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Armed and Loaded — for Balloons

Dax Chouiniere winds up with his dart under the watchful supervision of volunteer Michael Ferguson of Peter Bay at the much-anticipated opening of the Children's Festival Village near the V.I. National Park Visitor's Center in Cruz Bay. Scores of St. John children and visitors swarmed the drug- and alcohol-free zone.

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Freshwater Church Freshens Up Bleachers



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The bleachers and pavilion at Winston Wells Ball Field got a fresh coat of paint thanks to a volunteer effort spearheaded by Freshwater Church in partnership with the V.I. Parks & Recreation Department.

In the past two weeks, members of the church along with a group of college-aged volunteers from Houston, Texas, worked in the heat to give a much needed facelift to this central part of town. The final phase, coming soon, will involve coating the roof and painting the interior of the pavilion.

Freshwater Church thanked St. John Hardware and Sam & Jack's Deli for their contributions to the project.

Lt. Governor Potter Reminds USVI Corporate Citizens To File Franchise Taxes or Annual Fees by June 30

Lieutenant Governor Osbert E. Potter is strongly encouraging and reminding corporate citizens to satisfy the franchise tax or annual fee requirement along with the submission of the proper reports.

In accordance with Titles 13 and 26 of the Virgin Islands Code that require every registered corporation, LLC, LLP, and LLLP to pay a franchise tax or annual fee to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on or before June 30 of every year. Failure to comply with the annual requirements will result in the assessment of penalties and interest or even administrative/involuntary dissolution.

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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.

St. John Office of Veterans Affairs Opened Second Friday of Every Month

The Office of Veterans Affairs began conducting office hours on the island of St. John on the second Friday of every month beginning Friday, June 12. Operating hours for the St. John office will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Battery in Cruz Bay.

Any Veteran residing on the island of St. John that needs assistance can come to the office between these hours and receive the same services they would if they were at the St. Thomas or St. Croix office to include obtaining a local Veteran I.D. It is strongly recommend that individuals call the St. Thomas office at 340-774-6100 and schedule an appointment to visit the St. John office.

"Setting an appointment will ensure that we have your files available when you arrive that", said Director Farrell. "This is also an attempt to live up to our promise to the Veterans that reside on St. John when we told them they will not be left out"

"Improving the Quality of Life for every Veteran within the territory at every opportunity is what the team within the Office of Veterans Affairs is striving to do," said Director Farrell. "If the need arises to have an additional day added to the St. John schedule in the future we will do just that."

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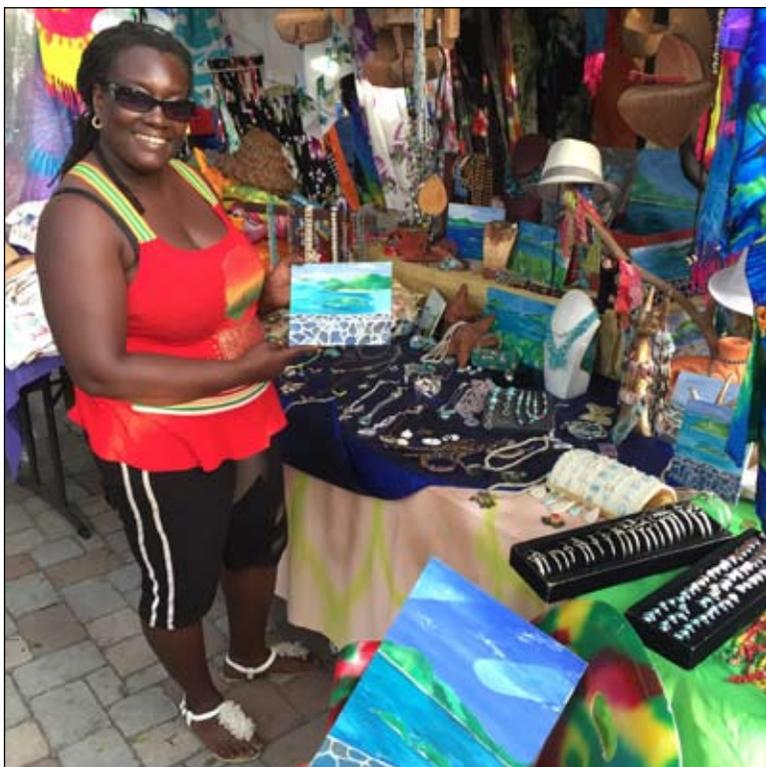
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Security was a major focus before the opening of Festival Village as V.I. Police Department officers – and a bomb-sniffing dog – secured the parking lot on Cruz Bay Creek before the official opening.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Judi Shimel

Festival Village 2015 honoree Bernice Boynes (right) gets an assist with official opening duties from Gov. Kenneth Mapp and Festival Princess Sanijah Gris on Saturday, June 27, at the official opening of Festival Village. Hundreds of residents and visitors filled the waterfront village for the start of a week of food, music and limin'.



Anetha displayed her own paintings, above, to welcome visitors to her colorful displays of island crafts, jewelry, gifts and artwork among the scores of vendors who filled Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.



Customers visit their favorite festival servers to fuel the Saturday opening of the 2015 St. John Festival.

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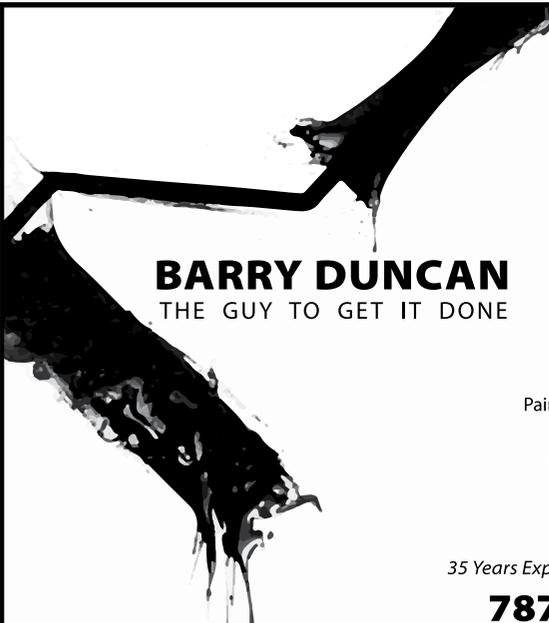
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Guests and day visitors line up to await their turn to climb into one of the colorful Flamboyant trees on the grounds of the historic resort to record their visit in the orange glow of the flowering trees.

