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**Mangroves
Yes**

**Mangrove
Village
No**

Mangrove Village Ordered Demolished

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Wilna Gronenboom photo

Flotsam and Jetsam



► **DAE will appeal the case against Insel Air that it lost last week.** At that time, the judge decided that both Insel Air and DAE are allowed to fly to St. Maarten.

According to DAE, the consequence of Insel Air flying to St. Maarten is that the route becomes uneconomical for both airlines which would cause both companies to lose money and possibly fail. The failure may make it worse for both Curaçao and St. Maarten; they might even end up without air service, said DAE Director Floris van Pallandt.

DAE's lawyer, Lex Gonzales, argues that the Antillean government did not comply with the regulation dealing with the handling and evaluation of permit requests for intra-Antilles flights. This regulation requires that permits for routes must conform to demand.

Meanwhile, Insel Air has started an aggressive marketing campaign to fill the 167 seats on its MD-83 jet. Round-trip tickets cost NAf360, with a second person flying for half price. This campaign will continue until February 16, said Insel Air Director Edward Heerenveen on Thursday.

► A group of Dutch "movers and shakers" visited Bonaire last week. The CEOs and ex-CEOs of numerous

large companies in Holland toured the island, enjoyed the beach at Sorobon and drinks and snacks at the Balashi Bar at Divi Flamingo. They also held informal get-togethers with some Bonaire businessmen and elected officials.

► Member of the Dutch Parliament, Hans van Baalen, told the NRC *Handelsblad* newspaper that he **demands apologies from Venezuela for last week's interception of two Dutch patrol airplanes stationed in Curaçao by Venezuelan F-16 fighters.**

A spokesperson in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says that Venezuela admitted that the incident was a misunderstanding but that they did not apologize. Venezuela unjustly thought that the Coast Guard airplanes were flying over Venezuelan territory, but Van Baalen says that "that is too easily said by Venezuela. Venezuela has to offer a plain apology. Saying that they admit the misunderstanding is too sparing."

► **All pensioners in the Netherlands Antilles got a higher pension payment this month, but not all got a NAf 100 increase.** The pension was increased by NAf100; but only for those already getting the maximum. The amount each pensioner will get is proportional to the amount of his/her pension. For example, those getting 50% of the maximum amount will receive only 50% of the increase: NAf 50.

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**Only 22 days
before the Walk-a-Thon!**

► **Montserrat remains on high alert following a collapse of the dome of the Soufriere Hills volcano** last week. Scientists at Montserrat Volcano Observatory (MVO) said yesterday that pyroclastic flows continued to flow down the northwestern side of the volcano. The alert level remained at "4" which is the second highest. Last week hundreds of residents in the Belham Valley were evacuated as a precautionary measure.



Internet photo

The volcano awakened from its geological slumber on July 18, 1995, and in 1996 eruptions started with a major killer eruption in 1997 which took the lives of 19 people. The capital city Plymouth was also destroyed. The population was moved to the north where a new capital has been constructed.

ENVIROWATCH

► One of our readers wrote, "If somebody has lost his/her fridge, I've found it. Unfortunately the contents are gone. The legal owner can retrieve his/her property along one of the side roads of the Kaminda Broertje



Sam Williams at work inspecting one of Bonaire's parrot nests.

► Sam Williams, one of the two parrot researchers working with Bonaire's endangered Lora, will be visiting Bonaire this month to help with our annual Lora count.

He will also be making some preparations for the coming breeding season and there are a couple of things he needs help with.

- Do you have a **cordless drill capable of drilling masonry**? Sam would like to borrow a strong portable drill for one or two days in mid January.
- Are there any **bee keepers** on the island? If so please get in touch with

coral glimpses

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



Such canals on boulder-type coral formations are said to be created by resident snapping shrimp. The resident creature prevents anything but algae from growing in the canals, but the burrow shape is usually more straightforward! □ *Captions and photos by Dee Scarr.*

Dee's Photos restored by Jack Drafahl of the Oregon Coastal Digital Center

Dee Scarr conducts "Touch the Sea" dives. They will enhance your diving forever. Call 717-8529. See her slide show "Touch the Sea" at Capt. Don's Habitat, Mondays, 8:30 pm.



Sam as he needs some advice so he can help the parrots without getting stung! If you have parrots near your house after 1800 hrs can you let Sam know. He is interested to find any new areas where they are roosting.













Contact Sam by email at sam.williams@shef.ac.uk, or leave your phone number with *The Reporter* (786-6518/6125) so he can call you when he lands on the island.

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THE BONAIRE REPORTER ANNUAL PREDICTIONS and RESULTS

For the last 11 years we've been trying to determine how the coming year will work out. This year we continue with our views in four important areas. And so you can see how accurate we were, you can refer to our **HITS & MISSES**.

