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## Calling All Bonaire Boats to join Sunday's Local Fishing Tournament Page 8



Pancho Cicilia, Dui Diaz, Richard Beady and Papi Antoin surround Charles Lont (center) of Polar Beer/Maltin Importers, who is donating this newly built fishing boat to the winner. Miss Polar holds the flag.

# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that in the 12 months preceding June 2006 overall prices rose by 1.3% in Bonaire.** In the nearer term prices from April through June 2006 rose 0.3%, led by a rise in food prices of 0.7%

► Curaçao political leader and Member of Parliament, **Anthony Godett, now locked up for corruption-related crimes, is causing upheaval in Bon Futuro Prison.**

Several inmates at the Bon Futuro Prison refused food and say they will not perform any tasks until they get **unsupervised visits from their wives and female partners.** In a letter motivated by Godett the inmates said they wanted conjugal visits, noting that in several countries including the neighboring Dominican Republic, a partner could visit an inmate every two weeks without supervision. The prisoners said their partners were being unjustly punished and were forced to be unfaithful while they themselves were being forced into homosexual practices.

The inmates are allowed visits of 30 minutes duration once a week under

supervision which they described as "mental torture." Godett was in negotiation with prison authorities in their behalf. Additionally, **Godett decided to refuse to accept medication from the prison doctor.** He claims he already has received the wrong medication once, and the medication hasn't been according to the prescription. Also his food hasn't been according to the prison dietician's prescription.

► We have been informed that **one of Bonaire's best friends, Malva Thielman**

(Reporter August 19, 2005, On the Island Since...), **is very ill and will be facing another major surgery.** Malva has the Rayvah Computer Centers – one in Playa and the other in Rincon. This woman has done so much good for the island and especially the young people whom she's trained in computer skills, charging nearly nothing. And to bring new life to Rincon she opened the Rayvah Center there where she's held computer classes for all ages. Older people now can use computers and access the Internet, thanks to her instruction. Malva is



**Godett**  
Amigoe photo



**Malva Thielman**

in Curaçao now, but you may send your best wishes to her through one of the Rayvah Centers. We at *The Reporter* say, "Get well soon, Malva! Bonaire needs you back."

► The Island Government has issued the information that the **Civil Registry Office will be closed every Tuesday morning** beginning in September.

► **The Bonaire Sailing Foundation announced that it's sign-up time** for all interested in having a stand to sell things during Regatta Week (October 8-16). Call or fax 717-8408 for more information. You sailors might want to start practicing.

► It's been announced that police in St. Maarten and Curaçao will soon be conducting **"preventive body searches" in certain areas.** A similar program for Bonaire has not been announced, but last week's holdup at Lover's Ice Cream in Hato may push matters.

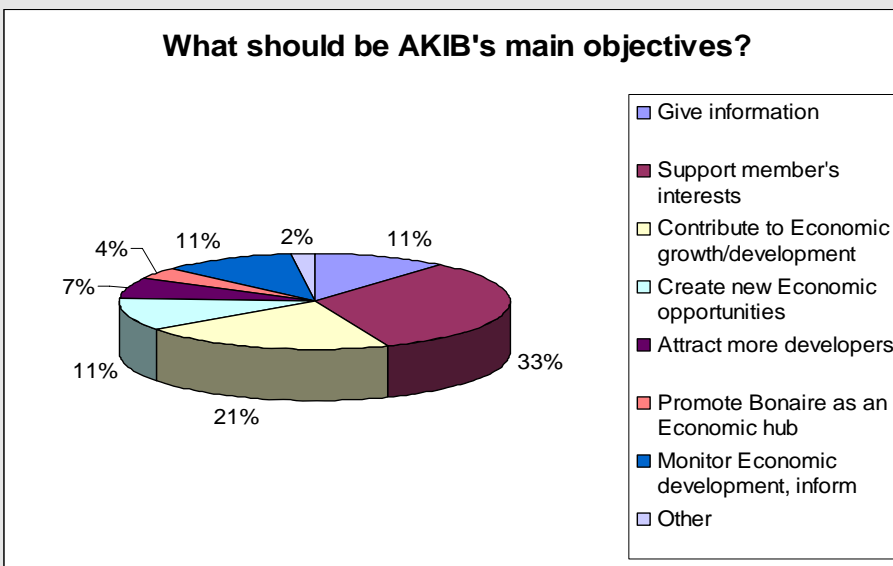
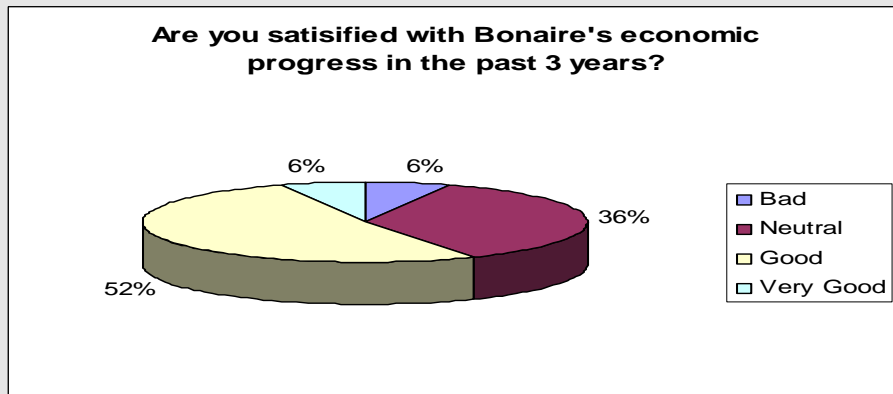
The searches will focus on eliminating the firearms that have been used in recent crimes. It is a change from normal legal process and was agreed to early this year by Parliament. It applies to all Antilles islands, including Bonaire. It's no longer necessary for someone to be officially regarded as a sus-

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► **Of the Bonaire businessmen who responded to a survey conducted by AKIB, the Bonaire Business Association, 58% say Bonaire's economy is good.** The survey, completed by 133 businesses, related to the past three years' experiences. Other results are shown in the following graphs:



## coral glimpses

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

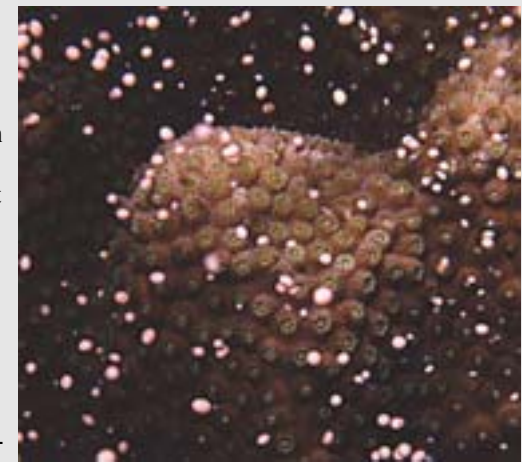
**G**rowth, competition, and destruction: Here are two brain coral heads, growing and adding mass to the reef. They began as single polyps more than 12 inches apart. As each colony grew they began to compete for space. On the right hand side of the larger coral head a boring sponge has taken over, growing within the coral skeleton itself. □ photo by Dee Scarr



## Bubbles from the Biologist

### Did You Know...Corals spawn together for a reason?

A synchronized coral spawn is just around the corner. The most abundant species of coral on the reef slope is Boulder Star Coral *Montastrea annularis*, and it should be spawning either September 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> between 9:30pm and 10:30pm (or both nights). Corals are able to synchronize their spawning by reacting to changes in temperature and the lunar cycle. Water temperatures are at their



*Corals spawning*

highest in September, and many different animals spawn shortly after the full moon. At this stage in the lunar cycle, it becomes pitch dark after the sun sets and the moon doesn't rise for a few hours. Eggs have a better chance of drifting away from the reef and potential predators before the moon rises. Some marine animal species settle shortly after spawning, while others drift for days or even months. Also, there is a hypothesis that when creatures spawn in synchrony they swamp their predators. Predators can only eat so many eggs before they are full and the rest of the eggs have a better chance of surviving. This is an exciting time on the reef, and you may see all sorts of creatures spawning, so keep your eyes peeled!

