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# Flotsam and Jetsam

Last week the Central Committee of Parliament debated a **draft law to increase the SVB medical insurance premium by 1.5%** to cover the cost of sending patients abroad for medical treatment. The law also defines the criteria for a patient to be considered for treatment abroad. Of the proposed 1.5% increase the employer has to pay 1.1 % while the employee pays 0.4%. The measure will bring SVB additional income of NAf8.5 million to NAf9 million each year.

► **Curaçao's Venezuelan-owned Isla oil refinery grossly exceeds accepted environmental standards** and provides the government's Environmental Service with incomplete and incorrect information. Now a Curaçao judge is trying to force it to report correctly. However, according to a story in *Amigoe*, even the available information shows gross violations. For example, the monthly average for the ground level contamination of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the Cas Chikitu neighborhood was 496 micrograms per cubic meter in April 2001, while a concentration above 80 micrograms is harmful to health. No recent measurements appear to be available.

The Clean Environment in Curaçao (SMOC) and Humanitarian Care organizations are demanding the government force Isla to comply with its li-

cense under the Nuisance Act. Last week Joop Drop ordered a preliminary investigation to begin as a prelude to a formal hearing in June. On rare occasions the pollution from Isla can be detected in Bonaire.

► The Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) reported that **for the first time in 15 months, prices remained the same. (March 2006)**

► **The Central Government's budgetary deficit for 2006 will surpass NAf200 million.** That's NAf40 million more than Parliament approved in December 2005.

► **Anthony Klimkiewicz has been provisionally recognized and has been allowed as a consul at the consulate-general of the US** in Willemstad with jurisdiction over the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba

► **The new Dutch passport** to be introduced on August 26 will have an **embedded chip** with a special picture and personal details of the holder.

Minister Alexander Pechtold of Kingdom Relations presented the new passport last week. With the introduction of the electronic travel document the Netherlands will



comply with the requirements of the European Union (EU). The chip on the passport and the new Dutch ID card contain, among other things, a reproduction of the picture in the technical format of the EU in color, family name, first name, date of birth and sex, document number, social security number (later the citizen service number); and expiration date. The electronic passport will cost 8.06 euros additional. In the Antilles a new passport now costs NAf100.

► **Peru said on Saturday it withdrew its ambassador to Venezuela** for the second time this year over "persistent and flagrant interference" in the country's affairs by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. In a statement, the Peruvian government cited Chavez's threat on Friday to withdraw his ambassador to Lima and cut relations with Peru if former President Alan Garcia won the Peruvian presidential election. Chavez favors leftist Ollanta Humala. Garcia criticized the Venezuelan leader as "shameless" for attacking US free-trade deals with Peru and Colombia while continuing to sell his country's crude oil to the US.

► **Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez says his country is withdrawing from the South American trade bloc,** the Andean Community of Nations. He told a summit in Paraguay that Venezuela was leaving because recent trade deals between Peru, Colombia and the US had killed off the community.

► Victims reach the emergency room soaked in blood and dazed — wheeled in on stretchers, carried in people's arms, some still walking with the last of their strength. **Venezuela is among the most violent places in Latin America,** and critics of President Hugo Chavez are increasingly accusing him of failing to make crime a priority. An underlying cause of the violence is the stark gap between rich and poor, which remains despite Chavez's talk of bringing equality, said Jonathan Jakubowicz, Director of the acclaimed film "Secuestro Express," or "Kidnapping Express," which is set in Caracas.

Angry protests broke out in Caracas earlier this month after kidnapers executed three young brothers — ages 17, 13 and 12. The protesters also cited the killings of a prominent businessman and a newspaper photographer who was shot just as he arrived at one of the protests. The government has pledged sweeping police reforms and also put up \$4.6 million for a gun buyback program that will offer people money to hand in revolvers and pistols. Chavez said the latest killings show symptoms of a "sick society" warped by capitalist ambitions. "It made me want to take to the streets, too," he said, accusing his enemies of trying to manipulate the issue for political gain.

► On Thursday this week, at two minutes and three seconds after 1 in

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the morning, the time and date will be **01:02:03 04/05/06**. That won't ever happen again. (Thanks, Avy)

► **The Rotary Club of Bonaire** celebrated its 24<sup>th</sup> year in service to the Bonaire community last week and inducted two new members: **Frank de Wit and Huub Groot**



*Sara Matera "pins" Huub Groot. President Edsel Winklaar looks on.*

► **Bonaire's phone company, TELBO, will charge an additional NAf5 per month beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> for persons who want details of their international and inter-island calls.** Up until then it was included free on monthly bills. Call TELBO Customer Service at 9212 to apply.

► Last week **Digicel Group**, the Caribbean's fastest growing mobile telecommunications company, **officially confirmed it has acquired a GSM license in Bonaire** in its continued expansion of a pan-Caribbean GSM network. Digicel acquired a majority shareholding in An-



tilliano Por N.V., the entity which holds a business and federal license to operate telecommunications in Bonaire.



► **Bonaire's glass recycling program entered its second phase last week with the yellow glass recycling containers placed in additional island snacks and restaurants.** The program was initiated earlier in the year with the first containers put at resorts and high-volume bars. The commissioner in charge of Bonaire's environmental policy, Reginald (Yonchi) Dortalina, inaugurated Phase 2 at the Peking Restaurant. The next phase will put containers to recycle glass into Bonaire neighborhoods.

The Lagun Road landfill has a special area for glass dumping. The glass is to be crushed and used for aggregate on Bonaire's roads.

► While US and Dutch warships hold exercises in the Caribbean, **Venezuela's military will mobilize its own training exercises this week** with thousands of troops practicing to defend the country's coastline, Vice Admiral Armando Laguna, a top Venezuelan navy official, said last week. Earlier, Venezuela agreed to cooperate with the joint American-European naval exercises. The Vice Admiral said 10,000 active military personnel and 3,500 civilians and reservists will participate in the exercises, which technically began earlier this month with seminars and strategic planning. He said the war games are to start along the coast and eventually will involve maneuvers with F-16 planes, ships and helicopters. The Venezuelan exercises, dubbed "Operation Integral Defense Patriot Navy," began April 1 and will last until June 15, Laguna said. "We have to prepare ourselves for any threat to our territory," Laguna said, adding that troops would also train to defend the country's oil fields.

