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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Dutch Antilles Express -DAE (ex-BonairExel) was given until the end of the month to improve its service said Antilles Transport and Communication Minister, Omayra Leeftang, or face consequences. The new director of DAE, Floris van Pallandt, who was appointed in April, agreed to report on its reorganization and performance by the end of July.

There have been many complaints of delays, cancellations, and incidents. The Minister has the authority to revoke the airline's permit or get another airline.

► **Air Jamaica has received a considerable financial boost. It has successfully raised US\$200M in the international capital markets.** Air Jamaica launched and priced a bond issue of 9.375% notes which will mature in 2015. This issue is based on a guarantee from the Government of Jamaica. Dr. Vincent Lawrence, Air Jamaica's Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, says, "Raising this capital is a key element in our financial restructuring and will provide the necessary support to help Air Jamaica maintain its position as the region's premier airline."

► **Prime Minister Ys announced that the next, and perhaps the last, Antillean national elections will be held on all five islands on Friday, January 27,**



Prime Minister Ys

2006. The elections will be for 21 seats in Parliament – one each for Saba and Statia, two for Bonaire, three for St. Maarten and the

remaining 14 for Curaçao. Many thought the last elections would also be the last because the country was on a course for restructuring. It still is, especially following the referenda held on all islands. Only one, Statia, voted to remain a part of the Netherlands Antilles. Bonaire voted for closer ties with Holland, thereby eliminating Curaçao as an intermediary.



► The Prime Minister also wants to push along legislation to regulate **the drilling for oil offshore from Bonaire and Curaçao.** Last week he said that it is of the utmost importance that the government and parliament define legal arrangements to deal

with expected gas and oil exploration near Bonaire and Curaçao. Currently there are no laws that specifically deal with the issues. Considerations include whether to have a government owned company handle the arrangements, what portion of any eventual revenue would flow to the government, which government- island or central or both, what royalties should be paid. Each test well will cost between \$20 million and \$30 million so a lot is at stake.

In his statement the Prime Minister did not discuss environmental issues or potential boundary disputes with Venezuela.

► Emsley Tromp, head of the Antilles Central Bank, reported that **the economy of the Netherlands Antilles continued**



Emsley Tromp

to grow in 2004, albeit at a slower pace than in 2003. Real Gross Domestic Product is estimated to have increased by 1.0%, compared to 1.4% in 2003. The growth in 2004 was attributable entirely to domestic spending. Net foreign demand declined. Government spending grew; investment declined. The decline in net foreign demand resulted from a higher growth in imports than in exports.

The slowing of the economy was accompanied by a deceleration of the inflation rate from 1.9% in 2003 to 1.5% in 2004. Furthermore, the government absorbed a large part of the oil price increases. A related report showed that Curoil, the Curaçao Island Government-owned oil distribution company made a NAf40 million profit last year. Bonaire is contractually obligated to buy fuel oil from Curoil.

► **Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is arriving in Curaçao** on Wednesday, July 27, for a four-day visit. The main reason for her visit is to make an appearance at the Kingdom Games and commemorate her 25th anniversary as Queen. Her Majesty will be accompanied by Dutch Minister of Kingdom Relations Alexander Pechtold. A visit to Bonaire has not been mentioned.

► **Bonaire may be getting a new police chief.** According to a published report in *La Prensa*, Aruba's Police Commissioner Jan van der Straaten has been appointed Bonaire's Commissioner of Police at the start of next month.

Around the beginning of this year then-Minister of Justice Norberto Ribeiro named St. Maarten Police Commissioner Richard Panneflekk to take over, but a groundswell of support for Bonaire's pre-

sent chief, Gerold Daantje, cancelled that action.

► Beginning Monday, August 8th, **police will be checking for up-to-date license plate stickers.** Half year renewals are normal on Bonaire so many expired at the end of June. If you need to renew, go to the Island Ontvanger at J.A. Abraham Boulevard 27. For the rest of the year the cost, for a gasoline powered car, is NAf 170 road tax plus NAf4 for a new sticker plus NAf15 for a number plate if you don't already have one. Taxes for diesels are NAf750 and motorbikes NAf122.50. Heavy vehicles pay NAf1.125.

► On July 21 **Stanley Balentin will organize the first Aereotuy charter flight to Maiquetia Airport (Caracas)** using a Dash 7 (48 seat) turboprop. Aereotuy is a long established Venezuelan charter company with its own airline. Call 786-9444 for additional information and schedules. From Caracas competitively priced flights to Europe, South and North America are available.

► Mocky Arends, Secretary of the Bonaire Bikers, has announced the **schedule for the 2005 Bonaire Bikers MC Tour,** which will be celebrated during the first weekend of September. It is one of the island's biggest tourist draws.

Thursday September 1st: Prep night and Happy Hour at the Bonaire Bikers Clubhouse.

Friday Sept. 2nd: Official opening and register night at the Clubhouse from 7-9 pm. Registration fee US\$20.

Saturday Sept. 3rd: 10:30am Washington Park and Rincon ride. 5:45pm Sunset Ride Sunday Sept. 4: 9:30 am for breakfast and start of the Official Ride at 11am

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Enviro Watch



The anchor can be plainly seen in this photo



The Park Manager questions the crew

On Monday morning a lifeboat from the cruise ship *Freewinds* was repeatedly throwing and retrieving a heavy steel anchor in the area between the town pier and the Plasa Machi Mimi (vegetable stand). Within five minutes Bonaire Marine Park Manager, Ramon DeLeon, responded to a call made to Marine Park Headquarters and observed the action. It is illegal to anchor anywhere in the Bonaire National Marine Park which are all the waters around Bonaire and Klein Bonaire shallower than 200 ft. The area where the "anchoring drill" was being conducted is close to the town pier,

one of Bonaire's most visited night dive sites, and the sandy bottom is home to countless sea creatures.

After contacting the Kralendijk Harbor-master to make sure that no special permission had been granted, Park Manager DeLeon spoke with the officer of the lifeboat. The officer said that he was aware of Bonaire's anchoring rules but that he was doing what he'd done before. He was unable to produce any evidence of permission. As we go to press further action in the case is pending. □ *G.D.*

Parke Publico Progress

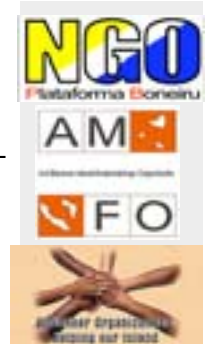


Winning Parke Publico Contractors

The We Dare to Care Foundation (WDTC), which is driving the Public Park project in Kralendijk, has announced the names of the contractors who will take the project through its next phase. They are:

Architects - Jacobs Architekten N.V.; Land Preparation - El Tigre / John Blokken Fabriek/ Deco; Multi- function Community Building – IBV N.V.; Jogging Path – Deco N.V.; Electrician – Efrein Wanga; Fence- Deco N.V. Duijn Bonaire N.V.; Skate Park - Duijn Bonaire N.V.; Installation of playground items - Arcades Play Ground N.V. / SELIBON / WEB; Garden- Green Label

Additional items will be provided by volunteers: plumbing, painting (Out Reach Foundation) and landscaping and supervision by WDTC members. □ *Press Release & Photo*



Breeding Loras in Captivity

In cooperation with the STINAPA and DROB Lora preservation campaign



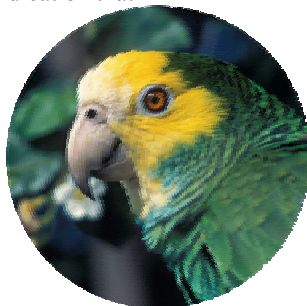
Sam Williams photo

Wild parrots on the wing

Part Two of Three.