□ *Caren Eckrich* See page 9 for Bonaire's Spawning Schedule.

*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.*



# LETTERS

## MANGROVE VILLAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Dear Editor:

There was a story put in the newspaper that said the Mangrove Village project that is going to be built on the road to Sorobon did not have permission to build.

I would like to say that they do have the permission and that the work has already started for the construction.

I would like to say to those who try to break our local development to not talk negatively next time and get the proper information first before they try to make it look bad for the local developer.

I do believe in this local developer and I wish him all the best with his new project. Finally, I would like to add, let us all start wishing each other the best instead of breaking each other down. That way we will have a much better island.

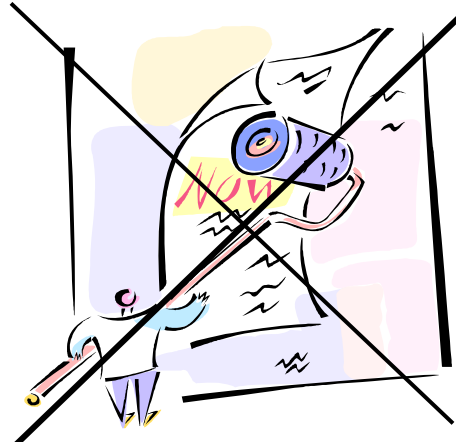
Ella

## BOYCOTT BILLBOARDERS

Dear Editor,

Regarding the recent escalation of billboards which threaten to mar the landscape, I will act by boycotting. Companies who take island residents as clients are receiving payments which are funds for many more billboards. When we buy from them we support visual pollution.

Our island attracts visitors who wish to escape the world they live in, where their space is sold to the highest bidder. I intend to preserve our natural beauty, not hide it behind a company logo. Therefore, I will not patronize greedy companies who interfere with the beauty that we have the luxury of enjoying. Do the owners of Digicel live in Bonaire? Have they ever spent a day here?



Probably not. We are just a space for hire.

This is not only a sign of advertisers ripping off the land. It is a sign of things to come and a dire hint for the people of the island. People: we can turn back this tide of commercialism, let us not be silent.

G.F.

## DOLLAR OR EURO?

Dear Editor,

Regarding the comment in *The Reporter* letter column last week that using the US dollar here on Bonaire would be disastrous. The dollar is now tied to the guildler so how one figures there would be some odd exchange rate is difficult to understand. The fact that those who use euro will benefit from not using the dollar may be correct, but those who use the dollar will lose. Seems a two-way street and either way someone will lose.

One should consider where most of the goods come from, where most of the vacationing guests come from and see which one works best for the majority.

B.B.

## SAY NO TO DRUNKS

To T.B,  
(Reference your letter in last week's *Reporter*)

You are NUTS. Drunk driving is OK? You are NUTS. Those who have been injured and the families of those who have been killed by drunk drivers—how do you think they feel?

Name withheld

## NO KIDDING

Dear Editor,

A 10% discount for not paying taxes?? Am I reading that correctly? Has it been printed correctly? Was it said correctly and understood correctly? 10% DISCOUNT??? You have to be kidding. I have received 10% fines for being, quite literally, one day late and now those who have not paid get a discount? I have to say it one more time - YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING!!!

On-time taxpayer

## JELLYFISH TIMETABLE

Dear Editors:

There has been some commotion about the jellyfishes that appear periodically on our beaches. It is statistically known that the risk of meeting dangerous jelly fish is the highest 8 to 12



days after full moon.

The hospital has records about the people coming in around that time with jellyfish wounds.

It turns out that dive operators do NOT WARN THEIR GUESTS AGAINST JELLYFISH, although hospital personnel have warned the operators through CURO (Bonaire's Council of Underwater Dive Operators).

I suggest that a regular warning in your paper might work! It is being read by many persons, locals and tourists alike.

I sincerely hope that we can minimize the risks of people getting really hurt by jellyfishes this way.

Hans Rietveld

## IT'S AS SIMPLE AS ABC...

Dear Editors,

What a wonderful shock it was to see pages 8 and 9 of the August 18th *Bonaire Reporter*! Thank you so much for helping spread the word about Action in Behalf of Coral.

In January, when I sent you the first Coral Glimpse with no photo, you used the best illustration of coral you could find, which was also here on page 9, the Coral Glimpse example of A Solitary Coral Polyp - and I still can't tell exactly which is the coral skeleton and which the tissue! It's a great example of why this project had to create an illustration.

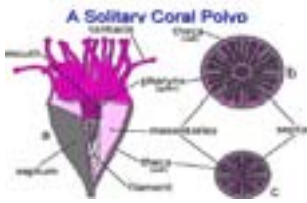
So right there on page 9 of the August 18th *Reporter*, was the "before": the typical coral picture that's not much help to divers -

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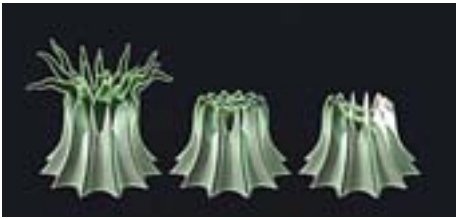
## LETTERS

and on page 8 the (not-quite-final version of the) "after":

Gary Carlson's illustration that displays the characteristics about coral that divers most need to know!



"the before ...."



"the after ...." by Gary Carlson

The response to the letters was hugely supportive: we raised the money to produce the stickers in less than two weeks! We will see them on Bonaire by early November.

I've communicated with two *Reporter* readers about the Project and found the discussions both thought provoking and helpful. The sticker and Coral Glimpses are only the beginning of Action in Behalf of Coral. Next we'll be working on showing the dive certifying agencies the value of providing accurate information about corals to their instructors as well as their introductory students. Where else the ABC Project goes will be determined by where the needs are in coral education for divers.

This sort of project is a pleasure because of the support of people like *The Bonaire Reporter* staff and readers.

Dee Scarr, dee@touchthesea.com

Update from Dee:

★★★★ We did it! ★★★★★

Thanks to 16 quick responders, the **Action in Behalf of Coral project has raised \$2,025.50** in pledges and the checks are arriving daily!

The sticker should go to the printers by the end of next week.

I've begun to find out how to contact other marine parks and dive operators in the Caribbean, to inform them of the ABC Project and the availability of the stickers. Another way to spread the use of the stickers might be by dive groups, clubs, and individuals bringing the stickers with them when they go coral reef diving and encouraging their dive operator to display the stickers.

Consequently, if you felt a stab of regret when you realized we'd reached our goal, consider that if additional donations are offered we'll take them (until we have to get final with the printer) and use them to increase the number of stickers printed.

I'll keep you readers informed thru my website. □ *Dee.*



Dee Scarr

## The Snack Bar Detectives

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



This week: **Surinam Bar Restaurant**  
Kaya Avelino J Cecilia 31.

As our quest picks up pace we seem to be finding more willing participants to join us. This week, a Brit who has lived in Canada for most of his life (who will be known as "Limey") comes along for the ride. After months of sailing solo around the Caribbean, he is looking for good food, a cold beer and an ear to bend. We figure that we can please him on all fronts.