Prediction for 2007	How did we do? Prediction made for 2006 Published January 2006	How Accurate was our prediction
<p>Structural:</p> <p>The prime issues facing the negotiators in finding Bonaire's "spot" in The Netherlands will have to do with the currency to be used—Dollars, Euros, Guilders or "Trupials?"—because it will directly affect the buying power of all Bonaireans and how import duties will be handled. The collection of taxes and police presence will also be sticky issues.</p> <p>Many issues will be set to be resolved over the next five years, minimizing the difficulty of the transition.</p> <p>Island Council elections in the spring will again be hotly contested. Unless the PDB can come up with a new strategy and popular candidates we predict a UBP landslide. If Bonaire integrates with Holland as scheduled the councilmen will have new roles and parliamentary and local elections will be the way of the future</p>	<p>Structural:</p> <p>The journey to establish "Direct Ties" with the Netherlands will be painless for Bonaire and the small Antillean islands during the year. Round Table negotiations for Curaçao and St. Martin will be more difficult.</p> <p>We think that agreement conflicts between Holland and Bonaire won't arise until 2007 as the July 2007 deadline for the new order nears.</p> <p>The election for Bonaire's three seats in Parliament at the end of January will be the closest in years. The UPB, buoyed by a stronger economy, could win two of the seats. But the PDB move that consolidated candidates from the Socialist and Labor parties into itself may swing enough votes to win two of the three seats. The election is too close to call.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>J. Abraham</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>R. Booi</p> </div> </div>	<p>Structural:</p> <p>Direct hit</p> <p>Bonaire and the two other less populated islands signed off with a final agreement, the "Slotverkalring," to obtain a unique municipal status in The Netherlands.</p> <p>The UPB won two of Bonaire's three seats in the national Parliament but the PDB coalition made a formidable showing and took the remaining seat.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>J. Abraham, PDB leader</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>R. Booi, UPB leader</p> </div> </div>
<p>Economic:</p> <p>The word, boom, means trees in Dutch but an explosion in English. Look for an explosion in investors and real estate prices as easy access to Bonaire for Europeans becomes a matter of course. Decisions will have to be made to protect Bonaire's trees and its environment from the continuing building boom.</p> <p>Two and possibly three major hotels will begin construction and numerous other tourism related projects will begin.</p> <p>At least one additional airline route to the US will be started and there will be increased flights non-stop from Holland.</p> 	<p>Economic:</p> <p>The rosy economic outlook for Bonaire will continue. Rental apartments will continue to be the strong sector.</p> <p>There will be at least one more non-stop flight a week from the US, motivated by the Continental non-stop's high load factor.</p> <p>Housing starts, especially for Bonairean workers, will be a growth area.</p> <p>Real estate values will soar in anticipation of the 2007 conversion to the euro, especially if it remains significantly higher than the US dollar.</p> <p>Ground will be broken for at least one, maybe three new hotels.</p> 	<p>Economic:</p> <p>Direct Hit</p> <p>All the year-end reports released to date show strong growth for Bonaire, primarily in construction.</p> <p>The second non-stop Continental flight began in December and Arkefly, a Dutch charter airline, began flights in November.</p> <p>Real estate values continued to move upward, reported at least two of Bonaire's leading realtors.</p> <p>While ground wasn't broken, two major new resort developments will be underway soon.: Divi Sunset, an all inclusive resort, and a major hotel school.</p> 
<p>Environmental:</p> <p>The sewage plant project will finally begin, hopefully in coordination with other infrastructure improvements and road repair.</p> <p>Developments will threaten Bonaire's trees, water and land. The Mangrove Village debacle will seem minuscule compared to what will happen unless safeguards to protect Bonaire's environment and culture are built-in to the integration agreement.</p> <p>Encouraged by past success STINAPA will function as an environmental watchdog.</p> 	<p>Environmental:</p> <p>The Bonaire government will get behind a real alternative power project this year.</p> <p>The sewage plant will continue to creep toward completion without being halted by environmentalist interests despite its acknowledged shortcomings.</p> <p>Bonaire's Parks will continue to improve under their two strong managers</p> 	<p>Environmental:</p> <p>Partial Hit</p> <p>While the Bonaire government announced plans for a wind turbine park, no progress was made on installation of a sanitary sewer system.</p> <p>Bonaire's land and sea parks continued to be models for the rest of the world.</p> 
<p>Social:</p> <p>Until integration with Holland is achieved a combination of local and Dutch social programs will serve as a safety net for the island's population.</p> <p>After integration, if politicians' promises are kept, Bonaire will move closer to Holland's social support system to the betterment of all Bonaireans.</p> <p>Bonaire's police will get a shake-up once the Dutch justice system looks closer at Bonaire's needs.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<p>Social:</p> <p>Under the moral leadership of the Governor and fundamental reinforcement from the Central Government, Bonaire's police will have more presence which will bring about a reduction in crime.</p> <p>The charitable grant-giving powers of AMFO will be refined and systemized. Grants to worthy causes will resume early in 2006.</p> 	<p>Social:</p> <p>Miss</p> <p>After a good start Bonaire fell back into a past pattern of not being able to stop home, hotel room and auto break-ins. Police presence in Bonaire remains elusive, however, there were reports of better citizen and tourist victim relations and the police department claimed a 15% increase in arrests.</p> <p>AMFO never was reborn. However, USONA became the prime distributor of government aid to the island.</p> 

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► Last week we reported that **the Dutch province of Noord Holland offered to take the three smaller islands, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius under its governing responsibility** and to assist the islands in a number of areas. Noord Holland already has 65 municipalities with a combined population of almost 2.6 million people and intense economic development including Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, the country's capitol, seaports, factories and 1.1 million automobiles. The province of Noord Holland was established in 1840 and is one of 12. **The province system is a level of government that is between the central government in The Hague and municipalities.**

Many Dutchmen feel it is an unnecessary level of government in the 21st century. However, in the Antillean Referenda that were held several years ago, Bonaire opted for "direct ties with Holland" which was motivated by the inadequate performance of the Central Government layer in Curaçao. **Therefore, opting for provincial membership may be contrary to the wishes of the Bonaire population.**

► American Airlines announced that it is starting the New Year by **offering customers on Caribbean flights new choices in fresh light meals, snacks and bottled water... at a price.** The new choices are part of the airline's "continuing efforts to give customers what they value," American said in a press release. Snacks and bottled water will be available on all flights two hours or longer, and the fresh light meals can be purchased on all flights three hours or longer.

In September, American tested selling snacks on approximately 250 domestic flights. Results indicated that customers

appreciated the choice and value of purchasing individual items onboard the aircraft rather than having the items bundled together in a snack box.

The airline launched its food for sale program a year ago on US domestic flights. The program is offered in addition to the complimentary beverage service which remains unchanged.

► **BONHATA**, Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association, **announced its 2007 Board of Directors.**

Executive Board:

President – Mr. Boudewijn "Bous" Scholts, Plaza Resort Bonaire
Vice-President – Ms. Irene Dingjan, Port Bonaire
Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Serge De Groote, Divi Dive



Directors At Large:

Mr. Jack Chalk, Captain Don's Habitat
Ms. Sara Matera, Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino
Mrs. Elizabeth Ginocchio, Golden Reef Inn
Mr. Maxim Van Dortmond, Bonaire Affair
Mrs. Corine Gerharts, Bonaire Tours & Vacations
Mr. Dirk Jan Methorst, Budget Car Rental

► **The first underwater cleanup of this year co-sponsored by Dive Friends Bonaire and NetTech is scheduled for this Saturday, January 13,** at the Yellow Submarine dive shop. It's especially needed now because of the debris underwater from the New Years fireworks shows.

