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VINP Education Specialist Laurel Bigrig Brannick was swarmed by children after receiving her environmental quality award.

EPA Recognizes Local Environmental Heroes

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although there was no red carpet, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials still considered the ceremony their version of the Oscars.

Regional EPA officials distributed environmental quality awards to three individuals at a Monday, July 21, ceremony at the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center. Members of the Coral Bay Community Council also received a \$300,000 grant from the federal agency during the ceremony (see related story on page 3).

The top EPA official for region two, which comprises New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and seven federally-recognized Native American Nations, took special pride in honoring environmental leaders in the territory.

"When I was sworn into office in September 2005, I heard about all the issues facing this region and I looked at the Virgin Islands and said, 'these issues deserve special attention,'" said EPA Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg.

Taking care of the environment isn't just the government's responsibility, explained Steinberg.

"Here in the Virgin Islands we have very special people as our partners," Steinberg said. "The environment isn't just the business of the government. We

would never be able to solve these issues without our partners."

While the environmental awards highlight individuals who work on behalf of the environment, the recognition goes beyond just presenting a plaque, according to Steinberg.

"For more than two decades we've had this program to present awards to environmental heroes," said the EPA regional administrator. "These people have a positive and lasting effect on the environment. We are here to honor these heroes."

"This truly is the Oscars of environmental protection," Steinberg said.

VINP education specialist Laurel Bigrig Brannick was recognized for her commitment to spreading awareness of the park to the island's next generation, explained Steinberg.

"Brannick educates Virgin Islands school children, local residents and visitors that come through the VINP facility on St. John about the island's historic, cultural and natural resources, and their benefits to the Virgin Islands and the nation," said the EPA regional administrator.

The VINP ranger conducts tours of historic ruins, hikes to remote locations, hosts camping trips and

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DPNR Hosting Fifth Annual Brownfields Forum July 30 at Westin Resort

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Environmental Protection Brownfields' Program will host its 5th Annual Forum on Wednesday, July 30, at the Westin Resort on St. John.

This year's forum, "Paving the Way to Redevelopment," will feature representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the 27th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, DPNR staff and local contractors.

Discussions will focus on Federal Guidelines, the V.I. Brownfields Act, public/private partnerships and DPNR Brownfields initiatives.

"The Virgin Islands Brownfields Program is making steady progress in putting an effective Brownfields Program in place in the Virgin Islands," DPNR Commissioner Robert Mathes said.

"Stakeholders from all levels of government, the business and financial community, realtors, developers, planners, consultants, and community leaders should attend," said Mathes.

The forum will be July 30 at the Westin Resort on St. John from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required and admission is free. Since space is limited, interested persons should pre-register with the department by calling Kysha Wallace at 774-3320.

Patient Appreciation Days at Absolutely Chiropractic

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Dr. Elizabeth Masiello will be hosting Patient Appreciation Days on Tuesday, August 5, and Thursday, August 7.

All adjustments will be discounted to \$20. Please call to schedule your appointment time so that everyone will be accommodated. For more information call 714-0270.

SBDC Offering Web Site Marketing Workshop July 30

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The V.I. Small Business Development Center will present a seminar titled "Fundamentals of Web Marketing: Kick Your Site into High Gear," on Wednesday, July 30.

This seminar is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the VISBDC Training Facility at Nisky Center in St. Thomas.

The presenter is Monéca Pinkett-Wilkins of Tech Connect V.I. Admission is \$40 per person and is limited to the first 19 persons who pay the admission fee by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 28.

Attend this seminar to learn something new, refresh your knowledge and kick your Web site into high gear! To pre-register or for more information on this seminar and/or other SBDC services call 776-3206.

U.S. Attorney's Office Hosting Intro. to Human Trafficking Training

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U.S. Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins' office, in conjunction with the Regional Community Policing Institute, will be sponsoring an introduction to Human Trafficking Training at the Wyndham Beach Resort on St. Thomas, on Tuesday, July 29.

The primary focus is to provide an understanding of the origins and methods of operation of organizations along with an understanding of the unique victimization process. An emphasis will be placed on the importance of the role of victim service provider, immigration issues and the major immigration remedies available to human trafficking victims. For more information or to register call Antoinette James at 773-3920.



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EPA Awards \$300,000 CARE Grant to CBCC to Fight Stormwater Pollution

“Today we are seeing the culmination of all of our advance activities — and years of work — and a move into the solutions phase via this grant funding.”

— CBCC President Sharon Coldren

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

The Coral Bay Community Council has long been dedicated to tackling stormwater pollution issues and armed with a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the group is ready to get to work.

EPA Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg presented the group with a Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grant during a ceremony at the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center on Monday morning, July 21.

“The CARE program supports community efforts to create and use collaborative partnerships to identify and mitigate sources of local pollution,” said Steinberg. “The CBCC is one of 18 community groups across the nation accepted into the CARE program.”

Stopping Sediment and Stormwater Pollution

“The organization and its government and community partners will use the EPA funding to expand efforts to stop sediment and stormwater pollution from entering Coral Bay, improve local solid waste management and heighten awareness about other toxic pollution issues affecting the community,” Steinberg said.

CBCC officials will use the two-year \$300,000 grant to implement the Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan, which was created last summer by officials from the Center for Watershed Protection, Department of Planning and Natural Resources and EPA, along with community input.

Hiring Full-time Stormwater Engineer

The funds will be used to hire a full-time stormwater engineer and a part-time watershed coordinator. CBCC plans to advertise nationally for the engineer position, while the watershed coordinator will most likely be Coral Bay resident and marine scientist Barry Devine, according to CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

Additional funds will allow CBCC to offer outreach programs and educational workshops for the community.

From its initial inception, the CBCC's goals have been driven by its members, explained Coldren.

Major Issue for Members

“Almost five years ago in 2003, the Coral Bay Community Council, a 501c3 non-profit organization, was founded,” Coldren said. “We asked people as they joined, what their most important issues were, and curbing stormwater runoff and protecting the natural environment so we could live in it and enjoy it, was clearly the lead issue.”

While Coldren accepted the grant, the CBCC president did not work alone, she explained.

“The originating leaders, some currently on our board, are Jean Cottrell, Lorelei Monsanto, Mary Blazine, Marie Naisby, Kent Irish and Alvis Christian,” said Coldren. “Over the years others have been elected to our current CBCC board — Joan Thomas, Bonny Corbeil, Barbara Dalmida Thompson and Amelia Jones.”

Devine has also been an active and appreciated volunteer for the group through his work documenting and preserving the bay and surrounding environment, Coldren added.

Volunteers Are Keys To Success

“I would like to personally thank all of these people for their very important contributions to making the CBCC happen — and work,” she said. “It could not have happened without each and every one of them.”

Elvis Marsh played an integral role in addressing the stormwater issue specifically, according to Coldren.

“As CBCC began to explore and quantify the stormwater runoff pollution issue, Elvis Marsh came forward willing to serve on our advisory council as our stormwater runoff community liaison,” Coldren said. “Knowing the local



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

CBCC president Sharon Coldren, surrounded by CBCC members, accepts grant funding from EPA Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg.

terrain and land ownership, Elvis has been invaluable in helping us make strides in understanding the issues.”

After talking about their concerns to every government official and developer who would let them, the group took its first steps toward stopping the stormwater flow into the bay in fall 2006, Coldren explained.

Environmental Stewardship Initiative

“In November 2006, Jim Casey, EPA's Virgin Islands Coordinator, announced the VI Environmental Stewardship Initiative at our CBCC annual meeting,” she said. “And this was not just talk. We have seen substantial water quality studies undertaken in Coral Bay and elsewhere in the V.I., with results to be published soon.”

“We have also seen improved monitoring and understanding of septic and on-site sewage waste disposal systems,” Coldren continued. “DPNR, working with EPA and the community, is truly starting to professionalize more of these fundamental anti-pollution measures.”

Partnerships with NOAA, DPNR, EPA

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has also partnered with DPNR to improve stormwater controls and in spring 2007, Coral Bay was chosen as the site of a pilot watershed manage-

ment plan.

Site Visits in Coral Bay

In July and August 2007, officials conducted site visits with residents and developers and looked at the stormwater pollution issue even closer, Coldren explained.

The work was used to compile the Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan, which is available at CBCC's Web site, coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

“I urge everyone to review it,” said Coldren. “It forms the outline for our planned activities with residents and government agencies for implementing the grant.”

Years Of Work

Steinberg himself even toured Coral Bay in November 2007 and got to see first-hand the impacts of excessive stormwater runoff, Coldren added.

“Today we are seeing the culmination of all of our advance activities — and years of work — and a move into the solutions phase via this grant funding,” she said. “It will begin in October 2008 and continue for two years. It will provide the watershed engineering expertise we need in Coral Bay.”

“Virtually everyone here today, and many more people, will be actively involved in this project's activities during the next two years,” Coldren continued. “It's exciting. We will do our best to make this work.”

The EPA could not achieve its

goals without working with non-governmental organizations and private individuals like Coldren, according to Steinberg.

“Sharon Coldren is a highly regarded partner of EPA,” said Steinberg. “The beauty of this island is one of the main attractions for tourism, which is a major industry here. Sharon works to save that beauty and it is an honor to work with her.”

