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Flotsam and Jetsam

The distribution of portfolios for the government resulting from January's Central Government election is done. The PAR



party, the same party that led the country before the election, gets four ministers and names the Prime Minister who will be **Emily De Jongh-Elhage**. The Cabinet can count on the support of 16 of the 22 seats in Parliament. Pedro Atacho, who led the effort to reach the agreements, presented the Antillean Governor with the final report on this last week. It is now up to the Governor to consider the final report and afterwards charge a person with the actual formation of the new government. When all the positions are filled by candidates, the security service will start with the screenings. After that, the new cabinet can be sworn in, most likely at the end of March.

Bonaire gets the Minister of Economic and Labor Affairs portfolio, the Secretary of State for Constitutional and Internal Affairs, and Second Vice Prime Minister. Bonaire's UPB party (green), with two of the three parliamentary seats, will get the jobs.

► A new airline, **British Dutch Airlines (BDS)**, wants to fly to the Antilles and Surinam, said the Aviation News Newsletter. This June it wants to start flying



between the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam. The company behind BDS is CWC Gulf, registered in London.

CWC Gulf calls itself a project developer specializing in doing business in the Middle East. It has offices in several Arab countries and is active in the field of financing, insurance and construction projects but also aircraft leasing.

On its international routes it plans to use a Boeing 747-400. Its Internet site is: www.britishdutch.com, but the information it contains is superficial so far.

In recent years several "paper" airline companies have talked about transoceanic flights from the Antilles and Surinam.

► A summit between the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles will be held before the Round Table Conference (RTC) tentatively scheduled for March 28. The Round Table Conferences are the meetings defined to work out how the Antilles will be organized following their breakup.

► El Al Israel Airlines has installed anti-missile systems on all its planes, becoming the first commercial carrier to field a protected fleet amid growing fears of aviation terrorism, Israeli security sources said on Wednesday. Each system costs about \$1 million.

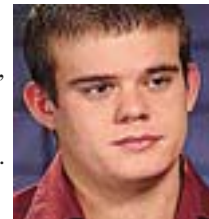
► Commercial space craft could be carrying passengers by 2008, said US Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta. Speaking to a group of space entrepreneurs, the Secretary said that a number



A tourist visit to the International space station would cost \$20 million.

of companies should be set to take passengers into space and that the US Department of Transportation would be ready to clear these flights within two years. That's about how long it took for Bonaire to get the OK from the Central Government to get permission to fly among the Antillean islands.

► Natalie Holloway remains missing and may be deceased, but the controversy surrounding the investigation continues. The young man held in jail for months in connection with her disappearance but then released, **Joran van der Sloot**, appeared on American TV to tell his side of the story for the first time.



Joran van der Sloot

He admitted he had lied at first about details of the evening he spent with Natalie but emphasized he dropped her off at the Fishermen's Huts after some smooching. He said she had drunk some, but was not "under the influence of alcohol on the evening of her disappearance." He denied

he, or his friends, the Kalproe brothers, had harmed her. Natalie's parents served him with a civil damage suit when he arrived in the US. He can fight the suit which would be very expensive or default, and in that case any American income he may acquire could be seized.

► In 2005 the **General Pension Fund of the Netherlands Antilles (APNA)** said it couldn't find many high return investments in its home country. It's required to invest a minimum of 60% of its capital in the local market. APNA had a return of 6% on its investments last year. The combined debt of the Central Government and the five Island Territories to the pension fund is NAf1.399 billion. The total debt amounted to 41% of APNA's capital at the end of December. APNA is the retirement fund for government employees in the Netherlands Antilles, including the employees of the affiliated public enterprises and government foundations.

► St. Maarten officials want to meet with Minister of Justice David Dick to discuss the **rigid measures announced to deal with illegal immigrants to the Antilles**. It's thought that St. Maarten has more illegals in comparison with its "legal" population than the other islands. Hundreds were rounded up in raids last week. The report issued by Bevolking (Bonaire Census Department) last month does not mention illegals on this island.

► There is an oil terminal in St. Eustatius that performs a **similar function as the BOPEC terminal on Bonaire**. Last week Valero LP and Statia Terminals, at

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► Netherlands Antilles and Aruba parks that preserve the environment will receive 11 million euros from the Dutch Government over the next 10 years. It will go towards protecting endangered wildlife and habitats. **It represents a big success for the Bonaire-based Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA)** run by former Bonaire National Marine Park Manager, Kalli DeMeyer. DCNA will be the channel for the funds.

The money will be released over 10 years, one million per year, and is specifically aimed to strengthen and improve marine and land parks management organizations on the islands. It will also create an endowment which will help defray the operating costs of the parks in the future. The grant is another boost for DCNA which was founded in February 2005.

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the end of the signing ceremony of a new 10-year contract, **presented a NAf5 million check to the St. Eustatius Island Receiver.** The check, said Stata Terminals' Managing Director Clarence Brown was a "token of appreciation" for the cooperation with the Island Territory.

► The St. Eustatius Island Government signed an agreement with Historic Maritime Re-creations Allen C. Rawl, Inc. to begin the first phase of **building a full-size working replica of the famous historic US Continental Navy Brigantine, Andrew Doria.** The entire project will take two years.

The *Andrew Doria* was the first US ship that was recognized by a foreign power (the Dutch) while she was flying the Grand Union flag. It was on November 16, 1776.



The Andrew Doria commemorative medal

In 1991, US President George H.W. Bush designated this date as Holland-American Day for this reason. The *Andrew Doria* was delivering a copy of the Declaration of Independence as well as purchasing war material for the Conti-



► **SELIBON N.V., Bonaire's waste management company, placed over 70 trash containers on the streets of Rincon and Playa during the past two Karnaval weekends.** Engineer Rudsel Leito, Manager of SELIBON, praised the behavior of the public in their use of the containers. (SELIBON photo)

mental Navy and Army.

St. Eustatius went on to become the single most important supplier of weapons, ammunition and gunpowder for the rebellious colonies during the American Revolution.

► Midges, mosquito-like insects, are infesting Philipsburg on the island of Sint Maarten. Residents are complaining that the insects are in massive numbers, forming coats on their vehicles and homes. The Island Government had implemented a "rapid response plan" that included fogging, increasing the saline level of Great Salt Pond and treating the banks of the pond to eliminate the rapid breeding of the insects. **The exercise, which included applying salt from Bonaire to the pond as necessary,** was to be continued for a four-week period.

► If you see a flamingo that's light brown or beige in color, it's not a new



Feeding a baby flamingo

variety of flamingo. **It's a baby flamingo who should be with its flock.** At this time of year there are a lot of babies around and they often get blown away from where they should be, which is with the adults in the salt pans. The babies are not strong enough to fight their way back into the wind. So if you find one walking on the road or looking out of place, here's what to do. Grab a towel

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US PASSPORT
RENEWAL TIPS

Dear Editor:

Because of 9/11, ex-pats can no longer renew a US passport in the US. They must do this instead at the nearest US Consulate.

