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St. John Festival Pageantry Begins

Four young ladies, (L to R) P'Azhae Harrigan, Raven Phillips-Love, Mirisa Clendenin, and Kyara Lewis, will vie for the St. John Festival Junior Miss title on Sunday, June 8, at Winston Wells ballfield. **SEE INTERVIEW WITH THE LADIES ON PAGE 9.**

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The 170-acre Parcel 7 Remainder Estate Carolina is owned by the Egbert Marsh Trust.

CBCC President Urges Governor To Create Purchase Agreement for Estate Carolina

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – Despite a lack of money in the St. John Capital Improvement Fund, Governor John deJongh should create a purchase agreement to realize potential federal funds to help pay for the 170-acre Estate Carolina land acquisition, Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren told senators at a Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation hearing on Thursday night, May 29, at the St. John Legislature building in Cruz Bay.

The V.I. Senate passed an amended bill in 2011 allocating \$1 million — the first of four allocations

over four years — to purchase the first 20 acres of the total 170-acre Parcel 7 Remainder Estate Carolina from the Egbert Marsh Trust.

That portion of the land, on the lower, flat area of the estate, was earmarked for a V.I. Waste Management Authority-run convenience center and trash facility. Other portions of the land — which stretches from the Estate Carolina valley up to Centerline Road — include a mostly dry gully with the potential for hiking and biking trails and historic ruins where interpretative tours are possible, explained Senator at Large Craig Barshinger.

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Estate Planning Seminar Set for June 7

The Lieutenant Governor's Office will conclude its series of estate planning seminars on Saturday, June 7, on the island of St. John. The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. The public is invited to attend.

The estate planning seminars represent the proactive efforts of the Lieutenant Governor's Office to provide consumer education and outreach to Virgin Islanders.

"We saw a need throughout the territory for this type of information, particularly as many of the issues presented to our offices regarding financial assets and real property could have been easily avoided with basic estate planning," says Lt. Governor Gregory R. Francis. "We hope that the community utilizes this opportunity to acquire the tools needed to make the best decisions about protecting their assets for future generations."

Space is limited. Persons interested in attending are asked to register by contacting 776-6737 or emailing lgoestateplanning@lgo-vi.gov. Registration closes at noon on Friday, June 6.

Dr. James P. Clayton Memorial June 8

A memorial service for Dr. James Pace Clayton has been scheduled for Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Turtle Bay Point at Caneel Bay Resort.

Caneel Bay Resort will provide ferry transportation from Red Hook to Caneel Bay for St. Thomas residents. The ferry will depart from the public ferry dock at 9:45 a.m. Return transportation will not be provided.

Festival Event Applications Available

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

GERS Member Outreach Suspended

Government Employees Retirement System has temporary suspended the Member Outreach services at The Battery in Cruz Bay until further notice.

Members may call or visit our St. Thomas office for assistance. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

GHS Class of 2014 Graduates June 13

Gift Hill School is proud to announce the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2014 on Friday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. on Traysser Field at the Upper Campus. The Commencement Speaker will be Dr. Elenoe (Crew) Smith, post doctoral research fellow with appointments at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Reception to follow. Please call (340) 776-1730 for more information.

Father's Day Luncheon Set for June 15

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church will be honoring four community leaders at their annual Father's Day Luncheon on Sunday, June 15.

Vernon Parsons, Robert O'Connor, Carl Penn and Julien Harley will be recognized at the annual event at noon at the St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. Tickets are \$35.

Jones Knocks Out Third Opponent Miller and Will Take Shot at “Rocky”

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

St. John Senator at Large candidate Ronnie Jones has only Independent Almando “Rocky” Liburd left in the political ring as an opponent for St. John Senator at Large — and Jones is going to try to knock out Rocky before their scheduled November fight.

Perennial candidate Jones thus far has successfully challenged the candidacy of his only two Democratic primary opponents and the only Republican candidate.

In addition to the two Democrats knocked out of what would have been a three-way primary, former St. John Administrator James Dalmida Jr. and political newcomer St. John businessman B. Greg Miller, Republican newcomer Jodi Hodge also was disqualified based on the three-year residency requirement after being challenged by Jones.

The Supervisor of Elections did not identify the source of the previous challenges, but Jones acknowledged on Saturday, May 31, that he had challenged all three candidacies and would be challenging Liburd’s candidacy next.

“I don’t mind running against anyone as long as they are legal,” Jones said. “We have to have a process that people think is correct. There is a system otherwise there is chaos.”

The St. Johnian, who said he will be taking a leave from his Department of Human Services position at the end of June to campaign, is confident he can beat his only remaining general election opponent, Independent candidate and former Senator at Large Liburd, but he will ask the Supervisor

“After being informed that my residency was being challenged and scrambling to provide the required documents to support my claim, I was later informed that I needed to submit a tax authorization form at the last moment.”

“The form also stated that I needed my wife to submit one also, because we filed jointly. My wife not being here, I couldn’t meet the deadline. I was given less than an hour to do so.”

— Jimmy Dalmida, St. Johnian

of Elections to verify Liburd’s residency.

Party Wants Liburd Candidacy Challenged

Party officials want him to challenge the candidacy of Independent Liburd, on the same three-year St. John residency requirement already used by the Supervisor of Elections to disqualify two Democratic candidates and one Republican newcomer.

“The election system should do it on their own,” Democratic Party official Pamela Richards Samuel told *St. John Tradewinds* on May 31. “But, there has to be a challenge and it should come from Ronnie (Jones).”

Jones, who said he previously only had challenged potential primary opponents for the Democratic nomination, said Saturday, May 30, that he would file a formal challenge to Liburd’s candidacy on Monday, June 2, based on the requirement a Senator at Large candidate must live on St. John for three years prior to election.

Throughout his former service as Senator at Large, Liburd lived with his late wife Faye in a their St. Thomas home on Rapphune Hill overlooking the Charlotte Amalie waterfront. Liburd’s elderly mother still lives in the family home in the Palestina area of Coral Bay with the assistance of a caregiver.

Liburd could not be reached for comment.

Jones’ Challenges Knock Out Three

In a series of announcements, Supervisor of Elections Caroline Fawkes has disqualified three candidates for St. John Senator at Large including Hodge, a first-time political candidate who has lived with Sen. Barshinger on St. John since late 2012.

Jones acknowledged that he challenged Hodge’s candidacy, but said he only did so because Sen. Barshinger initially had told him Hodge would be running as a Democrat

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St. John Democrats Organize Campaign in Rocky’s Home Corner

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – The Democratic party took their party’s primary campaign fight for St. John Senator at Large to Independent candidate Almando “Rocky” Liburd’s corner.

The Democratic Committee’s Pamela Richards Samuel, a key player in St. Croix politics and V.I. government, has brought her political skills to her adopted island of St. John and appears to be taking her nascent St. John residency seriously,

Just days after the Supervisor of Elections certified two candidates for the Democratic nomination, Ronnie Jones and B. Greg Miller, and disallowed a strong contender, former St. John Administrator James Dalmida, Samuel called the then two certified candidates to a meeting to discuss a campaign debate schedule.

Since the subsequent disqualification of at Large candidate Miller, the primary plans are no longer necessary.

Ironically, the organizational meeting was conducted at Fred’s, the downtown Cruz Bay institution recently expanded by former Senator at Large “Rocky” Liburd.

Liburd was not present and it was not known if he was on St. John.

Companies Still Need Operating Agreements for Government Vessels

Transportation Services “Good To Go” With New Ferry After Safety Drills

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

Cruz Bay I — one of two new, government-owned, multi-million dollar, multi-hulled ferries being put into service on the Red Hook-Cruz Bay passenger route — is ready to rock and roll.

But inter-island passengers hope not too much.

The vessel, one of two purchased with federal funds which arrived in the territory nine months ago, has received U.S. Coast Guard approval for operation by

Transportation Services Inc.

“*Cruz Bay I* has gotten all their drills done and they are good to go from the U.S. Coast Guard standpoint,” said USCG Lt. Cmdr. Bryson Spangler. “I understand that there are some contractual issues still to be resolved.”

Both Transportation Services and Varlack Ventures, the second franchisee for the passenger ferry service between St. John and St. Thomas, have spent months trying to iron out contractual details with the owner of the vessels, the V.I.

Department of Public Works.

Varlack Ventures has been in no hurry to add the government-owned ferry to their operating fleet of three vessels.

“Varlack is in the process of getting prepared for its drills,” Lt. Cmdr. Spangler told *St. John Tradewinds*.

The company still has the USCG practice dummy on staff for a while longer as its crew prepares for their USCG safety drills for their vessel — which has been christened *Red Hook I*.