A creature of habit, Limey likes to eat at 5 pm. Well, he's on Bonaire now and we like to take things a little slower. We manage to keep his hunger at bay until 7:30pm when we take him to the Surinam. The place is a hive of activity. Many locals laughing and joking, a few excitable debates, and of course plenty of drinking. It's an atmosphere that I like already.

As expected, the menu is huge. Chinese and local food stand side by side, but, when in Rome..... You can't come here without eating a Surinamese dish. It would be a crime. We sat down at a table adorned with a Christmas table cloth, but, hey, why not? A few beers, and a Canada Dry arrived with our host who willingly took our orders. Tjauw Min Kip (Chicken Chow Mein) Surinam Special Fried Rice & Babi



Surinam Bar Restaurant

Pangang (Mixed Meats served on a bed of Fried Rice) were our choices.

As the Polars mounted up, our meals were served. I could see a look of disbelief as Limey surveyed the meal in front of him. A huge serving of fried rice with a selection of different meats and topped with a fried egg. He won't have seen the likes of this for some time. As expected, all our meals were more than ample. Limey managed to clear his plate. His late eating had not harmed his appetite.

It was to be an early night for our Canadian Brit as he was setting sail for distant shores the following day. However, he told us that he was going to return in a few weeks' time. Could it have anything to do with the food? I wouldn't be surprised! □

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pect to be forced to submit to a body search.

► **The fifth tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, "Ernesto,"** formed as it entered the Caribbean and battered Haiti and Cuba with heavy rain. It is hammering South Florida with storm strength winds as we go to press. Bonaire experienced only light westerly winds as the building storm passed to the north.

► **The Netherlands will again send investigators to Aruba to investigate the disappearance of Natalee Holloway.** The National Police Service Corps (KLPD) wants to help Aruba with the Holloway case. Aruba Justice Minister Rudy Croes requested this intervention and has also asked Interpol to thoroughly examine the file. The Netherlands will pay for the accommodation expenses of these officers in Aruba and also the expenses for the investigation. They will get access to relevant information from the Holloway file and all the information systems. No signs of Natalee Holloway ever turned up and all suspects have been released.

About 7% fewer American tourists visited Aruba last year; 215,000 American tourists visited the island in the first five months of this year; 13.9% fewer than in the same period during 2005.

► NetTech, one of Bonaire's foremost World Wide Web companies, launched a new news **website last week especially for tourists.** According to a press release, the site, [www.BonaireInsider.com](http://www.BonaireInsider.com), mainly orients towards the latest news, hotel specials, airlink updates and links to local websites. An invitation to view the new site, set up as a weblog, or "blog," was sent to former E-news subscribers. The site is free and supported by advertising.

► **A drug addiction program began this month in Bonaire's jailhouse** under the guidance of the Fundashon Krusada (previously named the Karpata Foundation), the Bonairean institution for the care and treatment of drug addicts. It's estimated that about 80% of the prisoners were regular drug users (a figure comparable to other countries). Volunteers of the Foundation visit prisoners about four times a week to talk to them about their use of drugs. Topics include: understanding your own addiction, how do you stay clean, and how can you breach patterns and habits. The education project was established with close cooperation of District Attorney Ernst Wesselius. The project will continue for two more months, after which it will be evaluated. According to Krusada Director, Wouter van Twillert, it seems effective.

► **A Curaçao parish priest, Father Alejandro Montoya (59), was found dead in the rectory of the church in Bonam, Curaçao, last week.** Somebody had broken in and ransacked the place. Montoya's hands were tied and his mouth was taped up. An autopsy revealed the cause of his death to be suffocation. Curaçao's population reacted in shock to the news of Montoya's death. The island's political leaders, including the Prime Minister, visited the crime scene. Youngsters staged a silent anti-crime march. Father

Montoya was a loving person who, according to his parishioners, was always ready to help people. Other than cash, a fax machine and a computer, the attackers also took his car which was found abandoned shortly after his body was discovered. One person has been taken into custody and at least one more arrest is anticipated.

► Curaçao's power and water company, Aquaelectra, has decided **to forgive the debts of as many as 2,661 people on welfare or needy people who are behind with their payments.** According to Aquaelectra, the electricity of about 1,058 households is disconnected and the water supply of 2,227 is turned off. Next week Aquaelectra will reconnect these people and put them on a prepaid electrical plan. Bonaire's WEB also offers prepaid electrical service to some areas of Bonaire as well.

► A delegation from Holland's Johan Cruyff Foundation held talks with Bon-

aire's Sport Federation, Indebon, to **donate money for a multifunctional hard-surface sports field that can also be used for school activities.** Sports coordinator Glenn Albertina, Indebon chairman Francis Wang, and appraiser Norman "Palu Joe" Everts showed two visitors, Jordy Halairy and Juan Ortega, members of the Foundation's delegation, possible locations in Tera Kora.

► **A "biometric chip" Dutch passport went on sale last week that will tentatively cost NAf130.** The price of the old passport was NAf100. There won't be a different rate for passports for children under 16 years old. All new passports will have personal data chips that contain a picture of the holder's face. The new passport is designed to be more fraud proof. The data in the chip can be read worldwide.



*Aboard the old Pelikaan*

► The former support vessel of the Dutch fleet in the Caribbean, **the venerable Pelikaan that was sold last month, departed the Antilles last week.** She was

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renamed *Oceanix Orion* and will take 28 days to sail to Nigeria, Africa, where she will be used as a support vessel for off-shore oil operations.

► American and Canadian travel agents say **Jamaica is still the preferred choice for tourists compared with other countries in the Caribbean.** According to travel agents attending the recent Sandals/Beaches Ultra Convention in Toronto, Canada, Jamaica gets top billing among vacationers because of its people. Sandals/Beaches has numerous resorts on Jamaica.

► **The economy of the Netherlands Antilles continued to grow in 2005 but only slightly faster than in 2004.** The Real Gross Domestic Product is estimated to have increased by 1.5% in 2005 compared to 1.1% in 2004," said Central Bank President Emsley Tromp in his recently released annual report.

► The opening of the academic year of the **University of the Netherlands Antilles (UNA) in Curaçao will be on Friday September 1.** The new UNA headmaster is Prof. dr. Jeanne de Bruijn.

► First it was buckle up your seat-belt, now it's buckle up your helmet. **The World Health Organization is promoting the use of crash helmets to reduce the number of deaths and disabilities as a result of motorcycle accidents.** It's appropriate especially now as Bonaire hosts the annual Bonaire Bikers Motorcycle Tour this weekend. (See story on page

14.)  
The organization has launched a campaign encouraging its member states to promote the mandatory use of helmets. It said that injuries to the head and neck are the main cause of death, severe injury and disability among users of motorcycles and bicycles. In European countries, head injuries contribute to around 75% of deaths among motorized two-wheeler users.

► With a dramatic call for help the very popular **Parke Publico, the recently completed children's park near San Francisco Hospital, asked the private sector to contribute money to reopen the park.** The *We Dare To Care Foundation*, which successfully mounted a years-long campaign to build the beautiful park, needs a continuing source of funds to reopen the park. It was closed last week.

Fund raising radio shows are scheduled for Friday, September 1, on BonFM and Digital 91.1 at 8 am and 12:20 pm respectively. For more information call Davika Bissessar at 786-1592 or James Fines at 510-4050

► Buddy Dive will host underwater naturalists **Ned and Anna Deloach** for the third consecutive year starting on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. They will again offer a wide range of educational activities. Ned and



Anna are the authors of the *Reef Fish Identification* and *Reef Fish Behavior* books (available at the Buddy Dive Shop). The program will run through Friday, September 29.