Bonaire's nearest US Consulate is in Curaçao, at J.B. Gorsiraweg 1, Willemstad, on a hill overlooking Punda. Phone 9-461-3066. Passport Services is ext. 225. Fax is 9-461-6489.

However, nobody ever seems to answer the phone. The one time somebody tried to call me back was at a time I had left word I would not be home. The e-mail address (info@amcongencuracao.an) posted on their web site has not worked recently. There is a new Consulate web site (www.amcongencuracao.an).

Follow the rules posted there, however, NOT what the US passport web site says. You also can download the DS-82 form for renewals on the Consulate web site.

The best way to ensure you adhere to whatever the rules are on that day is to go to the Consulate in person. You cannot walk there. Take a taxi or car. Currently Passport Services maintains a walk-in window from 9 to 11am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Allow plenty of time to get through Security. Bring with you as little as possible. You will not be allowed to enter with cosmetics. Evidently a lipstick could contain a bomb. I was allowed to carry in only my passport, money and

application papers and photos. Everything else I had to leave at the entrance. The process also involves more than the usual airport scrutiny. They will touch things with explosive-detecting paper, and they will wand you from head to toe. If you want to avoid embarrassment, do not wear a dress or skirt, since the wand must go all the way up the inner as well as outer thighs. Avoid clothing with a metal zipper if possible. The gentleman on duty when I entered knew very little English, but he was helpful and courteous in these awkward circumstances.

Be sure to bring your old passport. It will be returned to you with your new one.

Currently only ONE photo is required. Since each of the three sets of passport photos I obtained in the US contained a somewhat different size face, I took all three sets with me. The people I dealt with at the Consulate cared about this less than the photo's brightness because the photo itself will not be contained in your new passport. Instead, the image will be scanned.

I had obtained at MCB Bank in Playa a cashier's check for the required \$67. Five people participated in the issuing process, and the check then went to a bank officer for signature. Everyone involved understood its purpose.

Yet when I presented it at the Consulate, a clerk, an official, and the Consulate cashier all determined it was not a valid cashier's check in the US. They believed it could be interpreted as made out to MCB instead of to the US government. They said it was not negotiable in the US. So my cashier's check was refused. (It looked fine to me.) Fortunately,

I was allowed to pay cash, which I had thought was impossible.

Currently the Consulate in Curaçao wants the cashier's check made out to US Disbursing Officer. I had previously heard it should be made out to US Department of State but also read it should read: Passport Services. Perhaps the Consulate will clarify this soon.

If you want a longer passport (certainly advisable for Americans who travel a lot), write and sign a request for a 48-page passport. You will receive this longer passport at no extra charge.

Go to Rocargo and prepay an International airways FedEx form and take that and a FedEx envelope with you to the Consulate. Address it to yourself on Bonaire.

I dropped off my application on a Wednesday morning. Rocargo delivered my new passport to my home exactly one week later. Amazing!

If all else fails and you simply must have a specific response to a question, you can hope the nice Consular Assistant who agreed to let me pay the fee in cash in guilders is still there. Her name is Saskia T. Rozier, and her business card says her e-mail is rozierst@state.gov

Despite the difficulties which I encountered at the Consulate, I am so glad I went there. Had I submitted the application via mail or FedEx, it would have been returned to me. In person, you should solve any problem quickly.

PS, MCB cheerfully refunded my money; although they found the rejection I encountered puzzling. So do I.

Trish Dace

PRIMARY SCHOOL
'DE PELIKAAN' NEEDS
CLASSROOMS

Dear Editors:

There is not enough space for a new group of 24 enthusiastic children in the buildings of Trans World Radio, where Primary School 'De Pelikaan' is situated. The board of the school (Foundation 'Leren is Leuk') is searching with all possible speed a location to accommodate two new groups of 24 kids. In addition the board is looking for financial support to be able to build an adequate new school building.

'De Pelikaan' is a primary school with Dutch as the instruction language. They work with a very positive educational climate. They offer developmental oriented education. The groups are heterogeneous and the education is based on the vision of learning from each other and working together. The focus, however, is on the individual child with his talents and interests.

The school started in August 2004

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with a pioneer group of 25 kids. At a fast tempo the school became a complete Primary School with 96 students and a waiting list of 70 children. Like all schools on Bonaire 'De Pelikaan' is also a multi cultural school with 35% Antillean students, 40% European Dutch (often of families with two different nationalities) and 25% other nationalities like American, English, Venezuelan, Peruvian, Colombian, Indian and Lebanese.

The school staff of four professional teachers receives the support of 25 volunteers who teach English and religion. All children also have once a week gymnastics offered by a volunteer with a sport teacher's certificate.

At this moment the school uses two classrooms in the main building of Trans World Radio; 48 students are accommodated in the activity area of Trans World radio.

Every Sunday evening parents transform the activity building into classrooms, and every Friday the children and their teachers bring the building back to its original state - a temporary solution.

In August this year there is a new group of 24 kids who are eager to learn. The board of 'De Pelikaan' has a great concern. The waiting list has 70 children at this moment. The need for education in Dutch is enormous on Bonaire. The board of the school is being forced to search for financial support to build a sufficient school building in the very near future.

Inge Berben



Bollard installation

BOLLIXED BOLLARDS?

The letter to the editor about cruise ships and the costs of having them brings up an interesting point regarding Bonaire. At what must have had to cost 100's of thousands of guilders, huge pilings were driven to make new tie-up bollards for cruise ships, and if I recall, this was specifically required so the *Queen Mary 2* could arrive.

At this point, these new bollards have not even been finished, and apparently since they were not, the QM2 said it would be OK without them. So why were they built and who paid for them - the tax payer? Why aren't they finished if they were so necessary as dictated by the cruise ships? A.B.

Correction:

Corine Gerharts, owner-operator of Bonaire Tours, reports that there were some errors in the Letter to the Editor last week (Tourist Tax Trauma). Car rental tax per day is \$3.50, not \$8. Hotel tax is \$5.50 per person, per night plus \$1 ("Till" tax) per person per night, making a total of \$6.50 pppn, not \$8.50. Gerharts says also that the 5% OB tax is applied to not only the hotel or car cost but the other taxes as well. Ed.

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 3) or even a shirt and try to cover the bird's body with it. Be gentle and don't worry; flamingoes don't bite with teeth. They weigh practically nothing when you pick them up. As you try to gather them up remember that their legs bend the opposite way from most other animals. Then take the bird to the Cargill Salt Works. All these baby flamingoes usually need is some rest and then they can be returned to their home at the salt works. And you will know that you did a good deed for Bonaire's special birds.

► The swim suit clad body of **Thomas de Groot**, a visiting Dutchman, was found floating in the yacht mooring area last Thursday afternoon. He had become a familiar figure in downtown Kralendijk with both English and Dutch people and was fond of discussing solutions to various island problems. Although no official cause of death was pronounced, it appeared that he had drowned.

► A 400-square-meter greenhouse is being built to house what will be **Bonaire's newest attraction, a butterfly garden**, off the road to Lac, There Caribbean and South American butterflies will be on display. According to Gerard van Erp, who is bringing the butterfly garden to Bonaire, it will open in June.

