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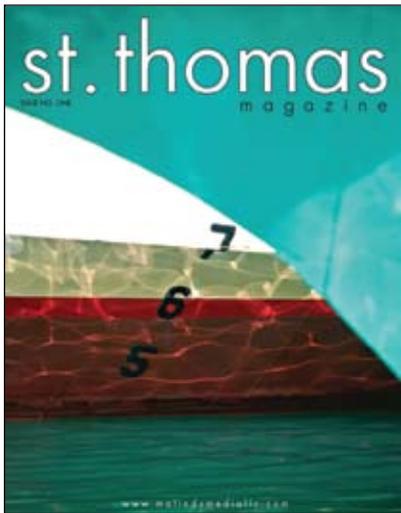
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Festive 12th Annual JESS Gala

Drinks, food, conversation and dancing were the highlights of the 12th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Gala hosted by Caneel Bay Resort on Saturday evening, February 7. Guests enjoyed being served by "celebrity waiters" including Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, above center. The funds raised at this year's event will help renovate the school's kitchen and cafeteria. The celebrity waiters gathered for a pre-gala meeting and photograph, below, at Caneel's Equator restaurant.



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Cars To Be Cleard from Susannaberg Transfer Station



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V.I. Waste Management Authority officials will start to clear the thousands of abandoned vehicles at the Susannaberg Transfer Station, above, within six months, according to a promise made by VIWMA director May Cornwall at the government-hosted open house.

Crime Stoppers USVI Needs Your Help Additional Information Sought on Ayala Murder

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Crime Stoppers USVI is asking the community to help the VIPD solve the following crimes:

V.I. Police Department officials on St. John are still seeking additional information on the murder of Juan Ayala.

Ayala was found dead from multiple gunshots on Monday, January 5, outside his home in Estate Pastory. Police say there may have been two suspects. One suspect is described as a black male with braided hair. The police department is offering a \$10,000 reward and witness protection for information leading to the arrest of the suspects.

St. Thomas

Police on St. Thomas are looking for two suspects who shot a 31 year-old man in the leg. The assault happened at about 6 p.m. on January 30 near Nadir Circle. One suspect is described as a black man 5'3" to 5'6", husky build, clean shaven with a bald head. The second suspect is about 6' tall, clean shaven with braided hair.

St. Croix

Police on St. Croix are seeking additional information regarding the January 26 murder of Jean-Pierre

Barone. Barone was killed in Christiansted near the Moravian Cemetery. More than one suspect may have participated in this murder. The suspects may regularly frequent the same area. Also anyone who knew the victim is asked to call the police or Crime Stoppers. Any information no matter how insignificant it may seem, may be vital in solving this case.

Crime Stoppers has received seven new tips this week, which brings our total tips received to 20. Due to the quality of the tips received, VIPD Lt. Thomas Hannah said that in addition to the recovery of \$2,500 of stolen property, he expects to have some arrests to report shortly.

Anyone with information on these, or any other crimes should immediately call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips can also be submitted online at www.crimestoppersusvi.org, or by texting at "USVI plus your message" to Crimes (274637).

Tipsters will remain anonymous and do not have to testify in court to receive a reward. If the information provided leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, the tipster will earn a cash reward of up to \$2,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Richard Ormrod Performing Feb. 12

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St. John School of the Arts will present Richard Ormrod in concert on Thursday, February 12, at 8 p.m. British pianist Ormrod has delighted audiences worldwide and has twice soloed with the Philharmonic Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre (Beethoven concerti).

Tickets, \$30, are available at Connections or at the door. For more information, please call 779-4322.

Vow Renewal Ceremony February 14

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The community of Love City celebrates Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows. For the past six years, couples have gathered on romantic Trunk Bay Beach at sunset on February 14, to re-marry their mates.

Please join the Dove family and the island's Barefoot Minister, Anne Marie Porter, on Saturday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m. at Trunk Bay Beach.

It's free and it's fun! No reservations needed. Just show up! For more information call Anne Marie Porter at 693-5153, 626-4658, or e-mail Cathy Dove at cathy@bookitvi.com.

Annual Folklife Festival Is Feb. 19-21

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The 18th Annual Folklife Festival will kick off at 10 a.m. at Annaberg on Thursday, February 19, and run through Saturday evening, February 21.

The theme this year is "V.I. Culture 276 Years Toward Self-Determination," and will feature a number of guest speakers including Dr. Eddie Donaghue, Myron Jackson, Atty. Tregenza Roach, Dr. Gilbert Sprauve and Dr. Eugene Patterson.

The crowd will be entertained by Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights, the St. Thomas Heritage Dancers, Mokoluscious produced by Willard John and Cariso singing by Cabbell Christopher. Local arts and crafts and food will be for sale.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 20 and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, February 21.

MKSCHC's Harold Wallace To Speak at Monthly AARP Meeting on Feb. 19

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The St. John AARP Chapter meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, at 5 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church meeting hall in Cruz Bay.

Harold Wallace, Administrator of the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, will explain how the new telemedicine technology being installed at the MKSCHC works with digital conferencing to the Cleveland Clinic physicians in Weston, Florida just outside of Fort Lauderdale.

With telemedicine, patients at the St. John clinic will be able to have a second opinion on their medical condition by the experts at the Cleveland Clinic without leaving the island.

All members and guests are invited. For more information call Joan Bermingham at 776-6182.

KATS Offers Adult Classes This Month

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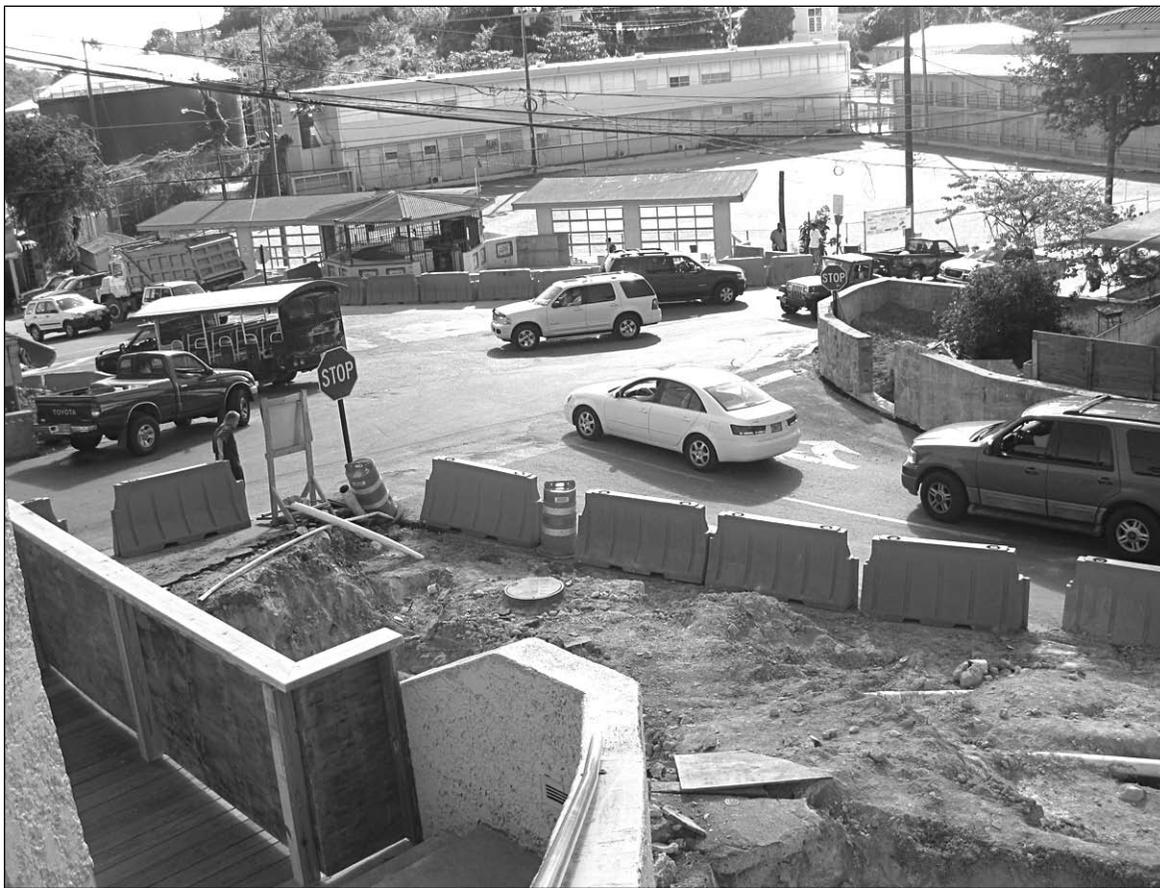
St. John Kids And The Sea, Inc. is starting another series of adult sailing classes this month.

There will be two Adults And The Sea classes, one will meet on Wednesdays starting on February 18, and the other on Saturdays, starting on February 21. Both classes will run for four weeks and cost \$200. To register for an ANTS class, call Connections in Coral Bay at 779-4994.

