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Fisherman and boat builder Luty Cranne weighs in with one of the largest fish
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

On September 1 BonairExpress and CuraçaoExpress were to get a new name and aircraft livery, chief Express executive, Floris van Pallandt, said last month. The former KLM manager started his new job last April. However, **nothing appears to have changed**, either with the aircraft, staff or operation. The Travelocity Website references the Express flights as EcoAir. The local BonairExpress manager said that he knows nothing about a new name for BonairExpress. The Internet website, "Airlines of the World," lists EcoAir's ticketing code as 9H, the same as used for the Excel airlines.

► **Last Saturday's Air Jamaica flight to Bonaire was cancelled at the last minute.** Bonaire-bound passengers at Montego Bay were told that they would be flown to Curaçao where they would be met by a chartered plane to take them promptly to Bonaire. There were only about 30 on the plane and when it landed in Curaçao it was discovered that 28 of them were destined for Bonaire. And, as might be expected, there was no charter flight awaiting them. Mr. Campbell, the Curaçao Air Jamaica Station Manager, would not come out and talk to the passengers who were told they would be put into a hotel for the afternoon and evening to await an 11 pm BonairExpress flight to Bonaire. The furious passengers contacted Divi Divi Airlines who chartered them two flights at \$125 a person. Eighteen of the passengers chose the charter rather than waste a day of their Bonaire vacation. Action is planned to recover the costs from Air Jamaica.

► **The US has withdrawn the December 2005 deadline** for implementing new travel rules requiring Americans visiting the Caribbean to hold passports. The new deadline is a year later,

2006. The new rules are meant to prevent terrorists and other criminals from entering the US through the Caribbean. But island leaders complained the measure would discourage American visitors who made up 53% of the region's 22 million visitors last year, excluding cruise ship passengers.

► **Kingdom Relations Minister Alexander Pechtold has flip-flopped on the issue of reorganization of the Antilles.** He's back to saying that a restructure of the Antilles is dependent on: "Proper and transparent governance with solid public finances, robust law enforcement and an effective social-economic policy to be necessary before a start can be made to realize constitutional changes." Antillean Prime Minister Etienne Ys cannot imagine that the Dutch cabinet "is committing another judicial mistake by stipulating the political restructuring on the financial-economical sphere."

Not all Dutchmen agree with Pechtold. Mayor Geert Dales of Groningen, The Netherlands, fears, "If Holland now places unilateral conditions, the (constitutional reorganization) process will stagnate. Then no Antillean politician, with elections in sight (January 2006), will dare stick his/her neck out. **The consequence will be that for the umpteenth time the future of the Antilles will end up in the trash bin.**"

► **The Board of St. Elisabeth Hospital (Sehos) in Curaçao, which faces**



► **The natural coral bridge that spanned a cove along Aruba's west coast collapsed before dawn last Friday**, destroying one of the island's biggest tourist attractions. The bridge, the largest of its kind in the Caribbean, was 25 feet high and 100 feet long, said Tourism Minister Edison Briesen. The cause was not immediately known, he said. "It's a very sad day for Aruba and for its tourism," Briesen said. "A picture of the bridge appears in almost every promotional flier, and more tourists visit it than any other attraction." Aruban parliamentarian Dirk Dumfries said he thought Americans, upset over the freeing of Natalee Holloway disappearance suspect Joran van der Sloot the day before, were to blame.



a court challenge after refusing to step down in the wake of a devastating inspection report, says the report is one-sided. Federal Attorney Karel Frielink filed a request for the courts to suspend the current board. "The Board chooses to hold on to their seats above the public interest and so continue an unworkable situation at the cost of the patients. The hospital is sliding further and further down and no longer complies with a few elementary norms. This is an emergency situation."

► Justice will be meted out next Monday and Tuesday when **Bonaire's monthly court session will be held in the Fort Oranje courthouse.** In addition to eight cases involving drug smuggling, including an appearance of the mother who forced her two children to swallow cocaine-filled bolitas and fly to Holland, the court will deal with accusations of theft, brawling, embezzlement, manslaughter, firearm possession, vio-

lent robbery, passport violations, assault (biting a police officer), numerous burglaries and more. The public can observe. Court begins at 9:30 am on September 12; a judge from Curaçao will preside.



Kas van der Dijs

► **The historic waterfront building, Kas van der Dijs, is slated for demolition** unless permission is revoked. The former Public Works building is now

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being used as a music school. If it is torn down it will be the island's fourth historical monument flattened this year.

A developer holds an option on the land in question and has solicited offers to demolish the 140-year-old structure. Currently there is no legal protection for historic buildings although one is under review by the Department of Legal and General Affairs.

► **A judge in Aruba freed 18-year-old Joran van der Sloot**, the chief suspect in the disappearance of American high schooler Natalee Holloway. There were a few strings attached. While the grounds for van der Sloot's detention remain, the judge considered the personal interest of the youngster to allow him to continue school in Aruba. Van der Sloot must keep himself available, report when instructed to do so by the examining judge and must not travel outside Aruba, the Netherlands Antilles or Holland.

The Holloway case has disappeared from the headlines of American newspapers.

► The Foundation Animal Welfare Bonaire is a newly registered non-governmental, not for profit, organization. With the support of *Stichting Buitenlandse Asielen*, local animal care and welfare agencies, and private citizens, they say it is their mis-



sion to promote education, support legislation and provide resources for the welfare and protection of all animals on Bonaire. To learn more about them, to volunteer or to make a donation, please visit the website at www.fawbonaire.org or contact Alexandra Brown (717-2620, bandbfarm@yahoo.com, English) or Ronald Tetteroo (717-4300, pettet@bonairenet.com, Dutch). Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 324, Kralendijk, Bonaire, or deposited directly into MCB account # 113.067.06.



► **The Rotary Club of Bonaire will repeat last year's successful "Breakfast in School Program."** Involved are Kolegio Papa Cornes, Principal Harold Kurban; Kolegio San Bernardo, Principal Charlotte Dortalina; and Kolegio San Luis Bertran, Principal Saartje Landroier. With the assistance of Seruva, TIS and Eddy's Catering, the schools pick up about 110 meals each morning for their underprivileged children.

Rotary President Edsel Winklaar and Pieter Groenendal are chairing this

► **Captain Don, representing the Accolade Foundation of Bonaire, presented a stereo microscope to Caren Eckrich of Bonaire's Sea & Discover Marine Education Center.** The microscope is a donation from foundation board member George Buckley of the Harvard University Marine Ecology Project. This gesture of recognition for CAREN'S work educating children in Bonaire about wonders of the undersea world extends to encouragement for Caren's plans for a coral reef interactive museum. The Accolade Foundation of Bonaire works with educational and public service NGOs to promote worldwide ocean conservation.



