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## Simonsen Photographs Grace *Carnival Breeze*

St. John photographer Steve Simonsen stands in front of one of the 33 images taken by him which were recently installed on the cruise ship *Carnival Breeze*.

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# Caneel Bay Resort's Jeremy Zuber Wins Big on The Price Is Right

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Winning the 8 Tuff Miles Road Race is apparently just one of Jeremy Zuber's many talents.

The St. John resident won \$44,000 worth of prizes and trips as a contestant on The Price is Right, which aired on Monday, December 10.

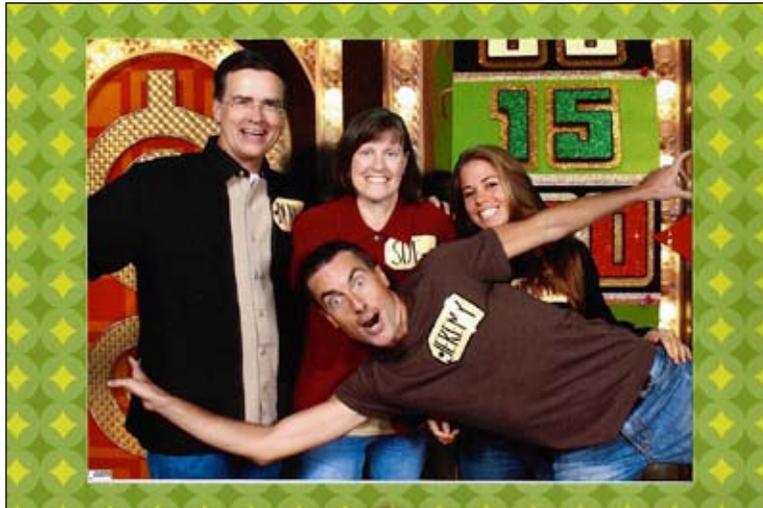
The show was taped on September 25, but Zuber was tight-lipped about how he fared. In the end, he was the day's big winner, taking first a trip to Hawaii on his way to winning the Showcase Show-down.

After arriving at his parent's Thousands Oaks, California home around midnight, Zuber and his fiancée Michelle Weisman arose at 3 a.m. in order to get in line for the show.

"My first thoughts were, 'Do you really want to go; I'm so tired,'" said Zuber. "But it was our plan and we were really excited to go."

While tickets to the show are free, potential contestants must line up outside the gate to the lot early to be ensured one of the 325 seats. Once Zuber, his parents and Weisman were given their numbers, they were allowed inside the gate at 9 a.m.

That is when Zuber made an impression on whoever picked the contestants out of the audience, he explained.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Jeremy Zuber, center, celebrates with his fiancée and his parents after his "The Price Is Right" success.

"They don't tape the show until 12:30 p.m., so you just wait and wait and wait," Zuber said. "People watch you and monitor you and that's how the selection process goes. I'm kind of a nutty guy, so I turned on the juice to about a seven; I made myself noticed."

Finally, Zuber and his group entered the stage set and took their seats in the audience.

"I had a funny feeling that something was going to happen," said Zuber. "Sure enough they call the first three names and I had a twinge of disappointment, which you can't be disappointed about not getting on, but I was. And then the fourth name got called and it

was me."

"My brain exploded and we all freaked out," he said. "I was running around like a crazy man."

Zuber was way off on the first items up for bid, a nook and several comic books, but felt confident when the second items up for bid were wheeled onto the stage, he explained.

"The next two items were surfboards and it just so happens that Michelle's brother is a pretty big surfer so she knew what they cost," said Zuber. "She gave me the sign for \$1,200 and then I hear the next lady going and people telling her to bid \$1,201."

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## St. John Singers To Present Holiday Concerts on December 19 and 21

The St. John Singers will present two concerts this holiday season.

The choir will perform at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 19, and at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Friday, December 21. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include both sacred and secular Christmas music. One of the choir's favorite guest artists, Nancy Ruffer, will accompany them on flute and perform several solos.

Janice Ballard, who has accompanied the choir on piano and is directing the St. John Singers this year, said that the popular carol sing will be expanded.

Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for students) and available at the door.

## Annual Coral Bay Sing-a-long Set for Dec. 19 at Basketball Court

The annual Coral Bay Holiday Sing Along is set for Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Residents from across the island are invited to come out and sing their favorite Holiday songs with their neighbors.

Presents for local children will be accepted. Make a note of whether the wrapped present is intended for a girl or boy and the appropriate age and drop it off at the Coral Bay Community Council office across from the Coral Bay Fire Station before December 19. Or bring those wrapped presents to the Sing Along.

## Local Biologist Jeff Miller Speaking on State of the Reef December 20

The Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host a presentation on the State of the Reefs around St. John by NPS fish biologist Jeff Miller.

The presentation will be on Thursday, December 20, at 6 p.m. in the Coral Bay Room (opposite the ballroom) at the Westin Resort. Admission is free.

The presentation is targeted to boat captains, charter crews, dive masters/guides, water sports staff, etc. to better prepare them to discuss issues with their customers/clients/guests related to the local marine environment, specifically corals and fisheries.

While the presentation is intended primarily for those involved in water-based activities for visitors, interested members of the general public are welcome.

For more information, contact Friends of VINP at 779-4940.

## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, Arriving December 24 in Cruz Bay

Taking a bit of a break from his around the world Christmas gift distribution, Santa Claus himself will be making a stop on St. John on Christmas Eve, Monday night, December 24.

The folks at Caneel Bay Resort are once again making sure that all the little boys and girls on St. John get to say hello to Santa.

The big man himself will be arriving at the Cruz Bay ferry dock around 9:30 p.m. with his elves on a Caneel Bay Resort ferry. Santa and his elves will make sure all the little kids on St. John receive a gift.

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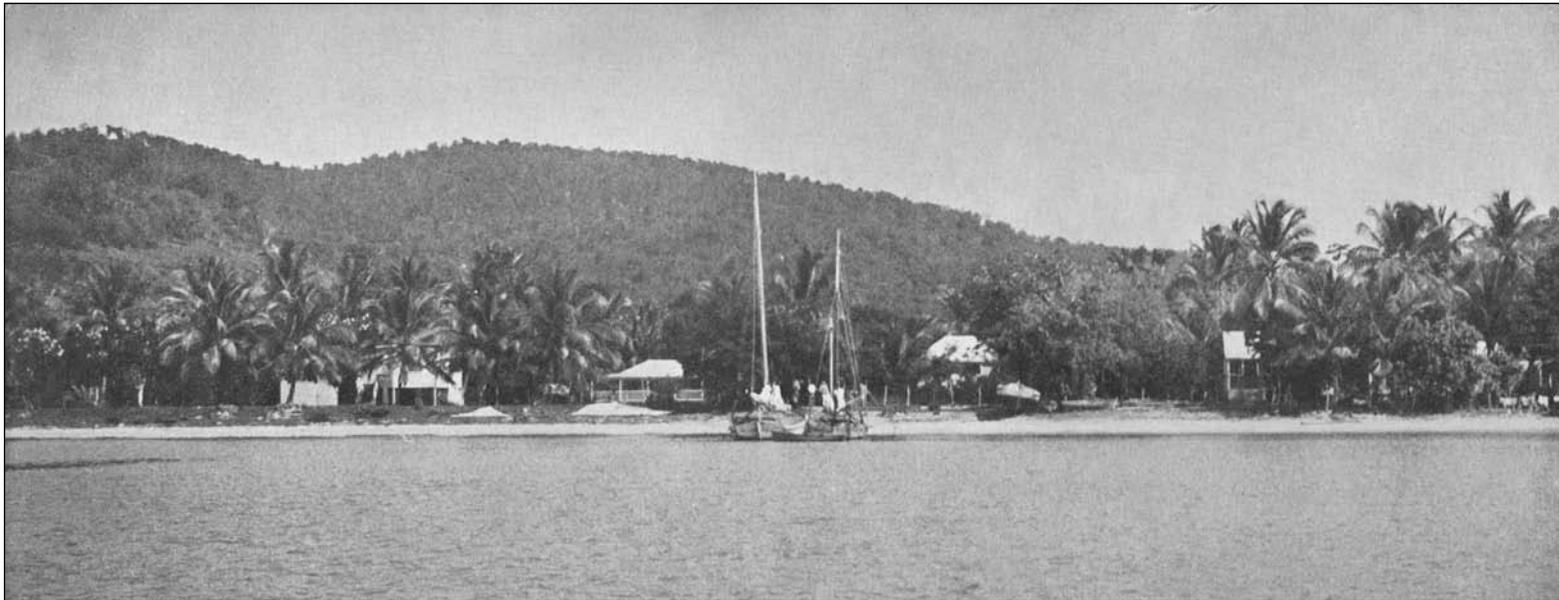
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Cruz Bay circa 1938  
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St. John Tradewinds News Photo  
Courtesy of David Knight

## David Knight Hopes To Get Cruz Bay Historic District Recognition

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Cruz Bay holds incredible historic treasures and local historian David Knight thinks it is about time that visitors and locals alike get a better understanding of the area.

Armed with a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHIPO), the amount of which Knight declined to share, the historian is delving into a year-long research project to get downtown Cruz Bay recognized as a Federal Historic District as well as a Virgin Islands Historic District.

While many people are familiar with the National Register of Historic Places, there is also a Territory Register of Historic Places. Being included on the federal list, automatically adds the historic site on the territory list, Knight explained.

“The local list is basically the same as the National Register, but it’s a local register and anything within the Virgin Islands which is nominated and goes on the national register automatically goes on our Territory Register,” he said. “And beyond that, the local SHIPO has the authority to recognize sites considered historically and culturally significant, but that may not qualify for federal recognition.”