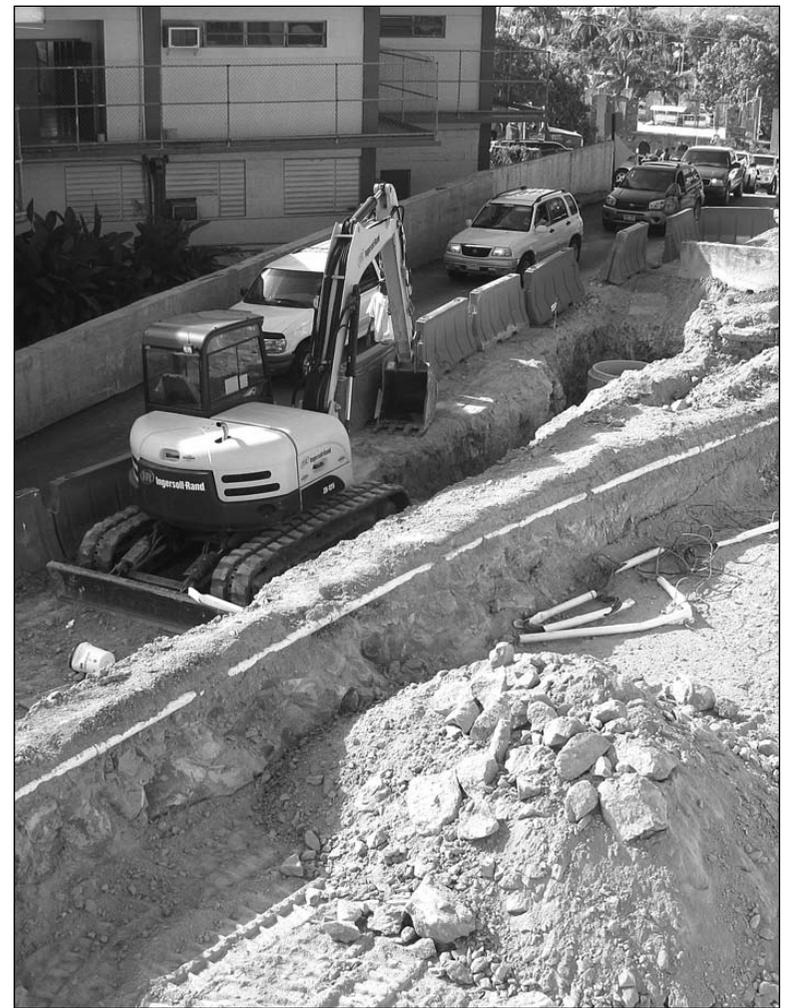


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Construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout, which is currently six months ahead of schedule, is focused on lowering the grade of Route 201, above and at right.

Roundabout Construction Ahead of Schedule

Cruz Bay Roundabout Construction To Change Road Grade for Visibility

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Public Works has managed to both keep traffic flowing and stay ahead of schedule during construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout.

Work is currently focused on Route 201 in front of the Boulon Center, where the road is being graded.

“Things are coming along really well,” said DPW roundabout liaison Thomas Jones. “We are dramatically changing the grade of Route 201 to accommodate the roundabout, because the roundabout itself will be about a four percent slope. Right now the road is at about a 15 to 20 percent slope.”

DPW has kept one side of Route 201 open during the grading. The northbound lane of the road was recently reopened with temporary asphalt, and the southbound lane closed.

“We’ll be changing the grade, putting on temporary asphalt and reopening to merchants on each finger road,” said Jones. “Then we’ll come back and properly set the grade at one time at a later date.”

“The idea is to be able to have a clear view of everything moving around in that roundabout. Right now it’s such a steep grade you really can’t see the traffic going in and out.”

— Thomas Jones, DPW liaison

“We’re doing all we possibly can to keep traffic moving through with no problem,” Jones said.

In a positive note for DPW, the major grading done on Route 201 didn’t require as much work as expected, putting the project about six months ahead of schedule as of last week, Jones explained.

DPW is hopeful the major work required near Dolphin Market will also require less time and money than anticipated, Jones added.

“Route 10 eastbound will be dramatically changed, right where the stairs are between Dolphin Market and Boulon Center,” said the DPW roundabout liaison. “That area will come down between six and eight feet because of the steepness of that hill.”

DPW plans to complete grading and temporary asphalt on Route

201 before moving to Route 102, the road on the south side of the project leading to the fire station, according to Jones.

“Right now, we’ll get both sides of the roadway on Route 201 down to a manageable elevation, and then we’ll work on the stairs between Dolphin and Boulon,” he said. “We actually decided there was no need to wait and we’ve taken down the stairs already and constructed a temporary staircase there.”

“Next we’ll go over to Route 102, which is going to come up some to match the grade,” Jones said. “We could possibly jump over to Route 104, South Shore Road. A lot is contingent on how everything flows.”

DPW is keeping its construction plans flexible in an effort to both

keep traffic flowing and keep access open to area merchants, Jones added.

Crews also poured the retaining wall by the Winston Wells ball field bleachers last week — another project which was amended to accommodate the public, according to Jones.

“That was changed a little bit to accommodate the entrance and exit going into the bleachers,” he said. “The road alongside that retaining wall is going to come up.”

The grade of the entire intersection will be changed dramatically in an effort to provide good visibility to drivers as they enter the roundabout.

“The idea is to be able to have a clear view of everything moving around in that roundabout,” said Jones. “Right now it’s such a steep grade you really can’t see the traffic going in and out.”

Aside from the temporary closure of South Shore Road in mid-to late-March, Jones doesn’t anticipate any major road closures.

“We’re really trying to keep away from major closings at the intersection,” he said. “If we could just keep the speeders down, that would be great. We’re ahead of

schedule and we’re proud to say traffic is moving through there pretty well.”

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A second lionfish — potentially devastating to local reefs — was spotted in waters off St. Croix.

Lionfish Caught Off STX

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On Sunday, February 1, “N2 the Blue Dive Shop” notified Dr. William Coles, Endangered Species Coordinator and Chief of Aquatic Education of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, of a possible sighting of a lionfish.

Local divers were taking underwater footage just north of the Rainbow Shallows mooring buoy and were unable to identify a particular species. Coles responded and positively identified the fish in the video as a Pacific Species of the deadly lionfish.

The next day, on February 2, Coles coordinated with a team of local divers to search for and collect the lionfish. After only 20 minutes of searching, divers discovered the fish in 50 feet of water, 300 feet north of the Rainbow Shallows mooring buoy.

This is the second lionfish recovered in USVI waters in four months. In November 2008, when the first fish was caught, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources began an outreach program about introduced and invasive species, focusing on the lionfish.

The fish (15cm total length) is now preserved in ethanol at the St. Croix, Division of Fish and Wildlife office at Mars Hill and will be on display at the DPNR booth at this year’s Agriculture and Food Fair. The fish, identified as an immature male, was dissected and its stomach contained three small gobies. Tissue will be preserved for genetics testing.

“If the genetics of these fish suggest that they are from a distant population, for example the Bahamas or Florida, it would indicate that boat traffic was probably responsible for the introduction of the fish into our local waters, but if the fish are genetically related to

those in Puerto Rico it still doesn’t discount boat introductions, but increases the likelihood of a natural introduction (by ocean currents or wind distribution),” said Coles.

“Either way it is important to determine how these fish are arriving, so that we can develop an aggressive management strategy to deal with the invasion,” Coles said.

The fish, which are highly venomous to humans, pose a serious threat to the already depleted coral reefs in the Caribbean. The invasive species eat native fish which are integral to the health of coral, according to the website Science Daily.

“The invasion of predatory lionfish in the Caribbean region poses yet another major threat there to coral reef ecosystems — a new study has found that within a short period after the entry of lionfish into an area, the survival of other reef fishes is slashed by about 80 percent,” according to the website.

“Aside from the rapid and immediate mortality of marine life, the loss of herbivorous fish also sets the stage for seaweeds to potentially overwhelm the coral reefs and disrupt the delicate ecological balance in which they exist,” according to the www.sciencedaily.com.

The lionfish is believed to have been introduced to the Atlantic in the early 1990s from Florida aquariums. Since then, the species has spread throughout the Caribbean and it seems only a matter of time before they invade waters around St. John.

“I think lionfish will show up in St. John very soon,” said Dr. Caroline Rogers, a marine biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Anyone who spots a lionfish should call FW at 775-6762.

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GBS Parents Call for Crossing Guard at Bus Stop

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Every weekday afternoon just as construction workers are rushing to catch the ferry, Guy Benjamin School students are dropped off their bus in the high-traffic street across from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles parking lot with not a crossing guard in sight and parents have had enough.

"There are kids as young as kindergarten getting off the bus here and there is no one directing traffic," said one parent. "I've seen trucks pass the bus in their rush to the ferry. It's really dangerous."

"We need a crossing guard here," said the GBS parent.

