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Flamingo Airport has modified its rules about carry-on security. Because passengers share the departure lounge with international flights, between 6 am and 8:30 am NO passenger will be permitted to carry aerosols, liquids or gels in hand luggage regardless of destination.

However, these items CAN be purchased at the duty-free shop in the departure area. Passengers traveling on to a connecting flight to the US may want to place the items in checked baggage at the intermediate destination. Also the mandatory requirement for shoes to be scanned has been lifted. The airport management apologizes for these inconveniences.

Passengers leaving on international flights have found the check-in process considerably expedited following the installation and operation of the baggage scanner. Previously all luggage was hand inspected.

► According to a recent study done by the Center for Global Development based in Washington DC the **Netherlands came out on the top of the Center's list of 21 wealthy countries that have policies to aid the poor nations of the world.**

► There's lots of speculation on when **KLM will discontinue its Peru refueling stopover in Bonaire, but**

Are part-time American home owners taxable for world-wide income? The Bonaire tax inspection office has sent house owners who are foreigners a class A tax form for 2005 as if the owners were full time residents and therefore taxable on Bonaire for their world-wide income. The fact that they applied for a residency card in the past seems to be at the root of this reasoning. The tax inspector is assuming that a residency card automatically leads to the conclusion that these home owners are full-time Bonaire residents even if they spend just a couple of weeks on the island and have a primary home elsewhere and make their money in another country and have a foreign passport.



Since there is no tax treaty between the Antilles and the US, this could lead to double taxation for American home owners.

The reason foreign homeowners in the past applied for a residency card might be the fact that not having this card sometimes created problems with Immigration when these homeowners tried to enter or leave the island or tried to stay longer than a certain period. This residency card was also necessary to bring in personal (used) household goods duty free after purchasing a house on Bonaire.

Just owning a house and spending some time on Bonaire, even with this residency card, does not make the house owners automatically full time residents.

According to the advice of tax consultants, they should be considered as tourist residents and, under certain circumstances, could be given a class B tax form. A "B" tax form is the form for foreigners who have a Bonaire income, like rent proceeds from a Bonaire house.

However, the tax inspection office has not sent out B tax forms since the tax year 2001. The reason for that is not very clear but obviously has resulted in a loss of legitimate tax revenues from rental income on Bonaire property, for example.

The unjustified moving of the tourist residents into the full resident income tax situation may force tourist residents to sell their property and leave Bonaire. It is obvious what this will do to Bonaire's vulnerable economy.

June 2007 seems to be the earliest date that KLM will begin using a Boeing 777 to fly directly from Amsterdam to Lima, Peru. That is a couple of years later than originally anticipated when

the Flamingo Airport runway was lengthened and a refueling facility built. By that time it's hoped that other means are available to handle the 30 or

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 so passengers a day who remain in Bonaire. A four-leg AMS-AUA-BON-AMS connection several times a week seems likely. Airport officials are hoping to attract other carriers and even a cargo transshipment operation.



► **Coral Spawning season is almost upon us** and will occur around full moon over the next couple of months. Caren Eckrich of Sea & Discover reported she's already seen the first signs. A complete list of coral spawn dates provided by the government environmental department will be in the next issue.



Shown in a water glass, a rare Bonaire Banded Box Jellyfish that was scraped from a victim. Jake Richter photo

► Following a **spate of jellyfish stings**, Marine Park Manager Ramon de Leon issued a warning and provided guidance on avoidance and treatment. People visiting the San Francisco Hospital waiting room reported that there were seven people awaiting treatment. While jellyfish stings are extremely painful, only rarely do they cause serious medical complications, usually due to severe allergic reactions. It is best to seek medical attention (which can be at the hospital emergency room) if paralysis or breathing difficulty is experienced. Many treatments are available. None seem totally effective against the pain, but the hospital can usually swiftly reverse allergic reactions. Hundreds of people WERE swimming, diving and snorkeling around Bonaire last week without any jellyfish encounters.

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coral glimpses

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

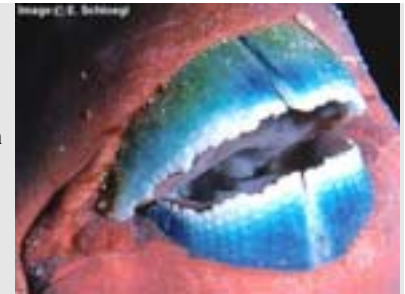
The fishing line has been entangled in this finger coral long enough to be coated with algae. The underside of a dead part of the coral in the upper right of the photo hosts an encrusting sponge. All the polyps are withdrawn on this formation, except the fuzzy projection at top center and a small section beneath the encrusting sponge. □



Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...Parrotfish have to munch to keep their choppers in check?

Parrotfish, contrary to popular belief, do not eat coral (at least not that often). They are herbivores and eat algae that grow on dead coral rock (gray/white substrates are dead coral rock – living corals are colorful and defined). The beak of a parrotfish is made of two sets of fused teeth – those on top and those on the bottom. These teeth are continuously replaced to keep up with the wear and tear that they get while munching on very hard calcium carbonate rock. Most of the 'beak' is cement on the outside of the jaw, while the teeth are on the cutting edge. By the way, parrotfish are bioeroders. That is, they are biological organisms that erode rock. They scrape off the algae and bits of dead coral rock, grind it all up in their throat with specialized pharyngeal teeth, digest the edible parts, and poop sand. Nice. I was recently at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois, and I saw a parrotfish with unusually long teeth. Perhaps, without coral rock to munch on, the teeth didn't fall out and kept growing outwards? Someone ought to give the poor sucker a chew toy! □ *Story & photo by Caren Eckrich*



Parrotfish Jaws

Biologist Caren Eckrich founded and runs Sea & Discover, Bonaire's marine education center specializing in guided dives and snorkels for adults and adventure programs for kids. You may call her at 717-5322.



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► For the winter season there are **better connections than ever to reach Bonaire from the US:**

Non-stops from Houston and Newark via Continental on weekends;
American Eagle via Puerto Rico several times a week;
American twice a day via Curaçao;
Several US flag airlines, including discounter JetBlue, every day via Aruba;
Four local airlines- **Divi Divi**, DAE, Insel Air and E-liner- will offer connections among the ABC Islands to expedite Aruba and Curaçao connections.

► Sign up for the **15th Bonaire Local Fishing Tournament** on Saturday, September 2nd beginning at 5 pm at the house of Dui Diaz in Playa Pariba (next to Richard's Restaurant).

It's one of the premier cultural preservation events of the year and is open to all provided they are fishing from a Bonaire registered boat. The one-day event begins the next day, Sunday, September 3rd. This year the tourney is dedicated to **Ramon Graciano Janga**. Ramon, who is almost 70 years old, was a dedicated fisherman from his youth and after his retirement spends much of his time fishing with his boat, *Cahela*. He serves as an example for all Bonaire fisherman. More information on the tournament will be in the next issue of *The Reporter*, out on August 31.