Everyone is invited to join in. As shore support is needed as well as divers, those who don't wish to dive are certainly welcome too. Anyone interested in helping out should meet at 1 pm Yellow Submarine for their briefing and the dive (tanks are provided at no charge). A potluck BBQ will be held after the dive with main courses provided by the sponsors; all oth-

Artistic Visions of Bonaire's Future - by well known personalities

The Bonaire Lions Club plans a unique fundraiser where well-known Bonaireans, assisted by local artists, will make and sign their work of art which will be auctioned. Revenues will be used to fund the renovation of the Skol di Arte building; Sosiedat Diabetiko Boneriano; Drecha Kas (renovation of houses of the less fortunate in Bonairean society). The theme is **"Bonaire, a special municipality within the Kingdom as of 2007. Your vision!"**



The event will be held at the Kas di Arte:

Exposition: January 21-28 from 17.00- 20.30

Barbecue: Sunday, January 28 starting at 17.30

Auction: Sunday, January 28 starting at 20.00

There will be Workshops: on Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18 starting at 17.30

The auctioneers will be Aymed Ayubi and Felix (Papi) Cicilia

Participants in alphabetical order:

Abraham, Jopie
Antoin, Boi
Bernabela, Jackie

Beukenboom, Elsmarie
Booi, Ramoncito
Dammers, Geraldine
DeSalvo, George
Don, Captain
Daal, Hector

Domacassé, Herbert
Hart, Richard
Maartense, Maarten
Piar, Evert
Saleh, Raymundo
Soliana, George

Artists in alphabetical order:

Booi, Frans
Bijl, van der, Renate
Coffie, Nochi
Dania, Winfred
Ebing, Josephine

Figaroa, Ady
Huckaby, Janice
Ledezma, Nina
Marten, Sedney
Nijdam, Germaine
Rijna, Jenny (o.v.)
Rivas, Dianir

Roozendaal, Henk
Silfhout, van, Rien
Sluizeman, Marianne,
Stapert, Sipke
Trinidad, Tony (o.v.)
Twillert, van, Eefje
□ *Dick Dissel*

ers are asked to bring a small side dish. □

L./G.D.



SANTA FORGOT

Dear *Bonaire Reporter*:

This is Santa reporting in from the North Pole. It was a great pleasure to visit Bonaire and see all the friendly folks in Rincon. I had a wonderful experience giving out toys to the children. You have some great supporters of the community. I really enjoyed seeing my picture with the children in your paper two weeks ago, but I noticed that one of those special supporters of many children projects were mistakenly left off the list.

Please give a special thanks to **Jack Chalk** and **Captain Don's Habitat** for supporting this gift giving event and many others events in the past.

Their continued support really is great!

Sincerely, Santa

REGENERATION

Dear Editor:

While educating divers as well as concerned dive masters about the nature of coral damage, it is important to understand both sides of the process, which are the diver's action and the coral's response. Coral is a living organism, not a passive fragile vase set on top of a sharp rock.

Corals are cnidarians, together with anemones, sea jellies and hydrozoans. Cni-

LETTERS



Dee Scarr photo

darians are well known for their remarkable regeneration capacity. They can regenerate any amputated head or foot, and when dissociated into single cells, even intact animals will regenerate from reaggregates. Studies have shown that coral polyps of a colony – not only the ones directly bordering an injured area but also as far as 15 cm away – allocate resources to repair the injury to achieve fast recovery. This is important in order to prevent colonization of a lesion by competitors. Regeneration ability and rate depend on a lesion shape. For example, long narrow lesions like lacerations from pressing coral tissue against underlying skeleton may be closed in minutes, while closing of circular lesions even of much smaller size like parrotfish bites may take hours or days; and lesions of a larger area may never be closed.

In other words, recovery of small damage, caused by things touching coral here and there is part of normal life of a coral reef. The real enemy of reef is larger scale effects: from rock-anchors thrown onto reef by fishermen, to over fishing of essential species, to water pollution. This is where the conservation efforts need to be directed.
Genady Filkovsky.

YACHTSMEN AND WOMEN HELP OUT

Dear Editor:

The cruising community from the visiting yachts moored in Kralendijk Harbor was able to brighten up the lives of the eight boys at the Maria Hoppner Home on Thursday. Each yacht gave generously for the boys, aged four to 16. Each child received a bag containing a book, paper, pens, a toy, toothpaste, toothbrush and other goodies, and there was enough money left over to buy each child a set of sheets and a towel!

Thanks to the cruisers from all over the world who are happy to help, from counting fish, tagging turtles, beach cleaning. This time it was the boys who benefited, but I personally benefited far more from seeing their happy faces!! Happy 2007 Maria Hoppner Home!

Susie Stanhope aboard S/V Wishful Thinking

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DONKEYS

To the Editor:

To dispel the rumors circulating about what's happening with the donkeys of Rincon, I must tell the truth. They are being sent to Curaçao by members of the Desaroyo of Rincon and the LVV. Veeteeld and Visserij from the government are working together with the vet from Kaminda Lagun to collect the donkeys of Rincon, tranquilize them, and then bring them in a horse trailer to the harbor at night. There have been several shipments of the donkeys of Rincon since June/July 2006 with the

total of shipped donkeys at approximately 100 now. One shipment I followed myself and found out then that these donkeys were being used as food for the zoo in Curaçao. In fact when I was told this fact by the man in Curaçao who had



the donkeys in his kunuku, I went to the zoo to discover that he told the truth also. Unfortunately some of the shipped donkeys have actually died in the horse trailer sitting at the harbor in the heat without water.

Some are saying that Marina Melis and the Donkey Sanctuary are the ones sending the donkeys of Rincon to the zoo for food. But that is simply a lie. I wish so much that these donkeys could be taken in the sanctuary, but already we have over 300 donkeys, and it is very difficult to find funding to provide for their food and care, so we can't take in any more donkeys under the current circumstances. But please know that because of all the donkeys taken in by the Donkey Sanctuary, the number of car accidents involving donkeys on the streets has been reduced from 120 in 2005 to only 5 in 2006. We are happy with that success and wish for you a good, safe, and happy New Year. And thank you for all those who help and support the donkeys of Bonaire.

Marina Melis and the Staff of Donkeys Help Foundation

**COVER
STORY**

Mangrove Village Must Be Removed

As we went to press last week the office of the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles, in its overseer role, cancelled the building permit for the mangrove Village development project at Bonaire's Sorobon Beach on the grounds that no environmental impact study was made and that in any case it violated the principles of the Treaty of Ramsar (Iran, 1971) that protects coastal wetlands around the world. Holland is a signatory to that treaty. Since then reaction to the ruling has been heated. The ruling vindicated the position of the environmental conservation NGO, STINAPA, that said the construction in that area was illegal because it violated the treaty and harmed the mangroves that grow in the area. Despite the opposition construction was well underway when the cease order was finally confirmed.

Bonaire's UPB ruling party-controlled Executive Council, which issued the building permit, said its action was no different than the permits issued for other development in the Sorobon area and that the complaint was politically motivated. They lamented the fact that developer Angelo Clarinda, a Bonairean, who also built the fueling facility at Flamingo airport, was denied the right to build. However, the Executive Council will abide by the Governor's ruling.

The opposition PDB party focused on the abuse of power by the ruling party, a pattern it says is typical of current Bonaire government.

The Governor's order implied that the present construction in the mangroves must be demolished. Just when this will be done and who will foot the bill has not been decided.