J. Thibault photo

year's project. Funding is from the private sector, especially the Buddy Dive Hotel and Divi Flamingo who suggest tourists add \$1 to their daily room rate to help fund this program.

► **Jay Haviser, who founded the Bonaire Archaeological Institute (BONAI), will be working the next two years as an archaeologist in St. Maarten.**

Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports, Maritsa Silberie, appointed Haviser Director of the Youth and Science Stimulation Program called Sint Maarten Archaeological Center (SIMARC).

The two-year program is a joint initiative of the Central and Island Governments. The Central Government will pay salary and expenses, and the Island

Government will provide a work facility.

► **Aruban Minister Candelario "Booshi" Wever of Public Health and the Environment Milieu approves of spear fishing in Aruban waters.** According to Wever, people who practice spear fishing are responsible and will not endanger nature. He also does not think spear fishing would damage the coral reefs because it is done far away from the reefs. According to him, water sport companies damage the reefs more.

► **During the month of September world-renowned marine naturalists and authors of the Reef Fish Identification and Reef Fish Behavior books, Ned and Anna Deloach will be at the**

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SHOW RESPECT TO BONAIRE

It was very painful to most Bonaire-ans- the destruction and loss of Hausmann's Folly - a Bonaire monument. But look at what we have to deal with now! In a great rush the new owners demolished the Folly in early January. What do we have in its place? An eyesore of rubble with great gaping holes where they removed the cistern and the septic system. Not only is this a disaster to look at - located on a main tourist route - but is not the terrain in itself very dangerous? Cruise season is almost here - what a beautiful first impression! Shouldn't the new owners be required to enclose the property for safety's sake, not to mention to present a better view along our waterfront? Is there a law? Can anything be done?

It seems to me this is the ultimate foreign investor's insult to the people and the *dushi* island of Bonaire. How about a little respect for Bonaire?

Folly Fan

BONAIREXPRESS IS KILLING TOURISM



Dear Editor:

I will sadly relate the tale of my travels back from the US, connecting through Aruba, as an illustration of the worse than poor job our "national" airline is doing in transporting tourists and locals alike.

We traveled on US Airways to Aruba, and had some delays originating from bad weather the day prior to our departure. We did, however, arrive in what should have been plenty of time to make our connection to Bonaire. I arrived at the BonairExpress counter 45 minutes prior to departure time and was told the "flight was full." I explained that we were connecting from another airline and that we had confirmed seats on the flight. "The airplane is full." Not even an apology! Thankfully, due to the fact we had been delayed, US Airways kindly put us up for the night and confirmed us on the 9am flight to Bonaire.

The next morning we arrived two hours ahead of departure. They were

busy selling tickets to passengers in line in front of me. When I arrived at the counter: "Sorry, the airplane is full." I was incredulous. They denied that I had a confirmation, although I had the printout in my hand. They told me we might be able to get out standby today. My family of five on standby. Not likely. When I pointed out (loudly) to the girl that she had just been SELLING seats, she shrugged.

I met up with a group of 24 or 25 Bonaire-bound tourists all camped out by the reservations office in the same boat as we were. They delighted themselves in photographing my toddler, whom they mercifully had given a bag of potato chips to (especially since we had not had breakfast and were not given a voucher for anything by BonairExpress). They had been stuck since the night before. All had arrived on connecting flights from the US and found their seats sold out from under them. None were happy, but they were a jovial bunch.

Even more disgracefully, BonairExpress had the chutzpah to charge us all \$100 extra ON TOP of our existing, paid-for tickets (do the math, they netted over \$2,000)! We were outraged, but that was less money than a hotel and food would have cost. They had wanted to charge even more than that, but lowered it when there was a general uproar. We did not have the money to pay our tickets, so these kind tourists all pitched in to pay the \$200 (they

had argued and managed to get our kids on for free). I was moved to tears by their kindness and generosity.

All of their vacation money was spent in getting hotels for the night (BonairExpress covered NOTHING for them) and extra costs to get to Bonaire. How many of them do YOU think will be repeat visitors!?

I read recently that the transportation commission was thinking of pulling the airline's permit due to their abuses and bad service. I can now see why.

All I can say is that BonairExpress is a NEVER AGAIN experience. I hope that Divi will expand service to Aruba and increase capacity to Curaçao as well. They do get you where you need to go, and on time to boot! Shame on BonairExpress! It is an embarrassment to the island to have our name on such a disgrace of a company that is doing so much real harm to our island and the people who are struggling to eke out a living here.

Elise Seraus, Bonaire



Teen Training Center

The Stichting Project

Activities of
AMFO and the
NGO Platform



An Insider's View of a Valuable Bonaire NGO

One of the reasons that a comprehensive, monitored grant system was put in place in the Antilles was to combat poverty and social situations that serve as breeding grounds for crime, abuse, sickness and misery.

AMFO's leadership in the administration of donor funds from the Netherlands can help worthwhile projects can be successful. This story is an example.

Turning words into action

You are a concerned and caring adult. After endless discussions with neighbors and friends, you decide you must take action. The status quo is no longer acceptable. You form an action group of like-minded individuals, invest time and money and develop a plan to help change the existing situation. You're an NGO.

The target group for your project is the neighborhood's at-risk teens, aged 12-16, who are not a part of a productive peer group. Your Board and Managing Director, Mick Smit, take on the awesome **challenge to make a difference** in the lives of these overlooked

teens. Let's consider how you do it.

Creating a fertile environment

Children learn by watching and doing. What some youngsters have seen or experienced may negatively affect their growth into healthy functioning adults. They can learn to take control of their own future by being in an environment where success builds character. Do we provide our children with enough **alternative settings** where they can learn by doing? Or do we just *tell* them what they must do?

At the Training Center on Bonaire, **motivated** at-risk teens learn responsibility within a common peer group setting. Here they participate in life-skills

training using a structured program with a vocational focus. These are select programs that help the young adults. They're not just programs that the leaders enjoy doing. First aid, swimming, snorkeling, diving, boat handling, computer, sewing, taekwon-do, cooking, serving, reception, housekeeping, landscaping, maintenance, trade skills, building, plumbing, electrical are among the possible offerings.



A volunteer teaches sewing skills

Recruiting motivated teens

To **locate candidates** for this program, mentor Louis Winklaar went into Bonaire neighborhoods and talked informally with teens about the Training Center. Others heard about the project by word-of-mouth. Those who were interested showed up on August 15 to learn more, and many returned to commit to the program. "Kids must know for sure that they want to do the program, we don't force them," says Mick, "People learn best what they choose to learn."