In the last article we looked at how you could team up with another Lora owner and help protect the wild birds through trying to breed Lora in captivity. Unless this is done we may lose the species on Bonaire. But keeping and breeding parrots is not entirely simple. Successfully accommodating two Lora and giving them the quality of life they deserve will require a lot of time and energy. Rearing parrot chicks in captivity can be exciting and rewarding, but it is likely you will encounter a few stumbling blocks along the way.

The first problem is that there is no absolute way to tell a male or female parrot Lora apart. Without surgical or DNA testing, the only 100% certain indication that you have a female pet bird is if she should lay an egg which occasionally captive females do. Even then you will not know if the other bird is a male! I may be able to help with this matter in the future because of my research aspirations, but for now you will have to just get the birds together and see how it goes.



All birds are individuals and introducing two Lora to each other could be remarkably easy, or it may never work. The key is to progress gradually, be observant and sensitive. Your bird will have its territory, and a new parrot may not be welcomed into that space initially. If the birds are in separate cages these could be positioned across a room, and preferably there would be a way each bird could get out of the other's sight.

Over time you can move the two cages closer together and eventually allow the birds time out of the cage together so long as either bird can escape from the other should they wish. It would be best to make a bird net in case you need to catch either bird to separate them. The net opening should be padded and measure 40cm across. The net itself should be made of a light cloth and the whole thing can be fixed to a short wood pole. By the time you've built the aviary it may be possible to put the birds in together. If one bird already lives in an aviary then you may need to move him to a cage to meet his girlfriend and put both birds into the aviary simultaneously when they are happy with each other. If at any time the

birds are showing discomfort around the other, move back a stage and give them more time.

It is crucial that you are present when introducing two birds to each other when they are both out of their cages or being put into one aviary. This is potentially the most dangerous time in their lives. Birds do sometimes attack each other and even kill each other when put together. Remember this is an arranged marriage whereas in the wild they get to pick and choose!

To accommodate a pair of Lora in a breeding environment you will need an aviary which is rather larger than a cage. When I kept and breed Amazon parrots the aviary in which they were housed measured 3 meters by 4 meters and stood 2 meters tall (That's 9x12x6 feet). It is possible to keep a pair of parrots in a smaller aviary. The minimum size I would suggest would be 2x2x2 meters (6 foot square). If you are successful in breeding your birds, then for a period after the chicks leave the nest there may be 5 or even more birds in the enclosure, so size does matter. The bigger

you can make your aviary the better it will be for your birds. If you have the resources to build a big aviary where the birds can really fly then I can assure you it will be fantastic. Don't forget height either because being up high gives birds the feeling of security.

Birds, like people, don't always get along perfectly, and at times they will want their own space. The smaller their house the harder this will be and therefore the less comfortable they will be. Within the aviary it is important to provide areas where they can get out of each other's sight. Similarly they may not want to be seen by you all the time, so providing that opportunity is also important. You don't have to stick to square aviaries, in fact I would recommend an L-shape if you can as it helps with the visual space issue. Other important parts of your design include providing safe (to prevent escape) access through which you can also provide fresh wood, have feeding locations that you can vary and providing areas where the birds can shelter from the wind and the rain. Your birds are likely to become aggressive when they are breeding, so being able to provide food without entering the aviary would be beneficial.

FKPD Celebrates



Secretary of the FKPD Board Marugia Janga presents the FKPD 2004 report to Dionne Anthony

It was a festive evening last Monday evening when the staff and members of the FKPD (foundation that assists people with disabilities) met at Croccantino Restaurant together with family members and friends of the organization. The celebration was to announce the presentation of the FKPD Annual Report and to kick off the workshop to begin the following day, "Sexuality for the Intellectually Disabled."

Nearly all the members and staff of the FKPD—Pasadia Cariño and sponsors were there, and after the presentation, enjoyed complimentary drinks provided by Croccantino Restaurant.

The 48-page annual report gives a summary of the activities of 2004 and profiles many of the FKPD members, staff and volunteers who keep the foundation running at such a high level. Director Lupe Uranie was the mistress of ceremonies and together with Secretary of the Board, presented the colorful booklet to those who appeared this year in the book and to the sponsors.

The booklet was printed at Flamingo Communications. Text was by Greta Kooistra, Layout by Barbara Lockwood, photography by *The Bonaire Reporter's* Laura DeSalvo.

Ms. Uranie also introduced speakers, Richard Gonzalez, who will be conducting the workshop, and Marisela Smit, representative of the Financial Bureau in Curaçao (which oversees the Foundation).

Sponsors for the year 2004 are E Teras Restaurant, Secondhand All in Store, Croccantino Restaurant, Curaçao Office Supply, Special Security Services, Fundashon Wega di Number Bonaire, Krioyo Paint Bonaire Logopedische Praktijk M. F. Rosa, Shon I Grill Garden, Rincon, and Taxi 26. □ L.D.



Boeli Evertsz and his mom

you should research some more using the Internet. There is some good information on: <http://www.companionparrot.com>.

To be continued. □ Sam Williams



Rebecca Tempest photo

Sam Williams is a graduate biologist who has extensively studied Bonaire's Lora. He will return next year to help a Lora breeding project.

REPEATED DOG ATTACKS

Dear Editor:

As a frequent visitor to Bonaire I was very distressed to read in the July 1st issue of *The Reporter* about the "pit bull" attacking sheep. It was even more horrible to read in the July 8th issue of the defense of this dog. Once a dog has a taste of blood, it can never be trusted. It doesn't matter what the breed is. Sorry, but I think that dog should be put down.

This animal is obviously unpredictable and can and will probably attack a family member, whether adult or child. I certainly wouldn't want this dog as a family member. He can't be trusted anymore than a person with a psycho problem. I know - I had such an animal as a pet. It was disastrous.

Joan Liva

HYPOCRISY?

Dear *Bonaire Reporter* readers, brothers and sisters, iguanas and donkeys:

Nice to see the willingness of doing something about the poverty on our islands, but how straightforward is the "will?"

In the pictures in the last *Reporter* we witnessed top government leaders, all governors you can find, minister this and minister that **attending a poverty conference**.

Just weeks ago didn't a lot of those same people make the decision to let the

Bonairean people pay even more for electricity, water and fuel - the most indirect, negative, poverty-creating action in the world, excepting a tax on food?

Thanks too for the information on the New York City energy prices. It would be very interesting to see more prices from other nations as well. I think we have a very good chance to be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records in this matter - the world record for the highest price for energy.

S. F. Beuty

SENSELESS DONKEY ABUSE

Dear Editor,

On Saturday evening, July 16, three donkeys were horribly abused at the Centro di Bario Rincon in the playfield: one pregnant female was stoned to death; one adult male was also mortally wounded over his entire body; and the third donkey, a female, was stoned so badly that the skin of her mouth and head had peeled away. Because of extreme blood loss, the male had to be put down by the veterinarian, but the surviving female could not be caught because she was so hysterical from her injuries and ran away. The whole street, the walls, the stones were filled with blood. Who could be the perpetrators of such cruelty to these animals? According to witnesses, six boys from ages eight to 17 years acted against these donkeys.

Why? Why would boys entertain themselves on a Saturday night by stoning donkeys to death? What motivates boys to commit such abuse against innocent animals? Are these boys the future criminals of Bonaire? Research shows that people who abuse animals when they are young often end up abusing humans as adults.

