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Meets Bonaire Kids**

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Flotsam and Jetsam

There will be no Reporter next week.

Dutch caretaker Minister of Administrative Reform and Kingdom Relations, **Atzo Nicolai**, says he has the political will to continue towards establishing a new political order with St. Maarten and the three smaller islands. He is planning a visit to the islands late January. "I consider it very serious what happened," Nicolai said, referring to the decision by the Curaçao Island Council to reject the November 2 political accord they signed with The Netherlands, St. Maarten and the Central Government. The accord was to pave the way for the two islands to become a country in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Netherlands already signed an agreement with Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius on October 11 to establish direct ties. He respected Curaçao's decision and called it a "democratic" choice, but said at the same time that it was not good for the people of Curaçao and that the consequences for Curaçao and the other islands were "serious." The biggest objection by the Curaçao Island Council was that Holland was to have the last say in judicial matters. (By *Suzanne Koelega*)



Atzo Nicolai

► **The break-up of the Netherlands Antilles has to be accelerated** in the

wake of the Curaçao Island Council's rejection of the November 2 accord on future constitutional change for the islands of the Netherlands Antilles, Constitutional Affairs Minister Roland Duncan said last Wednesday. The target date shouldn't be July 1, 2007, anymore, but "as soon as possible."

► **The VVD party may have lost last week's election in the Netherlands, but the liberal party was still the biggest vote-getter** among Dutch residents living abroad.

Some 32,126 Dutch expatriates were eligible to vote in the elections for a new government and 28,170 of those (88.85%) cast their votes by letter or via the Internet, it was announced by the Central Voting Circle in The Hague.

► Continuing its reign as one of the world's top dive destinations, **Bonaire was rated the Top Dive Destination Overall (Caribbean/Atlantic) in Scuba Diving magazine's 2007 Readers' Choice Awards for the fifth year in a row.**

Bonaire also received the #1 rating in four other Caribbean/Atlantic categories: Top Shore Diving Destination (96.7), Top Destination for Underwater Photography (96.6), Healthiest Marine Environment (93.8), and Top Destination for Beginners (93.8), and took second place in the categories of Top Marine Life (94.6) and Top Small Animal Encounters (90). Bonaire placed in the top three in the Top Value (90.6) and Top Snorkeling (86.3) categories

and in the top five in the categories of Top Destinations for Advanced Divers (90.3) and Top Visibility (86.9). Results of the 2007 Awards will be featured in the January/February 2007 issue of *Scuba Diving* magazine.



► **Air Jamaica recorded a loss of just under US\$120 million** during 2005, the airline's financial statements for the calendar year have confirmed.

According to the statements, which were presented by the Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Omar Davies, in the House of Representatives, the airline lost US\$119.9 million in 2005, compared to US\$99 million in 2004, and, as of December 31, last year, its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by US\$92.1 million.

The increased loss was primarily due to a huge reduction of approximately US\$80 million in its operating revenues, mainly in terms of passengers and to a much lesser extent in terms of freight. The airline's accountants suggested in the report

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that its continuation as a going concern will depend on continued support from the government, as well as obtaining necessary funding and future profitability. Air Jamaica flies weekly to Bonaire on Saturdays.

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Fast Action Saves Turtles

On November 20, oil accumulations along the east coast were reported to the Bonaire National Marine Park (BNMP).

The Marine Park and the staff of the governmental Department of Environment and Nature management confirmed the nature and extent of the spill. The sticky oil had no sheen or odor, indicating that it had been at sea for quite a period of time before being washed ashore.

Fortunately it covered just a limited area at Washikemba and the oil was easy to remove because of its solid patches that stuck mostly to shoreline rocks and ocean-borne debris. A quick reaction was required to make sure that the sea turtle hatchlings from the nests at Washikemba wouldn't experience any complications during their journey to the sea.

A clean-up was conducted on Friday, November 23, by the BNMP, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB), SELIBON and the corps of volunteers of the Marine Park. The larger, oil-contaminated rocks and debris were removed by SELIBON using a loader and truck. Volunteers also



STCB Photo

combed the beach by hand, clearing oil-laden debris.

Following the clean-up effort, officials were very satisfied to see that the beach's condition allowed the baby sea turtles to navigate with relative safety from their nests to the sea during the current hatching period.

STINAPA and STCB want to give special recognition to both SELIBON and the volunteers of the BNMP and STCB for their willingness to mobilize quickly and help in situations like this.

The cooperation of SELIBON in beach clean-ups makes a big difference in the results. Beaches like Washikemba and



Clean-up team
STCB Photo

Lagoen receive considerable amounts of debris as a consequence of their location and the direction of the wind.

SELIBON's presence with their loader

and truck to carry the collected material away made the hard work of volunteers and staff from the two organizations a lot better. □ *Press release*

Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...that there are no sea snakes in the Caribbean?

Sea snakes are venomous reptiles that live in the tropical Pacific and Indian Oceans. Bonaire boasts a beautiful species of eel called the Sharptail Eel that many divers and snorkelers mistake for a

sea snake. The Sharptail Eel is non-venomous so you can get quite close if you're the curious type. You can often see this uninhibited eel in shallow sand/rubble areas of Bonaire, rooting around for a meal. Sometimes a Bar Jack will follow along closely in hopes of snatching a fleeing fish that the eel frightens. So, sea



Sharptail Eel Albert Bianculli photo

snakes are reptiles that breathe air, and eels are fish that breathe water. It's a fine example of how two completely unrelated species have evolved into the same shape (convergent evolution). □ *Caren Eckrich*

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.



Electricity Upgrade for Bonaire

Growing at over 25% a year, wind energy is the fastest growing energy source in the world today. And Bonaire is finally getting into the act. In a press conference last week ex-Bonaire Governor Richard Hart, a Director of WEB's holding company, described the WEB-Bonaire's Electricity and Water company of the future.



Artist's impression of the planned wind turbines at Onima.
WEB photo

A new company, EcoPower Bonaire, BV, employing many of the present WEB employees will build, own and operate (BOO) the facilities. It's a joint venture of the Dutch company, ECONCERN, which will provide project management, and two German firms, MAN, the largest diesel manufacturer in the world, which will manage the technical side of the new diesel power plant near BOPEC at the northwest corner of Bonaire, and ENERCON, the world's fourth largest provider of wind turbines.



In February 2005, the WEB powerhouse at Hato was severely damaged by a fire that cut WEB's electrical power production by 40%-50%

The wind turbines will be built on the east coast, the windward side, of our island, near Boca Onima, not far from the Indian inscription caves.

The main electrical power plant will be relocated from Hato to an area next to the BOPEC oil terminal. However, water desalination will remain at Hato. Eventually the Hato site will be closed.

In Phase 1, set to finish in March 2007, the WEB power plant at the Trans World Radio (TWR) transmitter site in the south of the island, will be purchased by EcoPower. The machinery will be converted to use heavy fuel oil (HFO) which is cheaper than the fuel oil now used. The existing inoperative wind generator at Sorobon will be repaired and begin to provide 330 kW of power.

