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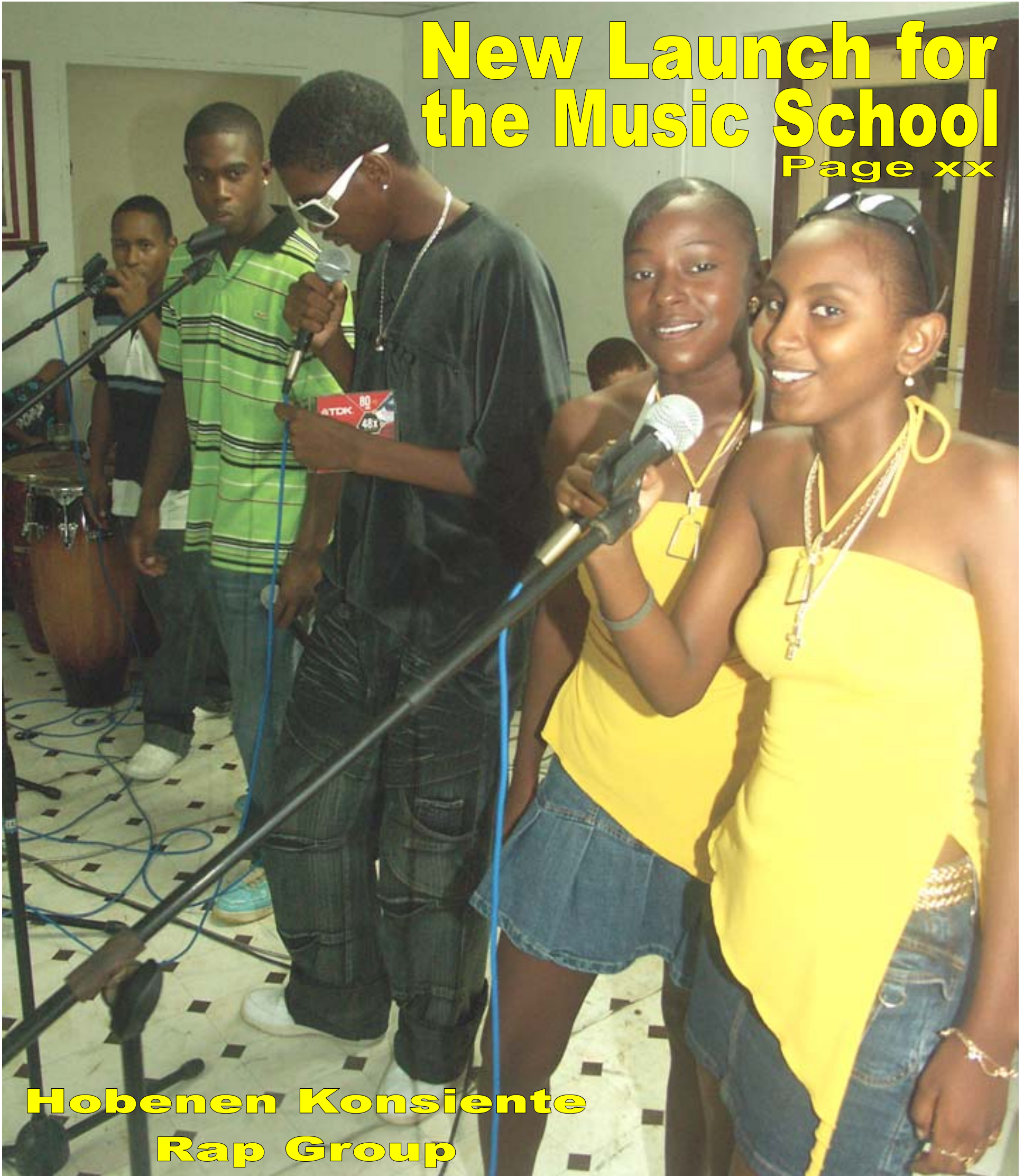
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In the reorganization following the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles, the smaller islands of Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius should be added to the territory of the Netherlands. This is one of the notable conclusions reached by the Dutch Council of State (RvSt), the highest advisory body in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Having the new "countries" of Curaçao and St. Maarten to share the same Governor is another. In the advice document the RvSt points out the possibility that this Governor can also become the 'Royal Commissioner' for Bonaire, Statia and Saba, similar to the 12 existing Dutch provinces. A single public prosecutor will also be appointed for Bonaire, Statia and Saba.

► Last Friday caretaker Government Minister Atzo Nicolaï stated that he was "cautiously positive" about reaching political agreements with the islands regarding the dissolution of The Netherlands Antilles in the next few months. According to Nicolaï, the



political agreements should precede a "Round Table Conference" where these agreements can be endorsed. Nicolaï stated in the letter that he would be meeting first with Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius in early October. The problems he listed as critical were crime, poverty, dropouts and stagnating economic development. He called for "intense" cooperation in various areas, especially those in which the Kingdom Government must provide guarantees.

► A press release said that Her Majesty, Queen Beatrix, looks forward to her visit to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba



later this year. She plans to spend two weeks in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba during November. The Queen referred to the future constitutional changes in the Netherlands Antilles. She waved to well-wishers from the Noordeinde Palace balcony after the presentation of the Dutch 2007 Budget Memorandum and the opening of the Dutch Parliamentary Year in The Hague. "We face a combined effort regarding the changes in the relationships within the Kingdom," she said.

"This will require a big commitment from all of us. The Government will do its utmost for these deliberations to lead to fruitful results."

► **Insel Air cannot fly to St. Maarten using a Surinamese Airlines MD-82 jet.** The court suspended the dispensation that the Minister of Transport granted Insel Air earlier this week. The verdict tore the Central Government's defense to shreds in the lawsuit instituted by Bonaire-based Dutch Antillean Express (DAE). Insel Air currently has facilities and personnel to handle only its 19-passenger-propeller airplane. The verdict states: "It is likely that in this competition the company (DAE) will be disadvantaged, if... Insel Air is exempted from the legal requirement having operational control on the flight." Incidentally, the old MD-82 that Insel Air intended to use is currently grounded in Surinam with technical trouble.

Both DAE and Insel Air will try to fly the Curaçao-St. Maarten route with a jet airplane within two months. Insel Air is busy with certification for its own MD-82, and DAE hopes to start regional flights in November. They plan to use two Fokker 100 jets and will use them on the St. Maarten route as well.

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► **The Netherlands is the EU country with the highest net migration.** The Netherlands is the only western European country that sees more people leaving than coming in. The only other countries with net migration were Poland, Lithuania and Latvia. Some 121,000 persons left the Netherlands last year, the highest number ever recorded. The number of immigrants totaled more than 92,000. For decades the people coming to the Netherlands outnumbered those leaving the country. This trend changed in 2003.

In 2005 emigrants outnumbered immigrants by 27,000. A quarter of the emigrants moved to Belgium and Germany in 2005, presumably because of lower real estate prices. Emigration increased further in the first four months of 2006: 29,000 people left the Netherlands, 5,000 more than in the same period a year earlier. How many came to the Antilles was not reported.

► **An estimated 20,000 persons are residing in St. Maarten illegally. That is the figure, 40% of the total population,** that was quoted by Justice Minister David Dick last Monday. "St. Maarten has a population of 50,000 registered residents. Half don't have a Dutch passport."