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Tributes to a Very Special Lady

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"Miss Bally," Ubaldina Simmons, has left us at age 98. The funeral service at Nazareth Lutheran Church brought so many family members and friends back to St. John. The floral display was lovely, the vocal soloists Larry Benjamin, Chester Brady and Mrs. Matthias, the church choir and N'Harmony, all sang from their hearts. Emanuel Boyd and Jessie Richards added their usual trumpet tones. It was a stirring tribute to the life of a very kind lady.

I remember her 75th birthday party — we danced for hours. The post office is named for her. Her husband, George, was our administrator for many years.

When I walk to the Battery, I think of the line to the office entrance which then, was our post office.

Mrs. Simmons and Miss Athyl Sewer would be dispensing the mail and, in the case of the Seversons who owned the first house on Gift Hill, they never forgot the special treatment the ladies gave them. Their son was in Vietnam — if there was a letter waiting for them, they were called out of line, to come forward to receive it.

I shall not forget her words of guidance when I arrived in the late 1950s — "Sis, I wouldn't do that" — she was the most loving and caring person I have ever known.

My sincere thoughts and prayers to her family and to her adopted friends and family. I only wish that the young people of today could follow her fine example.

Old Friends Stop By to Visit

Daphne Thomas Sanders showed me her fas-

cinating project of tracing her ancestors. It takes a dedicated and organized mind to research the names, photos and relationships of so many St. Johnians — Daphne has that! We all pass the plot of land next to The Fish Trap — she was brought up there in a tiny house that I remember.

Jazz at The Beach Bar Is As Wild As Ever

Captain Magic and his dear wife, Ruth Ann, sang duets that were full of rhythm. He complained to me that I never mention him in this column. I hasten to apologize! And I promise to find a rinse for his white hair!

Mark Wallace has brought his delightfully different songs and rhythms to the Jazz Islanders as he fills in for Joe Ramsay. Sally Smith's pounding version of "Wha-I-Say?" closes out the program with a bang!

Edmund Roberts dropped by to talk about "old times" when, at age 14, he sold meat to the North Shore residents from his donkey! Two visitors and I hung on every word. Another story told of rowing around Mary's Point and spending the night there with his parents. Those certainly were the days! All I can think of are the sandflies!

Steve Simon is in China arranging the upcoming blues festival — while Helen is heading up the volunteer police and neighborhood watch program. We have had the watch program before — and it worked!

Our Dr. Barot Is Back

She looks well and is as peppy as ever! Welcome back after months of surgery and chemo in California! We love you!

DOT Accepting Applications for Love City Hospitality Hosts

St. John Tradewinds

In an effort to enhance the welcome experience at all ports of entry, the Department of Tourism is seeking part-time hospitality hosts and hostesses to welcome passengers and provide island information to visitors on St. John.

Applications for contracted employment may be picked up on St. John at the DOT's Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay or Connections in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

In addition, entertainers including musicians, dancers and other performing artists who are interested in performing for visitors should visit the DOT's office to provide demos and prices.

Entertainers who have worked with the Department of Tourism in the past are also urged to contact the Department to update their files.

For more information regarding either work or entertainment opportunities contact Ernest Knight at 774-8784.

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is working with the DOT to assist in establishing the "greeter" program.

Anyone who has come to St. John recently will recall the warm greetings and helpful assistance of the greeters at the St. Thomas airport. They meet you at the gate and offer cool tasty sips of Cruzan Rum in four different flavors along with friendly informative answers to visitors' questions.

The same service will soon be offered to visitors as they arrive in Cruz Bay. The chapter is working with tourism officials and St. John Administrator Leona Smith to procure a booth or assistance in having it constructed along with working out the best schedule and location for the greeters to work from.

If you are interested in working with the Chapter on this positive initiative for St. John, please contact Kate Norfleet at 693-9099, Debbie Hime or Cid Hamling at Connections at 776-6922.

Inter-Island Ferry Riders Face Another New Fee



St. John Tradewinds News File Photo

VIPA officials expect to implement 25 cent fees for inter-island ferry passengers at both Red Hook and Cruz Bay by October.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Just as inter-island travelers are adjusting to an extra \$1.10 fuel surcharge on top of the normal ferry ticket price, V.I. Port Authority officials announced their plan to implement an additional 25 cent fee in the next several months.

VIPA officials first publicized their plan to charge a new user fee when the Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook opened in September 2007.

The fee is necessary to ensure maintenance of the autonomous agency's facilities, VIPA's then-governing board chairman Robert O'Connor Jr. told the *Tradewinds* at the time.

"The user fee is needed to maintain and improve the property," O'Connor said at the time. "The property is built, but that is not the end of the story. Too many times we build things and they are not maintained — we don't want that to happen here."

Originally, VIPA officials planned to charge a 50 cent fee for all outgoing passengers using the Red Hook terminal.

In a governing board meeting last week, however, officials voted instead to implement a 25 cent fee at both Red Hook and Cruz Bay, according to a report in the V.I. Daily News.

The fee is expected to be implemented by October, according to the published report.

VIPA officials are still finalizing plans to collect the quarter fees, and are considering installing turnstiles, according to the VI Daily News report.

V.I. Public Services Commission officials approved a \$1.10 fuel surcharge for the ferry franchises last month, raising the cost of a one-way ticket from Cruz Bay to Red Hook from \$5 to \$6.10.

The fuel surcharge was approved while the PSC considers a rate increase for the two inter-island ferry companies, which enjoy an exclusive franchise on the runs between St. Thomas and St. John.

The PSC's rate study for Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services is expected to be complete by January 2009.

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Artists' Association of St. John Has Big Plans for Fall

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

Movers and shakers in the St. John art community now have a combination of both new and established artistic talent at the helm of the Artists' Association of St. John.

The group's former executive director, artist Claire Wilkinson, returned to directing all activities relating to the association's art gallery, located in the Lumberyard complex, earlier this month.

Former small business owner, established artist and island newcomer, Monika Konstancic, also recently began overseeing many of the financial management responsibilities on behalf of the association.

In just the past year, the full-time position of executive director has been open twice.

Artist Amanda Perry left the position to fill the long standing need of an on-island art supply store. Then four-year island resident and artist Stephanie Randolph unexpectedly had to relocate off-island.

On-going Programs Continue

As a result, Wilkinson and Konstancic decided to step up to the plate, to ensure the success of programs which were in the works, as well as to prepare for the quickly approaching tourist season.

Island visitors Ken and Patty Lobo were recently shopping in the gallery. When the Houston, Texas, couple — who were house sitting on St. Thomas — was asked how they heard about the AASJ gallery, they said they had read about it in a brochure they received from a tourist information center.

"We were looking for Caribbean art to decorate our new home in Houston," said Patty Lobo.

Both husband and wife said it was, "definitely the Caribbean color and usage of light," that inspired them to seek out art work on St. John for their new home.

Typically, the number of art show open-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Former AASJ executive director Claire Wilkinson will once again be running the association's gallery, located in the Lumberyard complex.

ings at the gallery more than doubles each year during the winter months when more association members are on-island, according to Wilkinson.

Members Encourage Young Participants

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School student and novice artist Ariel Millin was able to complete her community service curriculum requirement at the association gallery over the spring and summer months this year.

Association leaders have been assisting Millin with her search for an art scholarship. There is no minimum age limit on participation of children in the Association's programming.

Members hope any young person who is interested in art will join. One of Wilkinson's goals includes having the gallery open a couple of nights a week.

"We hope it can become more than an art gallery," said Wilkinson. "We want it to be a place where artists can socialize, and actually do studio work."

New Workshops Planned

"We are planning on adding a jewelry-making workshop, teaching canvas stretching techniques and adding additional oil painting and water color classes," added Konstancic.

Also, the gallery display will soon be ex-

"We hope it can become more than an art gallery. We want it to be a place where artists can socialize, and actually do studio work."

— Claire Wilkinson
AASJ Gallery Director

panding to include the expansive outside deck space, Wilkinson explained.

"We also want to add hand made furniture to the gallery, too," Wilkinson said.

St. John resident Katia Andreeva has agreed to empower association members who want to embrace their "inner geek," she explained.

Andreeva will be teaching the artists how to set up a virtual, on-line art gallery.

Successful July 4 Party

AASJ members "pulled out all the stops" when they hosted the group's annual July 4 party this year on the back deck, a great place to watch the big parade.

The party helped the association raise funds and offered a great birds' eye view of the Festival parade.

The organization hosts opening receptions of new exhibits the second Thursday of each month. Currently the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone who hasn't visited the gallery in a while, should drop by before summer winds down. A feast for the eyes and soul awaits all at the AASJ's gallery in the Lumberyard.

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Young Writers Camp at JESS



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Virgin Islands Summer Creative Writing Program last week completed its Young Writers Camp at the Julius E. Sprauve School. VISCWP was founded by Coreen Samuel to provide cultural literacy to multiple levels of the community and to awaken the writer in every young student. In the photo, Youme Landowne, a published writer, looks on as workshop participants give a round of applause for a story written by participant Mary Blazine last weekend. Twenty published and novice writers were on hand at the JESS library to hone their skills. Also pictured are Tregenza Roach, Joshua Lathier-Wells, Jahweh Davis and Samuel. The two-week camp wrapped Saturday, July 26, when students shared their best work at the St. John School of the Arts.

