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Above it All -The REFERENDUM

FILOTSAM AND JETSAM

As we go to press Hurricane Ivan is bearing down on Bonaire with maximum winds of 135 mph, a dangerous Category 4 storm. Based on tracking information received on the Internet it will pass to the north of the island. The first isolated wind and rain band hit Bonaire at about 10 pm on Tuesday. Now waiting for ???



► The Curaçao Legal Affairs Department says it's okay to allow Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) to go bankrupt and let a new company maintain the air connections. It should be a company that cannot be identified with DCA; otherwise it would be very difficult to get working capital from the banks as well as merchandise and services from foreign suppliers. "The American authorities would simply deny landing permits to the new airline if the overdue debts of DCA are not paid," they said.

► The new shareholder in a reborn Curaçao airline should invest at least NAf20 million. The Curaçao coalition parties have agreed to give the Island Government two months to find investors for a new carrier to replace DCA. The Island Government will not necessarily participate in the new airline. Setting up the airline will be left to a team of experts still to be appointed. To keep DCA going until the new airline can be established, up to NAf4 million could be spent each month.

► Air France-KLM reported a profit of \$116 million in the April-June

quarter despite higher oil prices as Europe's biggest airline presented combined quarterly results for the first time since the Franco-Dutch merger that created it. The company said last Thursday that profits in its fiscal first quarter were more than double the 46 million euros posted by Air France and KLM a year earlier before the merger.

► A joint plan for the Antilles and The Netherlands to join forces to tackle the rising crime, poverty and the financial-economic problems in the Antilles is complete. If all agree with the current proposals, the details of the agreements between Kingdom Relations Minister Thom de Graaf and Premier Etienne Ys will be announced. Agreements were reached on mandatory education and technical support from The Netherlands in several areas. They discussed the forgiveness of the Antillean debt to The Netherlands as well as the debts of the individual islands. Among other things, The Netherlands will finance harbor radar for the Antilles.

► According to the management com-

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Some of Bonaire's media workers. Hostess Orphaline Saleh of MCB in the center

► September 1 was pronounced "Day of the Press" in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, a time for media workers to reflect on the important role they play in keeping society informed. Maduro& Curiels Bank Bonaire commemorated the day by hosting a wonderful lunch for the Bonaire press at Antriol Catering. Thanks MCB and Orphaline Saleh for making it happen. The press persons shown above with Ms. Saleh are just some of the representatives of the island's newspapers, radio and television stations who strive to bring the public the latest news. The media world is a competitive one, characterized by deadlines and scoops. In smaller communities such as ours, reporters work long and irregular hours.

► It's back for the fourth time—the now famous **Swim To Klein Bonaire Fundraiser** organized by **Jong Bonaire** on **Sunday, October 3**. Everyone on the island who can swim, wearing fins or not, is invited to take to the water at Bongo's Beach to cross the 800m. stretch to Klein Bonaire. Many make the return trip. There will be several boats escorting the swimmers. Last year over 200 people of all ages signed up. It starts at 8 am and with your NAf15 donation you'll get a T-shirt and a great breakfast upon return. Don't miss it!



Jong Bonaire
presents the 4th

SWIM TO KLEIN BONAIRE
LI - OM BONGO'S BEACH!

Fundraising

For anyone who can swim
Entry fee: NAf 15 - includes lunch and drink

Be here Sunday 03 October at 08:00 o'clock!

pany, BCA, of the ferry *Tribon*, the reason the ship is not making trips between Bonaire and Curaçao is the cost of harbor dues. They amount to NAf3.000 per trip; 2.500 in Curaçao and 500 in Bonaire. The ship has been tied up on the Bonaire waterfront for months.

Nevertheless, beginning this coming weekend they will plan to resume service. *Tribon* will depart Bonaire on Friday and Saturday at 6 am arriving in Curaçao and 11am. She will return to Bon-

aire, leaving at 6 pm, arriving at 11 pm. The *Tribon* can carry 17 cars. The fare is NAf250 for car and driver, NAf50 for a one-way passenger ticket, NAf85 per round trip, and NAf45 for groups and children. The ferry can carry up to 150 passengers.

► **Fundashon Tene Boneiru Limpi (FTBL -Keep Bonaire Clean) invites all groups, schools, companies and individuals to participate in the famous**

“Clean up the World 2004.” During the week of September 13 to 18 (Monday to Saturday) FTBL together with Selibon will be concentrating on cleaning our environment and encourages everyone in the community to clean around their property. Sport teams will be cleaning the areas where they play. On Saturday, September 18, there will be an island-wide clean up along the sides of the big and small roads. **Show that you love Bonaire by joining the cleanup.** To sign up call Roderick Gouverneur at 717-5330, ext. 229, or Oswin Cristina at 717-8159.

► The recently concluded conference in Thailand on HIV/AIDS revealed **that 49% of the world's population of people living with AIDS stem from the Caribbean.** That's only 1% short of 50% of the world's population. Frightening!

► **Proud winner of the Karaoke con-**



► Serious reef divers are very excited to have **fish ID experts Anna and Ned DeLoach staying at Buddy Dive** for the whole month of September. Until September 12th they will be giving a REEF seminar, but after that they will offer anybody on the island a chance to join them in certain activities. The program is listed in the Happenings section of *The Reporter* (page 19). Included will be a Fish Behavior DVD/slide Show, a Mangrove Snorkel and a Guided Boat Dive. Winding up the week, on September 17th they will sign their Fish ID and Fish Behavior books at the pool bar at Buddy Dive. For more information call Lisa Mühlemann at Buddy Dive, 717-5080.

test sponsored by MCB on August 28 at the Tera Cora Ranch was Amina Kartodikromo, who won over more than 60 other contestants. Her winning song was Bette Midler's "The Wind Beneath My Wings." Amina was the subject of "On the Island Since..." in the May 14, 2004, issue of *The Reporter*. Her prize was a weekend stay for two at the

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Lookin' Good:
the students and teachers of Chez Nous,
the restaurant school at the SGB high school.



The chef coats and aprons for the more than 50 students were donated by Warehouse Bonaire. As Warehouse Bonaire Manager Roland Verbeek said, "We think that these students are taking the most important courses on the island, and when they travel abroad to represent Bonaire we want them to look their best. It's a good way to promote our island of Bonaire." Roland is at the far right with Teacher Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn. At the far left is teacher Kees Leeman,

LETTERS

WEB POWER FAILURES

Dear Readers of *The Bonaire Reporter*

Do you like a nice rain shower once in a while? I do too, just as nature does. The drawback is, however, that on Bonaire, we almost always have to pay for this joy with a power failure.

And these power failures come on top of the 'normal' ones!

We all suffer from this, whether you are a housewife, a laborer on a jobsite, run a shop or you work in an office. You and your work are paralyzed because these days there are few jobs that can be done without electricity. And just as well. We live in a modern country with modern facilities, an international seaport, an international airport, a plant that converts seawater into drinking water, a well-organized hospital etc. But what we DO NOT have is a reliable supplier of electricity.

I think it is high time that the government /the management of WEB realizes that we, the consumers, have a contract with WEB, which, in other businesses means that the one party delivers and the other party pays for the delivered service.

Excuses like we do not have money to buy new equipment, or we have run out of spare parts etc. are not valid. Every normal business has to take these kinds of issues into consideration before going

into business – it is called planning. And, for every normal business there are penalties for poor performance. I sincerely think the position of WEB (the sole supplier of power) brings an even bigger obligation to perform well.

Yvonne M. Nuijts

Since this letter was received, there have been even more power failures, including three last Wednesday, the same day The Bonaire Reporter gets finalized and transmitted to Curaçao for printing. It certainly makes things difficult. Is there anything anyone can do to help? Ed.