► **Venezuela's foreign minister was detained at a New York airport** on Saturday, prompting an apology from the US government and compounding already tense relations between the two countries. Venezuelan television said Foreign Minister Nicholas Maduro was stopped for an hour and a half and his travel documents

confiscated. "We denounce the US government for violating international law," Maduro told Venezuelan television from New York. "This is a provocation from Mr. Devil," Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez told Venezuelan state television, using a name he called US President George W. Bush at the U.N. General Assembly this week.



► **The latest American warship** to visit Curaçao (and irritate Chavez) is the frigate *USS Stephen W. Groves*. The 25-year-old vessel is outfitted with modern rockets and two helicopters. It comes just two weeks after the carrier *USS Kearsarge* spent several days on the island.

► Colombian Finance Minister Alberto Carrasquilla voiced **concern on Tuesday about recent large weapons purchases by neighboring Venezuela.** Russia has sold 24 aircraft, 53 helicopters and Kalashnikov automatic weapons to Venezuela, the world's No.5 oil exporter, for more than \$3 billion in July amid protests from Washington. Last week, the US military chief for Latin America said re-

Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...

Sharks have "teeth" skin?

Sharks are fish in the Order Chondrichthyes and have some unique characteristics not shared with bony fish. The scales of sharks (and other cartilaginous fish) are called denticles (or placoid scales) and are similar in structure to teeth. In fact, there are some that believe teeth evolved from denticle-like structures in primitive fish. Denticles point towards the rear, so if you run your hand along a shark's skin from front to back, it feels smooth. If you try doing the same thing from back to front, it is very rough and feels like sandpaper. If you think I'm encouraging you to go out and try this on a shark in the wild, you're mistaken! Even the most passive nurse sharks will attack if provoked. Before the time of sandpaper, fishermen in some cultures would use sharkskin to sand their boats.

Biologists studying sharks have found that denticles reduce drag to make swimming more efficient and also allow sharks to swim more silently than other fish. □ C.E.



denticles - placoid scales

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.



cent weapons purchases by Venezuela seemed excessive and raised worries it may be funneling arms to leftist rebels. "It appears that the number of weapons ordered is in excess of the number of folks they have in their active military force," US General John Craddock said.

► The Netherlands Antilles Coral Reef Initiative (NACRI) is the recipient of the prestigious **White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW) Partnership Initiative grant** of \$24,132 for its Southeastern Caribbean Coral Reef Nutrient Monitoring Initiative. This project seeks to implement a new

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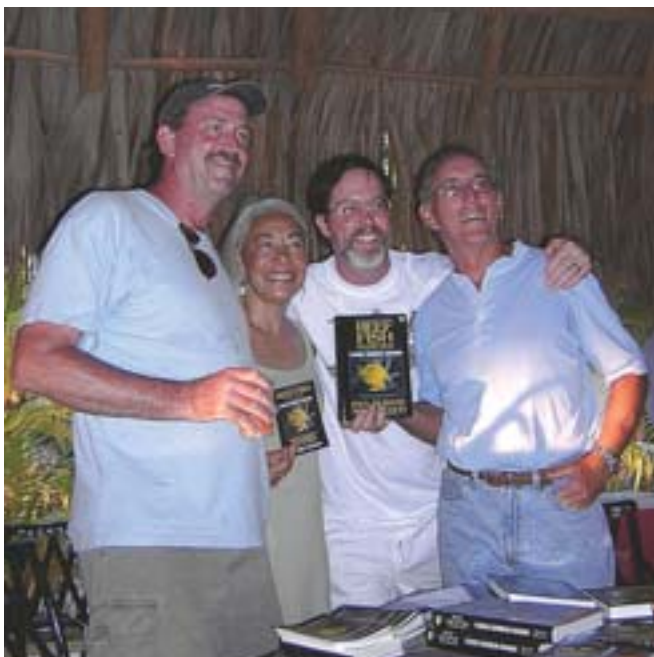
Star Authors on Bonaire

Anna and Ned DeLoach, known worldwide as staunch environmentalists, authors and champions for the cause of recreational divers, have been kept very busy during their month-long sojourn on Bonaire at their host resort, Buddy Dive.

Every Tuesday evening they shared their diving experiences with everyone present after the happy hour by showing photos and talking about the behavior and habits of reef fish and other creatures below the surface of the sea.

Ned, author of *Reef Fish Behavior in Florida, the Caribbean & Bahamas* and editor of the *Reef Fish, Reef Creature and Reef Coral Identification* series, along with his lovely and energetic wife, Anna, also signed and dedicated all copies of their books presented to them every Friday evening at the sunset rum punch party at the Buddy Dive Resort.

This year they added a new weekly **Fish Hunt on Bonaire** where visitors are challenged to record their own sightings of fish species from a list supplied at the Tuesday presentation. Each sight-



The DeLoaches, center and far right, flanked by two Buddy Dive guests at a book signing

ing earns the participant points. An accumulation of 100 points or more is rewarded with a free copy of their *Reef Fish In-A-Pocket* guide. It is a waterproof companion to the *Reef Fish Identification for Divers and Snorkelers*.

Special thanks are in order for Anna and Ned for all their efforts. We hope they continue to take time out of their busy lives and return again next year to the island they love, Bonaire.

The DeLoaches are at Buddy Dive until September 29. □

Story and photo by Albert Bianculli.

Open letter to DROB and to Commissioner Dortalina Bonaire Bicycle Paths- Now's the Time



Sometimes bad things can turn into good things. Recently crews and heavy machinery have been out, digging up kilometers and kilometers of trenches along the roads in order to put in cables. Although this was upsetting to those people who live along the roads it brought to light the fact that the government does indeed own these areas and can make any changes it likes.

So wouldn't now be the perfect time, since the sides of the roads are all dug up anyway, to put in bicycle paths? People, including children, on bikes would feel safe from speeding cars. It would encourage more people to use their bikes – to go to work, to school or just for pleasure.

So often we have seen Dutch people, new to the island, trying to ride their bikes along the roads. But, soon afterwards, we've seen these same people giving up their bikes and switching to driving a car. How sad.



What heroes DROB and the department of roads could be if they took this

opportunity to turn those dug up sides of roads into bike paths. And if we're indeed going to have closer ties with Holland (*Bonaire Nobo*), what a fine compliment to the mother country than to adopt one of her best ideas for transportation.

Bike Paths in Bonaire! It's a Win-Win situation!
□L.D.



There are many, many kilometers of roadsides in Bonaire like this... just waiting for paving into a bicycle path.

Letters to the Editor

HALTING MANGROVE VILLAGE IS IN BONAIRE'S LONG-TERM INTEREST

Dear Editor:

STINAPA's Elsmarie Beukenboom's analysis of why the Mangrove Village at Lac should be stopped contains several warning signs for citizens, residents, and, hopefully, the government of Bonaire.

First, allowing development without a thorough environmental impact study establishes a precedent that each new developer can point to in order to get around any environmental regulations. The result will be unbridled development that harms the sensitive marine ecosystem that is Bonaire's main asset for luring tourists. Although it may be tempting for a few to make some big money in the short-term, such environmentally-irresponsible development will mortally wound much of Bonaire in the long-term: its reefs, its economy, its citizens. After all, once the reefs are damaged beyond repair and the marine life is gone, who will come to Bonaire? And if there are no divers, no snorkelers, no tourists coming to Bonaire, what businesses will survive and how will citizens make a living?