"Once a youngster wants to participate, it is up to us to find out his or her needs and strengths," Mick continues. "Then we set up activities where he/she can be of help to a group because of

those strengths. For example, one boy was not valued by the group because he was very small. However, he was good in mathematics and was able to read a compass. We designed a fun group activity where navigating by compass was necessary, and this boy was appreciated." That's an example of how the **program activities evolve from the needs of the group**. Some kids have little success in regular school lessons, but they might do well in boat repair or knot tying. It's important to help people accomplish goals, small goals at first. "We might ask a child, 'Will you help me fix this bike?'" and then praise the effort, or the skill, or the attitude, whatever the person has contributed. It's

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necessary to point out the accomplishments made.”

Building a foundation of trust

To help youth acquire positive behaviors, it's important to identify admirable actions and encourage the development of that trait. At the Center, this is often done during a “**debriefing**,” the discussion and evaluation time after an activity. “We try to stop an activity while interest is still high and talk about it. ‘What went wrong? What went right?’ Most kids I work with aren't used to this kind of talking,” smiles Mick. “They are used to adults just giving out punishments! It's important that the kids can depend on Louis and me because they haven't always had adults they could count on. We can't back down on a promise to them. We must be able to admit our shortcomings.”

Developing pride in achievements is one of the important tasks of the Training Center. “We don't say ‘I'm proud of you’ when a person does well; we say, ‘You should be proud of yourself.’” Another **goal** of the Center is to help teens learn to talk to each other



In CPR practice Racshid learns makes perfect

and trust one another, a first step in becoming part of a social group. When you trust the person holding the other end of the rope on a climb, it's like trusting society. We all want to be part of a group, or society – that's part of the human condition. However, if children don't create bonds within their family, church, school, or friends, then they will look elsewhere – perhaps in a bad place, like a gang. Many people who lack **social skills** are aggressive and disruptive in the family, school and workplace. Society, as a whole, pays the price for their inability to relate to others appropriately. These people need help to learn more effective ways of relating with empathy. The Center tries to help kids learn how to show frustra-

tion, displeasure and disinterest in proper ways. It also teaches them how to “cheer” for the group and thereby understand being part of a society.

Recent studies have found that conventional psychotherapy and counseling often carry little clout—at least in reducing violence in teens. Likewise, juvenile boot camps, moving children into the adult justice system and shock programs like Scared Straight (where delinquent children are given graphic descriptions of prison life by jail inmates) are similarly ineffective. Instead, **behavior management and skill-building methods** are much more useful. So, good work, Training Center of Bonaire; you are right on target. Keep it going and lift our valuable youth toward a bright vision of hope for the future! *Story & Photos by Barbara Bianculli*



Gloria learns that Tai Kwan Do builds fitness and self-confidence

Editor's note:

The Training Center has many immediate needs. There are numerous youngsters waiting to join the programs as the good news is spread by the involved teens. Please contact Mick Smit at 786-6816 if you wish to make a donation of time, money or supplies to this valuable grass-roots organization.



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Bikers' Blast on Bonaire

Motorcyclists from around the world descended on Bonaire from September 1-6th stopping traffic, turning heads and deafening passers by. You either love 'em or hate 'em. There didn't seem to be an in-between. We love 'em.

They bring color and excitement, characters, tourist dollars and pleasure to the many who enjoy watching and listening to the sometimes exotic machines. Despite advice from the promoters of the event, the riders couldn't resist gunning their un-muffled machines even in town.

During the weekend more than 350 motorcyclists paraded through the streets of the main roads and *barrios*. They visited all the top tourist spots. The RO/RO cargo ship Don Andres

brought bikes from Aruba and Curaçao. Others came from the US, Holland, St. Maarten, and even Costa Rica (where the Bonaire bikers visited in April).

Captain Don's Habitat was one of the principal sponsors together with J.C. Herrera, City Café and NAPA Auto Parts. Other sponsors were MCB, RBTT, Seguros Orinoco, Warehouse Bonaire, Rent-o-Fun

Activities were centered between Karel's Beach Bar and City Café, but it seemed that every time you turned your head there was a motorcycle parade. Organizers of the event were all respected Bonaire businessmen: Orlando Francisca, Mocky Arends and Norman Evertsz, with help from Jack Chalk and several others.

If you were a biker you had to feel that Bonaire was a Biker's Paradise.

L./G.D.



Start of the island tour in Kralendijk.



Bonaire Biker "TC" wears her "colors" and usual big smile

Foundation for the Blind Gets Gifts

Recently the Dutch Royal Navy visited Bonaire with a gift for Bonaire's blind. A large consignment of books in Braille were presented to the 30-year-old Foundation for the Blind. The books were donated by the Dutch Foundation FOVIG. President is Angelette v/d Lip.

The revitalized Bonaire Foundation for the Blind is working on establishing a center for blind people.

The current governing board consists of: President Elka Coffi, Vice President Harlton "Onnie" Emerenciana, Secretary Roxanne Timp, Treasurer Gino van Arneman, Second Treasurer Elsa Molina. Board members are Louise "Wicha" Coffi-Green (charged with daily activities), Vanessa Tunk and Lelia Booi.

For further information call Louise "Wicha" Coffi at 717-8171 or Roxanne Timp, 717-4703. Direct donations are of course also most welcome, Account #109,702,04 at the Maduro & Curiel's bank (Bonaire) V.V., in the name of the Fundashon Bonaire pa Siegunan. *Press release*



Foundation Vice President Onnie Emerenciana and the Captain of the navy ship Pelican.


The New "Gum Lady"

Seen at the Bonaire Fishing Tournament was Aurora Molino, the new "Gum Lady," who has replaced the famous Petra who passed away. Look for Aurora and buy some gum from her at Karel's Beach bar, the Divi Flamingo Casino, the Stadium and other hot spots in Playa. L.D.



CORAL SPAWNING IS HERE

Below is a table, courtesy of Mark Vermeij, for spawning date predictions for the Southern Caribbean, Bonaire and Curaçao. Get out on a night dive and experience an explosion of life. *G.D.*