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The contract to operate concessions at Trunk Bay, above, and Cinnamon Bay in the Virgin Islands National Park is open for bidding until July 30.

Trunk, Cinnamon Bay VINP Concessions Could Require \$6 Million-plus Investment

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — It will cost a new concessioner \$2.2 million to buy-out the current operator of the historic Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay commercial properties in the heart of the Virgin Islands national park for the next 15 years — in addition to the required expenditure of “not less than \$3.67 million and not more than \$4.5 million” in improvements to the two world-renowned tourism venues.

Within Virgin Islands National Park the concessioner will manage “commercial services” at the beachfront cottages and campground at Cinnamon Bay and concessions at Trunk Bay, one of the most picturesque beaches in the world and the perennially No. 1 rated beach in the world.

“Revenues under the existing contract ranged between \$2.8 and \$3.0 million over the past three years and are projected to continue growing,” according to the NPS concession document which based

its estimate on the VINP’s “over half-million recreational visitors on an annual basis.”

The “Total Annual Return to the Government” was reported as \$72,710 in 2011, \$77,548 in 2012 and \$78,406, according to the NPS Business Opportunity offering. Under the new contract “the minimum franchise fee will be equal to one and eighth-tenths percent (1.8%) of the Concessioner’s annual gross receipts.”

All offers must be received by the NPS no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, in order to be evaluated and considered.

New Concession Facilities, Cottage, Eco-tents

Trunk Bay will get new concession facilities while Cinnamon Bay will get a total makeover of its 40 cottage units with new cottages and new platforms to support 55 new “eco-tents,” according to the NPS Concessions Facilities Improvement Program (CFIP) description.

“The end game is a good expe-

rience for visitors,” said Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services, Southeast Region, for the National Park Service (NPS). “It should be a better experience.”

“The Draft Contract requires the Concessioner to undertake and complete an improvement program costing not less than \$3.67 million and not more than \$4.5 million as adjusted for each project to reflect the par value in the year of actual construction.”

“The CFIP includes construction of 40 new cottage units at Cinnamon Bay, construction for platform upgrades to accommodate the new 55 eco-tents, and construction of new snack shop and gift shop facilities at Trunk Bay,” according to the NPS Business Opportunity document.

“The concessioner must demolish and replace all 40 existing cottage units by the end of the second year of the Draft Contract,” according to the NPS document.

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Elections Board Eyes Closing Coral Bay Polling Station Because of Slow Reporting

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — If the St. Thomas-St. John Board of Elections has its way, voters in Coral Bay will have to go elsewhere to vote on Election Day 2016.

Talks about St. John polling places and conditions at the island's Election Systems office were among the topics raised at the board's June meeting.

Small turnout, government budget cuts and past problems with logistics were a few reasons why there should be changes in polling activity at the former Guy Benjamin Elementary School, District Board Chairman Arturo Watlington Jr. offered.

Instead he proposed making Coral Bay an early voting site for St. John, giving voters 10 days prior to the election to cast ballots. After that cutoff date, all St. John voters would cast ballots at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

"I would like the board to consider closing Coral Bay permanently on Election Day," Atty. Watlington said.

Closing Coral Bay on Election Day was one of two district locations Watlington suggested for closure. The other is the Leonard Dober Elementary School on St. Thomas.

Wells Favors Change

District Board Member Alecia Wells said she also favored at least part of the proposed change.

"I'm in favor of making it an early voting site," Wells said.

Early voting was conducted for the first time during the 2014 election cycle but produced mixed results territory wide. A delay in delivering voting machines to St. John cut the 10-day early voting period down.

Some board members who put in long hours assisting voters turning out prior to Election Day on St. Thomas said they thought the new policy worked well but they would like to see early voting conducted away from the elections office.

Moses also proposed a third polling place for St. John at center island, that could serve George Simmonds Terrace, Adrian, Grunswald, Beverhoudtsberg



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay may be shuttered as an Election Day polling station because of 2014 delays in getting returns to Election Officials.

and Fish Bay.

St. John Office Called "Dump"

Which brought the discussion towards the St. John elections office in Cruz Bay, near the traffic circle and the Sprauve School Clarice Thomas Annex. It also brought unflattering comments from the chairman.

"It's a dump," Watlington said. Several board members agreed, including Ivy Moses, who said she visited the office prior to attending the June 24 board meeting.

"I've never seen a government office so poorly kept," said board secretary Carla Joseph. "It's really deplorable."

The biggest criticism of the office was inaccessibility. The office is reached by climbing 20 feet down a flight of outdoor wooden stairs. But the chairman pointed out the disadvantages come with a hidden advantage, since the federal Help America Vote Act provides funds to refurbish elections facilities, making them comply with another federal law, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Elections board members then discussed a number of alternative places that could serve as a temporary elections office until improvements could be made.

Two Men Plead Guilty to Alien Smuggling

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Kendrick Christopher, 47, a Grenadian national, and Jearl Shillingford, 33, a Dominican national, pleaded guilty Wednesday, June 24, in District Court on St. Thomas to charges of encouraging and inducing aliens to enter the United States for commercial or financial gain in violation of law, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

As part of their pleas, Christopher and Shillingford admitted operating a sailing vessel containing 61 Haitian nationals seeking to enter the United States

illegally and that they did so for commercial or financial gain knowing that their actions were unlawful.

The United States Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection intercepted the vessel off the coast of St. John on June 10. Christopher and Shillingford face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David White.

Westin Memorial Service Set for Diver Who May Have Been Hit by Passing Boat

St. John Tradewinds

GREAT CRUZ BAY — There will be a staff memorial service Monday, May 29, at 9 a.m. for Westin Resort security guard Chris Bettencourt who may have been struck and killed by a passing small boat while free-diving and spearfishing near the resort in Great Cruz Bay on late Wednesday afternoon, June 17.

Friends of the popular Bettencourt, reputedly a former professional mixed martial arts fighter, are still hoping someone will come forward with information about the suspected boating accident. Bettencourt was diving from a small kayak in the heavily traveled waters at the entrance to the residential mooring area when he apparently was struck.