Next, Bonaire cannot have it both ways: projecting an image of a pristine marine environment while at the same time polluting and degrading the mangroves, the reefs, and the sea. Such hypocrisy will tarnish Bonaire's reputation, and it will become like so many other islands in the Caribbean (i.e. U.S. Virgin islands) that realized too late that they had destroyed their "golden goose" (i.e. the reefs) through neglect, ignorance, and stupidity.

Finally, this is a "watershed" moment for Bonaire. If the Mangrove Village is allowed to continue, 25 years from now people will look back and be horrified at an ecosystem spiraling into extinction. So



Mangrove Village excavation

STINAPA photo

now is the time for citizens, the tourism board, community leaders, business owners, etc. to pressure the government to "walk the talk" and hold them accountable for their promises of environmental responsibility.

Pauline E. Kayes

MANGROVE PILLAGE

Dear Editor:

The main point of discussion in the newspapers last week about the Mangrove Village is whether there is a system to reach sustainable development on Bonaire. It's focused on the fact that if you're in favor of sustainable development you're against the "Homo Bonairean." Sorry, so you bring sloppy emotions into

the discussion!

I, like nearly everyone else, am thinking about a good future for the people living on Bonaire. One difference is maybe long-term and short-term thinking. Long-term thinking can cost a little prosperity in the near future, but later on it can produce more profit.

How many Bonaireans are really working at the (bigger) construction companies? How many of those construction workers are coming from the mainland? Those workers send their salaries back home. How many contractors make use of a "tax-holiday?" That's also no money for the government. How many make all their monthly payments?

Let's talk about another fact. Is there enough appreciation for construction jobs? How many students are studying for construction work at the SGB (high school)? There are only a few! So make certain restrictions on workers from overseas and pay construction workers the salary they deserve for their hard work. Start at FORMA or SGB's second chance education at the vocational (SBO) level etc. Then you help the future of the Bonaireans who are unemployed now. That's also sustainable development for Bonaire in the next 10 years.

If you have certain rules, you must follow them. Environmental rules protect the island from people who would like to start building the next resort on Klein Bonaire. In Bonaire, where even less than 10% of the area is built on, they can start tomorrow because you can always put the rules aside if it's "good for the economy!"

Administrators, get really interested in the stuff. When you put economy in second place, when you think that sustainable development is something out of the last century. Sustainable development is still development, a better development!

Herman

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type of coral reef monitoring, linking the reefs' condition more directly to the effects of island watershed and land-based sources of pollution.

Volunteer divers of Reef Care Curaçao will be working at 10 sites in Curaçao, collecting water and algae samples and determining coral and algae cover as well as fish densities.

Similarly, a team of volunteers will start work in the first week of October in Bonaire and St. Lucia under the guidance of the marine parks of both islands.



BVO photo

► On Friday, September 14, Glenda Bernabela, Treasurer of FAJ (Federatie Antilliaanse Jeugdorg Federation of Antillean Youth Organizations) and Calino Molina, a Director of FAJ, presented Bonaire Governor Herbert Domacassé the first **Children's Christmas postage stamps and cards for 2006**.

The presentation opened the 2006 sales campaign. All the Antillean islands and Aruba participate in this project.



AKIB Photo

► A bi-partisan group of 12 Bonaire business and government leaders recently returned from a **trip to Holland** to discuss social, business and environmental issues with Dutch government officials and businessmen. The visit was considered most productive and took the delegation far and wide in The Netherlands. AKIB, the Bonaire Business Association coordinated the trip.

► **The Bonaire Gift Shop** in downtown Kralendijk has started carrying a large variety of cigars including Arturo Fuente, Cohiba, Macanudo, Montecristo, Partagas, Romeo y Julieta, Davidoff and several more in their full size humidor.

They also added new vintages in their wine cellar. Wines include Sancerre, Côtes du Rhone, Chateau Neuf du Pape, Chablis Pommard, Moulin a Vent, Pouille Fuisse and a good variety of excellent Bordeaux. Mix and match up to 12 bottles in a case and receive a good discount.

Keep the wines cool in a new Coleman cooler from personal size to party size or a personal sized collapsible cooler.

Pick up a copy of the newest **Bonaire Dive Guide** while you're there. They're still free.

► Teacher Ronald Tetteroo from the SGB (high school) needs help for the **school project, "Reading English Brings You Further in Life!"** The class, "English as a Foreign Language," wants to draw our Anglo-American residents' and visitors' attention to the fact that they are in urgent need

of English language reading materials for secondary education.

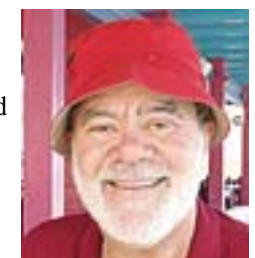
All new or second-hand books are welcome as long as the contents are not strictly for adults and are written by quality authors. When you travel to the US or the UK please think of the SGB students and bring back some books or clean out your present collection. You can drop them off at Kaminda Gurubu #12 or phone 717-4300 to ask for a pick-up of the books.

► **Bonaire tennis instructor Robbie Domacassé will be representing the Netherlands Antilles at the Olympic Solidarity World Congress in Argentina October 1 – 10.** Robbie is also a tennis coach for Bonaire's Special Olympics team and has traveled with them to Ireland and other competition spots.



Robbie Domacassé

► Last week veteran writer Ron Kapon was in Bonaire and made a recorded interview with *Bonaire Reporter* editor Laura DeSalvo. For more than 20 years Kapon has been writing about wine, spirits and travel and teaches at Farleigh Dickinson Univer-



Ron Kapon at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant at Divi Flamingo Resort

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sity. Kapon is now preparing recorded interviews for the upcoming **Sally Jessy Raphael radio shows**. His interview covered the island's high level of cuisine, the chef team competitions and the number of different types of cuisine represented here. Needless to say, there was a lot to talk about in the 12-minute radio spot.

► Most of us know **Birkenstock shoes**; they're designed to be good and healthy for your feet. But the styles in the past have been heavy and orthopedic looking. They should be good for your feet since they're so ugly! But times have changed and so have the designs. In fact they're so attractive that you'd think they wouldn't be comfortable or good for your feet. But that's not the case. Beauty and health can go hand in hand. **Stop by The Touch Salon at Divi Flamingo** and see for yourself the wide range of Birkenstocks for men and women. They still have the good-for-you klompy ones, especially for chefs and others standing on their feet a lot, but wait until you see the new ones!

► Are you ready for 2007? After this Saturday's (September 30) "launch party" beginning at 7 pm at AWC on Kaya Industria, you'll have no excuse, because the **wonderful Bonaire Creations calendar will be available**. They're at Chat 'n' Browse, Jewels of Bonaire, Photo Tours, Buddy Dive, Carib Inn, Golden Reef Inn, and Yellow Submarine. The calendar features the works of artists Jake and Linda Richter. It's only \$12.95.



Nolly Wilsoe and Jereline Joubert welcome you to the **opening of the E Wowo (The Eye) disco this Saturday, September 30**, at 10 pm. E Wowo has a new look and promises to be an exciting new nightlife spot. They'll feature rock, Latin and special nights like "Back to the 80s." Security will be tight so the ambiance will be relaxed and safe.

They're open Friday and Saturday nights from 10 pm until 4 am. During Regatta Week they'll be open every night. On Sundays, it's matinee time for the youngsters. E Wowo is located next to Danilo Bowling in Playa.