Instead of recommending one or two buildings, Knight is nominating Cruz Bay town to be recognized as a Historic District.

“What we’re going for here for Cruz Bay is not necessarily preserving any specific architectural element,” said Knight. “We’re not



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of David Knight

Cruz Bay dock, 1938  
(Photo by Dr. George H. H. Knight)

going for a specific nomination, what we’re going for is a nomination as a district. There’s a big difference.”

There are currently three districts in the Virgin Islands which are recognized as Historic Districts: the King’s Corner area of downtown Charlotte Amalie; the oldest portion and part of the waterfront of Frederiksted; and an area of Christiansted. Knight wants Cruz Bay added to that list.

“I have the feeling that we are missing out in people recognizing the historic significance of Cruz Bay by not having the Historic District appointment of the oldest section of Cruz Bay,” Knight said.

Cruz Bay was overlooked for the

recognition in the past in order to promote development, Knight explained.

“Up until the development decades of the 1960s and 70s, Cruz Bay was only barely a village with a very small population and no real economy,” he said. “It was the seat of government for the island, but that government was an extension of St. Thomas. Both from a federal and a local perspective, Cruz Bay was seen to be very poor and in need of government help to make it develop and bring in services, to make it more vibrant.”

“Then all of a sudden we have the National Park created on St. John and this little, sleepy village hamlet all of a sudden became

the gateway to a national park,” Knight said. “Because there were no preservation measures in Cruz Bay they ended up developing, not preserving. Then things just boomed and snowballed and got out of control.”

With all the focus on development, areas of Cruz Bay were actually exempted from the Coastal Zone Management plan, Knight added.

“We did not even have a National Register at that time nor were we thinking about preservation,” he said.

Requirements for including a certain building or site on the National Historic Register are very specific, yet the guidelines for nominating a district are broad, explained Knight.

“The guidelines are broad for a district because they realize that districts are often living towns,” he said.

So what makes Cruz Bay a candidate for recognition as a Historic District?

“The reason can be put very briefly; it is all encompassing and completely a no-brainer,” said Knight. “Cruz Bay has historic contextual integrity. What I mean by that is that the town of Cruz Bay was originally surveyed and mapped by the Danish surveyor Julius von Rohr in July 1766.”

Von Rohr’s survey shows the town of Cruz Bay laid out in an orderly grid with two primary streets running parallel to the water and two cross streets; just like today.

“That original survey is here

in the Virgin Islands in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds,” said Knight. “It has survived intact and is the only copy that has all of the original street names and plots of town laid out. And what is amazing is that his plan, rendered nearly 150 years ago, is the exact same layout that we encounter in Cruz Bay today.”

“Our streets have never moved; they are still in exactly the same spot,” he said. “Our town plots are still plotted exactly as von Rohr drew them. Our park was laid out

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Loretto Kraft points out the new barbed wire fence near the Frank Powell Park and Tourism office.

## Residents Question New Barbed Wire Fence Near Tourism Office

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

A new fence complete with barbed wire was recently spotted among the holiday decorations in Frank Powell Park.

While Frank Powell Park is open to all residents and guests, the adjacent Department of Tourism Park apparently is not, explained Loretto Kraft, who works nearby.

“When the office is open, you don’t see this,” said Kraft. “But when the office is closed, the gate is locked and the barbed wire fence is right there with all the holiday decorations.”

The DOT St. John office is open Monday through Friday, which means the barbed wire fence is up all weekend long and on holidays, Kraft added.

“What is this all about,” Kraft asked. “To keep the homeless out? What if a child ran into that razor wire? It’s dangerous.”

“Plus, it seems like they spent a lot of money to put up this fence,” said Kraft. “All of that just to keep the homeless out of their park?”



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Coral Bay Fire Station’s new Gator will help the company respond to fires on unpaved roads.

## Coral Bay Fire Stations Gets New “Gator”

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A fire fighting power house, the size of a golf cart, arrived December 12 at the Romeo Company Fire Station in Coral Bay.

The vehicle, called a Gator, is designed for fire emergency response along bad roads, through park

trails and other challenging terrains, according to Deputy Fire Service Chief Marx Costanzo.

The Gator has capacity for 70 gallons of water and five gallons of fire suppression foam. Romeo Company firefighters tested the new vehicle last week.

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Simonsen gets close to one of his images aboard the *Carnival Breeze*.

## Steve Simonsen's Photographs Grace Halls of *Carnival Breeze* Cruise Ship

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

There are few venues in which to showcase artwork so that it will be seen by thousands of potential island visitors on a daily basis, yet that is exactly where 33 prints by renowned local photographer Steve Simonsen are now displayed.

That venue is the newest and largest of Carnival Cruise Line's fleet, the *Carnival Breeze*.

The ship, all 1,004-feet of it with about 3,500 passengers and 1,500 crew members, docked on St. Thomas on Tuesday, December 11, for the very first time and Simonsen's photographs were displayed throughout all three of the ship's main concourse stairways.

*Carnival Breeze* was built in Italy just this summer to the tune of about \$758 million. After taking control of her from the shipyard on June 1, she cruised the Mediterranean for several months before transferring to her home port of Miami. *Carnival Breeze* cruises on six and eight day trips through the Caribbean and Bahamas.

Last week was *Carnival Breeze's* inaugural visit to St.



Simonsen's bio and photo are also displayed on board the cruise ship.

Thomas and Simonsen, his wife Janet and several friends got a VIP tour of the ship and its beautiful photography.

*Carnival Breeze* boasts two large water slides as well as a miniature golf course, three theaters, a ropes course and several swimming pools. With a sprawling spa and adults-only sections, however,

the ship caters to kids of all ages.

Food options on board abound. From a 24-hour New York style pizzeria, to a Mexican eatery, an Indian tandoori cafe and even a sushi restaurant, *Carnival Breeze* offers something for every taste.

The flagship of Carnival's fleet, *Carnival Breeze* has been enjoying robust bookings, according to Carnival Hotel Director Pierre Camilleri.

"This is the biggest Carnival ship ever to be based in Miami," said Camilleri. "It is our flagship of our fleet and she is always fully booked at premium price. There are discounts on other ships, but this one people pay premium price for and she is booked."

Carnival used the services of European-based architecture firm Partner Ship Design for the first time to design this latest ship, Camilleri explained.

"This was the first time Carnival used PSD and they brought a whole new look," he said. "The ship is lighter and fresher looking with a Caribbean feel. Our market area is like a small city, but it feels

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Governor John deJongh, third from right, discusses education initiatives Thursday, December 6, at the home of Bruce and Kerry Claflin on St. John.

## Governor and First Lady Join "Kids First!" Supporters at Claflin Home

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Kids First!, a VI based non-profit organization which supports education on St. John hosted a reception on December 6 at Jungle Stone, the home of Bruce and Kerry Claflin.

The reception was for three groups of people — teachers and administrators, donors to Kids First!, and leaders and concerned citizens from across St. John.

Governor John deJongh and First Lady Cecile deJongh attended the reception and stayed for a small dinner afterwards. Both spoke eloquently about the work being done by Kids First! and the importance of providing a quality early learning environment for the territory's youngest children.



(L to R) John deJongh, Cecile deJongh, Alice Krall, Kerry Claflin and Bruce Claflin.

They also talked about initiatives each of them are passionate about including the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge and the First Lady's role as Chairperson of the Children and Family Council.

Early learning is the area of focus for Kids First! Among their accomplishments over their first four years of operation are:

- Kids First! funding allowed 20 children, whose parents would otherwise not be able to afford it, to have eye exams and buy glasses;
- Ten children were sponsored to attend summer camps;
- Every island school has been funded to purchase teaching aids and technology such as E-readers to support the in-classroom experience; and
- A total of \$20,000 of matching grants were provided to support island schools' community fundraising initiatives.

The group's most important accomplishment is that about 40 years of education have been provided by grants of \$100,000 providing tuition assistance so that needs-based children can attend quality pre-schools, according to founder and president of Kids First! Bruce Claflin.

"Thanks to our generous donors we have been able to accomplish a great deal over our first four years of operation," said Claflin. "But the needs are great and we would welcome additional support from island businesses and citizens."

To learn more about Kids First! check out the website [www.kidsfirstj.org](http://www.kidsfirstj.org).

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## Fourth Annual Reindeer Ramble Dec. 23

The 4th Annual Reindeer Ramble will be taking place on Sunday, December 23, with registration at 7:30 and the race at 8 a.m.

This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and, of course, Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day. There will be an abbreviated course for the little reindeer.

Participants are encouraged to show their Christmas spirit by donning hats, antlers, tinsel and ornaments. There will be a prize for best costume. Jingle bells will be distributed for shoelaces for an added touch of whimsy.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Annaberg parking lot. Race starts at 8 a.m. Donations are not required, but will be greatly appreciated in the form of pet food or treats and will benefit the St. John Animal Care Center.

There will be fun Christmas themed awards and sweets and treats for everyone! Parking is limited, so please "sleigh-pool" with other elves and reindeer. Thank you!

## A Gift to Friends of V.I. National Park Goes Twice as Far — Until Dec. 31

Anyone who has been waiting for the right time to make a gift to Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, this is it!

A generous donor has stepped forward and enabled Friends of VINP to pursue a swift year-end campaign. Donations made to the Friends Annual Fund between December 15 and December 31 will be matched up to \$40,000.

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Donate today! The matching gift challenge ends December 31st. Thanks for supporting Friends of Virgin Islands National Park!

## Luca and Tomas del Olmo Continue Climbing Local Tennis Rankings

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

St. John brothers Luca and Tomas del Olmo have been playing tennis seriously now for the past three years, and they're making their mark on the local court scene.