► On Sunday 6 May, **The Bonaire Jazz Group will present a very special all Brazilian program** for the monthly Latin Jazz & Brunch at the Den Laman restaurant. On stage will be vocalist Andreina Marcano and the group musicians: Robbie Swinkels, Carlos Jimenez, Lando Tjin a Sjoe, Chris Morkos and Guus Gerritsen. It will run from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Reservations strongly recommended. For reservations and information, call 717-4106

## coral glimpses

(a bit of information about corals presented each week by naturalist Dee Scarr)



**The coral colony on the right has dead coral on both sides; it's also light in color. It may have bleached recently, and the polyps on the sides died before the algae returned. Also on the right, you can see the algae growing over the edge of the living coral colony. Living coral looks crisp and clean because its own tissue covers the skeleton and keeps other growth off.**

► During the entire month of May, **Warehouse Bonaire will celebrate its 10th Anniversary** with hundreds of gifts, giveaways and raffles. Over the years Warehouse has clearly become the top supermarket for selection, price and service. One of the prizes will be a minute of free shopping.

► **There is a real traffic light on Bonaire...** and it's working again, but you don't have to stop for it unless you

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► The police softball team, SoDePo (*Sosiedat Deportivo Polisial*), christened its new uniforms last week in the cafeteria at police HQ. The uniforms were sponsored by Larry's Wild Side Diving Bonaire. The police team will be holding various fund raising events to support the softball tourney at the beginning of June and the Inter-island Police Softball Tourney in Aruba in August.



Larry (center) helps with baptism

want some of the best pizza on earth. It's on the porch at **Pasa Bon Pizza**, of course. It flashes Red-Yellow-Green... Stop-For-Pizza. The pizza restaurant, which also serves awesome salads and lasagna, is just south of the Harbour Village Marina on Kaya Grandi.

► There's a special event this week that Bonaire lovers won't want to miss. It's a talk by the entertaining and fascinating story teller and historian, **Frans Booi**, on "The Myths of Bonaire." It's this Thursday, May 4, at 7 pm at the Kas di Arte. Booi's talk is in con-



Frans Booi

junction with the mystical paintings of his longtime friend Winfred Dania which are being shown at the Kas di Arte this month.



► This Tuesday we were pleased to see the **rubble from the demolition of the Sunset Beach Hotel being cleaned up.** A loader and three trucks worked continuously. No official word is out on what will be built on the site.



► The *Chaine des Rotisseurs* Chapter of Bonaire had an installation gala last week at the Blue Water Residence. *Chaine* members celebrate their occasional decorous dinners with gourmet food, elaborately prepared, and dress in semi-formal attire to dine. The organization was founded in France centuries ago and reformed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Their most recent six-course meal was prepared by Moreno Binelli and was served by the SGB Hotel School students. V.D. Valk Photo

► If you want a nice car built to US safety standards **check out the advertisement on page 18. The Korona Auto Connection** has a proven track record for supplying top quality cars.

► **Support our Bonaire Culinary Team and have a fabulous three-course "competition dinner" with wine.** These fundraising dinners are the team's practices to "Bring Home the Gold" at the "Taste of the Caribbean" Culinary Olympics in Miami in June. Contribution is \$25. Dinners will be served at the high school's *Chez Nous* every Sunday evening at 7 pm. Make

reservations **early** with Sara at 786-9299, Floris at 786-1508 or Laura at 786-6518.

► Pamper Mom on Sunday, May 14. Divi Flamingo's Calabas Restaurant is having a sumptuous Mothers Day Brunch. Great Escape offers Mothers Day Specials: a Champagne Brunch or a three-course Dinner.

► **Farewell to a beloved friend of many years, Dennis Alex Semeleer** (April 13, 1964-April 21, 2006). Our deepest condolences to his family. Godspeed, dear Dennis. G./L.D.

# Letters - The Op-Ed Page

## ANSWER FOR YACHTS

Dear Editor,

The "Bonaire: Where have all the cruisers gone" article of last month I read with interest. I do only wish to comment on what Mrs. Exler writes about our little (Bonaire Nautico) marina in Bonaire. Indeed, there is no real public dinghy dock and yes, we have started charging US\$10 per week from Saturday to Saturday for the use of our dock, unless you have your boat on our dock at US\$7 plus tax per day.



Our marina is always in need of maintenance, wooden boards have to be replaced, electricity, water, cleats etc. As an example one single plank of hardwood is presently costing US\$10 per piece. We have now reverted to non-hardwood planks. When we are hit by a wind reversal or storm the boards can be swept into the sea (this way the boards can be collected from the sea and replaced but often get damaged anyway and need to be repaired or replaced).

The few ships lying at our dock simply do not generate an income to cover all the overhead. Apart from stealing water other things have taken place, such as missing lines from the dock, a VHF radio on our water taxi disappeared. Putting all this in a melting pot plus the irritation created by some of the cruising society made us say why do the cruisers not participate in a small way by paying the US \$10 per week and enjoy the convenience of our dock being close to the shops and restaurants, whom all benefit from the cruisers' presence.

In the meantime we (my two sons Bob, Henk and I) see a nicer group of paying cruisers at our marina, with whom we talk and if necessary we help where we can. Mrs. Exler, you are welcome at our dock and get to know us a little better.

Finally to answer the question whether cruisers are welcome in Bonaire we can reply by stating "yes," seeing the amount of buoys at US\$10 plus tax per night which are available in lieu of the non-payment for accommodation, travel etc and tourist tax, soon to be US\$ 75 p.p for non-residents when leaving Bonaire by air.

Henk Ram Sr.  
Bonaire Nautico Marina.

## THANKS FOR SUPPORTING RINCON

Dear Editor:

Masha Pabien with your 12 years of providing *The Reporter*.

We are very happy that with your newspaper a lot of people have gotten and still can get more information about the Bonairean and his way of life, his interests and also his culture and history and feelings.

For us here in Rincon we are very thankful that since the very beginning of our Marshé Rincon and the historic and nature tours, you were there to give your support.

I can say that definitely we can show interested visitors that there are many more things to be done on Bonaire, especially in Rincon.

Our locals are very proud to share their history with all the visitors who are eager to know more and to feel at home.

*Un biaha mas na nòmber di pueblo di Rincon, masha pabien I hopi aña mas ku The Reporter.*

Maria Koks Sintjago  
Tours from Rincon, the Heart of Bonaire.

## Do You Sudoku?

Sudoku means "the digits must remain single" in Japanese. It was created and published in 1979, although the puzzles didn't really gain popularity until *The Times* in Britain began printing SuDoku in 2005, and the craze spread like wildfire across the world.

### Solving The Puzzles

To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle, without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region.