► If you haven't done it before, do it this year. **Swim to Klein Bonaire** (and back if you wish) on Sunday, October 8. All proceeds go to Jong Bonaire. □ *G./L. D.*

ArkeFly's Back To Rock 'n' Roll

Since ArkeFly agreed to become the name sponsor for Bonaire's first Rock 'n' Roll concert that takes place on November 10th at Plaza, interest in the event is gathering pace. This week we will profile the stars of the show. It makes some impressive reading!

René started his career some 20 years ago as a teenager in Holland. His success started as an Elvis imitator after appearing in the famous Hennie Huisman's Soundmix show. In the 80s he scored high in the Dutch hit parades with songs like "Are You Lonesome Tonight," "Don't be Cruel," and he rapidly became "The idol of the 80s." Following that success he started to pen his own songs. During this period, songs such as "But Where My Love," "Lonely Girl" and "Young Girls and Cadillacs" became major hits for him. Because of the confidence in René as an artist and in his writ-



ing talent his record company allowed him in 1990 to go to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to write, record and produce his new album, "Mission of the Heart."

In the early 90s René went to America to write and record new songs. He wrote for his forthcoming album with people like Mike Stoller (who wrote hits for Elvis). His experience grew as he worked with such stalwarts as John Durill, Chet Atkins, Larrie Londin, Ben Weisman and Phil Everly, to name a few. Phil Everly (of the Everly Brothers) wrote "On Top Of The World" for René and sang harmony on the record.

After success in the States, René returned to Europe to take part in a series of tours such as "The Biker Tour" in 1995.

Next time, we will bring his story up to date and see how he teamed up with Angel Eye.

We invite you to join us at Plaza on November 10th for the show, and we thank our sponsors who joined us for their support! But new sponsors are still welcome. Call Bert or Jo 717-2749, email: fbe@grupello.nl □ *Antony Bond*
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Proceeds from the concert to benefit Bonaire musical culture programs

A Heartfelt Gift

Eugene Statie, a police detective, solved a very sad case after an elderly fisherman, Celestino "Papa" Wijman, (72) lost his boat.

Eugene, whose hobby is building boats, was moved by the story and decided to build a new boat for Papa. Last Saturday afternoon Eugene Statie officially presented Papa with the boat. Immediately after the baptism Papa took the boat, *Pabotin*, out for a test.

A few weeks ago three known delinquents decided to rob a yacht moored in the bay, and they used Papa's boat that had been lying on the coast to get there. But when they were surprised by the yacht's very angry owner, they jumped into the water to escape, leaving Papa's boat adrift.

The next day another fisherman told Papa that his boat was missing. When Papa realized that the thieves had let his boat go he was very sorry because with his boat he could fish and make some money to augment his meager old-age pension.

A few days later Papa got a tip that there was a boat that had drifted on to the coast of Aruba. He went to the police to tell them, but nothing came of it. So he was left with no boat and no way to help make his living.

"What happened to Papa moved and



Celestino "Papa" Wijman and Eugene Statie

touched me so much," said Police Detective Eugene Statie, who had heard about the story in his work with the police. Eugene decided to build a boat in his spare time to replace the one Papa had lost.

Eugene contacted Papa to explain his plan. Then he began to look for materials, asking local store owners if they would donate. Two gave their cooperation – **Playa Trading and Budget Marine**. With the donated materials, Eugene began to build.

So last Saturday, *Pabotin* was baptized and launched, witnessed by Eugene's family and two colleagues, Detectives Vrutaal and DePalm. □ *Extra/L.D.*

The Snack Bar Detectives

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



This week:
La Ponderosa, Kaya A. Emerenciana



After the previous week's success in Rincon, it was difficult to decide on our destination. After some deliberation and several Polars, we decided on La Ponderosa.

With Big D and JJ to assist me, we made our way to see what they could tempt us with. The beers were taking their toll to the extent that we had a bad case of the munchies so we wasted no time. As we approached, the sound of local music was coming from inside. Some people were sitting on the terrace awaiting their meals while a local guy, Edward, was sitting at the bar.

Our friendly hostess for the evening was Andrea. Papiamentu and Spanish were once again the preferred languages, but, as always, we could rely on the locals to fill in the gaps when we were stuck. JJ's Spanish can usually get us around a menu (and is useful in a few other establishments, but that's another story), but it is always nice when a regular is there to help. Edward was more than helpful and we placed our order with consummate ease.

As I said, the munchies had set in some time earlier. After a few more beers we were ready to eat. I needed a starter to put me on. Fish soup, freshly made and a meal in itself at just NAf5. Big D joined me; there had been some serious growling from under the bar that turned out to be his stomach. He decided on a Sâté starter, two large sticks with dressing, NAf3,50. JJ was happy to continue with his liquid diet until the main courses came.

Three large plates arrived. Strip beef and peppers served with fries for me, Kabritu Stoba for D and Conch for JJ. The meals were hearty and delicious, just what we needed. After our food we chatted and listened to the music. JJ was debating conversation with Edward while Big D and I covered every topic from Fun Fairs to food.

A few more Polars slipped down and then it was time to go. We had certainly been lucky again. Great food, great service and great company. Don't sit at home; you can't make it this cheap. Three meals, two starters and drinks for less than NAf90. Anyone want to buy a cooker? □ SBD

Pet of the Week

Ever see a cat just pining away for an owner to love? That's "Bob," this handsome black and white "tuxedo" cat. His previous owner had to leave him when she left for Europe. This sweet cat really does deserve a loving owner. Bob is about two years old, in great health and would be ever so much happier if he could look after some kind human who would take him in. Cheer up, Bob. I'll bet just the right person is out there looking for a perfect cat like you.

You may see Bob and all the other healthy and social pets up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

Speaking of adoptions, so far this year there have been 100 pets who have been adopted from the Shelter. Congratulations and best wishes to all! Last year there were 158 adoptions for the whole year; 2004 there were 150; 2003 there were 110; and 2002 there were 90. □ L.D.



"Bob"

Attention All Dog Owners



Shelter Dog Wash this Saturday, September 30 at Warehouse Bonaire Parking Lot – 9 am to 2 pm. Special washes for the dogs and special gifts for owners and dogs. It's only NAf7,50. All proceeds go to helping to keep the Shelter open.. Pre-sale tickets from Dierenarts Jan Laarakker; Dierenasiel, Kaminda Lagoen; Lydia, 717-8721; Hans, 717-3207; Paul, 787-0466. □

Attention Pet Owners and Pet Lovers

This year for **Animal Day, next Wednesday, October 4**, the Bonaire Lions Club has organized a great way to celebrate. Everyone is invited to bring his or her pet (s). It's at Wilhelmina Park from 4:30 to 7 pm. The vet will be there to check your pet if you like and prizes will be awarded to those owners whose pets are the best cared for. Come and join the fun, even if you don't have an animal. You'd be surprised how many interesting types of pets there are on the island. □

L.D.

Bonaire's Music School Rocks



Having a ball—some of the performers and staff at the Saturday Open House

Bonaire's Music School is alive and well. Its open house last Sunday had the walls of the venerable old DOW building rocking!

Musicians and singers of all levels and ages were there, performing rock, jazz and even rap with such gusto that the audience couldn't help but rock too.