During each week they will educate and entertain Buddy's guests with guided boat dives, guided snorkel tours to the mangroves and guided dusk dives at Buddy's Reef. All are invited on Tuesday evenings when Ned and Anna will be in the Buddy Dive pool bar to give a presentation on the big screen and on Friday evenings again in the pool bar during the Manager's Rum Punch party to sign your own copy of one of their books.

This year the couple has created a new diver participation program called **Bonaire's Famous Fish Hunt.** "The program is designed to be fun, easy and will increase the guests' awareness of marine life," says Ned. The participants collect points when they find the 10 species of fishes that Bonaire is famous for. The participants will turn in their tally sheet at the end of their week and everyone collecting a certain number of points will receive an autographed copy of New World's waterproof Fish-in-a-Pocket identification booklets. It promises to be an interesting month full of fun and education at Buddy Dive.

► **Chat 'n' Browse reported they have bought out the stock of Brunotti clothes and received a new shipment**



**of Reef sandals.** If you've never worn "Reefs" try them out. They are a cut above all others and what cool people wear.



► **Antillean Wine Company wine tastings have started again** at their storage facility on Kaya Industria across from Warehouse. Pass by every Saturday from 7 until 9 pm to sample a selection of fine wines. The price is right - NA/2,50 per glass.

► Put it on your calendar: Friday, September 15. **Bonaire's star studded Culinary Team will be serving the winning three-course meal that they served at the "Taste of the Caribbean" Culinary Olympics in Miami in July.** Venue to be announced. It's a fundraiser to help the 2007 team practice and compete again against culinary teams from all over the Caribbean. Gold Medal winner bartender Jane Coffie will serve her drinks too. Thanks to all the energy and hard work putting together winning dishes by Bonaire's culinary teams in the last few years Bonaire is now considered a top island for fine dining. Help keep Bonaire at the culinary pinnacle. Reserve now. Tickets are NA/70 (\$40). For reservations call

# COVER STORY 15th Annual Local Fishing Tournament This Weekend



**The overall winners of the 2005 tournament (white and red shirts), the crew of the boat Cha-Anne owned by Charlon Bernadina 72 kilos of fish, receive their prizes.** Extra photo

This year's Local Fishing Tournament – the 15<sup>th</sup> – is set to be one of Bonaire's most important annual events because it brings together family and tradition for a fun time. It's open to only Bonaire-registered boats (NB) with necessary safety gear, in two classes- small boats (18 feet or under) and big boats (more than 18 feet). Boats will set out in the early hours of Sunday, September 3, and have to be back to register their catch by 5 pm in the afternoon at the Playa

Pariba house of Dui Diaz (next to Richards' Restaurant).

Prizes are awarded for greatest amount of kilos of fish, most fish and largest fish. In some years the small boats out-catch the bigger ones.

Reef fish (for example, parrotfish), tarpon, rays and sharks are not permitted. To be counted, fish must weigh more than 1 pound, cleaned. Live or artificial bait is permitted. All fish must have been caught on the date of the tournament,

Over the years, partly due to the tourna-

ment's prizes, Bonaire's fishing fleet has modernized. Most of the big boats have diesel engines, VHF transceivers, GPS, EPIRBs and other electronics as well as complete safety gear. The smaller boats may not have such heavy gear but must have an anchor, secondary means of propulsion (oars), water, distress signals and lifejackets. The universal law of the sea prevails in that all boats are expected to provide aid to a vessel in trouble.

If you can't get a ride on a boat that is fishing be sure to be around on Sunday afternoon as the catches are brought in to Dui's house. There's lots of excitement during the weigh-ins.

Organizers of the event are Richard Beady, Dui Diaz, Pancho Cicilia, Papi Antoin and many other contributors without whose help the event couldn't happen. This year, in honor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lustrum, the Polar/Maltin importer will present a new 18' fishing boat, built using the best materials including stainless steel screws (no nails) and a fiberglass skin, by Bonaire's master boat builder, Luty Craane, to the captain who's boat brings in the heaviest catch (*mas kilo*) of fish.

While the winner will be known on Sunday it's not until Friday night, September 8, the feast day of the Virgen del Valle, the patroness of fishermen, will the prizes be awarded. Prizes consist of boat gear of use to fishermen.



**Catch a nice string of Snappers like these in the tournament.**

Last year 59 boats participated: 42 small and 17 large, The large boats recorded a total of 320 ¼ kilos caught and 678 ½ kilos from the small boats, with a total of 701 fish. All fish are caught using sustainable methods and sold or donated to charitable institutions.

The event this year is dedicated to fisherman Ramon Graciano Janga. Ramon was born on December 18, 1935. For many years he worked for Bonaire's various telephone companies. However, from the time when he was a young man he spent his leisure time fishing. His boat, *Cahela*, always set an example for other fishermen. On various occasions he helped other boats who were in trouble. He's also participated in most of the past fishing tournaments.

Sign up this coming Saturday at Dui's house, next to Richard's Restaurant, up until 5 pm. If you don't have a boat and want to fish you can charter one of Bonaire's fishing charter fleet or just bum a ride with a friend. □ G.D.



# Coral Spawning Schedule

provided by Paul Hoetjes of MINA/VOMIL  
(Central Government Environmental Department)

In the Northern Caribbean the two-month cycle began in August, but here in the South it normally starts in September. Recent messages on the coral list indicate that there was reduced spawning this month around Puerto Rico, perhaps as a consequence of last year's bleaching and subsequent diseases resulting in a poor condition of the corals. □ *Ramon DeLeon, BNMP Manager*



\*The question marks below indicate that there may or may not be spawning that night. **Different corals; similar spawning schedules. See Biologist's Bubbles: page 3.**

Coral Spawning Schedule	Full moon date	Days After Full Moon						
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A= first spawning (Sept)	7-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	#####	#####	#####	16-Sep
B= second spawning (Oct)	6-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	#####	#####	15-Oct
<b>1. Scleractinia</b>	<b>Stony corals</b>							
1.1 Acropora palmata	Elkhorn Coral	??	21.15-21.45	21.15-21.45	?			
1.2 Acropora cervicornis	Staghorn Coral		?	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	?		
1.3 Diploria spp.	Brain corals				?	20.45-	?	
1.4 Montastrea cavernosa	Large-cup Star Coral		?	21.30-22.30	21.30-22.30	?		
1.5 Montastrea annularis	Mountainous/Boulder Star Coral			?	21.30-22.30	21.30-22.30	?	
1.6 Eusmilia fastigiata	Flower Coral			?	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30	21.15-22.30
1.7 Madracis senaria	Ten-ray Star Coral						?	?
1.8 Agaricia humilis/A. agaricites	Lettuce Coral	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night	all night
1.9 Stephanocoenia intersepta B	Blushing Star Coral	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00
<b>2. Echinodermata</b>								
2.1 Diadema antillarum	Black Sea-urchin	12:00 till around 18:00, every afternoon						
2.2 Holothuria mexicana	Donkeydung Sea Cucumber	12:00 till around 18:00, every afternoon						
2.3 Ophiuroidea	Brittle stars/serpent stars	19.30-22.00, every night						
<b>3. Gorgonacea</b>	<b>Gorgonians</b>							
3.1 Plexaura	Sea Rods	around 19.00, every day						
<b>4. Annelida</b>	<b>Worms</b>							
4.1 Hermodice carunculata	Fire Worm	12.00 till around 19.00, every afternoon						
4.2 Spirobranchus giganteus	Christmas Tree Worm	around 19.00, every night						
<b>5. Spongia</b>	<b>Sponges</b>							
5.1 Neofibularia nolitangere	Do-not-touch-me Sponge	14.00-17.00	14.00-17.00	14.00-17.00	?			