Emergency Landing Temporarily Closed St. Thomas Airport Last Week

St. John Tradewinds

An emergency landing on Wednesday afternoon, July 23, at the Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas temporarily closed the airport's runway, but resulted in no injuries to the passengers and no damage to the airport.

A twin-engine Piper Aztec performed an emergency landing at approximately 1:33 p.m. when the pilot was unable to deploy the aircraft's main landing gear, according to Airport Manager Jose Nazario.

The aircraft made a controlled landing on its belly with its nose gear engaged and its left and right main gear unengaged. The aircraft skidded safely to a stop in the eastern quarter of the runway. There was no explosion or fire.

The pilot of the aircraft notified the air traffic control tower at 1:25 p.m. July 23 that the airplane was experiencing hydraulic problems and was unable to fully deploy its landing gear. The tower called a Level 2 Alert, and closed the airfield to incoming and outgoing traffic.

In response to the alert, Port Authority Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting crews were placed on standby and began preparations for the emergency landing.

The privately owned aircraft was en route from Dominica and was carrying five passengers and one

pilot. The plane's occupants were not injured and did not request medical services, according to Nazario.

The runway was reopened at 2:55 p.m. after airport emergency personnel removed the plane from the runway and inspected the area for damage.

The July 23 emergency landing was the second time that Cyril King Airport emergency personnel were called to duty for the day.

Earlier that day, at 12:33 p.m., a DC-3 cargo aircraft operated by 4 Star Aviation experienced an engine fire shortly after landing. ARFF personnel responded to the scene and extinguished the fire within minutes.

Port Authority Interim Executive Director Kenn Hobson praised the work of airport staff and emergency crews last week.

"VIPA Emergency and Firefighting personnel and other staff at Cyril E. King Airport handled two aircraft emergencies this afternoon, with less than one hour in between," Hobson said. "Both incidents were handled swiftly, and resulted in no injuries and no major damage to the airfield."

"These positive outcomes are evidence of the hard work and professionalism of the Cyril E. King airport management and staff and the members of airport's Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit," Hobson said.

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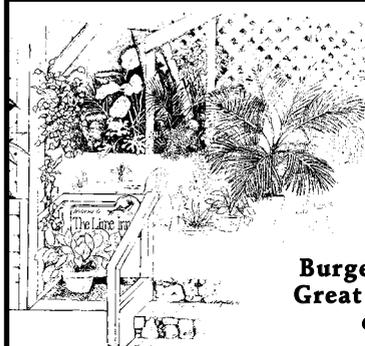
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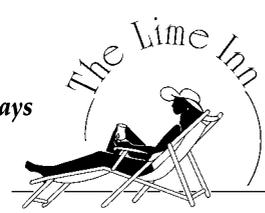
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Domestic Violence Awareness Advocate Answers Questions at Open House

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

The Founder of the Virgin Islands' Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Council, St. Croix resident Lynn Spencer, was on hand to meet and greet the St. John public and explain the program goals of the DVSAAC organization last Wednesday evening, July 23.

"We are concerned about what happens on your island," said Spencer.

The purpose of the annual membership outreach event, sponsored by the St. John Community Crisis Center and hosted at their office in the Lumberyard complex, was to encourage interested St. John citizens to volunteer and become involved with the activities of the non-profit umbrella organization.

The DVSAAC's prevention and educational outreach program is housed and voluntarily supervised in Love City by SJCCC.

While the wet, rainy evening may have impacted the number of participants who turned out, those who did so enjoyed tasty beverages, sandwiches and snacks, and also had a chance to ask questions and get detailed, enthusiastic answers about St. John DVSAAC from Spencer.

Also present to answer questions about the St. John prevention program was outgoing DVSAAC outreach worker Zarah Bunner.

Spencer provided an overview of the Virgin Islands organization which is comprised of a Media Committee; a Criminal Justice Committee; a Faith-based Committee; the VI Firearms Task Force; and the People's Court Watch.

The St. John DVSAAC program is actively looking for residents who want to volunteer their time and talent to any one of the existing committees.

Media committee members are working to develop and carry out a media campaign to inform the public about the various aspects of domestic violence and prevention.

The criminal justice committee focuses on improvements which have been, or can be, made via legislative and policy concerns. The faith-based committee seeks to involve clergy members of all faiths in carrying out the aims of DVSAAC.

The mission of the VI firearms task force is to reduce the numbers of unlicensed firearms entering and remaining in the territory. The people's court watch program is actively collecting and monitoring data about what happens to domestic violence cases after they enter the territory's judicial system.

"The Attorney General has said that 25 percent of all cases coming before territorial courts are domestic violence related," said Spencer.

There are far too many "very deliberate, sexual (adult) male predators in the territory who seek out pre-adolescent and adolescent girls," Spencer said.

Participants discussed the attitudes and perceptions of judges across the territory and how their attitudes affect controversial decisions regarding granting bail to those charged with committing violent sexual crimes.

Such factors in turn may likely affect how police on each island prioritize reported sexual assaults, according to Spencer.

This would be an example of a concern the DVSAAC criminal justice committee would address, she explained.

Spencer was asked about the official role of long-time DVSAAC council member — and former director of the Safety Zone — Dr. Iris Kern, who Governor John deJongh recently appointed to the new position of Domestic Violence Advisor to the Attorney General and V.I. Police Department Commissioner.

"My thinking is that she will write policy," Spencer said about Kern. "She is saying that she will review policies. If this is the case, then we are back to square one."

"An ongoing problem in the Virgin Islands has been a need for written policy," said Spencer.

Another critical issue cited by Spencer related to hand-guns entering the territory.

"The shipping trailers and boats are not always being thoroughly searched," said the DVSAAC founder.

Delegate to the Fifth V.I. Constitutional Convention and former Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, who was present at the event, had several comments and suggestions about the DVSAAC program. Barshinger offered ways it could further address St. John concerns about domestic violence prevention and education.

Barshinger was undecided when asked if he planned to throw his hat in the Senator at Large ring again in the upcoming election, he explained.

"I haven't decided yet," said Barshinger. "Someone needs to, but I have until August 10 to make up my mind. So I'm still thinking about it."

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This summer also marks the 70th anniversary of

the Fair Labor Standards Act, the federal law which provides minimum wage, overtime and youth employment standards. The law established the Labor Department's wage and hour division, authorizing it to enforce the law and educate the public on the law's protections and requirements.

Employers and employees seeking more compliance information on the increased minimum wage should call the wage and hour division's toll-free help-line at 866-487-9243.

Corrected Bordeaux Development Picture



St. John Tradewinds News File Photo

The 16 four-bedroom condo development Bordeaux Mountain Estates will be constructed on Bordeaux Mountain overlooking Coral Bay.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The picture which accompanied the story "DPNR Approves Group Dwelling Permit for Steep Hillside Condo Development Bordeaux Mountain Estates," in the July 21 edition of the *St. John Tradewinds*, did not depict the correct site of the development.

The picture which ran with that article was not the

future site of the Bordeaux Mountain Estates. The picture above shows the correct site of the planned development.

The article also mistakenly listed the number of units in the development. The condominium development will be comprised of 16 four-bedroom units.

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Dorie Gordon, above, hosted the Hungry for Change bake sale to benefit Barack Obama's campaign for president on Saturday afternoon, July 26, in Coral Bay across from the old Pickles location.

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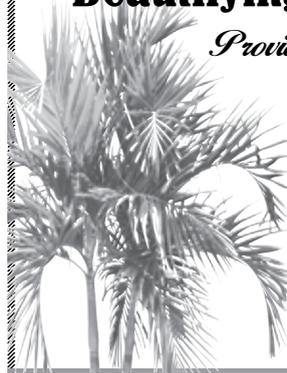
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Gov. John deJongh Taps Mark Walters To Lead VITEMA



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Mark Walters

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Gov. John deJongh, Jr. appointed Mark A. Walters as State Director of the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency last week.

Walters returns to the territory from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he was most recently Director of the Management Division for FEMA Region II, which covers the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, New Jersey and New York.

Walters has been with FEMA for 19 years. During his most recent assignment, which dates back to 2007, he was responsible for the financial management of disaster grants; human capital, facilities and acquisition management; information technology and administrative services and workforce relations.

Most recently he was also responsible for the financial oversight of the multi-billion dollar homeland security grants transferred to FEMA from the Department of Homeland Security.

Walters also served as FEMA's Region II Management Representative to FEMA's Labor Management Partnership Council.

DeJongh thanked FEMA Director David Paulison and FEMA Region II Administrator Stephen Kempf, Jr. for their assistance in providing such talented leadership as the territory continues to build its on-the-ground capacity at VITEMA.

Walters will serve in the Virgin Islands on loan from FEMA as an Intergovernmental Personnel Act employee.

The VITEMA appointee brings a tremendous wealth of experience to the position and "we are most grateful to FEMA for providing us with one of its most seasoned managers who will have an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to his community through this assignment," DeJongh said.

He could think of no better candidate to bring the necessary leadership, vision and stability to our community at a time when we are seeking to revitalize our approach to emergency preparedness in the Virgin

Islands, the governor added.

This is a great opportunity for him to return home and provide the expertise at VITEMA that he has gained in emergency planning and in solidifying the emergency preparedness capabilities of the Virgin Islands, explained Walters.

"I am elated at the opportunity to return home and assist the people of the Virgin Islands," Walters said. "This is truly an honor and privilege."