The old building next to the Harbourside Mall has been the headquarters of the music school (established 10 years ago) for the last two years, and according to Presi-

dent of the school, Gilbert Van Arneman, it will continue to be for the near future at least, despite attempts to tear it down. But the future of the elderly building is still unclear at this moment. However, Van Arneman explains that should the building be sold, the Government has assured them that there will still be a place for the music school somewhere on the island.

The school, which has brought music and purpose to numerous young people on Bonaire, has about 20 students right now, from ages 12 to 20 years, but Van Arne-

man says they want to reach 200 kids – from five years on up. There's no limit to age, he contends, to come and learn and to practice. "We're open from 10 am to 10 pm; we work in shifts," he explains. "The main thing is to get the kids early and to keep them off the street."

A good example is the rap group, "Hobenan Konsiente" pictured on the cover. These young people arrange their own music and can come and practice. "They're really good!" someone in the audience said to us, and we agreed.

The instructors prefer to teach small



Percussion girls

groups of from three to five students. Cost is minimal and in certain cases where talent shows, it can be free. If the student has no instrument he or she is invited to practice here on the school's instruments.

The school recently got a financial input from AMFO and funds from the island government to hire teachers and coordinators and purchase instruments. It's a treasure trove for the budding musician. There are drums, percussion, guitars – bass, acoustic, classic and Spanish – kuarta, piano, and keyboard.

Van Arneman gave special thanks to SKAL – Hubert Vis, Jackie Bernabela and the late Eddy Crestian for all their help and advice. For more information call 717-2795 or stop by the music school and see for yourself. □L.D.



President Gilbert von Arneman poses with some of the school's guitars



Rappers entertain



Musician Boy Janga instructs

New Barracuda Season

The Bonaire Barracudas have officially opened the 2006-2007 swim season by participating in the Curaçao Swimming Federation (CZB) 1st Open Swim Meet. Six swimmers aged 11 and under traveled to Curaçao on September 23rd for the one-day event held at Sentro Deportivo Korsou's 50-meter pool. Bonaire swimmers and parents alike are delighted that this season's Open Meets will start at 15.00 rather than 10.00 as in past years. The later start time makes travel to these competitions much less tiring for the young athletes.

Open Competition rules allow swimmers 10 and under to compete in two events while swimmers 11 and older may elect to swim as many as three events in the meet. The Open Meets allow swimmers to compete in a given event for the first time or to try and improve their personal best time in an event they have previously swum.

Times registered at these meets are used in the qualification process for the 2006 Netherlands Antilles National Swimming Championships which will be held in Curaçao on December 8-10.

The electronic timing system was not in use during this competition due to technical problems so official times are still pending. Nonetheless, unofficial times registered by Barracuda parents indicate improvement particularly in the sprint (50 meter) events.

Participants in the 1st Open Meet were:

Ryda-Luz Emer (10) - 50 meter breaststroke and 50 meter freestyle

Luis Marcano (7) -50 meter breaststroke and 50 meter freestyle

Asdrubal Marcano (9) -50 meter breaststroke and 50 meter freestyle

Olivier Wagemakers (9) - 50 meter back-



Swimmers front, L to R: Rooske Wagemakers and Luis Marcano, back row, L to R, Olivier Wagemakers, Asdrubal Marcano, Samson V. Evertsz and Ryda-Luz Emer

stroke and 50 meter freestyle

Samson V. Evertsz (10) - 200 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly

Rooske Wagemakers (11) -100 meter breaststroke, 50 meter freestyle and 200 meter individual medley.

Parents accompanying the swimmers were Patrick Emer, Valarie Stimpson and Corrie Wagemakers. The 2nd Curaçao Open Meet will be held on 21 October.

The Barracudas have a full calendar for this season. The next scheduled event is the Barracuda Club Competition on Saturday, 30 September at the Meralney Sports Complex pool. All club members from 6 to 15 years will participate. Warm up starts at 15.00 with competition beginning at 16.00. The public is cordially invited to attend. □ *Story & photo by Valarie Stimson*

STARS Of the SGB



The Bonaire Reporter is very pleased and honored to have been asked by the English teachers of the SGB (high school) to allow them to use the weekly issues of the paper in their English classes. "In return," they say, they will be sending The Reporter stories and interviews by the students. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with the budding English writers and journalists.

This Weeks Star Pupil: Dary Medina

How old are you Dary? 15 years old.
What's your star sign? Taurus
In what group are you? T2B (ex MAVO)
What do you want to become when you grow up? I want to become a doctor. Or at least study medicine. If that doesn't work out I want to become a manager of a bank.
Why do you want to become a doctor? Because I like helping people and I want to be able to take their pain away.
Where are you from? I'm from Colombia.
How long have you lived here? On and off for 14 years; I was one when we came here. After six years we went back to Colombia. From there we went to Venezuela. But that was only for a couple of months. And then we came back again.
What do you like about living on Bonaire? Bonaire is a quiet and peaceful island. Things around here are safe. There aren't any dangerous things going on. I

love the beautiful sea. The only thing I don't like is that there aren't many activities for us teenagers.
What's your favorite subject? Spanish.
Why? Because that's my mother tongue and so I'm good at it.



Dary Medina

What's your least favorite subject? Math
Why? Because it's difficult to understand.
What would you like to change at the SGB? I don't like having to carry these big, heavy bags. I would love for the SGB to get some lockers. Sometimes other pupils fight with each other and I don't like that either. What happened last Tuesday gave me a scare, but I still feel just as safe as before. (An explosive device was found in the school. Ed.)
What do you like about the SGB? I like sports and I like the kids in my group. I feel ok at school. I do still have some problems with Dutch, but I manage. Learning is sometimes difficult. English is even more difficult because of the pronunciation. But I like it.
What are your hobbies? Dancing, singing, learning, listening to music and swimming (naturally).
 □ Interview by: Yvette van der Moolen
 Assistant/Photographer: Sue-Ann Mo



Notaris photo

Varenia Richards, Joshebed Martis and Grensley Pieters received their outfits for their training period in Italy from sponsor Maarten Maartense of the Notaris' Office. Hotel School teacher Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn at right. Not pictured is another Italy-bound student, Roderick Serberie. The departure of these students will mark the conclusion of the first three-year student exchange program between Bonaire and Italy supported by the E.U. □ Maarten Maartense

Do you know about the Hr. Ms. Bonaire?

Launched in May, 1877, the 53.6m. (176 ft.), 3-masted "composite" (also powered by steam) *barquentine served in the Dutch navy. In 1924 she was renamed the *Abel Tasman* and transferred to the Delfzijl Nautical College to serve as living quarters for the students. In 1995 the college closed and the ship lay in the harbor in Den Helder. There were plans to restore her but no funds became available. In April 2004 she sank at her moorings, but was refloated. In 2005 a foundation was established to restore her. A seven-year restoration project is scheduled. □ Hans Hoornweg



*A barquentine is a 3-masted vessel; foremast square rigged; others, fore and aft

Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Cas di Hadrey / Hala

Gielmon Egbracht

by Wilna Groenenboom



Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage

At this time Gielmon "Funchi" Egbrechts is the owner of this house which is in Noord di Salina. He lived here from his second until his fifth birthday with his parents. Between then and now this house has had many different owners, some staying a long time, others shorter. Once there was even a lady who ran a little *toko* (shop) in the house.

In December 2004 Funchi was asked to restore the old house for a cousin. This elderly cousin was living in Holland and planned to return to Bonaire in five years. Funchi started the restoration job, but a few weeks ago the cousin passed away. Having already begun the restoration Funchi decided to keep going, starting with the roof and the bathroom.