While the school's Parent Teacher Organization has complained about the situation to Governor John deJongh's office and the Department of Education's St. Thomas/St. John Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry, their pleas seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

"Someone was supposed to come out to the school and talk to us, but we haven't heard anything," said a GBS parent. "This is not fair to our kids. Our kids need protection and someone needs to do something here."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Parents are concerned about traffic safety at the bus stop in Cruz Bay, above.

There are three crossing guards positioned in Cruz Bay throughout the day, yet all of them leave before the GBS bus arrives. Parents wondered why the crossing guards couldn't stagger their duty times to accommodate the GBS students.

"We only need one crossing guard here and only for a half an hour," said the GBS parent. "Couldn't one person go in a half an hour later and stay the extra half hour to direct traffic when the kids get off the bus."

Crossing guards appear to be on parking patrol much of the day in-

stead of helping students cross the street safely, the mother added.

"You see the crossing guards at the waterfront checking parked cars but not here making sure kids are safe," said the GBS parent. "They need to protect the children and not worry about cars."

For now all parents can do is wait for the bus to ensure their children are safe.

"I can't get out in the road to direct traffic," said the GBS parent. "I'm just here everyday to make sure my child is safe. Our kids need protection."

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Beach Bar Music Excels

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The regular members were outstanding last Sunday, especially when they played "I Remember Clifford." Guest vocalist Kim, a music director from the "West," Jean, a friend of the Schnell's, Sybil Lefferts, our snowbird, and Dennis Frett, longtime performer, all sang their favorite tunes. Jean also performed at the Gecko Bar and the Balcony during the week.

The guest drummer, Richard Hilbert, long-time college friend of Jay Zawacki, proved that he still loves to play at 85!

Jonte' Samuel and J'Moi Powell show improvement in their technique each time they play their tenor saxes! They were fabulous — at 16!

Bassman Rhett Simmonds' birthday was celebrated with a luscious chocolate cake! No wonder we all have trouble losing weight!

The Jazz Islanders and guests play every Sunday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. — come early for a

seat!

St. Thomas Magazine Is On The Stands

MaLinda and her Media are to be congratulated — the colors and stories are perfect! The cover is rather mysterious, but appealing.

Alex Ewald, of La Tapa fame, should be beaming with pride at her son's photographs of Philip Sturm's beautiful home. (Tristan is only 16!)

Now, we look forward to the next issue of the *St. John Magazine!*

Congratulations to the Friends of the National Park

Their fund-raiser was a great success! A beautiful location, great music, super food and a sellout crowd of donors! More money to run their programs!

Dance, Dance, Dance

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Richard Ormrod Performs at the Art School

The British pianist will play at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 12. Tickets are available at Connections or at the door. He is outstanding — twice performing with the Philharmonia Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre.



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Pan Dragons Taking Talent To St. Croix's Annual Agrifest

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The sounds of sweet steel pan music can be heard echoing from the youth center's bright red doors across from the Cruz Bay fire station every Friday and Saturday afternoon.

But after months of bi-weekly practice, the Love City Pan Dragons will make themselves heard across the territory as they travel to St. Croix this weekend for the 38th Annual Agrifest.

The group of 37 — ranging in age from 7 to 17 — was asked to play at the largest agricultural exposition in the territory, which attracts farmers, craftsman and fairgoers from throughout the Virgin Islands and Caribbean.

"They have been practicing real hard," said Lottie O'Neal, Love City Pan Dragon's treasurer and board member. "This is our fourth year going to the agricultural fair on St. Croix to play, and the kids look forward to it every year."

Agrifest will take place from February 14 to 16 at the Rudolph Shulterbrandt Agricultural Complex in Estate Lower Love, St. Croix. The Pan Dragons will play on the middle stage on Saturday, February 14, from 12 to 2:30 p.m., and again on Monday, February 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the big tent.

The pan dragons will play the National Anthem, the Virgin Islands March as well as other selections of the band's choice, explained O'Neal.

The steel pan orchestra hosts fundraisers year-round for trips such as this, O'Neal added.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Ervin Dorsett

Love City Pan Dragons will travel to St. Croix to entertain the crowds at the annual agriculture fair.

"They work so hard all year round, so it is good to give them a trip," she said. "They have to play, but it is also a lot of fun for them."

While the Pan Dragons are excited and honored to play at the agricultural and food fair, it is more than just a gig.

"The fair is all about culture — the kids learn a lot about their culture on this trip," O'Neal said. "We have a lot of new kids in the band this year and some have never been

to St. Croix so they are really excited about it."

"It's important for them to be able to see all of the Virgin Islands and we take them on a tour to show them around St. Croix," she said.

Love City Pan Dragons have been in existence for more than a decade, creating rich sounds with their seven-section band featuring instruments ranging from tenor to base. The youth steel orchestra consists

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of students who live on St. John and attend public and private schools on both St. John and St. Thomas.

The band will depart St. John on Friday, February 13, and return on Monday, February 16, O'Neal explained.

Native Sun ferry has been chartered to transport the St. John group to and from St. Croix.

"If anyone on St. John wants to come along, they can join us," O'Neal said.

The Pan Dragons are selling ferry tickets in advance at Courtesy Car Rental, or people can purchase tickets from the boat leaving from Cruz Bay bulkhead at noon on Friday, February 13. Tickets cost \$80 round-trip and \$65 one-way for adults, and \$65 round-trip and \$50 one-way for children.

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Third Circuit Expected To Rule on V.I. Property Tax Case Soon

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the V.I. government continues its fight to collect property tax bills, lawyers awaiting word from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals expect a ruling by the end of February.

Property taxes in the territory have been a hot topic since 2003 when the government was taken to court by a group of hotel owners who alleged they were being taxed unconstitutionally.

The District Court ruled that the V.I. government had been issuing property tax bills illegally and ordered a territory-wide property revaluation to be conducted. The court also issued an injunction at that time freezing property taxes at 1998 levels.

Government contractor BearingPoint completed the property revaluations last year. Many St. John residents — facing bills doubled or tripled in price — had serious problems with their assessments ranging from incorrect information to inflated values.

The St. John Unity Day Group, on behalf of all St. John property owners, filed a separate lawsuit against the government of the Virgin Islands alleging unfair property assessment values on St. John.

In September 2008, the government issued 2006 property tax bills reflecting the new values, but was ordered by District Court

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— Jim Derr, attorney
St. John Unity Day Group

Judge Curtis Gomez to rescind those bills.

Since he had not lifted the 2003 injunction or ruled on the original lawsuit, Gomez also found the government in contempt of court.

After Gomez’s ruling came down, the government filed an appeal with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Lawyers wrapped up oral arguments before the court panel just last month, explained Attorney James Derr, who is representing a hotel owner from the 2003 case as well as the St. John Unity Day Group.

“I guess you could say that we felt that the panel was very well prepared and they asked all the right questions,” said Derr. “We are cautiously optimistic about a

favorable ruling.”

“They did ask for a transcript to be prepared from the original court case,” Derr said. “So we don’t expect a ruling until the end of February or the beginning of March.”

A scheduled January hearing in District Court on the Unity Day Group’s case was postponed and probably won’t be rescheduled until the Third Circuit’s ruling comes down, Derr explained.

“The vast majority of the issues the government raised in the St. John case are identical to the issues raised in this appeal,” said the attorney. “I suspect Judge Gomez will wait until the Third Circuit rules before moving ahead with the St. John case.”

If the Third Circuit confirms Gomez’s ruling — effectively finding the government in contempt of court — the 2006 bills would officially be rescinded, which might cause some problems, Derr added.

“If they confirm Gomez’s ruling, the government would be liable for the fine which was issued and would have to make a deposit to the fund Gomez established,” said Derr. “That ruling would also rescind the 2006 tax bills which were issued at the new rates. The government has been collecting those bills for months now so how will they deal with that?”

“The government has put themselves in almost an impossible situation,” Derr said.



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Frank Gutschow Arrested for Stealing Backpacks in VINP, Pleads Guilty

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A man who was living illegally in a tent in the Brown Bay area was arrested two weeks ago after V.I. National Park rangers caught him stealing red-handed.

Frank Gutschow was arrested by VINP Law Enforcement Rangers on Friday, January 23, after he was spotted stealing backpacks in the Leinster Bay area.

Gutschow, who is in his mid-50s, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in Federal Court and was sentenced to six months in jail, which he will serve in a federal penitentiary in North Carolina, according to VINP Acting Chief Ranger Jeff Mihan.

The thief, who is from the mainland U.S, had been living on St. John for about a year, but only erected his illegal camp site approximately a week before his arrest, Mihan added.

After VINP officials received several reports of people having their backpacks stolen, law enforcement rangers set up a sting operation, the acting chief ranger explained.

"We had multiple reports of people's backpacks being stolen from Leinster Bay and we went out

there and caught him in the act," said Mihan. "We watched him scanning the beach through a pair of binoculars from the cover of some ruins located nearby."