After Hurricane Katrina, Walters served as a Senior FEMA Liaison to the City of New Orleans where he was responsible for assisting the city with developing housing strategies for displaced victims.

Walters provided guidance to the mayor's office and the city's leadership on disaster assistance programs.

His other professional experience with FEMA includes his service as Recovery Branch Chief where he was responsible for multiple disaster recovery programs, including managing a staff of 120 persons.

Walters also excelled as Supervisor, Information Analysis Officer and Human Services Specialist for FEMA's Caribbean Division.

In addition, he served as Human Services Special Assistant for response and recovery operations following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Consequent to his performance in this assignment, he received FEMA's Director's Award for Outstanding Performance and Leadership in responding to and helping individuals and businesses recover from the disaster.

After Hurricane Marilyn, Walters served as a Senior Program Manager for initiatives that provided more than \$200 million in disaster housing assistance, personal property and other individual assistance.

The new head of VITEMA was instrumental in recruiting and hiring more than 50 Virgin Islanders for FEMA's national reservist cadre. Serving as a disaster assistance employee with FEMA after Hurricane Hugo, Walters assisted hurricane victims with obtaining disaster assistance and later managed the Temporary Housing Program in the Virgin Islands.

He has served on numerous Emergency Response Teams in lead or senior management positions in disaster operations throughout the United States.

Walters has also participated in the following professional development and training courses: FEMA's Leadership Excellence Program; Disaster Field Organization Management Program; Terrorism Planning Course: "Train the Trainer;" Radiological Emergency Preparedness Evaluator's Course; Incident Command System Training; National Incident Management System Training Program; and special training in a National Response Plan.

Walters was nominated for a Federal Executive Board Team Leader Award. He studied at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, following attendance at Charlotte Amalie High School and graduation from the Florida Air Academy. He also served in the National Guard both in New York and the Virgin Islands.

Walters is also a volunteer webmaster and photographer with the Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Federation. He is also a Certified PADI Advance Open Water Diver.



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Anne Marie Porter recently rescued this severely dehydrated and starving dog from a neighborhood in Coral Bay.

Anne Marie Porter Takes A Stand for Abused Animals

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In the four years since the V.I. Legislature passed a bill making cruelty to animals illegal and setting strict punishments for the offense, residents have been reluctant to come forward and report the crime — but that should soon change thanks to one resident.

Long-time St. John resident and wedding officiant, famous as the island's Barefoot Minister, Anne Marie Porter is stepping up to the plate and filling the gap between the public and official action.

Before Porter got involved, many residents were reluctant to take the dogs themselves and didn't know who to call or what to do, explained Animal Care Center board of directors member Bonny Corbeil.

But now residents only have to call the ACC and report the incident and Porter will take care of the rest. Residents can also rest assured their identities will not be requested,

“My intention is to encourage people to report animal abuse or neglect to the ACC as soon as they see it. The shelter does not ask the caller's name, just the location of the animal that needs help.”

— Anne Marie Porter

explained Porter.

Not Many Questions Asked

“My intention is to encourage people to report animal abuse or neglect to the ACC as soon as they see it,” said Porter. “All phone calls are anonymous. The shelter does not ask the caller's name, just the location of the animal that needs help.”

Once the location of the dog in need is determined, Porter contacts law enforcement officials and does the leg work to remove the animal. By offering her assistance to the public, Porter hopes to encourage more resi-

dents to report cases of animal abuse more quickly, she explained.

The minister recently rescued three dogs in two separate incidents. Each of the dogs had been tied up for extended periods of time and left without food or water.

None of the dogs were left in remote areas, according to Porter.

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“One dog was tied up in a neighborhood,” she said. “People lived all around this helpless being and it went day after day with no food, no water, no shelter, no attention.”

Two of the dogs were chained up in a yard on Centerline Road and Porter wasn't the only one who saw them, she explained.

“Two dogs rescued a week earlier, in equally horrible condition, were chained up in the front yard of a house on Centerline Road, in Coral Bay,” said Porter. “Everyone entering or leaving Coral Bay drove by these starving, thirsty, lonely beings.”

Unfortunately it was too late for the dogs. All three of them were beyond medical treatment and were euthanized, according to ACC officials.

This is not the first time Porter has helped the ACC, Corbeil explained.

“Anne-Marie Porter has been consistently dedicated to St. John animal abuse issues for a number of decades now,” said Corbeil. “She started bringing in Humane Society material in helping with our issues long before we had access to the Internet.”

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“I want to congratulate plant maintenance and operations personnel and the line crews for their magnificent efforts during this crisis.”

— Hugo Hodge, Jr., WAPA's Executive Director

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V.I. Water and Power Authority plant technicians restored gas turbine Unit #23 to service at 11:54 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, after five days of rotating power outages on St. John due to limited generating capacity in the Randolph E. Harley Power Plant on St. Thomas.

WAPA immediately suspended the rotation schedule, which went into effect last Friday, July 18, and again Monday, July 21, and restored service to all St. Thomas and St. John feeders on July 22.

Unit #23, a 42-megawatt generator, supplies a major portion of the capacity needed to meet the daily peak demand of 88 megawatts for both islands.

WAPA projected finishing the repairs by Wednesday, July 23, but when the part ordered for the unit's ratchet system arrived from Germany on Monday, July 21, a day earlier than expected, plant engineers and technicians worked through the night to complete the work.

Unit #23 refused to restart Thursday, July 17, after a transformer problem on gas turbine Unit #18 caused a shut down at the power plant.

Hugo Hodge, Jr., WAPA's Executive Director, said

at that time that the unit needed a major overhaul and it becomes increasingly difficult to start the unit each time it goes down.

Deferred maintenance is a consequence of WAPA's continuing inability to both properly maintain its equipment and meet its continually rising fuel costs, Hodge explained.

“You can not imagine how great we feel right now,” Hodge said, clearly relieved that the generator is back in service. “It has been truly a frustrating week for us as we worked to stabilize Harley Power Plant. We know that our customers deserve reliable service and we want them to have it.”

“I want to congratulate plant maintenance and operations personnel and the line crews for their magnificent efforts during this crisis,” Hodge continued. “During the past week, I had an opportunity to witness, firsthand, employees working all day into the very early hours of every morning, refusing to leave until problem after problem was resolved.”

“These are the same employees who work around the clock to maintain power to customers while we sleep,” Hodge said. “Thanks also to the personnel in the other departments who answered telephones, assisted with the rotation schedules and gave support whenever needed as we worked through this emergency situation.”

“And our heartiest appreciation must go to our customers who were patient and cooperative during the rotation,” Hodge concluded.

Within the coming months, WAPA will return several other units now off line for major maintenance to service. At that time, Unit #23 will get a much needed overhaul.

Senator White Praises WAPA for Relieving Power Outages

St. John Tradewinds

Senator Celestino White sent thanks and praises to V.I. Water And Power Authority employees last week for working above and beyond the call of duty in ending the latest series of rotating power outages.

“While we have legitimate concerns about the rising coast of power, we often forget the rank and file workers of WAPA who struggle day and night to keep an antiquated power system online,” said White. “During this latest crisis, the employees rose to the challenge, working more than 24 hours staring to restore power to the islands.”

The failure of Unit #23 last week meant that WAPA could not deliver almost half of the St. Thomas/St. John district's power requirements. WAPA resorted to rotating power outages which hampered businesses and residents alike and shortened the life of appliances and electrical equipment.

“Breakdowns happen, but how people respond to such challenges is how we measure their worthiness on the job,” White said.

Senator White expressed pride at the skill and dedication of the WAPA team while pointing out that the job they do is probably more difficult than that of any other power plant employee in the country.

“We operate in isolation, far away from the comfort of back-up grids used on the mainland,” said the senator. “We do not have the luxury of expert consultants, parts that can be trucked within hours or neighboring power plants that can help.”

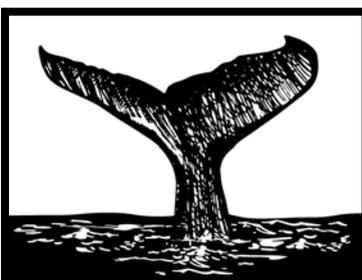
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Smiling Iguana



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by William Stelzer

This smiling iguana was recently spotted on the grounds of the Westin Resort and Villas. A large number of iguanas enjoy munching on the resort's lush landscaping and are a source of entertainment for guests.

St. John Chapter Members Planning October Business After Hours

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Members of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce are moving ahead with plans to host a business after hours in Love City in October, the chamber's St. John representative Kate Norfleet told seven residents who attended a Tuesday evening, July 22, meeting at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

"We need to start planting the seed now," Norfleet, said about securing a date and location for the planned chamber social networking event. "We are actively pursuing a business after hours for October."

The previous business after hours on-island drew a large crowd to Paradiso restaurant in Mongoose Junction last October.

Members of the group's tourism committee are still working with Department of Tourism officials to bring hospitality hosts to the island's points of entry, explained Debbie Hime.

"There is a lot of buzz going on around having greeters here," Hime said. "We're waiting for people

to get back from vacation. But we're going to have the greeters next season and that is just the tip of the iceberg for all of the program."

"It's still on the front burner," Hime said.

DOT officials are planning to hire greeters at the Loredon Boynes ferry dock and the Cruz Bay Creek, explained Hime.

The chamber member also continues to work on updating the organization's Web site, she explained.