And what about the boys' parents? Where were they as their sons pummeled the donkeys with every kind of sharp stone they could find? And if you don't believe the horror of this act, then stop by the police station and view the pictures, and you will get sick to your stomach.

Are these the images of beautiful, peaceful, tranquil Bonaire where ecotourism is the philosophy of the island? I don't think so.

P & W

Editor's Note:

Action to get to the bottom of this incident is already underway. We spoke with Police Officer Juaquin who works on a youth crime prevention project. He will be getting in touch with the boys and their parents this week and will speak to the Rincon Platforma.

The Platforma is made up of 8 or 9 sections dealing with various aspects of security, life and commerce in Rincon. Other leaders of Rincon we spoke with were very concerned.

Poverty Summit Conference

Part II



Gross/Townsend photo

Poverty Summit Organized by AMFO-NGO Platform

This is Part II of our report on the Summit Conference to track social programs to improve life for Antilleans. It was held July 9th in the Sentro di Bario of Amboina. This comprehensive report, exclusive to The Bonaire Reporter gives us a glimpse into this top priority item.

St. Eustatius Report

Mrs. Renata Mercurius conducted the discussion of St. Eustatius' activities. Titled *The New Millennium Goals*, the poverty eradication project focuses on how St. Eustatius should look in 10 years.

The areas of concerns are low income housing, roads, drinking water, education, jobs, beautification, undernourished children and motivational and social programs. According to Mrs. Mercurius, poverty is not only what we may or may not see. There's tangible, hidden, and mental poverty. The presentation included impressive pictures of renovated houses, cleaning projects and school feeding programs.

The future plans are: cooperation with St. Maarten for accommodation of drug addicts, inventory and involvement of unemployed people, training local people to support and counsel rehabilitated people to avoid relapse, developing basic reading and writing programs, and on-the-job training through local businesses.

"Let's take ownership of the topic *combating poverty*. The moral duty should be: I take responsibility to realize..."

**Dennis Martinus, board member
supervisory board AMFO**

Saba Report

The island of Saba was also well represented by Ms. Janine Le Sueur, board member of the Saba NGO Platform. Subjects of both the short and the long-term interventions are: identifying vulnerable groups and programs in the areas of improvement in the standard of living and welfare, social rehabilitation, healthy lifestyles and choices, good

governing and policy development.

Concrete results have been in: social housing, school nutritional programs, increase in minimum wage level (to bring it in line with higher cost of living), diversification of sustainable economic opportunities, scholarship programs, stimulation of micro entrepreneurship, addition of a school psychologist, parenting skills and combating household violence program, and establishing working groups.

Bonaire Report

The official host of this third summit, the NGO Platform Bonaire, politely saved their presentation for last. Mrs. Rijn, coordinator, and one of the advisors of the NGO Platform, did the hon-

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Gross/Townsend photo

Bonaireans Anthony Cicilia, Sidney Manuel and Popo Morales attended

Poverty Summit (Continued from page 6)

ors. She mentioned some projects that have been approved already such as the improvement of private housing in Amboina, Antriol and Rincon, walk-in houses for addicts in Antriol, and budgets set up for each barrio for improvements and participation of inhabitants (a “bottoms-up” approach).

“Let’s teach the needy ones that because they are needy doesn’t mean that they’re less valuable. We can learn a lot from them: thankfulness and value the great opportunities that arise from the occasion” . . . We are wasting our time today if we only take care of the needy body. It’s crucial that the body should be managed by both the soul and spirit. We can only succeed to the fullest by concentrating on the whole being.”

**Hubert Domacassé,
Lt. Governor Bonaire**

In the process of being approved were: agricultural projects, funding for school equipment, subsidized child care, community center and the *sociale vormingsplicht* (social education).

Bonaire is campaigning against poverty through programs in the socio-economic fields like nutritional self-support (agriculture, livestock and fisheries), social workers in the barrio, support units in the barrio, improvement of regular education, affordable childcare and nutritional programs for children in need.

Later three working groups were formed, combining the representatives from each of the islands and institutions, and they presented their conclusions, solutions and recommendations.

“It’s important that our politicians have witnessed today the level of participation and commitment that all the involved parties had to reach for concrete solutions on how to eradicate poverty”.

Werner Wiels, director AMFO

The group covering the subject of “**Micro-entrepreneurship**” presented possible solutions like: horticulture, marine products and services, e-commerce, a resource network, fostering of small businesses, training and education in business skills, awareness/motivation/self-esteem through education, good quality promotion of local products, low-price promotion of local products, fostering pride in local products, stimulating the mind set of perseverance vs. fast money mentality and the *total package approach* (bringing stakeholders together for training and support, sharing competences, marketing assistance, best practice promotion).

The “**Housing**” working group came up with the following recommendations/solutions: create a task force, establish work forces for each neighborhood, train the work force members, visualize existing efforts for neighborhood improvements, hold town hall

meetings to give awareness courses and information sessions, initiate preparation for actual execution for maintenance works and, in the end, monitor all activities.

The last working group, “**Training and Development**,” recommended the following solutions: general training of the youth (also character building), followed by specialized training, re-education of some youth, continuous process of addressing the youth, involvement of employers, involvement of target groups in the process, create more jobs, prevention-oriented trainings, use statistics already established, prepare the labor market and the involvement of the government, the private sector and different financial funding.

At the end of the summit a check was presented to the board of the Sentro di Barrio Amboina as a gift for hosting the summit.

Mr. Ronald Doran, president of the Curaçao NGO Platform, said in an exclusive interview, as a nice closure to the whole summit, “We definitely matured, compared to the last two summits. A lot of concrete results were presented today. Besides the summits there should be in-between evaluations of the people working in the field to measure the results. Then we will know for sure that these summits were a real success.”

□ *Natalie A.C. Wanga*



Gross/Townsend photo

Governor Herbert Domacassé and Commissioner James Kroon

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Nazario Alberto - Ready to Run

Nazario Alberto, also known as “The Bonaire Roadrunner,” was the first of the three-man Bonaire contingent to leave last Thursday for Holland and the famous Four Days of Nijmegen (*4 Daagse di Nijmegen*) where hardy participants walk approximately 50 km a day for four days. The other two participants, also veterans of Nijmegen, Bòi Antoin and Roy Martines, left the following day.

Nazario is pretty amazing. The 56-year-old became an athlete late in life. At the age of 49 he gave up cigarettes and caffeine, “cold turkey,” and started walking. This is his third participation in the Dutch event. “Warming up” for it Nazario has been walking (at a very fast clip) 40 km every day. “Since January,” he says, “I’ve walked 1,033 km!” In June he not only did the “Tower to Tower Walk” but he did it both ways – a total of 71 km. And just to keep him at the top of his form he does 200 push ups three times a week.

Last year at Nijmegen he, along with all the other 45,000 participants, was plagued by rain. His shoes were soaked and he suffered pain in the top of his feet. But that didn’t stop the Roadrunner because the first day he was 1st to finish, the second day, 3rd and the third and fourth days he was 4th.

What does this champion eat and drink? “A lot of chicken, red beans, whole wheat bread, bananas, water, juice and Gatorade. No alcohol, coffee or cigarettes!”

All the best to all three of Bonaire’s great athletes – Nazario, Bòi and Roy! □

L.D.



Nazario last week at Flamingo Airport saying goodbye to his wife, Reina, and good friend and publicist, Natalie Wanga (right)

Kids' Windsurf Camp July 24-31



Kids at The Windsurf Place

The windsurf world knows Bonaire is one of the best launches to learn to sail. Now windsurfer wannabes can see if this is true when Bonaire Windsurf Place hosts a Premier Kids Camp July 24-31.