VINP rangers later observed Gutschow walking up a path where recently stolen items were located, and ultimately taking three bags from the beach area where the owners had left them when they went snorkeling, according to a prepared statement from the VINP.

"Gutschow was apprehended by rangers without incident and he cooperated with the investigation by confessing to the thefts," according to the statement. "He also provided a written 'letter of apology' to the victims for stealing their belongings, and disclosed the locations of both his illegal camp and some of the stolen property."

In all, VINP law enforcement rangers found 10 backpacks at Gutschow's illegal camp site and recovered most of the personal property which were reported stolen, Mihan added.

Anyone who sees any suspicious activity in VINP areas, should call the law enforcement division at 693-8201.

DPNR Looks To Solve St. John Planning Concerns

St. John Tradewinds

In the State of the Territory Address last month, Governor John deJongh made reference to efforts in progress to alleviate many planning issues on St. John.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Bob Mathes announced on Friday, February 6, he is in discussions with the Urban Land Institute in securing services to evaluate and analyze land use and development patterns on St. John.

ULI will "impanel" a team of nationally recognized experts and host public meetings to gain input from the community. The experts will then do field evaluations, analysis and submit recommendations culminating in a finished report on the findings.

These findings will help crystallize and articulate the community's concerns and provide a blueprint for action, according to Mathes.

The agreement with ULI,

coupled with the departments' planning initiative with Rutgers University to assess and make recommendations to the territory's existing zoning and subdivision regulations, is strategic in realizing the administration's goal of a creating Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan for the territory. Both planning efforts are expected to be complete by September with recommendations to the V.I. Legislature expected shortly thereafter.

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Men's Flag Football League Kicks Off This Week

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the NFL season finished and the Pittsburgh Steelers enjoying their record sixth Superbowl win, get ready for some local grid-iron action.

Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation officials along with First Phase Datacomm owner Brummell Germain are starting a new men's flag football league this week.

Consisting of eight teams, the league is comprised of men of all ages, explained Germain, a former coach of the American Legion's youth coed flag football league.

"We had a lot of kids who I coached who were too old to play in any other league and still wanted to play," Germain said. "So we have some players who are 15 and 16 all the way to adult — anyone who felt they could still compete."

Two games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday night starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field. Every team will face each other and then playoff. Championship rounds will wrap up the season.

"We're trying to bring back an active lifestyle in the community. We're trying to pull people off the couch and get them to put their game controllers down and come out and get active."

— Brummell Germain, league organizer

"We'll be giving out trophies for MVP of the league and MVP of the championship game," said Germain. "The whole season should last about two and a half or three months."

After HPR officials spent years trying to get the league off the ground, Germain stepped in and got things going, he explained.

"We've been trying to pull this together for about two years actually but we weren't getting the

turnout we wanted," said Germain. "We finally got to the point where we are just going to do it."

The league should jump-start a healthier lifestyle for St. John men, according to Germain.

"We're trying to bring back an active lifestyle in the community," he said. "We're trying to pull people off the couch and get them to put their game controllers down and come out and get active. There's not a whole bunch of activities to get involved with."

With teams from the Westin, Caneel, Pond Bay, Prestige, Island Getaways, First Phase, Woody's and Ronnie's, the league is closed this year, but Germain hopes the men's flag football will take off even more next year.

"We'd love to get to the point where we have two seasons a year," said Germain. "It would be great if St. Thomas got some teams together and we could play against them too."

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Hundreds of guests gathered for a special fundraiser at Rob Blakenly's majestic Peter Bay point house Presidio del Mar to support the Friends of the VINP.

Friends 20th Anniversary Gala Garners More Than \$30,000

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park's 20th anniversary gala raked in about \$30,000 after all expenses were covered.

While Friends officials were

still tallying the total amount garnered from the fund raiser, the \$30,000 netted is close to the group's original goal, according to Friends' development director Steve Hiss.

"After all expenses and every-

thing, we cleared \$30,000 which was in the ball park of what we were hoping for," said Hiss. "We are of course still accepting donations. If we get more money we could do more."

The gala, hosted at Rob Blak-

enly's impressive Estate Peter Bay villa Presidio del Mar — on the market for a St. John record high asking price of \$32 million — drew a crowd of more than 225 people on Saturday evening, January 31.

The party was catered by Mathayom with music by Greg Kinslow featuring Shikima Jones on vocals. By all accounts, the evening was a big success, explained Hiss.

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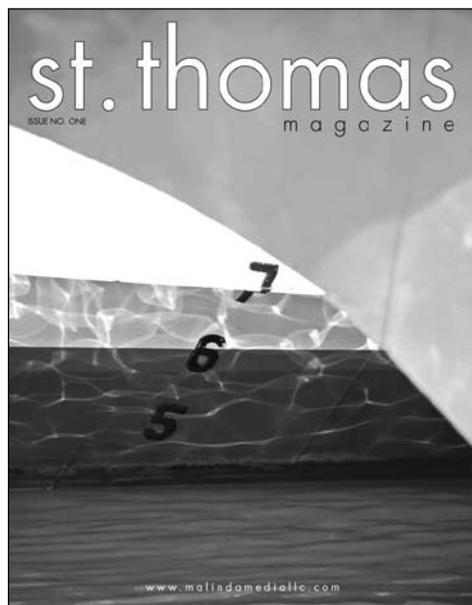
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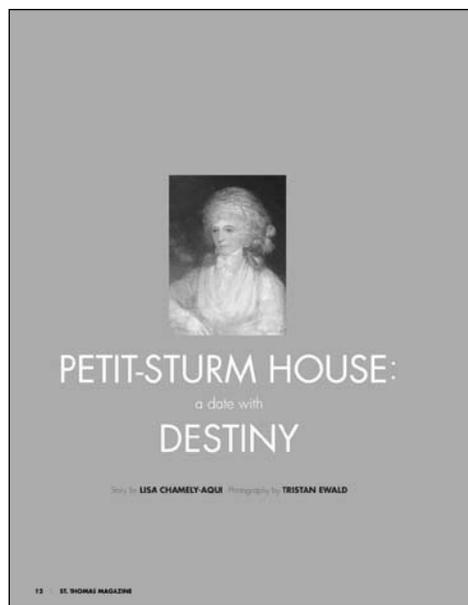
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Latest MaLinda Media Publication *St. Thomas Magazine* Amazes

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Featuring high-quality over-sized glossy pages and the attention to detail which have become the benchmarks of MaLinda Media publications, the company unveiled its latest creation, *St. Thomas Magazine*, to much fanfare last week.

"I'm so proud of the magazine, I was literally moved to tears," said St. Thomas florist Felipe Ayala. "It reminded me of the St. Thomas I grew up on. I'm so proud of it."

With editorial ranging from "Petit-Sturm House: A Date with Destiny," featuring Philip Sturm's incredible antique-filled home, to the luscious "Garden of Good Eating," about the We Grow Food, Inc. cooperative, and the renowned work of "Zora the Sandal Maker," *St. Thomas Magazine* is a true page turner.

Celebrating Diversity

"I really enjoyed reading the all new

"For St. Thomas to be a viable destination in the international community, people need to get reassociated with the island. I think we've lost sight of what and who St. Thomas is, but now St. Thomas Magazine has pointed us in the right direction."

— Felipe Ayala, St. Thomian

St. Thomas Magazine on the flight back to JFK — and so did the person sitting next to me," said Patrick Kidd, Caneel Bay Resort's director of sales and marketing. "It truly presents St. Thomas in a different way that celebrates not only the beauty of our natural resources, but also the creativity and diversity of the people and heritage of St. Thomas."

"Kudos to you and your wonderful and inspired team," said Kidd.

The publishing house behind the acclaimed *St. John Magazine*, MaLinda Media obviously has the recipe for creating exquisite publications — gorgeous photography that leaps from the page and insightful writing from contributors who intimately know their subjects.

A Little Bit of Everything

"I think the magazine is fantastic," said Teri Gibney, owner of Gibney Beach Villas. "It covers a little bit of everything about St.

Thomas. It really gives you a feel for the whole island."

Highlights in the premier edition of *St. Thomas Magazine* include the evocative spread "Fishing with the Frenchies," about the community which has supplied St. Thomas with fish for centuries and "Virgin Islands Cooperative," which showcases the rich history and talented craftspeople of the island.

"The collection of articles and images were superb and clearly from individuals with a great love of the island," said Fraser Drummond. "MaLinda was able to capture the quality and fabric of St. Thomas and what makes it absolutely unique in the world. Personally, I was very pleased to see the various tradition, culture and history bearers profiled."

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Black History Month: The Enslaved African

St. John Tradewinds

In celebrating Black History Month, it is always difficult to separate out one person who deserves all of the accolades.

It's even difficult to separate out a deserving group such as the Tuskegee Airmen who performed outstanding wartime service to this county in spite of segregation and scorn. Please consider during this Black History Month the Enslaved African as the persons we should honor and respect.

As a befuddled student of history, I've studied the highly profitable triangle trade which linked British and New England ports, Western Africa slave depots, and the Antilles (for centuries the world's richest colonies).