► **Papiamentu language lessons are planned to begin again this month.** The lessons will be two hours per week and cost NAf300. The course is meant for newcomers on Bonaire who are 18 years or older and have English as their native language and English speaking residents who want/need to learn Papiamentu.

For information or application please call 717-4318 email info@bonhasi.com. The course will be taught by Celia Fernandes Pedra who has over 30 years of experience in secondary and adult education.



► **Congratulations to our good friends and colleagues at èxtra newspaper** as they celebrate èxtra's 30-year birthday on March 1. Not only has it been successful in Curaçao but it's the most widely read Papiamentu newspaper in Bonaire! Pabien, and here's to many more years of bringing us the news!

► Unfortunately, the Wowo Riba Boneiru (Eye on Bonaire) TV show that ran on Flamingo TV11 has been **taken off the channel** for technical reasons and lack of sponsorship.

► **Please get your funny bone going and send us some stories for our April Fool edition. Get your name in print.**

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G./L.D.

Population Up

An average of two people a day gets added to Bonaire's population according to the latest statistics from Bevolking – the island census office. Births and immigration swell the population while deaths and persons returning to their home countries reduce it. Bonaire gained 572 people from immigration. That's almost 5% of the total population of the island. The increase resulting from on-island births/deaths was only 1/2%.

Citizens from 43 countries became residents of Bonaire last year (listed in alphabetical order):

- Aruba
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- France
- Gambia
- Germany
- Grenada
- Great Britain
- Guyana
- India
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Lebanon
- The Netherlands
- Netherlands Antilles
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- The Philippine Is.
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- South Africa
- Spain
- Suriname
- Thailand
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- United Arab Emirates
- USA
- Zimbabwe



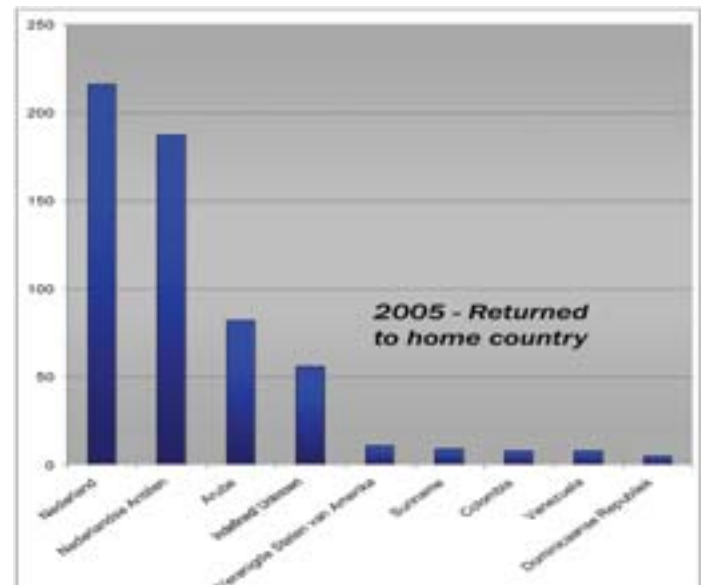
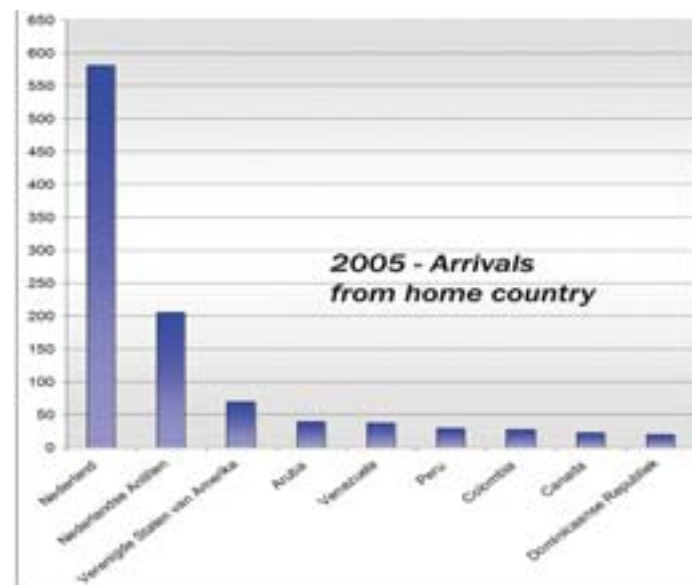
In Bonaire 115 babies were born last year with the numbers peaking in the middle of the year; in addition for medical reasons 54 Bonaire babies were also born in Curaçao:

Births 2005	male	female	Total
January	4	4	8
February	1	5	6
March	7	2	9
April	4	5	9
May	2	5	7
June	4	9	13
July	3	10	13
August	6	4	10
September	6	4	10
October	6	4	10
November	6	7	13
December	2	5	7
2005 births	51 (44%)	64 (56%)	115
2005 Deaths	18	27	45

Table: Bonaire 2005 Population Growth by Month:

	Total at start of Month	born	*t.g.	Arrived from overseas	Returned to home Country	died	Total at end of month
January 2005	13,078	8	0	83	5	28	13,136
February 2005	13,136	6	6	72	4	21	13,195
March 2005	13,195	9	2	67	4	28	13,241
April 2005	13,241	9	4	86	3	23	13,314
May 2005	13,314	7	7	95	4	54	13,365
June 2005	13,365	13	2	118	2	55	13,441
July 2005	13,441	13	7	125	3	82	13,501
August 2005	13,501	10	8	106	5	91	13,529
September 2005	13,529	10	2	93	4	44	13,586
October 2005	13,586	10	5	109	2	43	13,665
November 2005	13,665	13	6	89	5	39	13,729
December 2005	13,729	7	5	90	4	43	13,784
		115	54	1,133	45	551	13,784

*t.g. =Toevalige Geboorten, which, according to Bevolking, means a child born a Bonairean mother in Curaçao.



Bonaire Ambassadors

Six new Bonaire Ambassadors were recognized by the Tourist Corporation Bonaire last week at the Black Durgon Inn. The awardees were treated to a mouth-watering BBQ and received framed maps of the island. Their impressions follow.

Jim and Helen Farmer:

“Why do we come back every year, sometimes twice a year? Because we have a great time! Diving and snorkeling off the shore instead of going out in a boat is a real plus. We went to Belize, San Pedro, for 10 years and always had to take a boat to see the fish and corals. We especially love staying at Al’s Black Durgon Inn because diving is so accessible, and Small Wall is right in front. We’re the envy of tourists who can only reach Small Wall by boat.

There are other special features we like at the Black Durgon. It’s an inn with no more than 22 guests. It’s like one big family. Every year we look forward to seeing old friends. Al, the owner, and his family are especially welcoming, and Doris, the cook/housekeeper is a gem, creating the best breakfasts and keeping the inn spotless.