“There was a big gash in his head and his mask was cracked,” one source told St. John Tradewinds.

No Further Information from VIPD

There was no further information on any investigation into Bettencourt’s death from V.I. Police Department after a confused, incomplete report which was issued in response to a request from St. John Tradewinds on Friday, June 19, two days after the incident.

The U.S. Coast Guard St. Thomas reported receiving a call about a missing diver through 911 at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday and the VIPD reported they were notified of the drowning at 11:57 p.m. Wednesday night, June 17.

The USCG had a rescue helicopter on scene shortly thereafter the 911 notification the first helicopter was later replaced by a second helicopter with a rescue swimmer. The USCG does not have rescue

divers, and the rescue swimmer was not deployed as the helicopter stayed on scene until early morning, according to USCG officials.

A USCG fast response boat was on scene shortly after 8 p.m. and stayed through the night, according to USCG officials. There was no USCG involvement in the recovery of Bettencourt’s body, according to the USCG spokesperson.

Bettencourt’s body was located “in about 20 feet of water at about 11:30 p.m. by a friend,” according to the USCG official.

The friend, who reportedly is a volunteer with St. John Rescue, apparently was not allowed to dive to recover his friend’s body after VIPD entered the investigation.

VIPD Timeline Different, Limited

The official V.I. Police Department press release on the marine death issued Friday afternoon, June 19, at 3:15 p.m. differed from the Coast Guard report.

“A co-worker of the deceased told police that he received a call from a National Park Ranger at 11:40 p.m. stating that the victim’s kayak had been located, with no sign of the deceased,” the VIPD reported. “The Coast Guard was contacted for assistance, located the body and made several attempts to retrieve it to no avail.”

“The Coast Guard resumed their efforts to retrieve the body on the morning of Thursday, June 18, and by 9:00 a.m.; the body of the victim had been retrieved, lifted and transported to the National Park Dock,” the VIPD electronic press release concluded without elaboration. “The incident is under continued investigation.”

Permanent Living Vandalism



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A rogue carver has left his permanent mark on a sea grape at the bottom of the trail on the small beach at Jumbie Bay on the north shore of St. John in the Virgin Islands National Park.



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Directionless?



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Rental car companies would prefer drivers disregard the helpful federal signage on Route 10 Centerline Road which advises the unknowing that Route 206 John Head Road follows a 1.3 mile serpentine route to North Shore Road in the Virgin Islands National Park.

Although the public right of way is well maintained through the VINP's Hammer Farm ruins and mostly concrete through the neighborhood of exclusive homes on Cinnamon Ridge, there is no sign at the North Shore Road entrance to the rutted gravel roadbed that discourages most visitors from attempting the drive up from Little Cinnamon.

Ironically, Route 204 in Estate Susannaberg has no highway sign or mileage indicator on Route 10 although it too is well maintained — more than halfway to the North Shore Road private inholdings at Hawksnest Bay in the VINP it historically served.

Route 204 remains chained by the VINP at the North Shore Road after a private residence was built on an inholding overlooking Denis Bay which appears to impinge on the right of way for the road and a hand-painted sign warned the road was impassable.





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Texas Radio Personality Vacationing on St. John

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — St. John will be on the lips of an estimated 2 million people next week when Kidd Kraddick Morning Show host J-Si Chavez tells listeners about his first Love City vacation.

The Texas-based morning radio show is syndicated on 65 channels across the country, is broadcast by the Armed Forces Radio Network and aired on Dish Nation. Chavez and his wife Kinsey, who arrive on island this week, will be documenting their St. John vacation on social media, will post a photo gallery on www.kiddnation.com and will also share a recap of their trip with listeners when they return.

The chance for this type of publicity came about thanks to the hard work of Leah Randall of Island Getaways. Randall, originally from Texas, was a Kidd Kraddick Morning Show listener before she moved to the island several years ago.

The radio show crew takes a “family vacation” each year and talks about the trip on air, which gave Randall the idea to link her old favorite radio program and her new island home.

“Every year the Kidd Kraddick Morning Show crew takes what they call a ‘family vacation’ where the cast of the morning show goes and broadcasts on site somewhere,” said Randall. “Naturally, after I started working at Island Getaways, I wanted to contact the show about broadcasting from St. John from one of our villas.”

While Randall was unable to reach a deal for the family vacation, she did succeed in luring J-Si and his wife down, she explained.

“After many discussions, emails, involvement of the Department of Tourism and competition with an international hotel chain, we were unable to secure this year’s family vacation, but we were able to secure another deal,” said Randall. “The lead cast member and his wife will be coming down to vacation in Chateau Margot in exchange for promotion on the

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— Leah Randall of Island Getaways

show and social media promotion.”

“I cannot tell you how incredibly excited I am about this, both being a long time listener of the radio program and understanding the huge promotional value for St. John and Island Getaways,” she said.

The radio personality will get a taste of St. John life by dining at local establishments, taking a boat ride aboard Island Roots to the British Virgin Islands and exploring Love City’s beaches and roads thanks to St. John Car Rental.

It seems if all goes according to plan, and J-Si and Kinsey Chavez fall in love with Love City, it won’t be the last time the two vacation on island.

“We know how amazing St. John is, we know how kick ass our island is, and I am so excited to see them experience it,” said Randall. “The Kidd Kraddick in the Morning is a wonderful cast with great character and our island is full of beautiful people who help each other all the time. I feel it is a perfect match in both directions.”

Follow J-Si and Kinsey Chavez on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Kiddkraddick>, <https://www.facebook.com/jsichavez5> and on their website at www.kiddnation.com.

Successfully Sells Cruz Bay Lease



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Earnest young man comes to a tropical island and serves as factotum to hard-nosed island real estate broker and business curmudgeon.

Earnest young man steps in to run real estate enterprise during mentor’s medical crisis and extended stateside hospitalization and recovery.

Earnest young man is repaid by purportedly ruthless real estate mogul with a valuable long-term commercial property lease in the heart of Love City.

Earnest young man turns successful publican and sells lease — purportedly for “seven figures” — in the torrid Cruz Bay commercial real estate.