The annulment by the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles of the decisions by Bonaire's Executive Council because it violates an international treaty sends a strong signal to island governments: Continued economic development is important, but the natural environment must be considered more and more. The Governor had already suspended the decisions to grant a long lease and to issue a building permit for the "ecological resort," on October 4. □
G.D. with photos by Wilna Gronenboom



These Mangrove Village columns to be demolished



A tranquil scene in the mangroves



Do you prefer bricks or trees?

Picture Yourself with The Reporter At 33,000 ft. over the ocean



Longtime friends of ours, Marijn and Laura van Erp, are seen here reading *The Bonaire Reporter* aboard their KLM flight to the Netherlands at an altitude of 33,000 ft. □

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A Shrink Studies SCUBA



Diver Response to First Dive Panic Experience Examination of Panic in 12,087 Recreational Scuba Divers

What happens when divers panic underwater? David and Lynn Colvard sent us the results of their scientific study of a large sample of certified divers:

	Males (N=2206)	Females (N=1099)
Remembered Training	82%	77%
Utilized Training	81%	73%
Another Diver Offered Help	38% *	67% *
Rapid/Uncontrolled Ascent	15%	15%
Obtained More Training	82%	80%

p < 0.0001



But is it really OK?

Among the 499 with a panic dive and rapid or uncontrolled ascent, 14 males and 9 females reported having signs or symptoms of decompression illness, and 7 males and 2 females underwent hyperbaric treatment, an insufficient number of cases for meaningful statistical analysis. One diver reported long term residual effects: numbness in the left toes after 5 years.

A history of panic prior to diving corresponded to about a two-fold relative risk of panic while diving, (2.3 for males and 1.7 for females). However, a history of panic prior to diving made little difference in the incidence of rapid or uncontrolled ascent with panic, either during or after initial training. A follow up study of the divers from this survey is currently underway. A prospective study of new dive students is needed to better determine the incidence of panic, the relative risk with a history of panic prior to diving, the incidence of rapid ascent, and the morbidity and mortality from the same, so that physicians can better advise potential dive students. □ *David F Colvard, MD and Lynn Y Colvard, PhD*



David F. Colvard, M.D., is a private psychiatrist and clinical investigator in Raleigh NC, and a divemaster. He hosts the website www.DivePsych.com which provides evidence-based information for divers on psychological and stress factors in scuba divers. □



Fireworks Frazzled Animals

Orphaline Saleh writes from her home, the blue house when you enter the Hato neighborhood:

“Our young (8 month old) female Rottweiler ran away on New Years. Unfortunately she was not wearing a collar because of irritation on her neck. (Photo at right) We have checked with WEB, Animal Shelter, the vets and several neighbors, searched the neighborhood and surrounding bushes, however, so far she has not turned up. In case someone in the neighborhood has seen her or knows her whereabouts, please let us know at 786-8866 (Juaquin) or 717-2404. Please also tell your friends, as we suspect she might have run to Republik or Nort Salinja. We are offering a NA\$200 reward for her safe return.”

Thank you.”



Is this dog yours?

“As always, the time around the holidays is partly spoiled by the terrible fireworks that start way too early and in Hato were still going on January 5th. This year there seemed to be a new bomb that made one feel the island was in a war zone and freaked out people as well as all the animals.

Just imagine how this money could be spent on the “Breakfast for Schools” Program instead.

This little dog – was found hiding behind the furniture on the porch of Divers Paradise on January 2nd. It was very afraid and it took a couple of days to make friends. Thanks to Edith Foks we caught it and took it to the Animal Shelter. If it’s yours go there to claim it.” □



Lost Chihuahua

And another lost dog is Chihuahua “DIVA” from Kaya Mars 22 Call: 717-4578/ 526-2819/ 525-6000/ 786-3824.



Happy Adoptee

Not all stories this week about animals are sad. Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema sent us this photo of a Bonaire dog that was adopted two years ago and brought to Switzerland. “Her name is Bony and the photo shows her playing in the Swiss waters. The owner’s name is Esthi and Bony is her best friend.” □ *L./G. D.*



Bony in Switzerland.

Pet of the Week

Our Pet this week, “Jordan,” was shown last week with the girl volunteers, but he has such a great big smile and happy face that we had to show him again. A face like that just makes you want to smile too. Jordan was found running loose in town. He was trying to make his way because he’s such a very friendly, sociable and trusting guy with people, but living on the street was a sad life and he’s much too good a dog for that. So now some lucky person has the opportunity to be an owner of this terrific, big loveable fellow. He’s about three years old, has been castrated, has had his shots and tests and is ready to go. You may see him at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989.



“Jordan”

Why is it so important to have your pet spayed or neutered?

- 1 It’s good for your pet.** It reduces the risk of certain reproductive cancers and diseases for both males and females, and these pets also generally live longer. For females, it eliminates the heat cycle and therefore the nervousness, blood and unwelcome males. For males it stops the mating desire, reduces mounting and the tendency to roam.
- 2 It’s good for you.** It reduces the risk of unwanted litters. There will be no more problems with blood stains, males breaking into your yard, pets running away in search of a mate and the job of taking care of and finding homes for an unwanted litter.
- 3 It’s good for the community.** Homeless pets often create serious problems. They destroy property, spread disease and cost a lot of money to control. It’s an agonizing job to have to euthanize animals because of irresponsible breeding. □ *L.D.*

Only 22 days before the Special Olympics Walk-A-Thon



Feet courtesy Walk-a-Thon 2006

It's the **FIFTH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS BONAIRE WALK-A-THON – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4** - Bonaire's most popular fund raising event, and all the proceeds go to a great cause – sending our Special Olympics Athletes to compete in international games, and this year to the World Games in Shanghai, China, in October. The event, begun five years ago, was the inspiration of ex-head coach, Elizabeth Wigny, who wanted it to not only be a fund raising event but one that was historically important – the route taken by the slaves between Rincon and

Get Your Ticket Now- Only NAf25

Includes a T-shirt, canvas carrying bag, water bottle and a meal at the end

individuals but for groups too who even get others to sponsor them. So take the opportunity and get a group together and enjoy the walk. National Director Claire Sealy reports that during this year's Walk-a-Thon there will be some surprises along the route and a special one at the very end at Pasa Dia. Also this year students from the 5th and 6th grades and members of the FKPD have been participating in a contest to design a new logo for the Walk-a-Thon T-shirt. First prize is a laptop and there are 10 other smaller prizes. The contest ends this Friday, January 12, so you'll see the winning logo next week in *The*

Reporter. Instructions to Participants

You may walk, you may run, jog, bike or even roller blade. Everyone meets at 5 am at the Slave Huts at the south end of the island, and the 30-kilometer trek begins.

