bahama meets the New Orleans French Quarter design."

To receive more information directly from Summer's End Group about the Yacht Club at Summer's End, fill out our contact form.

## Federal Officials Open New Public Comment Period on Mega-Yacht Marina

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The federal officials also acknowledged they had been formally notified of the loss of the federal grant for the Coral Harbor mooring field and hence the new public comment period on the mega-yacht marina.

"However, via letter dated April 3, 2015, the Corps received notification that USFWS had withdrawn from the Federal lead agency role for this project," the current notice reads. "In addition, various components of the proposed project (mainly the 75-buoy mooring field and the repairs to an existing rip-rap) were eliminated."

"Based on the above, the Corps determined that a new Public Notice for the proposed project was warranted. Accordingly, we are issuing the current new Public Notice. Since this is a new public notification procedure, we encourage all agencies and the general public to submit new comments in response to this Public Notice, even if comments were submitted in response to the previous Public Notice.

Marina developer Summers pointed out that the Corps notice also referred to existing the territorial approval of the project.

"In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Plan," the ACE notice states.

The official public notice apparently consisted of:

"7/9/2015: St. John USVI. The Summer's End Group, LLC, St. John, USVI. PROJECT PURPOSE: Basic: Offshore Marina. Overall: Construct a private commercial offshore marina with ancillary and commercial facilities in adjacent uplands in St. John, USVI. Expiration date: 8/24/2015

### ESSENCIAL (sic) FISH HABITAT (EFH):

"This notice initiates consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH (Essential Fish Habitat) as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996,"

the federal document reads.

"NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program," the notice continues.

"A Water Quality Certificate from the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Environmental Resources, Division of Environmental Protection (DPNR-DEP) will be required," the ACE report added.

Comments regarding the potential authorization of the work proposed should be submitted in writing to the attention of the District Engineer through the Antilles Permits Section, 400 Fernández Juncos Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299, within 45 days from the date of the July 9 ACE notice.

Although the ACE has a preliminary IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES:

"Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area.

"All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food, and fiber production, mineral needs, consider-

ations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people."

"Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

"The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity," according to the ACE notice. "Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal, the notice continued."

"To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity."

Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.

Questions concerning this application should be directed to the project manager, Mr. José A. Cedeño-Maldonado, in writing at the Antilles Permits Section, 400 Fernández Juncos Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299, by electronic mail at jose.cedeno-maldonado@usace.army.mil or by telephone at (787) 729-6905, extension 3063.

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MEMBERS HAVE TO GIVE THE SECRET  
BASS WORD.

## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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### FILM SPLICING

#### ACROSS

- 1 Earth Day's month
- 6 Maned antelope
- 9 Large gulf
- 14 Tons
- 19 Excludes
- 21 Dribble
- 22 Sign off on
- 23 1940 thriller drama; 1942 romantic drama
- 25 Four-stringer
- 26 Hop- — -thumb
- 27 Horse morsel
- 28 Enjoy dinner
- 29 Really digging
- 31 Homer, e.g.
- 32 1982 horror; 1939 western
- 38 One with adoring fans
- 40 Moray, e.g.
- 41 Film's Mrs. Victor Laszlo
- 42 Expend
- 43 1996 neo-noir crime drama; 1990 crime drama
- 49 Titled man
- 51 Wedding day destinations
- 52 Fiendish look
- 53 D-Day city in France
- 55 Takes too much, briefly
- 58 Pie-mode link
- 60 1979 comedy-drama; 1982 musical
- 63 2007 comedy-drama; 1946 spy thriller
- 69 Many rented homes: Abbr.
- 70 Zenith

- 71 Make — of (jot down)
- 72 "This guy walks into — ..."
- 73 Irene of "Fame" fame
- 74 Bone, to Fido
- 75 "—" in an analogy
- 76 Braggarts' displays
- 77 2005 historical drama; 2002 musical
- 79 2000 neo-noir thriller; 1982 comedy-drama
- 82 Certain sow
- 83 Poetic "prior to"
- 84 See 85-Across
- 85 With 84-Across, diver's gas cylinder
- 88 "But — I know?"
- 93 21st Greek letter
- 94 1980 spoof comedy; 1976 satirical drama
- 96 "Waterloo" quartet
- 99 Chop cut
- 102 Gold, in León
- 103 Major rtes.
- 104 1931 horror; 2010 sci-fi thriller
- 111 Get spoiled
- 112 Cookie with creme
- 113 La.-to-Mich. dir.
- 114 Vast stretch
- 115 — -pitch
- 118 Break in, e.g.
- 120 1963 historical drama; 1950 period drama
- 125 Locale
- 126 "Skyfall" singer
- 127 Alaskan port
- 128 Civic's make
- 129 Aired again
- 130 Norma — (film heroine)
- 131 Pea piercers

#### DOWN

- 1 Word form for "height"
- 2 Haiku, e.g.
- 3 Deep red wine
- 4 Serpent tail?
- 5 USMC rank
- 6 Having a bit of a beard
- 7 13th Greek letters
- 8 Hagen with three Tonys
- 9 Old politico Stevenson
- 10 Spoiled kids
- 11 O'er there
- 12 Gregarious
- 13 Argots
- 14 Chaos
- 15 Biblical priest
- 16 Luau hellos
- 17 NYPD part
- 18 Mown strips
- 20 Ella's singing
- 24 Cell insect
- 30 China buys
- 33 Gymnast Korbut
- 34 Bout arbiters
- 35 Valley
- 36 "— a pity ..."
- 37 Your and my
- 38 "— tree falls ..."
- 39 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards
- 44 Speak grandly
- 45 Fjord city
- 46 Boris' cousin
- 47 Meadows
- 48 Prince Valiant's son
- 50 — bit (soon)
- 53 Italian island
- 54 Affix
- 55 — year (annually)
- 56 Yankee Joe, informally
- 57 Ensure
- 59 Spanish region
- 61 Cole — (shoe brand)
- 62 Antidrug cop
- 63 Actress Pressly
- 64 Indy great AI
- 65 Phrase of denial
- 66 Siouan tribe
- 67 Former Apple laptop
- 68 Brewery kiln
- 73 Prepare for playing, as a tape
- 74 With 119-Down, position Mike Ditka played
- 76 Online store
- 77 Tiny: Prefix
- 78 Gordie of hockey
- 80 Highest degree
- 81 Fed. stipend program
- 86 Alliance
- 87 River of Bern
- 89 "Horton Hears —!"
- 90 City native
- 91 Not moist
- 92 Signs off on
- 93 Stove item
- 94 Kitchen pest
- 95 Zero relaxation
- 96 Over again
- 97 Mustang
- 98 — down the hatches
- 100 Like a small garage
- 101 Tristan's lady
- 105 Split country
- 106 — Gay (WWII B-29)
- 107 Way to sign a contract
- 108 Tchr.'s gp.
- 109 Reggae artist Peter
- 110 — water (up the creek)
- 116 Theater box
- 117 Single bills
- 119 See 74-Down
- 121 Musket tip?
- 122 Black goo
- 123 Biochem strand
- 124 "Either you do it — will"

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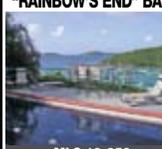
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