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MAY

4.49 Inches

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14.58 Inches

Y-T-D AVERAGE

19.86 Inches

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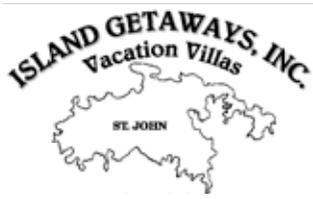
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V.I. Doesn't Have Deed to Oppenheimer; Last Deed Restricts Use to Residential

Residents Express Desire To Work Together To Set Fair Rules and Regulations for Oppenheimer Use at Public Hearing

By Tom Oat
 St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – The Virgin Islands government does not have a deed to the small portion of Hawksnest Bay waterfront known as Oppenheimer Beach, and the last recorded deed for the parcel when it was sold as private property restricted the property's use to one private dwelling, V.I. Commissioner of Sports, Parks and Recreation St. Claire Williams told a May 29 V.I. Senate hearing in Cruz Bay.

The announced goal of the public hearing by the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation was to hear testimony about "concerns in reference to uses and practices," according to Committee Chairman Sen. Myron D. Jackson.

Commissioner Williams did not hesitate to state his concern

was his department's responsibility to maintain the property "in conformity to jurisdiction of the legislative act... accepting the property."

"Our responsibility is to make sure the property is maintained for residents and visitors... based on its limited size and deed restrictions," Comm. Williams told the three senators in attendance and the gallery of citizens at the Thursday evening committee hearing at the Legislature Building in Cruz Bay.

Comm. Williams defended his fiscally-challenged agency's management of the historic shoreline property, before the commissioner acknowledged his concern over the fact that the V.I. government did not have a physical deed for the Oppenheimer property.

"We don't have a deed for conveyance (from the estate of Op-

penheimers' late daughter Toni Oppenheimer Sibler) to the V.I. government," Williams testified.

Muted Agreement on Noise Abatement

Discussion on the most anticipated of the three St. John issues on the V.I. Senate committee agenda for the public hearing on a number of St. John issues, ended in muted agreement that the V.I. government needs to protect its interest in the property and honor the deed restrictions — and that V.I. noise ordinances were strict and enforceable.

While proponents of expanded use of the V.I. government-owned property had called for public discussion of opening the property to concerts and for-profit events, the commissioner responsible for the property outlined his duty to preserve it for the people of the Virgin Islands.

"Deed restrictions govern how the property should be used," testified Comm. Williams. "There is no legal standing to violate the restrictions."

Deed Restrictions on Land Records

The restrictions include right of first refusal for the Gibney family to repurchase the property, restrictions on the size of the single family dwelling that could be built, restrictions as to business use and restrictions as to kinds of recreational uses, according to the commissioner.

"The recorded quit claim deed... outlines the covenants" in the Gibney family's original sale of a small portion of their family holdings on Little Hawksnest Beach in the 1950s, including the restriction that "only a one-family home" could be constructed on the property, according to the commissioner.

"It also states the property may not be used for business purposes," Williams added.

Preserving Public Access

The much-heralded Senate committee hearing had been ex-

Senators Urge Commissioner St. Claire Williams To Reopen Park Bandstand for Performers

By Tom Oat
 St. John Tradewinds

St. Johnians seeking a place for public performances railed against the lack of venues for live music on the island, including the purported unavailability of the much-maligned Cruz Bay bandstand in the recently refurbished Frank Powell Park for musical performances.

The V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation ceded control of the bandstand in the Cruz Bay park to the Department of Public Works for the duration of the long-running renovation of the park opposite the Cruz Bay ferry terminal on the waterfront, according to Commissioner St. Claire Williams.

"It has not been turned back to us officially," Comm. Williams testified about the lingering completion of the park project in an appearance before the V.I. Senate Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation chaired by Sen. Myron D. Jackson. "There is still some work that needs to be completed."

At the urging of the Senators Comm. Williams agreed to act to resolve the return of the bandstand to his department by Public Works so the venue could be made available for amplified music performances.

Maybe in time for the St. John Festival?

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Ulbadina Simmons Post Office in Cruz Bay Expands

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – Does this sound familiar?

You double park in the parking lot across from the Cruz Bay post office, hoping to dash in and pick up that long-awaited package, only to find yourself at the end of a line that stretches almost out the door?

Be comforted: a solution to the long lines is finally underway. After nearly nine months since the most recent feasibility study was completed, construction has begun to expand the Ulbadina Simmons Post Office.

Adding 900 square feet to the present structure of 3,200 square feet, the new addition will extend the building to the western edge of the site and replace the 40-foot trailer where customers formerly picked up packages.

When construction is completed, an additional position for parcel pick-up will be added to the two positions at the retail counter that are now in operation, according to Martin Caballero, Marketing Manager for the Caribbean District of the U.S. Postal Service. “[The present set up] is not really an adequate arrangement for our customers,” he added.

Post office officials have known for a long time that the building, which is leased to the USPS, was too small to handle the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The parcel pick-up trailer at the Ulbadina Simmons U.S. Post Office in Cruz Bay has been removed and an expansion of the post office will add lobby space for parcel lock-up — but probably not in time for Christmas packages.

flow of mail. Several other locations had been considered over the years, but plans to move to an alternative site were scrapped when “A feasibility study completed in July 2013 showed that we had sufficient real estate to expand the present facility,” said Ca-

ballero.

The post office’s present location in the heart of Cruz Bay was one of the factors officials considered when deciding whether to relocate or expand. The additional costs of designing, negotiating, and contracting for

a new site made the choice to expand the more cost effective. The expansion is expected to cost around \$200,000, according to Caballero. He could not specify, by press time, when the project will be completed or identify the contractor.

The new, one-story concrete addition will improve the delivery of parcels. In 2011, the most recent year for which complete data is available, the Cruz Bay post office processed approximately 155,000 parcels for a population of between 5,000 and 6,000. “Per capita, you surpass by far what happens in Puerto Rico,” Caballero said.

“More than one-half of the traffic [you] get in Cruz Bay is just for the pickup of parcels,” he added. In 2011, nearly 2,500,000 letters and “flats”—large envelopes—passed through the Cruz Bay post office. “We see [even] more activity this year,” he added.

The present staff at the post office includes Postmaster Tiffany Thomas, five regular employees, one part-time employee, and an unspecified number of highway contractors who deliver the mail to street locations.

Although the construction now blocks access to the handicapped parking adjacent to the ramp, Caballero said that federal law mandates that the handicapped space will be restored, and the present plans suggest that the parking area for all customers could be expanded.

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Barshinger Displays Anger, Demands Accounting of St. John Capital Fund

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— *Macbeth (Act V, Scene V).*

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – With seven months left in his tenure, St. John Senator at Large Craig Barshinger was raising his voice – almost shouting, shaking his fist and striking his podium/desk at the V.I. Legislature on St. John promising to fight for the millions of tax dollars missing from St. John Capital Improvements Fund during his last two terms in office.

A discussion before the Senate Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation on the status of planning for a legislated St. John Vendors Plaza on Thursday evening, May 29, turned into a one-sided war of words after senators were told there was no money for the project in the St. John Capital Improvements Funds

Sen. Barshinger then took to the bully pulpit claiming that approximately \$4 million had been “thiefed” from the St. John capital account.

The St. John senator threatened to sue the V.I. government to secure the missing years of the mandated annual \$1.5 million appropriation to the fund that appear to have been redirected by the deJongh Administration.

“Somebody... Thiefed the Money”

“This project should have been funded,” Sen. Barshinger said. “Somebody down



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The public property across from the Cruz Bay Creek bulkhead could be a Vendor’s Plaza for St. John farmers and craftspeople — if the Senate can find where the deJongh Administration put the millions missing from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund. The site is occupied by several businesses on month-to-month leases with the government and a large green storage tank with unknown content.

there (Government House) thiefed the money from our pocket.”

Committee members had been expecting to hear testimony regarding the government’s progress in constructing a vendor plaza on St. John. Act. No. 7267 appropriates \$300,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund in fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, to build a traditional

vendors plaza on St. John for items that are made, grown, or harvested in the Virgin Islands.

The few audience members remaining for the second item on the agenda at the V.I. Legislature committee hearing on the status of creating a vendor’s plaza or market for native arts, crafts and produce in Cruz Bay, were treated to a stentorian pronouncement

by typically soft-spoken and reasonable legislator.

Cruz Bay Creek Site Identified

Government officials St. John Administrator Leona Smith, Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs Jr. and V.I. Tourism Deputy Commissioner Monique Sibilly Hodge reported that as a committee they had identified a site for the Vendors Plaza but had stopped planning meetings when they were informed the St. John fund was ‘over-committed’ by Senate appropriations and there was no funding for the Vendors Plaza project.

“Funds weren’t readily accessible since the fund was over-appropriated,” according to the search committee members.