Latin name	Full moon on	Days after full moon								
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
A= first spawning (Sept)	Sep 18*		21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	
B= second spawning (Oct)	Oct-17		20-Oct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct	
1. Scleractinia	Stony corals									
1.1 Acropora palmata	Elkhorn Coral	A	***	21.15-21.45	21.15-21.45	?				
1.2 Acropora cervicornis	Staghorn Coral	A		?	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	?			
1.3 Diploria spp.	Brain corals	A				?	20.45-	?		
1.4 Montastrea cavernosa	Large-cup Star Coral	AB		?	21.30-22.30	21.30-22.30	?			
1.5 Montastrea annularis	Mountainous/Boulder Star Coral	AB			?	21.30-22.30	21.30-22.30	?		
1.6 Eusmilia fastigiata	Flower Coral	AB			?	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30	
1.7 Madracis senaria	Ten-ray Star Coral	AB						?	?	
1.8 Agaricia humilis/A. agaricites	Lettuce Coral	AB	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night	
1.9 Stephanoecoenia michelini	Blushing Star Coral		21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	
2. Echinodermata	Sea-urchins, -stars, -cucumbers									
2.1 Diadema antillarum Holothuria mexicana	Black Sea-urchin Donkeydung Sea Cucumber	AB	12:00 till around 18:00, every afternoon				 <p>Maryke Kolenousky photo <i>Starfish spawning</i></p>			
2.2 Ophiuroidea	Brittle stars/serpent stars	AB	19.30-22.00, every night							
3. Gorgonacea	Gorgonians									
3.1 Plexaura	Sea Rods	AB	around 19.00, every night							
4. Annelida	Worms									
4.1 Hermodice carunculata	Fire Worm	AB	12.00 till around 19.00, every afternoon							
4.2 Spirobranchus giganteus	Christmas Tree Worm	AB	around 19.00, every night							
5. Spongia	Sponges									
5.1 Neofibularia nolitangere	Do-not-touch-me Sponge	AB	14.00-17.00	14.00-17.00	14.00-17.00	?				

*Full moon on Sep 18 is at 2.00 am, which is actually the night of the 17th.
It may be that the spawning dates will consequently shift one night backward, i.e. for Sep 21st, shift to 20th

** Question marks indicate there may or may not be spawning on that night

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)				
<i>Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides</i>				
DATE	TIME	HEIGHT		COEF
9-09	3:21	0.9FT.	17:26	1.8FT.
				70
9-10	3:58	0.8FT.	18:13	1.9FT.
				62
9-11	4:29	0.8FT.	19:08	2.0FT.
				56
9-12	5:05	0.8FT.	19:57	2.0FT.
				52
9-13	5:39	0.8FT.	20:46	2.0FT.
				55
9-14	6:06	0.8FT.	21:41	2.0FT.
				63
9-15	6:31	0.9FT.	11:31	1.2FT.
			14:18	1.1FT.
			22:29	1.9FT.
				74
9-16	6:55	1.0FT.	11:48	1.3FT.
			15:51	1.1FT.
			23:21	1.8FT.
				85
9-17	0:09	1.7FT.	7:15	1.1FT.
			12:14	1.4FT.
			17:17	1.1FT.
				94
9-18	1:14	1.5FT.	7:22	1.2FT.
			12:55	1.5FT.
			18:53	1.1FT.
				99
9-19	2:28	1.4FT.	7:09	1.2FT.
			13:45	1.6FT.
			20:51	1.1FT.
				101
9-20	4:50	1.2FT.	5:36	1.2FT.
			14:35	1.7FT.
			22:53	1.0FT.
				98
9-21	0:26	0.9FT.	15:38	1.7FT.
				91

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:			
Alina	Freestyle	Marisol	Sintella
Alter Ego	Gallivanter	Mimo	Sirius
Angie	Good Hope	Moana	Slow Dancin
Anything Goes	Guaicamar I, Ven.	Moonglow	Sylvia K
Augustine			
Bright Sea	Jan Gerardus	Orion	Tish
	Josina		Ulu Ulu, USA
Camissa, Chan Is.		Paws	Unicorn, Norway
Cape Kathryn	Key Lara	Samantha Nova	
Chalice	Luna C. USA	Samba	ValenzaValkerie
	La Baronne	Santa Maria	Varedhuni, Ger.
Deneb	La Serena	Sandpiper, USA	Ventoso
Delphinus	Lazzorone	Seascape	
Elenoa	Live Your Dream	Sea Witch	Wingin
Endangered Species		Sho Fun Time	Ya-T, BVI
Flying Cloud, USA	Maggi	Side By Side	Yanti Paratzi

Local Fishing Tournament



Captain Bernadina (left) of Cha-Anne and his crew, Leo, won two firsts in the big boat category— total number of kilos of fish (72) and total number of fish (58).

This year's Local Fishing Tournament – the 14th – once again proved to be one of Bonaire's most important annual events. Open to only Bonaire-registered boats (NB) the very popular family event attracted 41 small boats (18 feet or under) and 21 big boats (more than 18 feet). It's like a flashback to old times when families spent the day fishing together. All the fish that are caught are consumed, even the marlin which is smoked. No reef fish, sharks or tarpon are allowed to be caught.

Boats set out in the early hours of Sunday, September 4, and had to be back to register their catch by 5 pm Sunday afternoon at the Playa Pariba house of Dui Diaz, Bonaire's "Grand Old Man of the Sea."

As always there was lots of food, fish soup and plenty of beer in the afternoon as the catches rolled in. Richard Beady of Richard's Restaurant, every year a generous sponsor, helped out behind the bar serving drinks, soup, chicken and rice. Dui's wife, Chana, manned the other end of the bar-kitchen.

Prizes were awarded for greatest

amount of kilos of fish, most fish and largest fish. This year the small boats out-caught the bigger ones.

Always a crowd pleaser, the Pal'i Wiri band played and dancers filled the patio.

As the catches were brought in, people crowded around the weighing station. Zamir Ayubi of Radio Digital 93.1 FM broadcasted live from the site and talked with the organizers and the fishermen. Kids ran around, playing with each other and having fun with the adults.

Organizers of the event were Papi Antoin, Richard Beady, Pancho Cicilia and Dui Diaz. Prizes were contributed by Botu Blanku Marine, the Bonaire Government, Krioyu Paint, Achie Tours, Richard's Restaurant, local banks and many others. As well this year AMFO is supporting the event. The Bonaire Local Fishing Tournament a true cultural landmark.

Provisional Winners

(Prizes awarded after we go to press):

Small Boats – *Hunter* won first in two categories: Number of kilos (156) and Total Number of fish (134). Captain is G. Emerenciana.

Biggest fish at 10 kg. goes to *Nancy 2* – Skipper: Gielmon "Funchi" Egbrechts.

Big Boats – *Cha-Anne* won first for Number of kilos (72) and Total Number of fish (58). Captain was C. Bernadina.

Fran Mar won for biggest fish (8½ kg). Skipper: Luty Craane. L.D.



LVV chief Rocky Emers weighs the catch.



NGO Platform's Executive Secretary Pancho Cecilia and Bonaire historian Arthur Sealy enter the scores.



Jason Muller on his boat, Barracuda, caught 57 fish, one less than the winner, Cha Anne. But he did beat his dad, Erwin, who was on another boat.



Just retired Chief of Customs, Ubaldo Anthony, sang to the crowd with the Pal'i Wiri band.

Flotsam & Jetsam
(Continued
from page 4)

Buddy Dive Resort. A wide range of educational activities are planned including guided boat dives (Mondays and Wednesdays-2:15 pm), guided snorkel tours (Tuesdays- 2 pm) and slide shows (Tuesdays- 7 pm). Events began on August 31st and will continue until September 23rd.