Patun Saragoza, Elvis Martinus and Roger Jurriens are excited about this vacation camp for kids. The focus will be to get kids on the water using kid friendly rigs. This camp is ideal for beginners as well as children who want to take windsurfing to the next level. Local pros are expected to participate in instruction.

This year’s camp is geared for kids 7-14 years of age. A special local rate is available so contact The Place at 717-2288 or windsurf travel expert Ann Phelan at ann@bonairewindsurfing.com to reserve

your space. Visiting tourists will also enjoy a special rate as well. The price includes: 5 days of clinic and instruction, lunch daily, video footage and viewing daily and a BBQ on Wednesday. Parents and older siblings may take part in lessons and windsurfing as well as the BBQ for an additional fee.

Schedule:

July 24-28 10 am to noon - Clinic
Noon – 2 pm - Break/Siesta

2-4 pm - Clinic

July 27 7 pm - BBQ Free for kids

camp attendees and \$10 for everyone else

July 29-31 Open Sailing with Video

Shoots and later viewing at The Windsurf Bar and Restaurant. □

Story and photo by Ann Phelan www.bonairecaribbean.com 011-5999-786-3134 Bonaire

Traveling Turtle Update

Reporting the 2005-6 season on Bonaire’s breeding sea turtles

‘Happy,’ our female loggerhead, after reaching the north edge of the Caribbean Sea, is hanging around, Puerto Rico. She traveled about 14 km from her last posted position of the prior day and is now in the Vieques Channel, perhaps feeding, over 675 km from Klein Bonaire. □



□ Andy Uhr

Tonky Competes in Gran Canaria and Lanzarote

DARK DAYS TROUBLE OUR CHAMPION

The next stop on Tonky's European tour was Pozo, Gran Canaria (Spain). The event took place from June 28th - July 6th. It is one of the hottest stops during the Professional Windsurfer Association (PWA) tour where all the professionals meet each other. Every year the battle is great and the results surprising. Tonky suffered an injury there.

Tonky: "I left the Greek islands on June 23rd together with Kevin Mevissen and we headed to Dusseldorf (Germany). I'd rather have gone directly to Pozo, but I had my boards at Kevin's home so I had to go with him to pick them up. When we arrived his mom and family were waiting for us, proud to be receiving the EFPT winners. Kevin's mom is the one who arranges the ticketing part (She looks for cheap deals and makes the reservations) for both Kevin and me. We stayed at Kevin's place for four days and left again for Gran Canaria on June 28th. When we arrived in Pozo I met Taty and Kiri. They came to Pozo on June 21st directly from Bonaire. All the big names of the windsurfing world were arriving in Pozo! This was remarkable because this event was nearly cancelled and it was only decided to hold it at the last minute."

Pozo is known to be a great windsurfer's paradise with strong winds. And this year was no exception. In fact the winds were much, much stronger than normal.

Tonky: "I normally have no problem windsurfing in Pozo. The winds are stronger, yet I really enjoy those conditions. But this year I was confronted with even stronger winds than I am used to. In Bonaire we do not have these kinds of winds. Looking back it would have been better if I'd arrived a few days earlier in Pozo so I could train more than one week in these conditions.



Frans brothers, Taty and Tonky, stitched



You can even fly upside-down

My first heats did not go that well, and I knew that. I had trouble adapting myself to the strong winds in order to land the moves correctly. And as if this was not enough, Murphy's Law got me. After I thought that it could not get any worse than this, it did. During one of the moves I knocked my face against the boom of my sail. At that moment I did not realize what had happened, in spite of the pain that I was feeling, because I was in the middle of a heat and I had to keep focused to win it. The reward was that I won the heat! When I got on the shore again the other riders came up to

me to see if I were all right. It was then that I was told that my face was covered with blood and that my nose was badly injured. The doctor on the spot sent me to the hospital immediately where I got three stitches on my nose and a large bandage. When I got back to the event again I heard that Taty had gotten injured also and that he, too, was taken to the hospital. He had a chin injury and a much larger bandage than mine. In spite of my injury I got the 16th position, which, given the circumstances, is not that bad."

Lanzarote was the next stop on the PWA world tour. This is also the last stop for the 2005 tour when it comes to Freestyle and Super-X discipline. The event was from July 9th - July 17th.

Tonky: "We arrived in Lanzarote by ferry. Lanzarote is a small Spanish island with windsurfing conditions similar to Bonaire's. The first four days were dedicated to the Super-X events. Altogether I did not do that bad in the Super-X since I had started training for it this year. The first heats did not go well. But in the last heats I was definitely improving and I moved from 18th position to 14th position. This year there were more Super-X events than Freestyle events. This is something I will take note of, because if I want to keep up in this world I will have to practice more Super X!

The last four days of the event were dedicated to Freestyle. There were in total two rounds of single elimination and two rounds of double elimination. I cannot say that my heats went badly. In fact, each time again I felt as if my heat went perfectly well. If in Gran Canaria I failed in landing my moves, in Lanzarote I landed nearly all of my moves. I practically did not get wet. But one way or another, the judges thought differently of the whole situation. My opponents won each time again with just one or two points difference. Each time that I asked the judges to tell me exactly what went wrong so I could work on perfecting it, they could not give me a solid answer. Up until today I still don't know what went wrong! The whole per-



Taty and Tonky clowning with friend

formance was worth a 16th position, according to the judges. I am not very happy with this position because I know that I can do much better than that. But I will stay positive because my 2005 tour has not ended yet.

Bonaireans can rest assured, since my brother Taty held up the Bonaire name in this event by finishing in the top three. At this moment we are awaiting the final result! My next stop is Belgium where we'll have another opportunity.

□ Tonky Frans/S.C.

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
7-22	1:22	2.1FT.	103
7-23	2:13	1.9FT.	103
7-24	3:12	1.8FT.	98
7-25	4:09	1.6FT.	90
7-26	1:21	1.3FT.	79
7-27	3:11	1.1FT.	67
7-28	4:26	1.0FT.	55
7-29	5:32	0.9FT.	47

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Angie	Guaicamar I, Ven.	Samba	Texas T
Anything Goes	Karen's Wyn	Santa Maria	Ti Amo, USA
Augustine	Key Lara	Sandpiper, USA	Tish
Bright Sea	Luna C. USA	Seascape	Triumphant Lady
Camissa, Chan Is.	La Baronne	Sea of Time	Ulu Ulu, USA
Cape Kathryn	La Serena	Sea Witch	Unicorn, Norway
Chalice	Maggi	Silvestre	Vaalenza
Delphinus	Moonrise	Sintella	Varedhuni, Ger.
Endangered Species	Natural Selection	Sirius	Ya-T, BVI
Endorphin	Orion	Sola 2	Yanti Paratzi
Flying Cloud, USA	Pyewacket	Sylvia K	Zeelander
Freestyle	Resite	Sylvester	

SGB Young Chefs Start Work In Italy

Two young chefs, graduates of the SGB Hotel School, have been given the opportunity to work for two months at top rated hotels in Riccione, Italy. This area is one of the favorite tourist sites in the Emilia Romagna region with 10 million tourists per year. Andres Cicilia and Bram Smit were members of the four-student group that went to Italy last fall as part of a four-week exchange program. They were also members of Bonaire's winning culinary team that competed last January with teams from Curaçao, Aruba and St. Martin. As a result of that win the team spent a week in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, at Klaus Friedenreich's Culinary Arts Institute.