With impressive finishes recently at the Puerto Rico Open in mid-November, the St. John Youth Tennis Tournament in late November, and early this month at the V.I. Tennis Association Tournament in St. Croix, the brothers continue to climb the ranks of local tennis competition.

Tomas del Olmo turned 13 years old this month, which brought him to a new age group. Previously a power house in the 12 and Under group, Tomas del Olmo is now making his name known in the 14 and Under age group.

The Giffit Hill School seventh grader won his last tournament in the 12 and Under at the Puerto Rico Open November 9 through 12 and 16 through 18. After turning 13, then went on to the finals in St. Croix earlier in December.

At 15 years old, Luca del Olmo competes in the 16 and Under age group where he also more than holds his own. The GHS 10th grader had competitive matches in Puerto Rico and made it to the semi-finals in St. Croix.

The two can often be seen at the public tennis courts in Cruz Bay with their father and coach Alfredo del Olmo, where they practice every day.

And they're not about to slow down.



Brothers Tomas, left, and Luca del Olmo.

"I like tennis for the competition and it's fun to meet people from all over who play too," said Luca del Olmo. "I might feel lazy sometimes and not want to practice, but then when I get out here, I don't want to leave."

"Our Dad pushes us to get out here every day and that is great," said Tomas del Olmo. "Tennis is so much fun and the competition is fun too."

Up next, the del Olmo brothers and their father are hosting a week-long training program December 28 through January 4 at the courts in Cruz Bay which the trio expects players from St. Croix and Puerto Rico to join as well.

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# Friends of VINP Wraps Up Record-Breaking Online Auction



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Barbara & Jeffrey Katz (left) are presented with the top auction prize of seven nights at Isla Vista by Karen Vahling, right.

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The 4th Annual Friends of V.I. National Park Online Auction raised over \$43,000 this year, shattering the goal of \$30,000 as well as last year's record of just over \$28,000.

Friends is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure.

All money raised from the auction will support Friends and assist them in continuing their work on behalf of Virgin Islands National Park, which includes 23 programs and projects this year.

"People love shopping for a good cause, especially when all of the proceeds benefit our VI National Park, and they get great deals too," said Karen Vahling, Friends of VINP's development director. "We had 58 items — more than ever — which sold over the three week auction period that ended December 9. We had everything from villa stays to excursions, jewelry, art, services and retail items."

"Response from our local businesses has been great and they enjoy being featured on this popular online event," said Vahling.

The top seller of the auction was a seven-night

stay at the luxury villa, Isla Vista, which sold for \$6,500 but was valued at nearly \$10,000.

In second place was a seven-night bareboat charter aboard at 52-foot *Hylas* sail boat which sold for \$4,500 and retails for \$9,100. Some items sold for more than retail value as bidders showed generous support for the cherished V.I. National Park.

Friends will continue to host the online auction around the same time in years to come, giving holiday shoppers and vacation seekers a great opportunity to find something unique and do some good at the same time.

Friends would like to thank all the donors who made the auction possible, their media partners for helping them to get the word out and of course, all the bidders who clicked and shopped online to push them to over \$40,000!

For those wondering about the Gala, don't worry, it's around the corner!

Mark the date on those calendars for Saturday, February 23. It will be hosted by Steven and Pamela Deckoff at their beautiful Peter Bay home "Presidio del Mar."

Invitations will be sent shortly, but Friends supporters can also contact Friends of V.I. National Park at 779-4940 for more information or to buy entry and raffle tickets.

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St. John Tradewinds News Graphic

White-bearded Father Christmas accompanied by mummers, a tradition that goes back to the Roman Saturnalia but lapsed in Puritan times.



## Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

### Compliments of the Season

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Compliments of the season!

This greeting rang all through the islands at Christmas time that ran from Christmas Eve to Three Kings Day (January 6th).

Preparations for Christmas began around Thanksgiving with blending and bottling of native berries and rum. Guavaberry is best when it's carried forward from other years with additional rum and quavaberries added as needed. Cinnamon sticks, vanilla beans, prunes, and raisins were added. The thought being the longer you keep it, the better it tastes.

In old times, the Christmas table could feature a large fish rather than a ham or turkey. A 10 to 15

pound grouper would be stuffed with bread crumbs and baked after being rubbed and coated with pond salt and fresh pepper corns and spices.

Stuffed kid (young goat) was still considered to be a Christmas treat. Sweet bread was made and appears to have been readily exchanged even though almost all households made it. Secret ingredients abounded and liquors of all type were used. The good food and desserts fueled the serenading and singing that continued through the night on Christmas Eve. Caroling and home visits was the order of the day.

However, on St. Thomas they had the making of a stereophonic

spectacular. A group of 40 to 50 carolers would stand on Frenchman's Hill, another group would be on Denmark Hill and a third group stood on Blackbeard's Hill and they would sing to each other. One group would sing and the next group would answer. It would never work today with the gunfire.

Two things were totally different. Father Christmas, not Santa Claus, brought gifts to the children. Father Christmas didn't wear red nor did he climb down chimneys. The legend of Father Christmas has existed since Roman times and continues to be represented in many countries.

The other major difference was  
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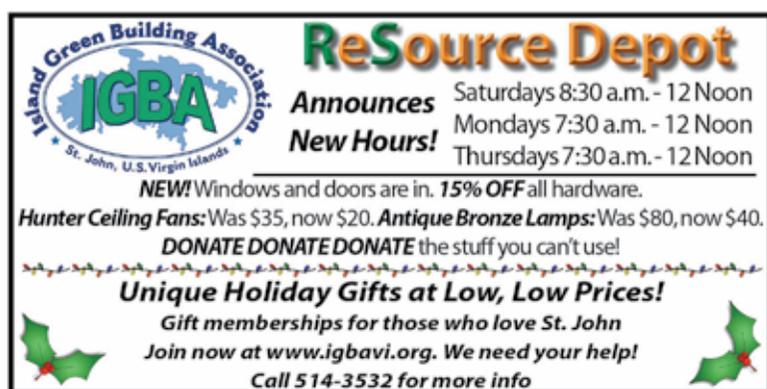


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### Easy Recipes for Holiday Entertaining

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The holidays are upon us. All the entertaining this time of year can be daunting. So here are some easy recipes to impress your guests without spending hours in the kitchen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Wishing everyone the best for 2013!

#### SPINACH AND DUCK SALAD WITH CRISPY PANCETTA, MANGO, TOASTED PINENUTS AND FETA

This is a very simple starter, but also very tasty.

Serves four to six people

2 duck breasts, skinned

1 package of pancetta or prosciutto

2 mangoes

1 large bag washed baby spinach leaves

6 oz. feta cheese

Marinade: 1/2 mild chili pepper chopped, handful of chopped cilantro, 1/2 inch grated fresh ginger, 1 clove garlic finely chopped, splash of white wine and olive oil, zest and juice of one lime.

Marinate the duck breast for a few hours or overnight.

Either grill the duck breast or fry in a skillet, two to three minutes per side.

Transfer to a 400-degree oven for five minutes or so until cooked to desired temperature. Duck should feel firm and look pink when cut. Allow duck to cool and slice.

Fry pancetta until crisp. Remove and pour off excess fat.

Toast pinenuts and slice mango.

Arrange the spinach on plates, top with feta, mango and pancetta and then the sliced duck breast. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Serve with a simple vinaigrette.

#### PARMESAN SHORTBREADS

These can be frozen and become a last minute canape by themselves or topped with goat cheese, roasted cherry tomatoes and basil.

Makes 24

8 oz all purpose flour

8 oz butter

8 oz Parmesan, Gruyere or strong cheddar cheese grated

Pinch of cayenne

Pinch of dry mustard

Pinch of salt

1 egg beaten

Preheat oven to 375F

Sprinkle some extra flour on cookie sheets.

Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Rub in butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Add cheese, mustard, cayenne and enough egg

just to bind. Work into a dough, but do not over handle.

Roll out onto a floured board to 1/4 inch.

Cut into rounds or triangles.

Bake for about 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown.

#### GRAVLAX WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

Gravlax originated in Scandinavia. This is my Mum's recipe which I remember we used to enjoy at Christmas time with brown bread and butter on a platter for people to help themselves. Or you can serve it on squares of rye bread. It is a delicious way to enjoy salmon.

1 whole salmon filleted

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup coarse sea salt

4 tbsp brandy

4 tbsp white wine

1 tsp crush white peppercorns

1 bunch dill

Place salmon filet, skin side down on cookie sheet. Place rest of ingredients on top. Place second filet on top with skin side up.

Cover with plastic wrap, weigh down with heavy plate and refrigerate.

Turn and baste, separating filets, every 12 hours for three days.

When ready to serve, take one filet and gently scrape off the herbs. Slice very thinly and serve with mustard sauce.

#### Mustard Sauce

1 tbsp Dijon

6 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp wine vinegar

1 tsp chopped fresh dill

1 tsp sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

#### CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH MUSHROOMS, ONIONS AND GARLIC IN WHITE WINE AND THYME CREAM SAUCE

Casseroles are easy, yet homey and satisfying. This can be made ahead of time and refrigerated for several days. To serve just slowly reheat on stovetop or in oven.

1 whole chicken cut into six pieces and dredged in flour, salt and pepper

1 large onion sliced

1 package mushrooms wiped and sliced

3 garlic cloves peeled

1 tsp dijon mustard

2 bay leaves

Handful of fresh thyme or marjoram

1/4 pint heavy cream

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# The Ballad of Priate Bill

## Friends of Bill Aiken Hosting Art Show at Bajo el Sol January 4

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

When friends of William Aiken, better known across St. John as Pirate Bill, found out the long-time resident was diagnosed with terminal cancer, they decided to do something to help.

Since many of Aiken's friends happen to be artistically inclined, that something inevitably turned into artwork.