Maybe some of the inhabitants of the house didn't stay long because it's been said that this is a ghost house. One of the stories is told that when the owners of the house were in their *kunuku* house some neighbors heard music and a lot of talking. But they knew this was impossible because the owners of the house weren't there. The neighbors went to the *kunuku* to warn the owners. When they all arrived back, the music and talking had stopped and the party was over....."

(Continued on page 12)

Antique Living Houses (Continued from page 11)

Funchi doesn't live in the house because he prefers to stay in his kunuku house. Now, most of the time young adults like Charles Jansen live here. They live here on their own, and Funchi helps them how to learn to stand on their own two feet.

The left side of the house looks like a Cas di Hala. The extensions they made on the left wing resemble a Cas di Hadrey.

After nearly one year of searching for old houses and writing about them, I finally found a house with an open baking oven. Like all the other houses its kitchen is on the west side, downwind. So the smell of cooking and smoke from the fire goes straight up the chimney or out of the windows and not through the house. The bricks in the *fogon* (oven) are original and not plastered with cement or concrete. They used this *fogon* so much that the stones of the fireplace are broken (photo top right).

The stones in the oven are laid in an attractive pattern and are in extremely good condition (photo top middle).

This house has a lot of traditional furniture and lamps. The old oil lamp in the photo now works on electricity. The old heater/stove made of foundry iron came from Holland to Bonaire with Funchi's sister. You can cook on it, but here it isn't used very much.

In the bottom left photo we see a little drinking cistern by the kitchen door. At the back of the house is a big cistern. It's still functioning with water inside. Past and present coexist very well in this house. □

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



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.Sudoku Shack.com.

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

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Complete solution on page 14.

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Help Save Our Parrots

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The Save the Lora Foundation is asking the people to come up with a solution.

In the next weeks the annual campaign will begin, asking the people to help with the protection of our Loras— Bonaire Amazon parrots. In the Papiamentu newspaper *Extra* several stories have appeared. Two of the local radio stations (BonFM and Digital) have transmitted spots daily. The goal is to protect our Loras in their natural environment because their survival is in danger. At the moment Bonaire has more Loras living in cages than are in the wild.

During the dry period there are not sufficient places in the wild for them to get food so the birds come to the populated areas where there is food. Naturally, the owner of a mango tree, for example, finds it unpleasant when the Loras eat the fruit before he can.

So the Foundation to Save the Loras' motive is to search for a solution and they're asking the community to make some suggestions.

The Foundation is going to investigate whether kites or scarecrows in the form of the Warawara bird could help to keep the Loras away from certain areas. (The Warawara is a carrion eater and feared by the Lora).

They're also thinking that perhaps there must be more areas in the *mondi*. Also planting trees and shrubs would be a good long-term solution.

The Foundation also suggests to the owners of fruit trees that perhaps they can pick the fruit the moment just before they are ripe and let them ripen in a safer place. So



people of Bonaire and our Loras can live in harmony.

The Save the Loras Foundation is looking for volunteers and donations to put these ideas into practice. If you can help contact the secretary at 785-7749.

The Campaign

The information campaign in the coming weeks is a continuation of the previous years' campaigns. In 2002 the government registered and banded all Loras living in captivity. More than 600 Loras were registered. The goal was to eliminate taking the birds from the wild. If someone has a Lora without a ring in a cage it's considered illegal. During the next weeks the police, the SSV, the Environmental police and STINAPA will be extra alert for any violations. Maintaining our laws are not only the work of the police but also each one of us. Everyone in the community can help by reporting any strange actions that they might see. Our pride in our Loras relates directly to our Bonairean environment. □
Elsmarie Beukenboom/ Translation by L.D.

Hyperbaric Guru Teaches Bonaire's Medical and Diving Pros



Course Participants

Hosted by Buddy Dive Resort, the Bonaire Deco-Chamber Foundation organized a five-day course in hyperbaric oxygen treatment. Since this is not an everyday event, Bonaire's leading dive physician Mr. Dick van der Vaart MD decided to invite the absolute expert in this field, Dick Rutkowski of Hyperbarics Int'l Inc., to conduct the seminar. Mr. Rutkowski, retired as deputy diving coordinator from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where he trained over 600 physicians in hyperbaric training programs, is world famous in the dive industry as the co-founder of International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers (IANTD).

The group of students made up of doctors, nurses and chamber operators were given the opportunity to learn the most detailed theories on decompression incidents and oxygen treatments as well as the latest information on hyperbaric chambers. During long morning hours, the students were pushed to limits in

the classroom and in the afternoon hands-on training sessions followed in and around the hyperbaric chamber on Bonaire.

While Dr. van der Vaart was teaching doctors and nurses inside the chamber during simulated treatments, outside, the operators had to deal with several unexpected problems thrown at them by long-time chamber technician Ronald Simonis. At the same time Mr. Rutkowski held supervision over "the battlefield" as, with a big smile on his face, he recognized that he had succeeded in passing on a great deal of his knowledge and experience.

The use of a hyperbaric chamber is a vital tool in modern medicine, therefore tourists, the diving community and the people of Bonaire will be very pleased to know that another milestone has been reached on the road to safe chamber treatments with the certification of 13 hyperbaric experts. □ *Story & photo by Martijn Eichhorn*

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Bonaire's Raymundo Saleh and Evert Piar at the Auberge de Kieviet in Wassenaar, The Netherlands, during their lunch meeting with the Economic Delegation of the Antilles with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, check over *The Bonaire Reporter*. (More on page 5)

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DO YOU SUDOKU? ANSWER

And the solution is:

(puzzle and directions on page 12)

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

THIS WEEK

Friday, September 29 – Celebration of Habitat 30th Anniversary. **Famous Sugaro Band Performs**, Rum Runners at Capt. Don's Habitat, 10 pm – 1 am. 717-8290.

September 4 – 29 – Activities with **Ned & Anna DeLoach at Buddy Dive**. Call 717-5080 for schedule and more information. See story on pg. 4

September 7—October 15—Coral Spawning in Bonaire. See September 1st issue of *The Bonaire Reporter* for complete timetable.

Saturday, September 30 - Bonaire Animal Shelter Dog Wash, at Warehouse Bonaire's parking lot, 9 am to 2 pm. Only NAf7,50. See page 7.

Saturday, September 30—Launch party for Bonaire Creations Calendar, at Antillean Wine Company (AWC), Kaya Industria, 7 pm.

Saturday, September 30—Opening of the new E Wowo Disco, 10 pm. Page 6

Sunday, October 1—International Day of the Elderly—big celebration at Amboina Sentro di Bario 9 am-4 pm. Entertainment, lunch, refreshments

Wednesday, October 4—Animal Day sponsored by the Bonaire Lions Club. Everyone welcome. Bring your animals. Vet will be there. Prizes for best cared for pets. Wilhelmina Park, 4:30—7 pm.

COMING

Saturday, October 7—Big Rincon Marshé—a real Bonairean experience. Stands selling gifts, plants, produce, music, drinks, local foods, BBQ, community discussions “*bou di ramada*” Not to be missed! www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

Sunday, October 8 - Jong Bonaire Klein Bonaire Swim. See page 6

October 8-14—Bonaire Regatta and Festival: sail races along shoreline in Kralendijk Bay start Monday with Around the Island Race. Festival events begin Sunday with stands, games, food and drink. No school this week.