Andres Cicilia

Andres Cicilia (shown with a "typical" Italian lemon) is now working in the kitchen of the Hotel Gran Bretagna. He has an excellent executive chef, Silverio Amadei, who works closely with all the students in training from Bonaire.

During high season this hotel serves 200 "covers" for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu is a la carte and all the dishes are made from fresh ingredients – a perfect learning ground for our chefs-to-be.



Bram Smit

Bram Smit joined the Giaco Burioni chef team at the Hotel Cannes for his two-month training period. When asked what the biggest difference between Bonaire and Italy is, Bram replied, "You need to run – not walk – here in Italy!"

Bram still finds time to surf on the Adriatic coast on his one day off. □ *Sara Matera/L.D.*

Amboina Dolphins

Last Saturday the Amboina Dolphins soccer team played host to two Curaçao teams, "Mundo Nobo," and "Steenrijk." Joining the Dolphins from Bonaire were two other teams, the "Nort Saliña Kids" and "Ofir Brasilia" from Rincon. The opening parade through the streets of Amboina was impressive, led by a brass and drum band followed by the individual teams in their colorful uniforms and Sports Deputy James Kroon. Flags of the two islands were raised and the national anthems played. The teams, ages 6 to 11, competed in the "Beibi" and "Superbeibi" categories and battled hard, with the Curaçao teams leading by a narrow margin. Thanks goes to head coach Ricardo "Kado" Alberto for organizing the impressive event. □ *L.D.*



THE BONAIRE GARDNER

The Very Special Neem Tree, Part 2

My last article was about our Neem tree, and I'm very happy with all the reactions I got! **The list of medical uses for the tree gets longer and longer.** Also here on Bonaire I heard of an interesting use of the tree. A nice Bonairean lady told me that every three days she makes some tea from the leaves of the Neem tree and that was her little secret. She is 73 and very much alive and kicking, so another proof? Also one of my workers eats the yellow seed pods of the Neem, and so far he has never been "AO" (sick leave). That's the good news.

The bad news about this tree is that it constantly drops its leaves, its roots can break your walls and sprouts everywhere you don't want it. Also all true!

But all of these problems can be avoided very easily. By the way, all of the above mentioned problems refer mostly to the bigger trees. But the following solutions are suitable for all trees.

The first is the **constant leaf drop**, which has to do with the hardly noticeable changing of the seasons on Bonaire. In the dry period they lose most of their leaves. That is natural so there is no solution for that. But you can reduce it big time by giving the tree a **regular haircut**. That means every now and then, for example every two months, trim back the bigger branches to create as much new, fresh growth as possible. The younger the sprouts, the less leaf fall. The Neem tree is known to have fast growing big branches, so to keep it in a good form and shape pruning is the best solution.



The Neem trees as we know them are all cultivated from a seed, which means that there are a lot of different types available. Some seeds seem to make a nicer tree and grow a little straighter than others, and, again, the better they grow, the less leaf drop. So what we try to do is get seedlings from good trees and propagate those, so you have a bigger chance of getting a stronger, healthier tree which grows by itself to a nicely shaped tree. And for us, of course, the faster it grows, the faster we can sell it!

Now for the **root problem**. Just don't plant the tree closer than two meters from a wall or anything made of concrete. Also make sure that around the tree there is enough *diabaas* or any other kind of soil so the roots can go everywhere. And after a few years you can dig a trench along the wall and check if any big roots are close to the wall or even pushing it. If you find one, just cut it off. You won't damage the tree at all, although it is good that along

with the root pruning you prune some of the branches.

What we notice in gardens is that people get some "free" seedlings, let them grow, and after a few years they discover that they are too close to a wall and blame the tree. What I would suggest is that whenever you see a new seedling coming up in a place you don't want it, don't cut it off, but pull it out completely with its roots. And if you think that is a waste, no problem. Just take the small seedling, put it in a pot with some nice potting soil, water it well for a couple of weeks and you have a perfect plant to plant in a safe spot, or give it away. Now you know you mean well when you give a Neem tree as a present!

Neem trees indeed do reproduce very

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easily, and even when you take one out they come back at the end of their root system. So it is wise to check this every now and then.

The last issue is **water**. When you have a just planted Neem you have to water it regularly, but when it is full grown, it can grow without an irrigation system or watering, that is of course if it rains sometimes. But I think, although it's not for sure, that if you often water the tree, even just a little bit, it helps to reduce the leaf drop!

I hope this is enough information about this very special tree! □ *Ap van Eldik*

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Wanted

Wanted: a Handyman! We are looking for an all round experienced handyman for a small-scale resort on Bonaire for about 12 hours a week. For more information or to apply for the job please call Marieke Schmitz, phone number 717-3630 during office hours.

Wanted: **Looking for a roommate.** Own bedroom and bath. Share living room, kitchen and 2 porches. Center of Kralendijk. Call Marika 786-6124 or Otto 786-9637

Volunteers to index back issues of *The Bonaire Reporter* (English) and *Extra* (Papiamentu). Call 717-8988 or 786-6125.

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2) through the northern part of the island, stopping for lunch at the Rose Inn.

Tuesday September 6th: Dia di Bonaire ride with stops in the neighborhoods.

► There's a very **experienced new chef working at the Great Escape**. Chef Angel Pertuz first began cooking on Bonaire at the Hotel Rochaline about 12 years ago. Since then he's worked at the Blue Moon and Plaza Resort. You can sample his cooking magic and enjoy "almost free beer" or other specials at The Great Escape. (See their advertisement on the last page for more information.)

► **Next Wednesday, July 27, join the Fundraising Victory Dinner of the Bonaire Culinary Team** at Chez Nous.

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► In last week's *Reporter* (July 15-22) the **photo credit of the boat with conch** was incorrectly attributed to the STCB. It should be STINAPA. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

► The models in the Benetton ad on page 11 are Jonathan and Crestely Cranston. □ *G./L.D*

Picture Yourself with the Reporter Angel Falls, Venezuela



It's Yaser, Marion and Vera Ghazzouli from "Hairstudio de Kapper" taking *The Bonaire Reporter* with them on a trip again. This visit was to the world's highest waterfall- Angel Falls – which is 979 meters from top to bottom. The waterfall has become Venezuela's number one recognized landmark. To get there is a three-day trip: fly into Canaima, then by canoe to the falls, stay overnight in hammocks right in front of the falls. It's so beautiful there and so close to Bonaire. □

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Communication Workshop

Inge Berben and Annemiek Le Noble gave a fascinating workshop last Saturday to a very attentive group of people. Their company, Bonaire Basics, will be giving this course and others in the future. Inge's specialty is in the welfare sector; Annemiek in individual awareness. They team together on the communication courses.

□ *L.D.*



Murder Investigation

On Sunday the bodies of two young Bonairean men, Lisandro Martis, 16, and his brother, Wendell, 23, were discovered near the desolate Spelonk lighthouse by a fisherman. They had been reported missing early Saturday morning by their mother. She had last seen them leaving for a party on Friday evening.

Their car, a white Toyota, was found on Saturday, minus its wheels and some accessories, in Antriol.

Reportedly they had been shot in the head. Lisandro had just graduated from BVO classes at the SGB High School.

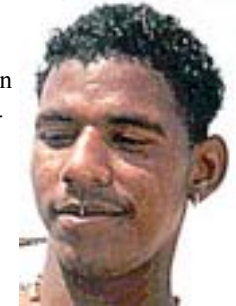
Forensic experts from Curaçao were helicoptered to the site later on Sunday. Police are being very closemouthed about the investigation. However, they did say that a team of officers is on the case and lots of information is being provided by the public. Chief Daantje said he wants to make sure he has a tight case before making any arrest.