PAPIAMENTU AS A FIRST LANGUAGE

Dear Editor

Please permit me to have some comments on the very interesting interview with Dr. Faraclas in the two last issues of your paper.

It is certainly important to teach the children first to read and write in their mother tongue. Nevertheless, as long as the overwhelming majority of the students on the ABC islands, continuing their studies abroad, go to Holland, they must acquire during their years in the elementary and secondary schools a good knowledge of the Dutch language. Unfortunately, according to complaints

of docents in the Dutch higher education schools (MBOs – middle professional schools, HBOs – high professional schools, and the universities) this knowledge is often insufficient. I can hardly imagine that this knowledge would improve if the students would receive the basic education from an Erasmus School type school where all lessons are in Papiamentu and Dutch is only one of three foreign languages taken as subjects.

In my opinion the system started last year in the schools on Bonaire of the gradual introduction of Dutch so that after (the students are) eight years the classes will be entirely in Dutch is the most appropriate for the ABC islands.

The situation on the three islands is very different. While a great majority of the inhabitants on Curaçao and Bonaire have Papiamentu as their mother language, on Aruba it is only slightly more than half of the population due to the influx of immigrants, mainly from Latin American countries. Also the number of students going to Holland is very different. This year there were more than 400 students from Aruba, about 300 from Curaçao and only 15 from Bonaire. This very low number is due to the fact that the current highest education on Bonaire, HAVO (high general preparation school), is insufficient for entering a university in Holland which requires graduation from the VWO (scientific preparation school). In order to get a certificate from this school, the students

from Bonaire go either to Curaçao or Aruba (about 30 students this year). Some students from Bonaire also enter the universities on these islands.

As far as the textbooks in Papiamentu for all grades for all ABC islands are concerned Dr. Faraclas speaks extensively about available materials in this language. There is an important difficulty, namely the different orthography of Papiamentu on Aruba. The books from Aruba cannot therefore be used on Bonaire and Curaçao. While Aruba maintains the original Spanish spelling, the same words are phoneticized on the other islands. This difference concerns also Dutch words absorbed in Papiamentu, e.g. *januari* and *juli* on Aruba and *yanüari* and *yüli* on Bonaire and Curaçao.

The interview with Dr. Faraclas showed his knowledge and international experience in the field of linguistics. It is only a pity that he went in the interview beyond this field, arguing that the reason why the most talented people from Bonaire stay in the US or Holland after their graduation is the fact that they "value the foreign culture more than their own." As I learned during talks with various Bonaireans, this statement caused a lot of indignation. The main reason is not a lack of respect for their own culture but the fact that there are no job vacancies for the graduates on Bonaire, an island with practically no industry and very limited job opportunities.

Jiri Lausman

Referendum Chronicle

There are 9,557 people (Bonaire's total population as of 30 June 2004 is officially listed at 13,380) eligible to vote in September 10th's consultive Referendum. While there's no legal requirement that Referendum results be followed, it will measure the feelings of the Bonaire community about which type of government it prefers and be morally binding on Bonaire's leaders. The Election Committee for the Referendum is made up of Victor Winklaar, N. Gonzalez, H. F. Domacassé, G. A. Mensché, and F. B. Soleana.

For the first time in Bonaire history

1,370 foreigners (all of whom have been Bonaire residents for five years or more) and 332 youngsters 16 and 17 years old can vote in a sanctioned election. The extension of the right to vote has expanded the electorate by almost 18%. Ballots will be provided in four languages: Papiamentu, Dutch, Spanish and English. Mark the ballot by filling the box next to your selection with the red pen provided.

According to UN guidelines 50% of the eligible voters must participate in the Referendum for it to be meaningful. That means 4,779 votes must be cast.

If there are fewer than 100 votes difference between any two of the four Referendum choices there will be an automatic recount. Preliminary results will be posted at the Passenghran as soon as possible -target is 11 am on September 11th, but the official word will wait until September 15th at 10 am.

It's customary for employers to grant their workers four hours off, with pay, to vote and it's expected this custom will be observed for the Referendum vote.

You won't be able to buy alcoholic beverages from 6 pm on Thursday, the day before the vote, until the polls close on Friday at 7 pm. However, hotels and



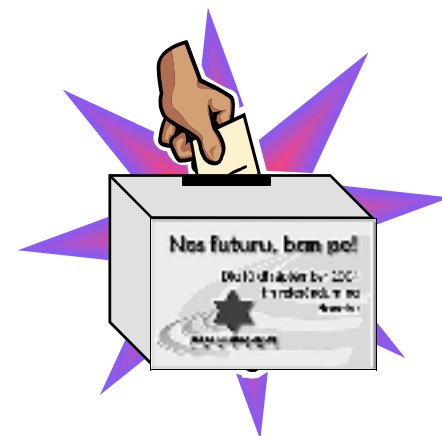
resorts may serve alcohol to their guests.

This election may be the biggest in Bonaire history. Whatever your preference, be sure to exercise your democratic rights. Don't miss your chance to have a say in Bonaire's future. **VOTE!**

□ *Chronicler*

The following table lists the four Referendum choices and *The Bonaire Reporter's* summary of some of the advantages and disadvantages to each of the four choices. *The Reporter does not endorse any selection above another.*

OPTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
A. Bonaire to remain part of the Netherlands Antilles	+Established infrastructure that has endured for 50 years +Easiest for maintaining family ties +Economies of scale, strength in unity +Now that problems are known, corrections can be applied	-A form of government that has been tried and failed. -Has been proven economically disadvantageous for Bonaire. -Curaçao's economy and population overwhelms other Antilles members.
B. Bonaire to become an integral part of Holland	+Potential long term economic and social benefits with eventual equivalence with Dutch standards. +Possible full E.U. privileges +Dutch police and judicial procedures in force at the grass root level.	-Requires negotiation with and agreement of Holland on far more extensive details than other choices -Open immigration from Holland and EU countries very likely -All EU and Dutch laws and rules may apply, autonomy impossible.
C. Bonaire to become an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands	+Autonomy, Bonaire's traditions preserved with minimal interference. +Immigration rules remain under local control +Proven economic superiority of the Aruba model as compared to Bonaire.	-Bonaire may not have sufficient economic and human resources to carry out effectively. -Requires negotiations and agreement of Holland, Aruba and other Antillean islands. -Relatively open to corruption
D. Bonaire to become an independent state	+Freedom to choose alliances (witness Japan/Peru) +Able to negotiate for American bases and economic aid +UN membership likely	-Unable to defend against serious aggressors and imperialists -Insufficient economic, human resources, experience and infrastructure to succeed -Bad record of other territories gone autonomous



REMEMBER TO VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 10TH

Bring your voter card... If you haven't received your voter card visit Bevolking (Census) today to get it.

Be sure to bring valid ID: an up-to-date sedula, passport, driver's license, social security ID or Bevolking certificate. If you are a 16- or 17-year old your SGB ID may suffice as well.

If you are a foreigner, also bring your residency permit.

There are 10 voting places on Bonaire, including two in Rincon. Your voting card tells you where to vote. If you don't have a card, and are eligible for one, go to Bevolking (Census) today and pick it up.

Referendum Chronicle

LETTERS Referendum

GIBRALTAR – AN INTERESTING CASE?

Regardless of the outcome of this Friday's Referendum Bonaire's relationship with Europe is sure to change in the coming years. Special arrangements with the EU are possible and negotiable as shown by the unique position of Gibraltar. Options A, B and C will require negotiations with the EU if Bonaire's status is to change.

Gibraltar is situated in the western Mediterranean at the southern tip of Spain, with Africa 20 miles to the south across the Strait of Gibraltar. It is a UK dependency which has been in British possession since 1704. Historically, Gibraltar has been an object of contention between Britain and Spain. Following a 1984 agreement between Britain and Spain, the border, which Spain had closed in 1969, was fully reopened.