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Coral Bay's John Costanzo, right, is a true "sidewalk superintendent" in downtown Cruz Bay as he checks on the progress of his son Ryan Costanzo and business partner Tommy Garfield as they prepare to open their first restaurant venture in the former Fatty Crab restaurant in next to the Julius E. Sprauve School Annex at the top of the downtown Cruz Bay restaurant district.

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Coral Bay Restaurateurs Are Taking Over Former Crab Hole in Cruz Bay

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — One of the first things to go was the billboard-sized painting on the outside wall that was the landmark of the former flash-in-the-pan restaurant tenant of the commercial space across from the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The new restaurateurs taking over the venue didn't wait to decide on a name for their new establishment before launching a major renovation of one of the island's first modern commercial properties with the assistance of a cadre of Coral Bay co-conspirators.

Two popular young island hospitality industry veterans, chef Tommy Garfield and Ryan Costanzo — Coral Bay native son of St. John denizen firefighter John Costanzo, are stepping up to the opportunity to open their own place.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Two you entrepreneurs are planning to open a refurbished restaurant space — with a name still under consideration — with a veranda overlooking the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

As they work at an endless series of pre-opening refurbishments, Garfield and Costanzo are surrounded by a relentless crew of island friends rolling up their sleeves to pitch in to clean, redesign and repaint the open restaurant with dining on a verdant sidewalk veranda overlooking the Winston Wells Ball Field.

While the eventual menu for the new restaurant will "evolve... closer to season," according to Garfield, it will include "lot's of homemade stuff... almost a rotating menu."

The menu will also include "local fresh stuff" and "home-made breads, pastas and charcuterie," Garfield added.

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V.I. Labor Department, Private Workforce Developer Finish First Fiber Optics Training

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS—A new group of aspiring technicians became the first to complete an intensive course on fiber optics and the achievements of the five students, ages 21-51, and accepted certificates of completion at an awards ceremony on the campus of the University of the Virgin Islands June 20.

The ceremony represents a first for the St. Thomas-St. John district and highlights a successful partnership with the Labor Department, according to executives from a private development corporation.

Graduates of the NETWAVE fiber optic 80-hour intensive course learned different aspects of fiber optic work, including splicing, installation and troubleshooting.

With their June 20 graduation they join 49 other V.I. residents who have completed the class on St. Croix since March 2014. The head of the program that provided instruction said many have already been hired or reassigned on exist-

ing jobs to perform the work they trained for.

“Many of them were displaced workers, shift workers and re-entry workers,” instructor Semaj Johnson said. Johnson said they all five share new competence in an emerging field.

NETWAVE, a workforce development enterprise partnered with the V.I. Department of Labor to provide fiber optic training. NETWAVE CEO Ana Foster said the first five classes were held on St. Croix to help displaced workers from the defunct Hovensa oil refinery.

A second training class for the St. Thomas-St. John district is expected to start June 29 at the UVI CELL center.

Labor Commissioner Designee Catherine Henry called the public-private training program a means of moving the Virgin Islands workforce towards the future.

“Just over a year ago NETWAVE’s offering provided a new career path for Virgin Islanders to explore,” Henry said. “As our economy is rapidly changing the

VI Department of Labor is proud to have been a partner in this endeavor.”

NETWAVE Chief Executive Officer Ana Foster said the program began in 2014 as a way to reach St. Croix residents laid off when the Hovensa oil refinery ceased operations two years earlier. Forty-nine St. Croix trainees have been certified to date, having completed five cycles of instruction. Foster added many of the graduates find themselves in demand by the time they have certificates in hand.

“Most of our graduates on St. Thomas already have jobs,” she said. Among the five new graduates are those who will apply their newly acquired skills in hotel, construction, alternative energy and medical fields.

The class also includes one St. Thomas woman who waited two years for an opening. The NETWAVE CEO counted that as an added accomplishment, since most fiber optic technicians are male.

Those who want more information can call the Labor Department at 340-776-3700.



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Justin Doran Named to FIT Dean's List

St. John Tradewinds

MELBOURNE, FL—Justin Doran of St. John, a Business Administration Accounting major, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

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Sen. Harrigan Provides Summer Jobs For 14 Students

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. is pleased to announce that his office is sponsoring 14 students for the Legislature’s annual Summer Youth Employment Program. The students will work in various businesses and agencies beginning Monday, June 29, for a period of six weeks.

“It is critical that our students gain experience in the work force,” Harrigan said. “By providing students with a job that relates to their interests, they are able to gain work exposure as well as insight into a possible career choice.”

The students were placed as interns at various entities throughout the island based on their personal interests and academic strengths. Locations

include but are not limited to the V.I. Port Authority, The Junior Gardening & Ecology Academy, the Department of Human Services, and Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

The following students were chosen to participate in this year’s Summer Youth Employment Program: Trevornique Adams, AnNesha Flecha, Je’Coy Hawley, Theodore Lashley III, Khingz Leerdam, Shalissa Lewis, JoyAnn Marsham, Shaquan Miller, Onaje Simmonds, D’Landra Todman, Marly Villilo, Basil Warner, Teshana Wilkens and Shirin Wilkerson.

“I would like to thank all of the businesses and agencies that partnered with my office to provide jobs for the students this summer,” Harrigan stated.



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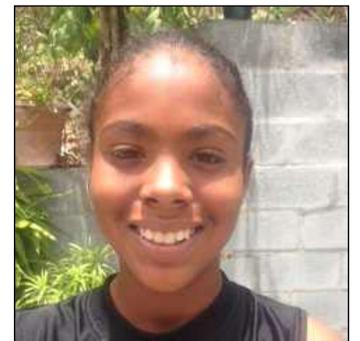
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Enjoy Endless Water Views from Partially Completed Home on Rendezvous Bay

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

RENDEZVOUS BAY —

You'll never tire of enjoying the cooling ocean breezes and soaking up the jaw-dropping, panoramic water views of Rendezvous Bay, Ditleff Point, along the ruggedly beautiful South Shore of St. John and out to the twinkling Caribbean Sea in the distance from this unique property at Estate Rendezvous and Ditleff.

This partially constructed home already consists of three bedrooms and two bathrooms and is priced to sell at \$849,000, explained 340 Real Estate owner/broker Tammy Donnelly.

"This property is a must see," said Donnelly.

The partially completed home is perched on a beautiful 0.493-acre parcel of land and situated to take full advantage of the refreshing trade winds and those seemingly endless water views.