Phase 2, to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2008, will have the new diesel plant, providing 13 million watts (MW) of electricity running at the BOPEC site. The TWR site will provide 6 MW of backup power. Bonaire currently requires about 11 MW of

power at peak times. The new diesels will be able to burn both conventional fossil and biofuels.

The wind turbine "park" of 11 or 12 salt air-resistant machines will be built along the shore at Onima. Each turbine can produce 0.8-0.9 MW so ideally, they alone could meet Bonaire's current electrical requirements, but the system design relies on only 40% of its power to come from wind.

The new diesels, besides polluting less when using fossil fuel, will be capable of using bio-diesel, so by 2010 it is conceivable that Bonaire will get all its electrical energy, including water desalination, from natural, renewable sources. EcoPower Bonaire management projections show a 20% lower operating cost as compared to using fossil fuel.

The cost for this upgrade is estimated at \$35 million. EcoPower expects that much of the cost will be recovered via CO₂ credits

which are part of a complex world-wide scheme to make air polluters pay for their nasty emissions.

During the period from 1997 through 2004 WEB lost NAf21 million. The new facilities are expected to operate profitably. All WEB workers will be provided jobs or fair compensation if they are not qualified to work in the new company. The long-delayed sewage system, set to begin construction next year, when it becomes operational will be operated by WEB employees.

The EcoPower concept is necessary to support the planned expansion of Bonaire's



Senator Ramonsito Booi, BMG Director Richard Hart and WEB General Manager, Ibi dePalm, describe the future of Bonaire's electric power system.

economy, according to its supporters, and will offer health, economic and environmental benefits for Bonaire residents and emphasize Bonaire's role as a destination for conservation-minded visitors. □ G.D.

Alternative Fuels

Wind energy is captured through wind turbines that usually consist of three blades. These blades start rotating due to the air pressure exerted on them by strong winds, which can be found 100 (30m.) feet or more above the ground. The spinning, in turn, powers an electric generator which is connected to the local utility grid.

Technology improvements have lowered the cost of wind power production to one-fifth of what it was 20 years ago. Wind plants emit no pollutants or greenhouse gasses, unlike power plants that use fossil fuels to produce energy. When these fossil fuels are burned they pollute the atmosphere with toxics such as mercury, as well as greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. As energy dependence

moves away from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere will fall. This will in turn help to reduce global warming because carbon dioxide is one of its main causes.

Wind turbines bring some problems of their own. The first is noise. Noise results from the turning of the blades on the turbines. The noise level 400 meters away is approximately the same as a home air-conditioner. From 2.1 km away the largest turbines can no longer be heard

Wind farms are forced to compete for available land space. In Bonaire the

coastal area is used for recreation but is concentrated on the leeward side of the island, not the windward, where the wind turbines would be located. Birds have been killed flying into the blades of the windmills. Some of the precautions to reduce this effect include placing turbines away from bird flight patterns as well as using repellent technology such as strobe lights. Other side effects of a wind power farm include higher Initial Cost, possible Electromagnetic Interference and Unattractiveness.

Using wind energy alone cannot provide a complete solution. Wind is intermittent and may not blow when the energy is needed, therefore alternate electrical power sources, such as from a generating plant are necessary. Bonaire's new electric plant will use massive electric generators built by the German company MAN whose reputation for quality machinery is very high...

but the generators will be able to burn biofuels.

Biofuels are defined as "fuels produced from biodegradable fraction of agricultural products, wastes and residues (including vegetable and animal substances), forestry products and waste and the biodegradable fraction of industrial and municipal waste." Biofuels cut CO₂ emissions by between 55 and 80%, depending on production techniques when compared with fossil diesel and gasoline. □ G.D.



Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)



► Last Friday the **first flight of Caribbean Star Airlines** landed at Curaçao's Hato Airport. It is the beginning of a daily direct connection between Trinidad and Curaçao. Reservations can be made via www.flycaribbeanstar.com.

Caribbean Star is a private airline company based in Antigua, but the company uses Trinidad as a hub. With these daily flights from Trinidad, Bonaire and Curaçao are more easily accessible from the eastern part of the Caribbean. The Dash 8-300 departs from Trinidad at 09:45 and arrives in Curaçao at 12:10; it leaves Curaçao at 12:45 and arrives in Piarco at 15:10.

► **The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) celebrated its fifth Board meeting last week on St Maarten** with the announcement that the Dutch Ministry of the Interior had approved a Euro 1 million per year grant for the coming 10 years. The funding has been earmarked to cover the operational costs of DCNA and the nature parks of the Dutch Caribbean. Executive Director Kalli De Meyer said that she was thrilled at the news but cautioned that this was just the first step towards a more sustainable future for the parks. "It may sound as though the Dutch Caribbean Parks will be swimming in money, but nothing could be further from the truth. In order to capitalize a Trust Fund large enough to cover the operational costs of one marine park and one land park on each of our islands we are going to have to tighten our belts and do an outstanding job of fundraising over the coming decade."

Calculations show that Euro 24 million is needed to fully capitalize the Trust Fund.

► Following his re-election last Sunday, **President Hugo Chavez pledged to shake up Venezuela with a more radical ver-**



Chavez in a red VW

sion of socialism and forge a wider front against the US in Latin America. Opposition contender Manuel Rosales accepted defeat Sunday night, but promised to continue countering a leader whom he accuses of becoming increasingly authoritarian. With 78% of voting stations reporting, Chavez had 61% of the vote, to 38% for Rosales.

Chavez has won a loyal following among the poor through multibillion-dollar social programs including subsidized food, free university education and cash benefits for single mothers.

From his cell in the Bon Futuro prison, Curaçao defrocked politician, Anthony Godett, wished Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez success in the presidential elections in Venezuela. Some Venezuelan people living in Bonaire demonstrated their support of Chavez with a motorcade along the Promenade Sunday evening.

► About **700 people took part in a rowdy demonstration against the new sales tax in Aruba last week.** The police had put up barriers to prevent the protesters from getting too close to the entrance of the Government office, but these barriers were broken. The police had trouble keeping the protesters away from the entrance, but they managed.



► Above is an image taken from the **brand new DowntownCam on Bonaire**, which is located on Kaya Grandi in Kralendijk, near the offices of REMAX Paradise Homes, the owner of the DowntownCam.

► The French sailing yacht **Kirsnic was destroyed on the north coast of Klein Curaçao**, the small, uninhabited island off Curaçao after running aground. The royal navy frigate *Van Amstel* was the first to respond to the distress call. The 18-meter-long yacht was being sailed by one person aboard from Los Roques to Curaçao. Because of the rough seas, efforts to pull the stranded vessel free failed and the yacht was abandoned.

► **Correction:** In the November 17 issue of *The Reporter* in the article about Diabetes Day we reported incorrectly that Mary Timermans has a holistic health and therapy center. At this time Timmermans does not have such a center. We are sorry if this has caused any misunderstanding.