The public is invited to come out and support these artists, with proceeds going to Aiken, at an opening reception "The Ballad of Pirate Bill," on Friday, January 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bajo el Sol.

Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while browsing works of and inspired by the pirate himself. The night will also feature Appalachian folk music by The Vagabonds featuring David Wegman and food by Julie Van Pelt of East West Catering and St. John Farms to Tables.

The show will feature works by Wegman, Livy Hitchcock, Les Anderson, Deborah St. Clair, Lucy Portlock, Annie Caswell, Paz, Elaine Estern, Matt Mueller, Sandwich, Patty Taquard, Viki Brown and more.

The group show, The Ballad of Pirate Bill, will run at Bajo el Sol Gallery, up the stairs at Mongoose Junction, through the month of

January.

"Pirate Bill is suffering from terminal throat cancer and will be moving to an assisted living facility in Culebra in February," said Sandwich, who organized the event. "Friends hope to raise funds through the show to provide comfort to this iconic man in his closing years. The artists' proceeds from the show will be pooled into a fund to benefit Bill."

Aiken is an animal lover who has cared for the stray cats at Johnson Beach for years and a portion of the gallery's proceeds from the show will be donated to the St. John Animal Care Center.

"In Bill's later years, caring for the stray cat population of Coral Bay was his passion and his solace," said Sandwich. "He is one of the ACC's most recognized volunteers."

The night will be a chance for the public to enjoy works by both well-known and little-seen artists, Sandwich explained.

"The roster of artists features prolific St. John favorites, new talents, and reclusive world-famous artists that show their work infrequently," she said. "Expect mermaids, pirate ships, whimsical portraits of Pirate Bill, and paintings of Bill's beloved Johnson Bay feral cats."

Expect high times at the reception with fiddle and accordion folk tunes performed by Wegman and friends.

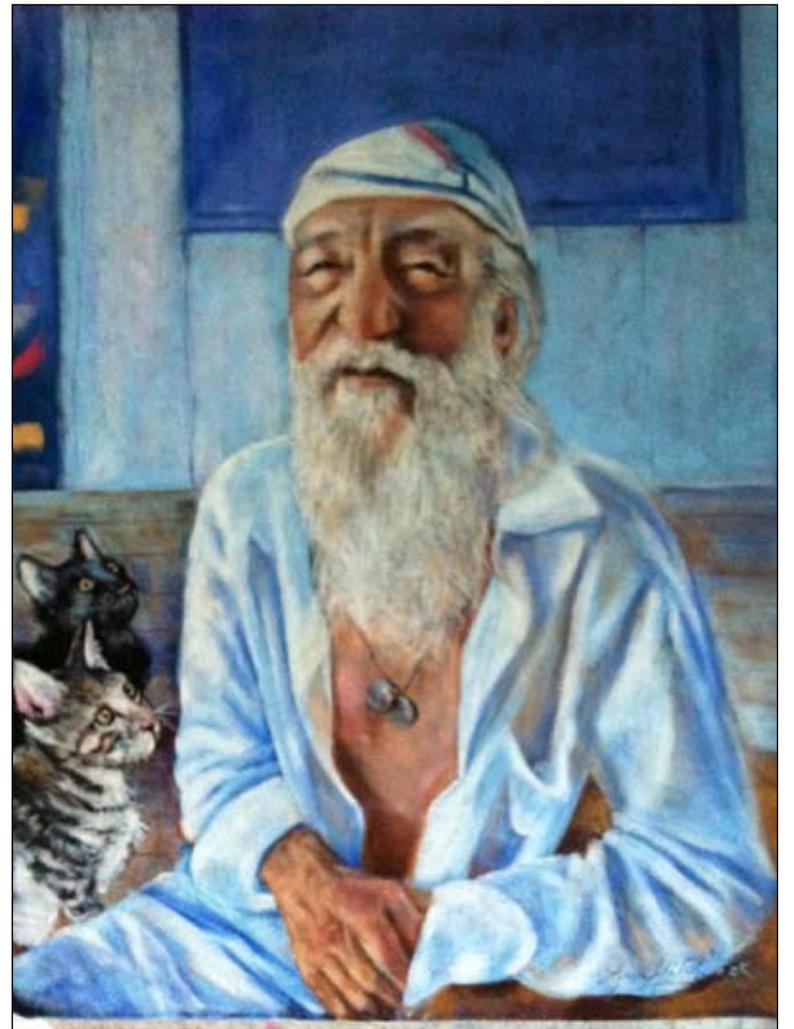
Flavors of St. John people's choice winner Van Pelt is donating scrumptious hors d'oeuvre platters which will incorporate local, sustainable, organic products grown and produced locally.

In addition to performing, Wegman has also created the centerpiece of the show, Sandwich added.

"Painter/Musician/Circumnavigating Sailor David Wegman has created the centerpiece of The Ballad of Pirate Bill," she said. "His three-feet, by four-feet mural will be installed as a memorial on Johnson Beach at the completion of the show. In February, the portrait will be bolted to the side of the cat feeding station on the beach that Bill lovingly maintained for more than 10 years."

Before the final installation on Johnson Beach, Wegman's mural will be displayed at Bajo el Sol next to a book of stories about Aiken's fascinating life and information about the feral cat program, the feeding stations and the ACC volunteer program.

A beach party and BBQ at the cat station is planned at Johnson Bay on Saturday, February 2.



Livy Hitchcock's Portrait of Pirate Bill

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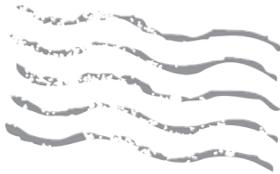
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Located near the point of Maria Bluff, Sea Palms has amazing views and large bedrooms.

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 **On the Market**  
 A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with Tradewinds real estate advertisers\*

**Watch Yachts Cruise Along South Shore from Sea Palms**

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Located near the end of Maria Bluff in Estate Chocolate Hole, Sea Palms offers unparalleled water views to the south all the way to St. Croix and west to St. Thomas.

The three-bedroom, three and a half-bath home, located on a 0.7-acre lot, is for sale for \$1.7 million, explained Islandia Real Estate broker/owner Merry Nash.

One thing which sets this property apart is its lack of wear and tear. Built in 2000, Sea Palms is still owned by the original owner, explained Nash.

"This house is in excellent condition as it has never been a rental and still has the original owner," she said.

The home is located in Estate Chocolate Hole, just a short drive to the dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay, but in a quiet and upscale

neighborhood.

"The Maria Bluff area of Chocolate Hole is one of the most desirable residential neighborhoods on St. John," said Nash.

Sea Palms consists of three large bedrooms, each with its own private balcony and en suite bath. A luxurious walk-in closet can be found in the master, and all three bedrooms are well-appointed with plenty of light and breeze.

Another impressive feature of this home is that all of those bedrooms are located under one roof, making Sea Palms an ideal home for families with small children.

The home also boasts custom mahogany trim, cool air conditioning throughout and high ceilings. Several different dining options include a beautiful area on the covered deck, perfect for al fresco meals.

Work on that tan while loung-

ing on the large sundeck and cool off in the refreshing pool. All the while be sure to soak up the magnificent water views and cooling trade winds.

"There are really nice views from Sea Palms west to St. Thomas and sunsets as well as south to St. Croix," said Nash. "You can also watch the yachts and cruise ships sailing along the south shore of St. John."

The sizable corner lot Sea Palms is located on even offers room for the construction of a guest house.

With its single building construction and potential for expansion, Sea Palms would be ideal for families or for an investment to put in the short-term market, Nash added.

For more information on Sea Palms, call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at 340-776-6666 or on her cell phone at 340-642-2246.

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## St. John Montessori Bake Sale is a Huge Success

*St. John Tradewinds*

Anyone who noticed the beautifully decorated tables in the first floor foyer at The Marketplace on Saturday, December 8, that was the St. John Montessori School's 4th Annual Holly Bake Sale.

Students raised \$780 for the school's scholarship fund. The children and their families want to thank The Marketplace for this opportunity and to everyone who so generously purchased delicious treats.

The school serves children two and a half through 8 years old and is located outside Coral Bay.

Pictured are St. John Montessori students Amelie Zucker, 6, her little sister Zia Zucker, 4, and Naima Krigger, 8.



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(L to R) Naima Krigger, Amelie Zucker and Zia Zucker.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

St. John Montessori School elementary class students were thrilled to get up close with butterflies on St. Thomas recently.

## Montessori Students Enjoy Trip to Butterfly Farm

*St. John Tradewinds*

On Friday, December 7, Ms. Wakelee's elementary class at the St. John Montessori School visited the Butterfly Farm on St. Thomas.

The class won first prize for their poster at the Litter Stomp last spring, and won free entry to see the entertaining bird show and experience being surrounded by very friendly butterflies.

The well-trained exotic birds did some impressive tricks to entertain the class. Following the bird show the students visited the butterfly habitat and learned

first-hand how a butterfly undergoes metamorphosis while they watched butterflies emerging from their chrysalises.

The class was fascinated by the insects as they climbed onto the students' fingers and then on up their arms, often to the top of a child's head.

The abundance of beautiful flowers gave ample opportunities to watch the butterflies sucking nectar with their proboscises. The trip compliments the zoology work of the students and will most likely stimulate further studies of these beautiful creatures.

## Follow Nature's Way

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**#3 DO** respect our natural gullies; they infiltrate water into the ground, provide habitat, and carry water to the ocean.  
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**DON'T** break down Caribbean berms...they naturally clean storm water before it enters the bay.