Nestled in the desirable Estate Rendezvous/Ditleff area, the home is a short drive away from the dining, shopping and nightlife of Cruz Bay. The famed alabaster beaches of the island's North Shore are only a short drive away from this property.

What is built show beautiful craftsmanship. Three spacious bedrooms and two full bathrooms show some of the amazing potential at this Estate Rendezvous and Ditleff property.

The large kitchen boasts gran-

ite counter tops and hard wood cabinets. With an open plan, the kitchen leads directly to the airy dining and living room areas which are already completed as well.

The home offers a buyer the chance to put their own touch on the space, Donnelly explained.

"A buyer could live in the finished downstairs area, where there are three bedrooms, two bathrooms plus a kitchen, dining and living room, while completing the upper level to their own taste," said Donnelly.

With a flexible layout, the home could also be divided into separate units and help offset costs, Donnelly added.

"There are multiple floor plan scenarios possible," she said. "The



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The flexible layout of the existing structure offers multiple floor-plan scenarios.

home would easily divide into two separate apartments for income producing units."

Although not completed, the upper level is partially constructed and show amazing promise already. This level already boasts several graceful archways and gorgeous native stone details.

"There are so many possibilities at this property," said Donnelly. "It truly is a must see."

For more information on this exciting Estate Rendezvous and Ditleff property on 0.493 acres of land, call Donnelly at 340 Real Estate at (340) 779-4478 or on her cell phone at (340) 643-6068.

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

The Destruction of America

As kids, we looked forward to going to Disney World or to visit relatives in the States. It was a time of excitement, wonder and joy. We love to brag about being abroad and plan to live there when the opportunity arises.

Living in the U.S. was a bittersweet experience for me. The many forms of entertainment, conversations, foods, technology, etc., have made life very pleasurable. The undercurrent of racial strife, ghetto mentality, ignorance of facts and human discourtesy has caused many to lose hope. This has resulted in extreme vulgar language and behavior.

The recent spate of police shootings, out of control reveling and political wrangling has caused America a black eye on the red, white and blue. What began as an experiment in religious freedom and democracy has deteriorated into a quagmire of toxic waste.

Too often our leaders promise change and we the people expect it. However, ingrained habits and lack of understanding causes us to follow the same path that has failed. So where are we now?

In 2008, Senator Obama promised change. Folks believed him and voted in the first black president. This nation was supposed to have begun healing racial tensions, prospering economically, promoting peace throughout the world and building political bridges.

What happened? Some will blame Republicans, war, debt, Bush and especially that Obama is black.

Well, the sad fact is that America is tearing itself apart. A solid nation is now fractured, bleeding and wounded.

I am not here to lay the sole blame on President Obama or to endorse any candidate for presidency. However it would be interesting to see if America would give another black man, like Ben Carson, a turn at being the President.

Our beloved country is teetering oh the brink of implosion. Let's see if we have the will, courage and fight of the first pilgrims to pull it together.

**God Bless the USA,
Emmanuel Prince**

WAPA Delivers Power for Father's Day

At about 9 on Father's Day evening the power to our house on Great Cruz Bay went out along with that of 5 of 6 of our neighbors.

I called the outage in to WAPA voice reporting system not expecting anything to happen until morning because of the weekend holiday. Almost immediately I got a call back from a dispatcher on St. Thomas asking for details about location.

This was followed less than 5 minutes later with

a call from Mr. Williams of the St. John WAPA crew. He came out and had the problem at our transformer fixed and the power restored.

The whole process took just hair over an hour. Everything was handled politely, promptly and professionally.

**THANKS!
Malcolm Preston
St. John, VI**

Mega Millions and Lives in Ruin

One day, I stood in line and watched folks of all color, age and race pay for a ticket. One person told me that if you don't play, you won't have a chance to win.

For a split second, I was tempted to also try my luck. After all, I too have bills to pay and dreams to fulfill.

As I wondered about the reasons people would spend their hard-earned money on a bet, I realized that everyone is facing a serious financial crisis. People are working harder and longer in order to keep up with their responsibilities. Cost of living is going up, new fees and taxes are being introduced into our daily existence and there seems to be a financial crisis popping up every day.

There was an article in the daily newspaper recently about mothers and grandmothers spending their money on the gaming machines. It could have started out with these ladies thinking that if they win more money it could help to pay off more bills and

feed the family.

However, in most cases, they end up losing it all. Figuratively, this financial nose is tightening around our necks in these Virgin Islands.

We seem to feel that there is no other alternative so therefore we say "only this one time" but end up repeating the same purchase.

It has been pointed out that there are "Christian folks" who are also gambling.

Financial difficulties can cause even our beloved "saint" to bow under pressure. Unfortunately as in the case of "non-Christians" it can lead to addiction and shame.

Gambling in any form is not the solution to our financial crisis.

Few can attest to the riches it brings; many will testify to the homes, marriages and lives it ruins.

**Don't Give In
Emmanuel Prince**

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Fix It!!!

If we had a representative form of government that STENCH in Red Hook would have been eliminated years ago. Because we do not have district representation no one has to bother with it. We need to change, this is not working.

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ers continue to manage the waste with their eyes and their nose closed.

Do any of you really think that we can survive economically if we continue to trash this place the way we are doing?

**Happy Carnival,
Greg Miller
St. John, VI**

ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

Have Save and Happy St. John Festival!

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My Role Model, Robert E. Lee

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

In this time of pell-mell posturing to disavow blatant remnants of the 1800s U.S. Civil War over slavery which have malingered as symbols if not stimuli for the preservation of racism and segregation and the continued instigation of hatred and bigotry, I thought of one of the major influences on my life as a pre-teen and young teenager — a man named Robert E. Lee.

A retired U.S. Navy nuclear submariner, the Robert E. Lee who could scold me with the heart of a father worked for our family's Connecticut newspaper as a pressman after he retired from the Navy. (Bob Lee officially became my first bartender when he would sometimes serve me a weak drink as he tended bar at my parent's 1960s cocktail parties and shooed me away — literally — from the adults.)

My Robert E. Lee may have represented the U.S. Navy's best attempt at irony when he at one time served on the nuclear missile submarine Robert E. Lee — as one of the forerunners in the color-blind nuclear submarine fiefdom created by Admiral Hyman G. Rickover. (Adm. Rickover, the so-called "father of the nuclear navy," was a Jewish U.S. Naval Academy graduate who faced and fought religious bigotry throughout his military career.)