What makes these puzzles fun is that the rules are simple but require logical reasoning skills to solve. Some find it easier to pencil in the possible numeric candidates or write them along the outside of the puzzle. Others find this distracting. Different levels of difficulty exist. *The Reporter* will start out with Easy level, and gradually move on the Tricky and Tough. For more details visit the web site [www.sudokushack.com](http://www.sudokushack.com). They have a tutorial that's a bit easier to understand. Good luck! *Molly Kearney*

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# Royal Recognition

Four Bonairean residents were honored with knighthood into the Order of Orange-Nassau last Friday at the Governor's Residence. It's a Queen's Birthday tradition to honor persons for their extraordinary volunteer services to the community over the years. Traditionally their names are not disclosed before the ceremony.

This year's recipients were Glenda Bernabella, Alan Gross, Iris Semeleer and Jane Townsend. Americans Alan Gross and his wife, Jane Townsend, are Bonaire's first to be honored who aren't Dutch citizens. They are also the first husband-wife team receiving honors

The accomplishments of the recipients, as listed in the *Kondekorashonnan Real* program follow:

## Ana Glenda Bernabela-Nicolaas

Born in Aruba, Glenda came to Bonaire when she was three.

She has been a dedicated volunteer, beginning when she was a young girl as a member of AMG, an organization that worked with young people.

She worked for 15 years in the management of Jong Bonaire, a center for after school activities for teens. Glenda served as treasurer, has an understanding of the teens' problems and works to help them become productive and exemplary adults and good citizens.

Since 1993 she's been a director of FAJ-Kring Bonaire, an organization made up of 30 groups working for the welfare of young people. As a volunteer with FESBO Glenda was nominated Volunteer of the Year 2004.

In 1998 Glenda became a member *sashon di Hende Muhe* (Women's women's rights in the community. 2003 she became a member of Klup for other organizations like FKPD, Glenda was elected president.

In 1994, the government of Bonaire of the Family," and named Glenda to tion and enthusiasm.

In 2001 Glenda organized a 30-year nice side effect of the reunion was school building.



*Past knighthood recipient Tonchi Nicholaas and his sister, Glenda Bernabela, who received hers last week*

of the steering committee of the *Organi-Organization*), the goal of which is She was elected treasurer in 1999. In di Dama Aproda which does fundraising Cocari, kresh, etc. In January 2004

established a commission for "The Year the commission because of her dedica-

reunion of the alumni of Lourdesmulo. A that the alumni decided to paint the

became a member of AMG, a group that and to become a person whose heart is in els of the group and became a top leader. *Navidenos*, a group of Christmas carolers also played the organ at the Coromoto from Bonaire on Radio Hoyer III. When she was working at *Boekhandel*

*Sint Augustinius* 28 years ago she began the now very popular annual event, **Kontest di Fli** (kite contest). This year it celebrated its 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive event, sponsored by Iris' Flamingo Book Store. It's a looked-forward-to, pleasant and creative event open to all ages. It's become so popular that even groups come from Curaçao to compete.

After AMG no longer existed Iris dedicated herself to work, as one of the first, with the *Sentro di Bario* in North Salinja. She worked for seven years as a volunteer with children and old people in the barrio. Iris worked closely with Chito Martijn (q.e.p.d.) who organized *Flor di Orkidia*, the organization for old people. Because she showed such dedication and passion, Chito asked her to take the group over. It was the prelude to a brilliant period for the organization.

*Flor di Orkidia* is made up of 60 members with Iris and her group of volunteers who make every effort to raise the quality of life of the elders. Under Iris' guidance a new building was erected with the aid of the group's fundraising activities and Sede Antiya. The doors to Sentro Orkidia Profesor Alejandro Saleh were opened on November 9, 2000.

For many years Iris has helped the Bonaire Lions Club organize the *Dia di Animal* where prizes are given to children who give good care to their pets.

In 2002 the Bonaire Press Association named Irish as "Woman of the Year."

On Bonaire Day in 2004 the government of Bonaire named Iris "Citizen of Honor."



*The Semaler Family, Iris in white*

## Iris Fortunata Semeler

At nine years old Iris Semeler helped to form her character the community. Iris passed all the lev- She formed part of the *Pajaritos* who were very popular in the 60s. She church and was a radio broadcaster

Be an Angel  
Pass on The Reporter  
to a  
Friend



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## Jane Townsend and Alan Gross

Alan Gross and Jane Townsend had a successful communication business in the US, but because of Alan's illness decided to leave their business in 1993 and settle on Bonaire, a place they'd visited often on vacation and liked because of its nature above and below the water.

From their arrival the couple got involved in the social community. Their expertise in marketing, particularly Jane's gift for organization and Alan's financial skills, were of great value. Not only did they help with organization in the social areas but they also gave a great deal of help to the less fortunate.

In 1997 they collaborated with others to conduct an intense investigation concerning school-going teens and their parents about the necessity for a welcoming after school center. This resulted in bringing back to life, *Stichting Jeugdwerk Prinses Beatrix* (commonly called Jong Bonaire), which began in 1959 but hadn't been active for some time. Through fund raising activities they gathered money and procured aid from Holland. They renewed the building, working with locals, and built a new canteen, office, computer rooms and sports areas and hired a professional staff. Alan is treasurer and Jane secretary of the foundation.

They also helped in *Fundashon Tene Boneiru Limpi*, founded in 1995. Under the auspices of TCB Bonaire was made the cleanest island in the Caribbean. They've brought forth new ideas and forms for work that have proved successful in other countries. They've maintained a constant contact with the press. They are always there to give others a hand. They've assisted TCB with other projects like statistic reports and they've conducted marketing investigations as well as other projects.

One of their principal tasks has been with the annual *Ban Hasi Boneiru Limpi* in cooperation with the organization, "Clean up the World," getting all organizations,



Alan Gross and Jane Townsend

government, schools, companies, churches, clubs, *sentro di barrios* involved. It was their ideas to have someone adopt a street, collect bottles, recycle and abolish plastic sacks on the island – thus maintaining our environment.

Alan and Jane were always there to help and aid the *Turtuganan di Boneiru* – a snorkeling program for youngsters. They put in their time and energy without any personal benefit.

From the very beginning they were involved in the NGO Platform – an alliance of all the non-government organizations on the island. The goal was the rights and cooperation between the organizations, working as a guide and giving assistance to petitioners for subsidies. Alan, as treasurer of the organization from 2002, spent many hours on the project, assisted by Jane.

Alan and Jane were the "motors" behind the Red Cross Disaster Plan, working in cooperation with Red Cross. They were very intensely involved in the organization and in the combat disaster exercise.