Police ask that anyone having additional information about this case contact them at the police station or call 717-8000 or 911.

Our sympathies go to the family for this terrible loss. □ *G.D.*



Lisandro Martis



Wendell Martis

Shelter Party



Bonaire Animal Shelter Board and Volunteers

Last weekend President of the Bonaire Animal Shelter Board of Directors Paul Wichers organized a gathering of the very valuable volunteers. It's they who, together with Shelter Director Jurrie Mellema and his assistant, Michelle, help to keep the Shelter open. It was a marvelous opportunity for all the hard working volunteers to get a chance to meet each other. □*L.D.*

Pet of the Week

Meet red furred "Nora," an adorable little kitten who was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter with her mother and siblings, Niki, Nicole, Naomi and their brother, Norberto. The kittens were born on May 6 and they're at a perfect age now to be adopted. Actually, their brother has already gone to a family. Nora has the most beautiful lightly striped rust colored fur. We were told that it is not very common to have a red colored female cat because 80% of them are male. And to have three red females in one litter is quite special. Their sister, Naomi, however is a gorgeous calico. Just that morning when we came to photograph this attractive family they had been put in the big cat cage with the other residents. There was some spitting and hissing, but the kittens held their own. What a spirited group.

The kittens have all been examined by the vet, tested for feline leukemia, been wormed and given their shots. They're healthy, social and ready to go. When they are old enough they will be sterilized. All this in the adoption fee of only NAf75. An amazing value.

As of last weekend there had been 89 adoptions from the Shelter. Two of those have been recent "Pets of the Week" – Natasha, the cat and Major, the dog. Congratulations to all and may you have long, happy lives together. □*L.D.*



"Nora"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)
Monster-In-Law
(Jennifer Lopes)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
The Interpreter

Kaya Prinses Marie
Behind Exito Bakery
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Tickets - NAf10,50 (incl. Tax)
High Schoolers - NAf7,75

NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY
CLOSED MONDAY TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM
Erik of Het Klein Insectenboek

MICRO MOVIE REVIEW

Seen recently in
Movieland Cinema:

THE INTERPRETER, by Sidney Pollack, starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn. I dare say that Sidney Pollack is a master director and with *The Interpreter* he proves that again. A great story, beautifully shot, and the actors can't go wrong with Mr. Pollack telling them what to do. He gives them plenty of time to let their characters develop and both actors embrace that. Nothing but good news from me for this film. It's intelligent, it has a good pace, it treats the audience with respect and it is quite moving at times. If you like craftsmanship, go and see this one! □



Dodo

THIS WEEK

Sunday to Sunday, July 24-28—Kids
Windsurfing Camp—see page 8

Wednesday, July 27, Fundraising Victory Dinner of the Bonaire Culinary Team at Chez Nous. See photo above.

Friday, July 29, Saturday, July 30—Remy DeHaas of Light Senses Curaçao will conduct a seminar: "The angels want to help you heal your life." Practical information to help you give your life a different touch. Practical and spiritual tools to help you heal your body, relationships, career, family. Topics include Loving Touch, Power of Angelic Prayers, Healing Angel Meditation, etc. 9 am to 6 pm. July 29—Papiamentu; July 30, English. NAf80. Sign up: Mary: marytimmermans@telbonet.an or Odette van Barneveld: barny1011@hotmail.com

COMING

September 1-6—Annual Bonaire Motorcycle Tour.
The International Bonaire Sailing Regatta October 9 - 15, 2005

EVERY WEEK



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Saturday 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 hand-crafts, candles, incense, drinks and music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon

Sunday -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambience at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar.** Open daily 5 to 10 pm. Live **Fla-Bingo**-great prizes, 7 pm, Divi Flamingo **Monday** -**Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire,** 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

Tuesday -**Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225 /717-7500, ext. 14.

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

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.

Daily - The **Divi Flamingo Casino** is open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm- 4 am; Sunday 7 pm- 3 am.

Every day by appointment -**Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** Bonairean kunuku. \$12 (NAf12 for residents). Tel 717-8489, 540-9800.

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Saturday -**Discover Our Diversity** Slide show poolbar Buddy Dive, 7 pm 717-5080

Sunday - **Bonaire Holiday** -Multi-media dual-projector production by Albert Bianculli, 8.30 pm, Capt. Don's Habitat.

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

Thursday from June 16 to July 28, Basic Fish ID Yellow Submarine Dive Shop at 6:30 pm

Friday - **Week in Review** Video Presentation by the Toucan Dive Shop at Plaza's Tippy Seagull, 5 pm. 717-2500.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451 or Valrie@telbonet.an
Cinnamon Art Gallery - Volunteers to

help staff gallery during the day. Contact Wendy Horn, at 717-3902 or 785-9700.

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every **Wednesday**; Phone 717-6105; 560-7267 or 717-3902.

AI-Anon meetings - every **Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - Tuesday - 6:30pm - call 567-0655 for directions.

Bridge Club - **Wednesdays**, 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank and next to Kooyman's. All levels invited. NAf5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.

Darts Club plays every other **Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

JCI. First Wednesday of the Month- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire or formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, every other **Tuesday**, 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th **Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions are welcome.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesday, 12 noon-2 pm - Rendez-Vous Restaurant, Kaya L.D. Gerharts #3. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

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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 historic town.

Soldachi Tours show you the Rincon area. Alta Mira Nature Walking Tour at 6:30 am. Town Walking tour at 9:30, **Bus Tour** at 10. Call Maria at 717-6435 to reserve.

CHURCH SERVICES

International Bible Church of Bonaire - Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle)
Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm in English. Tel. 717-8332
Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am.**

Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm. Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kaya Sabana #26 Sundays 8:30 - 11:30 am. Services in Papiamentu, Spanish and English.

Catholic San Bernardus in Kralendijk - Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304. **Saturday at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriol, in **English.** Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194

New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

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Born on Bonaire....

Carolina Hart-Angila

“In my last year of high school I got pregnant. Parents always tell you, ‘don’t do this,’ ‘don’t do that’, but they hardly ever tell you ‘why’ you shouldn’t. I’d known my boyfriend since I was eight and he was 10. We played together and fought like children do, but when we grew older child’s play turned into a relationship. My dad started telling me that he didn’t like it. I think we made a baby to prove that my dad was wrong. And so it happened that our son Jeandino was born when I was 18.

It changed everything. You don’t have freedom anymore. You have a baby and you have to take care of it and you have to wake up at night even though you’re dead tired. It was a difficult time also because my boyfriend, Edger Hart, was studying at Polytechnic school in Aruba. It was difficult for Edger too, but I’m glad his parents persuaded him to finish his education. His parents and mine have been wonderful. They’ve supported us in every way.

When Jeandino was six months old I started working for MCB bank. For one thing I had been very lucky, because at least I had my high school diploma. After 10 months working for the bank I saw an ad in the paper about the Bonairean Pedagogic Academy offering elementary school teacher training. It was the first time they were doing this on Bonaire and I was really excited. All my life I’d wanted to be a schoolteacher and this was my chance, so I arranged all the paperwork and was accepted. Then Edger came from Aruba and told me he wanted to go to Holland to continue his studies. At the time we didn’t know he’d failed his last year, so I thought, ‘What am I going to do? The baby needs his father.’ I dropped the course and felt terribly, terribly sorry.

Edger had to repeat his year, and I started working for Rayvah. Then I went to Aruba to see if I could find work there to be with Edger. When I was there my mother phoned and told me that the Pedagogic Academy was starting a course to become a kindergarten teacher! So I made up my mind up. ‘This is what I want and what I’m going to do!’