Or you may leave your car at the Stadium in Playa and take the FKPD bus which will leave at 4:30 am SHARP which will take you to the Slave Huts. Then you'll be able to get a ride back to the Stadium from the Pasa Dia in Rincon. Bikes can get a lift back to town from the Pasa Dia. All along the route there will be pick up trucks to take those who get tired or have any problems. The Red Cross people will be there too, monitoring the well being of everyone.

You'll follow the route of the slaves with the final destination, the Pasa Dia in Rincon. Every five kilometers there will be a "refreshment station" where you'll be offered water, fruits, snacks and lots of encouragement. And at the Pasa Dia

you'll receive a certificate and a delicious meal and drink.

Tickets, etc

Tickets are NAf25 and include a Walk-a-Thon T-shirt, water bottle, bag, baseball hat and the meal at the end. Get your tickets from any board member (see list), Chat 'n' Browse, Obersi Electronics (Xerox) or Bowling di Danilo. Or email info@specialolympicsbonaire.org.

No matter who you are you may buy a ticket. You don't have to do the walk and next week we'll tell you about a special offer for non-walkers..

Once you get your ticket you may pick up your gift bag at City Cafe/Hotel Rocheline in the lobby on Friday, February 2 from 4 to 7 pm or Saturday, February 3 from 10 am to 4 pm.

See you there!

□ L.D.





Well known walker, Bòl Antoin of èxtra, last year

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"Recipes for Success" to Aid Bonaire Special Olympics

Recipes for Success is a mini-book compiled by Delno Tromp, for Special Olympics Bonaire. For many years Delno has given his time and love to his native island – with Special Olympics, the FKPD, the elderly, the tourist sector and many more organizations. This book was made especially for generating funds for the Bonaire Team for their upcoming World Games to be held in Shanghai, China, in October, 2007. The cost of the book is \$10, all of which goes to Bonaire's Special Olympics Team.

Recipes for Success is an 87-page book with over 290 quotations about success. Says Delno, "Success is about the person you are and the person you are becoming. It is all about fulfilling your potential and achieving your dreams. Success is what will bring you in a life a joy and pride in your accomplishments. The key to success is to be the best in what we do and to be happy in what we do."



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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)

	9			2				1
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6				3				5

Complete solution on page 19.

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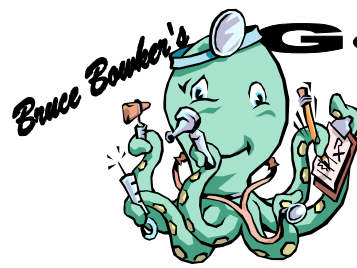
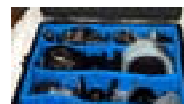
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Gear Doc

A bi-monthly feature in the Reporter devoted to helping you maintain your gear.

A second stage that never gets cleaned or receives a brief rinsing and is left wet repeatedly can wind up looking rather bad inside. I mean bad enough to almost make one's stomach turn when you see it.

Most, NOT ALL, 2nd stages are not difficult to remove the front cover and diaphragm. Some have a side pin or a clip. Most have nothing. Just unscrew the front cover and carefully see what comes next. Some have a friction ring. Others have another screw-on ring with a friction ring under that. The last item should be the rubber diaphragm which might be blue, black, clear or white and possibly other colors. Aqualung (US Divers) makes a very small 2nd stage called the Micra that can be a bit of a problem. I have a special tool to remove and install the cover so you might not want to tackle that model.

Some really old 2nd stages such as metal Dacors and Scubapros have a ring that holds the cover and the ring is held by one or two screws. These are a pain but not impossible. I have had some newer regulators that I needed a ring wrench to unscrew the cover only because they had been on for so long. Some manufacturers make special tools although there is usually a way around this. Using a kitchen rubber top removing cloth thing pad works wonders also.

With care, an old toothbrush can be used to scrub out the inside if necessary. Perhaps the dive shop you use can show you how to take the cover off, explaining any "tricks" such as keeper pins or friction ring etc. Of course the best thing to do is clean and dry the 2nd stage well after diving by running water through it, not just soaking.

One last point - when you do have the cover off, clean the threads. There can be sand pieces in there which don't help when putting it back together. Just screw the top down snugly. Do not over tighten.

After all is said and done, take a gentle breath through it to make sure you get no air. If you get air, you have not put the diaphragm back correctly or the exhaust valve got disturbed. □ Bruce Bowker is owner-operator of Carib Inn



A regulator second stage

Correction: In the last Scuba Doc article we printed a photo of a valve cover. The photo at right is a dust cap, the subject of the story.



Bruce Bowker

4" D-ball; 2 ultralite 12" D-ball; extra o-ring set; Sekonic Marine meter II. Asking \$1,000. Call 717-2050.

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Wanted

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Cashier needed part time. Dutch, English, Papiamentu preferred. Last Bite Bakery. 717-3293 □

The Bonaire Reporter is looking for a person to do layout for the weekly editions. Must be very competent with

Microsoft Publisher and familiar with Microsoft Office programs. Great part-time job and could possibly be done from home. Call George at 786-6125 or 786-6518.



Bonaire Sea Turtle Conservation Needs Contributions

In reallocating its environmental aid the Dutch Government cut off aid to Bonaire's Sea Turtle Conservation (STCB). It had been a major source of funding for several years.

In early December, two STCB board members visited The Hague and met with the appropriate minister to continue the conservation activity which had received the approval of the Bonaire Island Council in August 2006. At the meeting the representatives were informed that the funding program had been terminated and that a newly defined environmental program would begin in April, 2007. Unfortunately, sea turtle conservation would not be considered for any future grants.

The representatives were further advised that with the recent commitment of the government to a long-term trust fund for the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA), STCB would not qualify for future grant money.

Andy Uhr, STCB spokesman writes, "So where does that leave us? Well, we are working on identifying other grants and will be submitting one mid-January. But the scope of this, and most other available grants, is nowhere close to what we had hoped to secure from Holland. In addition, we have been raising funds



The tracking program is in jeopardy.

from supporters such as yourself and have had some success. Donations from Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) N.V. and BOPEC have been encouraging and we received a generous donation from the Foundation for the Preservation of Klein Bonaire (FPKB). Still, we have a long way to go to meet our goal of raising NAf100.000 this year."

He adds, "I'm taking the liberty of listing the STCB website - www.bonaireturtles.org- and other contact information below. Please take a moment to review the site, in the hope that if you have not already contributed, you will do so now. Making a contribution is easy, can be done right on-line using a credit card and for US taxpayers the contribution is tax deductible. For that



There is an even greater need for contributions from commercial sponsors like Re/Max Paradise Homes with the cutoff of government aid.

simply go to the Support Bonaire Inc. website. Be sure to select the Sea Turtle Conservation Project when completing the form.