The government-owned property identified for the Vendors Plaza is across from the Cruz Bay Creek bulkhead, which has become an arrival and departure point for the steadily increasing cruise ship passenger day tours and charter boat passenger operations in addition to the inter-island travelers. The property currently houses tenants *Denzil Clyne Jeep Rental*, the *Our Market* store and another small retail booth.

Annual Appropriation “Disappeared”?

Sen. Barshinger, questioned the deJongh administration’s contention that the St. John fund has a negative balance and said the government’s mandated \$1.5 million annual contribution to the fund been misappropriated, un-allocated or otherwise “disappeared.”

“The St. John Capital Improvements Fund has a negative balance of \$3.9, almost \$4 million, and \$9 million in encumbrances, although some funds encumbered may no

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Joseph Sibilly Elementary School Sun Rays Steel Band, above. A dancing mocko jumbie enhances the performance of the Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra, middle. E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School play their award-winning steel pan performance, far right.



Pan-o-rama Delivers High Spirits as Kickoff to 2014 Festival

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – The Diamond Jubilee, celebrating 60 years of St. John July 4th Festival, began Saturday night with an evening of pan.

Eleven steel bands filled the streets around Franklin Powell Sr. Park to present the 2014 Festival Panorama May 31. Hundreds of music fans crowded around as musicians, new and experienced, offered a cultural, musical showcase.

Panorama returned this year to a venue it played up until two years ago, when the event moved to the Winston Wells Ballpark. The shift allowed music fans to enjoy sea breezes, a golden sunset and the brief rise of a new moon in a darkening sky.

Four elementary schools, a junior high and a middle school, one adult and two community youth bands and a massive youth steel orchestra took turns at sets of polished chrome instruments.

The evening ended with a romp around the block, led by instructors of the Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra Pan Around the Neck band. Spectators and members of the festival committee who worked all evening serving refreshments let loose as they fell in behind the musicians, dancing in the streets of Cruz Bay.

Special performances added flair to a festive night. Members of the veteran St. Thomas All Stars gave impromptu backup to the Joseph Sibilly SunRays, stationed besides them. The E. Benjamin Oliver Steel

Owls celebrated a recent win at a steel pan festival held in Orlando, Florida.

The Ulla Muller Steel Panatics and the Addelita Cancryn Phoenix Sounds drew in crowds that stayed throughout the night.

The Joseph Gomez Pan Busters, BCB Burning Blazers and West Stars captivated spectators with twirls and shouts executed between well practices notes and phrases.

A mocko jumbie dancer worked his way through the crowd to frolic as the Rising Stars performed a medley of Carnival tunes. The Love City Pan Dragons brought the crowd back around at the end of the evening, offering a second wind to those who spent hours bouncing, dancing, laughing, eating drinking, watching children race around and snapping shots with smart

phones.

Panorama Committee Chairman Liston Sewer said he was thrilled with how well the evening went.

“I didn’t know organizing a Panorama could be so much fun, welcoming people, welcoming my friends and family to the island of St. John,” Sewer said. “What a thrill! All of the bands were i good form. How do you describe something like that?”

Throughout the night members of the festival pageant committee introduced contestants who will soon appear in competition at the Winston Wells Ballpark and the Julius E. Sprauve School Auditorium.

This year’s theme is: “A Grand Diamond Jubilee for St. John Festival’s 2014 Anniversary.”



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Jazz Lights Up Night as Professional Home-grown Artists Visit Cruz Bay

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – A weekend of wonderful music began Friday night in Cruz Bay with a serene setting near the Loredon Boynes Ferry Dock.

Dozens of residents and visitors mingled at sunset on stone walls and wooden benches as jazz filled the air, performed by professionals and students. The presentation is part of the Mentoring through the Art of Music Program, started by St. Thomas jazz drummer Dion Parsons.

Over the course of four hours seasoned and budding musicians blended strings, brass, percussion and steel pan into a sophisticated performance. Many in the crowd were friends of Victor Provost, the son of former Julius Sprauve School Science Teacher Jim Provost and travel agent Terry Provost.

Provost, who grew up on St. John and attended Sprauve School along with his brother Eric, said he looked forward to playing his original jazz steel pan compositions back at home for a long time.

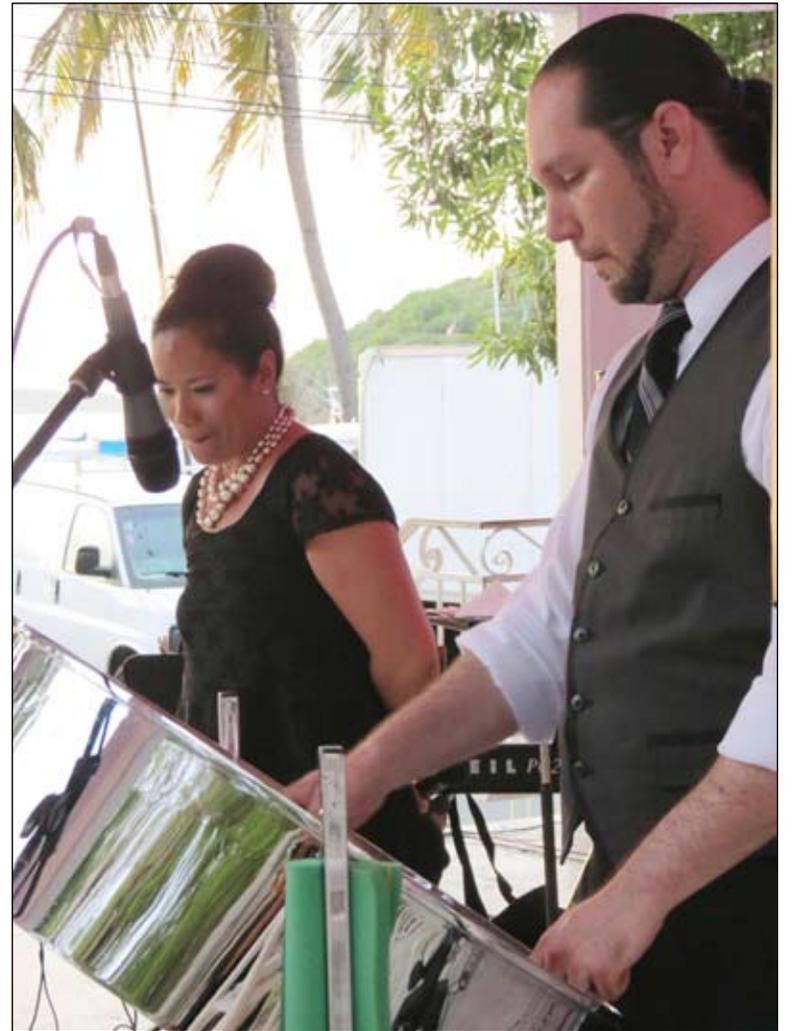
“This is the first time I’ve ever presented my own music on St. John with this caliber of musicians,” Provost said. “It’s really a privilege.”

Many of the numbers were from the CD: “Her Favorite Shade of Yellow,” produced in 2011 with help from Parsons and what Provost called “a hard-hitting rhythm section.”

Featured artists included students who partnered up with Parsons and company in their junior high and high school years, won full college scholarships and entry into some prestigious programs, including the Berkley School of Music.

St. John singers Eric Provost and Shakima “Lovely” Jones also added to the diversity of talent offered in the Powell Park bandstand May 30.

Parsons said the combo came to St. John Friday to introduce the music mentoring program to students in grades k-3 at Sprauve School. The experience also gave



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Performers with the Mentoring through the Art of Music program entertain a Friday night gathering in Franklin Powell Park on May 30. Riza Printup, left, joins pannist Victor Provost, right, who grew up on St. John and learned to play steel pan music through the St. John School of the Arts and the band Steel Unlimited II.

him an opportunity to connect with family.

Elementary school teacher Lucille Parsons said after the musicians left her class, students spent the rest of the day drumming, not on instruments, but on desks, books and the like.

Ms. Parsons said what impressed her was that some students used pencils like drumsticks, like they had seen Dion Parsons do during his visit. The jazz drummer murmured and nodded.

“The school just lost its music teacher,” Dion Parsons said. The after class playfulness, he said,

showed the desire students had to have that part of their education returned.

Parsons says he will return in Mid-June to work with Austin Venzen at the University of the Virgin Islands for the summer band program, which also gives young musicians a chance to practice their skills and perform in public venues.

Mentoring through the Art of Music is sponsored by the Virgin Islands Council of the Arts and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, with endorsement from the Office of the Governor.