I came back to Bonaire and started the training. At the same time I worked for Rayvah where I got great support from Malva Thielman and Sonaida Janga. Jeandino went to the crèche. It was hard, very, very hard. That’s why I say when you’re a teenager, don’t think about these things; finish your education first! Think about yourself, of what you want to become and of what you want to do with your life. Because it’s really, really difficult once you have a

baby. You’re no longer alone, you have a little tail!

After his graduation Edger came back to Bonaire and started working for Cellular One, then for Telbo and now he’s a taxi driver and a very talented airbrush artist as well. He has his diploma from Polytechnic school but he says, ‘I’m my own boss now!’ It’s going well, but we’re dependent on tourism.

My schooling took three years. We were living in an apartment that belonged to Edger’s father, but now it’s ours. He gave it to us. A good father! I have fantastic parents-in-law! I got a job before I had my diploma. There was a shortage of teachers and they offered me a chance at Orkidia kindergarten, as it was named before it became part of Kristu Bon Wardador elementary school. I had 28 children in my class and was well supported by my superi-

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ors and the parents. Three months later I got my diploma. I love my work!”

Carolina Hart-Angila (28) is a soft-spoken, very charming and multi-talented young woman, an extraordinary person. Born in Aruba with an Aruban mother and a Bonairean father, she moved to Bonaire at the age of five. When she was 12 she moved back to Aruba to study at John Wesley College, staying with family. But it was too hard and she missed her parents too much, so half way through high school she came back to Bonaire again. Carolina is somebody you have to admire and recognize for what she is: a writer, an illustrator, a mother of three, a teacher of 24 pupils and for three years the official wife of her elementary school sweetheart, Edger.

“In the last year of my teacher training Joshua was born. Jeandino was already five and he wanted a brother. Jeanique, our daughter, is two years old. When I come home from school I start cooking and I help Jeandino with his homework. The two youngest ones also sit at the table, drawing or playing. From five till seven Jeandino goes to baseball practice or taekwando. The little ones stay at home and I’ve some time to clean the house. At seven they have to take their bath, eat their dinner

and at eight they go to bed. From eight to 11 I am behind the computer working for school. It’s hard, but it goes. I’m trying my best.

Since 2003 the school system on Bonaire has changed. It’s called foundational education now. Let me explain: the first cycle is for 4 to 8-year old children.

That is what used to be kindergarten and the first and second grade. The classes are divided into groups of children in the ages of 4, 5 and 6; groups in the ages of 5, 6 and 7; and groups in the ages of 6, 7 and 8. The second cycle is what used to be the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade and the third cycle should start at SGB (high school), but we’re not that far yet. The instruction language in the first cycle is Papiamentu, and Dutch is one of the subjects. In the second cycle, which will start this year after the holidays, it should be 50-50. Still the instruction language will be Papiamentu, but Dutch classes in reading and writing will become more intense. The third cycle, however, will be completely in Dutch.

Every morning we sit in a circle. If a child doesn’t understand Papiamentu I put him or her next to me so I can guide and translate, so that the child doesn’t fall behind. The conversation we have while we’re in the circle is about a theme that we choose every three weeks. It can be about a healthy life style, traffic, animals, all kinds of things, and everyone can ask questions or give their opinion. After that they all go and play in their different corners, like the Lego corner, the construction corner, the doll corner, the discovery corner, etc. In my class I’ve got 15 of these corners. When most of the children are playing I take several children aside to the instruction table and work with them.

We also work with Big Books. As there weren’t too many of these books available, I started writing them myself. My first book was ‘Ro i Ana’, about a brother’s and a sister’s first school day. The illustrations I did myself. I made the dolls out of fabric, then I made eve-



Edger, Jeandino, Carolina, Joshua and Jeanique

rything else, down to the smallest detail. I staged the scenes and took hundreds of digital pictures and chose the best to be used for the book. I sold five books to SEK and they’re used in every elementary school on Bonaire. There are five more ready to publish. I like it!” *Carolina smiles.*

“I also write short stories about the themes we’re into because many parents don’t have time to find the right books for their children. All the stories I write for the three different levels so it’s a lot of work! But I truly love my children. They’re sweet; they give me compliments. Every child is special; every child is good. You have to have methods. I’m not too strict, and I also have my rules. But I don’t have soldiers in my classroom! You have to have strategies to handle children, not by punishing them, but you have to keep on talking and I talk a lot! When they move on to another class I say goodbye to them with tears in my eyes and I’m so sorry that they won’t be with me anymore. But... that’s life, that’s the process of growing. However, I do tell them I will always be there for them if ever they need me.

I’m still young. I’m trying to do things right. I’m very interested in writing and illustrating more books for children and I would like to have more time to spend with my own children as life moves on so fast and there are so many things I would like to do with them before they’re too big!” □

photo and story by Greta Kooistra



DIVING with DEE Sometimes it's Nice to Be Used



composite photo

Never in a million years would I have expected to see what two friends and I saw on a dive recently.

Fiona, Mike and I were swimming over coral rubble in less than 15 feet of water, when we saw a Hawksbill turtle on the bottom ahead of us. Maybe you've seen this unique individual: it's pretty big in comparison to the other turtles I usually see here, with a carapace more than two feet long from front to rear. What's most striking isn't the size of this creature, however, but the shape – or, to be more accurate, the *misshape* – of its shell: sort of humpbacked with a little flip just above the tail. I'm guessing this funky contour is from an injury that took place when the turtle was much smaller, but it could also have been from birth.

As soon as we spotted the turtle, we stopped moving and got low. The turtle braced its foreflippers, and used its beak to rip away pieces of a tough-textured sponge that grows down into the bottom.

"This is extraordinary!" I thought, but actually it's not so unusual any more. Of all the changes I've seen underwater in the quarter of a century I've lived on Bonaire, the most positive one is the increase in turtle sightings. The increase in turtle numbers worldwide is primarily due to improvements in their protection – but I believe our increase in sightings is due to respectful divers.

So there we were, happily watching this turtle munch on a leathery sponge, when the turtle rose a few feet up, looking around. My first thought was that our presence had disturbed it, but that was clearly wrong because the turtle swam toward us, watching us carefully. We remained motionless, except for our bubbles (and my singing regulator), and he settled to the bottom only about eight feet away from us! After the turtle settled we saw the almost-three-foot-long barracuda who had been very close behind it. The barracuda eyed us and swam away. After a minute or so the turtle rose from the bottom again, looked around, and ascended, this time all the way to the surface. Once up there it looked around beneath it one more time, then lifted its head for some quick breaths. About this time the barracuda reappeared a few feet behind the turtle.

I've never personally felt threatened by a barracuda on Bonaire, but some six-foot-long 'cudas in the Florida Keys made me feel extremely uneasy in my first years of diving. They'd swim along behind me, just watching. If I turned around, they'd back off a little. I was told they were just curious – they can't help it if they always look as if they're glaring, can they? Purely in the spirit of scientific inquiry, I'd swim back the way I came, and somewhere around where I had first encountered it, the 'cuda would stop follow-

ing me. I theorized that some barracuda individuals inhabit areas that aren't quite territories but in which they keep an eye on everything – let's call them domains.