Gibraltar entered the European Union in 1973 as a dependent territory in Europe, but was excluded, at the request of the government of Gibraltar, from the common external tariff, the common agricultural policy and value added tax. Gibraltar is **NOT** part of the EU's **customs territory**, according to Article 3 (1) of the Customs Code, as amended. Article 28 of the UK's Act of Accession exempts Gibraltar from the application of EU laws relating to agricultural policy and the harmonization of turnover taxes (VAT). Gibraltar's customs revenue is also not part of the revenue of the Com-

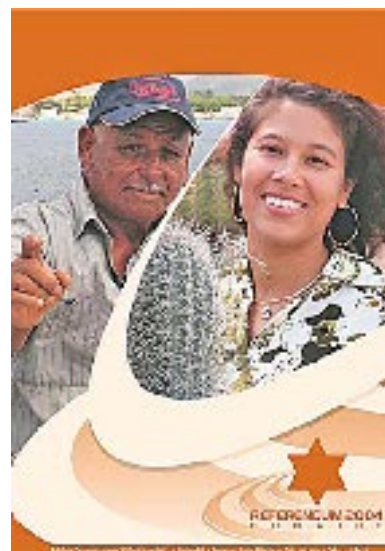
munity.

Article 299 (4) of the *Treaty Establishing the European Community (Amsterdam Treaty)* makes Gibraltar part of the EU: "The provisions of this Treaty shall apply to the European territories for whose external relations a Member State is responsible." Thus, although part of the Community, Gibraltar is not subject to the full application of EU law and policy. It is effectively treated as a third country as far as trade is concerned. Exports of goods of local (Gibraltar) origin to the Community benefit from the EU's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). This exceptional position of Gibraltar was negotiated by the UK upon its entry in the European community.

The monetary unit is the Gibraltar pound, on a par with Sterling. The legal tender is Gibraltar government notes and coins, though Bank of England notes and coins are equally welcome. The official website for the government of Gibraltar is: <http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/>



Note: Bonaire might look at the case of Gibraltar rather than to Madeira or the Azores, or – in case a Status Aparte is voted for – Aruba, which is much more populated than Bonaire. Bonaire's best chance is to play Calimero's role: I am small, and they are big! □ *The Chronicler*



Dear Editor:

IT'S B FOR ME

I think we must take the long view for the referendum, since it is the long-term future we must plan for. Both options B and C and a combination of these votes, (along with D) will clearly say to Holland that we no longer want to be ruled by Curaçao. We are ready to start managing our own affairs.

I believe Option B will give us the opportunity to start that process and take the many careful steps that are needed to construct a future that is right for Bonaire. What is right for Aruba may not be right for Bonaire, and we have clear evidence that what has been good for Curaçao has not been good for Bonaire. Option B will allow us to create our own future through negotiation. It's B for me.

J.T.

CONFUSED

Dear Editor:

I must admit I am very confused. Today, I got in my mailbox a small newspaper from the Referendum Committee that explained the Referendum issues in English. It paints a really rosy picture for Option B and makes Option C seem like a road to ruin and Options A and D choices only for the insane. I thought the Committee was supposed to be impartial.

I really still can't decide, but I will be by Voting Day.

D.G.

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Breezes Hotel in Curaçao.

► The **Chez Nous restaurant at the SGB (high school) is open once again** now that school is back in session. The student chefs and wait staff offer classic fine dining in a relaxing ambiance. It's practice for them and a joy for customers. Three-course lunches are served on

Wednesdays and Fridays, starting between 12 to 12:30 for only NAf15. Diners are four courses and happen on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning between 6 and 6:30 pm. Price is only NAf22,50. Be sure and make reservations ahead at the SGB, telephone 717-8120 and ask for Chez Nous. □ L./G.D.

POLICE UPDATE



Police Chief Gerold Daantje

According to a story published in *Tuesday's St. Maarten Herald*, St. Maarten Police Commissioner Richard Panneflekk has accepted a temporary position as police chief in Bonaire. This was confirmed by Justice Minister Norberto Ribeiro. The position, temporary for now, depends on whether the Council of Ministers agrees to a new job for Bonaire's current police chief, Gerold Daantje at the Directorate of Justice. The Government also needs to formally approve Daantje's resignation. "If government doesn't agree, and Daantje doesn't take the new job, the deal is off," Ribeiro told *The Daily Herald*.

CRIME UPDATES:

From Charles Souriel, Police Department spokesman:

•The Zero Tolerance (O-T) team has been very busy this last week. Their first action was traffic and general control on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot/Kaya Amsterdam, Kaya Korona, Kaya Frater Odolphines and Kaya Tribon with the following results:

They stopped 45 cars to speak with the drivers, 14 vehicles were removed from the road and there were two arrests. One

was a man, R., 34, who had a plastic sack with a small amount of marijuana. After interrogation he was released. The second was P., 21, driving a white Tercel, #45222-B, a possible joy rider.

•At the SGB (high school) as the O-T team was monitoring the entrance to the school they were bombarded by rocks by some students. The school director was informed so that action can be taken.

•Last Sunday the body of Jose Torres Liscano Toledo (born in Colombia 2-14-47) was found. Apparently it was a suicide, the victim having hanged himself approximately eight hours before from a tree near Less Indian Ball Park. Police are investigating the case. Condolences go to the family.

•A female tourist, Sallie Hudson (born in the US 7-1-47), staying at Sand Dollar Resort, was rushed to the recompression chamber after a diving accident, but was declared dead by Dr. Miranda. Police will conduct an investigation. Our condolences to the family.

•Zero Tolerance was active over the long holiday weekend. In town things were tranquil. The investigation of an illegal drag race on Kaya van Epps (the Airport-Sorobon Road) turned up nothing.

(At a roadblock checkpoint) a knife was confiscated from a 47-year-old man but no drugs were found. He was given a summons.

Another control action at a football game in Playa turned up no problems.

Continuing traffic checks in the evening hours resulted in many infractions being discovered. Summonses were issued for moving violations, driving without license or insurance, vehicle defects, and for bicycles being driven without lights. Bikes and vehicles were impounded. Similar actions are promised in the coming weeks and months. □L./G.D.

CORAL SPAWN FORECAST



Coral Spawn Action

Attention Divers: *Mark Vermeij a biologist with NOAA Fisheries in Miami, Florida has provided his best guess for spawning times for various coral species in the Southern Caribbean this year.*

For each species the times are given for the expected spawning time on Bonaire, based on 1997-2003 data. However, based on observations from last year throughout the Caribbean, differences among localities were often small. When available, comments on deviating spawning times for specific localities are offered. These are estimates and no guarantee exists that things will go as expected. Last year several species behaved "weirdly," so the only way to be really sure is by filling a few more tanks and diving as much as you can.

Diploria labyrinthiformis:

Oct 3-6: 22h00-23h30;

Diploria strigosa:

Sep 17, 18 22h00-23h 30; Oct 17 18 22h00-23h00, no spawning during 2nd round in Venezuela; spawning (2nd round only) half hour later in Grand Cayman/ Fl. Keys based on 2003 observations; possibility for spawning on Nov 3-6 in Southern Caribbean

Montastraea cavernosa:

Oct 3-5: 21h00-23h00; spawning in Fl Keys expected for Sep 7/ Oct 6 as well based on 2003 observations. Males more

often observed than females in 2003.

M. annularis complex:

Oct 3-5: 21h00-22h30; largely similar observations from all over the Caribbean in 2003 (e.g. USVI, Bahamas, Fl. Keys, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Bonaire, Curaçao, Venezuela, Panama). Slight possibility for spawning on Nov 3-6 in Southern Caribbean (Leeward Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela).