Contestant #1
Kyara Iantha Lewis



Contestant #2
Mirisa Corean Clendenin



Contestant #3 - Raven
McKenzie Phillips-Love



Contestant #4
P'Azhae N'Dia Harrigan

St. John Festival Junior Miss Selection Pageant Is This Sunday Night

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It will be a Grande Diamond Jubilee at the Winston Wells ball field this Sunday night, June 8, as four lovely young ladies vie for the title of St. John Festival Junior Miss.

The selection show is set to kick off at 6 p.m. and promises to be seriously entertaining as all four of this year's contestants are impressive and talented teenagers.

Contestant Number 1 is Kyara Iantha Lewis, a sixth grader at Lockhart Elementary School who hails from the island of St. Thom-

as. Her parents are Christina Rami and Kerdin Lewis and she has an older sister and a younger brother.

While still in elementary school, Lewis is a member of the band, the cheerleading squad, the choir, the dance group and Junior ROTC. It doesn't sound like Lewis has much free time, but when she does the sixth grader enjoys signing dancing and shopping, she explained.

"When I am not busy at school, I can be found dancing or singing at home or out shopping with my mom, Tina," Lewis said.

An aspiring teacher, Lewis also

has clear plans for her future.

"I aspire to become an educator and my philosophy centers around a quote by Margaret Fuller which states 'If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it,'" said Lewis. "As a future educator, it is my pledge to help the youth of the Virgin Islands to light their candles of knowledge and put it into practice, thus making our community a much better place in which to live."

Lewis is running for the title of St. John Festival Junior Miss in order to be a role model to younger Virgin Islanders, she added.

"As your Contestant #1 for this 2014 St. John Jr. Miss pageant, my love for these islands will show through," Lewis said. "I thank the St. John Festival Committee for

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Applications Available for Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation 2014 Annual Summer Sports Camps

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Commissioner St. Claire N. Williams of the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation announced that applications are now available for the 2014 Annual Summer Sports Camps that will be conducted from June 30th through July 25th to coincide with the Department of Education School Lunch Program. He noted that the Department will have about thirteen (13) sports and enrichment camps territory-wide where each participant will receive skills training in their favorite sport to include baseball, tennis, basketball, and swimming. "The camps are designed for children with a true interest in a variety of sports and recreational activities and are open to boys and girls, ages 7 to 15", stated Commissioner Williams.

He encourages early registration for the summer sports camp programs for they are very popular, reasonably cost and space is limited and outlined that applications can be obtained on St. Croix at the Department's LBJ Gardens Main Office, the D. C. Canegata Recreation Center, Renholdt Jackson Recreation Complex and the Vincent Mason Pool in Frederiksted; on St. Thomas at the Department's Main Office in Sub Base, Winston Raymo Recreation Center and Alvin McBean Recreation Complex; and on St. John at the Cruz Bay Recreation Center.

For additional information, the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation Offices in their respective island can be contacted.



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Just In Time: The long project to install a new pump station in the Cruz Bay parking lot has been completed in time for St. John Festival!

Applications Available for Sis Frank Merit Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

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

Requirements are as follows:

- Qualified students must be between the ages of 11 to 17 years old.
- A reference letter from a teacher or professional must accompany your completed application.
- Application forms must be completed and returned to the SJSA office no later than June 13, 2014. No applications will be considered after this date. Forms may be picked up in the office

or download an application from our website at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org

Students are awarded based solely on exceptional noted talent during the audition process.

Scholarships will be given in art, music, theater and dance. At least a two-minute performance will be required for music, dance and theater students. At least a two-minute presentation of art work will be required. Three upstanding community leaders will be conducting and judging the audition. Participants should be prepared to answer questions.

For additional information, call Kim Wild at 779-4322. St. John School of the Arts is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. We are partially funded by Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

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Gifft Hill School's EARTH Program Welcomes New Interns

School Bids Farewell to Chef Francis

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The latest round of Gifft Hill School's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture interns arrived on island last month and they're already getting their hands dirty and their feet wet. The four Iowa State students and a University of the Virgin Islands student are taking on projects including creating a Ugandan keyhole garden, turning the upper campus' patio space into an outdoor classroom and garden, and caring for 10 ducklings, which were donated to the program by Donna Mathias.

UVI marine biology major Jahnelle Rivera's involvement in the program represents the first time EARTH has welcomed a student from the local university.

"My project is to go down and test sediments in the bay to predict whether it can be used to grow plants," said Rivera.

The four Iowa State students, whose majors range from horticulture to landscape architecture to environmental studies, will spend their two months on island learning about sustainable farming while teaching GHS students about gardening and the farm-to-table movement.

"I really wanted to work with a non-profit organization, and it seemed like I could make a difference here," said Iowa State junior Casey Ludwig as she misted the ducklings, whose eggs the students will farm.

Ludwig hopes to get the keyhole garden idea off the ground in the hopes that students from GHS's sister school, the Namasagali School in Uganda, will one day visit St. John and recognize the African-inspired style of gardening.

Morgan Bradley, also a junior, hopes to eventually join the Peace Corps. She's been enjoying the island beyond her experience at GHS.

"I volunteered for the Beach to Beach Power Swim," said Bradley. "I love it here. I love the weather, the kids, and the beaches, of course."

Junior Anna Snyder will lead the transformation of the patio space into an outdoor classroom.

"I'd heard about the EARTH program from friends, and the more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea of coming to the Virgin Islands and learning about sustainable gardening," said the horticulture/landscape design major. "The weather's been perfect, and the kids are a lot of fun."

GHS Chef LaShanda Francis, who's helped pioneer the school's lunch program and has led several farm to table events, will be moving on at the end of the school year to work as the food and beverage manager at a St. Thomas resort.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

GHS Chef LaShanda Francis, UVI student Jahnelle Rivera, and Iowa State students Anna Snyder, Morgan Bradley, and Casey Ludwig in the upper campus garden with EARTH director Dr. Dave Minner. Not pictured: Iowa State student Erin Bohlin.



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**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

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The open plan kitchen boasts smooth granite counter tops, professional grade stainless steel appliances, hard wood cabinets and a large breakfast bar with seating.

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“Sing for the Health of It” Is Next UUF Meeting Topic

St. John Tradewinds

Join Reverend Jay Uhler at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: sing for the health of it.

Music and emotions have a significant influence in the prevention of illness and in maintaining good health.

Rev. Uhler began his vocational life in Ohio as a laborer in a steel mill. He is now a Psychologist. Although people refer to Uhler as a “shrink,” he prefers to be called an “Exp-a-a-ander!” providing life coaching and individual, marital and family therapies. He also consults to assist corporate executives in resolving disputes within their organizations. Uhler loves music and considers himself an “Ecumaniac,” which means he appreciates all Spiritual paths.

For more details go to: www.uufstjohn.com.



Pond Mouth Fenced Off

The vacant land at what is now the entrance to the Enighed Port was once a public gathering spot but has now been landscaped and fenced off for private use.

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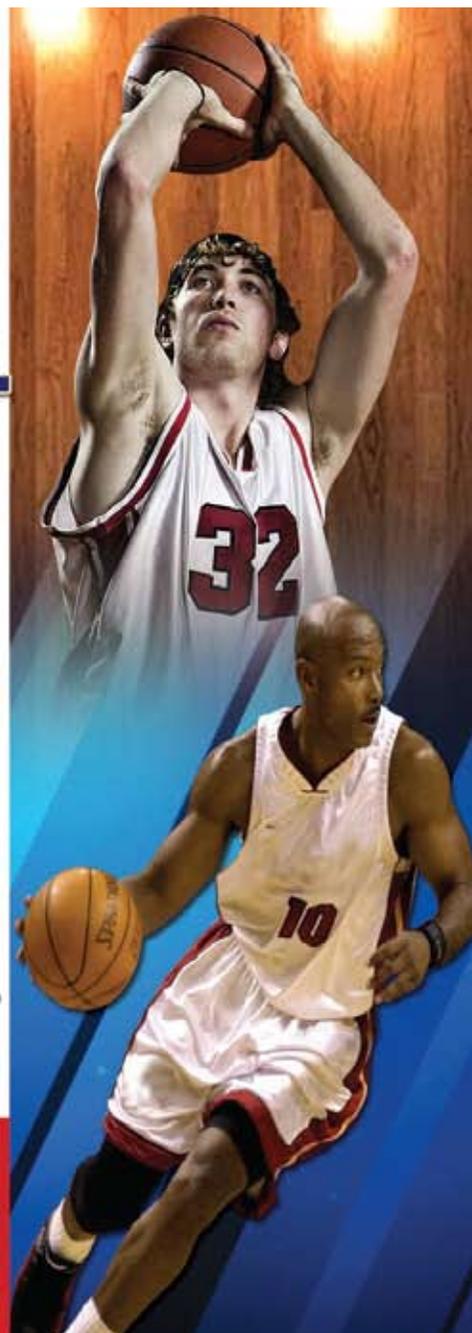
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Letter to Tradewinds

Looking Out for the People

I want to bring a matter of great importance to your attention. Senator Shawn Michael Malone recently attached a major tax exemption to a bill as an amendment. By using a last-minute amendment, Senate President Malone avoided the usual committee process and public hearings. At a time when we are facing a budget deficit so serious that government workers were forced to endure an 8% pay cut, what possible justification could there be for passing a sweeping tax exemption without public hearings?