*The Order of Orange-Nassau is divided into six classes: Knight Grand Cross, Grand Officer, Commander, Officer, Knight and Member. However, only the last two are awarded in the Antilles. Names can be proposed by contacting the head of the Royal Decorations Advisory Commission President, Ludovicio Nicholaas or Members of the Commission: Farina Thodé-de Palm, Henry Toré, Roxanne Timp and Jeanne Emers. L./G. D.*



Recipients Glenda Bernabella, Alan Gross and Jane Townsend with Jong Bonaire kids and staff

# Get Ready For Jazz



**F**ollowing the magical success of last year's fest, this year's Bonaire Jazz Festival will be even bigger. The second annual Jazz Festival, is organized by the Bonaire Jazz Foundation in close cooperation with four main locations: Plaza Resort Bonaire, City Café, Bongos Beach and KonTiki Beach Apartments. It's set for the end of this month, **May 25-28**. The four locations, all at the seaside or on the beach, are expected to host from 300 to 800 persons per day. Concerts and events will be held three times daily: sunset jazz time, main concert and late night jazz, plus jam sessions at public places and restaurants and bars. There is a charge only for the three main concerts, a ridiculously low entrance fee of NAf45 (US\$ 25) for all concerts, and all the other events are

free. It's made possible because of generous sponsorship and will be a welcome to festival visitors from the island and abroad.

**Caribbean and Latin Jazz is the main course.** Playing will be three local Bonairean groups, musicians from Curaçao, Aruba, the Netherlands and the US, and of course visiting jazz lovers with an interest in playing, jamming or just to hang out on the island.



*Cubop City Big Band*

**Headlining the action will be the Cubop City Big Band.** The Cubop City Big Band is a smoking 20-piece Salsa and Latin jazz big band from The Netherlands led by drummer/percussionist Lucas van Merwijk. The band has gained recognition through-

out the world with its swinging performances and recordings. The orchestra has an international lineup with musicians from Venezuela, US, Panama, Puerto Rico, England, Germany and Holland. Attending a concert of the Cubop City Big Band is like visiting a steamy, hot New York City Salsa Club.

**Cubop City Big Band:** Lucas van Merwijk, Drums; Leader Marc Bischoff; Keyboard, Mick Paauwe; Bass, Nils Fischer; Percussion, Gerado Rosales, Alberto Caisedo; vocals, Yma America; Saxes: Cyrille Oswald, Rolf Delfos, Gerrit Jan Brinkhorst, Milan Bongers, Wouter Schueler; Trombones: Ilja Reingoud, Martin van den Berg, Louk Boudestijn, Frans Cornelissen; Trumpets: Charlie Biggs, Peter van Soest, Rob van der Wouw, Michael Simon; Sound: Juan Villoria

We will be reporting more as the days leading up to the event grow closer. **But plan NOW to be there,** Tickets for all three main concerts are NAf45 or NAf20 per session. The musical session on May 25 is free.

Tickets for sale at Plaza Resort, KonTiki, City Café, Bongos Beach, TCB, Bonaire Boekhandel and at the gates of the main concert. You can become a member or supporter of the foundation. If you donate NAf200 or more you will receive two free tickets for all concerts during the festival and a reserved seat. *Guus Gerritsen/G.D.*



# Countdown to the Dive Into Adventure Festival

## 35 Days To Go



We are counting down to the premier Bonaire event June 17 to 24. It's open to divers, snorkelers, nature lovers and adventurers from around the world. Building on the successes of the past seven Bonaire Dive Festivals and recognizing Bonaire not only as a dive destination but also as an eco-adventure destination, June's Dive Into Adventure week-long extravaganza of activity will take Bonaire visitors to a new level of eco-experience. The event will feature a daily schedule of diving and adventure activities like kayaking, windsurfing, kiteboarding, land sailing and mountain biking. Every morning and afternoon scuba diving participants will have the option of participating in a host of dive-related adventure activities like digital photography workshops, technical diving, underwater videography and free diving.

For non-divers there is a large menu of topside activity both on the water and on land. Cave exploration, kayaking, bird watching, sailing (both land and ocean) are just a few.

Each evening of the Dive Into Adventure Bonaire event participants may come together for parties, beach BBQs and presentations by featured speakers. As in years past, the week-long event will kick off with "A Taste of Bonaire," featuring cuisine from great Bonairean restaurants at bargain prices, music and presentations by local dignitaries. Keep checking *The Reporter* right up until the start date for new activities. For additional information check the event's official website at [www.DiveIntoAdventureBonaire.com](http://www.DiveIntoAdventureBonaire.com).

The first full day of activities following enrollment and "A Taste of Bonaire" will be Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. It will offer activities focused on the conservation of nature and the environment, with Bonaire's own Dee Scarr (Reef Caretaking) and world renowned underwater and nature photographer Dos Winkel (Underwater Photo Skills) hosting daytime workshops and guided dives. Keeping



Go Diving with Dos (top left) on Monday

with the day's theme, evening presentations will be given by Fernando Simal and Ramon Leon, Managers of Washington-Slagbaai National Park and the Bonaire National Marine Park, respectively; naturalists Bill and Alice Miller (So You Want to Take Underwater Photos); Larry Baillie of Bonaire's Larry's Wildside Diving; and Dos Winkel (Talking Pictures). Following the presentations will be a book signing by Mr. Winkel and a party with drinks and live music. The schedule is below:

### Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00	12:00	General Island Diving
9:00	12:00	Specialized Dive Activity
9:00	12:00	Topside Adventure
9:00	11:00	Dee Scarr Lecture & Dive about Reef Caretaking, Capt. Don's Habitat
9:00	12:00	Dos Winkel Lecture & Dive about U/W Photo Skills, Sand Dollar (10 maximum)
12:00	16:00	General Island Diving
12:00	16:00	Specialized Dive Activity
12:00	16:00	Topside Adventure
14:00	15:00	Ramon Leon & Fernando Simal: Park Manager Presentations, Plaza Resort Bonaire
16:00	17:00	Bill & Alice Miller Lecture/Slide Show "So You Want To Take U/W Photos," Capt. Don's Habitat
17:30	18:00	Larry Baillie Lecture about East Side Diving, Golden Reef Inn
18:30	19:15	Dos Winkel Talking pictures, Golden Reef Inn
19:00	20:00	Evening Party + Book signing by Dos Winkel, Mariachi Band and Drinks, Golden Reef Inn
20:00	22:00	Evening Party, Krioyo Buffet, Golden Reef Inn, \$25. Reservations requested
20:00	22:00	Dine Around Options- Island-Wide Dinner: Plaza, Captain Don's Habitat, Sand Dollar from \$20. TCB/G.D.