The National Parks are wonderful too. The flamingoes seen in their natural setting are truly thrilling, also the occasional hawk atop a cactus, and much, much more. In the ocean favorite sightings include turtles gracefully moving up for air and down again to the sea floor; eagle rays do dances too; Queen angels, French angels, squid, eels of many hues and sizes, barracuda, tarpon, etc. etc. The weather is near perfect as anywhere on earth.

In the evening the island restaurants offer wonderful fresh fish and fruits of all kinds as well as a full range of foods, and with island water safe to drink we feel safe and healthy here.

Lenny came in 1999 and destroyed many corals, but today, six years later, one of the real pleasures is to see the corals returning in full array.

Al certified me (Jim Farmer) as an Open Water Diver at age 68 in 2000. I’ve done over 300 dives since!”

Bill and JoAnne Champagne:

“Bonaire! What can we say? I believe our 16 years speak for themselves. We started coming here with a dive group from Vermont and we were certified here. And we have been coming ever since. Even back then we knew this island was something special, and even after all these years that still holds true.

We came to Bonaire for our honeymoon so this wonderful paradise holds a special place in our hearts. Many things have changed on the island, but the people and that warm feeling are still present. When we started coming we would spend a week or so, then as time went on we felt lucky to come for two or three weeks, and now we’re very fortunate to spend one month or



New Bonaire Ambassadors: Helen & Jim Farmer, JoAnne & Bill Champagne, Betsy & Stanford Pash

so.

Many friends have joined us over the years and they also feel the island’s special effect on them.

Our grandchildren are now asking to join us, so we’re planning a second generation of visitors to our special destination.

Ask anyone what they think of Bonaire. All will have different reasons but one common one is it is a special place and all want to come back. We are already planning to return next year ...so Bonaire! What can we say! Bon Bini”

Stanford and Betsy Pash:

“We came to Bonaire in 1997, the year we got married. Stan was a long time diver, but I had just gotten certified. After diving in the cold lakes in Michigan, the warm waters in Bonaire were a welcome change. The ability to do shore dives and explore at will is a big draw for us. Every year we find new things and have new stories to tell.

The Black Durgon is the place we stay every year. It’s a small hotel with a very friendly, homey atmosphere. Over the years we have made many friends at the Durgon. Now many of us coordinate our trips so that we’ll be there at the same time.

Over the last 10 years we’ve seen many changes in Bonaire. As the island becomes more popular it’s easier to get here. More airlines provide service to the island. There are more good restaurants to choose from. We used to love seeing the donkeys wander freely. Now that they are corralled in a sanctuary we miss them.

Bonaire is the kind of place that we try to vacation for longer and longer times. When we retire we will measure our Bonaire time in months instead of weeks.”

Picture Yourself In The Reporter Lake Martin, Alabama, US

Tom Smedley writes:
"Here is a picture of Rick Church, May-May Cook, Tom Smedley, and Rick Murchison (all frequent Bonaire visitors) reading *The Reporter* along with Chief Kowaliga. Kowaliga stands on the shores of Lake Martin, Alabama, and is the statue immortalized by singer/songwriter Hank Williams in his song, "Kawliga." Tom is a Bonaire Ambassador and May-May has a road named after her in Bonaire.



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KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
3-03	4:18	1.6FT.	93
3-04	5:23	1.8FT.	83
3-05	6:17	1.8FT.	70
3-06	7:12	1.9FT.	58
3-07	7:59	2.0FT.	48
3-08	8:41	2.0FT.	43
3-09	9:25	2.0FT.	44
3-10	10:01	1.9FT.	49

YACHTING AND WATERSPORTS PAGE

Reef Balls – One Month later....



The Sergeant Major is guarding her egg mass deposited on the reef ball behind her.



The Bonaire Reporter published stories about the placing of the Reef Balls in the January 20-27 and February 3-20 issues. Here's an update.

The fish have found the reef balls! As I enjoy snorkeling without fins every morning for exercise, I have included checking out the reef balls on my daily swim down the length of Bari Reef in front of Sand Dollar Condominium Resort.

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Every day is a joy, as I am witnessing the changes taking place on the various reef balls. In just one month, the fish have discovered the reef balls, and some have "moved in." There is the large gray snapper who started hanging out in ball #4 and has moved from ball to ball. He seems to like the shade provided by the ball. Then there are the eggs that have been laid on #4, #9, and currently on #0 with a deliberate and determined sergeant major on guard.



An interesting sight was the formation of several purple circles on the "outside" of the balls which I've been told is the sergeant major preparing the sites for potential mates to come to lay their eggs. Reef ball #1 has had a yellow tail damsel possessively swimming there almost from day one. One morning, I was surprised to observe a juvenile white spotted moray peeking out from under #7, and more recently a small soapfish lying in #1. Seeing some larger fish such as a Spanish hogfish in #3 as well as a fairly large porcupinefish in #4 was also a surprise. Some beautiful initial phase puddingwife fish hang around all of the balls, and an occasional flounder swims by to check one out. The diversity of the fish that gather at the reef balls is quite good. Linda Ridley, a member of Reef.org, did a recent official survey on the reefballs, and counted 33 different species. She states that the more diverse the population, the better, and where you find little fish, you'll soon find bigger fish.

Speaking of smaller fish, there are lots of little blennies, gobies, wrasses and juvenile damsels around each of the balls. With the algae now growing on the balls, I've seen numerous blue tangs, ocean surgeonfish and parrotfish chomping away. On some days, it

seems like there are 15 to 20 fish swimming around each ball. Yes, we think they like this new artificial reef. We can't wait to see which invertebrate will be the first to attach itself – a bristle worm, an anemone?

Talking with Jerry Ligon, the naturalist at Bonaire Dive & Adventure, we learn that he did two fish surveys at the site placement before the balls went in. There were very few fish there before the reef balls. He states although we're not seeing any new species in that area, they have now "gathered" around the balls and are not scattered across the rubble as before. In my observations, it seems as though the fish I saw on the shallow rubble before the balls placement have now moved away from the rubble onto the balls.

If you haven't been to the Sand Dollar reef balls, go to the Bari Reef site and check them out. There's a map in the office, and a logbook where you can record your sightings. Have fun!

Story by Diane Amos, photos by her husband, Dee Lawrence. Diane & Dee are Sand Dollar Condominium Owners.

For more information about the reef balls, go to www.reef.org and check out Sand Dollar's site #8503-0141.

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alter Ego	Dutchess	Makani	Spart I Vento
Angie	Endorphin	Natural Selection	Stella
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	Is.	Sandpiper, USA	Valhalla
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Attention Tec Divers

Rec Tek Scuba continues to add support for more brands of Rebreathers. It's added tanks and Sofnolime® for the Evolution, Inspiration and other closed circuit Rebreathers plus a new Haskel O₂ Booster pump.

Rec Tek Scuba now stocks 812/797 Sofnolime, which is the recommended scrubber material for the Inspiration and Evolution Rebreathers as well as several other closed circuit rebreathers.