This triangle was fueled by the cream of African culture and civilization who became cannon fodder for Western wealth and prosperity to the detriment of their emerging continent. We can never be certain of the total number of enslaved Africans brought to the Americas but scholarly estimates range from 10 to 13 million.

Countless others died in the forts and depots on the African coast or in the infamous Middle Passage across the Atlantic. The Enslaved African was carried off, subjected to degradation, and deprived of freedom.

In 1764, the port of Charlotte Amalie was declared a freeport and became a hub or transshipment center for manufactured goods, agriculture and more importantly enslaved Africans. The slave cargoes were carried by the Dutch, Portu-

guese, Spanish, French, Brandenburgers, Danes, and unidentified extra nationals.

The Danes served as middlemen routing slaves to other colonies. Large fortunes were made here based on this horrendous trade.

On March 16, 1792, the Danes issued an edict abolishing the slave trade with Africa in 1803. Denmark was the first European nation to do so. They even struck a medal (pictured above right) to commemorate the event.

The same commission, however, which recommended the 1803 ban suggested completely unrestricted import of slaves for the intervening 10 year period. They also proposed that government loans be made available to the planters for purchasing slaves during the transition. Reports show that the slave population increased 25 percent in that time period. In my opinion they should have recalled the medal.

In the United States civil liberties were guaranteed in writing more than 200 years ago, but for some they were observed in the breach. It has been a history of "knowing your place" in order to avoid bloodshed, mayhem, and murder.

Some might say that was then but now the country has progressed from enslaving Africans to electing an African-American as our President and as such the leader of the free world. Amazing!

Now is not the time to rest on President Obama's laurels, but rather to stand fast in the cause and work towards eliminating second-

class citizenship in our incorporated territory and the disparities in income levels and life expectancy.

We're still on the road — closer to establishing parity — but still on the road. Hence the choice of the Enslaved African to remind all of where it started.



A Danish medal commemorating the abolition of slavery.

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Friends of VINP Announces Annual Scholarship Program

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park’s annual scholarship program is again being offered to Virgin Islanders at the university level studying fields related to marine biology or natural resource management and protection.

Eligible students must have Virgin Island residence, have completed high school in the Virgin Islands, or are currently in their last semester of high school senior year, and have attained a “B” (3.0) average during their previous three semesters of high school or university.

In addition, Friends is offering a scholarship for children of VINP staff at the university level. Eligibility requirements are the same as those listed above. Priority will be given to students pursuing a degree related to cultural or natural sciences. Both scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000 per academic year.

Applications for Friends of VINP scholarships can be obtained from the Friends’ office or from the website www.friendsvinp.org. The deadline for applications is April 24, 2009.

Contact Audrey Penn at the Friends for more information at 779-4940 or apenn@friendsvinp.org.

First Bank Hires John McQuiggin as Manager of Cruz Bay Branch

St. John Tradewinds

John McQuiggin recently joined FirstBank’s Eastern Caribbean Region as Branch Manager of its Cruz Bay branch.

As manager, McQuiggin, who brings more than 20 years of related managerial experience in banking, will oversee the sales, service and operational aspects for business and consumer clients of the Cruz Bay Branch.

“FirstBank is excited to bring on board a manager with a strong sales and service background,” said Robert Falzarano, VP/Market Manager for St. Thomas/St. John. “John has extensive experience and a solid understanding of the sales culture which will compliment our dedicated operational team at the Cruz Bay branch.”

McQuiggin has worked in the banking industry in the state of



John McQuiggin

Michigan for many years, with positions at First Bank Upper Peninsula, Bank of Ann Arbor, LaSalle Bank/Bank of America and most recently as Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of Paramount Bank in Ferndale Michigan.

Giffit Hill School Graduate Awarded First Year Honors at Sweet Briar College

St. John Tradewinds

Giffit Hill School graduate Emese Nemeth, daughter of Nancy Nemeth of St. John and Jozsef Nemeth of Nashua, NH, was awarded first-year honors at Sweet Briar College for outstanding academic achievement for the 2008 fall semester.

Nemeth is majoring in biology/pre-veterinary.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

VINP archaeologist Ken Wild is still conducting research to determine the history of the cannon found behind the VINP maintenance area.

VINP Officials Unearth a Cannon

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park officials got a big surprise when they recently moved a back pile of dirt behind the maintenance area — a cannon.

“Years and years ago, before my time, someone put a container back behind the maintenance shed and there was a big pile of back fill under it,” said VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild. “The maintenance crew was moving the dirt and when they got down towards the bottom of it there was a cannon.”

The weapon, about three feet in length, was discovered near a bottle of Heering Cherry Liqueur

which has been produced in Copenhagen, Denmark, since 1818.

While the drink, made famous in 1918 by the invention of the Singapore Sling at the Raffles Hotel, is still produced today, Wild speculated that the bottle found by the cannon was made near the beginning of Heering’s production, he explained.

“The Heering Cherry bottle that we found near the cannon is probably from some time between 1818 and 1830, so that might be when the cannon was put there too,” said Wild.

Recently a less mysterious theory arose regarding the cannon’s existence behind the VINP maintenance area, Wild added.

“VINP Chief of Interpretation Paul Thomas remembered that the cannon might have been the one that was placed below the park dock which could change everything,” said Wild. “So the cannon might not have been from the maintenance yard, it might have been put there for storage.”

“We’re still looking into it and we hope to have some more information soon,” Wild said. “There are two possibilities — either the cannon was deposited there in historic times or in recent times.”

While the cannon is at VINP archeology lab at Cinnamon Bay, the reason behind its placement in the maintenance yard remains a mystery for now.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Elaine I. Sprauve Library Is Open Thanks to Volunteers

Editor,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to David and Peggy Spoth, Kent and Paula Saval and Cherry Glass for all their volunteer help in reopening the library.

Thanks to their tireless enthusiasm and work ethic the library is able to serve the community. Because of

their dedication the seemingly insurmountable job of moving boxes, furniture and shelving books has been accomplished. I cannot thank them enough and want them to know I truly appreciate all their support.

Sincerely,
Carol McGuinness
 Librarian

The Right Time for Energy Independence

Editor,

As Chairman of the Legislature's Committee on Economic development, Energy, & Technology, I have drafted the following letter to President Obama. It proposes that the U.S. Virgin Islands be chosen to partner with the Federal Government to become self-sufficient in energy production.

People can call my offices at 774-0880 or 773-2424, email me at senator@barshinger.net, or respond through letters to the editor or calls to talk radio. Here is the draft letter.

Dear President Obama and Del. Christensen,

I write to convey an exciting opportunity. The United States Virgin Islands can serve as a test-bed for renewable energy power generation. I ask that Federal government designate the U.S. Virgin Islands as a renewable energy partner. Our nation needs a concrete example of a shift from fossil fuel to renewable, energy sources.

The Virgin Islands is well-placed to fill this role. At the present time, all power is produced by burning oil in antiquated turbines. Recently, residents and businesses were paying over 50¢ per kilowatt-hour, vs. the 12¢ national average. We are ripe for change.

The Virgin Islands receive the highest annual incoming solar radiation in our nation — equaled only by Arizona and Hawaii. The Virgin Islands are thus an ideal candidate for solar thermal plants.

Our Hovensa oil refinery produces abundant petroleum coke ("petcoke") as a byproduct of refining operations, which can be used as the back-up fuel. Petcoke is similar to coal. The Virgin Islands is thus poised to be entirely self-sufficient in terms of energy production. This would be an inspiration to the nation.

Virgin Islanders are accustomed to frequent power outages and crippling power bills, therefore the improvements wrought through a shift to renewable energy would be particularly appreciated. There would

be no quibbling over a penny or two per kilowatt-hour, as there might be in many places in the United States.

Furthermore, Virgin Islanders will be tolerant of the learning curve that the shift to renewable, alternative energy sources would entail. We will work patiently and diligently until success is achieved.

The entire nation would benefit from the trail-blazing transition to energy self-sufficiency, and the Virgin Islands can lead the way. From Alexander Hamilton to Tim Duncan, the Virgin Islands has contributed in countless ways to the betterment of the United States and society as a whole. Being the first in energy self-sufficiency will be in keeping with a long line of forward-looking successes.

In addition to sun, the Virgin Islands have the potential to harness wind energy and ocean thermal energy; we have no prejudice as to the form of renewable energy source(s) that will be harnessed. Reliability, low-cost, stainability, and low carbon emissions top the list of our criteria.

As chairman of the Virgin Islands Legislature's Committee on Economic Development, Energy, and Technology, I commit to doing everything in my power to provide the local legislation to facilitate the project.

I will reach out to my constituents, the People of the United States Virgin Islands, to measure our level of interest. I am writing to you with this exciting opportunity because I believe that the level of interest is high.

Assuming an overwhelming interest, will the Federal government partner with us by designating the Virgin Islands an alternative energy test-bed and working with us to develop a model system that will benefit the nation as a whole?