All activities are free for Buddy Dive guests. You can get your personal copy of the Deloachs' books autographed during Buddy Dive's weekly manager's Rum Punch Party every Friday between 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

The books have improved the quality of diving for many. *The Reporter* published this account from a local diver, "The gelatinous material was protruding from her. She was in the process of releasing her eggs.....which as I knew from reading Ned Deloach's book, Reef Fish Behavior, should be a "coiled raft" of eggs. I also recalled from the book that the only documented observations of frog fish spawnings were in aquariums, not in a natural environment.

► On Saturday, September 17, Bonaire Yellow Submarine and NetTech will co-host **an underwater cleanup dive**. If you wish to participate, please meet at Yellow Submarine at 1 pm for a dive briefing and the dive. The group will re-convene after the dive at 5:30



Ed and Anna Deloach

pm for a potluck BBQ. Please bring a small item of food to share with your fellow divers.



► **Does anyone know what this sign means?** We don't. One of our readers asked if we could find out. If you do, let us know: Call 717-8988/786-6125.

► Most people know that a SCUBA diving permit (Dive Tag) costs \$25 a year and the general water use tag price is \$10/year. **But did you know that the Marine Ordinance (21 March 2005, No.06, of Art.2 AB1991 No. 08) was recently amended** to make it less expensive for "day trippers?" Divers pay \$10 a day; other water-users pay \$2 per day. Residents of the Netherlands Antilles and children are exempt.

Some resort and dive operators are unhappy that these modifications were made without their input and are conducting a study to see how this type of thing can happen.

► This week's **Benetton** model is three-year-old Mikeely Obersi. The Benetton ad is on page 10. *G./L.D*

And the winners of this year's Italian Experience are...

Five Students from SGB Chez Nous have been selected to participate in the next Italy Stage in Emilia Romagna this October. Those selected are:

1. Channethon Jansen
2. Minosca Mercera
3. Angel Albertus
4. Shakira Mattew
5. Gianna Martines

Reserve is Mariana Cicilia. Teacher Vernon Martijn will accompany the group.
photo & story by Sara Matera



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WEB Water Bill Problems?

I am compiling a list of WEB customers who've experienced isolated, outrageous monthly water bill charges, so that as a group we can recover our excessive payments. The problem is not your "running toilet"! Please send a confidential email with your contact information to honestwater@yahoo.com

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European vogue for the modern woman. Call for an appointment 717-5215.

JODY'S FASHION

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Wooden Baby Crib (no mattress) full size, top quality (USA), excellent condition. NAf 250,00. call: 786-5209 or 786 2489

Suzuki Samurai In good shape
NAf5.500 Rogier: 791-2439

Beautiful Indonesian Teak Desk.
180x90 cm, 14 drawers, 2 cabinets. Modern / Classic design. NAf2.500 Rogier: 791-2439

Toshiba HD projection TV-61A62, a.g. a.n, biggest in Bonaire:
(1,3mx1,5mx0,65m) (4ftx5ftx2ft) with warranty: 2600Naf Sony MHC-GN800 prof. Hi-Fi component surround system with 5 speakerboxes,MP3,mic,c.d. (3), double tape deck etc. NAf700 (was NAf1.100)

Stroller NAf100 Tel.:717-7977

1989 Green Jeep Cherokee with automatic transmission. In good condition. NAf10.000 or nearest reasonable offer. Call 717-5571 or 785-9409

Revolving CD-Stand, made of wood, holds about 300 CDs, NAf75.00; for more information, please call 717-2848.

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Property, Sales & Rentals

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Wanted

Wanted: Dutch actor couple wants to **house sit** from Oct. 1 for 6 or 7 weeks. Call 717-2015 in Bonaire or Holland: 0031-20-673-6526

Wanted: Panasonic A 100 phone charger. Call 786-3134 or email ann@bonairewindsurfing.com

URGENTLY NEEDED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL YOUTH PROJECT

Sandwich meats and cheese, Juice, Milk, Cookies, Pindakaas, Jelly, Board Games (8 yrs.& up), Softball & Bat, Drawing Markers, Pens, Pencils, Paper. Call Mick Smit 786-6816, Stichting Project, North Salina

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Wanted: Black bookcase. Please call 786-3134

LOOKING TO RENT OR SHARE – SAILBOAT- around 10 meters (30 foot). Call Maarten 717-8285, ext. 481

Ask the Dietitian

All About Breakfast!

The school year has just started. Encourage your child to start the day with breakfast!

Breakfast is very important to help a child perform well in school. By skipping breakfast your child will not make up the nutrients missed at that meal.



Why Breakfast?

Kids learn better if they eat breakfast. If you as a parent eat breakfast, you may get more done in the morning, too.

Eating a good breakfast helps control the urge to nibble or eat too big a lunch. But even with breakfast, young children need a small morning snack during the school break.

Children may get morning tummy aches if they miss breakfast. These aches are usually hunger pangs.

Smart ways to make breakfast for your child successful!

Eat breakfast yourself. "Showing" teaches more than simply "telling." Your child will follow what you do.

If time is an issue for you.....manage your early morning time.

Start making breakfast the night before.

Go to bed earlier, so you get up earlier.

Stock your kitchen with quick-to-fix breakfast foods.

Consider your child's needs.

Offer two or three food choices. That helps your child feel in control of breakfast eating.

Give your child time to wake up. Many kids aren't hungry right away. Rushing puts pressure on breakfast eating.

Invite your child to help prepare breakfast on a morning when you are not in a rush. It can be a nice way to start your child's day. Yours too.

Some easy ideas for quick breakfasts:

Ready-to-eat cereal with low fat milk and fruit is a good and easy choice. Make sure the cereal is made from whole grains and **does not have a lot of added sugar and salt**. You can do that by checking the list of ingredients carefully. The **FIRST** ingredient on the label should be a whole grain.

Peanut butter or jam on whole wheat toast or whole grain crackers is another good nutritious choice.

Fresh fruits or a glass of home made fruit shake with low fat milk can be a delicious, nutritious selection. *Angélique Salsbach*

Angélique Salsbach, a dietitian with Bonaire's Department of Health and Hygiene, has a radio program every other Tuesday 9 to 9:30 on Bon FM. Write her at dietitan@bonairenews.com



Picture Yourself with the Reporter

St Louis, Missouri, USA

Maureen Felida's husband, Robby Felida, was elected to assist as a delegate at the 58th General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He took some *Bonaire Reporters* with him and took pictures on the Kiener Plaza in St. Louis in front of the Arch. Robby, Maureen and sons, Robert and Robertico all enjoy reading the *Bonaire Reporter*. Maureen says, "You're doing a great job. We would be glad to see our picture in the *Bonaire Reporter*. Thanks and God bless you."