The Malone Amendment greatly expands the types of companies eligible for tax exemptions through the RTPark, and even includes companies that do not have direct technology based revenues. The RTPark can now lay claim to companies that would have had to go to the EDC (which has requirements for employment, benefits, charitable contributions among other things); or which had been denied benefits from the EDC. Did you know that three of our largest revenue-producing companies: Innovative, Choice and Broadband VI, are getting tax exemptions as “tenants” of the Tech Park for a variety of services as far back as 2009 even though they are not located at the Tech Park?

Innovative, Choice and Broadband VI serve our local market. The money we pay these companies for our cell phones, cable TV, and Internet obviously results in large revenues. Ordinarily, these revenues would be generating gross receipts and corporate income tax for the General Fund. The Malone Amendment gives these companies a long-term tax holiday. This exemption does not extend to smaller local companies providing the same services that must pay gross receipts and other taxes. How can they compete on such an uneven playing field?

The EDC program requires notice in local papers and public hearings; the RTPark does not have this requirement. By expanding the businesses eligible to go to the RTPark, the public will be left in the dark about what companies receive a tax exemption and why. The

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Guest Opinion

TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT

In the past few weeks, the world of renewable-energy advocates has been thrown in turmoil by legislation sponsored by Senator Craig Barshinger, Chairman of the Energy and Environmental Protection Committee. Unfortunately, despite the Senator’s best efforts, this legislation seems to be informed by a plethora of “self evident truths.”

Some of these are: that the included caps on connected renewables are set at a level reflecting the actual impact of these resources; that the figures used to measure installed renewed capacity to count toward the caps are accurate and verifiable; and that one-to-one net metering of customer-generators amounts to a subsidy for them at the expense of non-generating customers. However, no independently verifiable data on any of these has been presented to the community. We are expected to accept the opinions of “experts” regarding these matters. Unfortunately, after looking at the legislation, the wisdom and impartiality of these experts seems to us self-evidently questionable.

Today I’d like to address just one of these “self-evident truths”, that which concerns the level of the caps for renewable energy installation to be connected to WAPA’s power grid. In Act 7075, these caps were set to 5 Mw STX/10 Mw STT/STJ. Act 7586, purported to be a “sustainable way forward” to allow “greater penetration of renewables”, also sets these caps to 5 Mw STX/10 Mw STT/STJ, which INCLUDES the renewables authorized under Act 7075. (see 7586:2:§1166). Thus it does nothing to change another self-evident truth: “St. Croix is already hitting its cap! St. Thomas-St. John will soon reach the cap.” How is this in any way a “way forward”?

Ostensibly, the caps are needed because connected renewable resources are said to destabilize a utilities’s grid. Their energy output is subject to uncontrollable variations, which in the case of PV are caused by changes in available sunlight. The utility must compensate for these variations, both by adjusting the output of its plants, and transferring the renewables’ power across its grid. If there are too many renewables connected, the utility can’t keep up, and the quality and reliability of the its power is compromised. This is a VERY REAL problem.

The question is, how rapidly does total small-scale distributed PV generation fluxuate, and how difficult is it for WAPA to compensate for these fluctuations? Although we haven’t heard anything from the experts on this, very real possibilities are “not much” and “not very.”

In contrast to a large solar farm, where if a thundercloud passes over the output can go from full to almost nothing in a matter of minutes, or a wind farm where output can charge an order of magnitude in seconds when it’s hit by a fast moving front, distributed PV resources can be expected to vary in total

output at a relatively slow rate. No one cloud is going to suddenly blanket ALL of an island, and a weather system that DOES effect an entire island will do so gradually. Presumably, WAPA can easily make adjustments for common events like day and night, and also handle the somewhat greater challenge posed by solar eclipses. And because their grid is very small and is sized to allow for variations in connected loads which far exceed that of connected renewables, cross-grid transmission challenges should be minimal.

In contrast, the facilities proposed by companies with whom WAPA is currently negotiating power-purchase contracts have a much greater potential to cause grid destabilization. These facilities, which are on a scale nearly equalling the total purported amount of existing connected PV, and which are centralized installations subject to localized weather disturbances, WILL impose large and rapid fluctuations on the grid. Yet Act 7586 explicitly excludes these installations from its caps because they are over 500 Kw - how ironic!

So, we come to the following: If its caps ARE to protect grid stability, there is definitely something flawed in the new legislation. If they ARE NOT to protect grid stability, what are they TRULY for?

In a better world, we’d just leave it all up to WAPA. They’re the experts. The only problem is that under their expert management, we are paying rates twice as high as as in PR, a shallow cable’s throw away from STT. And in PR, high electric rates and utility mismanagement are cited as a chief cause for a continuing long-term economic decline. Where does this put US?

Unfortunately, in the position of needing to prod WAPA towards better performance by legislating changes that WAPA should be spearheading themselves. MOST unfortunately, Senator Barshinger’s new legislation, at least in its present state, does not accomplish this in any meaningful way. On the contrary, it provides an excellent shield from behind which WAPA can continue “business as usual”.

I have called and continue to call on Senator Barshinger to table Bill 30-0347 until the many questions about its content are addressed satisfactorily. The Senator and his Knights of the Roundtable have labored diligently to craft Act 7586, Bill 30-0347 to Amend Act 7075, and Amendment 30-1019 to Amend Bill 30-0347 to Amend Act 7075, and we appreciate their efforts. However, if this legislation is to pave a “way forward”, it’s self-evident to me that there will need to be a new Amendment to Amend the Amendment to Amend the Bill to Amend, and that the scope of the Bill to Amend will need to be Amended to include Amendments to brand-new Act 7586 .

Amen.

Chris Clark

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Residents Honor Veterans on Memorial Day

A small but solemn gathering marked Memorial Day at the Cruz Bay Cemetery which included a tribute by St. John musician Mano Boyd.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Mano Boyd

John Canegata Joins Coffelt as Running Mate

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS – U.S. Virgin Islands gubernatorial candidate Soraya Diase Coffelt announced on Memorial Day that she has selected John Canegata as her running mate for the position of lieutenant governor. Canegata, a well-known, lifetime resident of St. Croix, will be a fourth-generation public servant in the Virgin Islands once elected.

In regard to her selection of Canegata, Diase Coffelt stated, “It is very appropriate that I announce my running mate John Canegata on Memorial Day. John is a vet-

eran who served honorably for our country and islands in the armed forces.”

“I am running for governor because too many of our people in the Virgin Islands are struggling and hurting, and I can no longer accept the status quo. Like me, John is committed to making things better for all of our people and will work hard with me toward fulfilling my vision of the Virgin Islands as the economic powerhouse of the Caribbean. As a native of St. Croix whose family has owned small businesses for over 100 years, a former employee of Hovenssa, and

a veteran, John understands the issues affecting our islands. He is dedicated to the people of the Virgin Islands and I know that together we will fight for the people and build a better Virgin Islands.”

Canegata said, “I consider it an honor and privilege to run with Soraya Diase Coffelt. Not only does she possess the qualifications and experience necessary to serve as our next governor, but her integrity and passion for the people are unmatched. She is the best hope for a better Virgin Islands and truly the people’s candidate for governor.”

Looking Out for the People

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RTPark can and should play a role in the growth of the territory. This is not to say that the companies receiving tax exemption are not good for the territory. The people however, have a right to know how much these exemptions are costing the taxpayers, what benefits we receive in return, and how the millions in public funds flowing into the RTPark have been spent.

The Malone Amendment removes the mandate requiring future companies accepting benefits from the RTPark to be physically located at the recently built \$13 Million facility on St. Croix.

By so doing, Senator Malone deprives St. Croix of its position as the focus of the RTPark statute as well as the business growth, revenues and intellectual activity for its campus’ students that the original lawmakers intended.

Our budget shortfall has negatively impacted government workers, retiree pensions, our hospitals,

schools and our roads, all of which are in dire need of additional funding. In the middle of a territorial budget crisis, how can Senator Malone justify handing special interests a tax exemption without a public hearing? With unemployment hovering at 14% on St. Croix, how can he justify removing the requirement for future companies of the RTPark to be on St. Croix?