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1st Degree Burglaries: 2	1st Degree Burglaries: 3
2nd Degree Burglaries: 8	2nd Degree Burglaries: 3
3rd Degree Burglaries: 51	3rd Degree Burglaries: 40
Grand Larcenies: 58	Grand Larcenies: 72
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 1

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### The End

Possible variants of opinion: a) Yes it will. b) No it won't! c) Are you %&#\*\$@^ nuts? d) What are the opinion polls indicating?

Given the approaching winter solstice and the Mayan calendar prediction, for a substantial number of individuals this does seem to be a subject worth contemplating, if not on the universal level, then at the very least on the individual. So, if you've already selected a position from the above options, or if you've elected to just go with the flow, perhaps it's worth pondering the implied consequences.

Considering the incredibly insignificant amount of time in which the human species has existed, why has this frequently recurring theme of finality been a subject of so much discourse over the last few millennia, and perhaps longer?

The best perspective I have encountered on the consideration of time was put forth by Dr. Carl Sagan in his award winning TV series entitled "Cosmos." He posits in episode one, that if the time lapse that occurred since the "Big Bang" were divided into a calendar year, each month would be about one and one-quarter billion years, each day 40 million years, each second 500 years. In this great saga of events, mankind's first appearance occurred in that time period represented on December 31 at about 10:30 p.m. It was not until 11:59 and 20 seconds that man began the use of tools and endeavored upon agriculture. At 11:59 and 35 seconds the first cities were settled and the written records of history begun. Here on the last day of a roughly 15 billion year calendar we appear and recognize our own existence.

To further dramatize the brevity of our appearance as a species Dr. Sagan asks us to consider the size of a football field. If that 12 month calendar were superimposed as squares on its surface, at the bottom right corner of the last month the size of an area comparable to a human hand would represent mankind's entire presence, historical as well as pre-historical.

We've only arrived and yet our perhaps greatest obsession is this recurring prediction of an approaching end. Why?

As a species we very nearly disappeared at the outset, when under very adverse environmental conditions our numbers dwindled to less than 1,000. The fossil records indicate that those survivors sheltered in caves in a coastal area of southern Africa.

From that inauspicious beginning, our ancestors overcame each new adversity and in the process expanded its capacity to retain new insights, which in turn led to ever increasing skills, and with continually increasing numbers, an ability to organize in ever more complex social organizations, arriving at last at our present condition.

A mere 200,000 years or so, and we now reign as the most adaptable species that has yet evolved on this planet. The dinosaurs ruled this planet for 160 million years, and in one cataclysmic event, died out 65 million year ago. Our distant ancestor survived that catastrophe. This is a truly remarkable success story with no apparent hint of where the source of our

innate nihilism lies.

In that grand transformation from hunter-gatherer to technologically dependent functionary, we abandoned what were once very essential and cherished relationships with each other and the environment that sustains us.

Our existence in the span of only several hundred years evolved from a widely understood knowledge of agriculture and animal husbandry to a consumer consciousness focused on pricing and guided by advertising that extols the benefits of convenience, enhanced flavoring and the recurring claims of "new" and "improved."

The significance of "individualism" is the modern mantra that has all but exterminated the ties of family unity and close-knit community that once gave all members a vital connection to the past and a shared responsibility to the future. Globalization has set the standard for success, and the essential element in all societies of whatever culture surveyed is greed. Corruption is an inevitable consequence, truth and justice collateral damage. All branches of governments everywhere, with only varying degrees of responsibility, are active participants in the collusion that is necessary.

Four billion years ago life first appeared on this planet, and began its evolution through the two most basic strategies that remain with us to this day, competition and cooperation. If greed is nothing more than an amplified manifestation of competition, then it is in our species best interest to limit its expression, because the consequences of the activities that it fosters, including the vast accumulation of wealth among a small elite, environmental degradation and species extinction, might well be the path to our own fabled Armageddon.

For now the doomsday prophecies are a marketable subject matter, and the competitive nature of capitalism assures us that someone will profit from any possible opportunity. The movie "2012" has been out for some time, and our fascination with catastrophic epics assured it a successful run. Hundreds of books, and a TV show all fed the interest in the doomsday theories, and certainly profited from that appetite.

The entire coverage of this event which centers on the ending of a 5,000 year period of the Mayan calendar this December 21, 2012 has been an exaggeration and distortion in which greed played no small part.

Guatemalan sages have even visited Cuba to hold a ceremony and make offerings to Mother Earth and the sea. Their reverence for this planet was genuine; the interest of our modern Western civilization a pale and anemic testament to self-interest and the misguided search for entertainment as a substitute for genuine spiritual experience.

December 22, 2012 will usher in a new dawn that signifies our passage in one of the outer bands of the Milky Way. Therein lies our relationship not only to our Sun, but to billions of other Suns and planets that constitute our galaxy. That date is like a mile marker,

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Solor Energy Is the Right Thing To Do

We read with interest your report of the IGBA sponsored meeting with WAPA representatives.

There surely have been many challenges for WAPA and its customers in developing its net metering "pipeline."

WAPA, at times, has shown resistance, even underhandedness. The net metering law is now two and one half years on the books; WAPA will come to value its solar programs for the part they play.

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The WAPA representative stated that 115 net metering installations are in place on St. Croix, and this is admirable. Yet, our company's customers alone

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Many within WAPA are moving forward. We urge you to see the problems, but to be the answer.

Thank you, a most solar Holiday to all.

**Bill Osborn**

### Thanks for the Great Night and for Support SJSA

St. John School of the Arts wishes to thank Kimberly Boulon for giving us a wonderful arts experience as well as asking us to receive the raffle ticket sales from her gallery opening "Caribbean" on Friday, December 7.

The dancers, Kaitlyn Cummings, Lineek Williams, Zoya Otto, Tiareh Schaub and Emily Wild, did an amazing job at posing throughout the evening as living sculptures as well as their dance performance.

Many thanks to Eddie Bruce and Jared Warren for their willingness, openness and creativity in composing and playing the music. The masks and costume design by Kaya Charles, a former SJSA student, were amazing.

Thanks also to Drapes Jensen and Kevyn Salsberg for pouring wine and Ken Wild and Ronnie Lee for tending to raffle sales. Thanks to Glen and Radha Speer for letting us use their gong and the colorful scarves Radha just donated to the school that we added to the costumes giving it a more Caribbean feel.

Thanks to everyone who came in support of the school and bought raffle tickets. We raised a little over \$2,100.

Boulon's paintings were outstanding and I hope, if you didn't go to the opening Friday night, that you will stop by and see her beautiful artwork.

**Kimberly Boulon**  
Executive Director SJSA

### Boulon Thanks "Caribbean" Show Supporters

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery "Caribbean" Show Thanks You!!

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Dancers

Eddie Bruce And Jarod Warren- Music

Tradewinds Newspaper - Excellent Coverage

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Alfredo's Landscaping - Palms And Planters

Joy And Andy Stillman- Gift From Japan

Attendees And Raffle Ticket Purchasers

**Kimberly Boulon**

### The End - Continued

a point of reference in our cosmic journey; and in a truer sense, another beginning.

**Hugo Roller**

A farmer in Coral Bay, St. John, VI

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## Obituary

### Dolly Reckless: October 8, 1920 – December 5, 2012

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Dolly Reckless October 8, 1920 - December 5, 2012

An independent, freethinking person who lived an incredible life. She encompassed so many unique talents. Her life was one of variation, excelling at whatever she chose to pursue.

She was born in Chicago, Ill., to Frank and Sylvia M. Reckless. An only child. Although her legal name was Sylvia D. Reckless, she, from childhood, has always been known as Dolly.

Born into a circus family, she spent her early years traveling with her parents to various circuses, carnivals and on the vaudeville circuits throughout the United States. Their home base became Manhattan, in New York City, where they would live for periods of time between engagements.

It is not surprising that at the age of 15 she began her own career in show business. Known as a Dancing Deceptionist, she developed an act that combined acrobatic dancing and sleight of hand. Her act included back flips or walk-overs while performing feats of magic, such as swallowing lightbulbs and then pulling them out lit.

One of her favorite stories was when a reviewer in the audience noticed that there was an extra lit lightbulb other than what she had initially swallowed.

She performed in numerous nightclubs and theatrical venues. It was the time of glamor in the nightclub scene. Places such as the 21 Club she remembered fondly, and performed there often.

During World War II, she traveled and performed with the USO, entertaining the brave U.S. and British troops. This was a time in her life that she was especially proud of. She was in Britain during the Blitz, in the South Pacific, and numerous other places. She recounted sad stories of visiting wounded soldiers in the hospitals, and funny stories about some of the other performers, such as Fred Astaire.

Upon her return to the U.S., she eventually married and had two



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Family*

Miss Dolly Reckless, at the Dancing Deceptionist, during her stage career.

daughters. The family moved to New Rochelle, N.Y., where she began working with Hudson Park as the emcee for their concert series. On stage she would perform her backflips and other acrobatic feats as she'd introduce many notable music acts. She was given a radio show and became quite the local celebrity.

In 1986, she moved to her beloved island, St. John. Throughout her life she had always been a talented visual artist. On St. John she concentrated on it. Her work sold in numerous stores on both St. John and St. Thomas. She acquired admirers who followed and bought her work. She loved painting furniture and turning other people's junk into sought-after treasures. She created beautiful, sometimes political, rugs and needlepoints.

And — if all of this isn't enough

— she began one of the first cat feeding stations on St. John. Before the Animal Care Center, she was adopting, neutering and feeding animals. She had two dogs and multitudes of cats that she cared for. Her kind heart and love of animals did not allow her to let any animal go unfed or to be hurt. She would nurse them all back to health and let them stay. She was a big supporter of the Animal Care Center, saving the donkeys, and all programs related to benefiting animals.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lyn and Karen Mandelbaum, and her 25 (give or take a few) cats. Her cats still reside in Coral Bay, and, as would be her wish, still are being cared for.