## Make YOUR Body YOUR business

Top Health (TH) Fitness and Health Center opens on Bonaire - A totally new and different approach towards health and fitness

Finally, some people are (re) spreading and applying the notion: we should and must consider our body as a unity of mind, spirit and physiology. Our bodies are just 'wandering' further and further into the endless pit of doctors, medical specialists and legalized drugs (approved medicines). Time to take your body back into your own hands. Make your body your business. And let the professionals of Top Health Fitness and Health Center assist you in this process. Start with their Open House on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Among the wilderness of fitness and wellness centers, Top Health Fitness and Health Center offers a bright path to reach your goals: a healthy spirit in a healthy body. Top Health Fitness and Health Center expresses this concept with the new and modern fitness center and the *Ma Jochi* store

Bonaire has already got acquainted with *Ma Jochi* (formerly located at the Tambu shop in Kaya Grandi), which specializes in advice, knowledge, lectures, courses, aromatherapy, all kinds of oils, incense (more than 80 aromas), and decoration to burn the oil and incense, crystals, minerals and Feng-shui products.

**On Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> you're all invited to experience the TH Fitness and Health Center Open House.** Besides the fitness sessions (individual or group) TH Fitness and Health Center offers aerobic, step aerobic, body shaping, power abs, zumba, circuit training, fit walking and self-defense classes.

In addition, TH Fitness and Health Center presents weight loss and detox programs guided by their certified dietician. Lectures on health and wellness are also part of their philosophy.

For the top-level sport athletes (like windsurfers, football players, swimmers, etc.) TH Fitness and Health Center presents nutrition programs and adapted fitness programs - all under the guidance of their certified and experienced dietician and instructors.

Don't have time to attend the group sessions? Still keep your body your business by hiring a personal trainer or following, for example, the zumba training on TH's DVD in your own time!

The icing on the cake (go on... after such professional training you can afford some!) on May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the impressive salsa demonstration by **Bon-SALSA, featuring Undine Pourier-Nahorst**. She is no stranger to the dance world. She's a well-known professional dancer and co-instructor of the two famous salsa schools on Curaçao: Salsipuedes and Salsation (see also [www.salsipuedes.com](http://www.salsipuedes.com)). Pourier-Nahorst has won different prizes in national and regional dance contests. She's also attended numerous major salsa conventions in various countries in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. TH Fitness and Health Center is proud to announce that Pourier-Nahorst will be teaching salsa classes, "Puerto Rican style." Taking care of your body never felt so rhythmical and sensual.

You may choose between different membership cards: Silver (twice a week), Gold (three times a week) and Diamond (unlimited).

Too 'mature' or too young? Are you kidding? TH Fitness and Health Center offers very attractive rates to senior citizens and teens/kids. A complete physical evaluation (blood pressure, sugar and fat levels, weight etc) will be part of the registration process.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> your body will start becoming your business again. Be your own manager! *Natalie A.C. Wanga*

### TH Fitness and Health Center Open House:

Date : May 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 10am- 5pm

10:00 leading around	13:30 aerobic
10:30 aerobic	14:00 salsa
11:00 zumba	14:30 zumba
11:30 step-aerobic	15:00 salsa-dance
12:00 salsa-dance	15:30 step-aerobic
12:30 leading around	16:00 salsa
13:00 salsa-dance	16:30 aerobic
	17:00 free salsa dancing

Place : La Hacienda Shopping Center, Kaya Nikiboko Nort 44

Phone : 717-5662

E-mail: [tophealthbonaire@yahoo.com](mailto:tophealthbonaire@yahoo.com)

### KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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cover story

# Rincon Day



This year's 18th Annual Rincon Day celebration last Sunday had to be one of the biggest ever. It was a United Nations of different kinds people on the streets of the normally sleepy village. Music, laughter, conversation and an ambiance of small town friendliness permeated the air as people strolled the streets. Stands decorated with local materials – *maishi*, palms, seeds, sorghum stalks and agave flowers – sold local hot and cold foods, sweets, drinks, gifts, even shoes. Groups from Bonaire, Aruba and Curaçao in elaborate costumes entertained on the stages.

As the afternoon cooled and in expectation of the final Simadan Parade more and more people joined the crowds.

The traditional Simadan song and dance is always a very heartfelt experience. People of all colors and backgrounds link arms and dance and sing together.

Congratulations to the organizers for a great 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rincon Day!

L.D.





# Pet of the Week

Right now at the Bonaire Animal Shelter there are six adorable kittens up for adoption. And to choose which one for Pet of the Week was a near impossibility, but when we saw this quizzical little face on "Dale," the tabby, we couldn't resist asking him to pose as a representative for the other five kittens. Dale is about two months old and he came into the Shelter with his mom, "Debbie" (Pet of the Week, April 21-28) and his siblings. Dale and the rest of his family were rescued from the street, but because they were being fed by some kind tourists they were in pretty good shape. And now, of course, they're in fabulous form, having been given good food on a regular basis, had their shots, tested for the deadly feline leukemia, wormed, and more.



"Dale"

Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema reports that there are 12 puppies up for adoption now. So far this year there have been **44 adoptions**, one of which was the puppy, "Ranger," shown with Lisa Schut in the April 14 issue.

On a sad note, "Lena," the Golden Retriever looking dog who was one of the "resident" dogs at the Shelter, has passed away after a debilitating illness. She was 9 1/2 years old. When she was very young Lena's original owners left her when they went to Holland, and she never found the perfect owner to adopt her. People said she was "too shy," but because she was such a good dog with great character, she was allowed to stay on at the Shelter where she spent most of her life. There are a few other "resident" dogs and cats that will live out their lives, roaming free in the Shelter grounds. *L.D.*

# Picture Yourself In The Reporter



Mike and Tina Streit, who have a vacation apartment at Hilltop, sent us this photo from their visit to Thailand. They are displaying their copy of *The Reporter* in front of a Buddhist temple on the island of Koh Samui. As they do every year they'll be back for some diving in October.

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## Wanted

Wanted: 1 sea container. Doesn't have to be seaworthy. Needed for storage. Call Ed 786-5544.

## Missing

Our cat is missing since 5 April. She has brown-red stripes and a bit white. She is a europese and very friendly. She is 4 years old and her name is Teigetje. If somebody sees her please call 786-1716



# Radio Netherlands Expands



*Radio Netherlands future plans*

Radio Netherlands World Service (RNWO) will move its administrative offices from the marina area into a new building at its Colombia plantation transmitter site/antenna farm. Minister of Economic Affairs Burney Elhage laid the first stone in a ceremony last Friday. The building is expected to be complete by the middle of next year. Station Manager Hans Linkels said the technical limitations that required the offices be "downtown" no longer exist and that it was more efficient to consolidate the entire RNWO staff at the transmitter site.