Sunday, October 15 - Rotary Club Bonaire Fundraising concert on the *Freewinds*

October 20-23—Mountain Bike events sponsored by “Offroad Valley Bikers” from Curacao. Locals invited to participate. **October 20—race in Washington Park; October 21—Island bike tour**. Call DeFreewieler, 717-8545, or 510-3790, 560-4055. WWW.orvb.org.

Friday, November 10—Arke Fly's “Back to Rock n Roll concert, Plaza. See page 6

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 Sun.) 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.
- By appointment -**Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$12 (NAf12 for residents). Tel 717-8489, 540-9800.
- **Parke Publico** children's playground open everyday into the evening hours.

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, across from Warehouse Bonaire. Great wines - NAf2,50 a glass.
 - **Flea Market every first Saturday of the month** from 3.00 pm until 7.00 pm at Parke Publico. Everyone welcome to buy and to sell. NAf5 per selling table. For more information and reservations for a spot, call 787-0466.

Sundays

- **Live music 6-9 pm while enjoying a great dinner** in colorful tropical ambience 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

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.
- **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 13.00, for children 0 – 18.
- **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

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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.

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Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

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On the Island Since ... 1993-2001, February 2006

Karen van Dijk

“Immediately after they got married my parents left Holland and went to Aruba where my dad had gotten a job as a teacher. I was born there in 1963 and three years later I got a little brother. Whenever my parents would go out, they'd always take us with them; we never had a babysitter. We went to all the parties where we'd fall asleep together with all the other children.

When I was six we moved back to Holland. I'd never been there; it was in the middle of summer and I was walking around in a winter coat, shivering. The first time I went back to the Antilles I was 15. I went with my mother and two of my girlfriends – it was 1978. Most of the trip was on Bonaire seeing friends. It was all about spending time together and sharing experiences, just like when I was a child on Aruba. On the plane back to Holland I was heartbroken. When we got back my father had accepted another job and we were going to move.

My first job was as a room maid and a waitress in a very fancy hotel. It was all for one purpose: I wanted to save money to go back to Aruba. But when I had the money for the ticket, the family I was supposed to stay with on Aruba was called back to Holland and I couldn't go. It was a big disappointment.

When I finished high school I didn't know what to study. My father had always told me, 'You can be whatever you want to be, but I wouldn't advise your becoming a teacher.' It was a strange statement from someone who was a born teacher who loved what he was doing. So, I decided to become a teacher! I got my second degree in manual dexterity and drawing so I could teach at MAVO and HAVO.

After I graduated I decided to take a year off; I went on vacation to Pharos, a Greek island close to Athens. I got a job there but under the condition that I had to read and write Greek fluently. So, I went back to Holland and took this intense course, eight hours a day, for three months. Then I left for Pharos again and started working with a goldsmith, helping him to design and sell jewelry. I lived in a very small room and I was working long days. After almost a year I came to the conclusion that in Greek society a woman has very little to say.

It had been my plan to go and study architecture in Athens, but I changed my mind. I am a very flexible person and I can cope for a long time, but don't give me the feeling I've got nothing to say and don't take away my freedom. I was in love with the island, the countryside, the little village, life in nature – we would

pick the figs from the trees, kill a chicken and roast it, catch some squid and make a delicious lunch, just a very simple natural life. It made me and it still makes me very happy.

Nevertheless, I went back to Holland and started studying communication at HEAO night school. In the daytime I worked in restaurants and did PR for a Salsa dance school. In my second year I started working as an intern at Saatchi & Saatchi, at the time the biggest advertising agency in the world. Those were crazy times – very creative – and I met so many inspiring people! Then they asked me to work full time for them and that's what I did for some years until they changed the board of directors and I quit. For a while I worked as a freelancer for several advertising agencies.”

Karen van Dijk (43) gets up from her chair and says, “Sorry, but I have to do my exercises.” She starts stretching her knee and balancing on one leg while she proceeds talking, very relaxed.

“...whenever I saw something on TV about Bonaire I became very sad. On Christmas 2005 I came to Bonaire again to see ‘Is it for real?’”

“In spite of the fact that I was having a great time it felt like something was always missing. I wanted to go back to the Antilles but there was always an excuse. I had a good job, a very nice income and career opportunities. I could study and I had a fancy apartment. Well, I went on vacation to Colombia with a very good friend. I was 29 and two months before I'd fallen in love with Angel, an Aruban. As my friend and I had already planned and booked that vacation before I met Angel, I went on with it.

When we got to this island it was there that I got this overwhelming feeling: I don't want to go back to Holland... ever again! Enough! It's now or never! I wasn't married; I didn't have any children and I wouldn't hurt anybody if my decision was the wrong one.

I went back to Holland and from there to Edinburgh, Scotland, where my boyfriend, Angel, was in the Navy. It was Valentine's Day when I arrived and I told Angel I didn't want to stay in Holland anymore. He looked at me and asked me if I wasn't going to ask him if he wanted to come with me. That was February 1993 and in May that year we arrived on Bonaire. The second night we were sit-

ting on a bench close to Karel's and I told Angel, 'They will never get me out of here!' Angel was working for Bonimex, a wine company, and I was working from the house, painting signs and making art, designing brochures, things like that. After a year Angel and I broke up. I became a dive master, waitress, babysitter – you name it!

One day I got a call from Bonnie Kerr from New York, who was at the time the owner of the Bonaire Art Gallery, asking if I wanted to be the manager of the gallery! I didn't know what was happening to me – Yes! Of course! I did it for two years and on the weekends I was still a dive master. It was fun and I felt so tough working on a boat – cool!

After two years I started my own company, Sign Studio Signal. It was fun and I did it for more than four years. I put banners and signs on cars, boats, shop windows, even planes, but it was a limited market and after some time it wasn't a challenge anymore. There are people who can sit out the ride – in a relationship or in a job – but I'm not like that. I sold the business to Rhonda Kossman and I left for Holland.

I found a nice job in the graphic sector, a good apartment. I took a theatre course, a singing course. I learned sculpture, I went to concerts and museums, I indulged myself in books – I was charging my batteries. But there were some things I hated with great passion: the amount of traffic and its stinking smell, the grey buildings and the grey weather and the self-centered people in bad moods. But I did live close to a lake and a forest, only 15 minutes by bike, and that saved me. I stayed five years in Holland until I had an accident and they put prostheses in my right elbow.

My mom, who lives on Bonaire, called me and said, 'Come over; I'll take care of you.' That was April last year and again I fell madly in love with Bonaire. Six weeks later I went back to Holland, hoping I would get cured of my love. I didn't feel like emigrating again; I had



Karen van Dijk

everything I wished for in Holland. I buried myself in all kinds of things, but whenever I saw something on TV about Bonaire I became very sad. On Christmas 2005 I came to Bonaire again to see 'Is it for real?' and hoping it wasn't because of all the consequences.

Within a week I knew I wanted to stay here. STINAPA Director, Elsmarie Beukenboom called me for an interview at STINAPA and when I got the job as a communication coordinator it was final! It took me a little bit more than three weeks to arrange everything in Holland and I started with STINAPA March 1st this year.