"We're working on a data base for the chamber to become more automated," said Hime. "It's a matter of what came first, the chicken or the egg. We need to create the data base but we need to know what we want the site to look like and what links to have."

"We're still working on it," she added.

Bringing even more exposure to members, a printed directory booklet of members of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is expected to be complete within the next couple of months, explained Norfleet.

The group's next meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

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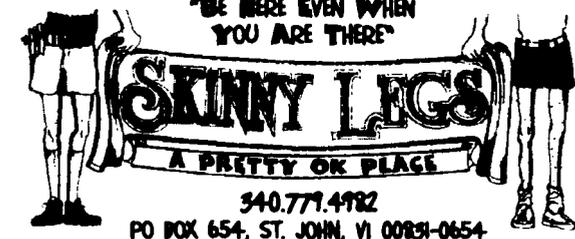
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds



Alexa Putnam Training With Elite German Bobsled Coach

St. John Tradewinds

Dear Tradewinds,

Attached is a picture of Alexa posing after a morning training session at the bobsled and skeleton track in Konigssee, Germany, near where she lives and trains nearly year-around.

Pictured with Alexa is her training partner, Anja Huber, who is the current World Champion of skeleton racing!

Alexa's coach is former East German high-hurdle and bobsled champion, Raimund Bethge, who has

coached more than 100 Olympic and World Cup medalists. Alexa trains and travels with the great German team but races for the Virgin Islands.

Of the 13 countries qualified for the up-and-coming 2008-2009 World Cup Tour, the Virgin Islands/Alexa is ranked 11th.

You can follow Alexa's year-around racing and training at on her website <http://alexaputnam.org/>

**Sincerely,
 Steve Morgenthaler
 VI skeleton coach**

Ohio Teen Requesting More Veteran's Stories

St. John Tradewinds

Editor,

Hello. My name is Kyle Nappi. I am 18 years old and I live in Ostrander, Ohio. I was wondering if you could do me a favor.

I have a big interest in history, specifically WWII. I collect military medals, patches, badges, insignia, field gear and a very unique thing, veteran autographs. I have a collection of autographs from military veterans who served during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, and the present war in Iraq .

I have been interested in history for over six years now and I have collected the autographs and stories from nearly 1,600 veterans in 20 countries. The oldest veteran is currently 112 years old and the youngest enlisted at age 14.

I have autographs from Pearl Harbor survivors, D-Day veterans, airman, POWs, USS Indianapolis survivors, Holocaust survivors and even German soldiers.

Back in June of 2007, I was interview by PBS to talk about my collection for an interview that was to be shown online on YouTube. After that, I was interviewed for "The Columbus World War II Roadshow." They mentioned that it was to come on (in central Ohio) before some of the episodes of Ken Burns' "The War." You can find this interview on YouTube

under "Kyle Nappi."

I was recently interviewed by the American Legion for an article that will appear in their August magazine.

Recently, I also had the privilege of going to Washington, D.C. during the early part of March. I was invited to the Pentagon for a ceremony honoring WWI veterans. I was able to meet with the last American WWI veteran, Frank Buckles.

I have a questionnaire which includes some basic questions I have for military veterans about their service time. I was wondering if it is possible to provide any veterans (who are interested) with my email address, knapp607@yahoo.com, and put me in touch with them, or pass along the word about my collection.

My main purpose for writing is to share with you that there are people from my generation who do remember the past and the sacrifices that were made for our great country.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could pass the word around that there are people who remember, along with the information about my collection.

Thank you very much for your time.

**Sincerely,
 Kyle Nappi**

St. John Tradewinds Obituary

U baldina Simmons, 98, Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Services were Tuesday, July 22, for Ubaldina Simmons, 98, also known as "Ms. Bally," of St. John and Greenbelt, Md., who died on July 10 at her residence in Greenbelt.

The first viewing was Monday, July 21, at 5 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home Chapel. The second viewing was at 10 a.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Burial was at Cruz Bay Cemetery.

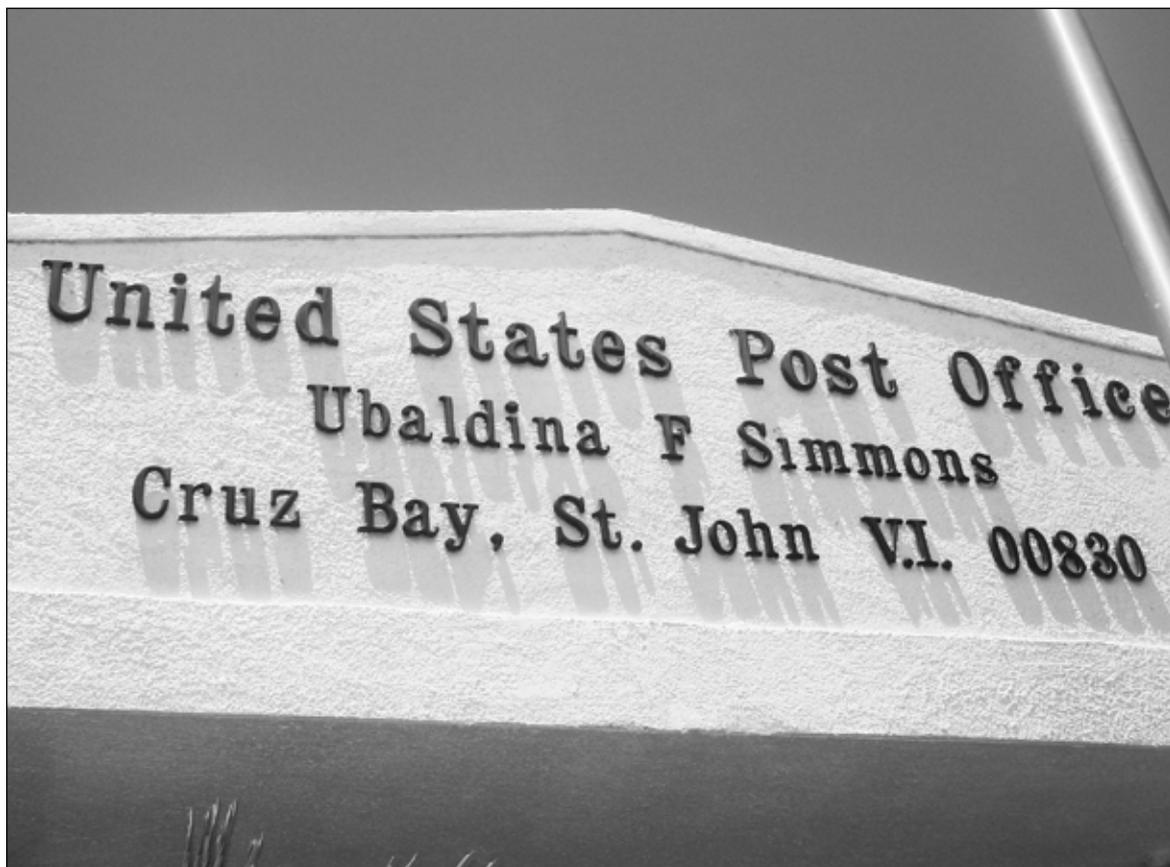
Simmons was a post mistress and community activist for whom the Cruz Bay post office is named.

She was the widow of the late George Simmons, the first native St. Johnian to serve as administrator of St. John in the 1940s and for whom George Simmons Terrace Housing Community is named.

She is survived by her daughters, Eldra Simmons and Beryl Samuel; stepdaughter, Helen Simmons; adopted daughter, Shirley Monsanto; sons, Richard and Duane Sibilly; stepson, Ronald Simmons; adopted children, Errol and Pearl Eccles; grandchildren, Ian Samuel, Duane II, Danielle and Dominique Sibilly, Richard Steven, Sieda, Rachael, Roslynn, Rena and Royal Sibilly, Lois, Kevin and Monique Simmons; great-grandchildren, Amaya and Mikayla Samuel, Rashawn and Rhianna Lawrence, Shatara Sibilly,

Corey Dixon Jr., Patricia Stubbs, Calen Beauford, Eboney Essence and Cobie French, Javai, Jah-Haile, Lion'ess and Jahbioseh Abioseh Bruce, Asher McCoy, Jah-Nyah, Roshedah, Jah-Hyrah and Rakhiah McCain and Mikayla Best; son-in-law, Milton Samuel; daughters-in-law, Rowena and Joan Sibilly, Diane Simmons and Shaya Samuel; stepsister, Inger Van Holten Messan; nieces, Dorris Monsanto and Clarice Roper; devoted and special niece, Beverley Collins; adopted and special niece, Jean Gibbs; special cousin, Rudolph Thomas; nephews-in-law, Rolando Roper, James Collins and Don Gibbs; adopted nephews, Verne, Liston and Elroy Sprauve and their wives; devoted and special friend, Alice O'Connor; special neighbors, Rita Sprauve, Marjorie Christian and Rosa Samuel; friend and co-worker, Edith Adams; devoted caregiver, Bertha Sumbwe; special caregiver, Janice Davis; and many other nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives and friends, as well as members of the Nazareth Lutheran Church family. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Edna Joseph and Viola Monsanto, as well as her adopted nephew Julius Jr. She was also preceded in death by her adopted sister, confidante and friend, Elaine Sprauve.

Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home.