► Congratulations to **Last Bite Bakery.** Annette's eatery was featured in the October issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Spanish edition. In the article on the 15 best things to do in Bonaire, Last Bite was #14. "Sin without remorse," they said. Last Bite is now

► Bonaire's Windsurfing Stars – Tonky, Kiri and Tati – were on hand to help open the new hair salon for men and women, **Elle Lui Coiffure**, in the Royal Palm Gallery.



Elle Lui photo

offering a daily NA\$10 lunch for takeout, Tuesdays through Saturdays: a main dish with two sides. Special on Tuesday and Thursday is Lasagna. See the Last Bite ad on page 14.

► There's a **new MCB-Bonaire Automated Teller Machine (ATM)** available at the Divi Flamingo Resort - very convenient for their guests and people south of the center of Kralendijk.

► Did you know Kaya Grandi doesn't stop at the TCB office? **It seems to pick up again at the Divi Flamingo Resort** where you can walk along the seaside past their shops and restaurants. Now is the perfect opportunity because the whole route has been beautifully decorated for Christmas.

► **Congratulations to Captain Frankin Antoin** who has just completed his license to fly with DEA. Among his other talents Antoin is a writer and columnist for the *extra* newspaper, is a fine photographer, has been an effective police officer and is a good friend and colleague of *The Reporter*.

► The Bonairean musical group, **Tutti Frutti, will release their newest CD** Friday night, December 8, at the Rose Inn, Rincon. Listen to the children's choir kick off the party at 7.30 pm, and then to Tutti Frutti and Mike and Friends. The CD is called, *Kortado di Sentibibu* (Cutters of the Aloe). Special guests will be elderly ladies who were once aloe cutters long ago.

► **Mangazina di Rei, the living open-air museum near Rincon, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, December 17**, with a big "open house" where all are welcome. The day will be most interesting and interactive, with activities for one and all, plus dancing, music food and drink.

Mangazina di Rei, on the Rincon Road, will be open from 10 am to 5pm. If you want more information, a stand or display, call 786-2101 or 786-4346. □ G./L. D.



Astronaut in Bonaire



Astronaut Charles Bolden with his daughter, Kelly, dive under the guidance of Laurel Kjorlin, Instructor at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. General Bolden, like all astronauts is a diver, but it was Kelly's first time. Bob Lassiter Photo

It was Astronaut Time in Bonaire last week. From November 25 through December 1, former astronaut Charles Bolden shared his many experiences in space with students and with the Bonaire community. He spoke to numerous classes in the island's public and private schools and in the auditorium at Jong Bonaire. His audiences were captivated by his self-effacing manner, charming wife and lovely daughter. His influence on many young lives will continue long after his departure. The two stories below are reports from high school students he spoke to.

Study Hard, Work Hard and Follow Your Dreams

Some of you out there who read *The Bonaire Reporter* week in, week out may already know me. My name is Dauri Jansen and I'm in the 8th grade of SGB (high school). I would like to use this spot to tell you all about my experiences with the former astronaut's visit at our school. After a great introduction



Dauri Jansen, of SGB VH2B, and Jeff Marshall, of UniCollege 2VWO, collecting their awards for the essay contest with Astronaut Charles Bolden Bob Lassiter Photo

by our school director, Mr. Pop, astronaut Charles Bolden came forward and gave us a tremendous presentation with interesting slides and pictures about his job. By explaining every slide of his presentation he made everyone understand what he was trying to explain. The reaction of the pupils was great. They listened carefully to everything he was saying and asked a lot of questions on which they got a clear answer. The pupils wanted to know everything such as: how is life in space; how certain things are done in space etc. But soon enough Mr. Bolden gave a clear answer to all their questions.

As well as teaching us all about his job, he also gave us a lot of useful tips, such as - Study Hard, Work Hard and Follow Your Dreams. By telling the story of one of the members of his crew he showed us that everyone can make it, as long as they totally go for it. After some nice slides and good explanations he left us with a message I'll never forget:

Do all you can.

In the time that you have

In the place that you are

With what you have.

The message is written by a famous boy who died at the age of 12 from H.I.V. Charles Bolden also handed out autographs to pupils and I think he had a great time at our school. Last, but not least, I would like to share with you once more that this presentation was wonderful and that it deserves big applause.

Thank you, Mr. Charles Bolden. □ *Dauri Jansen*

General Bolden Lands at UniCollege Bonaire

On Tuesday, the 27th of November, General Charles 'Charlie' Bolden arrived at UniCollege Bonaire for his second informational presentation to the schoolchildren of Bonaire. The highest two grades of Basisschool de Pelikaan also joined the audience. All of us waited for the special moment, and then...blast off!

General Bolden started his exciting presentation on the wonders of space and his experiences. Right at the beginning of his presentation, our impression was: Wow! This man can speak! We were all sitting there, listening to him talk. Nobody said a word to each other. We were all just so captivated and bewildered by his story.

He told about his experiences as an astronaut and the adventures he has had in space, about his job and the experiments that they conducted. He talked about his opinions about space-related issues, such as future plans for space travel. But the most important lesson he taught us was that no matter where you live, what you do, what you want to be, nothing is impossible. Just as long as you believe in yourself and you work at it. To teach this important lesson, he used some encouraging advice in his presentation.

The first piece of advice was that you have to study hard. If you don't study, your dreams might slowly begin to slip away (depending on your dreams, of course). The second was work hard. Dreams don't just come to you overnight. To achieve them, you have to work at it and really put some effort into it. General Bolden's third piece of advice was not to be afraid of failure. Failure is a scary thing, but if you are afraid of it, you won't achieve anything. Achieving your dreams is about passing the limit and doing your best. Failure will happen sometimes, but that's just a part of life, so you can't let it stop you.

General Bolden's presentation was not only educational, but also very inspirational to us. It was, as we mentioned, very captivating. Bolden combined his great ability of oral presentation with a beautiful slideshow of pictures from, about and of space and his magnificent adventures. Later we were allowed to ask questions (there were a lot!). General Charlie Bolden's presentation was in one word: Fantastic! □

Derek Aranguren and Jason Oleana



Students present for the photo (some may be hidden) Jason Oleana, Derek Aranguren, Tirza Obersi, Ziran Chin-On, Sarah-Ann Maartense, Rocca Chin-On, Nathan Croes, Suley-Mae Pourier, Timo van der Veen, Jeffery Marshall, Ilona Lane and Zahid Frans Bob Lassiter Photo

All-Inclusive in Bonaire

The announcement last week by Divi Resorts that they will start to build a 275-room, all-inclusive condominium resort on the site of the former Bonaire (Sunset) Beach hotel is welcome news. Following the closing of the Sunset Beach Hotel and the subsequent fire, the site, one of Bonaire's finest beach spots, became a hazardous eyesore. Some citizens wanted the area turned into a public beach, but the government preferred the revenue the site would provide and offered it as a resort spot.