► **Baby, it's Dark Outside!** According to a downtown businessman who's counted them, **there are 56 street lights that are dark and not functioning in the Playa area alone**—along the Promenade and on Kaya Grandi. Can the department that handles this focus on the problem soon? It is a



The 15th Bonaire Local Fishing Tournament is dedicated to Ramon Janga



A string of non-working street lights

proven fact that effective street lighting is good for business and discourages crime.

► Bonaire's Finance Commissioner, Reginald Dortalina, announced that **people who owe overdue taxes to Bonaire will get a 10% discount** if they pay up immediately. Tax collection is an issue for closer integration of Bonaire and the Netherlands. Reportedly the unpaid taxes amount to NAf67.5 million. The unpaid amount is for uncollected taxes on advances, car rentals, hotel rooms, port dues and pilotage and profit tax from 1964 until now. Those who pay up will be exempt from interest on the amounts due as well. With the discount the Island Territory of Bonaire hopes to collect part of the unpaid taxes and improve its balance sheet.

► Curaçao's Head of Economic Affairs, Ramon Chong, is advocating **Curaçao adopt the US dollar as its currency after the Netherlands Antilles are broken up**. He said, "First, dollarization improves the investment climate which would lead to more foreign capital, lower interest and inflation and more investments. It means better development of the economy and higher economic growth." As currency, the guilders has worked properly since 1971, "but it has no expansion nor has it produced progress."

Chong believes that in relation with the European euro and the other islands within the Kingdom, the American dollar would give Curaçao the highest level of autonomy. "With dollarization, the Netherlands will be less concerned about our debts. We do not chain ourselves to a growth and stability pact with the other islands."



► Venezuela and The Netherlands have reached **an agreement on a joint approach and cooperation in the war on drugs**. Although the agreement was signed on April 4, it is only now that the Dutch Ambassador to Venezuela, Hinkinus Nijenhuis, decided to talk about the matter.

The Ambassador revealed that the agreement was reached after a series of workshops and meetings between the representatives of the Dutch and Venezuelan police. "Both countries are drug transshipments zones, Venezuela from neighboring countries, and the Netherlands through the Dutch Antilles."

Dutch police have recently trained their Venezuelan counterparts in chemical drugs coming from Europe, such as ecstasy. Both countries have had an anti-drugs agreement since 1989, and there has been continuous collaboration between coast guard units and navies of both countries to stop narcotics trafficking.

However, there have been difficulties, the Ambassador admits, arising from military maneuvers such as Joint Caribbean Leon spearheaded by the US, which took place in May.

► The Dutch Government wants to make the **Antillean Coast Guard a branch of the military**. Member of Parliament and FOL party leader, Anthony Godett, stated in a letter he sent from his prison cell to the Prime Minister that it is not acceptable. To make the Coast Guard a Kingdom, rather than local, responsibility will throw the Netherlands Antilles 50 years back, taking away responsibilities it acquired during this period, he said.

► **The integrated radar system to provide a view of all sea traffic around the ABC islands will begin operation next month**, according to spokesman Roderick Gouverneur. Aruba has two ra-

dars, Bonaire and Curaçao three each. Staff training to operate the system is nearing completion. Significantly better anti-drug and rescue operations will be one result.



Curaçao's Isla refinery
Amigoe photo

► An independent economic study revealed that the **damage to people's health caused by Curaçao's Isla refinery is a minimum of NAf28 million** per year. Large investments are needed in order to keep the refinery profitable and less hostile environmentally. Presently the big Curaçao island-owned refinery, upwind of Willemstad, produces petroleum products from crude oil provided by Venezuela and provides hundreds of jobs and an economic boost. To close it would produce severe economic hardship. But to keep it open as is would further damage the environment and health of the islanders. Bonaire is rarely affected because it is 40 miles upwind, but at rare times the smell from the refinery can be detected on Bonaire.

The study also said that a considerable investment would be required to improve the situation and continue refinery operation to at least 2032. The way it is now, the Isla refinery will become commercially and financially unprofitable after 2019.

Closing the refinery would cost NAf310

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LETTERS



DOLLARIZATION

Dear Editor,
The introduction of the US dollar as legal tender will have disastrous results for the buying power of the Antillean consumer, for we may assume that things will work out as they did when the euro was introduced in Holland. The bargain: three for a guilder turned into three for a euro, making it two and a quarter times more expensive. In general: what used to be sold for a certain amount in guilders is now sold for the same amount in euros. The same will happen here: three for a guilder will become three for a dollar, nearly twice as much. In general: prices will double. Conclusion: don't even think about it!

Ger Vellinga

ROAD SAFETY?



Dear Editor,
As reported last week in the *extra* and by various other sources, it appears that the

Government are intent on pushing through various "Road Safety" measures before the end of the year. At the risk of sounding cynical, it seems little more than a money making scam to boost the coffers.

Firstly, seatbelts. It is well documented that they are a major contributor to road safety. However, on Bonaire, there is no annual test to govern the roadworthiness of vehicles. The result is

that hundreds of cars and trucks are driving around with no lights, defective brakes, dangerous bodywork and so on. Of course, a testing system would go further to ensure safety on the roads but would be very expensive to implement. A system similar to that in Curaçao is worthless as it is open to corruption.

Crash helmets I believe should be a choice, not mandatory. On such an island there is little opportunity to reach high speeds and with temperatures averaging around 30 degrees, a helmet is hardly required to keep your head warm.

The banning of mobile phones while driving; this is probably the only proposal that makes sense.

Finally, driving after drinking; it is said that testing measures will be put into place to help prosecute drunk drivers. Although to the outsider, drinking and driving may not seem acceptable, to the residents of Bonaire it is part of everyday life. There is no public transport infrastructure and taxis are expensive and in short supply. If the Government is going to introduce a reliable and affordable bus service, quadruple the amount of taxis and regulate the prices before implementing the new laws, great. However, we all know that will not happen. A clampdown on drunk driving will have a disastrous effect on businesses in Kralendijk. I would urge BONHATA to meet with its members and raise their concerns.

The amount of traffic accidents on the

island is minimal. The majority is not a result of any of the above; they are mainly due to reckless driving as a result of poor instruction and testing. If the Government really is concerned about safety they should improve the testing system. That may save some lives but won't make the Government a quick buck!

T.B.

THE PEOPLE'S ART

To The Reporter:

Thank you for your article on the Kas di Arte November exhibit. I especially like that the pictures of sculptures and paintings you chose represent Bonairean artists who are not all known to everyone. The name of the show is "Homage to Bonairean Art." That does not mean homage to only those who are well known or to a select few who always have their pieces in every show. That means all Bonaireans are to be included not excluded.

In my opinion Kas di Arte has the task to promote the art of the people. The job is not to make Kas di Arte a fine art museum that has a standing exhibition. The purpose should be to promote art not discourage it. To promote those who have the finest talent is easy, but to promote those who are emerging or struggling with their art is the hard task. This exhibit – the way it was on Friday night – did that.