In the rental department you will find tanks for the Inspiration and Evolution rebreathers. Those with Kiss and Megalodon's or other similar rebreathers may also use these tanks with their equipment. We have multiple oxygen and Diluent tanks so you won't have to wait for oxygen or Diluent fills. Just drop off your empties and pick up full tanks. You will also be getting a FULL fill in your O₂ tank via our new Haskel Oxygen booster pump. This also means you can get a full fill of any Deco mix.

This saves you the hassle of trying to travel with your tanks in this very secu-



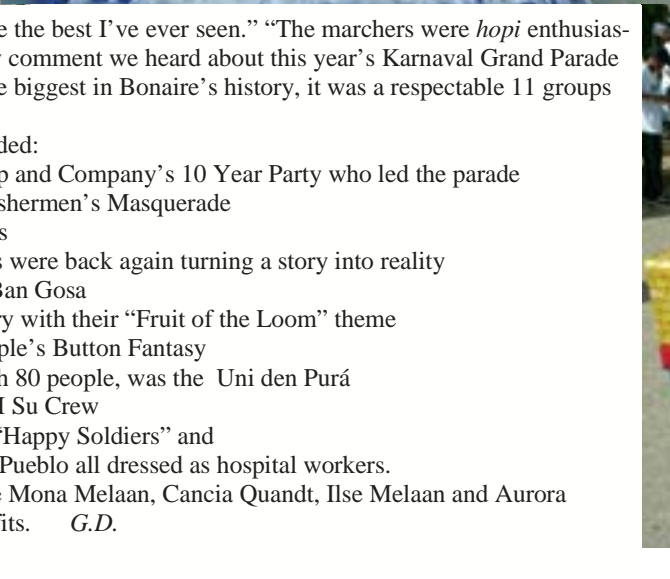
rity conscious time when the security personnel are interpreting the rules differently each time ("Could you please put the valve back in the tank and open it so I can verify that the tank is empty." This was recently heard coming from security personnel in an airport near you). It also could save you some money by not having to pay overweight baggage fees to the airlines that have drastically reduced the weight allowance for checked baggage.

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For more information call 790-6537.

Rec Tek Scuba

Grand Karnaval Parade



“These costumes are the best I’ve ever seen.” “The marchers were *hopi* enthusiastic.” In fact every comment we heard about this year’s Karnaval Grand Parade was positive. While not the biggest in Bonaire’s history, it was a respectable 11 groups and four individuals.

The Sunday parade included:

1. Johnny Wever’s Group and Company’s 10 Year Party who led the parade
2. The Alisio Group’s Fishermen’s Masquerade
3. The Dutch Juk Duikers
4. The Happy Navigators were back again turning a story into reality
5. The group Laga Nos Ban Gosa
6. The Caribbean Laundry with their “Fruit of the Loom” theme
7. The Crazy Happy People’s Button Fantasy
8. The largest group, with 80 people, was the Uni den Purá
9. The Group Cultimara I Su Crew
10. DJ Eddy’s group of “Happy Soldiers” and
11. The Group Deseo di Pueblo all dressed as hospital workers.

Individual marchers were Mona Melaan, Cancia Quandt, Ilse Melaan and Aurora Molina, all in fantastic outfits. G.D.



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For Sale

FOR SALE – Cabinet doors, white, 30 +/-, all sizes. Must take all. NAf100 OBO 717-6862 or 791-6003

EUROPEAN DISHWASHER; due to surplus; as new, only 5 times used Price new NAf1325,- price now NAf925,- Call 786-2628

For sale: sky kennel for large dog, KLM-approved, size F, NAF 300, tel. 786-5582.

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For Sale: Various Delftware porcelain articles and antiques. Call Ma at 717-3726.

A well-designed, fast-sailing 4-meter fiberglass centerboard sloop. Needs repainting. Naf850. Also a collapsible "Banana" dinghy and two old Avons. Email Mac at MACAMAL@mac.com or write to PO Box298, Kralendijk.

11' Caribe hard bottom inflatable, good condition, trailer included, 25 hp. Yamaha. NAf3600. On island 02/21-03/08. E-mail pariposo2@capecod.net.

For Sale: Ultra Classic Yoga Mats. Color: Black Price: NAf60. Call 786-6416

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Property

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apartment in Hato, rent Nafl. 800,- including cable TV. For more information call: Amanda at Harbortown Real Estate 717 – 5539

Employees Wanted

Budget Marine Bonaire is looking for a Part-time Accountant (2 or 3 half days/ week). Experience with computerized double entry accounting system, preferably Accpac or equivalent. Recognized accounting qualification will be an asset. bonaire@budgetmarine.com.

Dive Instructor- 12 to 14 hrs/week Jong Bonaire is seeking a Dive Instructor to run its Dive/Snorkel program for teens. The program has been in operation for several years in cooperation with most of the island's dive operators. The goal of the program is to teach the necessary skills to encourage the teens to work toward Dive Instructor as a career. Monday - Thursday, 3-6 pm occasional special activity or meeting. Contact Manager Bilha Thomas with qualifications and salary requirements. 717-4303 or

bthomas@jongbonaire.org

Windsurf Instructor- 12 to 14 hrs/week

Jong Bonaire is seeking a Windsurfing Instructor to conduct its Windsurfing program for teens. We have our own equipment and storage facilities and work closely with local windsurf centers. Monday through Thursday afternoons, 3 to 6 pm plus occasional meetings. Contact Manager Bilha Thomas, with qualifications and salary requirements. 717-4303 or bthomas@jongbonaire.org

Wanted: Part Time Office Helper - 25 hours a week minimum- computer literate (Microsoft Excel, Word, email), English-Dutch-Papiamentu-Spanish desired. Must be a "take charge" person. Call Liz at Golden Reef Inn, 717-5759

Wanted

The Bonaire Reporter is looking for a Partner or Managing Editor

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Do you speak Dutch and Spanish or French?

Jong Bonaire is looking for volunteers who can help Spanish and French speaking teens improve their Dutch. These kids attend high school but have little or no Dutch experience. They really want to do better in school and need your help. The groups are small (1-4 teens). The sessions are held in the afternoons and you can volunteer for as little as two hours per week or up to four afternoons. Contact Manager Bilha Thomas to arrange a meeting. 717-4303 or bthomas@jongbonaire.org

Home-exchange in the Netherlands.

We are a family of 6 or 7. We offer a big house (11 rooms) in the center of The Netherlands (Utrecht) plus cars (seats 7 and 4). We are looking for a comfortable

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YARD SALE...Saturday, 4 March in Hato- Kaya Gob. DeBrot 146 Leaving island and selling many items: Washer (Whirlpool); Refrigerator (Brand New GE STAINLESS STEEL); some furniture, kitchen stuff, lots more...