# Bomb Threat Drill

On Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the Bonaire Harbor Authority conducted an exercise to extend and bring up to date its security certification. Officials of the US Coastguard were on hand to observe the handling of a bomb threat.

At 8am the exercise began when the captain of the cruise ship *Freewinds*, tied up at the North Pier, received a call saying there was a bomb aboard his vessel. At the news he called the Port Captain, who declared a "Level 3" security alert and contacted the Governor. At that time an Island Disaster Plan was invoked and various local and international agencies became involved: the Hospital, Tourism Office, Police, Fire Department, Marine Park, Customs, SSS, SSV, BOPEC, and other government offices plus the Royal Marines and Coast Guard. An evacuation of the *Freewinds* as well as nearby buildings was ordered. A search of the area, inside the *Freewinds* and under the hull was conducted with the help of the *Freewinds* crew under the direction of Police Chief van der Stratten. Bonaire Marine Park Rangers assisted.

After consulting with Royal Marine and Coast Guard officials about the findings of the search team, the exercise was ended. The overall conclusion was that the exercise, coordinated by the Police Chief with the cooperation of many groups, was fruitful. □

*G.D./BVO Press release & photos*



*At the threat of a bomb the ship is evacuated*



*Marine Park Rangers on hand to help*



*Police Chief van der Stratten coordinates*



*Emergency vehicles stand by*



*Customs, Police and Harbor officials review plans*



*The Freewinds captain and the Police Chief confer*



*A Coast Guard cutter stands by*



*The search of the ship is exhaustive*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

This painting, "Maria den Porta di Kushina" (Maria at the Kitchen Door) will be in the art exhibition at Kas di Arte in November. It's at the request of gallery director Jackie Bernabela who wanted to remember the artist, Jacques (Poko-poko) van der Lugt who passed away in The Netherlands on 17 August 2006.  
 □ Wilna Groenemboom



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

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Annette Reukert with Dutch architect, Onno Greiner, a former Bonaire resident in Vienna, take a look at *The Bonaire Reporter*.



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## Kas di Arte Wins Attention

One of the cruise ship *Freewinds* guests on board last week was Carl W. Röhrig, an internationally famous artist. After he visited the art exhibit at Kas di Arte on Friday, August 11, he invited all the artists and the public to join him aboard the ship on Monday, August 28, for a show of his work and an evening of light entertainment and music. On Sunday, August 27, Carl gave a free workshop to Bonaire artists.



Bonaire artist Nochi Coffie, Carl Röhrig, Kas di Arte's Jackie Bernabela and *Freewinds* Port Captain Ludwig.

Röhrig was elected a member of the National Geographic Society and has had his art and photography published by them as well as front pages in leading German magazines. He was born in Munich in 1953 and now lives and works in Hamburg. There is a lot of information about him on the Internet and he has a web site: [www.carl-roehrig.com](http://www.carl-roehrig.com) □ Story & photo by Jackie Bernabela



# Pet of the Week

His name is "Nick," but we think he's a ringer for the dog "Sandy" in the Broadway show and then movie, "Annie." In fact that dog Sandy was discovered in an animal shelter in the states. Star quality shows through.

This guy, Nick, is full of personality. He exemplifies the meaning "social!" What a fun dog he is too. He's about a year old and is ready to start his obedience training. He's got the smarts; he just needs the right master or mistress to guide him. And he'll make a formidable watch dog too. You may see him at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

Recently the staff of the Shelter arrived in the morning to find a bag of puppies tied to the gate. They were healthy but very happy to get out of the bag, needless to say. It's good that the person who dropped them off was thinking of the Shelter for those unwanted puppies and didn't just drop them in the mondi. However, the Shelter wants people to know that they accept all unwanted dogs or cats – with no questions asked. People don't have to feel intimidated. And, as Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema explains, "When we can talk with the people we can help them to get the mother cat or dog sterilized and save them from having more unwanted litters." If you know someone who has a pet that continually has litters, let them know the Shelter policy. It can save a lot of misery and sadness from having too many dogs or cats for people to care for. □L.D.



"Nick"

## 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](http://www.sudokushack.com).

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

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	4		2		9		8
	7				6		3
		6	7				
	5		8			4	
8			9			3	

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
9-01	5:20	0.8FT.	19:44	1.9FT.					43
9-02	5:50	0.8FT.	20:23	2.0FT.					43
9-03	6:15	0.8FT.	21:11	2.0FT.					50
9-04	6:39	0.9FT.	21:58	2.0FT.					61
9-05	7:05	0.9FT.	11:49	1.1FT.	14:07	1.0FT.	22:43	2.0FT.	73
9-06	7:26	1.0FT.	12:00	1.2FT.	15:42	1.1FT.	23:35	1.9FT.	85
9-07	0:23	1.8FT.	7:42	1.1FT.	12:28	1.3FT.	17:06	1.1FT.	95
9-08	1:24	1.6FT.	7:52	1.1FT.	13:18	1.4FT.	18:40	1.1FT.	101

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Elegant greeting cards and beautiful boxed note cards are now available at Chat-N-Browse next to Lover's Ice Cream and Sand Dollar Grocery. Photography by Shelly Craig [www.bonaireimages.com](http://www.bonaireimages.com)

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LADA NIVA (jeep) for sale 1991-4X4 drive 1.6 lt.; 95.000km NAf1.800 717-2844 or 786-2844

### Wanted

Single, 33-year-old California woman coming to Bonaire to snorkel and meet that special someone. I'm extremely kind and have been to Bonaire twice and want to live on Bonaire. Email me at: [michelleme77@aol.com](mailto:michelleme77@aol.com). Pictures are available. Michelle.

Washington Park needs a donation of two first stages from old regulators (or new) with a BCD inflator hose only in order to assist the people with flat tires

inside the park. Contact Fernando Simal, Park Manager, at 717-8444 or 788-9015 - email: [washingtonpark@stinapa.org](mailto:washingtonpark@stinapa.org)

Doghouses Needed: 2 dog houses needed for large dogs. Please call 786-3134.

### Vacation Rental

Cozy guest cottage available. Studio with kitchen, airco, cable TV, two single beds (or king) pull-out sofa, bikes, kayak, porch, yard and private entrance. Five minute walk to seaside promenade; 10 minute walk to town. \$50/night. Contact: [sea-beans@hotmail.com](mailto:sea-beans@hotmail.com)

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# Own Your Own Business

“Bo Mes Negoshi” in Papiamentu means “A Business of Your Own.” Spearheaded by business advisor, Otto Bartels, the foundation, Bo Mes Negoshi, will try to generate and raise funds to finance small and micro businesses, which, until now, always miss the boat and will go on missing the boat as long as the business sector doesn’t get the attention it deserves.

From research and many experiences from very well informed local persons and institutions, who are partners in this project, there exists a real need for an enterprise like Bo Mes Negoshi. The goal is to help approximately 20 entrepreneurs per year to get started or to assist with the further development of already existing businesses.

Bo Mes Negoshi will operate under the following guidelines:

- It will grant small loans with a variable, soft interest rate and a running time of up to five years. For the time being, the maximum grant will be approximately euro10.000 (about NAf25.000).