The exhibit had a warmth and spirit that was felt by those who were exhibiting and by those who were just visiting

and looking – like me.

What is "great art?" Do we care? Is that the purpose of a place like Kas di Arte? To expose only "great" art? I don't think so. I applaud people like Jackie Bernabela, president of Kas di Arte, who fight for the people and for the art of the people to be shown. She is a Bonairean who understands the soul of her people.

It is great to know that the love for art is alive and well on Bonaire and that Kas di Arte tries not to discriminate but to be an inclusive foundation of the people. Now for them to take on the hard task of nurturing the souls of the Bonairean artist.

It will be quite a coup if the Queen opens the show in November. I am sure that if she does she will be as likely impressed by the warmth and spirit of the show as by the many fine artists represented. She will see the spirit and warmth of Bonaire.

Whether the artwork that has been submitted is declared "great," "good" or "OK" is not material. Whether it is put into arbitrary categories is unimportant. That it shows the true spirit of the Bonairean – that is the enormous conquest.

Maggie Booi

NOTE- There will be a workshop open to all those artists who exhibited at Kas di Arte given by Carl Wröhig aboard the cruise ship *Freewinds*, Sunday, August 27, at 4 pm. Bring an example of your art.

Slotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 4) million for a dismantling that would take from five to 10 years. Preparing the land for industrial use, which is the only possibility for the polluted soil, begins at about \$86 million and would ultimately cost NAf550 million. A similar cleanup and economic impact on a lesser scale would also be required at **Bonaire's BOPEC** oil storage facility, were that to be closed. To correct the problems and make the refinery as profitable as possible would need an investment of more than \$1.3 billion.

► Last Friday, President Marisela Croes of the Rotary Club Bonaire received via Larry Gerharts **two donations for the Breakfast in School project. The total donation was almost NAf3.500** and



Marisela Croes and Larry Gerharts

was given by anonymous sponsors. The Rotary Club Bonaire has been running the Breakfast in School project for over two years, providing almost 150 breakfasts a day in the schools.

► Want to set up your own business but don't have the cash, credit or are baffled by the needed procedures? Then you may want to get some help from the non-profit foundation, **BO MES NEGOSHI (Your Own Business)**. Anyone may use the services of Bo Mes Negoshi if they are: a business owner, want to start a new business, have a good idea for a business, reside permanently on Bonaire, possess a valid residence permit, and have legal residency papers

BO MES NEGOSHI offers a bank guarantee at a bank or other lender up to a maximum amount of NAf10.000, which enables you to be considered for a financing.

BO MES NEGOSHI provides assistance to you for your necessary permits and registrations.

BO MES NEGOSHI offers advice and assistance in establishing and executing your business plans. In an upcoming issue we will tell about this initiative in detail which is modeled after and in cooperation with successful projects of the RABO-BANK Heerenveen (The Netherlands) and the RABO-Foundation. If you want more information right away, call Otto Bartels at Phone/Fax: 717-6315; phone: 786-0609 or E-mail: info@bomesnegoshi.com.

► **Visitors to Bonaire are able to book any small inn, resort or hotel on Bonaire and get discounted airfare.** Bonaire Travel Solutions, based on Bonaire, says they now offer budget-minded travelers and those who prefer the personalized service of a smaller property discounted airfare plus customized and complete packages, including but not limited to diving, snorkeling, honeymoons and eco-travel adventures. Check out the website at www.bonairetravelsolutions.com further information or email info@bonairetravelsolutions.com.



Louise Reid

► For a pleasant interlude on a Friday evening, around 7 pm, check out the song stylings of **Scottish singer Louise Reid** at the Le Flamboyant restaurant on Kaya Grandi, downtown.

► As we go to press we received notice that the Bonaire Nature Alliance (of environmentally concerned NGOs) – **Aliansa Naturalesa Boneiru-** has petitioned the **Governor to annul the land lease agreement (erfpacht) for the Mangrove Village development in the mangroves at Sorobon.** They say that development of that type is in conflict with the international RAMSAR treaty which protects wetlands like Lac Bay and that Bonaire,

as a part of Holland, is a signatory of that treaty. They also accused the Island Executive Council of being in violation of the Bonaire Development Plan ('Landsverordening grondslagen natuurbeheer en -bescherming' 'Natuurbeleidsplan Bonaire' 'Structuurplan Bonaire') as well as the RAMSAR Treaty.

Under Article 103 of the Antilles "Constitutioin" (ERNA (Eilandsregeling Nederlandse Antillen) it is within the Governor's power to cancel the land lease. □ *G./L. D.*

► **Corrections**

In last week's *Reporter*, page 18, "Artists Abound," a **face sculpture** was incorrectly attributed to Josephine Ebing. The actual artist who sculpted the head of "Mama Lucia" is **Jose Smit**. Jose also offers classes in mosaic art. (tel. 785-6670 or 717-2705)



Also, the caption for the lady who crocheted that **incredibly detailed scorpion** was obscured because of a printing error. She is **Elisabeth "Elis" Saragoza**. □



Marjolijn amidst her sewing group. Hubentut pa Kristu photo

► Last Friday the first group of Hubentut pa Kristu (Youth for Christ) in Rincon received their **awards after finishing a sewing course.** They made nice clothes for themselves and some for their children too. Senora Marjolijn Wilson (in the middle) volunteered to teach the ladies.

G./L. D.

SUUNTO DIVE COMPUTER TEST



(L to R) Serge De Groot (dive operations manager, Divi Dive Bonaire), Bob Kars (ready to complete his final trimix certification dive), Roger Haug (director technical dive department, Divi Dive Bonaire) and Theo Knevel (Palm Trading/Suunto)

The dive industry has gone through many new standards and equipment changes in the past years. Divers are equipped with the latest developments in dive gear, and all to support maximum comfort and safety to the fast growing diving community. Dive instruction has risen to a new level where more and more divers choose to breathe NITROX. Introductions in NITROX are even possible in the Open Water diver class.

The most recent surveys show that scuba divers choose a particular dive computer over the use of the basic recreational dive planners. Scuba Diving International (SDI) is the first dive training organization that teaches Open Water

students to use a dive computer instead of the traditional dive tables. The demand for more functions and options from the manufactures is driven by more demand from the divers: Air diving, Nitrox Diving or even Technical Diving. Can we get it **all in one unit**, they ask

Recently I did a test for Palm Trading, NV of the latest models of Suunto Dive Computers. Theo Knevel from Palm Trading gave me the option of checking out which was the best model for my needs. I checked the Vytec DS model and the new D6 and D9.

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Vytec DS



D6



D9

The Snack Bar Detectives



Their Mission: *To seek out the mysteries that lie behind the doors of Bonaire's snacks*

This week: Pampa's Grill
Tel. 717-0144

OK. Before we start let us get one thing clear, this is not a Snack Bar! That is what I am told by the amiable and immediately likable Lucille Martijn. To be honest, she is right. The only similarities are the prices!