In all those years I never wanted to buy a house, but now I want to buy one and settle down. I feel the people here are a little bit shy deep down and that's how I am too. I see the simple beauty of the elderly people, the fishermen, the kunukeros and it touches me in such a way that I can cope with the lesser things. Holland has its advantages, but it doesn't touch my heart. And maybe – it's because I am from the islands – because I was born here.” □

Story and photo by Greta Kooistra





A Vacation Without Cruelty to Animals

Mellema, the Animal Shelter Manager. Also she brought an additional \$175 to the Donkey Sanctuary for the renewal of an adoption she made after her first stay. "I'm so happy to see all the efforts on the island to help wild and domestic animals," Brigit said. Last year she and her friend visited Bonaire the first time. They were overwhelmed how private initiatives and the government protect nature (Marine Park, Donkey Sanctuary, Flamingo Sanctuary and Animal Shelter). "This is our first destination where we found such a dedication to animals. Elsewhere you have golden beaches, but if you look behind them, you will find cats and dogs or even domestic creatures suffering or starving."

to be in "excellent condition." She knows what she is talking about, because she had been building up the shelter in her hometown in the early 1990s and had been president of the *Hanau dierenbescherming* (animal protection) for eight years.

"It is very important that there is also a program for neutering of cats and dogs because it is the best way to prevent overpopulation - and suffering animals. I hope more animal owners will take part in this program and more contributors give support. It is a great chance to keep the Animal Shelter from being overcrowded," Mrs. Adam told *The Reporter*. She is an online-subscriber in Germany and reads about the island every Thursday. "I first read the Pet of the Week section and then all the news about nature." □

Thorsten Becker

The Bonaire Animal Shelter got another donation for further improvements. Birgit Adam from Hanau, Germany, came during her second stay on the island to visit the Shelter. In her bag she not only had new toys for the puppies but also \$621 she gave to Jurrie

Therefore, Mrs. Adam prepared eagerly for the second visit: She sold books to her colleagues at the Helaba-Bank in Frankfurt, always with the proviso that all the money would be given to the Bonairean animals.

During her visit Mrs. Adam found the Animal Shelter

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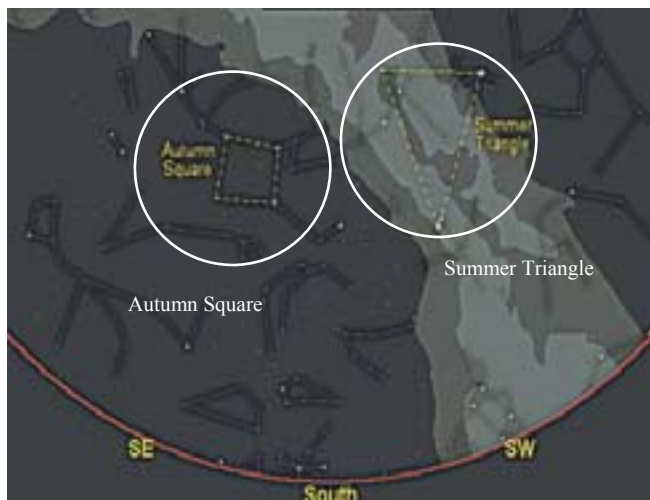


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Autumn's Great Cosmic Square Replaces Summer's Great Cosmic Triangle

I've often reminded you, whenever the seasons change on Earth, so too do the stars change overhead, thus the phrase "the stars of the season." Now that phrase, "stars of the season," usually refers to the major stars and star groups that reach their highest position above the horizon in mid-evening. So because autumn began last Saturday, the 23rd we should already see a change in the stars overhead.



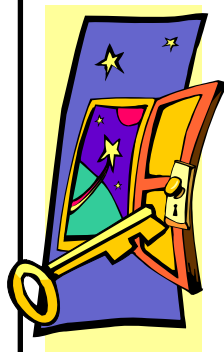
Square and Triangle

On any night during the first two weeks of October, around 10 pm Sky Park Time, look just west of overhead where you will see the three bright stars which make up the points of the **Summer Triangle**: the brightest being **Vega** in the constellation **Lyra the Harp**; the second brightest, **Altair**, in **Aquila the Eagle**; the third brightest, **Deneb**, in **Cygnus the Swan**.

Now during the first week of summer, at the end of June, the Summer Triangle was just rising in the east at 10 pm. But if you went out at 10 pm each successive week all summer long you would have noticed that the Summer Triangle was a little bit higher in the sky each week, and at the end of August was almost directly overhead at 10 pm. But if you looked to the northeast at 10 pm at the end of August you would have also noticed that the autumn constellation **Cassiopeia**, a group of five stars which when connected by lines looks like the letter "m" or "w" on its side, was just rising.

And if you looked just above and east of Cassiopeia you would have also seen four dimmer stars which, if you draw lines between them, make up a great rectangle or square and which is called the **Autumn Square** or the **Great Square of Pegasus**, because it is part of the huge constellation Pegasus, the winged horse. Then if you went out each successive week in September at 10 pm you would have noticed that the Summer Triangle was slowly moving past overhead and beginning its descent toward the western horizon while the autumn Square of Pegasus was ascending higher and higher in the east, so that by the first two weeks of October it is almost overhead at 10 pm.

And I think it is rather poetic that the three blazing hot stars that make up the Summer Triangle are replaced by the much dimmer and softer stars of the Autumn Square because autumn is after all the softest and gentlest season of the year. So some night this week and next go out and see for yourself how the heavens above have their own seasons just as our Earth has below. Look first for the Summer Triangle west of overhead and beginning its descent toward the western horizon, then look for autumn's Cassiopeia, in the northeast, and finally almost overhead, autumn's biggest and gentlest Great Square which the ancient Babylonians believed was the doorway to paradise. And, if indeed autumn is a visual paradise on Earth, how appropriate that this lovely portal to a cosmic paradise heralds in the new season. □ J.H.



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, September 24 to Saturday, September 30, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Courses dealing with psychology or health care will be of interest. Upgrading at this point is not a bad plan. Avoid functions that will bring you in contact with those you find difficult to get along with. Don't be afraid to say what's on your mind. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Do not invest in ventures that only appear to be lucrative. You can certainly gain popularity; however, don't do it by paying for everyone else. Do a little investigating if there is someone at work you don't trust. Focus, and concentrate on yourself and your future. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) So smile! Elders may need your help. Don't overindulge in anyway. Look into intellectual and physical games that will test your abilities. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions. Expect to have more people on your domestic scene. Don't count your chickens before they hatch. You may find yourself interested in more than one person. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Arguments will flare up if you get backed into an emotional corner. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. Things may not be as they sound. You can make money if you are careful not to let it trickle through your fingers. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your creative input will be appreciated by your boss. You will get along well in social situations. Get back into a routine that promises a better looking, more aware individual. Look into ways that you can make extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Your greatest enjoyment will come through social activities and pleasure trips. Sudden changes could result in estrangements. Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. Make changes to your home that will be pleasing to everyone involved. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You should be getting into self-improvement projects. Don't overspend on children or on large purchases. Unexpected bills may set you back. Socializing or travel will lead to partnerships. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Depression may put a damper on your day. You will be able to pick up on future trends if you keep your eyes peeled for unique ideas. You can expect changes at your work place. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Emotional ups and downs have caused doubts in your personal life. Your added discipline will enable you to complete some of those unfinished projects. Help children complete projects they're having difficulty with. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Try not to hurt your partner's feelings. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Acceptance is the key. You may want to make plans to take a vacation together. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Turn your present relationship around or start a new one. This will not be the day to start new business ventures or make drastic changes in your career. Find ways to mellow out. Deception is probable if you don't use discrimination. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. □ M.T.