Siderastrea siderea:

Oct 3-5: 22h00-23h00

Eusmilia fastigiata:

planulae likely visible throughout mid Sep - Oct in tentacles;

Madracis senaria:

Releases large number of white planulae (approx. 0.3mm) during Sep 7-8 & Oct 6-7, between 0h00-06h00;

Agaricia humilis:

Releases small amounts of large planulae (approx. 0.5-0.8mm); entire period Sep- Nov; but also during the rest of the year.

Agaricia agaricites:

Releases intermediate amounts of intermediate sized planulae (approx. <0.4mm); entire period Sep- Nov;

Stephanocoenia michelini:

Oct 4-6: 21h00-22h00; some colonies can be observed releasing sperm and eggs from different parts of the colony. Most often the top half of the colony contains male gametes whereas the bottom contains female gametes. □ *Mark Vermeij*

WINDSURFING ACTION IN POZO IZQUIERDO



Pozo Beach

After the competition of Fuerteventura we, Taty Frans (Sponsored by Gaastra, Starboard, Fiberspar, Jibe City) Ruben Petrisie (Brunotti Boards & Clothing, Palm Trading, Solar), Tonky Frans (Gaastra, F2, Fiberspar, Jibe City) Kiri Thode (Gaastra, Starboard, Fiberspar, Jibe City, Banco di Caribe), Jayson Jonge (Worldsails, HiFly, Jibe City) and I, Femke van der Valk, (Van der Valk Vacations & Hotels) continued on the racing circuit, this time to Gran Canaria. One more spot to visit and then, back HOME!

When people talk about Pozo they talk about stormy winds, waves, choppy conditions. So we were not even sure what to expect. Of course some of us had already

been there, but still you could sense the excitement. When we arrived we had to find a place to stay; that worked out well. We all stayed in one little apartment really close to the beach. The next day the training began. Preparation for the last event! Before the competition we had to say goodbye to Jayson as he left Gran Canaria earlier to go back to Bonaire.

On the first day of the competition the wind was not so strong. Everyone from Bonaire was performing well and competing well in the heats. Taty came in first.

The next day the conditions were still the same. Also this day the Bonaire team was showing everybody what real windsurfing is. Taty once again ended up in the final.

After an exciting heat against the Brazilian, Kauli Seadi, Taty with his no-handed jump and smooth planning variations took the victory again.

The next day was surprising. A local hero named Victor Fernandez took the lead after his five-minute heat against Kauli. He performed a huge switch-stance back-loop and let us see what a difference it makes to sail on your own turf. Unfortunately, for the next two days we didn't see Taty on the winner's stage again, but still he fought hard and was able to get a well deserved 2nd place in the event, and this was, according to his words, what he wanted to achieve. Tonky placed 13th by staying smooth but not overwhelming. He showed just enough to stay within the top 16.

Kiri was incredible for his size; he was sailing sails as big as many of the other sailors who were about twice his size. He got 21st and sailed heats in which everybody knew that they had not seen the last of him. He learned some great new moves, for example the "Shuv It," of which he of course is deeply proud.

Ruben was also sailing well. I said in one of the other articles he was moving upwards. In this event he ended 23rd and won



more heats than ever before.

In the overall ranking Bonaire is now well placed. We have Tonky in 4th place, Taty 5th, Kiri 23rd, Ruben 27th. Probably because Jayson didn't compete in the last event he was not listed on the list.

To all the sailors I want to say; you guys did a great job, the island can be proud of such windsurfers! □ Femke van der Valk. Pictures by Ruben Petrisie and Femke van der Valk

The editors of The Reporter wish to extend a special thanks to Femke. Not only did she compete in the events but she had time to send us first-hand reports and excellent photos.

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
9-10	6:32	0.8FT.	42
9-11	7:02	0.9FT.	51
9-12	7:26	1.0FT.	62
9-13	7:39	1.1FT.	72
9-14	0:25	1.6FT.	81
9-15	1:17	1.5FT.	87
9-16	2:32	1.3FT.	91
9-17	14:48	1.6FT.	92

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:



Kralendijk Harbor is filling up as the hurricane threats escalate.

3T	Honalee	Sandpiper, USA
Angie	Infinity	Santa Maria, Sweden
Alegria, USA	Jacuzzi	Scintilla, Germany
Alaluya	Macaby, Netherlands	Side by Side
Aleria	Maggie	Sirius
Aurora	Makai	Sojourner
Avatar, USA	Marathon	Southern Cross
Ayla	Marina Em	Starlight Dancer
Batje	Marnel IV	Sylvia K
Blueprint	Misty Blue	Sylvester
Brehorn	My Dream Israel	Ti Amo, USA
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THE PET PROFESSOR

 PROBLEM SOLVING



Susan Brown and pupil

Dog behavior is a huge and complex topic, and I don't mean to address serious problems such as phobias and anxiety in this article. However, there are some general principles which may be helpful for those of you whose dogs have annoying behaviors.

If the behavior represents a radical departure from the dog's usual personality, then you first need to rule out medical causes. Dogs who are unwell will often suddenly behave in unusual ways (urinating in the house, chewing things up). This is not usually a matter of "trying to tell you something," but is often a product of chemical changes, stress, or pain (urinary tract infection, dental disease). So a trip to the vet is always a good idea.

Assuming your dog is healthy, the logical next step is to look at the dog's environment. Are his basic needs being met (getting enough food, exercise, attention)? Have there been any changes in his environment (moving to a new house, no longer allowed in a certain area), family structure (new pet, new baby, new boyfriend), or his schedule (left alone for longer periods)? Many problem behaviors can be fixed by adjusting the dog's environment and/or schedule. If there have been no recent changes in his environment, you need to then look more closely at the behavior itself. First try to determine how the behavior is motivated; how is it gratifying to the dog? Is the behavior instinctively gratifying (such as digging or chasing the cat)?

Obedience training (remember that "Leave it" command?) and proper exercise are the keys to controlling instinctive behaviors. If you can't see any purely doggy reason for the behavior, then you must look at yourself (actually you have to look there in all cases). How are you inspiring and/or reinforcing this behavior? This is where you are likely to find the answers to most problem behaviors. Take a look at the way you react to the behavior (you may have reacted this way only once, but the behavior persists).

A simple example of a problem behavior: Every time there is a knock at the door, your dog flips out, racing around, barking hysterically and jumping up on the door. You yourself have a tendency to jump up whenever there's a knock at the door. When your dog behaves this way, you try to stop him by telling him "It's okay, good boy, it's okay," and when the barking and jumping only increase, you finally get a cookie to lure him away from the door so you can answer it in peace. This behavior is motivated and reinforced in several ways. First, you are (in his perception) animated by the knocking (causing him to be as well). Then you tell him it's okay (telling him this is an appropriate reaction to the situation) and that he's a good boy (so smart for recognizing the situation and for acting this way), and finally...he gets a treat for acting this way. This problem has a simple solution. Do not get excited when there's a knock. Completely ignore your dog's reaction. Calmly go to the door and stand there a moment, not looking at him. Then ask him to "Move" (you have taught him this, right?). When he backs away from the door, ask him to "Sit" and then reward him.