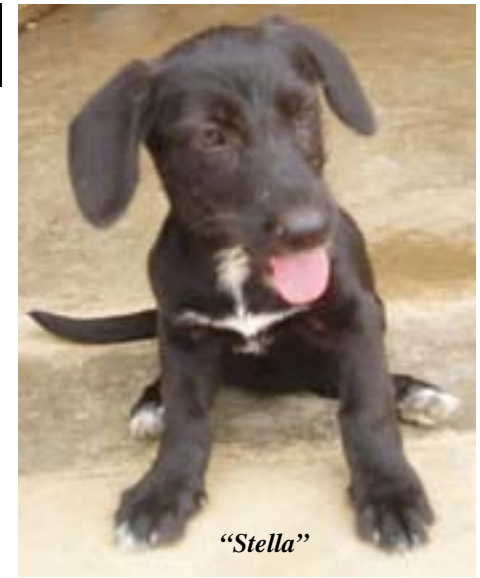
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Pet of the Week

“Stella” is a little fatty and oh so cute. Just look at that expression. She enjoys life and all its bounty and is ready to have a good time. A pup like this with such a personality gives us lots of laughs. Stella is a little over four months, and she’ll grow up to be a smallish dog. And she has the softest fur – just perfect for petting and snuggling. She was brought in with her sister, “Sophia,” who’s already been adopted, by a family that had “too many dogs,” a common reason for bringing pups to the Bonaire Animal Shelter.

More and more people know that bringing their unwanted pets into the Shelter will offer those cats and dogs the best possible future. The animals will be checked by the vet, given their shots and tests and, if they’re social, they’ll be put up for adoption. And the adoption fee of NAf105 for dogs includes all of the above plus sterilization when the animal is old enough. It’s a good deal all around, for a healthy and happy pet. So far this year there have been 112 adoptions. That’s more than were adopted in the whole year of 2003! (Last year there were 150.) The Shelter is on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

We just got back from a trip to south-



ern California where we, among other things, visited a dog park in San Diego and one in Los Angeles. What happy places. There was a lot of space for running free. We observed no fighting, just lots of good, social interaction among the dogs and their owners. There were two areas: one for “large dogs” and the other for “small or large ‘timid’ dogs.” Small shovels and trash containers were conveniently placed for everyone to clean up after their dogs. Is this something for Bonaire now that dogs are not allowed to run on the beaches? *L.D.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show

Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

Wedding Crashers (Owen Wilson)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)

Must Love Dogs

Kaya Prinses Marie
Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)
Children under 12 - NAf12

NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY
CLOSED MONDAY TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

MICRO MOVIE REVIEW

Seen in
Movieland Cinema:



MUST LOVE DOGS by Gary

David Goldberg with Diane Lane and John Cusack. This is Gary's first attempt on the big screen after years of writing only TV series. I'd prefer he stick to that. Yes, a girlie flick it is, but even in that genre one can strive for quality. The lines are forced, the chemistry between the stars is non-existent and there is no single original angle. I was hoping it would be an entertaining romantic comedy along the lines of "When Harry met Sally." That movie was predictable but fun and cute. I don't mind predictability in a popcorn movie if I'm well entertained along the way. Better luck next week! *Dodo*

This Week

Saturday, Sept 10- Mountain Bike Race
Organized by Cycle Bonaire at 4 pm. Entry fee NAf10. Call 717-2229 for info.

COMING

Saturday, Sept 17 - Underwater Cleanup in conjunction with International Cleanup Day, sponsored by Yellow Submarine and NetTech. Meet at 1 pm, Yellow Submarine
September 21-27, October 20-26 - Coral Spawning on reefs of Bonaire (page 9)
October 1 - Rincon Big Market Day
Wednesday, October 5 - C-Run with prizes, 2/4/5 km. 5:30 pm, sponsored by COMCABON. Call 717-8629, 780-7225, Richard Pietersz

October 9 - 15- International Bonaire Sailing Regatta

Sunday, October 9 - Jong Bonaire 5th Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire, 8 am, Eden Beach Resort

October 21 - Antillean Day

November 24-26 - Bonaire Investment Conference

EVERY WEEK

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 handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon

Sunday -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance 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.

Every Tuesday Night @ 6:30pm - BonaireTalker Dinner/Gathering at Gibi's, known for great local food. Call Gibi at 567-0655 for details, or visit www.BonaireTalk.com, and search for "Gibi."

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

Friday- Open House with Happy Hour at JanArt Gallery Kaya Gloria #7, 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 Slides pool bar 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

Wednesday -Buddy Dive Cocktail Video Show by Martin Cecilia pool bar Buddy Dive, 7 pm 717-5080

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bonaire Arts & Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonaireano) 717-5246 or 7117

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. 717-7103.
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 Roosje 717-4685, 566-4685

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - Tuesday - 6:30 pm - 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 9:30 pm. 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 - Now meeting at Casa Blanca Restaurant. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Mangasina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit typical homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060 / 790-2018

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.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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. Wil-

helminaplein. 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

Send events to *The Bonaire Reporter*
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Tel/Fax. 717-8988, Cel. 791-7252

DINING GUIDE See advertisements in this issue

RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 525	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Bistro de Paris Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	Real French Cooking in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
Brasserie Bonaire Royal Palm Galleries Kaya Grandi 26, Next to Re/Max, 717-4321	Low- Moderate Lunch and Dinner Open 11 am -2:30 pm 5:30-9 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday	Lots of parking in big mall lot Kitchen Open 11 am-2:30 pm, Dinner 5:30-9 pm Breezy terrace with airc inside—Also serving big sandwiches at dinner
Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and turquoise sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine.
Crocantino Italian Restaurant Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025 Closed until September 14- reopens the 15th.	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Bonaire's Most Romantic Restaurant where dining is a delight! Tuscan chef prepares exquisite dishes with authentic ingredients. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
Den Laman On the water, just off the traffic circle 717-4106	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch Dinner Open 7 days	Creative cuisine on the seaside. Top chefs from Amsterdam cook in an open modern kitchen featuring induction cooking. Seafood a specialty.
The Great Escape EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488	Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 days	Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof. Caribbean cuisine. Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon. Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
The Last Bite Bakery Home Delivery or Take Out 717-3293	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30 pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers gourmet class items -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
The Lost Penguin Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side Caribbean-style bistro owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
Pasa Bon Pizza On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 790-1111	Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday	Bonaire's best. The Real Thing! Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Call ahead to eat-in or take out 790-1111



SHOPPING GUIDE See advertisements in this issue

APPLIANCES/ TV/ ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS
City Shop, the mega store, has the island's widest selection of large and small home appliances. Fast service and in-store financing too.

ART GALLERY
Cinnamon Art Gallery non-profit gallery for local artists has continuous shows. Each month a new artist is featured. Stop by. Free entry.