St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 71
Under Investigation: 72
Solved: 1

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

2008 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 8
Under Investigation: 8
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 47
Under Investigation: 47
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 42
Under Investigation: 42
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
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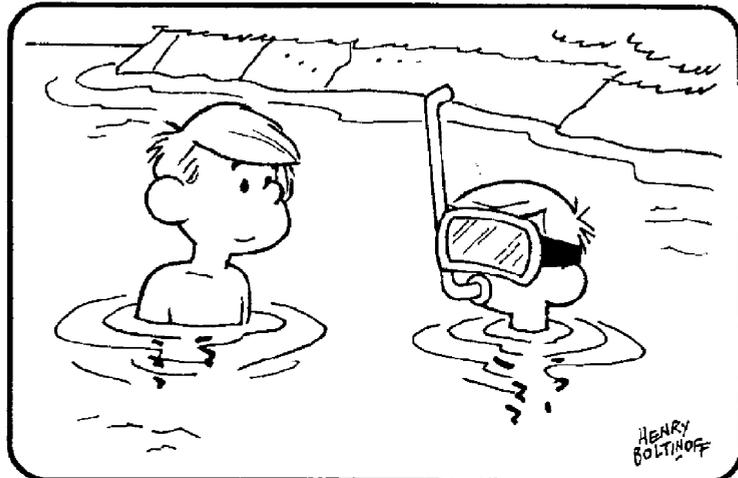
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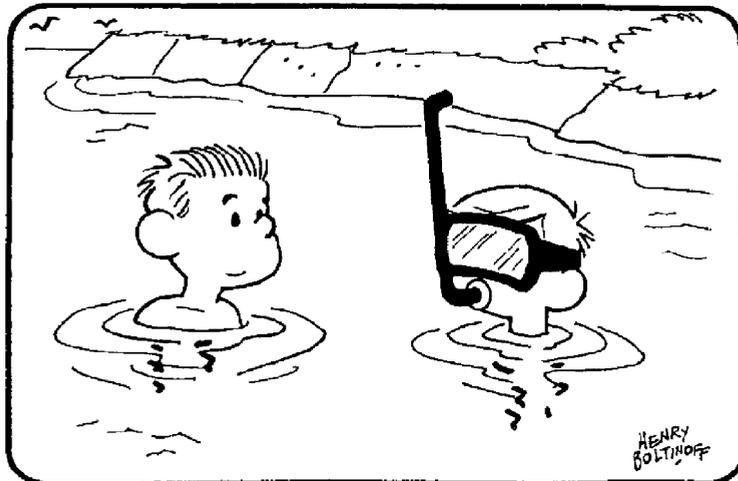
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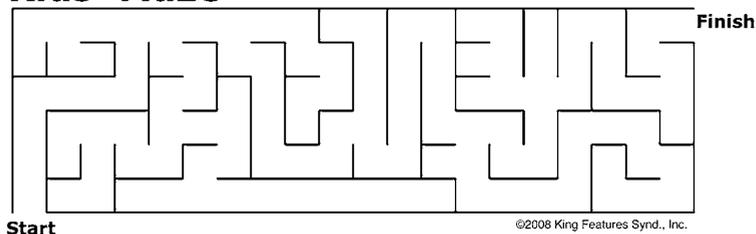


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Differences: 1. Boy's hair is different. 2. Birds have been added. 3. Snorkel is different. 4. Shoreline is longer. 5. Bushes are different. 6. Boy on left is shorter.

Kids' Maze



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EPA Recognizes Local Environmental Heroes



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

(left to right) Mirko Restovic, Alan Steinberg, Lillian Moolenaar and Laurel Bigrig Brannick at the EPA Regional Environmental Quality Awards ceremony.

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trips to coastal sites to study marine life and conducts tour dives along underwater marine trails, Steinberg explained.

“She really does one of the highest missions in life — educating our children,” said Steinberg. “What she does really is one of the most important things in life.”

A large crowd of children taking part in the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation summer camp cheered on Brannick and presented her with roses and balloons.

“I truly have a wonderful job because I get to spend my time with children,” said Brannick. “I love my job and it’s nice to be recognized.”

Mirko Restovic with the V.I. Waste Management Authority was recognized for overseeing the planning, construction and operation of several multi-million dollar waste treatment projects, and conducting field studies, marine surveys, ecological evaluations, hydrological control and coastal management stud-

ies.

“Due to his direct involvement, the U.S. Virgin Islands government invested \$150 million to build four new state-of-the-art sewage treatment plants over the last nine years,” said Steinberg.

Lillian Moolenaar, a member of the Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council, accepted an environmental award on behalf of the organization.

“The strength of the VIRCD program is that it empowers individuals and communities to solve their own environmental problems,” said Steinberg. “Since its incorporation in 1990, VIRCD has overseen more than 200 projects to help conserve natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote sustainable agriculture, ecotourism and environmental education.”

VICRD members are already looking ahead to next year, explained Moolenaar.

“We make things happen,” Moolenaar said. “We cherish this award and are going for another.”

Porter Takes A Stand for Abused Animals

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Porter was also the founder of the island’s Kindness Club, which conducted a series of workshops at the island’s elementary schools emphasizing compassion, Corbeil added.

“Anne Marie purchased subscriptions for every teacher, at one time, to receive ‘Kindness (Kids In Nature’s Defense) News’ which includes fun worksheets and animal information whose theme and goal is to promote kindness towards people, animals and the environment with an emphasis on good character development, such as fairness, compassion and respect,” said Corbeil. “She has also used much of her own personal funds for years to support animal adoption pictures with the former ‘Animals of the Week.’”

Porter was also actively involved with getting the territory’s animal abuse legislation passed in the first place, according to Corbeil.

“Anne Marie attended every legislative hearing and worked tirelessly with other animal shelters on other islands for animal advocacy,” she said.

Putting someone in the public on behalf of the island’s abused and neglected animals is much needed, explained Corbeil.

“What Anne Marie is doing now is filling a much needed gap for our ACC and our escalating needs, financially as well as physically,” Corbeil said. “What people need to understand is that when animals are abused like this, the entire community — the abused animals and the abuser — are all impacted. Animal abuse becomes a part of the ‘circle of violence’ we must break.”

“Anne Marie has never stopped working for this cause,” Corbeil added.

With Porter putting herself out there as a contact to report animal abuse, the hope is to get to the animals faster and save their lives.

“Save A Life”

“If everyone will just be aware of the dogs in their immediate environment and make a phone call, so much suffering can be prevented,” said Porter. “If you see a dog tied up without adequate food and water and shelter, or confined to the same space day after day without being walked or cared for, make a call. Save a life.”

Anyone who sees a dog being abused or neglected should call the ACC at 774-1625 and report the location of the animal.

Territorial Gasoline Price Survey

Provided by the DLCA

July 18th 2008



The Lowest Price Location this week:

St Thomas Texaco Airport \$4.29	St Croix Exxcel Service \$3.75	St John Domino Oil \$4.92
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The Highest Price Location this week:

St Thomas Domino \$4.93	St Croix Sion Farm \$4.59	St John E & C \$5.20
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St Thomas, July 18th 2008

FULL Service PREMIUM	FULL Service REGULAR	SELF Service PREMIUM	SELF Service REGULAR
High \$4.93	High \$4.85	High \$4.79	High \$4.69
Low \$4.47	Low \$4.35	Low \$4.42	Low \$4.29

St Croix, July 18th 2008

FULL Service PREMIUM	FULL Service REGULAR	SELF Service PREMIUM	SELF Service REGULAR
High \$4.59	High \$4.45	High \$4.15	High \$4.02
Low \$4.25	Low \$4.05	Low \$3.89	Low \$3.75

St John, July 18th 2008

FULL Service PREMIUM	FULL Service REGULAR	SELF Service PREMIUM	SELF Service REGULAR
High \$5.00	High \$4.92	High \$5.20	High \$5.05
Low \$5.00	Low \$4.92	Low \$5.20	Low \$5.05

Gas Hits \$5 On St. John, Lower On St. Thomas and St. Croix

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs made public last week the findings of its latest survey of fuel prices, which was completed on Friday, July 18, in the two island districts.

On St. John, the best buy on fuel was found at Domino Oil which sold full-service regular for \$4.92 per gallon and full-service premium for \$5.00 per gallon.

At the only other service station on St. John, E&C, regular octane gasoline sold for \$5.05 per gallon and premium gasoline sold at \$5.20 per gallon. The average cost of diesel on St. John was estimated at \$5.24 per gallon.

On St. Thomas the best price for both regular and premium grade gasoline was found at the Texaco Airport stations which sold self-service regular at \$4.29 per gallon and self-service premium at \$4.42 per gallon. Texaco Airport also had the best price per gallon of full-service regular and full-service premium gasoline at \$4.35 and \$4.47 per gallon

respectively.

The most expensive gasoline on St. Thomas was full-service premium which sold for \$4.93 per gallon at all Domino stations. All Domino stations also had the most expensive full-service regular at \$4.85 per gallon.

The most expensive self-service premium and self-service regular grade gasoline was found at Gas Works in Bovoni which sold these gasoline products at \$4.79 and \$4.69 per gallon respectively. On St. Thomas diesel averaged \$4.94 per gallon based on the latest survey.

Gas prices on St. Croix range between \$3.75 and \$4.59 per gallon. The best price of gasoline was found at Exxcel Service Station which sold a gallon of self-service regular octane for \$3.75 per gallon.