Anyone who lives on Bonaire or indeed is a frequent visitor will be familiar with Lucille, her last restaurant being Chez Lucille. With 25 years in the restaurant trade, Lucille knows her stuff and has decided to go back to her roots with what she does best, cooking! Just two months into trading, Pampa's Grill on Kaya General M. Piar is starting to get noticed. Serving good quality meals at low prices, it is becoming a favorite of the locals.

As we walked in, it was difficult not to smile, Lucille has that effect. We sat at the bar and ordered a few beers. The first thing that you notice is the cleanliness; everything is like a new pin! As she does all of the cooking herself as well as being the hostess, she likes to keep a minimalist menu. However, ring ahead and give her a little notice and she will endeavor to prepare the food of your choice. Thai, Indian and French food as well as traditional local dishes are Lucille's specialties. Even outside catering can be arranged.

On the menu I saw a good selection from the grill as well as some local dishes. There are two prices, for regular or large portions, it's nice to have the choice. We ordered Spare Ribs and a Balchi Carni, a rice and meatball dish, both served with fries, coleslaw and salad. Two meals for NAf28, amazing. Lucille disappeared and prepared



Lucille of Pampa's Grill

our food.

One thing that we noticed is how good the location is. The fact that it is just off the main roads makes it a little quieter than many places. Just as the aromas from the kitchen were beginning to drive us crazy, our food arrived. We ordered the large portions, hey, why not? We're growing boys after all! Not surprisingly, our meals were excellent. The 25 years of experience really told.

After eating, we sat and chatted with our hostess. Born on Bonaire with a real passion for her work and her country, she exuded enthusiasm. With Lucille's numerous ideas for the future, you really hope that she will make it. Somehow, I think that she will.

□ Story & Photo by SBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kerenza Rannou-Frans Celebrates 10 years at STINAPA

One of STINAPA's growing pains involved the accounting of the funds it was receiving from international environmental aid organizations and revenue from mooring rentals. The pains disappeared when Kerenza Frans began working in the office, and as STINAPA has grown so has the volume and quality of the work of its Accounting Manager, Kerenza.

Last week, in a get-together at Washington Park, she was toasted by the



STINAPA Board, Director Elsmarie Beukenboom and her colleagues for her professionalism and dedication. *The Reporter* staff would like to add theirs. □ *Elsmarie Beukenboom/G.D.*

Happy Anniversary

The van der Lists were married 34 years ago, on August 18th 1972, in Holland.

And on September 28th they will have their 15th Bonaire anniversary. They have two sons who live in Holland and perhaps will join them at the end of September to celebrate. Pabien! □



Nico de Haan Passes Away

Bonaire lost a great friend when Nico de Haan passed away last week from chronic lung problems in Holland. The talented sound engineer retired to Bonaire in the 90s. He used that genius to improve the recording and broadcasting of local music and passed on the needed skills to several Bonaireans. He helped produce the first CDs of Creole and typical Bonairean music and captured the performances of local talents like Nemensio Winklaar, Felipe St. Jago, Ana Thodé, Antonio Trenidad and Augustin Kroon, the Watapana Group as well as the sounds of the Simidan and island festivals. One can't listen to a recording of local music without thinking of Nico de Haan. Condolences to his wife, Els, and family from all at *The Reporter*. □ *Bòì Antoin/G.D.*



Nico de Haan and his wife, Els

Picture Yourself with The Reporter Pisa, Italy

Soraida and Deborah Felix sent us this beautiful photo of themselves taken with *The Bonaire Reporter* while they were in Italy near the (leaning) tower of Pisa. □



WIN GREAT PRIZES! Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. **THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES.** Mail photos to Bonaire Reporter, Kaya Gob. Debrot 200-6, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles (AN). E-mail to: picture@bonairereporter.com. (All 2006 photos are eligible.) □

The Sun Sets Over Sunset Beach... But A Divi Will Grow

COVER STORY



On the cover is a this same view of the sunset over Sunset Beach. Local entrepreneurs have even begun to offer food and refreshments to visitors to the deserted beach. But it won't be that way for long. In a Sunday press release, the Divi Group, which operates nine Divi Resorts on six Caribbean islands, as well as two all-inclusive resorts in Aruba, announced that it will build a new beachfront all-inclusive resort on Bonaire. Construction of the resort is expected to begin in spring 2007, with completion scheduled for the end of 2008. The release did not specifically mention that it will be built on the recently cleared Bonaire/Sunset Beach site as reported in an announcement made by the Bonaire government several weeks ago. This is what they have to say:

"Offering an all-inclusive program based on the same all-inclusive concept as the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives in Aruba, the new resort will rise to four stories and will feature 275 spacious ocean and beach view units plus 60 ocean view condominiums adjacent to the property. The condos will be available for full ownership with a hotel rental program, and people who own/use these units will have access to all resort facilities.

Resort amenities will include a large beach, full service dive center, state-of-the-art fitness center, rock climbing wall, large infinity pool, a selection of restaurants and bars, on-site spa, casino and shops. All food and beverage outlets will be open to non-hotel guests as well as guests of the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino, Divi Resorts' current property in Bonaire. Management of the new all inclusive resort will fall under the Divi All Inclusive Group in Aruba, with both properties on the island sharing a management team.

"As the first all inclusive on Bonaire we will be able to introduce the island to a new segment of travelers that enjoy the ease and wide array of amenities offered by an all inclusive property," said Alex Nieuwmeyer, who oversees Divi's operations in Aruba and Bonaire. "The untapped market potential of Bonaire and the opportunity to expand the Divi brand in a destination that is committed to sustainable tourism and that we have a history in (as the operators of the Divi Flamingo) made good business sense."

The Divi Group includes Divi Resorts, the largest Caribbean-only hotel chain, as well as two all-inclusive resorts in Aruba, the Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives. Divi Resorts operates nine resorts on six Caribbean islands St. Croix; St. Maarten; Barbados; Cayman Brac; Bonaire and Aruba. Contact: Lisa Blau or Candice Kimmel at Adams Unlimited in New York for more information: tel. 212-956-5900; email Lisa@adams-pr.com." *G.D. and Divi Press Release*

Bonaire Rocks

As announced in last week's Flotsam & Jetsam, Rock 'n' Roll is coming to Bonaire. On November 10th, Rene Shuman, Angel Eye and band will be performing live at the Plaza. The concert is being staged by *Fundayshon Bonaire Entertainment*, a non-profit organization whose aim is to "Bring people together with music." I spoke to Bert Poyck and Jo Bux who are the founders to get an insight into the F.B.E.



"Our aim is to bring music from Europe to the people of Bonaire. The benefits will be multi-fold. Firstly, the artist will be promoting the concert in their own country using local media. This will bring Bonaire into the public eye in a positive light and hopefully staunch fans will follow their idols to the island. We aim to show that Bonaire is the pearl in the kingdom of Holland.