We inadvertently reinforce the wrong behaviors in our dogs all the time. It's hard not to do. However, if we pay close attention to our dog's behavior and our own responses, we can usually head off the kinds of situations that require drastic measures (like calling the trainer!). □ Susan Brown

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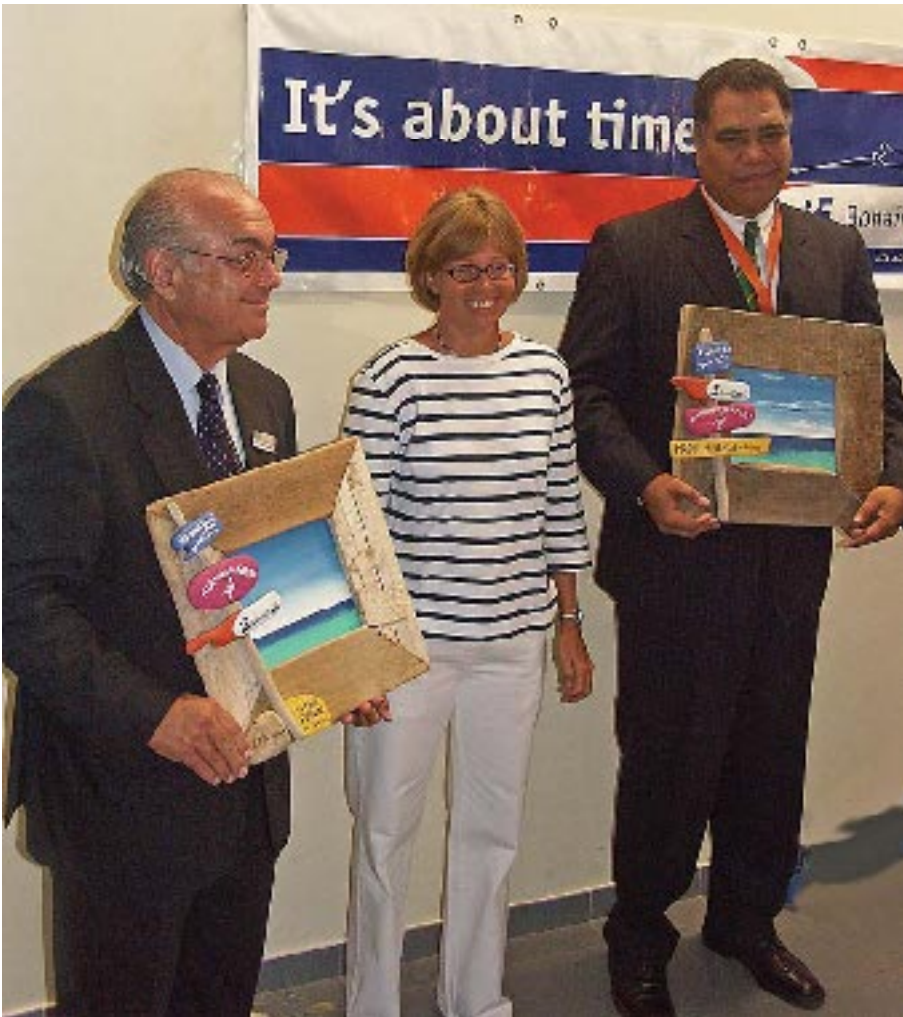
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In this issue we continue a series of stories by Captain Don Stewart—one of Bonaire's "Living Treasures" and the man credited with focusing Bonaire on Dive Tourism.



Ebo Domacassé, dive guide

1976

I looked up from my papers just as Nestor, a Cuban group leader from Florida, stuck his head into my office.

"Buenos dias, my deep diving Cubano. What's up?"

"Captain Don, I gotta talk to you!"

"Of course. English, please," as I sensed that he was serious.

"My guys is unhappy." He paused as if translating his thoughts. "Si, the people are very angry and asked me to talk with the Captain. My guys want to go to Ebo's Special and our guide Erwin said he wasn't allowed to do that dive. My guys is mad."

"Nestor, Erwin is right. You see, only one man is allowed to dive that place and it is Ebo himself. Even I, when I want to dive there have to go with Ebo. The rule." I saw by his expression that there was no comprehension.

"Nestor, get your Mexicans together. I'd like to talk to them."

"Cubans, you dumb Captain," but his eyes laughed and that spared my day.

Nestor owned several of Florida's finest dive shops and his groups were always a pleasure. Good looking ladies and fun loving guys, until now. I hustled them into the class patio and hiked myself up onto the instructor's stool.

"Well, my fine Cuban friends," I paused for effect.

"We are Americans," they said and pointed at Nestor. "He is the Cuban."

"Really," I said. "You went to Florida on the Mayflower, and he on a raft. Now Nestor owns three dive shops and you pay him to bring you here. Well! So much for the Mayflower." I saw that I had broken the ice.

"Who is Ebo anyway?" one questioned gently.

I had to smile at that. If you didn't know Ebo then you had never been here before. "Let me tell you about this guy and his special reef." I let my mind drift back a decade or more. "Flamingo Beach Club, 1963. A resort of sorts built from the leftovers from the old German internment camp from the 1940s. Ebo was the bartender and more.

Ebo Domacassé was in many ways the heart of the old Flamingo Beach Club. A trusted employee, often administrator, waiter, boatman hauling water skiers, fishing guide, and, as said, the bartender. As natural as he was with the sea, he was equally comfortable with visiting tourists.

Ebo swam better than a fish, free dove to depths but for some reason was scared stiff of Scuba diving. Then one day in 1967 he watched two gray haired old ladies pull down their masks, lock arms and walk down the boat ramp to disappear into the sea.

He was fascinated. These ladies, perhaps older than his grandmother, popped on a tank and some gear then simply walked into the sea. Ebo had been watching me and my divers doing this for some time, but it had stirred no real desire to learn. However, these grandmothers touched a nerve!

Not long after, Ebo put on a tank and taught himself to dive. I had been that route myself, thought it a most natural thing, and simply cautioned Ebo. "Never do two tanks back to back and pull this 'J' rod when you run out of air. It will give you enough air to get to the surface. But don't trust it. When

it fails, just come up slowly, but most importantly, never, never hold your breath. Just tilt your head back and breathe out slowly, kinda like whistling. Oh, and always do your deeper dive first."

Several years later, Ebo had logged some hundreds of dives. A visiting Scuba instructor was diving with Ebo and was horrified that he had never had proper SCUBA instruction. Ebo, with more than triple the instructor's underwater time, quickly became the first certified diver on Bonaire. I wasn't certified until five years later.

It was not the certification or instructor's status that propelled Ebo into the beginning of the diving industry, but his phenomenal compatibility with the reefs, fish, divers and the sea. It was as if a new aquatic Tarzan had moved into the oceans of his fathers to take charge. He gently finned around; always ready to help novice divers achieve his effortless neutral buoyancy and point out previously unseen cleaner shrimp, frogfish and the like. Conservation of the reefs was his aim even back then, and he guided his charges with compassion through his virgin reefs, relaxed but with a constant awareness. Ebo was a shepherd to literally thousands of visiting divers who ventured with him without harm or incident.

Ebo became a sailing hero in 1968 when he bested me in a sailboat race that won him 27 cases of beer. It was the birth of Bonaire's now famous International Sailing Regatta.

Ebo Domacassé was awarded two reefs in his name, Ebo's Reef and Ebo's Special, as a sign of respect and love from other guides as well as from his divers.



When your dive boat was a truck: Therese Rossier and Ebo in the center

Ebo, with his quiet ways and relaxed manners, has given much of himself to the building of our underwater image. It has been an honor for me to have dived with this guy.

"You wait two more days until Ebo comes back from his vacation and you guys will be his number uno."

A girl asked, "What's the deal with this Jerry's Jam s#@**?"

"Yes, that is exactly what it is -just a bunch of crap. I wasn't there, but as I understand it, a hot shot photographer named Jerry Greenberg, staying at the Flamingo, was at Ebo's Special where he had set up for a shoot: cameras, even some on tripods, with lenses straight out of the space

age." I looked at the pretty girl with the rough talking mouth. "Comprehend? Thousands of dollars of camera gear spread out all over the bottom. Then in comes Ebo with a boatful of his divers who had been promised Ebo's Special for their last dive." I stopped, letting that sink in.