Thank you.
Craig W. Barshinger,
 Senator At Large
 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

It's Time To Take Pride in St. John and Stop Littering

Editor,

We have a problem here on St. John. It is called litter! There are areas on St. John that are beginning to look as bad as areas on St. Thomas.

We have always prided ourselves that we care about our island more than the St. Thomians do theirs. But, lately, it doesn't appear to be the case.

There is so much litter along Centerline Road, especially at the dumpsters and areas near Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Some neighborhoods have litter strewn all over. The mangroves in Coral Bay are very polluted as well. Some of the beaches around the island

have cigarette butts in the sand and other garbage lying about.

This litter not only looks bad to us residents, but also to the tourists. In these times we must care about how our island looks to the tourists. Many of us need the income we generate from them in order for us to survive these hard times and the hard times may become even worse.

But, not only is this an economic issue, it is a personal issue. What are we humans if we don't have pride in ourselves, in what we do and how we live?

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Police Use Sirens To Drive to Station

Editor,

I appreciate the police on St John. I am one citizen that has paid her tickets for rolling through a stop sign, not wearing a seat belt, and talking on a cell phone.

Needless to say, now I am financially aware of these infractions and obey the law happily. Admittedly I am frustrated when I see many citizens and police not obeying these very same laws.

Does anyone else get tickets? My desire for peace and harmony keep me from complaining but this morning something did get my ire up.

While taking my son to the school boat ferry the sound of a siren encouraged traffic to pull to the side to allow police vehicle, TDN 501, to pass.

When I passed the police station I watched in amazement as the same unmarked police vehicle backed into a space at the station and the driver took their time gathering up things from the vehicle before entering the building.

When I am late for work I would like to use a siren to clear the way. No more excuses needed.

Donna Smith

Why Is Oversight Group Not Overseeing

Editor,

I am writing in concern over the fuel surcharge of \$1.10 each way collected by the ferry companies which operate between St. John and St. Thomas.

It bothers me greatly that we are still paying a fuel surcharge given the cost of a gallon of diesel on St. John as compared to the cost when the fuel surcharge was implemented by the PSC on July 6, 2008.

I do not use diesel but I do have sales receipt for gasoline from July when I was paying \$5.19 a gallon and from last week when I paid \$2.50 a gallon, both from the Caneel Bay fuel dock. Diesel fuel follows a very similar trend.

The PSC has a number of objectives and the first one listed is to "protect consumers from unreasonable rates and terms of service." It is my first complaint that we as consumers of the public ferry service are being taken advantage of and paying unfair rates, specifically the fuel surcharge given the current cost of fuel.

My second problem with the fuel surcharge has more to do with how vacationers to our island per-

ceive us. Every vacationer on island reads a sign in the ferry terminal that says "due to the recent increase in fuel prices there is a \$1.10 surcharge for each ticket."

This is an embarrassment to us as a community. It leads to utter disbelief and rejection of our credibility as an island. It clearly shows that we do not value or appreciate the guests that visit our island and merely expect them to unload their wallets for us and then leave without question.

Every traveler to our island is paying the lowest fuel costs in more than five years and yet we are telling them that due to increasing fuel prices we need more money from them to ride our public ferry. What kind of respect are we garnering from these people that we are all dependent on for our economic survival.

At the very least please consider removing the signs, but clearly the PSC should just abolish the surcharge that they implemented.

**Josh Slayton
Estate Glucksberg**

Parking Solution Gaining Support

**A Letter to the St. John
Business Community:**

Again to so many, thanks for the help with parking and the creek. I have been moved by many of your emails which have focused on these problems and the effect on your businesses. Many of you have stated your hope for a more charming and ambient Cruz Bay.

Over the last eight months, two issues with the V.I. Port Authority have come to light concerning the Creek area and our parking. I wish to dispell VIPA's defense and reluctance to solving Cruz Bay's problems.

The Port Authority says their hands are tied by Homeland Security — the fences and appearance of our waterfront is to protect us. Well, if that were true, why isn't there fencing all over the St. Thomas and St. Croix waterfronts.

On the St. Thomas waterfront we have the downtown ferry, Caneel Bay ferry, charter boats, tour

boats, down island ships, mega yachts, pleasure crafts and people strolling along the harbor, yet there are no fences. Why is it that only the St. John doorstep needs ugly fences and heightened security?

The Port Authority implies that the land at the Enighed Pond is still unstable for parking and needs to dry more. It has been drying for five years, how much longer will it take?

Anyway, the area suggested for parking is not in the middle but along the road which is firm. During the rains the middle is covered with water and mosquitos. If drying is the goal, drainage will help. However, there are ways to make sure that the proposed parking area is stable with a little earth change.

Let's urge the Port Authority to have a Town Meeting to discuss these issues with us so we can solve our parking dilemma.

**Again, thanks for the response,
Steve Black**

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
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Solved: 1

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Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 18
Under Investigation: 18
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
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Homicide: 1
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Shootings: 0
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Armed Robberies: 0
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1st Degree Burglaries: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

3rd Degree Burglaries: 6
Under Investigation: 4
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 8
Under Investigation: 8
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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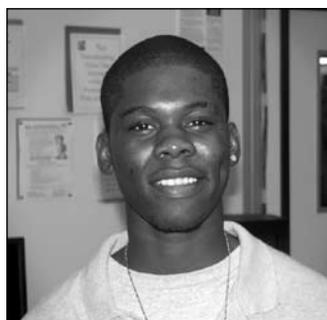
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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Malik Stevens

The Cruz Bay roundabout project has left St. John youth scratching their heads.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
 by Malik Stevens

St. John Youth Wonder About All the Construction

St. John Tradewinds

The students of St. John are an inquisitive set of beings. We question a lot of things, especially those things pertaining to our well being as well as things we feel affect us personally.

Most recently, many of the students have been especially curious with the construction. We want to know about the roundabout and its purpose. We want to know about the reason for so many hotels and condominiums emerging on island. And most of all, we want to know about how these things will affect the future for us young people on island.

“They are all worrying about things that do not matter to the young people,” said 18-year-old Tafari Olliverie. “Things like the roundabout are getting constructed so fast, but something as small as the basketball court can’t even get a new light.”

Not only are the youth somewhat confused about the constant construction projects, but we are also a little angered that our views and what is best for us are so often overlooked.

The elderly are aggravated about the rise in their property taxes, but imagine how bad it will be for the next generation after all these hotels, inns and condominiums are finished. Where will we live?

There are some benefits to these construction projects in that they create jobs and in the long run they might be a boost to the economy. But overall it seems like just too much.

A few construction projects would be okay, but the amount we see today is unnecessary. Not to mention

the taxing of our limited infrastructure.

Senators, adults and business owners need to realize that when they allow these massive complexes to take their course on St. John, they not only affect their money in the bank, but the youth of the island as well.

**St. John School of the Arts’
 First Ever Dance-a-Thon**

On Saturday, February 21, the St. John School of the Arts will be hosting its first ever Dance-a-thon at the Westin Resort and Villas grand ballroom.

For those who do not know what a dance-a-thon is, it is a dance in which the last person dancing gets a prize and in this case, a cash prize.

Children and adults alike are welcome to dance all night to the many genres of music including jazz, hip-hop, rap, rock, country western, soca and calypso.

Participants of the dance-a-thon are asked to solicit donations and get sponsors for their dancing time and all the proceeds will go toward SJSA’s scholarship fund, which for many years have helped local talented youth foster their amazing abilities.

Those people who do not want to partake in the dance-a-thon and only want to come out and dance are also welcomed. There will also be bingo and being only a spectator or supporter is fine.

From 7 to 11 p.m., there will be dancing, bingo, food, drinks, and a general good time. Come out and have a festive time. Not only will you be enjoying yourself, but you will also be supporting a good cause.

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St. Thomas Magazine Amazes

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issue was to describe, recognize and honor the rich and varied layers of St. Thomian society and the sometimes overlooked natural beauty of the island," Drummond said.

Sailing takes center stage in the magazine with "The 35th Annual Rolex Regatta," featuring the premier sporting event in the territory and an interview with famed skipper St. Thomas-native Peter Holmberg.

"I have to say, the photography and quality of your magazine is absolutely amazing," said the sailor's wife Denise Holmberg. "I will make sure Peter gets to read a copy on his return to the island as he is currently racing in New Zealand."

Beaches and Snorkeling

Starting with the striking cover of a Don Hebert image of the bow of a boat juxtaposed by another vessel in the background, *St. Thomas Magazine* is a treasure on each page.

And Nelson did not forget about the island's beauty. "St. Thomas Beaches," and "A Few Great Spots for Fun Snorkeling" showcase some of the most picturesque locations on the island both above and below the ocean's surface.

The yearly publication hit newsstands on Monday, February 2, and was an instant hit with popular local radio personality Addie Ottley raving about the magazine mere minutes after receiving a copy.

"Face to Face"

Even after MaLinda Media publisher MaLinda Nelson called the show, Ottley wasn't finished praising the magazine. He showed 30 photographs from the alluring publication on his TV show "Face to Face" on Wednesday evening, February 4.