The second aim is to help and promote musicians from Bonaire in Europe. With many Caribbean festivals held every year all over Europe, it is a great opportunity to showcase the talent that we know we have. Any other "profits" will be used to help local musicians to obtain instruments etc."

As with any charity, sponsorship is important. The F.B.E. is looking for people to be a part of this event by supporting them. There is a choice of packages for businesses and private individuals to suit all pockets. Sponsors will be entitled to VIP treatment in a privileged vantage point before the show with a full buffet. There will also be an opportunity to meet the stars at the after party starting around midnight. To find out more, contact Bert or Jo on 717-2749 or email: fbe@grupello.nl

The Bonaire Reporter plans to help promote this charitable and entertaining venture. Over the coming weeks, we will be bringing more information about the evening plus profiles of the stars of the show. *Anthony Bond*

NAPA's 20th Anniversary



NAPA owners from Curaçao, Miami, Bonaire and Aruba



Even the waitresses at Richard's were celebrating the Anniversary



Loetje Lending Thielman and Andre Lending present a NAf2.500 gift to FKPD President, Lupe Uranie

Would our cars keep running if NAPA wasn't on Bonaire to supply parts and supplies for them? Maybe so, but it would be more expensive and certainly not as pleasant. This past weekend NAPA celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Bonaire with a weekend party-auto/motorcycle show at the store and an evening party, Monday, at Richard's Restaurant.

Towards the end of that party, Andre Lending, who runs the Bonaire NAPA store, offered some background on the success of NAPA Bonaire. He's been part of NAPA from the start. After graduating from technical school in Curaçao in 1986, he applied for a job at

NAPA in Curaçao. The owners (at that time Vreelot Management and Maduro & Sons) told him that he could work for them... but in Bonaire. He and a handful of people built up the store from an empty building. In 1998, Andre was promoted from salesman to store manager.

He might have returned to Curaçao but he met a Bonairean girl, Ludwina, "Loetje," Thielman. In 1992 they married and now have two children, Mary-Jo, 10 and Vincent, 9.

In 1993 Andre was offered the opportunity to buy the store and with great trepidation borrowed the money and became the owner. Along the way Bonaire NAPA and Curaçao NAPA

merged and in August, 2004, they took over NAPA Aruba. Andre believes the success of the ABC Islands' NAPA is because of the philosophy of partnering, which he labels the Power of Partnership, to achieve goals which were once dreams.

NAPA was one of the first businesses to demonstrate concern for Bonaire's environment when they established a storage battery return program.

Andre has a very special place in his heart for Bonaire's disabled people and has helped them personally and with generous donations over the years. In an emotional moment he presented Lupe Uranie, president of the FKPD

(Foundation for Care of the Disabled), a check for NAf2,500. The gesture was spontaneously matched by NAPA Curaçao and others at the party began donating. In the end NAf11,000 was raised. Lupe Uranie was flabbergasted and almost speechless in gratitude.

Today NAPA has nine employees, most of whom have been with the company for more than five years: Loeki Winklaar, Panki Chatlein, Joselito Theodora, Netty Beaumont, Luis Coffie, Alex Bloem, Elba Torres, Angel Rodriguez-Suarez, and Eve Cicilia.

We look forward to many more years of top NAPA service to Bonaire. □

G.D.

Hurrah for the Animal Shelter Volunteers!



Animal Shelter Volunteers Celebrate

In the photo are some of the greatest people on the island: those who volunteer at Bonaire's Animal Shelter. The Shelter runs totally on contributions and one of the biggest and most important jobs is hands-on help. All of these people donate their time and energy to help keep the island Shelter open. Without them the place would not exist and those unwanted, homeless animals would never have a chance at a decent life.

Last Saturday many of the volunteers got together for a social time to meet each other in the garden of Bambu. They are shown with Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema: Melody Hamilton, Tom Thurman, Wil Schut, Marja Heinemans, Ans Donker, Jane Disko-Madden, Peter Pels, Esther Jansen Hertz, Paul and Amina Wichers, Hans and Jolanda Wennink, Helma Schreuder, Renee Leach, Barbara Bianculli. □ *L.D.*

Get ready for the **Animal Shelter's Annual Dog Wash**. The Shelter board has announced that it will be in September, the date to be announced soon.



Pet of the Week



"Helen," our featured Pet this week, is a really good cat, according to the staff at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. She's about three and a half years old and has been at the Shelter for about a year. She's yet to be discovered, they say, and she certainly deserves a good home because she is so sweet. She's

the one who always comes to welcome visitors to the cat cage. It's because Helen is such a loving and special cat that she's lasted so long as an adoptee. Come see this friendly and engaging little puss for yourself. The Shelter on the Lagoon Road is open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm, telephone 717-4989. It's a fun place to visit!

We are happy to say that our Pets of the Week - "Boris," the collie look alike dog, and "Donald," the black and white cat - have both been adopted. Congratulations and best wishes to all for happy lives together. □ *L.D.*

(Dive Computer Test. Continued from page 7)

These models offer multi functionality. They have REC and TEC dive features built in. All of them have RGBM (reduced gradient bubble module) software and Deep Stop Program and Gas Switch options. This week I was doing a three-certifications-in-a-row TEC diving class with two students at Divi Dive. So the dives went down to 200ft. Although we were using Tri-Mix, we set the bottom mix as if it was air on the Suuntos. All dives were planned with GUE Deco Planner PC software and executed accordingly. We used a variety of Decompression Nitrox mixes to test how the computers would run compared to the PC dive plans.

I also took my HS-Explore 10 Mix-Gas Tec dive computer down to compare the profiles. As every diver knows dive computer calculations are based on the actual profile done by the diver. So if we plan for 200ft. for 20 minutes it will show that we spend an average of 16 minutes at 200 ft because of the descent time. So the PC generated table is already conservative.

It proved that the Suuntos run very close to the dive plan we had generated on the PC and the deep stops are right on the plan. The only one that was faster

was my HS-Explorer in Tri-Mix mode. A good balanced Trimix gives a little advantage in decompression time on the last stops. The mix we used had 24% helium and 20% oxygen; decompression was done on Nitrox 50 and pure oxygen.

The Suuntos were slightly more conservative on the last two stops at 20ft and 10ft. And that's just what a good diver needs.

My conclusion is that the new D6, D9 and Vytex DS proved themselves to be the all round diving computer for any type of dive.

Are they safe? Yes, but please never forget that dive computers are based on averages. You are just yourself with your own body structure, and conditions vary from day to day. So never push computers and yourself to the limits. In this way computers can be used safely for any type of dive.

I want to specially thank Theo Knevel and Palm Trading for the use and testing of these models. I'd also like to congratulate Robert and Bob from the US on getting their TDI TEC diver certifications. The new D6 has proven OK to be my new computer on all the dives I do. *Roger Haug-Divi Tec Dive Bonaire*

DO YOU SUDOKU?