If you would rather handle your donation in a different manner, please refer to our website for information about making a contribution. If you have any questions, please contact me. Many thanks to the people and organizations that have made contributions thus far." G.D./Andy Uhr
STCB photos

Contact Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire at PO Box 492, Kralendijk, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, phone (599) 717 2225, cellular (599) 780 0433. email stcb@bonaireturtles.org; Internet address-www.bonaireturtles.org □

STRAIGHT TALK



Betty Wills

It's all about dating, love, sex, friendship, and marriage - so let's talk. Email your relationship questions to my attention: reporter@bonairenews.com.

Question from:
"Financial woes"

Dear Betty,
 My wife spends, spends, spends. I think she's addicted to spending. I had to sell my business to cover her credit card debt, and now I'm working two jobs. I would appreciate any suggestions you could send my way.

ANSWER: So why don't I get emails from men whose wives have sexual addictions? We already know the answer, right? Ok, so now we have a husband whose wife has a spending addiction asking someone with a spending addiction how to stop his wife from spending! Seriously, spending addictions are very real and very troublesome, not to mention very costly. They are usually symptomatic of a deeper problem, including fear of being unlovable or unattractive, so the afflicted literally buy their way to temporary happiness. In a previous column, I wrote about neurotransmitters and pain killing endorphins which are released in the brain when women shop. Retailers love women with spending addictions, so don't expect any help from them. They will continue having clearance sales with 20% off, regardless of your wife's issues. You might consider seeking professional help while you can still afford it. Let your wife use her credit card to charge the office visits...at least until the doctor says otherwise. You'll both be much happier.



Joke of the Day

Bumper sticker seen on a cookie delivery truck:
 "Driver carries no money; he's married."

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	COEF
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1-13	9:21	1.9FT.	19:07	0.9FT.					32
1-14	9:46	2.0FT.	19:43	0.8FT.					39
1-15	10:12	2.1FT.	20:13	0.8FT.					49
1-16	10:45	2.1FT.	20:43	0.7FT.					61
1-17	11:25	2.2FT.	21:21	0.7FT.					73
1-18	12:01	2.1FT.	21:58	0.7FT.					84
1-19	12:43	2.1FT.	22:29	0.8FT.					92

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MOVIELAND

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

Dejavu
(Dezel Washington)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
Casino Royale
(James Bond)

Kaya Prinses Marie
Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)
Children under 12 - NAf12

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

SATURDAY 4 PM
January: Happy Feet

THIS WEEK

Until March 30—Guest Artist **Markus Taurer** Exhibit at the Cinnamon Art Gallery.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days starting 10 am to early afternoon: Tuesday, January 16 – *Sea Princess*.

Saturday, January 13 - Clean up dive sponsored by **Yellow Submarine and NetTech**, 1 pm, Yellow Submarine. BBQ at 5 – See Page 5.

COMING

January 21 – 28 -Local well known people show their art for the Lions Club Fundraiser – Kas di Arte. See Page 5.

January Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park during cruise ship visits 10 am to early afternoon: Tuesday, January 23 – *Veendam*, Wednesday, January 24 – *Crown Princess* **Sunday, February 4 -5th Annual Special Olympics Walk-a-Thon**—See Page 10.

REGULAR EVENTS

Daily (more or less)

- HH 2 for 1 (all beverages) 5-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**
- HH—50% off **Buddy Dive Resort**, 5:30-6:30
- HH **Cactus Blue** (except Sun.) 5-6
- 2 for 1 appetizers with entrée 6-7, **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

- **Steak Night On the Beach** (a la carte) - **Buddy Dive Resort**, kitchen open 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- **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.
 - **Flea Market every first Saturday of the month** from 3 to 7 pm, 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

- **Fish or Meat Dinner Special for only \$10.-**, **Buddy Dive Resort**, kitchen open from 6:00 pm - 21:30 pm
- **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**.
- **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.
- **Caribbean Night A la Carte** - **Buddy Dive Resort**, kitchen open from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Thursdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers, Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**, 5-7
- **"Admiral's Hour"** for yachtsmen and others, Vespucci Restaurant, Har-

bour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7

- **Buddy's Bingo Show** - Buddy Dive Resort, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Fridays

- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225
- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** **Divi Flamingo**, Balashi Beach Bar, 5-7
- **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
- **Free Rum Punch Party** (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm) & All-u-can-eat BBQ (7:00 pm - 22:00 pm) - **Buddy Dive Resort**
- **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.
- **Wednesday (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation (STCB) Slide Show by Bruce Brabec**. Carib Inn seaside veranda, 7 pm, 717-8819.

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Kas Kriyo Rincon—Step into Bonaire's past in this venerable old home that has been restored and furnished so it appears the family has just stepped out. Local ladies will tell you the story. Open Monday thru Friday, 9–12, 2-4. Weekends by appointment. Call 717-2445. **Mangasina di Rei, Rincon**. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018 **Bonaire Museum** on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868 **Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center**. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every **Wednesday**; Phone 717-6105; 560-7267 or 717-3902.
Al-Anon meetings - every **Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272
Cancer Survivor Support Group Majestic Journeys Bonaire N.V. Lourdes Shopping Center 2nd Level Kaya LD Gerharts # 10. Call 717-2482/566-6093.
Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - **Tuesday - 6:30 pm** - call 567-0655 for directions.
Bridge Club - **Wednesdays**, 7:30 pm at the FORMA Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank. All levels invited. NAf5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.
Darts Club plays every other **Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

JCI - First Wednesday of the Month- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire, formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, every other **Tuesday**, 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

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

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesday, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at 'Pirate House', above Zeezicht Restaurant. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bonaire Arts & Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonaireano) 717-5246 or 7117

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; Valarie@telbonet.an

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444. **Bonaire Animal Shelter** -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

Sister Maria Hoppner Home (Child Care) Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.

Special Olympics— Call Roosje 786-7984

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on Sundays at 10 am.

Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian, Services in Papiamentu on Sundays at 8.30 am. Children's club every Saturday at 5 pm in Kralendijk.