With the last minute offering of the Amendment without the Committee hearing, I cannot believe that other Senators fully comprehended the negative impact of this legislation on the Virgin Islands in general and on St. Croix in particular.

I encourage this paper and others to voice concern regarding this Amendment, its process of passage, and the detrimental impact it will have on our territory. I strongly urge the Governor to veto Bill No. 30-0302.

Stacey Plaskett
Candidate for Delegate to Congress

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Tuesday, June 3

— St. John Film Society (SJFS) will be screening "Blackfish" on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, June 7

— The Lieutenant Governor's Office will conclude its series of estate planning seminars on Saturday, June 7, on the island of St. John. The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. The public is invited to attend.

— The Bethany Moravian Church Board of Stewards is hosting a barbecue at the church on Saturday, June 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Come out and have delicious food and social fun!

Sunday, June 8

A memorial service for Dr. James P. Clayton has been scheduled for Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Turtle Bay Point at Caneel Bay Resort.

Friday, June 13

Giffit Hill School's Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2014 on Friday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field at the Upper Campus. The Commencement Speaker will be Dr. Elenoe (Crew) Smith, post doctoral research fellow with appointments at Boston Chil-

dren's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Reception to follow. Please call (340) 776-1730 for more information. er, for Saturday, May 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

Sunday, June 15

— St. Ursula's Episcopal Church will be honoring four community leaders at their annual Father's Day Luncheon on Sunday, June 15 at noon at the St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. Tickets are \$35.

Saturday, June 21

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

Monday, June 30

— Lt Gov. Gregory Francis is strongly encouraging and reminding corporate citizens to meet the June 30 deadline for franchise taxes and annual filing requirements. Failure to comply with the annual filing requirements will result in the assessment of penalties and interest, withdrawal of good standing status, or even admin-

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

CBCC Urges Purchase Agreement for Estate Carolina

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"The land was in jeopardy," said Barshinger. "A lot of land taxes are owned and there are historic ruins on the property. The family wants to see these ruins used to bring the history of St. John to life."

"We could create a Territorial Park to work in concert with the V.I. National Park and maybe even work better," Barshinger said. "They also carved out a little piece of land for Waste Management to put a recycling and convenience center."

The amended bill — passed after a matching Forest Legacy program grant fell through — allocated \$1 million each year over four years from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund for the 170-acre land purchase.

The St. John Capital Improvement Fund, however, is about \$4 million in the red, according to St. John Legislature Post Auditor Jose George.

The roughly \$5 million Fund has about \$9 million in encumbrances, yet those financial details were not available at Thursday night's Committee on Culture hearing.

"As of December 31, 2013 the St. John Capital Improvement Fund was negative \$3.9, almost \$4 million," said George.

The Post Auditor requested details of the \$9 million of encumbrances on the Fund in January, yet has received no word from Government House, George said under questioning from Committee on Culture member Senator Tregenza Roach.

Senator Barshinger, who proposed the legislation to purchase the land, vowed to subpoena the information.

"This should have gone forward but we are told again that there is no money in the Capital Improvement Fund by the executive branch," said Barshinger. "The next step is to subpoena the information and have it delivered within two weeks."

Despite the lack of money in the St. John Capital Improvement Fund, the governor should move forward with a purchase agreement for the much needed government land, explained CBCC President Coldren, who testified at last week's meeting.

"I have been in meetings with Senator Barshinger and the Egbert Marsh Trust representative when discussions included planning for government purchase of future portions of this property for conservation and recreation purposes," Coldren said. "If the government contracts for these future purposes, CBCC is willing and has the proven ability to assist in seeking federal and other grant funding to cover some or all of the actual costs of this purchase and future phases."

"It is important to understand that the guidelines for virtually all land acquisition and construction grant funding require that a written purchase agreement with the property owner be included with the grant application, fully spelling out the conditions of sale, any conservation easement, tax treatment provisions, below appraised value provisions, timing, etc.," said the CBCC President.

There is little government-owned land in the Coral Bay area and a need for additional infrastructure, Coldren told senators.

"The government owns very little land in Coral

Bay to support the needs, now and in the future, of this 3,000 acre community, already subdivided into more than 1,900 land parcels, with more than 900 homes," Coldren said. "At the high cost of purchasing small tracks of land, and the high appraised values, it is prudent for the government to purchase land in bulk for multiple public purposes, rather than making fragmented higher cost purchases, agency by agency."

"The VI Waste Management Authority has an immediate and urgent need to obtain land in Coral Bay in order to move the main waste bin site that is in the shoreline mangroves and is an environmental hazard and traffic safety hazard," she said. "No publicly owned parcels are appropriate or available. The proposed site should also accommodate the new convenience center concept and re-use and recycling."

The Estate Carolina area also includes historic ruins which could boost tourism in the Coral Bay area, according to the CBCC President.

"The historic preservation area of the Carolina Plantation is an important cultural and historic area which has several ruins of significance which, if managed properly, could boost tourism interest and provide small business opportunities," said Coldren. "The main ghat is just adjacent to this area and since it is primarily dry, provides a possible interesting nature path trail."

Purchasing Parcel 7 Remainder Estate Carolina would be a win, win win situation, Coldren testified at last week's hearing.

"The Egbert Marsh Trust and Sheldon Marsh have shown a strong and generous interest in cultural and environmental conservation and should be applauded for this and encouraged to go forward by the VI government entering into detailed negotiations for a purchase agreement with the aim of a win-win-win situation for the territory's government, the people of Coral Bay and future users and tourists, and for the current property owner," she said.

Even just creating a purchase agreement for the land would be a legacy for the deJongh Administration, Coldren explained.

"Rather than thinking of this as an 'unfunded initiative,' the negotiation of a master purchase agreement would likely turn out to be a long-lasting achievement of the deJongh Administration, fulfilling many needs widely held by the public and businesses," she said.

Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation Chairperson Senator Myron Jackson and member Senator Tregenza Roach were present at last week's hearing. Senator at Large Barshinger, while not a member, was also present. Committee members Senators Shwan-Michael Malone, Nereida "Nellie" Rivera-O'Reilly, Janette Millin Young, Terrence "Positive" Nelson and Kenneth Gittens were not present.

Invited testifiers Governor John deJongh, Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, Office of Management and Budget Director Debra Gottlieb, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, Department of Property and Procurement Commissioner Lynn Maduro and Department of Finance Commissioner Angel Dawson were also not present at the committee hearing.

St. John Junior Miss Pageant Show Is Sunday Night

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affording me this opportunity to showcase my many talents and to serve as a role model for other positive young Virgin Islanders.”

Contestant Number 2 is Love City’s own Mirisa Corean Clendinen, a 15-year-old ninth grader at Antilles School. Clendinen’s parents are Ernie and Nancy Clendinen and she has a twin sister, Aysha, as well as younger sister.

With a close-knit family, Clendinen had no hesitation explaining that her best friend was her recently deceased grandfather Curly Wray.

“I attribute my gentle demeanor and love for all people to his teachings and influence,” she said.

Clendinen enjoys photography and fine art and her goal is to one day get into the film businesses, she explained.

“My life goal is to become a film maker and eventually a film director,” said Clendinen. “I am intrigued with the ability to move an idea from a thought and create it into a real image or product. I look forward to the day that I can make films about St. John and in St. John.”

Clendinen hopes to be able to serve as an ambassador for her home island by winning the title of St. John Festival Junior Miss 2014.

“This pageant will allow me the opportunity to showcase my talents, creativity, and intelligence while serving as an ambassador on behalf of the people of my beautiful home St. John Virgin Islands,” she said.

St. John Festival Junior Miss Contestant #3 Raven McKenzie Phillips-Love is also from St. John. She is a 15-year-old 10th grader at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School where is also a Quiz Bowl and Book Club member.

Phillips-Love is a student writer for the *St. John Tradewinds* and hopes to pursue a career in journalism, she explained.

“I plan to graduate from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School at the top of my class and attend a four year college where I’ll major in Journalism and Psychology, and merge the two into a lucrative career,” said Phillips-Love.

This hard-working teenager chalks her many successes to her self-motivation, Phillips-Love explained.

“It is a combination of my hard work,

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— Contestant #2 Mirisa Corean Clendinen

self-motivation and self-discipline which has enabled me to maintain a 4.0 GPA while building a professional portfolio,” she said.

St. John Festival Junior Miss Contestant Number 4 P’Azhae N’Dia Harrigan, 14, hails from the island of St. Thomas where she is a freshman at Charlotte Amalie High School and is on the honor roll.

The daughter of U.S. military veterans and a Corporal in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, Harrigan is serious about responsibility, she explained.

“I embrace the values of citizenship, personal responsibility, and service to the United States,” Harrigan said.

It is not all work, however, for Harrigan who loves dance and art as well, she added.