"I know Jerry and I sure as hell know Ebo, and the rumor is that Ebo tossed an anchor right into the middle of all Jerry's wonderful cameras which were sitting on the sand." I paused, thinking about it. "I know Ebo's boat carried an anchor since there was no mooring then, and Ebo would cut off his arm before he ever dumped an anchor onto his wonderful corals."

"So today Peter Hughes' people at the Flamingo call the reef "Jerry's Jam" and we here at Aquaventure still and always will call that reef window Ebo's Special. And as long as I am the Captain around here, Ebo will be the only man who will ever, ever guide to that place."

Nestor's group started applauding.

"That," I thought, "is what makes Nestor's group what they always are ... great!"

Historical note. I recently talked to Linda Cober from Bill Whitlock's group in Harrisburg, PA, who gave me an eyewitness account. Ebo did not actually throw the anchor, but with a wicked smile to his divers, nudged the boat very close to the cameras and then carefully

placed the anchor to avoid them and Jerry. All got their special dive even though Jerry had a scare and provided an alternative name to Ebo's Special. □
Captain don /D.S.

Editors note: Among other things, Ebo Domacassé is the father of Bonaire's Governor.

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Captain Don

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The North Salinja Centro di Bario provided a spectacular setting for the dozens of stands, the bands, the displays and the hundreds of people of all ages who came to socialize, eat, drink and dance. Livening up the scene were the motorcycle riders and an impressive display of classic cars . . .

BONAIRE BIKERS MC TOUR 2004



Jack Chalk, one of the officials for the Biker's Tour, remounts after guiding the bikes through downtown Kralendijk.

Impressive. That's a word that fits the spectacular Motorcycle Tour that criss-crossed Bonaire this past weekend. The glowing finish of the bikes and classic cars was almost more stirring than the throaty rumble of the Harleys. Bikes and bikers from Venezuela, the Caribbean and the US cruised and partied the length and breadth of the island, stopping to gather along the downtown waterfront between Karel's Beach Bar and City Café and at Captain Don's Habitat. This sixth edition of the annual event was the biggest yet and the manners of the riders were exemplary. Area hotels and nightspots were jammed with people having lots of fun. How will they top it next year? *G.D.*



A familiar sight all weekend: long lines of riders.



"Glen and Su Car" during Bonaire Day. Just one of the many classics from Aruba and Curaçao brought for the Biker's Tour.

HUSH-HUSH SEASIDE SPOTS

This week's beaches are very different from each other. The discovery of Pink Jewel was pure luck. It came about because I wanted to examine a funny looking cactus I spotted on top of a cliff. The cactus wasn't that exciting, but the pink coral beach I discovered was.

Everyone knows or has heard of Lac Cai, but I wonder how many have spent time enjoying its wonderful beach. I for one was amazed at what I discovered during my visits earlier this week. What a different atmosphere from the many Sunday afternoons I've enjoyed there.

Pink Jewel

I'd been told on several occasions by long-time residents about the beauty of pink beaches found on the island before (the results of Hurricane "Lenny," but how can a newcomer even imagine the beauty of a pink coral beach? But last week I got lucky on my continual quest of finding the best seaside spot on the island. I happened to look down from a cliff, and there it was, a beautiful pink sandy beach. Where is this Pink Jewel you will ask? I can guarantee that only the die-hard beach bums will attempt to reach it. This Pink Jewel is located in a bay just past Playa Frans.



To reach it you will need to climb the two-meter rock wall at the far end of Playa Frans and then hike for five minutes along the cliff's edge and quickly you will spot this wonderful beauty. To descend from the cliff to the beach, you will need to look around for the natural pathway winding along the cliff's edge. The beach itself is white sand covered with millions of small specks of pink coral. The cliff wall provides some wonderful shady areas, depending on the time of day you visit. And speaking of the cliff walls, do look at how intricately the cliff is made of layers of broken corals. At the end of this small beach is a sandy entry into the sea. However, the many corals near the shore will somewhat restrict your ability to swim or snorkel. After enjoying this Pink Jewel, do remember that you will need to hike up and along the cliff and descend it again. Another way of reaching this Pink Jewel is to just snorkel to the bay from Playa Frans, but it would certainly take away most of the fun of reaching this Pink Jewel.

Lac Cai

Like many other residents of Bonaire, I've spent many Sunday afternoons enjoying the wonderful entertainment at Lac Cai, but never did I realize what a haven of tranquility Lac is when everyone has gone home. After hearing from friends



about the wonderful beach at Lac, I finally took time to visit it early last week. I was in for quite a surprise. The serenity of the beach area was amazing: the beautiful sandy beach, the calm waters of Lac, the mangroves growing around Lac Cai, the distant roaring sound of the sea, the windsurfers in the distance and the mountains of conch shells. Each taken separately is nothing amazing, but when all is found in an entire package such as at Lac Cai, it is spectacular.

You will be greeted on your arrival at Lac Cai by a pack of dogs, but no need to worry -- they will quickly lose interest as you drive towards the beach area. The sandy beach is quite long, and the calm water is very shallow, an ideal place for children to frolic in the water safely. There is no shade along the beach, but a short stroll from the beach you will find some great shady areas. A Bonairean resident told me that Lac Cai is very popular on Saturdays with young families with children learning how to swim. I did not enjoy such a scene, but I will surely visit Lac Cai some Saturday soon to enjoy such a great beach with others. □ *Josée Bolduc Frosst*

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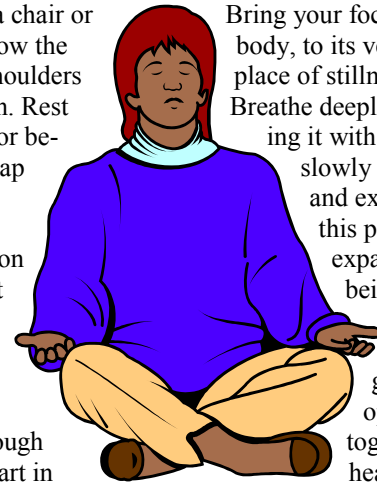
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Susan Jeffers

Not sure how to start a meditation practice? Try this Inner Peace Meditation. Stop for a few moments and connect up with the feeling sense of your body.

Sit comfortably in a cross-legged position on the floor or sit in a chair or lie down on the floor. Allow the spine to be straight, the shoulders relaxed and the chest open. Rest the hands on your knees, or beside the torso, or in your lap with the palms facing up. Relax the face, jaw, and belly. Let the tongue rest on the roof of the mouth, just behind the front teeth. Allow the eyes to lightly close. Breathe slowly, smoothly and deeply in and out through the nose. Let the inhale start in the belly and then rise gently up into your chest. Settle this awareness on the breath and ride on the waves of the full in-breath and full out-breath. See if you



can be in touch with the feeling of this breath that's happening now. Your mind will wander when you do this; that is its nature. Just notice the wanderings without judging. See what's on your mind in terms of thoughts and feelings, and then reconnect back with the breath.

Bring your focus deeply inside your body, to its very core, finding a place of stillness, quiet and peace. Breathe deeply into this center filling it with your awareness, slowly beginning to grow and expand outwards. Feel this place of inner peace expand to fill your entire being. Practice this for 10-20 minutes. To end: gently let the eyes open, inhale the palms together in front of your heart, exhale and gently

bow. Take a moment before moving on with the rest of your day. □ *Desirée*

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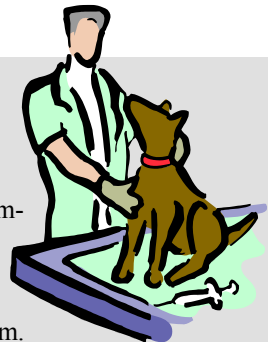
Kent Porras and Marisela Anthony with their baby Kevin and puppy "Whiskey."