For Sale. Leaving the Island. Call 717-8722

- Stone Company industrial grade electric concrete vibrator, 7 ft. shaft, 1 inch vibrator head. Nafl. 500
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- Chicago portable 14 volt drill kit. Nafl. 100
- Chicago 4 inch 10,000 rpm grinder, metal and masonry wheels included. Nafl. 100
- Sears scroll saw with blades. Nafl. 50.
- 2,000 pound capacity come-along Nafl. 50
- 20 ft. long 5,000 pound capacity towing-binder chains new. Nafl. 60
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- McCulloch 14 inch blade electric chain saw. Nafl. 100
- National pipe thread one half inch, three quarter inch and one inch die set and pipe cutter kit. Nafl. 100
- Makita model 5007 NB 13 amp 7 and 1/4 inch circle saw with 12 blades (regular, carbide and diamond tips) Nafl. 400
- Makita model 6410 NB 3.2 amp variable speed reversible 3/8 drill Nafl. 100

Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Thielman House

by Wilna Groenenboom

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



Driving around in the hills of Antriol, enjoying the suburban seaside view, many beautiful old houses catch my eye. This house captured my attention because of the shape of the windows and the doors, which have a rounded arch at the top. I hadn't seen it before. But this half round arch is not only visible outside but inside the house as well. You can see it in the interior in the design of the built-in cupboard (photo above, second left).



This house is more than 80 years old. José, known as "Wichi," and Helena Thielman (photo-painting above to right) bought it more than 65 years ago. They gave it the look it has today. Before they added on, the house consisted of only the main higher building.

The photo at left shows the Thielman family. The little girl on the left is Anna Maria who married a Martis. She still lives in the house together with her 95-year-old father, "Wichi," her daughter Janice and Janice's son and twins (triptych photo, bottom left).

Anna Maria's husband was an upholsterer and Anna Maria was the dressmaker of the family. After graduation from elementary school she went to the St. Anna School (now St. Bernardus School) for two years, studying sewing (see the diploma above). Her work was done on a Singer treadle sewing machine.



Story & photos by Wilna Groenenboom

Wilna Groenenboom is an artist and photographer who teaches art at the SGB high school



Pet of the Week

“Martin,” our pet of the week, was found wandering on the streets of Bonaire and brought into the Shelter recently. Ever since he arrived Martin has been doing very well.

He’s so relaxed and gentle, not a hyper dog. Martin is alert which shows in his perky little ears. He’d make a very good watch dog for an appreciative owner. His butterscotch-colored short fur is easy to care for and soft to stroke. Down his back his fur twists into marcelled-like curls – very unusual and very attractive.

Martin is about eight months old, he’s had his health examination, has been wormed, castrated and has his shots. He’s ready to go. And of course, like all the other animals up for adoption at the Shelter he’s very social and can interact with other pets as well as humans. You may see him at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. L.D.



“Martin”



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MOVIELAND

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

Big Momma's House 2 (Martin Lawrence)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
Munich

Kaya Prinses Marie Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400
Tickets - Naf14 (incl. Tax)

NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
THURS THRU SUN
2 MOVIES 7 & 9PM
MON THRU WED. 1 MOVIE 8PM

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THIS WEEK

Now until March 23—Brigette Kley Driftwood and Cloth Art at Cinnamon Art Gallery, Monday-Friday 9-12, 2-5, Kaya APLBrion #1

Saturday, March 4— Rincon Big First Saturday of the Month Marshé, a real island event with music, informational discussions *bou di ramada* (on the porch). Stands selling drinks, local foods, crafts, plants, more. In the heart of Rincon, 6 am to 2 pm

Sunday, March 5—Bonairean Night at Divi Flamingo, local specialties, entertainment, more.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship visiting days, starting around 10 am to early afternoon. See Cruise Ship Schedule above.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday-Saturday – Happy Hour 5 to 7 pm, Cactus Blue

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

Saturday—Mountain Bike Ride— Everyone welcome. It's free. Bring a bike and your own water. Fitness trainer Miguel Angel Brito leads the pack. Telephone him at 785-0767 for more information.

Saturday -Wine Tasting at AWC's warehouse,

6 to 8 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Great wines - Naf2,50 a glass.

Saturday—All You Can Eat BBQ at Divi Flamingo with live music, 6 to 9 pm, Naf26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444 .

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, Divi Flamingo

Monday – Two for One Appetizers with Entrees, Cactus Blue

Monday -Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

Monday-Kriyoyo Night BBQ Buffet featuring Chef Gibi and Los Princes Mariachi, Golden Reef Inn . Band 7 pm, BBQ at 7:30 pm. Reservations \$20, walk ins \$25. Drinks available for purchase. Call 717-5759 or email info@goldenreeffinn.com

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar – Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" 5-7 pm

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.

Tuesday-Wine & Cheese/ \$1 glass of wine, 5-7pm, Divi Flamingo

Tuesday – Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings, 5 to 7 pm, Cactus Blue

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

Wednesday – Open Mike Night with Moogie, 7 to 9 pm, Cactus Blue

Wednesday – Live music by Flamingo Rockers Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar 5-6:30 pm

Wednesday – Live music by Flamingo Rockers The Windsurf Place at Sorobon 7:30- 9:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" 5-7pm-Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar

Friday-Swim lessons for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630

Friday—Manager's Bash—free Flamingo Smash & snacks, Divi Flamingo, 5-7 pm

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

Friday- 5-7 pm Social Event at JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7. Meet artist Janice Huckaby and Larry of Larry's Wildside Diving. New original paintings of Bonaire and diver stories of the East Coast every week

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday –Yoga Classes— Tel. 786-6416

Daily- The Divi Flamingo Casino is open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Mon. to Sat. 8 pm– 4 am; Sun. 7 pm– 3 am.

Daily- Happy Hour, 2 for 1 (all beverages) 5-7pm, Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar

Daily - 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.

Monday- Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide Show at Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30 pm Call

February & March 2006 Cruise Ship Schedule

Date	Ship	PAX	Arrive	Depart	Pier
07 MAR TUE	SEA PRINCESS	1950	12:00	19:00	SOUTH
07 MAR TUE	AIDA VITA	1260	13:00	20:00	NORTH
14 MAR TUE	RIJNDAM	1258	09:00	18:00	SOUTH
21 MAR TUE	AIDA VITA	1260	13:00	20:00	SOUTH
28 MAR TUE	RIJNDAM	1258	09:00	18:00	SOUTH

717-8290 for info.

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

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Kas Kriyo Rincon—Step into Bonaire's past in this venerable old home that has been restored and furnished so it appears the family has just stepped out. Local ladies will tell you the story. Open Monday thru Friday, 9–12, 2-4. Weekends by appointment. Call 717-2445.

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

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.

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. 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, 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 Thurs-

day of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesday, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at 'Pirate House', above Restaurant Zeezicht. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; Valrie@telbonet.an

Cinnamon Art Gallery - Volunteers to help staff gallery. 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

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. Wilhelmnaplein. 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

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On the Island Since...

2000

Wilna Groenenboom and Herman van Leeuwen

“E very year Wilma says she wants to go back to Holland - probably to find out that she wants to come back to Bonaire again! But not me! I came here to ‘play’ teacher. I studied international politics and worked as an intern at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but when I’d completed my studies in 1993 it was very difficult to get a job because at the time they preferred women, handicapped people or those with a foreign background. Even then we were thinking about looking for jobs abroad.