Radio Netherlands transmits from Bonaire to North America, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand and West Africa. Director Jan Hoek indicated in a newspaper report that it will continue to use the local suppliers and labor, "so that our investment contributes to the strengthening of the local economy." The complex, located behind the Thousands Steps dive site, originates broadcasts on short-wave as well as satellite and the internet.

Two new transmitters, capable of both analog and digital transmissions, will be installed. The new standard for digital transmissions, Digital Radio Mondial (DRM), offers FM radio quality transmissions over long-range short-

wave frequencies which are usually plagued by static, background noises and fading. "With just one transmitting station, entire countries or big parts of a continent can be covered," says Hoek. Conventional FM broadcasting stations typically cover from up to 3,000 square miles.

The new transmitters will output 300 kW for analog and 200 kW for digital



*Minister Burney el Hage sets the first stone for the new building*

broadcast, about the same power as the units they are replacing. However, they are 50% more efficient than the old ones. One transmitter can cover all of North or South America or 9,000,000 square miles. A survey reported that about 25% of vacationing Dutch people listen to RNWO broadcasts.

DRM radio has been available since 1997, but the signal can only be captured by special receivers.

Consumer receivers will be on the market in the fall of 2006 and will make it possible for the public to listen to digital shortwave (DRM) transmissions. Receivers currently cost upwards of \$200 and some can be connected to PCs.

For more information on DRM, go to [www.drm.org](http://www.drm.org). DRM directly competes with satellite radio and is more popular with non-American alternative broadcasters who are moving to Satellite Radio. G.D.



*1969 Transmitter site*



*Station manager Hans Linkels*

## Do You SuDoku?

(puzzle and directions on page 5)

And the solution is:

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MOVELAND

### WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

#### Late Show

Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

**Inside Man**  
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THURS THRU SUN  
2 MOVIES 7 & 9PM  
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SATURDAY 4 PM  
May: The Wild

#### THIS WEEK

**Thursday May 4 - Talk by Frans Booi on "The Myths of Bonaire," Kas di Arte, 7 pm.**

**Until May 21—Winfred Dania Art Exhibit,** Kas di Arte, open daily 10 am—5 pm—see page 10

**Saturday, May 6—Top Health (TH) Fitness & Health Center Open House,** 10 am-6 pm. See page 9.

**Saturday, May 6—Big Monthly Marshé in Rincon—** from 6 am to 2 pm. Meet the friendliest people in Bonaire. Local foods, drinks, gifts, herbs, plants, music, more...

**Sunday, May 7 - Mothers Day—** Send a message to your mom—free in the Reporter Classifieds. Email by May 8, mom@bonairereporter.com Tel./Fax 717-8988 or 786-6518.

**Sunday, May 7—Bonaire Culinary Team Dinner,** 7 pm, Chez Nous, \$25 for 3-course meal with wine. Call Sara 786-9299, Floris 786-1508, Laura 786-6518

**Sunday May 7 - The Bonaire Jazz Group will present a very special all-Brazilian program** for the monthly Latin Jazz & Brunch at the Den Laman restaurant, 11:30am-2:30pm. Reservations 717-4106. See page 3

**Friday, May 12 - Big party and show for 'mom' at Don Paranda,** from 8:30 pm to 2 am, entrance Fl.35- Featuring Melania van der Veen, Boy Thode, Romeo Heye, Denis Cicilia, Wilbert Petronella and DJ HB Disco. To benefit the FKPD (Handicapped Foundation) Call 717-6210 for tickets.

**Until May 14—Fer and Rob de Wit Photo Exhibition** at Plaza Resort. 5-8 pm, Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. 717-5398.

#### COMING

**Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day—**Treat Mom: Mother's Day Brunch at Divi Flamingo. Great Escape has mother's day specials: Champagne Brunch or 3-course Dinner

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 30 Km Mountain Bike Tour—** organized by Cycle Bonaire & BWC. Meet at Cycle Bonaire at 4 pm. Call: Cycle Bonaire 717-2229 or Bonaire Wellness Connexions 785-0767

**Thursday, May 25 - Ascension Day—** holiday, banks and many shops closed

**May 25 – 28 -Jazz Festival—** see page 8.

**Saturday, May 27 -** End of the month Flea Market at Parke Publico— 3 pm into the night – Information call Vicky 786-1592

#### REGULAR EVENTS Daily (more or less)

- **HH 2 for 1** ( on all beverages ) 5-7 pm, Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar
- **HH—Buddy Dive,** 5:30-6:30
- **HH Cactus Blue** (except Sunday) 5 to 7 pm,
- **2 for 1 appetizer with every entrée,** Cactus Blue
- **Divi Flamingo Casino** open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Mon. to Sat. 8 pm– 4 am; Sun. 7 pm– 3 am.
- **Daily - by appointment -Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** Bonairean kunuku. \$12 (NAf12 for residents). Tel 717-8489, 540-9800.

#### Saturdays

- **Grill Night on the Beach, Buddy Dive**
- **Rincon Marshé—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
- **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 information.
- **Wine Tasting at AWC's warehouse,** 6 to 8 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Great wines - NAF2,50 a glass.
- **All You Can Eat BBQ at Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAF26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444 .

#### Sundays

**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**

#### Mondays

- **Caribbean Night, - live local music—Buddy Dive.**
- **Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire,** 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435
- **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@goldenreef.com

#### Tuesdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers,** 5-7 pm **Divi Flamingo,** Balashi Beach Bar
- **Wine & Cheese/ \$1 glass of wine,** 5-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo** Balashi Beach Bar
- **Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings,** 5 to 7 pm, **Cactus Blue**

#### Wednesdays

- **Open Mike Night with Moogie,** 7 to 9 pm, **Cactus Blue**
- **Live music by Flamingo Rockers** Divi

**Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** 5-6:30 pm

- **Live music by Flamingo Rockers** The Windsurf Place at Sorobon 7:30- 9:30 pm
- **Movie Night at Buddy Dive**

#### Thursdays

**Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** 5-7pm-**Divi Flamingo,** Balashi Beach Bar

#### Fridays

- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225
- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** **Divi Flamingo,** Balashi Beach Bar – 5-7 pm
- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith

Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630

- **Manager's Bash—**free Flamingo Smash & snacks, **Divi Flamingo,** 5-7 pm
- **Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort,** 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by **All You Can Eat BBQ**
- **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

#### 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 717-8290 for info.  
**Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) Turtle Conservation (STCB) 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

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

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

#### 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

**Cancer Survivor Support Group** Majestic Journeys Bonaire N.V. Lourdes Shopping Center 2nd Level Kaya LD Gerharts # 10. Call 717-2482/566-6093 for details

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Thursday** 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 Industriale 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.

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Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.