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

New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

International Bible Church of Bonaire – Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle) Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in English. Tel. 717-8332

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

Catholic San Bernardus in Kralendijk – Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304 . **Saturday at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriel, in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194

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Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q. Dive Friends Bonaire (Photo Tours Divers-Yellow Submarine) -low prices - on the seaside at Kralendijk, at Caribbean Court and the Hamlet Oasis. Join their monthly cleanup dives and BBQ. WannaDive - They make diving fun while maintaining the highest professional standards. In town at City Café and at Eden Beach.</p> <p>FITNESS Fit For Life at the Plaza Resort Mall. Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.</p> <p>FURNITURE, ANTIQUES The Plantation Has lots of classy furniture and antiques at very competitive prices. Stop in to see great teak furniture and Indonesian crafts.</p>	<p>GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES Green Label has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals. 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Full digital services.</p> <p>REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS Caribbean Homes, "the Refreshing Realtor," specializing in luxury homes, condos, lots, rentals and property management. Harbourtown Real Estate is Bonaire's most experienced real estate agent. They specialize in professional customer service, top notch properties and home owners insurance. Re/Max Paradise Homes: Lots of Choices—International/US connections. 5% of profits donated to local community. List your house with them to sell fast. Sunbelt Realty offers full real estate, rental, and insurance services. If you want a home or to invest in Bonaire, stop in and see them.</p> <p>REPAIRS Bon Handyman is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. 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Easiest landing on Klein</p> <p>WINDSURFING The Bonaire Windsurfing Place can fulfill all your windsurfing dreams and more. They offer expert instruction, superb equipment on a fine beach. Lunch and drinks too. BBQ and windsurf videos Wednesday nights.</p> <p>WINES Antillean Wine Company. You've tried the rest; now try the best: best prices, highest quality wines from around the world, kept in a cooled warehouse. Free delivery. Shop at Kaya Industria 23, Monday-Saturday 9 am-12 noon.</p> <p>ATTENTION BUSINESSMEN/WOMEN: Put your ad in The Bonaire Reporter. Tel. 786-6518, 786-6125</p> <p>Did you know that listing in the Guides is FREE for weekly advertisers?</p>
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On the Island Since ...2000

Corine van der Hout

“While I was studying - I was about 18 - my parents bought an old farm house at an auction. It was then that I met this real estate broker and I thought: This man has a nice job; he’s driving around all day, he’s seeing people’s houses inside and out, he’s drinking coffee with them and he meets all kinds of people – that’s what I want too! I was doing a high professional education study, a leisure study, and I liked it, but this seemed something far more interesting. So I started studying to become a real estate broker and at the same time I finished the other study. But before I finished the real estate course I got a job at a real estate office, a very fancy one. I was 22. In the meantime I finished my studies and was sworn in as a broker when I was 24.

I liked my job a lot, but after four years I was looking for a new challenge. Our headquarters wanted to open a new branch in the north of Holland, in Groningen, and they asked me if I was interested and I thought ‘Yes!’ And so I went to Groningen and I stayed there for four years. Then I wanted something new. Either I was going back to school again to become a financial controller or I would go abroad. I saw an ad in a trade journal about a real estate office for sale on Bonaire and I wrote them a letter, just for the fun of it! After two months – I’d practically forgotten about the whole thing – Ben van Zutphen, the owner of Sunbelt at the time, called me. I’d never been here, nor in any part of the Caribbean, but I did know where it was! After many phone calls, faxes and E-mails I went to have a look, together with my partner Jan-Henk van der Wier.

My first impression? It was hot, very hot! We figured we had to see the island first and so, being two typically Dutch people, completely stressed, we raced around the island and came back three hours later, telling the people we were staying with: ‘We’ve seen the whole island!’ Of course the sea was marvelous; the fact that you could see the fishes swimming in such transparent water was really amazing, but about the island itself I honestly didn’t have an opinion.

We spent 10 days on Bonaire, assisting Ben a little bit and I soon realized that things worked quite differently here. Selling and buying was an international affair, and clients come from all over the world. Their backgrounds and knowledge were completely different, so what a broker does here is amongst many other things, giving a lot of information, not only about the sale, but also about

the island, the laws and the way things are working here in general.

Well, we went back to Holland, back to our jobs, letting the idea sink in for a while. But after some time we felt it was too big a challenge to let go and so we bought the business. We sold everything we had, everything! We arrived here with 110 kilos of luggage, and the biggest part of that were the computers. It was such a good feeling; I didn’t have anything anymore! I felt totally free! Super!

We started with Sunbelt at the end of 2000. It was a very bad year and 2001 and 2002 were a drama – Bonaire’s economy was way down... We’d known that when we bought the business, but as my first boss always used to say, ‘All over the world houses will always be sold and bought because people need to have a house, simple as it is...’ And we thought, ‘As long as we’ll survive it’s enough.’ Here we would get a commission of 4% versus 1.5% in Holland, so I thought, ‘We can make it.’ Anyway, it was only the two of us.

“I soon realized that things worked quite differently here. Selling and buying was an international affair, and clients come from all over the world.”

The moment KLM came to the island the market started booming because the Europeans could come and go every day and the Euro was high, and from that time on everything went way out of hand, positively speaking, because now were here with 10 people!”

Corine van der Hout (36) is pretty, very elegant and straight; she’s easy to talk to, but she knows exactly what she wants.

“On Bonaire”, she says, “we depend very much on the number of flights that come to the island. I am sure that when KLM stops at the end of March with their Amsterdam-Bonaire-Lima flight it will have an impact on the market, but on the other hand, we’ve got ArkeFly back. I also noticed that since the negotiations between Bonaire and the Dutch government started about a new status for the island, the number of investments on Bonaire has gone up. And



Corine van der Hout

young people with children (a group we never had before) are coming to live here. Also many Americans and other non-Dutch foreigners want to get a residency permit now because it’s still relatively easy and nobody knows how it will go in the future.

I am a guest here and I am doing my job, but I also hope that I am contributing something to the island, in the sense that my company creates work for other people too. The island will change... and I don’t know if that’s a good thing, but when I look at the young people here on Bonaire I see they also want to accomplish things. They also want progress and to be able to go forward with their lives. They want the things they see on the Internet and on TV, like the people living in the States and in Europe. So I think that you can’t stop progress. I am an intermediary here. I am between the parties, and I don’t force anybody to sell or buy; that’s not the way it goes and that’s not the way I want it because I see those people every day.

When we speak about the mangrove development at Sorobon, for which the permits were cancelled the other day, I have to say that at first the argument those people who were against it were using, saying that it was such a beautiful and undisturbed place – that argument didn’t make any sense to me, from a developer’s point of view. But then, as it turns out by a scientifically proven study of the environment that it will have a negative impact on the environment, specifically the mangroves, I changed my opinion and I am against the construction of the development; the whole eco-system... that’s where I draw the line. But, on the other hand, I have nothing against ‘high-rise’ buildings of four stories. Anyway, it’s up to the government to make the rules.

Our market has changed a great deal; the clients who are coming now are a

very different kind of people. I am amazed at the amounts of money people are willing to spend. Those are different people, not the people of the old Bonaire who liked the simple way of life. However, these new people do appreciate the tranquility, and they love to go around in shorts and flip-flops. On the other hand, they want luxury and they want high-speed Internet! Maybe this could be the ideal solution for Bonaire for the future – no mass tourism, but people who love a more exclusive life-style...