Adm. Rickover insisted it was possible to have an integrated submarine force cooped up deep in the ocean for weeks at a time. It wasn't a perfect experiment, especially on a submarine named after the "father" of the Confederate States of America army. (I remember very little debate about memorializing the CSA General with submarine named in his honor. To-

day, one of the major U.S. Navy submarine bases is located in Charlestown, South Carolina, the site of the most recent, well-publicized, racially-motivated hate crime.)

Adm. Rickover was known for personally interviewing all nuclear submarine commanders and officers. He interviewed or met most enlisted submarine crew members at one time in their career, as well, as he personally inspected his "boats" and crews while single-handedly creating the U.S. Cold War deterrent force.

My Robert E. Lee met Adm. Rickover's standards.

Bob Lee was my role model as a young newspaperman and continues to this day. He was a personal influence through much of my life and formed the mental image of a black man that I have been fortunate to have had instilled in me.

I won't claim that I can remember ever seriously asking Mr. Lee — much later Bob — what it was like carrying the name Robert E. Lee with its heavy connotations or that I can cite some remembrance of a pithy response.

I do remember that Mr. Lee could make a joke about it that us kids could get with middle school understanding of history, but the Bob Lee of my young adulthood was a wise, trusted confidant and friend.

My Robert E. Lee lived proudly with the legacy of the Civil War and slavery

It made him a much bigger man in the eyes of a youth and engrained my life with a color-blindness I hope I passed on to my three sons — the youngest of whom is bahn here.

Mo-o-o-ve Along – St. John Traffic Surveillance?



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Del. Plaskett Calls on Treasury Dept. To Keep Hamilton on Ten Dollar Bill

St. John Tradewinds

WASHINGTON, DC — Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett is asking the United States Treasury Department to reconsider their decision to replace Alexander Hamilton on the ten-dollar bill.

In a letter to Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, Del. Plaskett lauded Treasury's decision to recognize women's contributions to our nation, but noted that Hamilton, as one of the founding fathers and the nation's first treasury secretary, should remain on the ten-dollar bill.

"While I applaud the Treasury Department for advancing the conversation con-

cerning the inclusion of women on the dollar bill, I take issue with the idea that anyone should replace or share space with one of the most influential of our Founding Fathers, particularly the individual who laid the cornerstone in creating our monetary system," Del. Plaskett said.

Hamilton on St. Croix

Alexander Hamilton began his working career at a merchant company on the St. Croix and later served as aide-de-camp and chief of staff to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

"Following his election, President Washington appointed Hamilton as the first

Secretary of the Treasury, at which point he established the modern U.S. fiscal, monetary, tax and accounting systems, as well as the U.S. central bank," Del. Plaskett wrote.

"The bank notes of this central bank were the first paper monies issued by this new government. In addition to these foundational measures for the nation, he helped establish a school to educate Native American students and is believed by many historians to have been a leading anti-slavery advocate," the V.I. Delegate added.

Del. Plaskett closed her letter to Secretary Lew affirming Hamilton's contribution

to the nation and the importance of his being memorialized on the nation's currency.

"Quite simply, Alexander Hamilton is an American deserving of being memorialized on our currency given his outsized influence on the founding of our nation and its monetary systems," Del. Plaskett wrote.

"As the representative of the U.S. Virgin Islands, please know that our islands hold dear the memory of our Alexander Hamilton," the Delegate added. "I hope that as the process of including women on our paper currency continues, the actions of Hamilton and his contributions are appropriately remembered and memorialized."

Community Calendar

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

June 22-August 14

— Giff 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.

Sunday, September 6

— 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.

Friday and Saturday, January 29-30, 2016

— Broadway Comes to St. John 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

ALCHOLICS 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.

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Children's Village clown B.J. Harris entices Miles Stair, right, to join her wild group of volunteers entertaining the islands's youth, Livy Hitchcock, above right, performed her magic on serious faces, while Michael Ferguson helped younger shooters keep the darts on the board.



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

Trunk and Cinnamon Bay VINP Concessions

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namon Bay, the limited supply of affordable lodging on St. John, and projected Park visitation growth, the Service believes that cottage demand will increase significantly from historical averages due to service and amenity improvements as a result of this new construction," the document reads.

"The Draft Contract has a term of fifteen (15) years beginning on its effective date, which the Service estimates as June 1, 2016," according to the NPS offering. "The effective date of the Draft Contract may change prior to the award if determined necessary by the Service."

There was no indication from NPS officials that the draft contract effective date would be changed.

15 Year Concession

VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald announced on April 7 that the National Park Service (NPS) had "issued a prospectus for solicitation of offers for a 15-year concession contract to provide Lodging, Camping, Food and Beverage, Retail, Equipment Rental and Other Services at Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay areas within Virgin Island National Park."

The current holder of the concession contracts is the investment company which bought the lease for the neighboring historic Caneel Bay Resort on the North Shore of St. John in the VINP, "which operates under a retained use agreement with the United States," according to the NPS Business Opportunity, Contract No. CC-VIISOO1-16.

Paradoxically, the 1970 concession operating agreements for Trunk and Cinnamon which has been extended and transferred for 45 years grants the current holders of the extension compensation for "possessory interests" in real property in the concessions.

"They can transfer the rights," explained Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services, Southeast Region, for the National Park Service (NPS).

"That has happened several times" with the VINP concession for Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay facilities, the NPS official explained.

"The possessory interest is pretty high," Stevens acknowledged of the required payment to CBI for improvements. (See Sidebar.) "Obviously it makes it difficult."

Interested Inquiries

Despite the "high" potential buy-in, the NPS does have interest in the contracts.

"We did have some interest," Stevens told St. John Tradewinds June 26. "We can't discuss the number."

"Sometimes it can be indicative," the NPS official

explained of the preliminary response to this bidding process and the potential bidding. "We've seen it both ways."

"It's really difficult at this time to really be able to assess," Stevens admitted of the inquiries and exchanges.

Bids usually are submitted close to the deadline for competitive purposes, he added. "Sometimes right on the last day."