**Special Olympics—** Call Roosje 786-7984

**Volunteers to train children in sports.** Contact Quick-Pro Track and Field - Rik 717-8051

#### .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

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**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.

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## Kees Leeman

“I’m a vegetarian, only recently, because now that I don’t have to cook anymore I can afford to be one! Sure, I know eating meat is a part of life, but I don’t want to be part of it. One of the basics of life is to respect life. That’s essential; everything begins with that. When you teach a child to respect nature and animals he or she will become a different kind of person. It’s very important to me that my students learn to think about those things and that they learn how to plan and how to stand up for themselves so they’ll grow and become a whole person. Also their profession deserves respect. They’re not just a cook or a waiter. They are professionals and that means something. They’ve learned the job. And someday if they have to go abroad and see the world, they can come back to Bonaire with that knowledge because that is truly important for the island.

I have the advantage of being able to set goals. I always want to go forward. It’s not always possible and sometimes you have to take a detour. But first you have to know what you want and what’s important for you. I always knew what that was - but how to get there was something I had to learn.

I was a chef in Holland, and I worked with the crème de la crème, the Fagel family, for several years. I quit my job because I wanted to become a teacher – cooking, waiting, bread and pastry. When I got my teacher’s certificate I started working, not as a teacher, but as a freelance chef at the very well known Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam.

A very good friend of mine didn’t approve of that at all because she thought I was way too good for that job. She owned an apartment on Bonaire; she’d just been here and she told me, ‘Kees! That’s something for you!’ They’d just started with the Lac Bay Resort and restaurant, The Red Pelican. I was the cook for two years, then I went to Plaza. Then I became the manager at the Animal Shelter.

I’d been on the Shelter board for a while, and I just wanted to make a change. I couldn’t stand the way dogs were being treated. When the government introduced the dog licensing fee and the dog catcher was hired it didn’t do any good for the dogs. Many were dumped in the streets and every week we had to put so many dogs to sleep that it gave me nightmares. It made me sick. At the time I was living on a small kunuku in Tera Kora - a tiny little house and 20 dogs! I worked at the Shelter for two years, then I couldn’t do it anymore. Maybe people thought I was too sentimental. I am an emotional and sensitive person, but the thing that killed me was that in my eyes all this suffering was completely unnecessary - if only people

would sterilize their dogs! I just didn’t get it! It was a nasty time and it took me a long time to deal with it.

From Tera Kora I moved to the Chogogo house in the south. I’d found this kunuku already. I started fencing the two-hectare terrain with cactus, little by little. Every time I had some money I’d build a bit more while I was living at Chogogo. At the time I had two jobs. I worked at Chamballa’s, where City Café is now, and I was also an examiner at the SGB high school. During that time I was asked if I wanted to teach full time. I started part time because I didn’t know if I was the right person for the job, but I can tell you something: those kids taught me a lot! So I said yes.

I’d had some experience in teaching because during my school years in Holland, instead of being an intern, I worked part-

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time jobs, one of which was at a boarding school with children with all kinds of social problems and difficulties. Those first weeks I’d come home with a headache, but after a few months it was just great! You have to learn to bond with the students, and they have to bond with you. Then it becomes fun, and they will show you a part of who they really are and they learn to trust again.

So, at SGB I started teaching classes in bread and pastry. The students thought it was great; they were working with their hands – it was real fun! Meanwhile they taught me the best way to handle them and how to get along together! That was until two years ago.

Then I joined a group of people to install SBO (Secondary professional education) here on Bonaire. There are four disciplines: electro technology, administration, care and welfare, and hotel and restaurant. We’re busy establishing the curriculum. Every discipline has to be legitimized and has to come up to the requirements so that the diploma will be worth something too. It’s a tremendous job to set up something like this but at the same time it is a



Kees Leeman

fantastic challenge for us.

Also I just signed a contract with ETE (the expertise center for tests and exams) in Curaçao, the exam bureau for VSBO, to write the exams for VSBO for 2008 together with two others. I’m also writing the training program for SBO-hotel and restaurant courses. So, when Bonaire wants to start with the training, the program is ready. FORMA is doing Level One with the youngsters, and Inge Berben and I are trying to create a follow up so the students can move on. That’s my night job behind the computer.

I have everything here on the kunuku, even Internet. That’s unbelievable; I am so happy with it! Although we’re living on a very small island, we’re still a part of the big world outside and we have to keep on thinking in a worldly way too.

When I moved from Holland to Bonaire it was a shock and it took a while for me to get adjusted. One of the things I learned on Bonaire is how to invent! If you can’t buy it you have to make it yourself. That’s how I started with my art, and I’ve sold a lot! I made tables, lamps, mirrors and masks and recently I made my own clay oven - a ‘raku’ oven, and hopefully when I have more time next year I’m going to make ceramics in the primitive way.

That’s my project for later and I’m really looking forward to it. I’m a very creative and well-organized person and I’m always doing all kinds of different things. I don’t want to base my life on only one thing. I think one should do the things that come to one naturally, and when you do it with your heart and soul it will go just fine. Every person has special talents and those you have to cherish and develop. The one thing I like best is doing my art. I can lose myself completely in it, and it also calms me down.”

*Kees Leeman (45) is a spiritual man with a big love and a tremendous drive, and together with some other ingredients it’s made that which he created a retreat for him and his animals - a peaceful place of extraordinary beauty where everything is fine.*

“I came to live here five years ago with 24 dogs. Ernst van Vliet from Jibe City helped me move them. In the beginning,” he laughs, “they drove me crazy! They are creatures of habit. They didn’t know what to do on these two hectares so they decided to stick with me - with every step I took! Now I have 16 left. The oldest is ‘Janny.’ She’s 15, has only one eye and has survived everything. The youngest is ‘Kleintje.’ He’s a year and a half and I found him nearby.

I will always stay here. When I came to Bonaire it was my dream to live in a kunuku. I fought for it and now I can live my life the way I want it and protect my animals because they are a very important part of my life.

I’ve learned a lot on Bonaire, especially about people, and I think because we’re so few we get to know each other quite well. I love Bonaire very, very much, especially because it gave me this place. For years I’d traveled to Asia; I was a gypsy, always busy with new things. I am still a very restless person, but what Bonaire gave me is my own place in this world. Finally, everything is working out well. The foundation is good. Now I don’t want to go anywhere anymore... I am home and that includes everything...” *Story & photo by Greta Kooistra*



# The Reporter Is 12 Years Old | Balashi Best Bartender



*Friends and staff of The Reporter*

It started 12 years ago as an idea of a yachtswoman who wanted to publish a single sheet newsletter for the yachts in the harbor. It was called *Port Call*, and the emphasis of the news was on the sea with a smattering of land news that would appeal to yachtmen. But after a month or two, the founder, Jan Smirnow, handed over the reins of the paper to other yachtmen in the harbor, George and Laura DeSalvo, as she was sailing off with her husband.