I’d been teaching economics and business administration from 1988 to 1993 at a lower agriculture school while I was studying international politics. After I’d finished my studies in 1993 and couldn’t find a job, I went back to teaching again until 1999. In 1997 we saw an ad asking for teachers in Statia. We applied, but it turned out they’d already found an economics teacher, but they did want Wilna as she is an art teacher. We turned the offer down, but in 2000 they asked Wilna again; still there wasn’t a job for me, so again we didn’t do it. Then we saw an ad asking for teachers for Bonaire’s high school SGB.

We’d never been here and we didn’t come to see it first. We’d just bought a house in 1999 and we had barely moved in just 18 months before. We decided to keep the house, then we went on a vacation to Indonesia for five weeks. We came back to an empty house for a week (the container had already been shipped) and Sunday, August 13, 2000, we arrived at 4:30 pm on Bonaire. We’d been traveling a lot. We’ve been to India, Sri Lanka and China and three times on the motor bike to the Middle East, but this time we wanted to live abroad to really get to know life somewhere else.”

Wilna (40): “The first impression we had of Bonaire was neither negative nor positive. I don’t think we were very surprised. The only thing I felt was: It was hot! Really hot! And it didn’t cool down at night. Wednesday, three days after our arrival, we started working. Herman was lucky because his classroom was air conditioned, but I was having a hard time getting used to the heat and teaching at the same time. In September a fireworks bomb exploded in the cafeteria of the school and within the year two students died due to traffic accidents and one student passed away after an illness, and about six teenagers got pregnant. These were things we’d never experienced before!

Another thing that struck me was more personal. All of a sudden we didn’t have to visit the family anymore. We do miss them of course, but there’s no pressure. Now we can dive or go to the beach to

collect driftwood. The pressure at work is less; there are fewer ‘musts,’ but instead another kind of pressure is building up.

Many times you want to achieve more but somehow it doesn’t work out. I am someone who wants to do a good job and I want to give the students what they have a right to; that’s why I became a teacher. I really enjoy it when I see a student improving, when I see them grow and flourish. Many people think art is not so important, but I don’t agree because in other subjects you also need creativity. It’s a skill that can help you in your life, and especially in this tough world we’re living in it is very much needed. I realize that many things are easier in Holland because there’s more money available and there are more means and more materials as well.”

Herman (43): “I think it’s a pity that when there is money available and you have a warm heart for education on Bonaire and for Bonaire itself as well, that you don’t make the effort to spend the money. There are project funds from Holland available; you don’t have to be stingy. But for one reason or another, the system here is sometimes too unwieldy to react in time. That’s a shame because if you don’t spend certain funds right away the money will be withdrawn because it’s not allowed to spend those funds on something else.

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Nevertheless, I’d like to stay. Half of the time I am teaching and the other half of I’m busy organizing SBO (secondary professional education), making it independent from Holland. My work is the main reason that I’d like to stay. I like my job and I’m getting more chances than I would have had in Holland and... there’s still time to go diving, to do my underwater photography, and together with REEF (a long term investigation project of an American university) I do fish counting and identification.”

Wilna Groenenboom (she kept her maiden name) and Herman van Leeuwen have been together for 20 years, 10 of them as a married couple. Wilna continues: “The advantage we have is that we’re both teachers and we’re off for the

same holidays. We still love to travel; it’s in our blood, so we want to discover this part of the world. We’ve traveled to Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, Jamaica, Cuba, Surinam, Dominica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Herman’s been to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. And by the time our youngest son, Niek, who was born here, was six months old he’d seen Saba, Statia, St. Martin, Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire, all of the Dutch Antilles!

I still think India and Sri Lanka are the most fascinating countries I’ve ever been to, but I was also very impressed by Surinam. We went to one of the little villages in the interior where the people live whose ancestors in the early days escaped from slavery. I saw the men there doing the laundry while the women were fishing. I never expected such a thing! And also in Surinam I realized how big a tree can grow and that’s what I miss here.

The good thing about living on Bonaire is that you don’t have the need to buy so much and when something breaks you don’t throw it away but you try to repair it. In that way you can save money to travel. It takes me only 10 minutes to school on my bicycle, and on the same amount of ground this house is built on, in Holland there would be six houses built on it. This is a beautiful spot to live.

Why do I want to leave every year? Because I think I can do more in Holland. I believe I will get more opportunities there. But since I fixed my classroom again this year and everything is working well, I’m feeling fine and I can teach the way I want to for my students. But still... so much more could be done...

When I was three weeks on the island I participated in *Tene Boneiru Limpi*, ‘Keep Bonaire Clean,’ and with all the stuff I found I made a ‘trash composition.’ That’s how it started. From there I began with driftwood frames and photography, and just before my exhibition at Cinnamon Art Gallery I made some tables which I sold instantly and that’s what I’m still doing. I made a bed for my son from balsa driftwood and some other tables from cable reels. People could do it easily themselves, but they don’t bother. They like to buy my stuff though!

Three months ago I came up with the idea to do a series for *The Bonaire Re-*



Wilna and Herman with Almar and Niek

porter – ‘Antique Living Houses of Bonaire.’ I don’t speak Papiamentu because I don’t have a feeling for languages and maybe some students blame me for that sometimes. But I do want to contribute to this community and this might be a way to make people realize what beautiful monuments there still are on the island. And the government should realize they should preserve and restore these buildings. There is more to the island than diving!

I’m also a member of the board of Kas di Arte and we’re trying to involve youth into art and culture more. Jacky (Bernabela) wants me to start an ‘art gang’ involving the youngsters, but I’m not sure. I work many afternoons and I also have a family. I simply don’t have that much time!

Well, after five and a half years Herman went back to Holland for the first time and it wasn’t as bad as people often say it is. Contrary to what many people here say, he met lots of friendly people and he traveled everywhere by train, which was a nice way. Herman says his project here is planned until August 2007. It could be a little longer but not too much. We still have our house in Holland and I think by that time we will simply go back or... maybe we’ll go to another part of the world.”

Story and photo by Greta Kooistra



SEBIKI (early childhood education) conducted the first meeting of the year for the *Mi Gusta Lesa* (I Love to Read) program with parents and children on February 15. The topic was "Free Time." There were 16 parents and 20 children present. The parents were to participate in different activities for their children to stimulate their development, in particular to develop skills in communication, speaking and reading. The activities were practical and easy and could be done again at home.

During the afternoon the parents joined with their children in a group of others in a circle. There were five different activities, each lasting for 10 minutes at a time. During these exercises the parents could learn more about their children and create a base of confi-



Putting the fruit on skewers



Parents join in

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yuchi Molina

Happy Birthday on Tuesday, March 7, to Yuchi Molina. Yuchi, a good friend of *The Bonaire Reporter*, has been delivering *The Reporter* for many years to a number of places in Rincon. Pabien, Yuchi, and we hope you have many more years filled with happiness and joy.



Readers are invited to send their photos of their anniversaries, engagements or weddings to *The Reporter*. The photo and text will be printed free of charge.



dence and communication.

The activities were: making a mask or poster for Carnaval, putting fruit chunks on wood skewers, making a bracelet or necklace with beads, a telephone game, or choosing something from the *Mi Gusta Lesa* packet.