"The magazine is fantastic," said Ottley. "It's of the highest-quality. It can compare with any magazine out there on the national level and it benefits the Virgin Islands."

"*St. Thomas Magazine* really promotes the Virgin Islands and not just as far as tourism, but in terms of culture and the beauty of the island," Ottley said. "It's a real paradise here and it's finally being shown off thanks to MaLinda."

The True Virgin Islands

Nelson struck the perfect balance between intimate historical features like the "Childhood Days," by Julie Woods Duke and "Reminiscing with an Island Elder: Mr. Alton A. Adams Jr.," and cutting edge spreads like the sizzling "Caribbean Catwalk" showcasing V.I. Fashion Week.

"It's an awesome magazine," said Sol Duxani. "I really love it. I think it brings us to understand what the true Virgin Islands is all about in its natural form, not just commercially."

After years of suffering an image problem, St. Thomas seems to be on the right track now, according to Ayala.

Introducing St. Thomas to the World

"For St. Thomas to be a viable destination in the international community, people need to get reassociated with the island," said the St. Thomas business owner. "I think we've lost sight of what and who St. Thomas is, but now *St. Thomas Magazine* has pointed us in the right direction."

"This magazine recognizes the simple things about the Virgin Islands which make where we live so great," Ayala said. "Everyone I know wants copies of it. It's just incredible."

St. Thomas Magazine is available on St. John at Starfish Market, Starfish Gourmet and Wines, Papaya Cafe, The Mail Center, Lily's Market and Keep Me Posted.

On St. Thomas, the publication can be found at Chelsea Drug Store, Marina Market, Zora's, Philip Sturm Studio, Dockside Bookshop and Roses Too.

More Ahead for MaLinda Media

While *St. Thomas Magazine* will be on the newsstands for a year, don't expect Nelson to rest on her laurels. The Spring/Summer 2009 *St. John Magazine* is already underway and the publisher is being encouraged to showcase the "big island."

"I can't wait for MaLinda to do a St. Croix magazine to finish the triad," said Ayala. "We are one Virgin Islands, but MaLinda's magazines showcase the individuality of each island. They are publications we can all be proud of."

For more information about MaLinda Media log onto malindamedia.com.

Maho Bay Camp Hosts Serenity Photography Show

St. John Tradewinds

Maho Bay Camp Art Center is hosting a special showing of images of the sea, land and foliage entitled "Serenity" by St. John winter resident and photographer Bob Lefferts on Friday, February 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"These are impressionistic pictures of the splendor and serenity of an environment undisturbed by technology and development," said Lefferts. "I hope they convey how important preserving the natural environment is to sustaining our personal and community sense of well-being."

Lefferts, who began photography in 2005, at age

77, has enjoyed considerable recognition by reviewers who have recognized the influence of artists who have inspired him, including Monet and O'Keeffe.

The Maho show will include his popular Motion-Scapes, which are intentionally blurred images of seascapes and landscapes which emphasize the importance to artistic appreciation of shape and color, without the distraction of detail.

The photographer's work is currently represented by Gallery St. Thomas and the deCordova and Syn-ergy Arts Galleries on Long Island.

Most recently, his images of the murals at Mooie's were featured in *St. John Magazine*.

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Tradewinds Letters

It's Time To Take Pride in St. John and Stop Littering

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We must have pride and we need to teach our young what pride is all about. Don't we want our "home" to look nice, to be something we can be proud of and enjoy?

Another aspect to this pollution is the damage it is doing to our wildlife and environment. The plastic that finds its way into our bays is killing the shore birds and other sea life.

Our little turtle that we tried to save last year was killed because it swallowed plastic that it thought was its food. That is just one turtle we found. How many more have swallowed plastic and died that we don't even know about? These animals are on the endangered species list! Do we want to lose them forever?

The broken beer bottles alongside the roads are dangerous to the animals and people that walk along them. PVC pipe has been seen on a donkey's foot after stepping on the discarded pipe. Donkeys have been seen with wires wrapped around their necks and legs. Not only is the garbage/pollution an eye sore, but it is dangerous to all concerned.

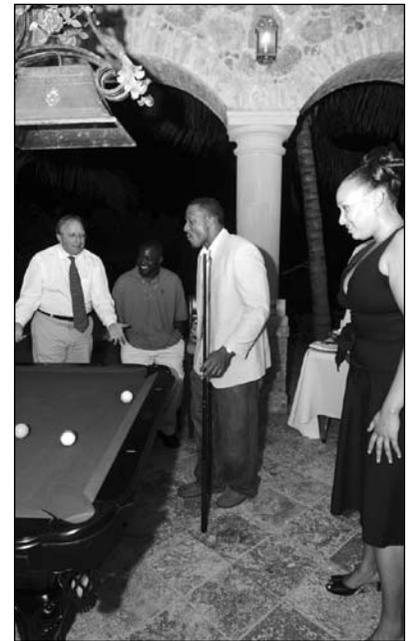
We have no excuse for the litter. Garbage disposal is free here in the islands. None of us have to pick up heavy garbage cans, put them in the back of our vehicles and cart them off to "the dump." We can just easily drop off bags of garbage as we drive by the dumpsters daily. And, we don't have to pay each time we drop off our garbage.

This is a no brainer. Come on St. John! Let's get some pride in ourselves and our island and clean up this place!

Let's teach our young what pride is all about and make a better world for all of us! Let us set the example for the next generation that we can act responsibly. Get out there, and pick up the litter, secure what is in the back of our trucks to keep the garbage from flying out.

If we each act responsibly and clean up those areas near our own, we could get our island clean and keep it that way. Let's make this a community effort instead of expecting "someone else" to do it for you.

Name Withheld Upon Request



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tristan Ewald

St. John residents Debbie and Donald Schnell, above left; Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park President Joe Kessler greets guests as they arrive at Presidio del Mar, above center; Friends of VINP Program coordinator Audrey Penn watches guests enjoy a fun game of pool during the fundraising event, above right.

Friends 20th Anniversary Gala Garners \$30,000

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"I think it was a wonderful time," said Hiss. "The whole island seemed to be talking about it. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a great time."

"Mathayom did a wonderful job and the music was just perfect," Hiss continued. "They started out slow during the beginning and provided nice background music. But once it was time to party, they really cranked it up and the dance floor was hopping."

After Friends' executive director Joe Kessler addressed the crowd, local photographer Steve Simonsen shared a slideshow of St. John images which delighted of the crowd, according to Hiss.

"Everyone said Steve's slide-

show captured the island like none anyone had seen before," Hiss said. "Following the slideshow, we did a pledge plea asking people to really step up to the plate and support us in our 20th year."

One St. John resident put the gala above all other island parties.

"It was unbelievable," said Chuck Pishko. "It was the best party I've ever been to. The company was great — it was a great crowd of people of all ages."

"You know its a good party when the waiters and waitresses are smiling and dancing through the house with trays of hors d'oeuvres," Pishko said. "The owner of the house was a very gracious host. He and Joe Kessler greeted everyone who came in."

The more than \$30,000 raised

from the gala will help the non-profit organization continue its initiatives. The group supplements the VINP's budget for natural and cultural resource protection and provides education grants to local school which utilize park resources. Friends will also offer four college scholarships to students interested in marine sciences and biology this year, according to Hiss.

The night would not have gone so smoothly without the help of numerous volunteers, Hiss added.

"We had 35 volunteers who helped make the event such a success," he said. "From the servers and bartenders to parking shuttle attendants, there were so many people who pitched in to help make the night the success that it was."

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New Police Cruisers



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

V.I. Police Department officers received a new fleet of vehicles last week, some of which were parked in front of the former Front Yard Bar location, above.

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.

Tuesday, February 10

The St. John Film Society is launching free monthly screenings starting on Tuesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik's Bar in Coral Bay.

Thursday, February 12

St. John School of the Arts will present Richard Ormrod in concert on Thursday, February 12, at 8 p.m. British pianist Ormrod has delighted audiences worldwide and has twice soloed with the Philharmonia Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre.

Saturday, February 14

The community of Love City celebrates Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows on romantic Trunk Bay Beach at sunset on February 14, to re-marry their mates.

Sunday, February 15

The V.I. Environmental Resource Station will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Tektite I on Sunday, February 15, at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18 and Saturday, February 21

St. John Kids And The Sea, Inc. is starting another series of adult sailing classes this month. There will be two Adults And The Sea classes, one will meet on Wednesdays starting on February 18, and the other on Saturdays, starting on February 21.

Thursday, February 19-Saturday, February 21

The 18th Annual Folklife Festival will kick off at 10 a.m. at Annaberg on Thursday, February 19, and run through Saturday evening, February 21.

Friday, February 20

The V.I. Department of Education in conjunction with the *Virgin Islands Daily News* announces that the 2009 St. Thomas/St. John District Intermediate Spelling Bee will be on Friday, February 20, at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort at 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 21

SJSA is seeking volunteers willing to dance the night away at its first ever Dance-a-thon on Saturday, February 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas' grand ballroom.