The island cast its spell and so little by little, the content became more and more Bonaire oriented; so much so that with the first issue of the year 2000 the name was changed to *The Bonaire Reporter*.

In April of 2001 the format was changed to the much larger tabloid version, with 1,500 copies printed at DeStad in Curaçao – a big jump from

the heretofore 350 copies printed at National Printing on Bonaire..

Along the way gifted reporters, writers and photographers joined to make *The Reporter* what it is today. Last Thursday *Reporter* staff and colleagues celebrated the 12-year birthday at Pasa Bon Pizza. A great time was had by all.

A special award was given to Greta Kooistra for her five-year lustrum as author of the very popular weekly "On the Island Since..." column which has now expanded on occasion to "Born on the Island..." *L.D.*

Bonaire's First Balashi Bartender Competition held in Rincon April 29, the day before Rincon Day, with the streets already filled with people - tourists, locals, and many Curaçao and Aruba families and friends - was a huge success. The environment was fun and music was in the air with Grupo de Betico from Aruba.

13 nervous bartenders from area resorts, schools and restaurants competed. Bartenders from City Café, Chez Nous Restaurant (SGB High School), Rum Runners Restaurant, Buddy Dive Resort, Lion's Den Restaurant, Cactus Blue and the Divi Flamingo showed their bartending and creativity skills in the seven minutes they were allowed. The color of the drinks varied, but they all had the ingredient of Balashi Beer, a twist that was a surprising added flavor.

Winners were **Jane Coffie from Divi Flamingo, first; Miguel Saragoza from Chez Nous, second; and Joaquin Theodora from Lion's Den Restaurant, third.**

The beer and music kept the audience going as they waited for the results. Presenter Eddy de Veer, owner and manger of Balashi Brewery Aruba, and half of Aruba were there to cheer on the bartenders. Next competition is in Curaçao and then an ABC island-wide Balashi Bartender Competition later this year. These young professionals continue to show Bonaire all the great bar and culinary talents that are in them. *Story & Photo by Sara Matera*



*Jane Coffie from Divi Flamingo, the overall Winner, gets her prize*



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## Jupiter at Its Closest, Biggest and Brightest This Week

Yes, indeed, the king of the planets, **Jupiter**, is at **opposition** this week, which means it's at its closest, biggest and brightest for the entire year. And not only will it dazzle you with just the naked eye, but with even a cheap pair of binoculars you'll be able to see several of its largest moons.

On any night this week and next, an hour after sunset, face southeast where just above the horizon the brightest light you see will be the largest of the planets, 88,000-mile-wide Jupiter, which is really big. How big? Well, our little planet **Earth** is only 8,000 miles wide, so we could line up 11 Earths, side by side, across Jupiter's middle. How's that for big? Now although opposition is an astronomical term, all it really means is that Jupiter is opposite the **Sun** in the sky as seen from Earth. And whenever a planet is at opposition it is at its closest and thus biggest and brightest for the entire year.

How close? Well this weekend Jupiter will be only 410 million miles away from Earth, which is almost 200 million miles closer than it was only a few months ago in October. So it's really close—so close that some people with acute vision may actually be able to see with just the naked eye four of its largest moons which will look like tiny pinpoints of light. And with a pair of binoculars you'll have no trouble seeing them at all. In fact this Saturday, Astronomy Day night, you'll see two on each side of Jupiter: **Callisto** and **Io** on one side; **Europa** and **Ganymede** on the other. And all but Europa are larger than our own 2,000-mile-wide **Moon**. Wow! Through even the cheapest telescope, you'll see Jupiter's horizontal bands of weather plus you can actually watch the four largest moons change their position in relation to Jupiter night after night as they constantly orbit the planet king.

And now to see if you've got your thinking caps on, if Jupiter is opposite the **Sun** as seen from **Earth** right now, how many hours a night do you think you'll be able to see it? Well theoretically if you have a clear flat horizon all around you you'll see it all the hours the Sun is not in the sky. You see, when a planet is at opposition it always rises in the east just as the Sun sets in the west. It then travels higher hour after hour until at midnight it reaches its highest point then slowly descends toward the west, hour after hour, until at dawn it sets in the west just as the Sun rises. So simple answer: you can see Jupiter all night long for the next couple of weeks. *Jack Horkheimer*



The larger moons of Jupiter are like terrestrial planets, each with an interesting structure.



The Ganymede moon casts a shadow as it orbits



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: April 30 to May 7, 2006  
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Exercise programs will be effective. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. You will do your best work on your own. You may have difficulties finishing projects you start. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You may have difficulties at an emotional level with mates. Try to be a bit more understanding or you may end up spending an evening alone. Social activities or travel should be in your plans. You can make alterations to your appearance that everyone will admire. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. You could meet an interesting individual you'll want to get to know better. Don't get involved in other people's private doings. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You might just as well let others do their own thing. If you're uncertain of your feelings, keep your opinions to yourself. Find out if they have other commitments. Be sure to take care of any minor ailments. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You would be wise to consider attending lectures that will broaden your awareness concerning your professional direction. You will gain valuable insight and knowledge through the experiences you have along the way. This may not be the time to lend or borrow. Avoid any intimate involvements with coworkers or employers. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Not everything you hear will be legitimate. Listen to the advice given by others. You have been going through a period of change that has caused problems for you with your loved ones. Contracts will not be as lucrative as you think. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Be cautious of making any residential changes this week. All your energy should be directed into moneymaking opportunities. Residential moves look hectic and sudden changes in your life are likely. You may be likely to have difficulties with females. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Try to iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail. Get busy making those changes to your home. Most partner problems are a result of both people not living up to their promises. Watch your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much on entertainment and children; it could set you back. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You should not be concerned with coworkers who insist on spreading rumors. You can enhance your reputation by making contributions to worthwhile causes. You can make professional decisions this week that will affect your position. You can expect to face opposition on the home front. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You will have an inaccurate assessment of your status in society. Enlist coworkers in order to get the job done on time. You will have to face each issue separately and in person. Don't get so wrapped up in being rich that you overlook the fact that your plan may not be as solid as you thought. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Self-improvement projects will pay off in more ways than one. Control your temper by getting immersed in your work. Be sure to spend time helping children with projects that are too difficult for them to accomplish alone. Generosity will put you in the poorhouse. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. Be aware of deception when it comes to your position, and be sure not to jump to conclusions. Social evenings at your place will be highly successful. Don't hold yourself back because you think you're too old. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.