Following negotiations, the Divi Resort chain announced its plans. It will be Bonaire's first "all inclusive" resort. According to Wikipedia, an all-inclusive resort is a holiday resort that includes all meals, soft drinks, and most alcoholic drinks in the price. Many also offer a selection of sports and other activities included in the price as well. They have become increasingly popular over the past few years.

A frequent criticism of all-inclusive resorts is that they do not help the local economy much. People who hold this view usually cite the fact that most resorts are located in relatively remote areas away from major local population centers, making it hard for the people staying there to see any local sights or patronize local business. They also say that most resorts are owned and run by multinational corporations thus diverting money away from local companies.

Proponents of all-inclusive resorts point to the fact that these resorts usually bring large numbers of visitors to the country, who must travel through local airports and towns to arrive at the resort. Bonaire's new Divi Sunset, however, is located in the heart of "hotel row," and according to Mark Nooren, the Project Manager, will provide guests to nearby restaurants and shops if its guests are similar to the ones staying at their Aruba properties.

All-inclusive resorts are a counter to the growing trend towards cruise ship vacations in the winter months. Both tend to include amenities in the base price. Book a

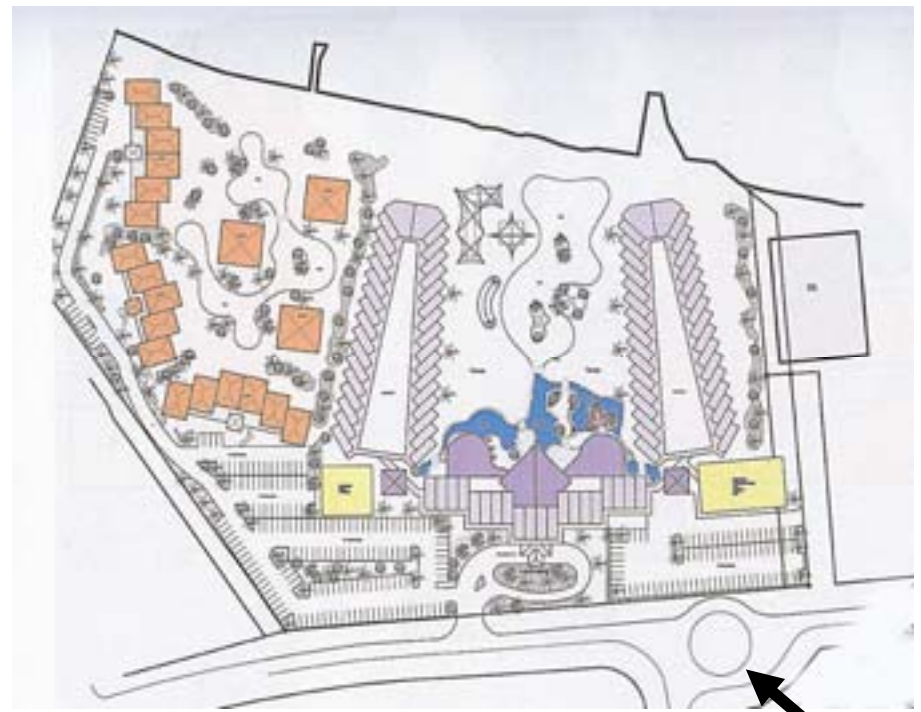


Among those attending the presentation of the new Divi Sunset were Antillean Minister of Economic Affairs, Burney el Hage; Divi Flamingo General Manager, Sara Matera; and Commissioner of Tourism, Onnie Emerenciana

mainstream cruise, and you'll receive accommodations, all meals and snacks, certain beverages at meal times, use of the ship's facilities (such as the pool, kids club, and fitness center), onboard activities and entertainment, and transportation between ports-of-call. You will have to pay extra for soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, gratuities, spa treatments, shore excursions, airfare, and airport transfers. Luxury lines may include gratuities and alcohol in their base price.

On the other hand, book an all-inclusive resort package, and you'll receive at minimum, accommodations, all meals and beverages, nightly entertainment, access to the resort's facilities, use of all non-motorized water sports equipment (such as snorkeling gear, sailboats, and windsurf boards), and gratuities. Many also include airfare and airport transfers, and higher-end properties often include scuba diving in the cost as well. You'll notice that much more is included in the resort price than in the cruise fare. Which is a better value is up to the individual consumer to judge.

Sales of the new condos will begin in the second quarter next year. Completion is set for 2009. Contact Mark Nooren at MarkN@megaresorts.com, for more details. □ G.D.



Preliminary design of the new Divi Sunset property – notice the present traffic circle in the foreground.



Shoes at Warehouse

Sinterklaas had some problems with the weather. It started to look like he brought the weather from Holland, 9000 km away, to us. Unbelievable what a "Sint" can do. So the day started with rain and quite some wind. But when he actually arrived at 10:30 am it was dry. At 11:15 it started raining very hard. But the "Sint" and "Pieten" managed to give all the children their candy. And, as usual, Warehouse took a photo of every child with the "Sint" and a few "Pieten." After 12 noon the "Sint" left the Warehouse to go to another place to make children happy. □ Story & photo by Wilna Groenenboom.

Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

San Bernardus Church

by Wilna Groenenboom

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



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Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

San Bernardus Church

The month of December has begun and so has the period of Advent which will end with the celebration of Christmas Day. During this time people are more focused on the church than they are normally. It's a very busy time for the pastor and priest and everybody who is involved.

The Diocese in the center of Kralendijk has many buildings, from all different periods, styles and functions. Most prominent is the Catholic San Bernardus Church which was built in 1947.



In the above black and white photo we can see the old San Bernardus built in 1829. It looks like the design of this old San Bernardus church was influenced by a Kas di Hala style, along with the look of a Dutch Protestant church, with the little clock tower above the main entrance.

The parish of Saint Bernard became official on the 24th of July 1827. At the beginning of 1829 construction began a church, but the building was of such poor quality that it collapsed before it was completed. A new effort was made to build the church and it was finished in May 1829.

Later, in 1836, construction of the first rectory was begun, and 100 years later the actual rectory was built. In 1846 the church was expanded a little and the small tower was added.

Beginning in 1870, the spiritual guidance of the Antilles was entrusted to the Dominican Friars. The first to arrive was Father Reginaldus van der Venne in 1882. The new church was built under the guidance of Father Kranwinkel who was born in Curaçao. But again, the church had to be rebuilt after a hurricane badly damaged the roof. At that point it was decided to build a new church made out of concrete. It was consecrated on 7 November 1948.

On the right side we see the old presbytery and on the left side a small part of the church's old "activity center" which has had many different functions. It was once

used as a theatre, maybe the first on Bonaire. Because all the buildings are used by people, they are truly "living." And because they're so unique and interesting the church and presbytery will be discussed in two different issues of *The Reporter*.