Sudoku means "the digits must remain single" in Japanese. 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. For a tutorial visit the web site www.sudokushack.com.

□ *Molly Kearney*
(who has to solve the all puzzles first)

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Complete solution on page 14.

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	COEF
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8-26	1:50	1.4FT.	9:05	1.2FT.	16:11	1.4FT.	20:30	1.4FT.	76
8-27	7:47	1.2FT.	16:35	1.5FT.					72
8-28	3:32	1.1FT.	17:13	1.6FT.					67
8-29	3:54	1.0FT.	17:49	1.7FT.					61
8-30	4:19	0.9FT.	18:21	1.8FT.					54
8-31	4:46	0.9FT.	19:03	1.9FT.					48
9-01	5:20	0.8FT.	19:44	1.9FT.					43

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NAf26 Call 717-8819 8 am to 5pm

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Caribbean Homes Opens Its Doors to the World



Gisela (Gijz) van Steenberg, Gerard Kuijpers and René Essinh

“We’re the new kids on the block,” say the owners of Caribbean Homes, Gerard Kuijpers, René Essinh and Gisela (Gijz) van Steenberg. “We believe we have a fresh outlook on the market already here,” says René. “Nowadays 60 to 70% of sales are through the Internet so buyers from off island (can use) the latest technology. As well, a lot of ‘transplants’ (people who are already living here) are very interested in real estate.”

Gerard Kuijpers is well known on the island, having started the construction company, Mega Bouw in 1994. “We built Plaza, Windsock, Jong Bonaire, and other big projects,” he says. “He’s the man with the technical knowledge,” says René. “He knows the market and the island so well.” Gerard began Caribbean Homes in January and opened the office this month with his partners, Rene and Gisela.

René’s claim to fame is that he established, ran, and then sold the biggest dating site in Holland (sort of like Match.com). “I did that from 1999 to 2004,” he says. “We

had 485,000 members. And that’s how I met Gijz!” He continues, “I’ve always been in the consumer market, communicating with the public.” And because of his passion for houses he started the Oude Lagoen project here late in 1994. “I love the old styles. I wanted it to be like a village....Most people like the cozy exterior but prefer a modern interior.”

Gijz van Steenberg is the designer. Originally a clothing designer she found her real interest in interiors. “I did houses, shops and even gardens,” she says. She joined René in the interior designs for the Oude Lagoen houses. (“The Oude Lagoen project is being done through Bonaire Partners,” René explained.)

Caribbean Homes Bonaire’s office is on Kaya Isla Riba, next to City Café and Wattaburger. “We’re here to help in buying, selling and caretaking, and it’s our intention to cooperate with the other realtors on the island, says René.” □L.D.

Turtle Tracking Update

Bonaire's radio tagged turtle, "Heit," is hanging out about 100 miles east in the lightly populated Roques Archipelago, a Venezuelan protected area, that area a first for a tagged turtle in STCB's experience. It's been assumed she laid her eggs on Klein Bonaire and then headed for some feeding grounds. STCB believes that Los Roques may also be her second home.

We'll keep you posted as this plays out. □ Tony Kool/G.D.



View of Las Roques from the air.



DO YOU SUDOKU?

And the solution is:

(puzzle and directions on page 12)

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THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 24 - Tour Guide course starts, 7-9:30 pm

Saturday, August 26—End of the month Flea Market at Parke Publico— 3 to 8 pm – General info call Vicky 786-1592. Booth info call Elisabeth 717-6907/565-5225

Sundays August 27, September 3—Bonairean Night at Divi Flamingo's Calabash Restaurant with all the local specialties and more. Live Music. \$20-total. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.

Sunday, August 27—Workshop open to all the artists who exhibited at Kas di Arte offered by Carl Wröhhig aboard the cruise ship *Freewinds*, at 4 pm. Bring an example of your art.

COMING

Saturday, September 2—Big Monthly Marshé in Rincon—produce, gifts, food, music—A real Bonaire experience. 6 am-2pm.

Sunday, September 3—Bonaire Fishing Tournament - See page 4.

Wednesday, September 6 - Bonaire Day in the bario of Amboina

Saturday, September 16 -Quarterly underwater cleanup. All welcome-divers and non-divers alike. Meet at Yellow Submarine at 1 pm.

Sunday, October 8 - Jong Bonaire Klein Bonaire Swim.

REGULAR EVENTS

Daily (more or less)

- HH 2 for 1 (on all beverages) 5-7 pm, **Divi 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 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** \$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, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks, music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon. **Extra big Marshé 1st Saturday of the month, 6 am-2 pm.**
- **All You Can Eat BBQ** at **Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAf26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.
- **Wine Tasting** at AWC's warehouse, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Great wines - NAf2,50 a glass.

Sundays

- **Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner** in colorful tropical ambiance at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar, Divi Flamingo**. Open daily 5 to 10 pm

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@goldenreefimm.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**
- **Caribbean Gas Training free** "Beyond Gravity – An Evening with DIR," 6 pm, Bonaire Dive & Adventure 786-5073.

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
- **Beach BBQ 7-10 pm & Live music by Flamingo Rockers -The Windsurf Place** at Sorobon
- **Movie Night at Buddy Dive**

Thursdays

- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** 5-7 pm-**Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**
- **"Admiral's Hour"** for yachtsmen and others, Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7 pm..

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" slide show-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. 717-8290 .

Wednesday (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation (STCB) Slide Show by Bruce Brabec. **Carib Inn** seaside veranda, 7 pm, 717-8819.

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

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 FORMA 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 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 Zeezicht Restaurant. 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; Valarie@telbonet.an

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- 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 pm in English. Tel. 717-8332

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Wilhelminaplein: Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English, Sundays, 10 am. In Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian: Services in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8.30 am. Rev. Kenneth Kross, 717-4009; 786-9020

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Born On Bonaire

Gilbert Antonio "Gibi" Bomba

"I was born in Tera Kora. My father was Johannes Bomba, a sailor, and my mother is Anna Luisa Bomba-Emerenciana. They had nine children, one of whom died in a car accident when he was 21. I was number eight and I was between two sisters. We were poor but we were happy.

When I was nine I got a job after school as a gardener with a family in Playa Pariba. I went every day and I made NAf15 a month. It was a lot of money – and that's how I learned how to work. I loved handicrafts. When I was about 12 I'd go to the Sentro di Bario where a German man, Udo Lusse (he still lives on the island), and Jantie Janga would teach us how to carve, sand and polish wood, seeds and black corals (at the time it was still allowed). I learned a lot from both of them and I want to thank them. We would make earrings, necklaces and bracelets which were sold to tourists who visited the Sentro di Bario. There were many children involved, but I am the only one who went on with it because nowadays nobody is doing it anymore.