The most expensive self-service regular octane was found at Smokey's Service Corporation whose per gallon price was \$4.02.

On St. Croix the best buy on premium self-service was

found at Karim Service Station, Exxcel Service Station and Amigos Service Station. The three stations sold this grade of fuel at \$3.89 a gallon.

The best price for full-service regular octane gasoline was found at NuWay Gas Station at a cost of \$4.05 per gallon while motorists could secure the best price for full-service premium octane gasoline at NuWay Gas Station which sold this grade of fuel for \$4.25 per gallon.

The most expensive fuel on St. Croix was at Sion Farm Service Station which sold full-service premium at \$4.59 per gallon. The average cost of diesel fuel on St. Croix was \$4.74 per gallon during the survey period.

During the survey period, the HOVENSA rack rate was set at \$3.31 per gallon of regular gasoline and \$3.43 per gallon of premium gasoline.

The HOVENSA rack rate is the price that the refinery sells fuel products to independents gas suppliers on St. Croix. The rack rate includes a seven cents fuel tax.

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Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds

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.

Tuesday, July 29

U.S. Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins' office, in conjunction with the Regional Community Policing Institute, will be sponsoring an introduction to Human Trafficking Training at the Wyndham Beach Resort on St. Thomas, on Tuesday, July 29.

Wednesday, July 30

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Environmental Protection Brownfields' Program will host its 5th Annual Forum on Wednesday, July 30 at the Westin Resort on St. John.

This year's forum, "Paving the Way to Redevelopment," will feature representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the 27th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, DPNR staff and local contractors.

Pre-registration is required and admission is free. Since space is limited, interested persons should pre-register with the department by calling Kysha Wallace at 774-3320.

Wednesday, July 30

The V.I. Small Business Development Center will present a seminar titled "the Fundamentals of Web Marketing: Kick Your Site into High Gear" on Wednesday, July 30.

This seminar is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the VI-SB-DC Training Facility at Nisky Center in St. Thomas. To pre-register or for more information on this seminar and/or other SBDC services call 776-3206.

Tuesday, August 5, and Thursday, August 7

Dr. Elizabeth Masiello will be hosting Patient Appreciation Days on Tuesday, August 5, and Thursday, August 7.

All adjustments will be discounted to \$20. Please call to schedule your appointment time so that everyone will be accommodated. For more information call 714-0270.

Tuesday, August 19

There will be a meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, August 19, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

Saturday, September 13

Saturday, September 13, will be the primary election day in the territory.

Tuesday, September 23

There will be a meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

Saturday, October 4

Saturday, October 4, is the last to register to vote in the general election in the Virgin Islands.

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, November 4, is general election day in the territory.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

AI-Anon Meetings

AI-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Bovine Divine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There will be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of

course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side just might suddenly choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through next month. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from under the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

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St. John Police Report

Friday, July 18

4:30 p.m. - Citizen p/r she was verbally abused. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

4:35 p.m. - ADT c/r an activated alarm at Estate Rendezvous and Ditleff. Activated alarm.

Saturday, July 19

12:23 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/requesting police assistance with her boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

Sunday, July 20

9:50 a.m. - Citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Enighed Pond. Auto accident.

10:45 a.m. - Citizen c/r a vehicle fire in the area of Gift Hill. Vehicle fire.

1:00 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r someone trespassed on her property and utilized her washing machine. Trespassing.

Tuesday, July 22

5:15 a.m. - ADT c/r an activated alarm at Courtesy Jeep Rental. Activated alarm.

8:45 p.m. - Citizen p/r that he was threatened at a Coral Bay restaurant. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, July 23

2:30 p.m. - Citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto accident.

6:00 p.m. - Estate Carolina resident p/r an attempted burglary. Attempted burglary.

Thursday, July 24

10:28 a.m. - A visitor p/r he parked his rental car and it got hit. Auto accident.

2:58 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he was assaulted by a male at the taxi stand. Simple assault.

3:27 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r someone unknown stole items from her vehicle. Grand larceny.

6:20 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r he was involved in an altercation with another male. Disturbance of the peace.

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"Harbor View" New 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom villa under construction & nearing completion. Enjoy views of Coral Bay harbor and constant cooling breezes. Fine finishes including: mahogany doors, windows & vanities, stone showers, Saltilo Mexican tile & more. Great room & bedrooms open to a large tiled deck. Pool has been poured. Lower level 3rd bedroom could be apt. Price based on present condition. **\$1.25M**



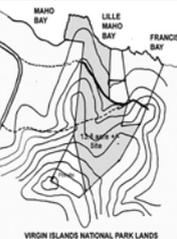
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— COMMERCIAL/DEVELOPMENT —



"Maho Bay" Rare opportunity to own 13.8 acres with over 850 feet of shoreline consisting mostly of white sandy beach (Little Maho), located within the confines of the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John's pristine north shore. The property is flanked by two very large National Park Beaches accessed. Two of the buildings are rather large pavilions that offer fabulous views of the Atlantic, Caribbean and offshore cays. There is an existing cistern and waste treatment plant on site as well. Ideal for resort use, residential development or private compound. **\$32M**



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BAREFOOT Newly constructed 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood with paved roads, expansive Sunrise water views of BVI, Leduck, Flanagan & beyond and steady gentle breezes. .5 acre with room for expansion of main house & pool. Lower level has plumbing roughed in. \$999,000.

INN LOVE A delightful short term rental villa in an excellent location in Great Cruz Bay! A tasteful 5 bdrm, 5 bath gem with a pool, spa tub, a/c bedrooms, attractive furnishings, marble and hardwood floors, professional landscaping, and beautiful views of Great Cruz Bay Harbor and St. Thomas. Stone entry arches lead to brick and stone courtyards and create an atmosphere of old world charm. \$1,795,000.

ADVENTURE VILLA is located within a lush tropical setting of fruit trees & tropical palms with impressive Coral Bay views and beyond views. Remodeled in 2002 this 4 bdrm luxury villa is built for comfort, space, and privacy with large expansive new trex decks. Cathedral ceilings, native stone, mahogany & cypress, and custom stained glass accents detail the interior. \$1,195,000

UPPER CAROLINA! Expansive Coral Bay harbor and beyond views. Live in the comfortable well built lower apartment while adding second unit above and/or completing the planned 3000 sq. ft. 4 bdrm/ 4 bath pool villa in this ideal vacation villa location. Expired plans available. .5 acre \$425,000

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EXCLUSIVE HOME LISTINGS

BAYVIEW – is a very private villa bordering the National Park, just minutes from Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with two buildings connected by sunny pool, decks and patio. Amazing 280 degree views overlooking Francis Bay and Northshore, plus Coral Bay and BVI's. Excellent vacation rental history. \$1,695,000.

PERELANDRA – is a romantic two bedroom, 2 bath Caribbean style villa offering stunning panoramic views and evening sunsets, privacy, convenient location and comfortable elegance. Nestled high on the hillside above Cruz Bay with lush gardens and a private pool. \$1,235,000.

AURORA – Luxurious four bedroom / four bath masonry villa on Contant Point. Enjoy 180° views from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor areas, gorgeous landscaping, beautiful furnishings, and excellent vacation rental history. Priced to sell at \$2,495,000.

GOLDEN DRAGON – Magnificent stone villa with exceptional craftsmanship throughout. 4 bedrooms / 4 baths, infinity pool, exquisite furnishings, multi patios/decks, lush gardens, terrific Point Rendezvous location. \$2,395,000.

WATERFRONT WITH DOCK – Poured concrete 3 bdrm/ 2 bath home on a flat ¼ acre site adjacent to National Park. Enjoy all watersports from shared private dock, & hiking along the secluded shoreline. Priced below appraised value at \$1,385,000.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS – Mini estate features tennis court, 2 pools, 2 hot tubs, 7 bedrooms 7.5 baths, on 1 acre. Impressive rental history, awesome views, walk to Chocolate Hole beach. \$2,495,000.

BORDEAUX MT. – Three bedroom / 2 bath family home with large covered porch on beautiful, almost level, ½ acre lot. Southerly water views, including St. Croix in the distance, fragrant bay trees, lush vegetation. Take advantage of all the benefits of owning a Force 10 home. \$675,000.

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RAINBOW PLANTATION – Wonderful "old St. John" style home on a beautiful 1.58 ac. lot. 4 bd/4 baths, extraordinary landscaping, huge pool, water views. \$2,245,000.

PLUMB GUTT Spacious 1 bd/1 bath tropical hardwood home, w/separate cottage, nestled on a lush ½ ac. on eastern side of Bordeaux. \$574,900.

CHOCOLATE HOLE – Unique ruins of 1700's Great House, along with 1960's island home on a beautiful 1.42 ac. lot. Reduced to \$1,099,999.

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WATERFRONT ON MONTE BAY – Spectacular 13.44ac site, located between Boatman Pt. & Klein Bay on South Shore. Ideal for subdivision or private estate. \$4,700,000.

CRUZ BAY TOWN – R-4 zoning, plans and permits. Walk to Frank Bay Beach. Reduced to \$285,000.

REDUCED TO \$150,000 – Water views of Coral Bay, wonderful Est. Eden location. **GREAT BUY!**

CONTANT – 3 extra large homesites overlooking Cruz Bay. Paved streets, underground utilities. \$292,500 to \$315,000.