The "new" church is very different from the former church. The outside looks very massive with big buttresses on the outside of the walls (photo lower left). Buttresses were used in the Gothic architectural period of the 13th century in Western Europe. During that period heavy thick walls were needed to hold the weight of the roof's vaulting, and the buttresses were there to support the sides of the walls and the weight of the roof. On the San Bernardus Church we see this same technique that was used during the Gothic period.

The painting below shows the development of Gothic windows. The third high Gothic window on the right is very similar to the forms of the present vaulted arch in the church. The big buttresses in the interior of the church are "horizontal," connected with the arches in the side aisles (photo upper right) on top. The side aisle is connected with the nave with "vertical" arches.



The church doesn't have many decorations so the big leaded glass window of Jesus and Mary gets all of our attention, especially in the morning when the light comes streaming in through the colored glass. And again the Gothic pointed arch is repeated in the foil pattern around the circle.

Above the shutter windows along the other sides of the church are small leaded glass windows which depict Bible stories.

The floor is decorated with some green crosses in a color different from the main tiles, again pure and massive like the whole church is. □ *Wilna Groenenboom*

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



About the history of San Bernard

St. Bernard was born of noble parents in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Foutaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. There he began his the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example.

In 1113, St Bernard, together with 30 young noblemen, presented himself to the holy abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession the following year. Soon after, his superior, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with 12 monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated abbey of Clairvaux.

St. Bernard was the once appointed abbot and began that active life which has made him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century.

He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him but he refused them all. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the Second Crusade. In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled to France and Germany and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the Saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20th 1153. His feast day is August 20th. □ *Wilna Groenenboom*

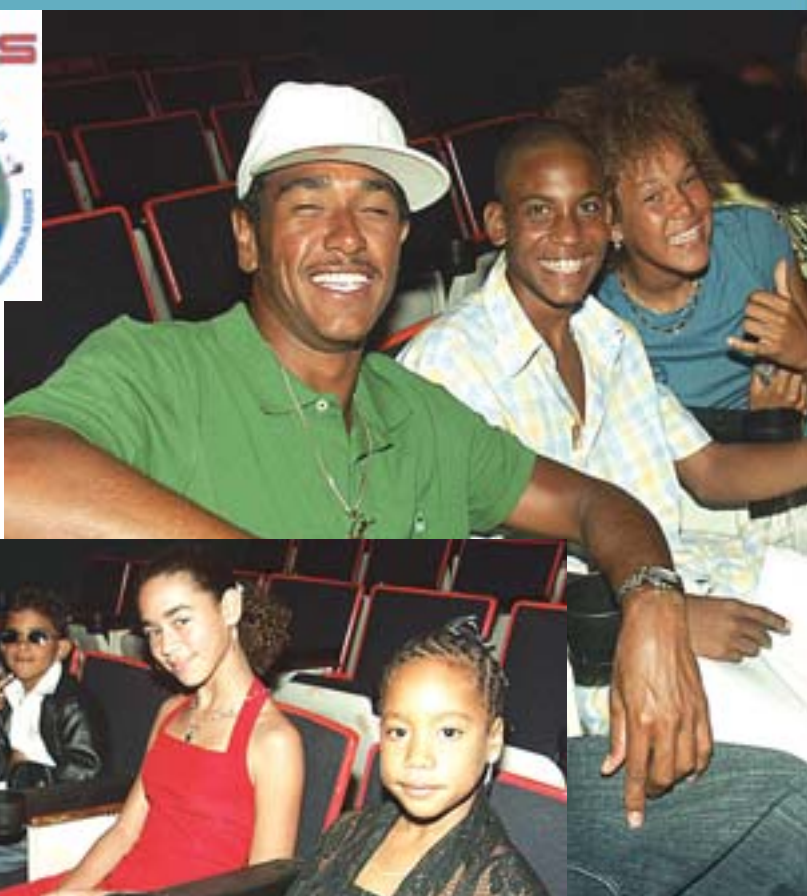


*St. Bernard
Abbot and Doctor of the Church.*

ProKids Premiere



Tati, Bjorn and Sara Quinta - in the theatre awaiting the premiere



In the audience: Jorgen, and elegant friends



Kiri gets escorted in on the red carpet

Last Saturday evening it was like a Hollywood movie premiere at Movieland Cinema in Playa. Bright lights, garlands of balloons, a red carpet, photo-snapping press, Governor Domacassé, his wife and throngs of fans greeted each of the “stars” as they emerged, one by one, from their chauffer-driven fancy cars. It was the Aquaspeed Windsurfers’ premiere of their official DVD, “**Second ProKids World Freestyle Championship 2006**,” which was held this last August 3 to 6. The crowd swarmed inside Movieland to grab seats to see the show.

Congratulations to all the young stars and to Elvis Martinus and his staff of organizers. □L.D.

Portraits Debut

This last Sunday there was another debut: A book, *Portraits of Bonaire, Vol. 2*, by author Guus Gerritsen and painter Henk Roozendaal at Kas di Art. The debut coincided with the opening of a one-man exhibition of Roozendaal's work – 30 of his paintings of people on Bonaire. Henk is a master at catching the inner spirit of his subjects and his paintings are wild with color. The exhibition was opened by Donna Dovale and Elvis Martinus, both portrayed in *Portraits of Bonaire Vol. 1*, published four years ago

Along with the public were many of the people whose stories appear in this edition of the book as well as some from the first - *Vol. 1*.

A special for this edition is the separate Papiamentu translation sponsored by *extra* newspaper and Notary Maarten Maartense. The translations are by Bòi Antoin and Celia Fernandes.

Roozendaal's exhibit will stay open until December 31, daily from 2 to 7 pm. Closed on Mondays. □L.D.



Elvis Martinus and Donna Dovale make opening remarks Photo by Wilna Groneneboom

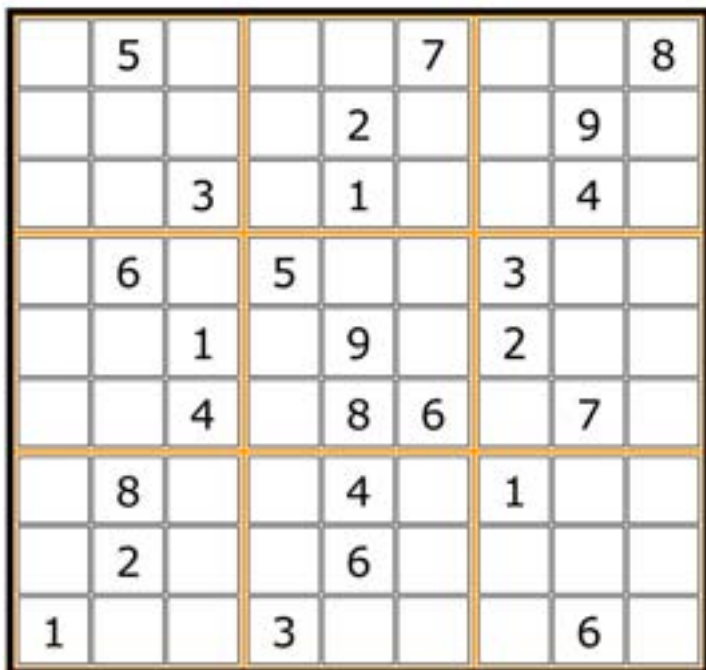


Some of the "subjects" of Portraits - in person with the authors
Photo by Wilna Groneneboom

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



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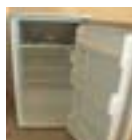
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International Day of Disabilities – FKPD party

Last Sunday Bonaire's members, volunteers and family of the FKPD (handicapped association) celebrated the International Day of the Disabled at the Don Paranda, a kunuku style outdoor gathering place. Rousing songs were sung by an enthusiastic choir made up of many of the members, inspirational and humorous talks were given by Domi Jan Jonkeman, and members of the community congratulated the FKPD on their day.