After Lower Technical School where I got my diploma as a carpenter I went to work for Fundashon Arte Boneiriano (Bonairean Art Foundation) where I got certified in wood carving. Later on I also got my diploma as a goldsmith and a silversmith. All of the things we made were sold by the foundation and we got paid for what we produced. I stayed there for quite some years and then I left for Holland. I had two brothers there and they'd told me what it was like so I thought, 'Let's go and see...'

The day I arrived I got homesick right away. I was longing to go back to Bonaire. It was cold – but you know, Holland is also very beautiful, and I made lots of friends. I stayed from 1978 until 1982. I worked as a carpenter in two different factories that both went bankrupt. Then I was unemployed and I decided to go to a training center, something like a high school. I went there because I couldn't do much and I wanted to stay busy and to see people and be involved.

But during the four years I was in Holland I never stopped playing music because that's my other passion. In Bonaire, from the time I was about nine I made my own guitar and drum set out of cans and plastic because there was no money to buy instruments. I taught myself everything. My first guitar had only two strings, but with those two strings and with one finger I could play hard rock! Deep Purple! I also played in the Silver Bullet Steel Band and I have to thank two people, Franklin Scherptong and Boeboei Goeloe, from my bario, Tera Kora, who were the leaders of The Silver Bullets

and who taught many boys how to play.

So, when I was in Holland I played with many people, in festivals, in the streets or with the neighbors. As a drummer I also made a record with a Surinamese band. In another band I played the bass because I can play a little bit of everything. You see, I have a lot of talent. I think it's a pity they're not pushing our children a bit more – not for me, but for them – I wouldn't know where I would be now if it wasn't for the music. For me it's like a religion; it helps me. I can listen to music all day long and I love to make music, positive music, not with ugly words. Reggae I love best. At home I have pictures and drawings of Bob Marley, and I believe in Rasta, although my appearance is not like one and I do eat meat. Rastas are more positive. They have many rules – for instance crime doesn't go with them – and they help each other to reason and they read the Bible, and you have to be good from the inside. Your heart has to be good. Reggae is very beautiful, very spiritual."

"In the old days people would always help each other and be there for each other, however, now it seems like people are often jealous of one another, and sometimes it even feels like they don't want someone else to do well."

Gibi Bomba (49) is a tranquil person with a very good heart and lots of patience. But he's also a fantastic performer and his art shows his tenderness.

"After I'd become unemployed in Holland I didn't want to go on welfare. I met a girl from Aruba and she suggested we go back to the Antilles. I immediately bought the tickets and we came back. She went to Aruba, but I thought my own country was better, and so we split up. I thought Bonaire would have changed, but it was exactly the same. Nevertheless I love Bonaire – there's no place like home. Here you're free and we are rich in nature. At night I can sleep with my door and windows open and I can go wherever I want to, without being afraid, unlike the people in Curaçao.

I went back to work for the Foundation, making jewelry out of black corals and silver and I did that for a couple of years,

then I began working for myself and sold my items to the tourists and local people. At the same time I was working at Sand Dollar in the maintenance department. During those years I also played in Magic Sounds. The band had grown together and every Sunday we played at Lac. It was a cozy time. After Sand Dollar I started working for Sorobon Beach Resort. I was there for 10 years doing the maintenance. I met many, many people there and still, when I see them they tell me they miss me because we were just like family. Many times the guests would bring me presents. Once I got a very expensive guitar. They'd also bring me tools and machines for my art work.

I adjust easily to people. I get along well with everyone. It was the same in Holland. When you talk and listen frequently to foreigners you yourself also change and you see the world from a different perspective. I always try to talk to people so that they'll come back to Bonaire, and you know, many people tell me that this is a place so different from other places, a true paradise. I do agree, but there are some things that have changed on the island. In the old days people would always help each other and be there for each other, however, now it seems like people are often jealous of one another, and sometimes it even feels like they don't want someone else to do well. In our national hymn we sing that we're 'pueblo humilde,' humble people. It used to be like that and there are still people with a good mind and a good heart, but I feel the majority should change their mentality and become more positive.

What I want for Bonaire is that we will start thinking in the same direction, that we will unite once again and help and support each other and believe in ourselves because there are many things we could do better.

I stopped working at Sorobon on April 1st this year because I started to play in a band at Divi Flamingo, 'The Flamingo Rockers,' and the hours didn't match. I had a good time at Sorobon Beach Resort, but I had to choose and I chose for the music. We play Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 7 pm at Divi Flamingo and once a week on Wednesday nights at the



Gilbert Antonio "Gibi" Bomba

barbeque at Sorobon at Elvis' place (The Windsurfing Place). We're very popular at the moment. I also play in a band called 'United Stars' and we play all over the island on many different occasions.

As far as I know I don't have children of my own, but I was married for 12 years to a girl who brought three children into the marriage. My wife and I have separated, but I still see my children and I help them whenever I can. One of my stepdaughters made me a grandpa, and I love my grandchildren very much. My son studies agriculture in Holland and he's doing well too. It was great to have them with me and to bring them up, and they grew to be just like me: they're nice and quiet people.

I've been through many things in life and everything I did and everything I'm doing is because I want to make someone happy, whether it's with my music or my art or working in someone's garden. I try to make it as beautiful as I can. Money isn't everything. We're only here for a short while and you have to please each other. And you know: the more you give, the more you get – that's what I learned... yeah... life is sweet!"

□ Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Cas di Bulo

by Wilna Groenenboom

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



Some houses are stars themselves. Here we have such a star, with really many stars around it. I am not the first one to notice it. The house appears in many photos made by tourists. As well it's in the 2002 Bonaire Calendar, shot by Jorge Provenza.

The house is a mix of two styles. The roof is that of a Cas di Caha (box house) but at the front and right sides appears a Cas di Hadrey (house with porch).

The house was built by and belonged to Federico Visser, who lived here with his wife Virginia Visser. Their first house was built of wood. Later they re-built the walls with coral rock and cement.

They were foster parents to many children. Annie Bulo was the last foster child



Federico and Virginia Visser.

who came to live with them in 1956 when she was four.

Annie Bulo knows the house only as it is today, made from coral rock and cement (photo lower left). We can see that clearly from the street, on the right side of the house, marked with two white stars. She did this especially for tourists to show them the inner structure of the house. As long as she lives she wants to keep the house as traditional as possible.

This also means that the chimney must be on the west side of the house to make sure that the cooking smells and smoke won't be carried into the house. However, the kitchen is now located at the back.

On the floor most of what appear to be tiles, aren't (photo lower right). The floor was made of concrete. Then colors were dribbled over and touched a little to spread and mix them. The tile look was created by laying thin ropes into the wet cement, then removing them, leaving lines.

The concrete gutter brim around the

house has many stars. Annie Bulo still has the original wood and metal mold that they made the stars with (photo top center). The same star appears again in the pillars around the property (photo lower center). They're all in harmony together.

The house still has its traditional cistern. It's not in use anymore, but it belongs to the house, so there it stays.