- The entrepreneur, if possible, should have a financial interest part in his business himself, even if it is a very small amount. The money can be used to invest directly into assets or provide capital stock, so that it can be assessed and equalized to share capital. This could lead to a better bankable micro business, which will better prepare it for the regular banking circuit.

- New requests will be reviewed overall



*The first grant loan was given to Oneil's Delivery Service. Oneil Martijn (right) gets the check from Fedde Pronk (RABOBANK) and Otto Bartels*

at no charge and will lead to the decision whether or not to go on with the business initiative.

- If the initiative has basically been approved, a contract will be made up between Bo Mes Negoshi and the (future) entrepreneur and a reliable business plan will be made.

Experience has shown that a business advisor should be consulted. The costs for this advisor can be co-financed in the applied loan.

After completion of the business plan the plan will be reviewed by an independent and autonomous credit committee, which will consist of professional and locally well-informed persons.

After approval, the loan will be granted under conditions to be determined by the credit commission. The entrepreneur will report on his progress on a regular basis and an accountant will periodically make a review.

The initiators of this concept, the RABOBANK Heerenveen (The Netherlands), the RABO-Foundation, a group of ex-entrepreneurs on Bonaire, fans of Bonaire and people from the business world of Bonaire, know that financing new business is risky, but good “after care” combined with the enthusiasm of the Bonairean community justifies the effort.

For more information Phone/Fax: 717-6315, 786-0609; E-mail: [info@bomesnegoshi.com](mailto:info@bomesnegoshi.com). □ Press Release/G.D.

This weekend, September 1-3

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonaire Bikers Tour

More than 300 motorcyclists from Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Holland and America are expected to be on Bonaire this weekend for the eighth running of the Bonaire Bikers Motorcycle Tour. Rocargo is unloading foreign bikes this week. Everyone, including locals, who want to join in, should sign up at the Bonaire Bikers HQ, Bonaire Motorcycle Shop, on Friday, September 1.



*Bonaire Biker volunteers at the Special Olympics Walkathon*

The majority of the event-packed program will take place between Karel's Beach Bar and City Café. There will be tours through Bonaire neighborhoods so the visitors can see more of what Bonaire has to offer. There will be festivities in Wilhelmina Park on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and a Grand Parade on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



*Some gorgeous motorcycles lined up downtown last year*

Many local businesses are supporting the event including the principal sponsor, Captain Don's Habitat, MCB and RBTT Banks, Fatum and Russel Insurances, Digicel, Warehouse Bonaire, Rent O Fun and others. For more information you can contact: Orlando Francisca 786-2131, Mocky Arends 786-5614 or Norman Evertsz 560-7282. □

*G.D./ Press release*

## DO YOU SUDOKU?

And the solution is:  
(puzzle and directions on page 12)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MOVIELAND

### WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

**Late Show**  
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)  
**Little Man**  
(Marlon & Shawn Wayans)

**Early Show (Usually 7 pm)**  
**Click (Adam Sandler)**

**Kaya Prinses Marie Behind Exito Bakery**  
Tel. 717-2400  
Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)

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

**SATURDAY 4 PM** September:  
**The Ant Bully**

### THIS WEEK

**Friday, September 1-** Fund raising radio shows for Parke Publico -BonFM, Digital 91.1, 8 am & 12:20 pm respectively. More information call Davika Bissessar, 786-1592, or James Fines, 510-4050. See page 7.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 1, 2, 3 -Bikers' Weekend** - See page 14.

**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 8.

**Sunday, 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.

**September 4 - 29** - Activities with Ned & Anna DeLoach at Buddy Dive. See page 7.

**Wednesday, September 6** - Bonaire Day in the barrio of Amboina (see sidebar)

**September 7** -October 15-Coral Spawning in Bonaire. See page 9.

### COMING

**Friday, September 15** - Bonaire Culinary Team Fundraiser Dinner. Tickets NAf70 (\$40) call Margaret 717-2897 or Laura 786-6518. See page 7.

**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.

**October 8-16** -Bonaire Regatta. For stands call/fax 717-8408

### 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) 5-7
- 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 6-9 pm while enjoying a great dinner** in colorful tropical ambiance at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar, Divi Flamingo. Open daily 5-10 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@goldenreefinn.com

### Tuesdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers**, 5-7 Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar
- **Wine & Cheese**/ \$1 glass of wine, 5-7, Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar
- **Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings**, 5-7, 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, 7-9, Cactus Blue.
- Live music by **Flamingo Rockers, Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** 5-6:30.
- **Beach BBQ 7-10 & Live music by Flamingo Rockers** -The Windsurf Place at Sorobon
- **Movie Night at Buddy Dive**

### Thursdays

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

### 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
- **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

## Bonaire (Flag) Day Festivities - Wednesday, September 6

On Wednesday, September 6, come and celebrate Bonaire Flag Day in Amboina at the Sentro di Bario. There will be music, all kinds of festivities and plenty of good food, drink and conviviality. There's enough going on to keep us occupied all day long. Below is the schedule.

- 08.30-08.40-Arrival of the Executive Council, Island Council, special guests
- 08.45-08.55- High government officials arrive
- 09.00-0945 - Ecumenical service accompanied by the Flor di Coromoto choir.
- 09.45- Arrival of uniformed groups accompanied by the drum corps. Bonaire Hymn by Sr. Olvin Bart as the **flag is raised**.
- 10.05 - Uniformed groups leave accompanied by the drum corps
- 10.15-10.25 - Speech by Deputy Geraldine Dammers
- 10.25-10.35- Speech by Senator Ramoncito Booi
- 10.35-10.45 - Speech by Governor Herbert Domacassé
- 10.45-11.00 - The Ginies dance group performs
- 11.00-11.15 - Presentation of 20 years of Bonaire plaque
- 11.15-11.50 - Citizens of honor recognized
- 11.40-11.50 - Presentation of plaque recognizing the first inhabitant of Amboina
- 11.50-12.15 - The Ginies dance group perform
- 12.15-13.00- A toast
- 13.00-14.00 - Glenn I su Gang perform
- 14.00-15.00 - Amboina Dancers perform
- 15.00-16.00 - Tipiko Bon Bini group performs
- 16.00-17.00 - Unlimited Dancers perform
- 17.00-18.00 - Old Time Games/DJ
- 18.00-18.15 - **Flag lowering ceremony**
- 18.15-19100 - Silver Bullet Band performs
- 19.00-20.00 - Pal'I Wiri Band performs
- 20.00-21.00 - New Genration Dancers perform
- 21.00-23.00 - Kaña Brabu performs
- 23.00-24.00 - Prestige performs □



one 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 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

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

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# Born On Bonaire

## Olivia Justina Janga

“I was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1963, and I grew up in my grandmother’s house in Sabana, the house with the chimney. I was the youngest child of Angel “Boeboe” Janga and Julianita “Jujuchi” Janga-Soliana. All my mother’s deliveries had been difficult, but when I was born they had to use forceps and many things went wrong, and they put me in an incubator. Apparently they left me there too long, not knowing what was going on, and when I came home I didn’t develop the way I should have. My mother took me to the doctor in Curaçao and he told her that I’d become spastic and also that I would have great difficulties speaking. His advice was to send me to the Monsignor Verriet Institution in Curaçao, an institution for the disabled, because I needed therapy.

I was three years old when I went there. My mom didn’t want to let me go, but my grandmother spoke with her and then she agreed. My father’s twin sister, Angelica Cicilia, who lived in Curaçao, came to visit me every Sunday and sometimes my mother would come too. In 1971, when I was eight, my mother passed away. Her new baby had died in her womb. She was flown to Curaçao where she underwent a caesarian section, but she died of an infection 10 days later. My sister Magna had just turned 18. She’d gotten a job in Curaçao and came to live with my Aunt Angelica, and every Sunday she came to visit me too. She stayed in Curaçao for five years and would take me to Bonaire for vacations once or twice a year.