One longtime island commercial operator with experience with the NPS concession process has criticized the bidding system as favoring the current holder of the extended 1970s lease because of the high buyout value placed on the improvements the current operator is entitled to receive compensation for if there is a new concessionaire.

The current concession holder, Caneel Bay Resort owner CBI Inc., will be a bidder, however, a spokesperson has affirmed to *St. John Tradewinds*.

"It seems to be going fine," said Stevens of the NPS process.

Thursday, July 30, Deadline

All offers must be received by the NPS no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. In order to be evaluated and considered for an award of a concession contract all proposals must meet this deadline, according to Stevens.

The prospectus describes the business opportunity and includes the terms and conditions under which the NPS will award the concession contract, according to the VINP.

"Under this opportunity, the Concessioner will also provide food, beverage and retail services at Trunk Bay where the beach and underwater snorkeling trail provide a breathtaking National Park experience for thousands visiting St. John," Superintendent FitzGerald said in April.

Persons planning to submit a proposal who have obtained a prospectus from the website are recommended to advise Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services, Southeast Region, NPS, AFC, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 at (404) 507-5638 or e-mail at bill_g_stevens@nps.gov of their interest so their contact information can be placed on a mailing list to receive future responses to questions or amendments to the prospectus.

Those receiving a hard copy or who are on the mailing list will be provided with any additional information specific to the prospectus in writing. The same information is posted to the above mentioned website.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals S

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St. John Festival 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Festival Village Honoree: Bernice Mahoney-Boynes

Festival Food Fair Honoree: Ruth Frett

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: Alecia M. Wells

FESTIVAL THEME:

**Come Together Culturally on the Scene for
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FRIDAY, June 5, 2015

Festival Food Sale 2015

1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Linda S. Williams (340)-776-6444

SATURDAY, June 6, 2015

Festival PAN-O-RAMA 2015

4p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

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SATURDAY, June 13, 2015

Festival BIKE RACE 2015

8a.m. St. John National Park

Contact: Jane Thill (340)514-6611

SUNDAY, June 14, 2015

St. John FESTIVAL PRINCESS 2015 Pageant

6p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field

Contact: Loraine "Pat" Richards (340)626-4804

SATURDAY, June 20, 2015

St. John Festival QUEEN 2015 Pageant

8p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field

Contact: Enid Doway (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 21, 2015

Festival FOOD FAIR & CORONATION 2015

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Contact: Leona E. Smith (340) 690-3692

Festival BOAT RACE 2015

3p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor

Contact: Slim (340) 771-2498

SATURDAY, June 27, 2015

Festival VILLAGE 2015 OPENING

7p.m. Cruz Bay Parking Lot

Contact: Jane Johannes (340)776-6450

Festival CHILDREN'S VILLAGE 2015

6p.m. St. John National Park

Contact: St. John Rotary Club -Alecia Wells (508)963-2641

FRIDAY, July 3, 2015

EMANCIPATION DAY 2015

10a.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Alecia Wells (508) 963-2641

SATURDAY, July 4, 2015

Festival J'OUVERT 2015

Sunrise: St. John National Park

Contact: (340) 690-2728/ 690-1725/ 690-3692

Festival PARADE 2015

11a.m. St. John National Park

Contact: Natalie Thomas (340)690-1725

Festival FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2015

9p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor

Contact: MaLinda Nelson (340) 776-6492

SUNDAY, July 5, 2015

Festival POKER RUN 2015

12p.m. Cruz Bay Beach Front

Contact: Gaylord Sprauve (340) 690-9340

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By Frank A. Longo

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- 1 "The Georgia Peach" of baseball
- 7 Black Sea seaport
- 13 Indy 500 tire changers
- 20 Neat and trim
- 21 Raleigh's neighbor city
- 22 Lift forcibly
- 23 Egyptian river's condition?
- 25 "Howards End" novelist
- 26 — la Douce (1963 title role)
- 27 How complex a story is?
- 29 Knighted Guinness
- 32 Prefix similar to equi-
- 34 Maya Angelou's "And Still —"
- 35 When designer Calvin was most popular?
- 41 Band worn by Miss USA
- 45 Chalet shape, often
- 46 Piece's pace
- 47 Robust
- 49 Cherry part
- 50 What a bowler analyzes for a second roll?
- 54 Medit. nation
- 55 Steed steers
- 57 Safari noises
- 58 Hopper, e.g.
- 59 Some Greek letters
- 60 Decide on
- 63 Met queen
- 64 Bureau overseeing a boundary barrier?
- 70 Inferior — cava
- 71 Virgil hero
- 72 Apollo's gp.

- 73 "— changed man!"
- 74 Many a yogi
- 76 Abrupt
- 78 Cellphone game, often
- 81 What an angler may bring up for discussion?
- 86 Mac maker
- 88 Hollywood's Dahl
- 89 Precise
- 90 86-Across music player
- 91 Thing to sow
- 92 TV shopping channel that sells chairs?
- 96 Sluggish sort
- 98 Penpoint
- 99 Give cheek
- 100 Woe for someone who's been walking all day long?
- 108 Hardly hard
- 110 Sicilian port next to Mount Etna
- 111 Inscriptions on a penny?
- 116 Like deductive reasoning
- 117 Minute Maid Park's team
- 118 Knight who had Pips
- 119 Request a new supply of
- 120 Wind sound
- 121 Consumes completely

- 8 Face-off
- 9 Ocean eagle
- 10 Hood's knife
- 11 Store draw
- 12 2001 Audrey Tautou film
- 13 Black-and-white seabird
- 14 86-Across music players
- 15 Six halved
- 16 "— la vie!"
- 17 — -tat-tat
- 18 Risk-taking Knievel
- 19 Lived
- 24 Burkina —
- 28 "... — quit!"
- 29 Take — (turn down the offer)
- 30 One not right-handed
- 31 Misprint, e.g.
- 33 Habitually
- 36 Capo's code of silence
- 37 Amounts added to bank — accts.
- 38 First-aid pro
- 39 Non-U.S. speed-limit abbr.
- 40 — Alamos
- 41 Drain away
- 42 Language of Yemen
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- 44 Serengeti laughter
- 47 That lady
- 48 Curvy letter
- 50 Remote
- 51 Carl who composed "O Fortuna"
- 52 See 104-Down
- 53 Be too fearful to
- 56 Anvil's organ
- 59 Clean air gp.
- 60 Unified
- 61 Educ. group
- 62 How- — (DIY books)
- 63 Genetic ID