All the windows have the traditional closed wooden shutters, something we don't see so much anymore. They give the house somewhat of a closed look. Only in the bathroom are there open shutters.

On Kaya Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot are more beautiful old traditional houses like this one. But more and more of them are being destroyed and replaced with new, unattractive houses. Drive a little slower than usual and take time to enjoy the beauty of these old houses—while they still exist. □ W.G.

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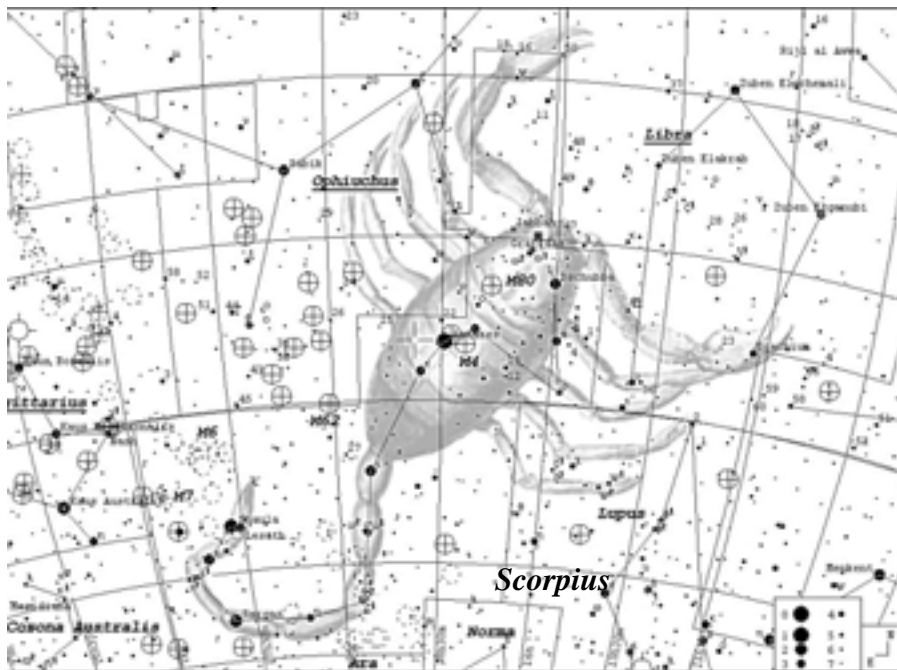




BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

The King of the Planets and a Giant Star

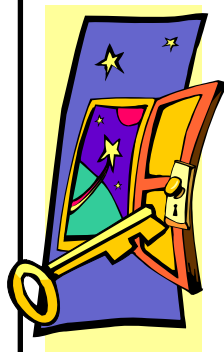


During the first week of August we had a wonderful chance to use a waxing Moon to find both the king of the planets and a giant star in the Sky Park. But if you happened to miss them the first time, just coincidentally during the last week of August, we'll have an almost repeat performance.

Next Monday evening, August 28th, about an hour after sunset, face southwest where the brightest thing you'll see will be an exquisite waxing five-day-old Moon which means that it will be growing night after night. And up to its left, about 12 degrees away from it, which is the width of 24 full Moons lined up end to end, you'll see a very bright light which is the king of the planets, **Jupiter**. Now as you may recall in 24 hours time the Moon moves approximately 13 degrees or 26 times its own width towards the east. So 24 hours later on Tuesday, August 29th the Moon is even fatter, six days old and much closer to Jupiter, only six degrees or 12 full Moon widths away from it and just a little bit past it. Then Wednesday the 30th the seven-day-old Moon, which is called first quarter Moon, will be well past Jupiter and very close to the top three stars, which mark the upper portion of the letter j-shaped pattern of stars we call **Scorpius, the Scorpion**.

But the best night is yet to come because on Thursday the 31st an eight-day-old Moon, or what we call one day past first quarter Moon, will be parked only one degree or two full Moon widths away from and right underneath the bright red star, **Antares**, which marks the scorpion's heart and is one of the biggest stars we can see with the naked eye. So if you've never been able to identify a star by its name before, on the last night of August, Thursday the 31st, the Moon will be parked smack dab right below one of the biggest of them all!

Once again, on Monday the Moon is below and to the right of the king of the planets Jupiter. On Tuesday it is much closer and just slightly past it. On Wednesday the first quarter Moon is approaching the head of the scorpion, and on Thursday it's parked right underneath its heart. So you'll be able to use the Moon to find not only the biggest of the planets but also one of the biggest of stars. But just how big you ask? Well, Jupiter is 88,000 miles wide, so huge we could line up 44 full Moons across its middle. Antares, however, is so huge we could line up 6,880 Jupiters across it! The only reason Jupiter looks so much brighter is because it is so much closer. In fact during the last week of August Jupiter will be only 530 million miles away whereas Antares will be over 3,600 trillion miles away, so far away that it takes its light 604 years to reach us. So use the Moon to find a giant planet and a giant star. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, August 20 to
Saturday, August 26, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Put your energy into learning new skills or picking up valuable information. Do not invest in ventures that only appear to be lucrative. You can make progress if you deal with the right individuals. They didn't fully understand what was expected. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You'll be angry if those you live with aren't pulling their weight. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Don't let opposition from those envious of your talents daunt your progress. Coworkers may not be giving you all the pertinent information. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Catch up on overdue paperwork. You've been a little down and you need a lift. Opportunities for romance may develop through dealing with groups that have a purpose. You may want to clear the air where older relatives are concerned. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Social get-together will bring you in contact with intelligent new friends. Find an outlet for any mounting frustration. Consider a creative hobby. Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. Your questions will help you ferret out secret information. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Do not react too harshly when dealing with partners. You need to spend some time reflecting on past experiences and involvement's. Lending and borrowing may be a problem. Think twice before you say something you might regret later. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Work quietly on your own. Read between the lines when signing contracts. Don't be too quick to judge. Look for professional guidance if it will help unite the family. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Use your charm, but don't be phony. Don't let others restrict you from saying how you feel about family issues. You'll be pleased with the results if you take the time to decorate your home. You can work in conjunction with those in the know in order to get to the bottom of any pending issue. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) This may not be your day if you are overly melodramatic and unnerving everyone around you. You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you this week. You are best not to nag or criticize. Travel may change your attitudes with regard to your philosophy. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Compromise may be necessary. Try to keep your opinions to yourself. You will be inclined to make unwise investment choices. Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20) Put your efforts into moneymaking ventures. You may not get your facts correct this week; double-check before making any statements. Limitation could set in if you've been spending too much. You can change your living arrangements. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't let your emotions get out of hand. Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. Sign up for tours or courses that will enlighten you. You need to get out and challenge yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You may be angry if someone tries to take credit for something you did. Travel and entertaining conversation will be informative and uplifting. Your involvement with children will be most rewarding. Mishaps due to preoccupation will be upsetting. Your lucky day this week will be Monday. □