The world is certainly a much less interesting place without her in it. She will be sorely missed.

## Obituary

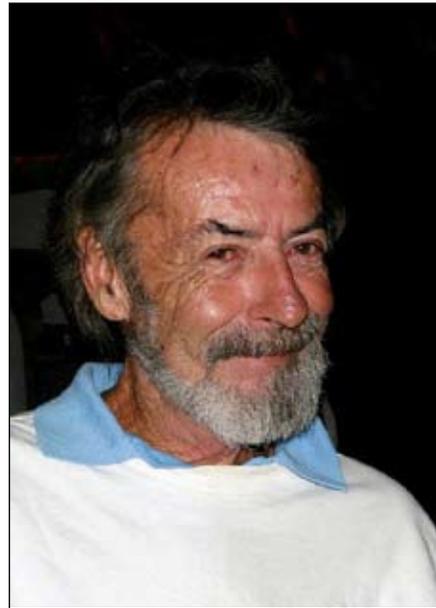
### Daniel Connair Passes Away at 65

*St. John Tradewinds*

Daniel Connair, aged 65, passed away in his sleep on November 30.

He lived, he laughed, he loved and he left. And the world will never be the same.

- Submitted by the Connair Family



Daniel Connair

### Cruz Bay Historic District Recognition

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in 1766 and it is still the same park.”

Through Knight’s research, he has also determined the correct names of those ancient Cruz Bay streets.

“There are so many mis-translations of von Rohr’s names and the reason is that von Rohr was the Danish Crown surveyor so everyone has been trying to translate his names from the Danish,” said Knight. “But he was a German speaker and he wrote in German. They’ve been totally misnamed, but now I’ve been able to translate all of them from German.”

The streets which constitute the full Cruz Bay historic district start with the street which leads from the Cruz Bay ferry dock to Connections, which is Prince’s Street. Walking off the dock and taking a right at Mooie’s, that street is Great King’s Street. If you make a left at Connections, that street — running from the U.S. Post Office to the Lime Inn area — is West Street. The end of that street and leading to right, near the Fish Trap, is Queen’s Cross Street.

“That’s it; that is the historic district,” said Knight. “Those blocks within those streets from the Battery through the park and out to the waterfront and all the way down Wharfside Village until you hit the area where Grande Bay is now.”

The historic area also includes the Cruz Bay ferry dock, which was built in 1838, Knight added.

While the process of gaining recognition as a Historic District is a slow one, Knight hopes to have the necessary historic narrative complete next year.

“The documentation and the paperwork is one thing, but I think we should be able to get on the local register almost immediately,” said the historian. “I have about a year of historic background research and then I’ll write the historic narrative.”

Once that historic narrative is created, Knight will be able to present his research to SHIPO and that office can then recommend Cruz Bay for recognition as a Historic District.

While some businessowners might be leery of the designation, they have nothing to worry about, explained Knight.

“No one has to be worried that this will not allow them to make improvements to their land or anything like that,” he said. “This is all only a win-win situation for Cruz Bay. We’ll get little plaques that we can put on our historic elements.”

“Tourists and a lot of people who have moved to St. John recently don’t know the significance of the things they are seeing,” said Knight. “We can make them a part of our common memory and get people to appreciate them. And our tourists will be able to understand what they’re seeing.”

The designation will also make it easier for preservation groups to obtain federal funds, Knight added.

One thing Knight is hoping to change even faster is the location of the cannon found at the end of the Cruz Bay dock, he explained.

“That cannon was placed there in 1838 when the dock was built,” said the historian. “The only problem is that the last time they re-built the dock, about 15 or 20 years ago, they uprooted the cannon and it’s in the wrong context. That cannon was never there pointed out to sea trying to protect us from pirates.”

“It was planted with its muzzle down into the ground and was the hitching post where you hitched your donkey or horse,” said Knight. “That is just culturally wrong so let’s put the cannon back where it should be.”

To find out more information about Knight’s research and the fascinating history of historic Cruz Bay, sign up for his Friends of V.I. National Park seminar on January 6. To register for that seminar call Friends at 779-4940.

### GHS Culinary Arts Class Wraps Up



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Giff Hill School’s culinary arts class wrapped up last week with the students taking part in a Chopped-style competition. Since both teams were able to whip up impressive dishes, thanks to skills learned in the class, they were both deemed the winners.

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## Historical Bits & Pieces: Compliments of the Season

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that the traditional Christmas tree was replaced by a local tree well suited to the purpose. The inkberry tree has small dark green leaves, is shaped symmetrically like a conifer, and has thorns that are just the right size to hold small candles.

*On the first day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
A thrushee in a Calabash tree!*

*On the second day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Two ground doves ...  
On the third day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Three Bahama ducks ...*

*On the fourth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Four donkey foals ...*

*On the fifth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Five golden limes ...*

*On the sixth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Six children scratching ...*

*On the seventh day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Seven snorkelers snorkeling ...*

*On the eighth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Eight angelfishes ...*



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Music and merriment were certainly a part of the Christmas celebration.

*On the ninth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Nine guavaberries ...*

*On the tenth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Ten tourists shopping ...*

*On the eleventh day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Eleven lobsters boiling ...*

*On the twelfth day of Christmas  
My true love brought to me  
Twelve calabashes ...*

*AND A THRUSHEE IN A CALABASH TREE!*

## Chef's Corner: Easy Recipes for Holiday Entertaining

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Chicken stock  
1 cup white wine

In a heavy bottomed deep skillet, pour in olive oil and fry the onions until lightly browned. Remove and add a bit more oil.

Fry chicken pieces until nicely browned.

De-glaze pan with white wine.

Add back the onions and all other ingredients except cream.

Pour over enough chicken stock to come 3/4 of the way up the chicken.

Place lid on skillet and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes, until chicken is cooked through.

Remove chicken from skillet and set aside under tented foil.

Remove bay leaves and garlic cloves.

Reduce sauce over low heat and add heavy cream. Reduce again to desired thickness.

Add chicken back to skillet and serve.

### POACHED PEARS WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE

4 firm pears  
Pinch of cinnamon  
Zest of lemon and orange  
4 oz granulated sugar

1/2 pint red wine  
1/4 pint water

Put water, wine and sugar into a heavy pan and gently heat over medium flame until sugar dissolves. Add fruit zest and cinnamon.

Peel pears without removing stalks. Place upright in pan and cover with lid. Pears should be completely covered with wine and water mixture. Turn pears during cooking.

Bring mixture to boil, then lower heat and simmer for 40 minutes. Pears should be a deep crimson color and tender to touch.

Remove pears and cool.

Sauce can be reduced over low flame to a syrup consistency if desired. Strain sauce.

Cut pears in half and fan out by cutting through peak of stalk, but not through the entire fruit.

Serve with vanilla ice cream and warm chocolate sauce with a sprig of mint. Pears can also be served whole.

### CHOCOLATE SAUCE

2/3 cup semi sweet chocolate  
1/3 cup heavy cream  
Put chocolate chips in a bowl. Heat cream to hot, but not boiling. Pour over chips and leave to stand five minutes, then mix.

## VIPD SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Reducing Theft

### St. John Tradewinds

Keep valuables out of sight.

Don't leave beach bags, backpacks, shopping bags, electronics or anything that a thief may consider valuable in plain sight in the car.

If a car has a trunk, use it. Put valuables there or in a locked glove box.

If a vehicle is open, like a Jeep, take anything of value all the time.

Keep doors and windows locked all the time.

## Gabriella Brand Speaking at UU Meeting

### St. John Tradewinds

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giff Hill School Lower Campus

The guest speaker for Sunday, December 23, is Gabriella Brand who will speak on "Regifting the Self."

Brand is an educator, writer, inspirational speaker, and foreign language enthusiast. A former Middle School Head and administrator at several independent schools in Connecticut, Brand has also taught French, Spanish, Latin, and English to thousands of students of all ages and abilities in various countries.

She holds an M.A. from Middlebury College, a B.A. from Antioch College, and a diploma from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Childcare is available. For transportation from Cruz Bay ferry dock call 776-6332 in advance.

## Sis Frank Concert Series Kicks Off Jan. 4

### St. John Tradewinds

The Sis Frank Concert Series will kick off on Friday, January 4, 2013 with Garry Dial and Luba Dolgopolsky performing a wonderful jazz lineup!

Three concerts will follow on January 25, March 29 and April 12. St. John School of the Arts is reserving 10 seats at each of these four concerts for students aged 8 to 18. Students must accompany a

paying adult and reservations must be made. This is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information and to reserve a ticket, please email [info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org](mailto:info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org) or call 779-4322.

Concert Series tickets are selling fast! Just pay \$100 for tickets to all four concerts. Each individual concert ticket is \$30 and they are on sale now.

## ACC Winter Gala at L'Autre Monde Jan. 19

### St. John Tradewinds

The committee for the St. John Animal Care Center's winter gala, formerly known as "Christmas for the Animals," is delighted to announce that this season's gala will be at L'Autre Monde, Helen Simon's home in Great Cruz Bay.

The winter gala has always been the major fundraiser for the ACC. This winter it will feature "An Evening in Paris" as its theme. The gala will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 19.

L'Autre Monde will be decorated as a Parisian cafe. Favors will echo the theme, and guests are encouraged to dress to reflect a Parisian flair.

Kelly Cruikshank, gala committee chairwoman, announced that once again tickets will sell for \$100 for each person. After December 31, however, they will be sold at \$125.

Plans are for tickets to be available at the ACC shelter, Connections East and West, St. John Hardware, Nest & Co. at Mongoose Junction, St. Johnimals, Chelsea Drug Store and the Catered To office on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Tradewinds will be publishing additional information about the gala in subsequent issues.