The Bonaire Special Olympics team has been made up of many of these FKPD members.

A big event this year has been the completion of the building of the FKPD housing for 15 members in Nikiboko North. The school and workshops still remain in Rincon.

Another milestone this year is the radio program by FKPD's Varenia Thomas who broadcasts news of the FKPD on BonFM the first Wednesday of each month, 5:30 to 6 pm.

Congratulations to FKPD Director Lupe Uranie and her very supportive staff, the volunteers and all the members. □L.D.



Luis Peña addresses a message to the audience



Domi Jan Jonkman leads the choir in a rousing hymn

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Elizabeth Wigny Honored

For the last nine years volunteer Elizabeth Wigny has been working and coaching Bonaire's Special Olympics teams. Traveling with them, living with them and sharing in their victories, Elizabeth has become a dear friend to all of the athletes. As well, Elizabeth has raised funds for her special people with two fashion shows with a top designer, with jazz concerts, selling stickers, asking for donations from her friends, acquaintances and even diners at her restaurant, Croccantino.

It was she who conceived the idea of the Special Olympics 31-kilometer Walkathon, a giant fund raising event which has become an annual happening - a walk from the slave huts in the south to the town of Rincon in the



Elizabeth gets a hug from Special Olympics Silver Medal winner, Lucille Pikerie



Elizabeth Wigny with Special Olympics volunteers and coaches and FKPD head, Lupe Uranie

north, mimicking the actual walk the slaves took two centuries ago. The whole island pitches in, as walkers, bikers, volunteers serving drinks and fruit and more. And Special Olympics athletes and their coaches and volunteers from other islands have been part of it too. Special Olympics Bonaire has done such an outstanding job of fund raising for our team that they've been asked to give advice to other islands in the Caribbean.

But it is now time for Elizabeth to leave the island, to return to Italy and begin a new life, and it's saddened so many of the athletes with whom she's worked. So last Sunday, during the FKPD's celebration of the Day of the Disabled she was presented with gifts to remember her good friends and colleagues. It was a tearful farewell.

Elizabeth assured everyone that although she was leaving the island she will be back for sure for the Special Olympics Walkathon next year on February 4, 2007. □L.D.

Pet of the Week

This photo of these three newborn puppies sets a record for Pet of the Week. They're the youngest ever to appear in the column. In fact they don't even have their eyes open yet, and they even rather resemble little piglets. Right now the Shelter has so many puppies up for adoption that they outnumber the adult dogs. The pups will be ready for adoption when they've been weaned, checked out by the vet, wormed, given their shots and deemed "social."



"Newborns"

See them at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 2 pm. Tel. 717-4989. □L.D.

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)
Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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12-03	11:20	2.1FT.	20:34	0.8FT.					86
12-04	11:59	2.2FT.	21:42	0.7FT.					93
12-05	12:42	2.2FT.	22:35	0.6FT.					97
12-06	13:30	2.1FT.	23:19	0.6FT.					97
12-07	14:12	2.1FT.	23:59	0.6FT.					92
12-08	0:37	0.6FT.	15:00	2.0FT.					85
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WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show

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07 Dec **The Grudge 2**
13 Dec The Illusionist
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Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
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SATURDAY 4 PM
November/December:
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THIS ISSUE
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Friday, December 8 – Tutti Fruitti's newest CD release festivities. Rose Inn, Rincon, 7.30pm children's choir; 8pm CD release party. See page 5.

Sunday, December 10 – COMCABON Fun Run – 2, 4, 5km. 8 am. Info at 780-7225, 717-8629

Saturday, December 16 – First BWC (Bonaire Wellness Connexions) Mountain Bike Tour. Meet at Eden Beach Resort (Activity Center). Registration from 9am, start at 4 pm. Helmets are compulsory.

Saturday, December 16 – Opening of Guest Artist Markus Taurer Exhibit at the Cinnamon Art Gallery, 7-10 pm. Exhibit until March 30. See page 18.

Sunday, December 17 -Mangazina di Rei, the living open-air museum near Rincon, will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a big "open house" where all are welcome. The day will be most interesting and interactive, with activities for one and all, plus dancing, music food and drink. The Mangazina on the Rincon Road will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. More information, a stand or display, call 786-2101 or 786-4346. See page 5.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days starting around 10 am to early afternoon: Saturday, Dec. 9 – *Crystal Serenity*; Wednesday, Dec. 13 – *Crown Princess*; Sunday Dec. 17 – *Rijndam*; Tuesday, 1 Dec. 19 – *Sea Princess*; Sunday, Dec. 24 – *Amsterdam*; Wednesday, December 27 – *Crown Princess, Silver Shadow*; Thursday, Dec. 29 – *Prinsendam*

Sunday, December 31 – COMCABON Run, 2-4-5 km. Start 1730. Different shops will sponsor

Sunday, December 31 – Disco Heaven at Buddy Dive, 10 pm until late. Free entrance. See page 20

REGULAR EVENTS

Daily (more or less)

- HH 2 for 1 (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**
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- **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, 2nd Saturday of the month**, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23, across from Warehouse Bonaire. Great wines. NAf20 per person for 6 to 8 wines.
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Sundays

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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**.
- **Beach BBQ 7-10 & Live music by Flamingo Rockers -The Windsurf Place** at Sorobon –Reserve ahead. Tel. 717-5091, 717-2288
- **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 Rock-**

ers" 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

Monday—**Dee Scarr's "Touch the Sea"** Slide Show, Capt. Don's Habitat, 8:30 pm. Call 717-8290.

Tuesday—"Bonaire Holiday" -Multi-media dual-projector production by Albert Bianculli. Beginning Tuesday, December 19, show alternates between **Buddy Dive** (717-5080) and **Hilltop** (Caribbean Club, 717-7901).

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

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Bridge Club - **Wednesdays**, 7:30 pm at the FORMA Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank. All levels invited. NAf5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.

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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.

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th **Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome.

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Sunday School every Sunday at 4 pm in Rincon. Bible Study and Prayer meetings, every Thursday at 8 pm. in Kralendijk.