- 64 Bashful
- 65 Activate
- 66 The Beatles' "Love —"
- 67 Ample, informally
- 68 Remote
- 69 Will topic
- 70 Entry permits
- 74 Cackler
- 75 H2O at 31 degrees F
- 76 Santa's bag
- 77 Discover
- 78 Sleep clinic concern
- 79 Entreaties
- 80 Raid targets
- 82 TV's Pa Clampett
- 83 Dawn drops
- 84 Outer: Prefix
- 85 Gin joint
- 87 Tabby
- 90 Company pin-on
- 92 "Hey, that's cheating!"
- 93 LAX guess
- 94 Felons run afoul of it
- 95 Feudal domain
- 96 Assembly of ecclesiastics
- 97 Nantes' river
- 100 Dollar Rent —
- 101 Be wide open
- 102 Other, in Spanish
- 103 Hair removal brand
- 104 With 52-Down, flakes sprinkled into an aquarium
- 105 Opposite of 84-Down
- 106 Architect Saarinen
- 107 General — chicken
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Gov. Mapp Drops in on Del. Plaskett



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett sat down for an impromptu meeting with Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth Mapp and several members of his cabinet during their visit on Capitol Hill June 23. The Governor and his staff, while in Washington, DC for a series of meetings, stopped by her office to talk about his agenda and the purpose of his meetings, Del. Plaskett said.

"Governor Mapp and I were able to get together today during his visit on Capitol Hill in between my previously scheduled engagements," Plaskett said. "The Governor came by our office and informed us of his meeting with the chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Bill Shuster, as well as his endeavor to increase federal highway funding to the territory."

Plaskett Applauds Same Sex Marriage Decision

St. John Tradewinds

WASHINGTON, DC — Following the Supreme Court's landmark ruling today that prohibits states and areas subject to U.S. jurisdiction from outlawing same sex marriages, Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett voiced her support for the court action.

"Today's 5-4 Supreme Court decision is no doubt a landmark in the progression of our democracy and has made it clear that same-sex marriage is a constitutional right in the United States," Del. Plaskett said. "As a lawyer who truly loves the law and in my personal growth as a Christian and also being a parent watching my own children and reflecting on our world today, I join President Obama in support of the Supreme Court's decision."

"The matter of same-sex marriage has been adjudicated before the high court and it has decided that marriage is a right for all living under U.S. Jurisdiction," Del. Plas-

kett added. "As a lawyer and as a member of our legislative branch of government, it is my hope that all will respect the court's ruling."

"It is also my hope that back at home our community will now turn our focus and collective energies toward other important challenges including: reducing the rise in violence in our neighborhoods, creating more economic development and opportunity on our islands, improving the educational system for our children, and increasing the level of assistance for our elders and the mentally infirmed," the delegate continued.

"These are some of the important challenges that we need to overcome if we are to prosper as a territory and a people," Del. Plaskett added. "Indeed fighting for our children's future, protecting our elders and handicapped... 'caring for the least of these' is one of our greatest Christian charges."

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<p>"VILLA MARBELLA"</p> <p>Virgin Grand Estates, 3x3.5, fine finishes, large pool, custom-built villa. Live on single level. St. Thomas sunset views.</p> <p>MLS 14-335 \$1,950,000</p>	<p>"THE RETREAT"</p> <p>VIDEO WATERFRONT</p> <p>Acclaimed waterfront home in Dreeket's Bay. 2x2 w/ gated privacy. Ultimate indoor/outdoor living, large great room, stunning views.</p> <p>MLS 14-484 \$1,950,000</p>	<p>"STONECOURT"</p> <p>A 3x3 haven high above the south shore. 1 acre of privacy with sweeping views from Rams Head to St. Thomas.</p> <p>MLS 14-79 \$1,325,000</p>	<p>"VILLA DIVERTIMENTO"</p> <p>Overlook sparkling Chocolate Hole from lovely 2x2.5 villa with 30ft pool & deck. Island stone, masonry construction & mahogany finishes.</p> <p>MLS 15-83 \$1,300,000</p>	<p>"SAGO COTTAGE"</p> <p>A 1x1 adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views, breezes and a great rental history.</p> <p>MLS 15-242 \$825,000</p>	<p>FISCHER HOUSE</p> <p>Newly built home with great gardens and unique tile details. Separate apartment on lower level, and upper deck for dining. 2X2.</p> <p>MLS 14-20 \$499,000</p>
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Rhapsody | \$4,950,000
5 bed | 6 bath | 7,242 sqft



L'Autre Monde | \$4,800,000
7 bed | 7.5 bath | 10,000 sqft



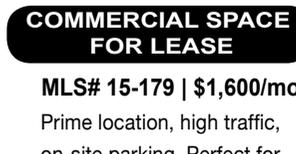
Yellow Bird | \$748,000
3 bed | 3 bath | 2,229 sqft



Bente's Fancy | \$2,350,000
4 bed | 3 bath | 4,812 sqft



Unicorn by the Sea | \$1,495,000
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Festival Village Honoree: **Bernice Mahoney-Boynes**

Mrs. B's Cultural Melting Pot

FESTIVAL THEME:

**Come Together Culturally on the Scene for
St. John Festival 2015**

SATURDAY, June 27, 2015

Festival VILLAGE 2015 OPENING
SPECTRUM BAND
KES the BAND

SUNDAY, June 28, 2015

BIG DADDY SHAW & THE JAMMERS
PUMPA
KILLA

MONDAY, June 29, 2015

POIZON BAND
STYLEE BAND

TUESDAY, June 30, 2015

VOLUME
VIO REUNION

WEDNESDAY, July 1 2015

AH WE BAND
COOL SESSIONS BRASS

THURSDAY, July 2, 2015

IMAGINATION BRASS
RED HOT BURNING FLAMES

FRIDAY, July 3, 2015

JAM BAND
SMALL AXE
TRIPLE K

SATURDAY, July 4, 2015

Festival VILLAGE LAST LAP 2015
COOL SESSION BRASS
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FESTIVAL VILLAGE CLOSES AT 3:00 AM NIGHTLY



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