## Jeremy Zuber Wins Big on The Price Is Right

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That lady, however, didn't listen to the urging of the crowd and instead bid \$1,300. The price of the surfboards was \$1,225 and Zuber was on his way to the stage.

Zuber's game was Safe Cracker, which offers a trip and then two accompanying items — the price of which must be guessed. In Zuber's case, it was a trip to Hawaii, but he had to dial in the price of two go pro cameras in order to win.

"So it happens that a friend of mine recently bought a go pro and I knew how much it cost," said Zuber. "Plus there are only three dials, so you know it's not going to be like \$45. And the crowd totally helps."

"I had the first number '5' and they yelled yes," he said. "I dialed in '540' and sure enough the door swung open and I ran around and around. I'm glad it was that game because if I had to guess the price of Colgate, I would have been totally wrong."

With the trip to Hawaii and the two go pro cameras already under his belt, Zuber went to the wheel. The first person to spin went over \$1 and the second spun 95-cents, putting the pressure on the St. John contestant.

"I spun 95-cents too," he said. "So we had a spin-off so he went first and just missed out on a dollar and got 15-cents. It was looking good and I spun and landed on 25-cents."

Zuber then had the entire second half of the show to wait until he faced off in the Showcase Showdown.

"That whole time I'm in Zen mode," said Zuber. "All I was thinking about was winning and this once in a lifetime experience."

Zuber was the first to see a showcase and decided to bid on the package, which included a trip to Las Vegas and a brand new Camaro.

"So I calculate in my head about \$31,000 but that cardinal rule I know from watching The Price is Right with my grandmother, is you can go under as much as you want, but you can't go over," he said. "So I dialed back on it and Michelle was signaling \$28,000 too so I bid that. And the crowd booed me; they thought it was too low."

The second contestant, bidding on a showcase which included a trip to Canada and a new boat, bid \$30,000.

"So it goes to commercial," said Zuber. "Drew Carey comes back and pulls out my card and it's \$32,000. I was off by \$4,000."

"He pulls out the other card and it's all in slow motion," Zuber said. "And the card says \$26,000 and he's over. I ran across the stage and freaked out."

While Zuber's big win certainly had something to do with luck, he also was ready for, and expecting, good things to happen that day.

"If you believe, things happen," he said. "Even if you don't get on the show, it's totally worth going to. The CBS people make it really fun and you always have this cool story to tell."

With Zuber's trips and new car, he left The Price is Right with more than just good stories to tell.

## Police Log

### Saturday, December 8

1:32 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

6:01 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto accident.

### Sunday, December 9

9:22 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

12:48 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Aggravated assault and battery.

1:45 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that a driver took his license plate number and he wants to protect his insurance coverage. Police assistance

6:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:27 p.m. - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/requesting police assistance to return a male to the hospital who drank acid. Police assistance.

### Monday, December 10

4:45 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r telephone harassment. Telephone harassment.

7:35 p.m. - Badge #1251 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with a minor under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery. He was later turned over to the custody of his parents. Aggravated assault and battery.

### Tuesday, December 11

10:19 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r a disturbance in front of his business. Police assistance.

### Thursday, December 13

7:30 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that someone took gas out of her car on three different days. Grand larceny.

11:15 a.m. - A Delbert Hill Car Rental employee p/r damage to a rental vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

12:34 p.m. - A visitor from Texas c/r a grand larceny at the Westin Resort and Villas. Grand larceny.

2:02 p.m. - A visitor from Florida c/r that her husband was pulled from the water at Honeymoon Beach and was unresponsive. D.O.A.

No time given - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her tenant caused damage to her property. Damage to property.

# 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.

## Monday, December 17

— The St. John Historical Society's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church.

## Tuesday, December 18

— The ACC is hosting its second annual Holiday Open House at the Cruz Bay shelter for anyone and everyone to come in and visit. Stop by the shelter, located next to the Elaine I. Sprauve Library entrance across from the Tamarind Inn, on Tuesday, December 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, December 19

— The St. John Singers will present two concerts this holiday season. The choir will perform at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 19, and at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Friday, December 21. Both concerts will be at 7:30 p.m.

— The annual Coral Bay Holiday Sing Along is set for Wednesday, December 19, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

## Sunday, December 23

— The 4th Annual Reindeer Ramble will be taking place on Sunday, December 23.

with registration at 7:30 and the race at 8 a.m. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer,

elves, and, of course, Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day. There will be an abbreviated course for the little reindeer. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Annaberg parking lot. Race starts at 8 a.m.

## Monday, December 26

— The Sigma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host its 18th Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration on Monday, December 26, at 6 p.m. at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

## Saturday, January 19

— The Animal Care Center's Winter Gala will be hosted on Saturday, January 19, at "L'autre Monde," Helen Simon's home Great Cruz Bay.

## Saturday, February 16

— The Third Annual Broadway Comes to St. John — the St. John School of the Arts Fundraiser of an original musical featuring fourth graders from across St. John — will be Saturday, February 16, 2013.

## Saturday, February 23

— The 9th Annual Friends of VINP Gala at Presidio del Mar in Estate Peter Bay on February 23.

## March 2013

— GHS is seeking artists for the 27th Annual Auction in March 2012. For more details on being a featured artist, contact Tina at 305-299-4411 or

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

## AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

# Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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## MOVING TENPINS

### ACROSS

- 1 Hot dog topping
- 7 A, in Athens
- 12 Vegetable in a pod
- 15 Waitress on "Alice"
- 18 A little faster than largo
- 19 Cuba's Castro
- 20 Filled with exalting emotion
- 23 Table tennis bouncer
- 25 Overflow mess
- 26 Like printing-press smudges
- 27 — i-noor (big diamond)
- 28 Backbone
- 30 Calendar box
- 31 Some glowing rings
- 33 Santa — (hot California winds)
- 34 Actor Roger
- 35 Violated
- 39 Tubular pasta
- 40 — cum laude
- 43 General — chicken (Chinese dish)
- 44 Post-waking comment
- 46 Police logs
- 50 Piano pieces nicknamed "Winter Wind" and "Butterfly," e.g.
- 56 Dip — in the water
- 57 Octa- + two
- 59 Korbut of gymnastics
- 60 Furniture hardwood
- 61 Sominex or Nytol tablet
- 66 Toon Boop
- 67 Inferior mark
- 69 "Cincinnati" has three

70 Acey- — (great, in slang)

- 71 Home of the Dream Team
- 73 Road curve
- 74 Smart — (wiseacre)
- 76 Miserly sort
- 79 Elevated
- 80 Worker welfare agcy.
- 82 Sprite or Tab
- 83 The Stooges, e.g.
- 86 Judge's explanation
- 91 From Canada, say
- 93 "Pay — mind"
- 94 Hard-boiled crime genre
- 96 Systems
- 97 Jail rooms
- 100 Conifers widely grown as houseplants
- 106 Et — (plus more)
- 107 Taj Mahal's town
- 108 Welles of film
- 109 Hearing thing
- 112 1986 Molly Ringwald film
- 117 Medium's gift
- 118 Rod on a car
- 119 Interstate pull-off point
- 120 Joyrode, e.g.
- 123 Loan accrual
- 124 Came to light
- 125 Narcotic painkiller
- 126 The Great Lakes' — Canals
- 127 Enthaloed Fr. woman
- 128 Uninebriated
- 129 Confer (on)

### DOWN

- 1 Speedy
- 2 Minneapolis suburb
- 3 Tall and lean

- 4 Rocker Pop
- 5 Little drink
- 6 Connect, as peripherals
- 7 Kabul native
- 8 Ad- — (improvise)
- 9 Palm Pilots and Droids
- 10 "SOS!"
- 11 "That is — ask"
- 12 Italian sculptor Andrea
- 13 Boarding a jet
- 14 Nike rival
- 15 Wives, in Germany
- 16 Errand runners
- 17 Danish seaport
- 19 Mideast gp.
- 22 Infamy
- 24 Relative of "me neither"
- 29 Brief slumber
- 31 "I — your disposal"
- 32 Cpl.'s boss
- 35 Giant in chips
- 36 PC "oops" key
- 37 "I'm an idiot!"
- 38 GI's hangout
- 39 With 85-Down, elaborate hoaxes
- 40 Yuppie deg.
- 41 Elev.
- 42 Big zero
- 45 "Call — taxi"
- 47 Perfect site
- 48 Iron-pumping count
- 49 Zool. or geol.
- 51 Coral creatures
- 52 Chicago loc.
- 53 Dissuaded
- 54 Downs food
- 55 "The — the limit"
- 58 Of Peru's peaks
- 62 "Oh no, a mouse!"
- 63 USAF bigwig

- 64 Wordplay bit
- 65 Acutely cold
- 66 "Humbug!"
- 67 "Matilda" author Roald
- 68 "Night" writer Wiesel
- 71 Nullify
- 72 Surgery reminder
- 75 Spiced tea with hot milk
- 76 Chi lead-in
- 77 Nonneutral particle
- 78 Group values
- 80 Ending for buff or bass
- 81 Most moist and soft
- 84 Furious state
- 85 See 39-Down
- 87 Mil. officers
- 88 With one flat, musically
- 89 Winning tic-tac-toe row
- 90 None at all
- 92 Govt. agents
- 95 Old rival of MGM
- 97 Women's casual pants
- 98 Seat of Canadian County, Oklahoma
- 99 Hits with fibs
- 101 Really fancy
- 102 Copy Jay-Z
- 103 Be partial to
- 104 "This — sudden!"
- 105 "Can do"
- 107 Actor Lew
- 109 One living abroad
- 110 Justice Samuel
- 111 Make fresh
- 113 Paving goop
- 114 " — afraid of that"
- 115 Sleuth Wolfe
- 116 Old TV part
- 118 Undisturbed
- 121 Mao — -tung
- 122 Simian

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**NEW**

**"VILLA ELLISON"** - Three bedroom masonry pool Villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates sub division with great views over Great Cruz Bay & beyond. New appliances, granite counters, pool side wet bar, air conditioning, 3 king en-suite bedrooms. Villa Ellison is fully furnished and enjoys the best sunsets imaginable. Easy access on paved roads and minutes from town. A popular short term rental. **\$1.75M**

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**NEW**

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**"Unicorn by the Sea"** - high on the hillside in Fish Bay with fabulous views from every room. Remodeled in 2010, the upper level has an elegant open-air gourmet kitchen open to a covered dining area. The living area can be opened to catch cooling trade breezes or closed for full air conditioning. There are 2 air conditioned master suites that open onto a central pool and entertainment patio. Beyond the pool is a private, stand-alone one bedroom guest cottage. **\$1.595M**

**"Casa Del Palmas"** - Is a renovated, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access on quiet, dead end road, paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees and colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. The spacious lower level has three bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with pool. A perfect situation for an owner to live in one unit and rent the other level either long term or by the week. Now just **\$650,000.**

**"Carolina Cottage"** - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. The house faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. There is a paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Excellent value at **\$575,000.**

**DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:** Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M**; **Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments** and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$499,000**

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# Steve Simonsen's Photographs Grace Carnival Breeze Cruise Ship

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like an outdoor area because of the design with trees and bricks."