My father was still living here with my sister Airin and our brother Bennie. Our sister Gerda was already married. In Curaçao I attended the Soeur Hedwig School. I liked it very much, especially the drawing and the painting. At school I also found a friend, Lisette Copra, and she still is one of my best friends.

One day, when I was 15, my father came to visit me. He used to come frequently because he was working on a small cargo boat, the *Isidel*, which was sailing between Bonaire and Curaçao. That particular day, however, my father asked me if I wanted to come back with him to Bonaire. I told him that I was really sorry but I couldn’t do it because I wanted to finish my school, and so he left. The next day I was told that my father had never arrived on Bonaire. The boat with seven people onboard had completely vanished... Bòi Antoin wrote a book about it. Until today it’s a mystery. Nobody knows what happened. If I’d gone with my father that day I wouldn’t be alive... that’s what I’m always thinking...

My sister Magna got married on Bon-

aire in 1976. They lived for seven years in Rincon and then they built a house in Sabana and they moved there in 1984. That year, when I became 21, Magna was called by the Monsignor Verriet Institution telling her they couldn’t keep me there any longer because I was an adult now. If my parents wouldn’t take me, they would send me to the Capriles Clinic, an institution for the severe mentally disabled, as they didn’t have another option. As I am not mentally disabled, Magna spoke to her husband because she felt she was the only one in the family who could take me. She had two children, Rigna and Regeline. She had a full-time job at Fundashon Kas Bonaireano and her husband had a full-time job too. So the problem was what to do with me in the daytime!

She went to the government and everybody started looking for possibilities. In December 1985 I started working at Pasadia del Cariño, now the FKPD, the center for disabled people, in Rincon. I was 22.

“The next day I was told that my father had never arrived on Bonaire. The boat.. the *Isidel* ..with seven people onboard had completely vanished... If I’d gone with my father that day I wouldn’t be alive...”

It wasn’t easy; I had left all my friends behind and had to start all over and I cried a lot. At Pasadia things weren’t as well organized as they are now and the work was kind of boring. I did some drawing, needlework and sewing. But...” she laughs: “I had my family... and that made up for many things! For my sister Magna it was tiring. I would come home at 4:15 pm when she would still be at work. She would come - rush, rush - open the door for me - and her children who were eight and four at the time, would come and keep me company. Then she had to go back to work until 5 pm. For me it went well. It was cozy with the little girls, although sometimes they could be quite annoying little rug rats!

Over the years lots of things have been improved at the FKPD, and from the moment Lupe Uranie became the director everyone is so much happier. We’re going out a lot and I found some good friends like Margriet Anthony, Lucille Soliana and Hellen Agostien. They’re all in my group and they help me whenever

it’s necessary and also they know me well.

My sister Magna taught me how to handle money, and I go shopping for the various groups every day at the local supermarket together with Lucille Soliana. For me it’s also therapy because besides my daily physiotherapy I have to keep on moving as much as possible.

Over the years my paintings have become much better. I learned how to mix the colors and my techniques improved too. Many tourists buy them as they like them a lot. On my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday Lupe organized a big surprise for me: my first exposition! Everybody was there - my friends, my entire family, all the people from the FKPD and the newspaper and TV people! I cried, Lupe cried, Magna cried and Varenia, my group leader, also cried!

When I am not inspired to paint, I write notes to my friends on the computer and to my ‘mama-makamba,’ Gerda Takes, in Holland. Last year I took a computer course for beginners with Rayvah, and I got my diploma. As I can use only one hand, FKPD is looking for a special system that can be programmed in the computer so it will be easier for me to work it. Wherever I go, I always take my camera with me because I love to take pictures. I also love to buy birthday presents for my friends and family.

Last year on Mother’s Day I went on a cruise with my sister Magna, my Aunt Angelica, my nieces Rigna and Regeline (who took care of me) and my cousin Railey. I paid for it myself. I saved my government allowance thanks to Magna who’s always been like a mother to me and who lets me keep the money. We left from Aruba to Puerto Rico, to St. Thomas and from there to Barbados. On the way back to Aruba an elderly couple disappeared from the ship when we were at sea and it caused so much commotion



Olivia Justina Janga

that the ship had to detour. We had to go to St. Martin, then to Puerto Rico and then we had to fly back to Aruba.”

Olivia asks Varenia, her group-leader, to get the pictures of the trip and they show a very elegant Olivia (43) in a bathing suit on a deck chair, in a marvelous evening dress at the railing, fancy at the dinner table and, very cute, at a slot machine in the casino. “I didn’t win anything!” she laughs.

“Well, very soon life is going to change again because of serious health problems my sister Magna went through. She advised me to apply for a room in the new complex the FKPD is building in Niki-boko North. I didn’t want to, but my sister convinced me because by the time she really can’t take care of me anymore there might be no room left. I’m going to live under guidance with my girlfriends in the same building. I know it will be hard to leave my family, but Magna told me I’m always welcome to stay over for the weekends. So, I think, all in all, it will be fun. And although I am a sensitive person I am also a person who adjusts easily. The FKPD is looking for a possibility to see if I could go to Holland for a year to improve my painting techniques.

Also, recently, Littman Jewelers started to sell my art in their gallery in town, and I hope that the people who will buy it will enjoy it as much as I did making it. My life is good, because by now I know that life has its ups and downs and that it is the same for everyone.” □

Story & photo by Greta Kooistra

This story could have never been written without the help of Olivia’s sister, Magna Molina, and her daughter, Rigna, and Olivia’s group leader at FKPD, Varenia Thomas. I want to thank them for helping me. G. K.



# Lake Silvaplana, Switzerland

It's been said that Lake Silvaplana in Switzerland is one of the most difficult destinations for freestylers. It's one of the big events on the European Freestyle Windsurfing tour. It's about 1,800 meters high, between big mountains that often have snow on top even during the summer. You have to windsurf in the cold, icy water you can see falling into the lake.



Ruben makes a winning move

The wind is called a **thermal** wind, meaning that as air between the mountains heats up, the cold breeze reinforces its strength and blows strongly between the mountains. The air is thin so you have less oxygen to breathe, and you get tired three times faster than what you are used to.

One week after the European Freestyle event in Belgium, Ruben Petresie, our windsurfing reporter, flew to Milan, Italy. His report follows:

**Day 1:** Signup at 10 am and first start at 1 pm. The weather was super cloudy, a temperature of 5°C, slightly rainy and really cold for the summer, even in Switzerland. So on the first day we did not expect much to happen really. At midnight we had a little champagne celebration going on because of my birthday.

**Day 2:** Riders' meeting at 10am, sunshine and just a few clouds in the sky.

The judges decided to go ahead and start with the single elimination 30 minutes after the riders' meeting. After a few heats were done it started to get really cloudy which affected the wind which became very gusty.

One of the heats had to be run at least four times. Every time when they thought it might be stable enough the wind got worse. Everybody was getting cold and tired of waiting.

Imagine how it is to be in a full wetsuit for 4 hours, 4°C outside air temperature with a bit of wind chill and not much sun around. So even on land we had it a bit

tough. Later that day they finally cancelled the competition.

**Day 3:** The single elimination continued with a slight morning breeze and some sunshine, meaning that it could be very promising in the coming hours.