BANKS
Maduro and Curiel's Bank provides the greatest number of services, branches and ATMs of any Bonaire bank. They also offer investments and insurance.

BEAUTY PARLOR
Hair Affair. Expert hair cutting, styling, facials, waxing and professional nail care.

BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS
De Freewieler rents scooters and quads; professionally repairs almost anything on two wheels. Sells top brand bikes. Have your keys made here.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
APA Construction are professional General Contractors. They also specialize in creating patios and walkways with fabulous sprayed and stamped concrete pavement.

COMPUTERS
Bonaire Automation B.V. fills all your computer needs: hardware, software, supplies, service, repair and more.

DIVING
Carib Inn is the popular 10-room inn with top-notch dive shop and well stocked retail store. Best book trade on Bonaire. Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q.
Dive Friends Bonaire (Photo Tours Divers-Yellow Submarine) -low prices - on the seaside at Kralendijk, at Caribbean Club, Caribbean Court and the Hamlet Oasis. Join their cleanup dives and BBQ.
WannaDive - They make diving fun while maintaining the highest professional standards. In town at City Café and at Eden Beach.

FITNESS
Bonfysio offers comprehensive fitness programs to suit your needs whether they be weight loss, sports or just keeping in shape. Convenient schedule.

Fit 4 Life at the Plaza Resort Mall. Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.

GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES
Green Label has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals.

GIFTS, SOUVENIRS AND LIQUOR
The Bonaire Gift Shop has an wide selection of gifts, souvenirs, liquor, dive watches, digital cameras, things for the home, T-shirts all at low prices.

HOTELS
Golden Reef Inn is the affordable alternative with fully equipped studio apartments in a quiet Bonaire neighborhood. Just a 3-minute walk to diving and the sea.

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Sharon and Danny Bol

“**T**hat was the second time we came to live here. In 1997 Danny and I went to Aruba for a week, then to Curaçao to visit a friend of his who was living there. The friend picked us up from the airport and told us to lock the doors of the car because there had been robberies at traffic lights. When we arrived at his house we saw bars on every window and door. We thought it was horrible! The next day we booked for Bonaire and arrived during the Regatta of 1997.

It was our first introduction to Bonaire and it felt so right! A week later we went back to Holland and told our parents that we were going to live on Bonaire. Danny went immediately on the Internet to look for a job here. We hadn't planned this. We were living in Slidrecht, close to Rotterdam. Danny was working as an accountant and I was working for a promotion office, and until the moment we arrived on Bonaire we hadn't had plans to move, but once we were here... we wanted to live here! It took a while to find a job. There was work, but mostly on Aruba and Curaçao, but we wanted to go to Bonaire”

“I left my CV on the website of the *Amigoe*,” Danny says, “and in March '98 we were approached by an accounting office on Bonaire. We sold our house in Holland and packed the container, going with the idea that we would stay as long as we liked it. We found a house in Belnem, met a lot of people, made friends and we had a real good time. In '99 we flew back to Holland to get married. It was easier because all the family lived there. Back on Bonaire I started feeling the lack of challenge in my job. Work had become routine and I wanted to study more. I had my bachelor's degree in economics and wanted to study to become a tax advisor. Sharon was working for a marketing business that had just started, but the economic situation on the island was deteriorating rapidly. Indirectly it was one of the reasons why we left. Opportunities were very limited while in Holland the economy booming.

We loved it here, but we were still under 30. We didn't have children and both of us wanted to grow and experience more. In fact it was easy to go back. We left in 2000, but at the airport I felt very strongly: ‘We will come back here!’

In Holland we did well. Sharon worked for Unilever as a promotion manager and I started my own financial and fiscal consultancy business. We bought a house, had two cars and I finished my studies. In 2002 our daughter Dana was born. We had everything to

be grateful for. In 2001 we visited Bonaire for our friends Frank and Roos Bierings' wedding. In 2003 we came again, this time for the wedding of our friend in Curaçao, after which we flew to Bonaire. Dana was one year old and we got the itches again. We talked it over with our friends Frank and Roos who had been living here for more than 10 years, having survived all the ups and downs. We had a good life in Holland, and it wasn't easy to let go. Especially with a child you have more responsibilities.

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Nevertheless, we took our chances. Our parents were really devastated because this time their grandchild was leaving, but we felt that our hearts were on Bonaire and we have to follow our hearts. We didn't want to end up as two senior citizens sitting on the sofa, telling each other, ‘If only we ...’ Again we sold our house, packed the same stuff in a container and April 2004 we came to Bonaire to try it again and to work hard to build our lives.

Our friend, Rosalie Bierings, had her accounting office. We do well together so we became partners. We call the business COS (Complete Office Support). We do accountancy and tax and general consultancy. Two months after our arrival Sharon got the job as marketing manager with BonairExel and that gave me the time to set up the business.”

Sharon (34) and Danny (35) Bol are an excellent couple and their little daughter Dana is just a darling.

“We've been together for 15 years,” Sharon says, “and on Bonaire you really get to know each other because you depend more on each other. We complement each other, and we also give the other space. Dana is a very social, expressive child, and from the very beginning she did well at crèche *Bon Kuido*. The teachers are very sweet; they do many things with the children; but as a parent you are the main caretaker. The weekends are completely for her.

Last June I stopped working for Bon-

aire Express. I'm spending a lot of time doing things I never had the time for since we got here. Every afternoon I take Dana to the beach. But... I don't want it to last too long! I started focusing on what I would like to do. I'm taking my time for it because I find if you work somewhere eight hours a day it has to be worth it. You have to like what you're doing. After working in Holland one becomes exacting. Here you have to give in and be more realistic, and something will show up.

When we came here this time it was for real. We love the life we have. It's going very well, business wise and privately, and we're looking forward to building our own house. We're happy that the education offered on the island is getting more diverse because if that's not good it would be a reason for us to go back when the time comes. But Dana is doing so well with her Papiamentu and we expect her English soon to be the same.

Another advantage of a small island is that you mix with other cultures and learn to understand them. They say that Holland is a multicultural society, but here you really live it. The first time I came here I took a Papiamentu course at FORMA, but that wasn't enough to get it under control. I really need a follow up, because when I'm in a shop trying to speak Papiamentu I see people thinking, ‘Why are you stuttering? You're brown, why don't you speak fluently?’ But I am Dutch. Only my skin is brown! I am of Surinamese origin, but I lived all my life in Holland!” She laughs.

Danny says, “The best thing about this island is the simplicity of life. You don't need a lot to keep yourself busy. For some people that might be a reason to leave, but for me it's the best thing the island has to offer. Everything - society, work and private life- is less complicated and that's very charming.” Sharon fills in: “If you're attached to material things, the surroundings where you've been brought up and you can't be without your family, it won't work here. It's not that we don't love our par-



Dana, Danny and Sharon Bol

ents, or that we don't miss our family, but we have our own family now, and we have to do what's best for us, even if that's at a distance of 10,000 kilometers. I find that you have to take your chances, but to succeed you have to be enterprising.