POINT RENDEZVOUS – Two superb parcels w/outstanding views. Priced to sell at \$425k & \$495k.

LEINSTER BAY – Great Thatch to Mary's Point views, access from Johnny Horn trail. \$265k & \$329,000.

ZOOTENVAAL – Terrific water views of Hurricane Hole, paved streets, underground utilities. Reduced to \$400,000.

GREAT CRUZ BAY – 1.05 acre site w/fantastic harbor views & architectural plans. Walk to dingy landing. \$895,000.

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE – Panoramic views, 0.89 acre lot, paved roads, house plans available. \$350,000.

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Water views, borders green belt, paved access.....\$275,000

Large parcel, excellent water views.....\$295,000

Walk to beach, dingy dock, topo included.....\$329,000

Marina Drive, ocean views, topo.....\$375,000

Direct water view, corner parcel.....\$389,900

Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac.....\$425,000

ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE – Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views.....\$299k

SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS – Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac.....\$185k

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BEAUTIFUL WATER VIEWS – including East End of St. John northward to various British Virgin Islands are yours from this large Flanagan's Passage parcel. Hear the waves break against the shore while watching moonrise over East End. **VALUE PRICED at \$300,000.**

REDUCED – **VILLA LUMINARIA** – Spacious 3 bedroom villa with large pool deck, located on ridge of Upper Carolina with expansive views overlooking British Virgin Islands and entire East End of St. John. This very popular short term rental is private and completely equipped. Large garage can easily be converted to fourth bedroom. A must see for the serious buyer **\$2,769,000.**

UNIQUE NORTH SHORE PARCEL – located just above the present Maho Bay campground with access through the "Harmony Homes" area of the eco-resort. A tremendous opportunity to own scarce north shore property. **\$1,200,000.**

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CATHERINEBERG'S "MANGO BAY" has amazing north shore views, total privacy! 1+ lush acre (fruit trees & exotic orchids), stone showers, fireplace, brick pool terrace, new kitchen, 4 A/C BRs, gated w/carpport. Exquisite Charm! **\$5,950,000.**



"VILLA FAR NIENTE", New construction in prestigious Point Rendezvous. 3BR/3BA pool villa has great views and artistic landscaping. **\$2,100,000.**

"WINDWARDSIDE COTTAGES"; super privacy highlights these two charming masonry cottages. Hot tubs, bricked courtyards and wonderful décor make this a very special offering. **\$1,400,000.**

BORDEAUX MTN. (5x4) STUNNING VIEWS!

Charming, gated .5 ac. estate; spa, fireplace, poolside kitchen, ultimate privacy. **PRICE REDUCED \$3,200,000.**



"SEACAY VILLA", pool villa has unobstructed, panoramic ocean views and good short term rental history. Short drive to Cruz Bay. **\$1,995,000.**



UPPER CHOCOLATE HOLE GEM! Masonry 3 BR 3.5 BA home, pool, private lower BR w/separate entry, large room for addl. BR, excellent rental potential. **\$1,390,000.**



RENDEZVOUS BAY (5x5) "VISTAERO" breathtaking views, huge pool & spa, fabulous villa or residence! **\$3,000,000 Price reduced!**

WATERFRONT (3x3) "LA DOLCE VITA" with boat mooring, 376 ft. shoreline. W-1 zoning allows commercial uses **\$2,995,000.**

"GREAT EXPECTATIONS" (7x7 1/2) 1 ac., tennis, 2 homes, pools, spas, walk to beaches. Impressive rental. **\$2,495,000.**

"POINCIANA" 1.24 acres beachfront on Hart Bay. 3 bedroom beach house with spa, views and breezes. **\$2,495,000.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE NORTH (5x5) "SOLARIS" Spectacular views of 5 bays. 60' lap pool, courtyard, and great amenities. **\$2,400,000.**

UPPER CAROLINA: 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath villa has spectacular Coral Bay views from this custom 3 level home. Main level has spacious great room and front porch. Interior staircase goes to 2 master suites & a lower level studio suite below. **\$1,500,000.**

"COCONUTS" 3X3 GIFFT HILL VILLA, impressive views with awesome sunsets and St. Thomas lights. Caribbean style. **\$1,499,999.**

NEW CONSTRUCTION - CHOCOLATE HOLE totally charming, 2x2 with private gated courtyard, large pool, planters & columns, arched doors and windows, island stone showers, a/c, hi tech kitchen, etc. **\$1,495,000.**



"SEAVIEW" vacation villa. Charming 4 bdrm, masonry home in excellent condition with large pool in convenient Chocolate Hole. **\$1,300,000.**

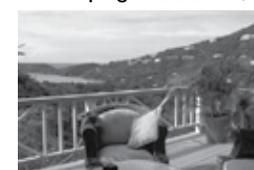
"SEABISCUIT" (2x2) Caribbean style, masonry, panoramic views, pool & hot tub. Immaculate, above Coral Harbour. **PRICE REDUCED \$995,000.**



"SAGO COTTAGE", adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history. **\$1,100,000.**

"CASA NITA" 3 bed/3 bath St. Quacco villa with spacious & light rooms, big views to BVI. **\$1,050,000.**

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COLORFUL FISH BAY RETREAT! Immaculate 3 bedroom / 3 bath home, borders National Park, views of Fish Bay & Ditleff Pt. **\$795,000.**

3 UNIT INCOME PRODUCER! Two 3 bdrms plus studio. Near town, all masonry, A/C. **\$775,000.**

INCREDIBLE FISH BAY VALUE! 4 bed/2 bath home with huge panoramic views and quiet location. **\$750,000.**

"SANCTUARY GARDEN" Serene well-built home with 2 units, lovely pool, gardens & expansive decks in this quiet, private location. **PRICE REDUCED \$725,000.**

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Boatman Point, .70 acre, 175 ft of east facing shoreline. **\$1,575,000**
Lovango Cay, A Slice of Heaven, .75 acre **\$899,000**
Lovango Cay, waterfront parcel, .65 acre **\$635,000**

CORAL BAY LAND

Upper Carolina, .5 acre, Sunrise, Coral Bay Harbor views **\$495,000**
Sugar Apple West, .5 acre, waterviews, easy build **\$349,900**
Bordeaux Mountain BVI view, down hill build 0.537 acre. **\$345,000**
Bordeaux Mtn, water views, .5 ac downhill build **\$239,000**
Lower Bordeaux Mt, .27 acre, approved plans & cistern **\$208,000**
Bonus Villa Use, Seagrape Hill, dual water view, 0.387 acre **\$177,500**



"CLIFFVIEW ESTATES" IN FISH BAY Six parcels in new subdivision offer exciting views and adjacent to National Park. Underground utility access and paved roads. From .51 to .91 acre, **\$299,000 - \$795,000.**

ENDLESS VIEWS ACROSS THE WATERS from these three premiere lots in Upper Peter Bay. This gated community is in the midst of Nat'l Park land, beaches & deeded beach access.

BEAUTIFUL LOTS ON QUIET EAST END in the original Hansen Bay subdivision, Dreekets Bay and Privateer Bay, with pristine views & lovely beaches listed from **\$285,000 - \$2,500,000.**

"UPPER MONTE BAY ESTATES" - SPECTACULAR, PRIVATE SOUTH SHORE LOTS WITH PRISTINE VIEWS.

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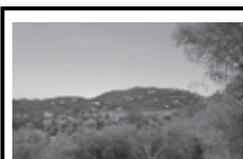
"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES" Gated community featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Five fabulous lots ranging from **\$469,000 to \$785,000.**

"ESTATE CONCORDIA PRESERVE" - Premier location, with extraordinary water views, some border National Park - some are waterfront! From .78 acre to 3 acres. 7 parcels priced from **\$550,000.**

"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES" boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, undergrnd. utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. 12 parcels priced from **\$450,000.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Tropical breezes and delightful south shore views! Two parcels just over a half acre each. **\$399,000.**

FISH BAY - Two Great oversized parcels - one with cistern slab, well, and active plans/permits in place and one lot with expansive views, cooling breezes & paved access. **\$389,000-\$438,000.**



GREAT CRUZ BAY .78 AC. "HARBOUR VIEW" Walk to Westin & amenities! Paved private road, underground utilities, great rental area. **\$525,000.**



"WHISTLING CAY" Striking water views & ample breeze from this "Upper Peter Bay" lot. Located just minutes from some of the most spectacular beaches in the Caribbean, including Peter Bay. **\$2,800,000.**

Condos & Timeshares

"VILLA LEE ANNA" Cozy 2 bedroom condo with water views. Easy walk to Cruz Bay and low condo fees. **\$325,000.**

EXCEPTIONAL PASTORY- 1 bdrm condo, great views, close to town, quiet neighborhood. Turn key. **\$529,000.**

"RAINBOW'S END" Battery Hill condo, 2 bdrms, poolside, close to town. **Priced to Sell! \$585,000.**

BEACHFRONT "GRANDE BAY" RESORT Condo under construction, overlooking Cruz Bay Harbor. Walk to town & restaurants. 2 bdrm **\$799,000.**

"GALLOWS POINT" 3 OCEAN FRONT units (2-upper & 1-lower) ea. w/ deck/patio, walk to town **\$1,400,000, \$1,275,000 & \$1,200,000.**

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