“I express my creative mind through artistic drawings and I condition my body with the French Academy of Performing Arts where I have been a student of ballet for six years,” said Harrigan.

This talented young lady is not afraid to put plenty of time into her passions.

“I am a firm believer that the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will,” she said. “It is my will which will propel me to become P’Azhae Harrigan, M.D., a medical practitioner in pediatrics or neonatology, and it is this will that also inspired me to be contestant number 4 and hopefully Miss St. John Junior Miss 2014-2015.”

Don’t miss what promises to be an exciting and entertaining evening in Winston Wells ball field on Sunday night, June 8, at 6 p.m.

Good luck to all the contestants and see you for a Grand Diamond Jubilee for St. John Festival 2014 Anniversary’s Junior Miss Selection Pageant this Sunday!



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3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	David Laabs	Classical Guitar
5:30 8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

4:30-6:30	Concordia	Wayne & Pam	Guitar Vocals
5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy’s	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan’s Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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Oppenheimer Deed Restricts Use to Residential

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pected to focus on expanding the availability of the shoreline property to commercial uses such as a concert venue, but instead it turned into a discussion on how to preserve the prescribed public access to the only V.I.-government owned property in the National Park Service's Virgin Islands National Park.

Committee member Sen. Tregenza A. Roach was present, as was non-committee member St. John Senator at Large Craig W. Barshinger.

"It is long overdue to establish clear, fair and consistent regulations," Comm. Williams told the well-attended Senate hearing.

Opposition to Commercial Use

Much of the pre-hearing discussion had been focused on opposition to commercial use of the property from members of the well-respected Gibney family, longtime owners of "Gibney Beach" — one of the few privately-held white sand beach-front properties on the north shore of St. John.

Although there are "undocumented" regulations in place, there is legal protection for neighbors against commercial use of the property, family representative Eleanor Gibney said.

The three Gibney siblings divided their parent's waterfront parcel. Eleanor Gibney and her brother Ed have already committed to donating most of their property along the white sand "Gibney Beach" to the V.I. National Park, including their parents' single-story stone home.

But, Eleanor Gibney said, the Gibney family and the other residents of the Hawksnest valley stood together to protect and preserve their neighborhood.

"There is no legal standing to violate the (deed) restrictions," Gibney testified. "It is long overdue to establish fair and consistent regulations."

An island property manager, speaking as representative of the owners of one of the dozen vacation rental homes and private residences overlooking the east end of the shoreline of the broad bay and the historic Caneel Bay Resort, echoed Gibney family concerns.

The loud music was detrimental to neighboring property owners of in-holdings on the hillside above the V.I. National Park-controlled shoreline, the rental property manager told the hearing.

Commissioner "Concerned"

Comm. Williams acknowledged at the hearing that in reviewing the records of the Hawksnest Bay property he "became concerned" about the need to honor the deed restrictions to preserve the government's interest in the property.

Nevertheless, members of the Gibney family, offered to work with V.I. government officials to protect the legacy of the Oppenheimer family's donation of the property to the "people of the Virgin Islands" while honoring the restrictions in the Gibney family's original deed of sale of the property as a building lot for one residence.

Committee chairman Senator Jackson had announced the hearing at the St. John Legislature in Cruz Bay as an opportunity for the public to express its opinion on expanding the public use of the V.I. government's proclaimed "Oppenheimer Beach" on Hawksnest Bay.



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Testifying at last week's hearing (L to R): Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, St. Claire Williams, and Eleanor Gibney.

Members of the public were invited to share their concerns regarding restricted public and cultural uses of the beach and recreational center, located on land that once belonged to the Gibney family and subsequently the family of Robert Oppenheimer, known as the father of the atomic bomb.

The Gibneys sold the parcel to a couple named "Smith" who sold it to Oppenheimer "within months" of their purchase, according to Eleanor Gibney.

The popular site was willed to the Virgin Islands government by the Oppenheimers' late daughter Toni and has become the only place for picnics, weddings and gatherings by St. John senior citizens and community groups on the north shore of St. John which is dominated by the Virgin Islands National Park.

"We recognize there are deed restrictions that must be honored," testified Phillip Grasshopper Pickering, of the St. John reggae band Inner Visions.

"This was willed to the people and should be used by the people — with reasonable restrictions, sure," St. Johnian culture bearer Emmanuel "Mano" Boyd testified.

Counsel Cites Noise Ordinances

In the end, legislative counsel Atty. Yvonne Tharpes flipped through her copy of the V.I. Code for regulations concerning noise restrictions — which proscribe a 75 decibel noise limit "plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet from the location" or "across a real property boundary," according to Tharpes.

"All you have to prove is the noise exceeds that level 100 feet away," Tharpes opined. "The police department is mandated to enforce and investigate and use a decibel meter to determine (the level)."

"It's a matter of enforcement," Tharpes said. "There already are laws."

"The legislature appropriated \$400,000 to the police department for those meters," she added.

At that point in the discussion, St. Johnian musical legend Philip "Grasshopper" Pickering sought to address the noise issue from a different perspective — proposing that the government soundproof the existing fence separating the Oppenheimer property from neighboring private property and that amplified music be directed towards the open bay instead of neighboring properties.

Jones Knocks Out Third Opponent Miller

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and “I didn’t want a primary if I didn’t have to.”

Both Hodge and Miller said they were told they could run for senator from the St. Thomas District.

Jones also acknowledged he challenged Dalmida candidacy because of his concerns that Dalmida had been working out of the territory for some time. Dalmida subsequently withdrew his candidacy when he was unable to complete the paperwork by the deadline.

Former Candidate Miller Cites Misinformation

Jones subsequently also challenged the candidacy of Greg Miller, another a first-time political candidate, who acknowledged his filing for St. John Senator at Large was based on misinformation on the residency requirements.

“I am a little surprised Ronnie would do that,” Miller told *Tradewinds* of Jones’ challenge.

“A few weeks ago I registered to be a candidate for the Senate at Large seat,” Miller e-mailed *St. John Tradewinds* on May 29. “I have been a registered Voter in the V.I. since 1996. I have had an office on St. John since 1995, property on St. John since 2002, a house on St. John since 2010.”

“At the beginning of May, I registered to vote on St. John and began renting an apartment on St. John and began to live in Fish Bay,” Miller added.

“I was told that the rules for being a candidate for Senate at Large was to live in the V.I. for three years and live on St. John six months prior to the election,” Miller said. “Yesterday I was told that I could not run for the Senate at Large position, but I could run for one of the seven St. Thomas-St. John Senate seats.”

Miller previously had acknowledged his residency history to *St. John Tradewinds* and confirmed that his tax returns were filed with a St. Thomas address.

“At this time I don’t know if I am a candidate or not,” admitted Miller.

Dalmida Could Not Meet Deadline

Former Schneider Administration St. John Administrator St. Johnian Dalmida, a hospitality industry veteran and former Caneel Bay Resort manager, expressed disappointment at his disqualification based on his recent employment out of the territory.

“After being informed that my residency was being challenged and scrambling to provide the required documents to support my claim, I was later informed that I needed to submit a tax authorization form at the last moment,” Dalmida texted *St. John Tradewinds*.

“The form also stated that I needed my wife to submit one also, because we filed jointly,” Dalmida continued. “My wife not being here, I couldn’t meet the deadline. I was given less than an hour to do so.”

“I am confident that I would have been a great senator for the people,” Dalmida texted. “I will give it another shot. Thank You.”

Elections Reviews Tax Returns

Alecia Wells, St. John member of Board of Elections, questioned the Supervisor of Elections criteria for determining the three-year residency.

“I just asked the attorney for the Board of Elections and she said she was using tax returns to verify residency,” Wells said May 28.

St. John Tradewinds was unable to reach Elections Supervisor Fawkes to determine whether Liburd’s candidacy would be examined under the same criteria as the other candidates — and for an official explanation of the candidate vetting process and the election board’s ability to challenge a candidacy on its own initiative.

Fawkes did leave a message when she returned a call from *St. John Tradewinds* on Friday.

Ironically, the V.I. Joint Board of Elections voted Monday, May 19, to allow candidates to use nicknames — which should be a benefit to “Rocky” if he remains a candidate and leave Jones scrambling to adopt a nickname.

Accounting of St. John Capital Improvement

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longer be needed,” said Senate Post Auditor George. The Post Auditor said he requested an accounting from Government House in January which has not been proffered.

Sen. Barshinger had a different accounting of the St. John Fund which is supposed to receive \$1.5 million in property taxes from the General Fund each year and hasn’t been tapped for authorized expenditures in recent years.

“There are no encumbrances,” the St. John Senator at Large added. “Only the legislature can make encumbrances.”