As for myself... I have no ambition at all, really, not at all! It all turned out this way by itself somehow. I am a serious person, and I am involved, and I am certainly a positive person. I like so many different things and I think I am straight. I like to dress well.” She laughs. “It started because my first job was with this exclusive real estate business and it was highly appreciated to conform to the dress code, and it’s something you grow into. I also feel that it shows I’m serious about my relationship with my clients. When I am going to talk to someone about a contract I feel I can’t show up in shorts because these people are spending money they’ve been working hard for all their lives and by dressing up I want to show them that I’m approaching them in a serious way.

When I came here I didn’t know if I was going to stay here for a year or longer, but as time passed by I realize now the longer I’m gone from Holland the less I want to go back. If I go, it’s only for a family visit. You see, the moment I close the door of the office, I feel I am on vacation. I go surfing or biking and the weather is always beautiful. The longer I am here, the more I’ve come to love the island.” □

Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First baby of 2007



Fundashon Mariadal photo

With delight the management of San Francisco Hospital (Fundashon Mariadal), announced the birth of Bonaire's first baby of 2007.

The baby, a girl, was born on Thursday, January 4, at 10:25 am. Mother and child are well. Congratulations to the parents, Gilusa Thielman and Riglen Makaai. During the delivery Dr. R. Guerra was assisted by nurse-midwife Marita Djojopawiro and nurse Ruthsella Wanga.

In the photo above are the parents, Ms. Gilusa and Mr. Riglen Makaai, with Dr Guerra and hospital staff. □

All babies born on Bonaire are special, but the very first birth of the year is showered with gifts. Recently representatives of MCB paid a personal visit along with Lito the Lion, their mascot for children's savings, to present a savings passbook to Lito's newest friend. Princess Rilushka Makaai, the first baby born on Bonaire this year. Lito said he's very happy with his newest little friend and gives best wishes to her parents. During the visit MCB also gave the new baby a nice packet of gifts as well.

In the photo below are: MCB Director Gabrielle Nahr, Lito, Princess Rilushka and her mom.



MCB photo



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

Use the Moon to Find the Biggest Planet and an Even Bigger Star"

In the Sky Park this Sunday January 14th and Monday January 15th you'll be able to use an exquisite waning crescent Moon to find the king of the planets and one of the biggest stars you can see with the naked eye. There is one catch, however. You'll have to get up with the chickens. This Sunday, January 14th, about an hour before sunrise face southeast where you'll see an exquisite 25-day-old waning crescent Moon complete with earthshine which will look like a grayish black full Moon nestled within the bright crescent. And that term, earthshine, is a very descriptive term compared with moonshine. Because while the bright slender crescent you'll see this Sunday is called moonshine, it's really reflected sunshine because the Moon does not make its own light. It simply reflects light from the Sun.



Jupiter

So moonshine is reflected sunshine. Earthshine is an entirely different story, however. It's actually sunshine bouncing off the daytime side of our Earth onto the darkened portion of the Moon, which is then reflected back to Earth. So earthshine is sunlight which bounces off our Earth onto the Moon and then back again. And the only time we can see this earthshine phenomenon is during phases of either the waxing, which means growing, crescent Moon and the waning, which means shrinking, crescent Moon. Don't miss it because it's absolutely beautiful.

Now once you've found the Moon look over to its left and the brightest object you'll see is the king of our sun's planets, 88,000-mile-wide Jupiter, which is so huge we could line up 11 of our Earths side by side across its middle. And please if you got a telescope for Christmas take a look at Jupiter because not only will you be able to see details of its layers of storm systems but you'll also be able to watch its four largest moons as they change position from night to night as they orbit the king. In fact you can even see Jupiter's four largest moons with a pair of binoculars.

Next if you look just down and to the right of Jupiter you'll see another giant object, although much dimmer than Jupiter because it's so much farther away. It's the red star called Antares which marks the heart of Scorpius the Scorpion. And to make sure you've found it simply go out 24 hours later on Monday January 15th and an even skinnier crescent Moon complete with earthshine will be parked right next to it.

What could be simpler? And although Antares looks dimmer than Jupiter from our perspective, it nevertheless blows Jupiter away because it is a star 600 times as wide as our own Sun. It is in fact so huge we could line up 5,800 Jupiters across its middle.

Once again this Sunday the crescent Moon with earthshine is up and to the right of the king of the planets. And on Monday it's huddled right next to the second biggest star we can see with the naked eye! □ Jack Horkheimer

DO YOU SUDOKU? ANSWER

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

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THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, January 7 to Saturday, January 13

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) One sided attractions are likely. Secret love affairs may be enticing; however, you must be prepared for the restraints that will follow. Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Romance is likely if you can bring yourself to go out with friends. Your lucky day this week is Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Make sure that new mates live up to your high standards. Don't be shy to promote your own interests. Take a close look at any contracts you've signed in order to be sure exactly where you stand. Do not overspend on entertainment. You could find that children will be a handful. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may find that children are not as accepting as you have been. You will get along well in social situations. You can make excellent career moves if you are open to the opportunities that exist. You should be in business for yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Things at home may be somewhat rocky. You can make progress professionally. Visitors are likely to drop by and chances are, they may even stay a little longer than you want them to. You may have problems with skin, bones, or teeth if you haven't been taking proper care of yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your high energy will enable you to enlist the help of those in a position to back you. Be sure not to reveal private information to the wrong individuals. You could experience delays in shipments or mail, and should be careful while traveling. Delve a little deeper if you really want to know the score. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Changes in your domestic scene are evident. You can make money through your creative efforts. Business conducted in your own office will proceed smoothly. Don't get involved in joint ventures. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Plan some family outings. Don't be too quick to judge your position or surroundings at work. Keep on your toes when dealing with others. A passionate party for two might be just the remedy. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can make life easier for an older member of your family. Take the time to do your job correctly or you may find yourself looking for a new one. Try to curb your habits, or you could find yourself in an awkward financial position. Be diplomatic when dealing with in-law. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your lover will cost you dearly if you let them. This will be a very hectic time if you've made promises to too many people. The great outdoors will allow you to teach youngsters some of the things you learned when growing up. Spend some quality time with the one you love. Your talents will shine at work. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your partner may not understand your mood swings but if you are willing to communicate, a lot of grief can be avoided. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Be careful when dealing with investments. Dealing with foreigners will be most enlightening. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Opportunities to pamper yourself may unfold. You should be in business for yourself. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. Spend time getting into physical activities with your lover. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Conflicts over joint finances are likely. Be sure to look into travel opportunities that will provide you with mental stimulation. Don't get involved in joint ventures. You can make a serious attempt at quitting those bad habits that you've picked up over the years. Your lucky day this week will be Monday. □