"When you walk down the corridors there are Caribbean scenes where you feel like you are walking down the beach," said the *Carnival Breeze* Hotel Director.

When guests walk down the main stairways, however, they feel like they are snorkeling below the boulders at the Baths off Virgin Gorda, which is just one of Simonsen's photographs on board.

Other images of Simonsen's displayed on *Carnival Breeze* show a woman horseback riding in the surf, a bright green kayak off Honeymoon Beach and children frolicking in the turquoise water at Maho Bay. Still other images are of beautiful flora, from frangipani to passion fruit blooms, and fauna, one is a triptych of a bright green tree frog and another shows conch shells on a sandy shore.

Simonsen's images are a highlight for many guests, Camilleri explained.

"The images have been very well received by our guests," he said. "They stop and take pictures in front of the photographs. They also blend well with our whole Caribbean feeling and our colors."

The most impressive and best exposure for Simonsen is a photograph and a bio of the photographer which are displayed once in each of the main stairway areas. The biography tells a bit about Simonsen and his background and career, and will surely be seen by thousands of people every single day.

Simonsen was more than thrilled to tour the ship and see his images displayed on board for the first time last week.

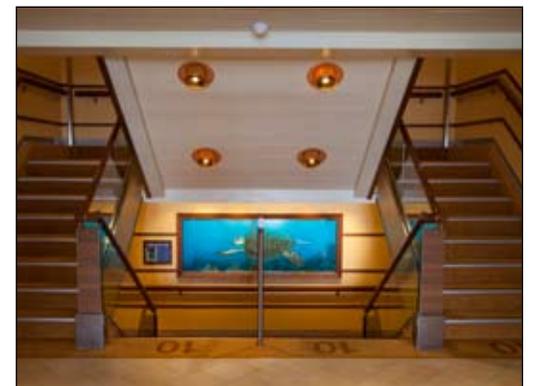
"This is really amazing," said the photographer. "It's incredible to see my images here and see how they have displayed them."

And Simonsen fans now have 33 more reasons to consider booking a cruise on board *Carnival Breeze*.



Steve and Janet Simonsen, below, toured the *Carnival Breeze* on St. Thomas last week, where his images are found throughout the three main stairwell areas.

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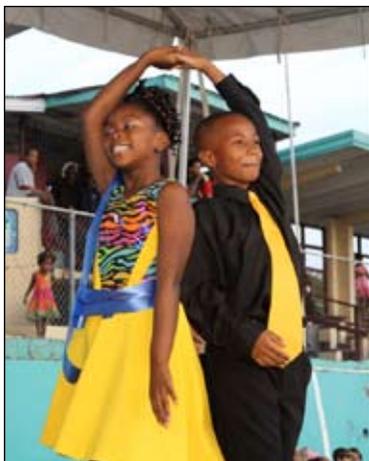
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<p><b>"JUNGLE STONE"</b> gated estate property in Catherineberg w/ big views of the North Shore &amp; BVI's, custom-designed main house &amp; Pebble Cottage w/ 5 bdrm suites, exquisite great room, chef's kitchen, outdoor dining &amp; sitting areas, pool, hot tub, fitness room, 1100 bottle wine closet, shuffleboard breezeway &amp; more!</p> <p><b>MLS 12-404</b> <b>\$8,340,000</b></p>	<p><b>BEACHFRONT "VILLA ST. JOHN"</b> a luxury 6 bedroom pool villa has sand beach plus STUNNING views! Great rental or residence with potential for family compound. Moor your boat here too!</p> <p><b>MLS 11-438</b> <b>\$3,450,000</b></p>	<p><b>"TRE VISTA ESTATE"</b> The perfect luxury retreat on St. John. An elegant villa with classic style in a great setting of views and breezes.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-439</b> <b>\$3,300,000</b></p>	<p><b>"VILLA KALORAMA"</b> Panoramic views from classic modern 5 bdm, 4.5 bth rental villa in Virgin Grand Estates features native stone, ipe hardwoods, glass walls &amp; a secure property. Dramatic great room opens onto 40 foot pool and large verandas for spectacular indoor-outdoor living.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-340</b> <b>\$3,200,000</b></p>	<p><b>WATERFRONT "VILLA BELVEDERE"</b> (3x3.5) privacy, pool &amp; spa, plus deeded access to HOA dock on Great Cruz Bay. Quiet neighborhood, mesmerizing sunset views!</p> <p><b>MLS 12-351</b> <b>\$2,300,000</b></p>	<p><b>"DOVE COTTAGE"</b> St. John's first luxury eco-villa 2 BR, 1.5 BTH w/ 280° views &amp; pool. Solar &amp; green building materials, recently remodeled with custom mahogany doors, room to expand or build more in upscale Dreeket's Bay.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-62</b> <b>\$1,800,000</b></p>
<p><b>"STONE COURT"</b> is a 3 bedroom haven. 1 acre of privacy with sweeping views from Ram's Head to St. Thomas. Island inspired architecture of stone and wood.</p> <p><b>MLS 12-31</b> <b>\$1,400,000</b></p>	<p><b>"TREE PALMS"</b> Versatile 5 BR 5 BA property with solid rental history. Charming home w/ 2 kitchens, covered verandas, stone entrance, garden fountain, concrete pool and spa deck. Solar panels, and ocean views complete the package!</p> <p><b>MLS 12-4</b> <b>\$1,075,000</b></p>	<p><b>"DAY DREAM IN UPPER CAROLINA"</b> Fabulous views - Coral Bay to BVI in masonry 3 bdrm/3.5 bath Majestic Mile home. New furnishings, private pool &amp; bdrm suites, hot tub, stone/brick landscaping, solar hot water, shutters, custom cabinets &amp; 10k generator. Cute wood cottage (NC) on property.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-67</b> <b>\$1,000,000</b></p>	<p><b>"SEABISCUIT"</b> is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool &amp; hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline watersports.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-390</b> <b>\$895,000</b></p>	<p><b>"KABEJ PATCH"</b> Caribbean style 5 bdrm pool villa, in a quiet, breezy location in desirable Chocolate Hole. Beautifully finished Brazilian hardwood home w/ stone accents is charming! Walk to beach. Excellent short term rental or private residence.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-176</b> <b>\$880,000</b></p>	<p><b>"INCOME PRODUCER"</b> 4 Unit Multi-family. Rare opportunity to own a multi-unit property close to Cruz Bay with big ocean views sitting on the hillside above the Westin Resort!</p> <p><b>MLS 11-359</b> <b>\$795,000</b></p>
<p><b>"VILLA BAMBOO"</b> - charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage features views to the South shore &amp; to sunsets over the cays, a generous floor plan and decks, well-maintained, tastefully decorated, and spacious grounds with unique Danish ruins.</p> <p><b>MLS 11-352</b> <b>\$499,000</b></p>	<p><b>"VILLA MOLLO"</b> Price Just Reduced \$125K!! A nature lovers dream, walk to 2 beaches! 3BR/2BA villa with custom stone &amp; wood work make this one of the best deals on St. John.</p> <p><b>MLS 10-407</b> <b>\$475,000</b></p>	<p><b>"UPPER CAROLINA" 3X3</b> - Recently upgraded &amp; well kept house with 3 income producing units. Easy access to Cruz Bay and beaches.</p> <p><b>MLS 09-271</b> <b>\$395,000</b></p>	<p><b>"CARIBBEAN COTTAGE RETREAT"</b> Relax in this comfortable home surrounded by trees, orchids and birds. Quiet private neighborhood has deeded rights to a beach. You won't get</p> <p><b>MLS 12-177</b> <b>\$249,000</b></p>	<p><b>"RAINBOW'S END" AT BATTERY HILL</b> - convenient and close to town! Two bdrms, spacious deck areas and wonderful pool area.</p> <p><b>MLS 12-358</b> <b>\$465,000</b></p>	<p><b>"CORAL BREEZE"</b> Well kept 2br, 2ba condo live in or continue successful short term rental. Beautiful views of Great Cruz Bay &amp; beyond. Convenient to town &amp; recently added common pool and deck make Bethany Condos unit 6 a great investment.</p> <p><b>MLS 12-236</b> <b>\$395,000</b></p>

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		<b>CALABASH BOOM</b>	hillside \$475,000		

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## JESS Takes First Place at Colors of the Rainbow Competition

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