After the riders' meeting, I had to quickly get ready because of being in the next heat to start. I was against a newcomer from Germany, Daniel Standhart. I asked around how good this guy was exactly because sailing against a newcomer can be a surprise. I found out after asking around that he has an old school style. So I sailed my heat while focusing on not getting too tired for the next heat because I felt that Daniel had no chance at all. The wind was getting very gusty (up and down) so a lot of heats were on hold or being re-sailed.

After I beat the Slovenian freestyler, Tine Slabe, the wind got a bit stronger. The quarter finals brought some interesting action. Some of the top sailors made it through to the semi finals.

And then there was my heat, the most important heat of the event, you might actually say of the whole season. I was facing the strong leader of the European Freestyle Tour, Germany's talent, Norman Gunzlein, who has had a strong summer at the World Cup in Fuerte and won the last event in Belgium. This time I knew I had to pull out some technical moves.

The heat started off. We did a spock together and then .....he crashed his clew



Sebastian photos

Overall winner, Matteo Guazzoni from Italy

first spock. That's when I replied with exactly the same move successfully while fully planing. It seems that he got a little nervous which is unusual for such great sailor. I pulled out some more switch-stance combinations and a crowd pleaser, a flat water punch close to the crowd (see photo), cameras and the rocks. It was amazing to hear the crowd going extremely crazy. I took a look at Norman but he was crashing again. The heat finished, and from the water I heard the people screaming that I advanced to the semi finals... That was actually the biggest surprise of the competition. It meant that Norman lost points and would not be the leader of the European Freestyle Tour anymore.

In the semi finals we had Germany, Andre Paskowski; Sweden, Andy Olanderson; Italy, Matteo Guazzoni; and me, Ruben Petresie from Bonaire.

Well, Andre beat Andy and Matteo beat Ruben.

Andy and Ruben met in the Losers Finals while Andre and Matteo were sailing a pretty interesting final until Andre broke his foot strap two minutes before the heat ended. It was a sad moment for Andre who was really hungry for the event title this year.

It was a happy moment for Matteo, a specialist in such lake conditions. Matteo Guazzoni, 2004 European Freestyle Champion, earned his first place position after showing some stylish shakas and switch stance combinations.

Results after single elimination:

1. Matteo Guazzoni (RRD/Simmer)
2. Andre Paskowski (F2/North Sails)
3. Andy Olanderson (JP/NP)

4. Ruben Petresie (Exocet/The Loft)
5. Michi Rossmeier (Exocet)
5. Remko De Weerd (Fanatic / Gaastra)

**Next events coming up:**

The House Cafe Cup- Turkey.  
World Cup Freestyle Finals in Sylt, Germany.

Straight afterwards, a new destination on the European Freestyle Tour, Anapa, Russia, The Black Sea Cup.

And at last, the Finals of the European Freestyle Tour in Premantura, Croatia.

Greetings to all and thanks for reading.

□ Ruben Petresie



Ruben Petresie



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

The Closest Full Moon of the Year, Farthest Moon of the Year and Use the Moon to Find Uranus

This September is very special in the Sky Park moon wise because it pays host not only to the closest full Moon of the year but also to the farthest Moon of the year. On top of which you can use September's full Moon to find the most difficult of all to find planets, planet #7, **Uranus**.

On the official night of September's full Moon, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, face east about an hour after sunset where you will



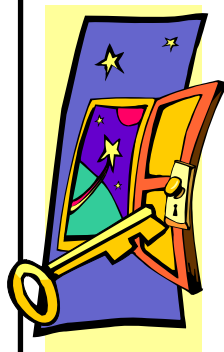
Closest time for our moon

see a fabulously colorful pumpkin orange huge Moon just risen above the horizon. And believe me it will be huge, not only because it is close to the horizon, which makes all full Moons look bigger than when they're overhead, but also because it will be the closest full Moon of the year which will make it look almost 14% larger than the farthest full Moon of the year which occurred last February. Indeed on February 13 the Moon was a whopping 252,332 miles away, but next week's full Moon will be over 30,000 miles closer, only 222,012 miles away. That's further than a trip circumnavigating the **Earth**.

But remember, full Moons always look bigger when they're close to the horizon than they do when they are overhead. So although next week's full Moon will look bigger than usual even when it's overhead, nevertheless, it will look its very biggest when it's either rising Thursday evening or setting Friday morning. On top of which, if you have a pair of binoculars, you can use the full Moon to find the dimmest naked eye planet of them all, 32,000-mile-wide Uranus, which just coincidentally next week will be at its closest to Earth for the year - only 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> billion miles away. In early evening simply train your binoculars on the Moon and bluish-green Uranus will be a tiny dot 7 degrees or 14 full Moon widths up and to the right of it. You'll have to look carefully though because the bright moonlight will be rather overwhelming.

Now some of you may be thinking that since it's September this full Moon should be the **Harvest Moon** because usually September's full Moon is. But this year is an exception. The Harvest Moon this year will not occur until next month, October 6<sup>th</sup>. You see, the official definition of a Harvest Moon is the full Moon that occurs closest to the first day of autumn, the **Autumnal Equinox**. This year the autumnal equinox occurs at **12:03 a.m., E.D.T. September 23rd**, which means that October's full Moon is 35 hours closer to the equinox than September's. But next week's full Moon will be just as beautiful as any September full Moon, Harvest Moon or not.

So what about September hosting the farthest Moon of the year? Well it occurs on the day before the equinox, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the Moon will be new and a whopping 252,586 miles from **Earth**. But since it's a new Moon it means it's not visible so you wouldn't know about it unless we told you. So, have fun with next week's super close full Moon, use it to find Uranus. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, August 27 to  
Saturday, September 2, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Do not ruffle feathers if possible. Promotions will be yours if you have acted professionally in times of crisis. Don't let your partner goad you into wearing your heart on your sleeve. Be aware that minor accidents or injury may prevail if you are preoccupied. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You are best to move quickly and to get in good with the boss. Things have been moving so quickly that you need to do something physical to release your tension. Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. You'll find travel or involvement in large groups gratifying. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You haven't been totally honest with yourself and it's time to review your motives. If they don't like the plan, suggest that they contribute a little. Don't reveal any personal details. Rethink your motives and make the necessary changes to yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Secret intrigues could get you into trouble. Don't blow situations out of proportion. You are exceptional at presenting your ideas. Friends from your past may come back into your life. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Catch up on correspondence. You will have a tendency to put on pounds. Get involved in creative projects that will enhance your earning power. Satisfy your passionate mood. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You should get into some of those creative hobbies that you always said you wanted to do. It may not be the best time to confront employers or to present your ideas. You will not be able to contain your emotions this week. Don't be too confident that coworkers are on your side. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Put in some extra hours and finish those careful jobs before you move on to some fun and games. Romance appears. Mingle with those who have similar interests, and you should be able to start something. Difficulties with your mate may lead to estrangement. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Outbursts of passion may cause arguments with your mate. You need to do more research before you make your final decision. You will inspire confidence in others. Friendships will be ruined if you let too many people get involved in any disputes. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Investments will not be as they appear this week. Socializing or travel will lead to partnerships. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction. Get busy. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You may be sensitive concerning friends and their situations. Be prudent and don't be led down the garden path. Money can be made if you use your ingenuity. You can increase the value of your dwelling. Look into residential moves that will give you more space. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Be discreet about any information you uncover. Be prepared to encounter new friendships that will provide you with valuable information. Don't make promises. You will be extremely sensual; take precautions and don't take any risks. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't be afraid to say what's on your mind. Your interests could lead you down avenues you never realized existed. Don't count on your friends to be loyal when it comes to doing things. Opportunities to travel will develop through peers. Your lucky day this week will be Friday. □