Up until that turtle put its head back underwater, I thought the barracuda was just following it around because the turtle was in the 'cuda's domain. But as the turtle descended and headed for the drop off, the 'cuda zipped up behind it and -- judging by the fact that the turtle suddenly spurted forward a few feet -- that 'cuda *actually nipped* the turtle! After the spurt of speed, the turtle slowed to a calmer pace but continued away from the rubble over the drop off. The barracuda, who could easily have caught up with the turtle again, returned to the rubble instead. If the 'cuda was defending a domain it was a temporary one (or the 'cuda hides from divers); I've not seen it since then.

All three of us felt that the reason the turtle left its sponge was to get away from the 'cuda. We also believe that the turtle approached us because it predicted that the 'cuda wouldn't stay around if we were there!

If our interpretation is correct, we saw an astonishing evolution of behavior (drum roll here): *this turtle used divers for its own protection!*

Other undersea creatures have used divers to serve their own ends for 20 years that I know of. We'll be looking at other examples soon. □ Dee Scarr

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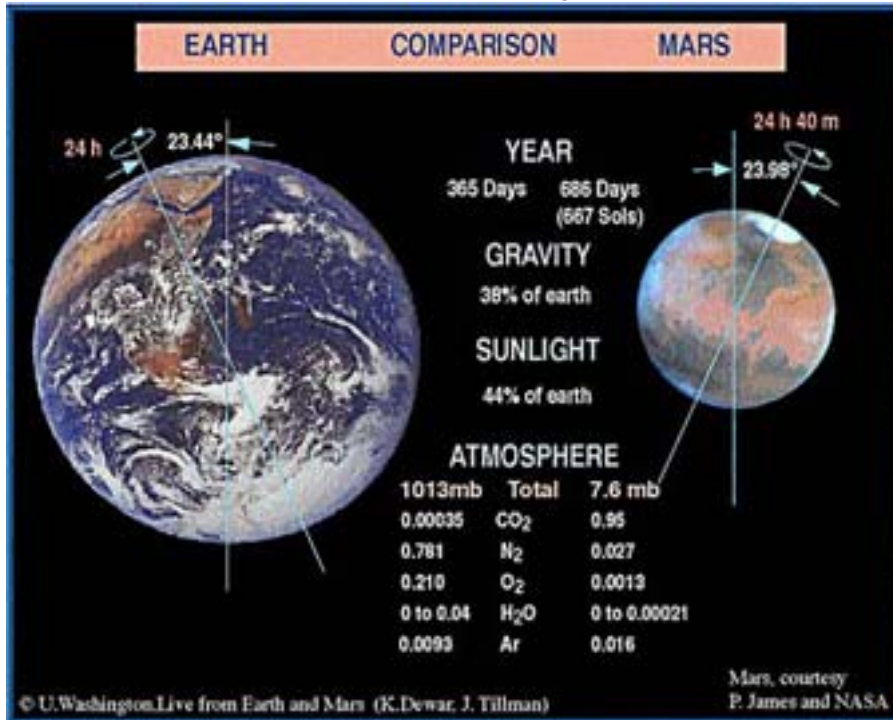
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Use the Moon to Find Mars Which Is Now Brighter Than Almost All the Stars in the Sky

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27th and 28th you'll be able to use the **Moon** to find **Mars** which is racing towards **Earth** and will be at its very closest and absolutely spectacular next Halloween. It is already six times brighter than it was at the beginning of the year and is now brighter than all but two of the brightest stars.

Around 1am, Sky Park time, any night this week look due east where the brightest thing you'll see will be a reddish orange light, our old friend, 4,000-mile-wide Mars, a planet almost exactly half as wide as planet Earth. Currently only five objects are brighter: the stars **Sirius** and **Canopus**, the planets **Jupiter** and **Venus** and our Moon. And if you haven't started to watch Mars on a regular basis, now is the time to begin because Mars is hurtling towards us at breakneck speed and will be brighter than any star in the sky, exceeded only by the Moon and Venus on Halloween. That's when it reaches its brightest and closest to planet Earth until the year 2018. At the beginning of this year on January 1st it was 209 million miles away but this week it is 126 million miles closer, only 83 million miles away. And if you watch it at least once a week from now through October you'll be absolutely blown away as it steadily brightens!

And fortunately if you're one of those people who has a problem finding the planets, one or two nights every month you'll be able to use the Moon to help you locate Mars. In fact next Wednesday July 27th at 1 am you'll be able to see a 21-day-old Moon only 6 degrees away from Mars which is roughly 12 full Moon widths away. At the same time the Moon will be 234 thousand miles away while Mars will be 79 1/2 million miles away. But if you go out just four hours later, at 5 am, before sunrise, Mars and the Moon will be much higher, but the Moon will be only 5 degrees away from Mars, 4 full Moon widths closer. And Mars will have raced a hundred thousand miles closer to Earth, only 79 million, 400 thousand miles away. But if it's cloudy on Wednesday, on Thursday morning you'll have another chance to use the Moon to find Mars because at 1 am, Thursday the 28th the Moon will have moved to the other side of Mars and will be only 8 degrees away. Plus to show you just how fast Mars is racing toward us, in just one day Mars will be half a million miles closer, less than 79 million miles away.

So start your Mars watch now. Go out around 1 am any night this week and next, and it will be just above the eastern horizon. To find it super easily, use the Moon as a finder on Wednesday the 27th at 1 am and 5 am, and on Thursday the 28th at 1 am and 5 am. Believe me if you watch Mars only once every couple of weeks you'll be absolutely astonished at how it brightens because as I said by Halloween when it's at its brightest it will be six times brighter than it is right now, and it's already six times brighter now than it was in January. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
July 18 to July 24, 2005
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. You're in the mood to do things such as competitive sports, or perhaps a night on the town. You will have the stamina and the know how to raise your earning power. Compromise will be necessary. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You should put in some extra hours developing that creative idea you have. Family outings will make you feel secure and happy. Make sure you concentrate if operating machinery or vehicles. You will be well looked upon due to your compassionate and giving nature. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Family get-togethers will be interesting. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. You can get ahead if you are willing to take a partner. Unexpected romantic connections can be made if you go out with friends or take a pleasure trip. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be honest if you wish to solve the problem. Your emotions have been pulled out of shape and you need to do a little backtracking. You can gain approval, get kudos, and ask for help if you put a little heart into your speech or request. Business or pleasure trips will be knowledgeable as well as highly successful. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can avoid hassles by sticking to your work and refusing to get involved in gossip or idle chatter. Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. Be discreet about your feelings, and hold back until you find out a little more about the person who's coming on to you. You'll have problems with authority figures if you don't play by the rules. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Too many opportunities and too many changes going on. Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Don't hesitate to go ahead with any plans for entertainment. Money may slip through your fingers. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems. You could be emotional if you didn't take care of problems with loved ones. You will meet new friends and enjoy a multitude of new activities. Be sure to spend time helping children with projects that are too difficult for them to accomplish alone. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may make someone else look bad. Opportunities to go out with clients or colleagues will be in your best interest. If you have to deal with large institutions, be careful not to make waves. Don't jump too quickly if someone tries to make you join in on their crusade. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may be in love this week, but who knows what tomorrow may bring. Don't be critical or overly opinionated with dislikes; it could cause disapproval and unwanted opposition. Travel could be in order. You may have to explain your actions to your family. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You will be extremely sensual; take precautions and don't take any risks. Try not to let your emotions interfere with the completion of your work. Concentrate on your job. Resistance leading to conflict will only make it twice as hard to turn the situation around. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Try not to overspend on friends or family. You may want to make changes in your home environment. Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. Overstatement will be your downfall. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your intellectual charm will entice new love interests. You may be looking through rose colored glasses. Anger may cause you grief; control your temper and try to sit back and calm down. Empty promises will cause confusion. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday. □