Often people are afraid of the unknown and that's why they choose security, but that's very relative because as long as you live and wherever you are, there's always a chance something bad could happen to you. There are just no certainties in life. You have to adjust and have faith in your own abilities.

We're very happy here. On weekends we go to the beach, to the donkey sanctuary, to restaurants with friends or the three of us stay at home and relax. It's a lovely way to spend a weekend - no obligations. During the week I go to fitness at Rosita's Fit 4 Life, I do Tai Chi, I run, I bike, and Danny plays soccer every Saturday evening at the sports hall. They play just for fun, all levels. Sometimes 30 people show up, sometimes there are only 16.” “I'd like to stay here for a very, very long time,”

Danny says. “I never plan so much ahead,” Sharon smiles, “but we came to stay and I'm not planning on going back and forth anymore. That's the plan, but... you never know.”

photo and story by Greta Kooistra



Donkey Portraits Made Easy



Drawing can be easier than you think. The key is to simplify the object you are drawing. Follow the steps to see how simple it is to draw a "Donkey Portrait."

1. Look at the general shape of the donkey's head. Start with straight lines. Draw lightly so you can erase the guide lines later. The top of the head is small between the ears and gets wider at the eye level. The rest of the head tapers down to the nose.
2. The shape of the ears can be drawn as lopsided diamonds.
3. Draw in the eyes at the widest points of the head.
4. Round outwards beyond the edges of the bottom line for the mouth and add a curved bottom lip.
5. Go around the donkey's face with curved lines, following all the straight lines that were sketched in.
6. Round off the ears and add short strokes to resemble fur and hair.
7. Add the nostrils and darken the space between the lips to form a smile.

Hopefully you will be able to smile back at your Donkey Portrait!

In my next article I will continue instructions for drawing the body of the donkey.

So until next time, have a hee-haw day! *Janice Huckaby JanArt*

This article is part of a series by Janice Huckaby of JanArt. Call 599 717-5246 or 791-5246 for information on art lessons or to view her artworks





BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

The "False Dawn" of Omar Khayyam: What it is and How to Find It

Almost a thousand years ago the Persian poet Omar Khayyam in his book of poetry, *The Rubaiyat*, wrote his most famous line, "A jug of wine, a loaf of bread and thou beside me singing in the wilderness." But did you know that besides being a poet Omar Khayyam was also an astronomer? In fact, elsewhere in *The Rubaiyat* Omar makes a poetic allusion to a "false dawn" which can only be seen at a certain time of year. And although no one a thousand years ago could even suspect what this false dawn really is, we now know it to be a scientific reality. And not only will we tell you what it is, we can also tell you exactly when and where to find it.

If we could go way out in space and look down on our solar system with superhuman vision, we would notice a faint, almost imperceptible vast cloud extending outward from the Sun in the plane of the orbits of Mercury, Venus, Earth, and slightly beyond. It's an enormous cloud of cosmic dust. And while one would expect it would be impossible to see this super faint cloud from Earth, nevertheless in September when the plane of our Earth's orbit is almost vertical to the horizon, we can. And we now know it is the false dawn Omar Khayyam wrote about.

Now although the best time to see this false dawn is every September, to see it you absolutely must be far away from lights when there is no moonlight to hide its faint glow. Since we can see the Milky Way from the Sky Park, we also have a good chance of seeing this rare phenomenon. Look for this false dawn in the east two hours before sunrise, before the real dawn. It will look like a wedge or cone-shaped dim patch of light about the same brightness as the Milky Way. It will extend from the horizon about half way up to the zenith about 40 degrees- an ethereal faintly glowing, rounded pyramid of light. Now the scientific name of this phenomenon is the **zodiacal light**, and it's caused by sunlight scattered from all those trillions and trillions of dust particles. And although Omar didn't mention it, this false dawn also has an evening counterpart-a "false dusk," the evening zodiacal light. It looks pretty much the same except that it is visible two hours after sunset in the west in March when the plane of our Earth's orbit is also almost vertical to the horizon.

Additionally, if you ever see a similar oval-shaped glow directly overhead at midnight you could be seeing the zodiacal light's sister phenomenon called the **Gegenschein or counter glow**. And I personally wonder whether any poet ever wrote about that. At any rate, remember that September is the month to see the false dawn of Omar Khayyam, the morning zodiacal light, which I admit is very elusive. But once you've found it I think you'll know why it appeared in poetry centuries before it appeared in scientific writings. So go outside before dawn when there's no Moon in the sky to can see what an ancient poet saw.

Jack Horkheimer



The Gegenschein – a picture of a rare phenomenon at midnight. It appears as a very light and elongated region extending over 10-15° in length and a few degrees wide along the plan of the ecliptic.



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
September 5 – September 11, 2005
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You may think gifts will win their heart, but it could add stress from lack of funds. You will be overly sensitive when dealing with your personal life. Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Get back down to earth and to basics. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Entertainment should include your whole family. Turn your present relationship around or start a new one. You must avoid gossip and focus on what you have to do. You will feel compelled to do some traveling. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Get involved in groups and organizations that are of a distinguished nature. Be careful not to get involved in other people's personal affairs. You should get out and meet some of those clients that you only speak to on the phone. Listen to the advice given by those with experience. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You may not be that popular at home but you should be able to shine at social gatherings. Try not to use emotional blackmail; it will only make matters worse. You can make major accomplishments while on short trips. Financial investments that deal with joint money can be extremely prosperous. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Avoid any hassles. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Self-deception regarding your own worth may lead you down the wrong path. You will have a great deal of insight when dealing with others. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may have the day off but your thoughts will be on your work and your cash situation. Jealous coworkers may try to sabotage your attempts to get ahead. Opportunities to meet new lovers will evolve through your interaction with groups or fundraising functions. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't hesitate to talk to your partner about rekindling your relationship. Get out and experience the spice of life. Look into joining groups that can give you hands-on advice about business. You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can make money if you get involved in real estate deals. Take time to reevaluate your motives regarding friendships. Curb the impulse to make lavish purchases and maybe spend some time with good friends. You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Look into ways to make your home more comfortable. Risky financial ventures will result in unrecoverable losses. Don't push your luck with authority. You will take on too much if you aren't careful. Stick to basics. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Property deals look good. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You will be a real chatterbox this week. Socializing will be more than just entertaining. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Remember, talk to them, not at them. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. You will meet some interesting people if you attend promotional functions. Leave things as they are for the moment and focus on reaching your highest potential at work. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Work quietly behind the scenes for best results. Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself. Confusion could result when communicating with others. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.