Saturday, February 21

Join the St. John Historical Society on Saturday, February 21 at 9 a.m. to explore the Reef Bay Estates. David Knight will lead the group down the most history-packed trail on St. John.

Tuesday, February 24

The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is Tuesday, February 24, at Ocean Grill at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Virgin Islands Audubon Society's annual plant sale will be on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Frank Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay.

St. John Police Report

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St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

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Friday, January 30

4:05 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that her minor sister is being harassed. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, January 31

6:45 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that several pieces of cypress wood were stolen from his property. Stolen property.

4:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened by her baby's father. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:55 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone removed money from his home. Grand larceny.

Sunday, February 1

1:36 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he was assaulted by a male. Simple assault.

Monday, February 2

11:50 a.m. - A citizen at Spencer's Car Rental c/ requesting police assistance to retrieve his belongings. Police assistance.

6:25 p.m. - An Estate Spring Garden resident r/ that a male destroyed the windows of her vehicle. Destruction of property.

6:55 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that his brother Mustafa Prince has been missing since 12/1/08. Missing person.

7:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r a bush fire in the area of Gift Hill. Bush fire.

Tuesday, February 3

11:00 a.m. - A Power Boyd Plantation resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:48 a.m. - An Estate Gift Hill resident p/r that on 12/17/08 when she went to retrieve items from her vehicle she discovered that her handicapped sticker was missing. Lost handicapped sticker.

12:26 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of King's Hill Road. Auto accident.

1:46 p.m. - An Estate Upper Bethany resident r/ that her laptop was removed from her house while she was not at home. Burglary in the third.

3:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r she was assaulted. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

Wednesday, February 4

9:32 a.m. - A citizen c/r someone broke into his villa. Burglary in the second.

10:56 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that someone broke the windshield of his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

2:58 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone stole her purse in the area of Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

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.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-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 St. Ursula's Church.

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

<p>3 Sail Church 10 Sunday, Bellevue Community Center</p> <p>Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254</p> <p>Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard</p> <p>Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315</p> <p>Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays</p>	<p>Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339</p> <p>St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays, 779-4477</p> <p>St. John Pentecostal Church Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230</p> <p>St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Every 3rd Sunday: Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332</p> <p>Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Call 774-8617</p>
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Ferry Schedules

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1:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m.
3:45 p.m.

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FAMILY FILMS

ACROSS

- Books about aliens, e.g.
- Fast-talking
- Walker and Cooper
- "Hee —"
- "— your disposal"
- Prefix with dynamic
- Hollywood's Marilyn
- Coaching legend Parseghian
- 1972 Maggie Smith comedy/adventure
- "The Real World" ailer
- Like pottery
- 2000 World Series site
- Part of Manhattan
- Suffix with Capri
- Nasty
- "The King —"
- Guitar ancestors
- 1996 Nick Nolte spy drama
- 1989 John Candy comedy
- Taking after
- Sticky gunk
- TV sports journalist Jim
- Luau food
- Chore
- Hog hangout
- Grungy type
- Aug. follower
- 1950 Spencer Tracy comedy
- Common lease length
- Man — (racehorse)
- Mitigating agent
- Vagabond
- 1992 Joe Pesci comedy

- Huge 20th-cen. conflict
- From Shiraz or Tehran
- The "I" of IOC: Abbr.
- Beatles manager Brian
- 1999 John Travolta thriller, with "The"
- Caps
- Catch sight of
- Reply to "Look at that!"
- Damage
- "— we there yet?"
- Bellowing
- Era
- Clothing line
- 1992 Whoopi Goldberg comedy
- 2003 animated adventure featuring the voice of Joaquin Phoenix
- Base-eight
- Otherwise
- Slick liquid
- -mo
- Redbird
- Spiller's cry
- Recoil from, e.g.
- Novelist Levin
- 1939 Boris Karloff horror film
- Use a "+"
- Kettle drink
- Fox's home
- Krispy —
- Mauna —
- Licoricelike seeds
- Selects, with "for"
- Big name in cosmetics

DOWN

- Funny TV series
- "Would you — dance?"
- Turkish inn

- bean (lima's larger lookalike)
- Agenda unit
- Auto garage container
- Actor Ayres
- Pupil site
- Cut — ways
- Capital of Jordan
- "Man-Proof" star Myrna
- Very quickly
- Motley — (rock group)
- Time on end
- Colonize
- Emote
- Design style of the '20s
- Surfboard-kayak hybrid
- Sign after Virgo
- Stove output
- Fill in (for)
- Finger, e.g.
- French nobleman
- Overly quick
- Deer friend?
- Vincent van —
- Hydrant hookup
- ATM fill
- Lovett or Waggoner
- "— Private Idaho"
- Professor's job security
- Tarzan, e.g.
- Picnic place, in Paris
- Shakespeare play "— and Cressida"
- Heeds
- Lingerie buy
- 1924 Edna Ferber novel
- Wray of "King Kong"
- Best-liked: Abbr.
- Prefix with athlete
- "Honestly!"
- Joyce of "Three's

- Company"
- Moran and Brockovich
- Arab royals
- Sue Grafton's "— for Outlaw"
- Sturm — Drang
- Railing site
- Rival of Nair
- "Says You!" broadcaster
- Maiden name word
- Hand part
- On — with (similar to)
- Northern constellation
- In high —
- "Which way did —?"
- Link with
- That female
- Withdrawing from others
- TV's Lucy or Ricky
- "ChiPs" co-star Erik
- Spotted cats
- Fla.'s ocean
- Troy beauty
- Teeny bit
- Elevator man — Otis
- "To — not ..."
- Employers
- Prize highly
- Nissan car
- Andy of "60 Minutes"
- Divans
- Midday hour
- Pro's foe
- Alto
- Crisp cookie
- favor of
- PC key
- Charge
- Survival —

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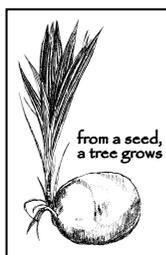


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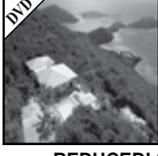
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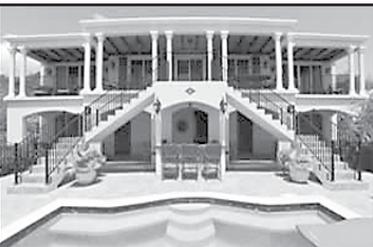
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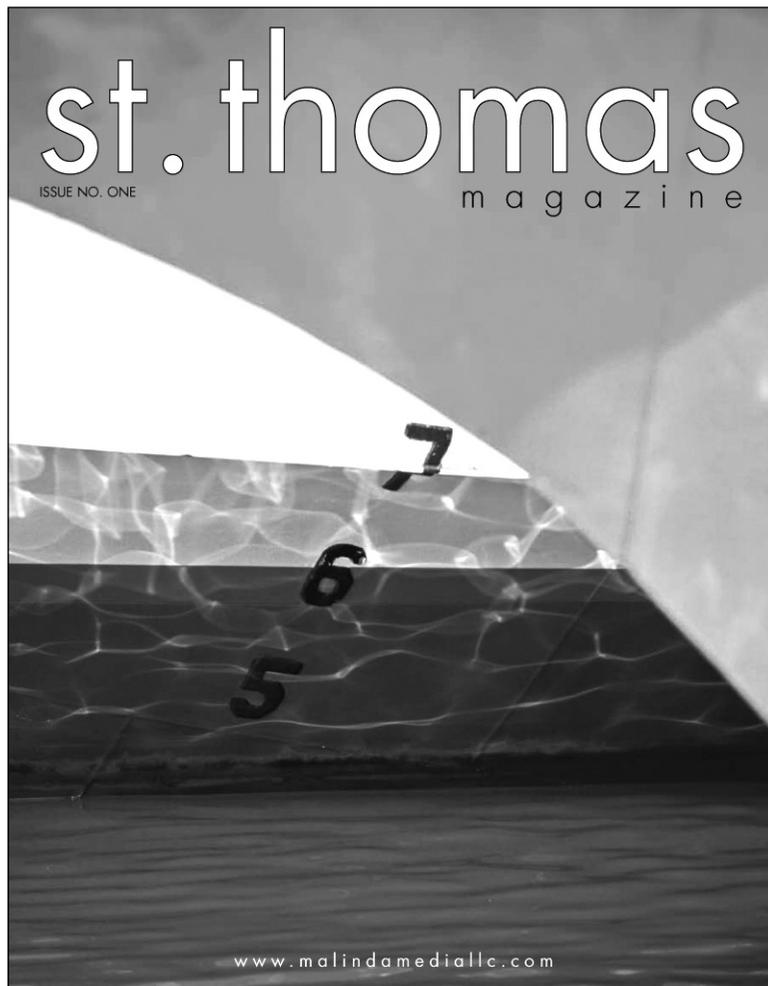
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