“The balance is \$5 million,” Sen. Barshinger said. “On November 16, 2011, the ending balance was \$5,972,495.37. We know the starting point was \$6 million.”

“They are giving him a runaround,” Sen. Barshinger said of the administration’s delay in providing an accounting of the St. John fund to the Senate’s Post Auditor George.

“I am about getting (the governor) to let St. John spend its capital improvement funds,” said Sen. Barshinger, who hasn’t ruled out a return to V.I. politics including a future run to regain his current seat.

Three Licensed St. John Craftspeople

There are only three licensed crafts people on St. John, officials acknowledged.

“Artists and craftsmen deserve an outlet,” testified Delroy “Ital” Anthony, one of the few professional crafts people on St. John. “A vendors plaza can survive.”

Former Senator at Large Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, brought historical perspective to the debate

“If my memory serves me right the vendor’s plaza goes back to the 14th Legislature,” Dr. Sprauve said in impromptu testimony. “From 1980 I am seeing that it hasn’t happened.”



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V.I. Department of Tourism Deputy Commissioner Monique Sibilly Hodge and Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs Jr. testified on the status if the effort to build a Vendors Plaza on government land across from Cruz Bay Creek.

“The public’s interest in a Vendors Plaza site has been eroded election after election,” Dr. Sprauve told the senators and hearing audience.

Tenants and Oil Tank

The existing tenants on the proposed Vendors Plaza site won’t be asked to vacate their month-to-month leases until the vendors plaza project is further along in planning and development, the government officials acknowledged.

Unfortunately, the search committee members reported the property identified for the project also contains an abandoned government-owned green metal storage tank which they acknowledge may contain some unknown amount of nefarious, albeit unknown, substance — which could require additional appropriated funding.

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ACROSS

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- 7 "— Adven-tures in Wonderland"
- 13 Mobile locale
- 20 Pacific weather phenomenon
- 21 Sullen
- 22 Neighbor of Ukraine
- 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals?
- 26 Part of A/C
- 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster
- 28 "Mama" of pop music
- 29 Spiritualists' event
- 30 Seize illegally
- 33 Coarse
- 36 African mongooses
- 38 One dealing in red meat for a living?
- 40 Selling points
- 42 June hrs.
- 43 Bit of intimate apparel
- 45 Suffix with prop-
- 46 Number of Stooges
- 51 Audio system part
- 54 Lovable male turkeys?
- 59 Jews living outside Israel
- 62 Conveys
- 63 Alternative to Red Roof
- 64 En — (as a whole)
- 65 Bit of formal apparel
- 67 Zee lead-in
- 68 AT&T rival, once
- 69 Hi-speed connection
- 70 Actor Depp being

- mushy?
- 75 Hit in a ring
- 77 "Really? — who?!"
- 78 King, in Toulon
- 79 Barfly, say
- 80 Charles for whom a chair is named
- 83 One of golf's majors
- 85 Request in blackjack
- 87 More tempes-tuous
- 89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee?
- 92 Strike marks, in bowling
- 93 Little squirts
- 94 Trains to Wrigley Field
- 95 Scand. land
- 96 Mini-devil
- 99 Perón of Argentina
- 101 Press chinos and corduroys?
- 107 Classical pieces
- 112 Inborn
- 114 Bea Arthur title role
- 115 Believer in God
- 116 Onetime teen idol Paul
- 118 Onetime flight inits.
- 120 They cross aves.
- 121 Use glue to mend pants?
- 127 Immunity trigger
- 128 Swooning fan, e.g.
- 129 Laud
- 130 Mosaic piece
- 131 Throws
- 132 Sacred places

DOWN

- 1 Smear
- 2 Plaza Hotel heroine
- 3 Erroneous
- 4 Set aflame

- 5 "Is there — hope?"
- 6 It's honked
- 7 Acela runner
- 8 Building site
- 9 Cholera
- 10 Spiral shell
- 11 English class assignments
- 12 Min. parts
- 13 — Dhabi
- 14 Zooms, e.g.
- 15 Tree of the birch family
- 16 Israel's Ehud
- 17 Boxing venue
- 18 Punish by fine
- 19 Burros
- 24 Intl. oil group
- 25 Singers Donny and Marie
- 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom)
- 32 Nighty-night garb
- 34 Union foes
- 35 Neophytes
- 37 Saber's kin
- 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger
- 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio)
- 44 Twice or thrice
- 46 Gym hiree
- 47 "Let me see ..."
- 48 Having pre-blended ingredients
- 49 Finales
- 50 Series finale?: Abbr.
- 51 Nav. rank
- 52 Hamm on a soccer field
- 53 Deposits are recorded in it
- 55 David of the Red Sox
- 56 Really injure
- 57 "Book of Days" singer
- 58 Brow shape
- 60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.

- 61 Multipiece office gifts
- 66 Most weird
- 68 Maxim
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- 72 Tube addict's punishment
- 73 Kid around
- 74 '60s war site
- 75 Barely
- 76 Pasty-faced
- 81 Wide shoe width
- 82 Yearbook div.
- 84 Kin of ante-
- 85 Spiral
- 86 Moses or Meese
- 88 Of ears
- 90 — Strauss
- 91 Immunizing fluids
- 97 May VIP
- 98 Sch. group
- 99 Sitcom actress Rolle
- 100 Alternative to judo
- 102 River critters
- 103 Current events
- 104 Like the Kazakh language
- 105 Most weird
- 106 Tetley rival
- 107 Hitter's turn to hit
- 108 French river
- 109 Fair shelters
- 110 Calf-length skirts
- 111 Gas bill info
- 113 Small iPods
- 117 No-clutter
- 119 Tablet extras
- 122 "Leaving — Jet Plane"
- 123 Surg. centers
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- 125 "... cup — cone?"
- 126 Eighty-six

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"ENIGHED BREEZES" has designer flair, great views, minutes from town! 3 bdrm main home plus 2 apts. Special features: contemporary kitchen, skylights, granite slab counters, Soli Stone backsplashes, travertine tile, stone showers, vessel sinks, spa tub, & Murano glass tiled pool w/ waterfall.

MLS 14-60
\$1,450,000

"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Gifft Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.

MLS 13-516
\$1,295,000

"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.

MLS 13-204
\$1,125,000

"TREE PALMS" Versatile 5 BR 5 BA property with solid rental history. Charming home w/ 2 kitchens, covered verandas, stone entrance, garden fountain, concrete pool and spa deck. Solar panels, and ocean views complete the package!

MLS 13-3
\$995,000

"VILLA MIMOSA" IS A BEST BUY! 4 bedroom private rental home- awesome down island & Coral Bay views! Turn key! Originally \$1,700,000 now priced to sell.

MLS 13-459
\$695,000

"BORDERS NATIONAL PARK!" EXCEPTIONAL CARIBBEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP masonry home w/ FLEXIBLE FLOORPLAN is a "must see"! Private, end of road FLAT lot with additional cottage. Completed in 2010 by Owner/builder/ furniture maker from Santa Fe.

MLS 12-176
\$650,000

"GIFFT HILL" View, quiet area & convenience! Two unit home-Live in one, rent the other! Main level features 2 bdrms, bth & a generous great room w/ sliders to Pillsbury Sound view deck. Lower level studio apartment with porch. Lush, level property with easy parking.

MLS 13-347
\$499,000

"FISH BAY" 4X2" INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!

MLS 13-267
\$475,000

"VERY MOTIVATED SELLER!" SABA COTTAGE offers an open floor plan & valley views of historic sugar mill. Room to expand this small but well constructed home. Two parcels-keep one and sell the other.

MLS 13-189
\$215,000

"BEACHFRONT GRANDE BAY RESORT" Has great views! Beautifully furnished & easy access to shop/restaurants. Large pool & deck area, fitness & reception center, indoor parking & elevator service.

3 BR/2 BA \$1,195,000
1 BR/1 BA \$745,000

"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME" Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.

Priced from \$42,000

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CAROLINA	from \$ 55,000	HANSEN BAY	hillside & WATERFRONT \$ 139,000	CALABASH BOOM	hillside \$ 235,000
EMMAUS	hillside \$ 75,000	GLUCKSBERG	from \$ 195,000	VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES	from \$ 249,900
FISH BAY	from \$ 79,995	CONCORDIA	from \$ 225,000	LOVANGO CAY	South shore from \$ 250,000
CHOCOLATE HOLE	from \$ 118,500	FREEMANS GROUND	from \$ 225,000	UPPER MONTE BAY/RENDEZVOUS	from \$ 799,000
				SABA BAY	hillside & WATERFRONT from \$ 999,000
				PETER BAY/NORTHSHORE	from \$ 1,650,000
				WESTIN TIMESHARES	from \$ 500/week
				ONE MONTH FRACTIONALS	from \$ 42,000

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