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Born On Bonaire

James "Boy" Janga

"I was a very active child and a very good soccer player; I had my own soccer team, 'Cachoro.' People who know me from the old days still call me by that name. When I was 14 I started playing on the first team of 'Real Rincon.' We are the only team from Bonaire that became sub-champion at the Antillean Cup Championships.

Music I got from the friars and the nuns who instructed me. I had the talent, but they helped me a lot. I have a very good ear; I could always immediately play what I heard and I can still get music out of any instrument. After school I played in a band called 'African Blood' together with Broertje and Victor Janga.

Then I went to the States. I studied food and beverage management, played in several bands as a drummer, then I went to Florida State University's School of Music. I met George McCray and played in his band. After seven years in the States I moved to Curaçao where I played at the Holiday Inn with Eroll Colina and later on with my own band 'Hot Chocolate.'

In 1979 I went to Holland; I felt Curaçao was a little bit small for a musician. I played in Rosa King's band and with Dutch artists like Jan Akkerman and Saskia and Serge. I worked for famous artist's bureaus like Joop Koekoek's and Gerard van der Kolk's. I also performed with Bobby Farrell's band, 'Boney M,' in Germany. When Rene Froger was just starting I played with him in his band, 'Bacchanal.' Throughout the years I also had my own jazz/funk band, 'Janga-Project,' together with well-known Curaçao bass player, Utie Grigori. I also performed in his band, 'Sonido Latino.'

I was involved in a car accident 23 years ago and the doctors advised me not to play the drums anymore. I've gone to Cuba five times to take percussion master classes. I played the trumpet and the piano for awhile, but then I specialized in percussion, playing fusion jazz, pop and salsa. People started calling me and I was invited to play all over the world. I played with Roy Harper and Paquito de Rivera. I did so many projects in those days. I played everywhere: in Germany, in Belgium and in England at the Nottinghill Festival and the Wumad Festival.

After '86 I started working for Red Bullet Sound as a studio musician and met world famous jazz pianist/singer, Tania Maria. In 1989 I did a project with Janet Jackson." - *He shows me a photograph of himself and Jackson who'd wrapped a bunch of shawls around her neck* - "It was quite an experience, but I saw it as work, fun, good music and professionals to work with. We scored two world hits, 'When I think of you' and 'Control.'

I've worked a lot in Paris at the jazz club, 'New Morning,' with Henri Gedon, famous artist, painter and percussionist from Martinique; with Cuban pianist Alfredo Rodriguez; with Venezuelan bass player Mandingo; and Venezuelan band-leader Poleo.

I worked a lot in the Caribbean and one day I ended up on Bonaire again. I've been away for 33 years. More than half my life I've lived abroad: in the US, in Holland, Italy, Germany and Spain. When I was young I hardly ever thought about Bonaire, but when I lived in Holland I got this cassette with authentic Bonairean music and I began to realize what we had. From then on Bonaire was always on my mind, and I began to write an essay about Bonaire and its music. That project is still not finished.

"... real old authentic Bonairean music.... it inspired me to come back to the island and to write it down and show the world, 'This is what we have, this is our diamond mine!'"

Also I visited Anke Klomp in Holland. She's teaching Bonairean culture at the University of Utrecht. She lived on Bonaire when I was just a little kid and I would run errands for her! I visited her to get more information on the subject. She has a great collection of real old authentic Bonairean music, but she's careful with it and you can only listen to it at her place, and that's what I did, and it inspired me to come back to the island and to write it down and show the world: 'This is what we have, this is our diamond mine!'

Boy Janga (52) is an artist, a creative spirit, and a man of the world. He's been there and he has seen it all but it didn't spoil him. He has his feet on the ground, a good sense of humour and a sweet heart. His wife drops by at the music school where we're having our conversation and he lightens up:

"Ten years ago I met Caroline Laurens in Holland in an art café. The moment I saw her I thought, 'That's the one for me!' When we met some time later, we started dating. I was playing Antillean jazz in 'Gruppo Zamanakitoki,' and I would take her with me to our performances. Caroline is an incredible woman, I keep enjoying her; she has something very special and a very beautiful and exceptional charisma."



Boy, Kimley, Caroline; in front, Chazz and Daeline

"Life is never boring with Boy," *Caroline smiles*. "We can talk and laugh all day long; he inspires me and he's a sweet and very good daddy. We started late, but we made up for it and now we have three beautiful girls, Daeline, five; Chazz, three; and Kimley, one and a half.

We'd been thinking about coming back to Bonaire for a long time and somehow we felt, 'Now is the time.' The children are still small and Boy wants them to learn about their culture, and this is a great place for children to grow up. We'll see how it turns out. We came back in July this year, so we're still in the process of settling down and I have to get used to the climate too! I have a full time job as a Dutch teacher at SGB, and life is much busier than I thought it would be. On the other hand, when we spend one day at the beach it feels like I've been on a vacation! And we also found an extensive family here and that is fun too!"

"Life in Holland was never been difficult for me." *Boy says*, "I went there in '79, just in time, and as a musician you meet so many people. It was fun! Nowadays everything has changed because of the immigration laws - not for me, I know so many people - but life has become very different for so many others.

Last year I was playing with a salsa band on Aruba and met Debby, the singer in the *Freewinds* band. Then I came to Bonaire, to spend a couple of days swimming, and I stayed for three months because I was asked to put new life into the music school here. I immediately said 'Yes' and went looking for a house, schools for the children and a job for my wife. Then I went to Holland to take care of everything there. I'd been thinking of coming back to Bonaire for the last eight years, but I was fully booked

all the time all over the world so, it didn't work out then. But the last time I was on a plane there was such bad turbulence that it felt like the plane was dropping. Then I thought, 'Enough! I'm going to put both feet on the ground!'

The music school is new challenge. I want to get the kids off the streets and educate them. Music is a universal thing and once you learn to play an instrument you set yourself a goal. That creates discipline which automatically means that when you have discipline you will also do your homework, and that's the start to a better future. We want to involve all the schools on the island and not only that... all of Bonaire is welcome! However, we do need help. The *Freewinds* is supporting us, but we still need instruments for younger children. It would make a big difference for the school because then we can work with children of all ages.

For me personally Bonaire has changed and I have to get used to it - I've been away so long. In my time I heard the real music of the Simadan when all the different groups were playing at the church in Rincon, and you'd end up with the group that played with the greatest passion. I've heard it played in an almost similar way by this tribe called the Yuruba in Nigeria, but when I introduced it to Cubans they couldn't believe that so far south of them the same concept they're using was used in our music. So, I think I will finally finish my essay here on Bonaire. I was a little bit tired but now I am okay." □

Story & photo by
Greta Kooistra



Cooking Lessons at the Training Center Project



Iby with student cooks Press Release photo

Under the supervision of Iby Evertsz at the North Salina Sentro di Bario, youngsters from the training center project are getting cooking lessons every Wednesday. During the first lesson the youngsters made croquettes. Last Wednesday the youngsters made a crab salad sandwich. The results were very good and tasted delicious. The cooking lessons are a good combination with the “hospitality” training which is given in cooperation with Match Consultancy.