It was stressed to the parents that the child should take an active role while the parent is the guide. Everyone agreed it was a very positive event and look forward to more.

The organizers are continuing to work hard this year to bring even more variation to the *Mi Gusta Lesa* program. The next program will begin on March 17 at the Sentro di Bario in Amboina. For more information call Roxiana Goeloe at SEBIKI at 717-2436. *Roxiana Goeloe / Marie Craane Photos: SEBIKI*

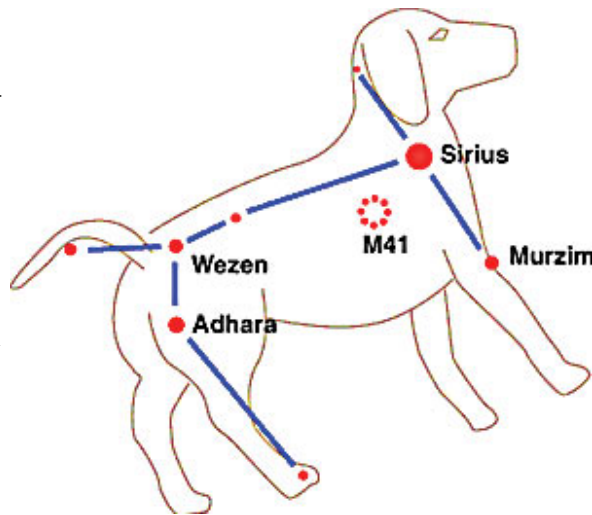


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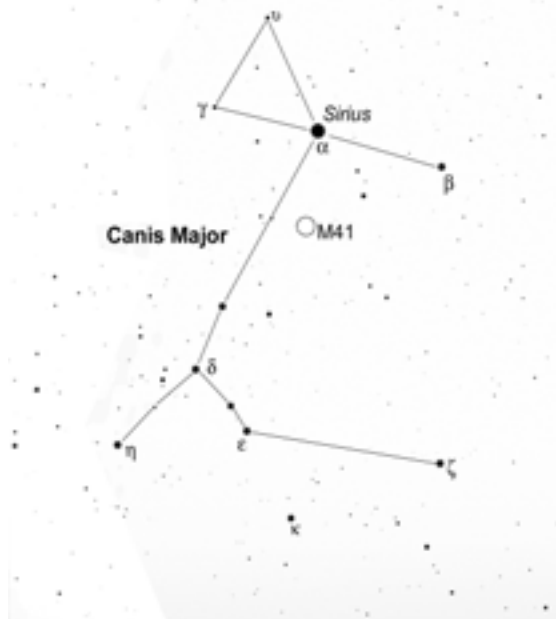
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Canis Major and Canis Minor: Orion the Hunter's Two Wonderful Dogs

You know it seems that almost everyone's favorite winter constellation is **Orion the Hunter**. But his two faithful hunting companions, **Canis Major** and **Canis Minor**, should not be overlooked because their brightest stars are quite wonderful. Canis Major is Latin for the bigger dog, and Canis Minor is Latin for the smaller dog. So go outside this month and observe this cosmic dog show.



On any night for the next couple of weeks between 7 and 9 pm, Sky Park time, face due south where the most obvious constellation will be Orion the Hunter. Three bright stars in a row mark his belt; two bright stars mark his shoulders; and two bright stars mark his knees. And to find his two faithful hunting dogs all you have to remember is that they always follow him across the sky. To find his first dog use the belt trick. Simply shoot an imaginary arrow down through Orion's belt and that arrow will land smack dab on **Sirius**, which marks the eye of Orion's bigger dog and which is also the brightest star we can see with the naked eye.



Now many people draw a stick figure of a dog here in different ways, but the one in the photo is my personal favorite. Sirius is mentioned in practically every culture that ever kept records. Even in ancient Egypt it was called the **Dog Star**, and whenever it was first visible rising before the **Sun** in early morning, it was used as a predictor that the Nile River would soon flood and make the land of Egypt fertile for planting. And if you've ever heard of the hot "dog days of summer," well this Dog Star was incorrectly blamed for it.

Today we know that Sirius is among the very closest of all the stars, only 8.6 light years away, which means that the light we see actually left Sirius 8.6 years ago, which is really close. So its closeness has something to do with why it appears so bright, although we have to add the fact that it is almost twice as wide as our Sun. And because it is so much hotter it's 23 times brighter! Additionally it has a special companion star called a **white dwarf**. It's special because even though it has the same mass as our Sun it is only two **Earths** wide, which makes its material so dense that a teaspoon of it would weigh several tons on Earth. Wow!

Not to be outdone, the brightest star of Orion's other dog, **Procyon**, although not quite as bright to the naked eye as Sirius, is even bigger, 2.3 times our Sun's diameter. But because it is not as hot a star as Sirius it shines only 6 times brighter than our Sun. It too, like Sirius, is close, only 11.3 light years away, 2 1/2 light years farther than Sirius. And strangely, like Sirius, it too has a white dwarf companion star almost identical to Sirius' white dwarf.

So there you have it, the two brightest stars of Orion's faithful companions, each with its own special companion, which to my way of thinking is really something to howl about. *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: February 26 to March 5, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) This could be a serious relationship. Don't waste this exciting time by sitting at home. If you can include them in your plans, do so. You may find that family members may not be too easy to get along with. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) It's time to make professional changes. New relationships will surface through work related events. Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results. Don't blame others for your own stubbornness. Plan some family outings. Communication will be the source of your knowledge and you must be sure to spend time with those who have more experience. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You will need to do a lot of research if you wish to get to the bottom of things. Be supportive in order to avoid confrontations. Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. You might have a problem hanging on to your money this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You could experience delays in shipments or mail, and should be careful while traveling. You will have a great deal of insight when dealing with others. Your mate may be distressed if you refuse to make a commitment. Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may find that others do not do things the way you want; however, if the job gets done, let it pass. Get down to business and do the work yourself. Trips will be exciting. Try to iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail. Your lucky day this week is Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Finish overdue paperwork and catch up on letter writing and reading. Be careful disclosing information. You must get out and mingle. You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can get into weight loss programs or go out and change your image with a new look in clothing, hairstyle, and attitude. You may have difficulties at an emotional level with mates. You can come up with ways of earning extra cash. Now is a good time to ask for favors. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You are best to concentrate on your professional endeavors. Your talent will be recognized. You need to keep everyone on your domestic scene too busy to complain. You can win points with children if you take the time to show interest in their accomplishments. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Romance can surface if you get into some of those fitness programs you've been putting off. Accommodate others but not before you do your own thing. Do the proper safety checks before you go out. Don't forget family obligations. Join humanitarian groups and let your leadership ability take over. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will enjoy interaction with others this week. Plan a day of enjoyment with them. This is a turning point. You need to keep busy doing things that you both enjoy. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't offer to pay for others. You should be traveling to that exotic destination you've been dreaming about. Enlist coworkers in order to get the job done on time. You're not your usual self this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.