Here's puppy "Whiskey" with her new family: Kent Porras and Marisela Anthony with their baby Kevin. Whiskey is the Shelter's 110th adoption of this year. That was the number of adoptions for the whole year in 2003. Whiskey, named by Kent, is 10 weeks old and was to be our Pet of the Week before Kent and Marisela saw her.

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Wednesday -Meditation at Donkey Beach from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Open to all. Call S.H.Y. 790-9450

Wednesday -Sand Dollar Manager’s Cocktail Party, Mangos Bar and Restaurant

Friday -Manager’s Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Friday- Open House with Happy Hour at the **JanArt Gallery** at Kaya Gloria #7, from 5-7 pm.

Saturdays Rincon Marshé opens at 6 am - 2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop: fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets and snacks, arts and handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music.

Every day by appointment -Rooi

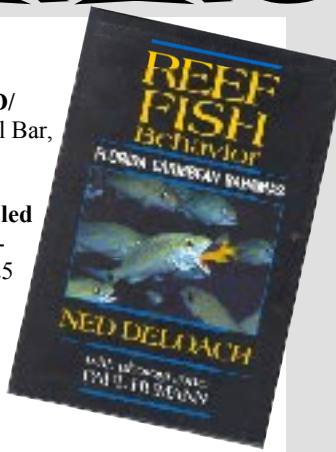
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Mondays, September 13, 20, 27 – Fish Behavior DVD/ Slide Show by Anna & Ned DeLoach, Buddy Dive Pool Bar, 7:30pm. Free.

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Wednesdays, September 15, 22, 29 - Guided Boat Dive with Anna & Ned DeLoach. Make reservations at the Activity Center of **Buddy Dive** (Tel. 717-5080, ext. 525). \$24 plus 5% tax.

Fridays, September 17 & 24 Anna & Ned DeLoach will sign their world famous **Fish ID and Fish Behavior** books from 6 until 7 pm at the Pool bar at **Buddy Dive**.



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Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation Slide Show by Andy Uhr. Carib Inn seaside veranda, 7 pm

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Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) -717-4303.

Sister Maria Hoppner Home (Child Care) Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.

Special Olympics - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

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Go to the source. Visit the **Bonaire Museum** on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors’ Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

Sunday at Cai- Live music and dancing starts about 12 noon at Lac Cai. Dance to the music of Bonaire’s popular musicians.

Rincon Marshé- every Saturday - 6 am to 3 pm. Open market in Bonaire’s historic town. **Soldachi Tours show you the Rincon area . Alta Mira**

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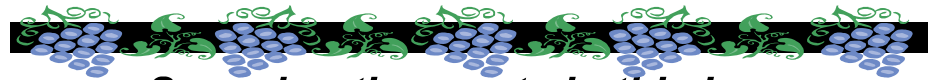
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Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
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Jan and Ilse Jonkman

“I came to Bonaire with the cargo ship *Maron*. I was 26 and had been invited by the Protestant church council to be a minister on Bonaire. On September 27 I’ll have been 40 years in the Antilles.

I was born in the north of Holland, in Hoorn. My father was a businessman and I went to school with the idea of following in his footsteps. When I changed my mind and started theological studies in Germany, my father thought it was a punishment from God. My parents were profoundly religious, but they were very much against the church because of their experiences. However, when I was ordained my father shed a tear.

Bonaire in 1964 was mighty nice for a young guy. You could do a lot and I started working on many projects like the child custody board and prisoner after care. Katchi Craane’s son-in-law built me a real Bonairean sailboat, 16 feet, like the *Papagayo*, and I roamed the sea around Bonaire. The moment I set foot on Bonaire I felt at home. The parish of the Protestant church was

small, it’s never been big, but I felt like a fish in water! Every Thursday and Friday Shon Da, Jopie Abraham’s mother, came to help me with my Papiamentu, helping to translate the sermons and making house calls with me. Together with the Catholic and other churches we founded a youth group in Rincon, *Hubentut pa Kristu* (Youth for Christ). We built a clubhouse next to

the church. There were about 80 members and the two youth leaders, Wilson Thode and Geronimo Mercera, were the pillars of the movement. Later on Geronimo went to study theology on Trinidad and Jamaica, then served the Protestant parish on Bonaire for 25 years. He’s enjoying his pension but his old teacher is working again!

Bonaire then was under the domain of the West Indian Company which said that a young man should either come with a wife, his mother or his aunt. I was working in Germany and had a German girlfriend whom I knew a couple of months, so we got married immediately and sailed off. We had three daughters, two born on Bonaire, one in Curaçao. All three of them live in Curaçao. Michaela is married to an architect, Janice is married to a DCA pilot and Birgit is single, our ‘little storm.’

We divorced and I met Ilse “Poppie” Visser from Curaçao. We’ve been married for 30 years. We have a son, Jan, who’s 25. Before he was 20 he was a

pilot on an Air Aruba jet. Now he’s flying in Indonesia with Star Air, a subsidiary company of Garuda and... that’s a great pain to his mom because she misses him terribly.”

Jan Jonkman (67) and his wife Ilse (64) share their life every single moment of the day, and together they take care of their Siamese cat, two dogs, four Macaws and one baby Macaw, one cockatoo and three Amazon Loras from Venezuela with two eggs. “For 23 years we’ve had birds, and for the last few years we’ve had nests with good results,” *Ilse says.* “Together with other ‘experts’ we set up a foundation. It was Peter Montanus from DROB’s idea. Our goal is to start a breeding project so people can buy a Lora legally instead of having a poacher take one from the wild for them. Excuse me for a moment,” *she says,* “I’m going to call my son Jan in Jakarta because he’s been flying and I want to make sure that he’s home now.”

“The beauty of Ilse,” *Jan says,* “is that she inherited this perfect mixture of Frisian down-to-earthness and Latin emotionality from her ancestors. She’s incredible. I couldn’t do without her. She makes house calls with me; she designs certificates for marriage, baptism and confirmation; she writes the liturgy and the church’s newspaper; she keeps my agenda and does translations for the church. Ilse was an English and Spanish

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teacher for 40 years in Curaçao. I stayed on Bonaire until 1972; then I became a minister with the Fort Church in Curaçao. But after my divorce, I wasn’t allowed to work as a minister on the islands anymore so for 20 years I worked in judicial youth care. I wrote a book, *Social Guide for the Dutch Antilles*. That’s how I came in touch with Government services, departments and foundations involved in judicial youth-care and found out there was no communication between them whatsoever, no or very poor intramural care (for youngsters who are institutionalized), and insufficient support and guidance. Because of my book, the Minister of Justice at the time asked me to create a foundation, the ‘Family Supervisory Guardian Board,’ for children from birth to 18 whose relationship with their parents was such that it was necessary to put them legally in custody of the juvenile court and give them a family guardian, appointed and guided by the foundation. It filled a vacuum. We were responsible

for over 400 children. My experiences made me write an essay, an SOS, to the Minister of Justice, ‘The Loss of the Third Generation,’ because three generations were lost. The grandmother, the mother and the child were living in this vicious circle without possibility of an escape, caused by poverty, a lack of communication at home and single parent families. Children were growing up without a feeling of belonging, and the result was that their conscience didn’t develop; they weren’t aware of their own limits; they couldn’t control themselves; and they didn’t love themselves or anybody else - not people, not animals, not their society nor their country. And... mind you... This was 20 years ago!

I put some projects on paper for the Justice Department: A team to guide first offenders to prevent them going from bad to worse and a re-socializing program for juvenile delinquents, the ones who had already been involved in more serious crimes. You know what the government did? Absolutely nothing! I told them, if you let go of it the outcome will be extremely bitter! And that’s what’s happening now. The criminals who are terrorizing Curaçao today are the children nobody cared about 20 years ago.