As well as cooking the youngsters also get lessons in serving in a restaurant, making menu cards, etc. and they make excursions to hotels and restaurants.

If you'd like to help us with a cooking lesson, for example baking a cake or pie, with the youngsters, you are more than welcome.

For information, please call Mick Schmit 786-6816 or Iby Evertsz 566-4113. Donations are welcome. □ *Press Release*

Editor's note: This project and others run by Mick Schmit which work with teens who are “on the fringe” does a lot to combat criminal activity through improving social conditions.

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Mini and Gerrit Bijsterbosch have been living on Bonaire the last three years. They both work at BSC Pool and Spa. In addition to their usual visit to The Netherlands this year they first visited Sheffield, United Kingdom, because their daughter is studying there for her Masters in Neuroscience. They say, “Sheffield is a wonderful clean and safe city. We had a wonderful time there.” □

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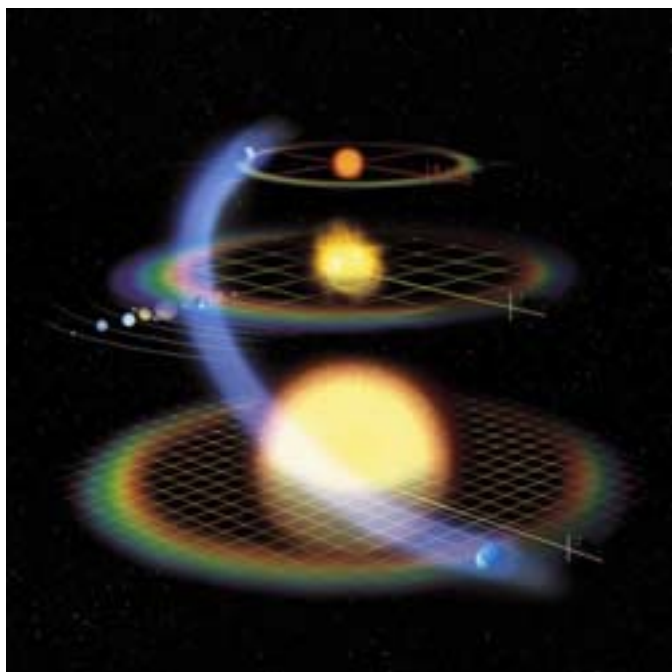


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**Don't Miss This Weekend's Super Planet Meeting!
A Once In 50 Years Happening**

Please be sure to mark this Sunday the 10th and Monday the 11th just before sunrise as the two days you'll see not only the best super planet meeting of the entire year but also the closest meeting of three naked eye planets until November 25th 2053. This Sunday, December 10th, 45 minutes before sunrise, face east where you'll see three planets so close together that they could fit within a circle only one degree wide, which is easier to understand if you think of it this way. Since a full Moon is only half a degree wide and these three planets would fit in a circle only two full Moon widths wide. And that is close!



Three-Planet Line Up- Artist's Conception

In fact, as I said we'll not see three naked eye planets this close together again for almost half a century, 47 years from now! The brightest of the three will be the largest of the planets, 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter**. The second brightest will be the smallest planet since **Pluto** got its demotion, 3,000-mile-wide **Mercury**. And although slightly larger but dimmer because it's much farther away than Mercury, 4,000-mile-wide **Mars**. And believe me this is a sight you don't want to miss. I strongly recommend that if you have a pair of binoculars that you use them because you'll be totally blown away. And if you have even the cheapest telescope you'll be blown even farther away. Now if you miss it because it's cloudy on Sunday they'll still be almost as close the next day, Monday, December 11th. Although in just that short a time Mercury will have moved from being slightly above Jupiter to just slightly below it.

Let's show you a couple times again so you can see how dramatically Mercury moves in relation to Jupiter in only 24 hours. So please mark Sunday December 10th and Monday the 11th as super close planet meeting days. Of course they're pretty close all this week as they move closer and closer together. And this Saturday the 9th they will fit inside a circle only one and a half degrees or three full Moon widths wide. But Sunday is the day of their absolute closest meeting. Now as I reminded you last week even though they will appear super close it is only an optical illusion because in reality all these planets are incredibly far away from each other. It's only our line of sight from our **Earth** that makes them appear so incredibly close. In fact Mercury will be 120 million miles away this Sunday, Mars 230 million miles away, but Jupiter will be a whopping 600 million miles from Earth. Once again Saturday, Sunday, Monday. And remember if you miss this, you won't see another until November 25th, 2053! □ *Jack Horkheimer*

DO YOU SUDOKU? ANSWER

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

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THE STARS HAVE IT

The Month of December

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your ability to ferret out secret information will lead you to an inside scoop on an amazing financial deal. Be careful; you may say something you'll regret later. You need to get out if you want to meet potential partners. Be careful what you say. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Real estate ventures will be to your advantage. You will be able to make changes regarding your living arrangements. Unforeseen changes in your location are apparent. You should feel a little more stable about your position; however, don't be surprised if a job offer comes your way. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You need to spend some time pampering yourself. Overindulgence will be a problem if you are out in a social setting. Travel could be in order. Try to communicate if you wish to help. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't let criticism upset you. Hassles will delay your plans. Make sure any presentation you have is ready. You can find out interesting information if you get a chance to talk to people you respect. Use your quick wit to win points and friends. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can meet potential new mates, but make sure that they aren't already committed to someone else. Talk about your intentions and confirm that you both feel the same way. Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems. You may not be able to help, but your support will be favorable. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Do not get into uncertain financial deals. Be quiet about your intentions or ideas that might bring added cash. Don't vacillate about asking for assistance if you need it. Try not to lose your cool, and make your point known. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Opportunities to show your worth will enhance your reputation and bring possible advancement. Try to spend more time with children and relatives. Get the whole family involved in a worthwhile cause or cultural event. You need to spend some time with individuals who have more experience than you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You must watch your tendency to spend whatever you make. You should socialize with clients or upper echelons of your industry if possible. Entertain those who can provide you with valuable information and knowledge. You should be setting up interviews or sending out your resume this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Exercise programs will be effective. Communication will be the source of your knowledge and you must be sure to spend time with those who have more experience. Controversial subjects should be avoided at all costs. You will be overly generous with children this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your intellectual wit will bring greater popularity with your peers. Real estate should be lucrative for you. Try to channel your energy into physical work. Organize your house and be sure to include the whole family in the projects you have set out to do. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You can make career moves that will bring you a much higher income. Opportunities to learn important information will surface through discussions with peers or seminars you attend. Be sure to catch up on overdue correspondence and help those you love find solutions to their dilemmas. This will be a very hectic day if you've made promises to too many people. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will have a productive day if you organize yourself well at work. Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Use your head and do things to your liking. Be sure to organize events that will keep the children busy. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday. □