In 1999 I investigated the situation on Bonaire - the children who were at risk and the ones already involved in crime - a total of 215 children! That file is still somewhere in a drawer here in the Government’s offices. The excuse? No money!

I stayed on Curaçao until 2001, when I noticed that the Justice Department used my essays, my memoranda and my projects as ‘Political Footballs.’ I told my wife, ‘I quit!’ Just then the Protestant Church approached me and asked me to come back - to Bonaire or Curaçao. My wife and I prayed for advice, and we chose Bonaire, so... here we are!

One of the conditions the Government made (because officially I was already retired) was that I would find a successor. I did in the person of Kenneth Kross, a teacher at SGB who’s doing his Masters in Theology. He’ll be ready in two years. Besides coaching Kenneth I have two goals for Bonaire. In 2002 I



Ilse and Jan Jonkman

tried to reunite all the religious groups on the island so all of us together could do something about the very serious social problems here, especially the youngsters. To my great sadness I found out that everyone preferred to stay in his own little corner and wasn’t planning to move. That’s very much against Jesus’ instruction when he says in St. John nr. 17, ‘That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.’ I haven’t given up on it!

My second goal for Bonaire is the restoration of the Protestant Church in Rincon and the youth clubhouse next to it. For the clubhouse we’ve already received three quarters of the funds, all donations, and we’ll start very soon. The new foundation, *Hubentut pa Kristu*, is at the Notary’s office and our previous chairman of the board, Wilson Thode, is back with us again. Financially we’re supported by the Reformed Parish of the *Westerkerk* in Amsterdam and a very aristocratic and well-known parish, the Remonstrant Parish of Lochem, Holland. We have a verbal promise from ‘Wings of Support,’ a KLM employees organization, and the Valero oil company from Aruba has also promised to support us, thanks to Ramonsito Booi.

Because of my faith I am a very positive thinking realist. Archbishop Carter of Jamaica told me in 1973, ‘Before you open your mouth you have to understand the soul of the people.’ I always kept that in mind and I know it’s true. The Antilles have become my second motherland, and I’ve changed. I’m thinking from a different angle now.” □ *Greta Kooistra*



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The World Will Not End on Sept. 29th! (Even Though a Rather Large Asteroid Will Make Its Closest Approach)

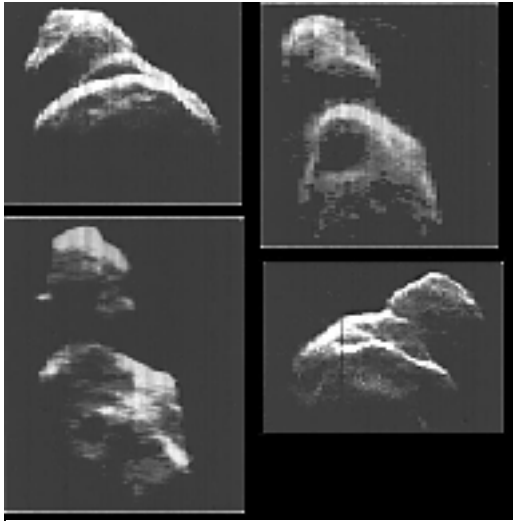
You may or may not have heard a rumor that a rather large asteroid will slam into Earth this month. And while it is true that on Wednesday September 29th, a 3-mile-wide asteroid named **Toutatis** will pay its closest visit since the year 1353, as for the rest, let me give you the real lowdown.

If we could go out into space and look down at our solar system with super human vision we would notice that the first five planets in their order out from the sun are **Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter**, each of which is a pretty good sized chunk of real estate ranging from 3,000 miles wide to 88,000 miles wide. But if we had super duper vision we would also notice the 3-mile-long by 1 1/2-mile wide dumbbell shaped asteroid Toutatis whose orbit extends as far out as the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and which every four years pays a very close visit, astronomically speaking, to our planet Earth.

Indeed Wednesday Sept. 29th asteroid Toutatis will pay its closest visit in 651 years and won't be this close again for another 558 years. In fact, this is one of the largest asteroids ever known to have come this close to us in recorded history. But despite the doomsday rumors, even at its closest point on the 29th it will be four times as far away from us as our **Moon**, almost one million miles away. And we certainly don't worry about our Moon slamming into us every month and it's only a quarter of a million miles away, so enough with the rumors and now on to some of the weird stuff.

You see, asteroid Toutatis is really bizarre. Scientists have bounced radar off it on previous flybys. It looks something like a dumbbell, but it doesn't spin on a single axis like the planets. Instead it tumbles through space. So if you were on Toutatis the stars wouldn't seem to slowly circle around a central axis but would instead criss cross the sky, never following the same path twice, not exactly a great place for star gazers. And although our planet Earth, as seen from Toutatis, would usually only look like a bright star, when it makes its closest approach on the 29th our Earth as seen from Toutatis would look about the same size as a full Moon looks from Earth. So maybe while we're singing "Shine on Harvest Moon" at the end of September Toutatians may be singing "Shine on Harvest Earth."

Now some people have been saying that if you know where to look in the sky even amateur astronomers will be able to see Toutatis on the 29th with a pair of binoculars or a small telescope. But there's one small catch. You also have to be in the southern hemisphere because it will be passing close to Alpha and Beta Centauri, the two bright stars which point to the Southern Cross. So good luck Toutatis hunting if you're far below the Equator and put that hard hat away for another day. □*Jack Horkimer*



The Asteroid Toutatis NASA photo



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
September 10 to September 17, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You should put in some extra hours developing that creative idea you have. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Children might be on your mind. Don't hesitate to make special plans just for two. Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You could experience delays in shipments or mail and should be careful while traveling. Don't let your emotions take over. Avoid too much discourse with colleagues this week. Don't make large purchases or investments. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Things aren't as they appear. Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. Don't hesitate to sign up for lectures or seminars that will enlighten you. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. You can meet someone who will become very dear to you if you get out and socialize. Be sure to take care of any minor ailments. Take a close look at any contracts you've signed in order to be sure exactly where you stand. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Changes at home will be necessary. Trying to deal with your mate will be unproductive and possibly hurtful. You have been stagnating for some time now and you need a change of pace. Sudden changes regarding your domestic scene are probable. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Be careful that you don't overextend yourself. Problems with fire, gas, or oil may cause disruptions and annoyances. You can't make things better if you don't know what to fix. Problems with females you live or work with will try your patience and cause temper flare ups. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You'll find you're detail oriented this week. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Rather than making a scene, communicate quietly about the way you feel. You must use discretion when talking to others. Gambling should not be an option. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory. Any renovation or decorating to your home should include the whole family. Don't be critical or overly opinionated with dislikes; it could cause disapproval and unwanted opposition. Use your quick wit to win points and friends. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Any renovation or decorating to your home should include the whole family. You may have to explain your actions to your family. If you can't get away, make plans to do something special with friends or relatives. Try to be precise in your communications. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20) Don't get involved in other people's private doings. You mustn't take on other people's responsibilities or you may find yourself irritable and exhausted. If they're really interested, they'll wait. Secret affairs may only cause complications in your life. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You may want to stay in the background this week. Accept the inevitable. Things are looking good for you, so open your eyes and get to it. It's time you let your true feelings out. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. Your health may suffer if you don't control your present situation. You will attract members of the opposite sex readily. Sports, physical fitness programs, exercise in general will make you feel better and show some pretty quick results. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday. □

Moon Info ● New Moon September 14th ☾ First Quarter September 21st ● New Moon September 28th ☾ Last Quarter October 6th.

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One of the most reef-friendly installations of a new pier was done with the assistance of Bonaire Crane Services at the Yellow Submarine Dive Shop. Acting as a "sky-hook" the crane installed four pilings and then served as a work platform for the steel work. The pier, when completed in a few weeks, will be 21 meters long.