

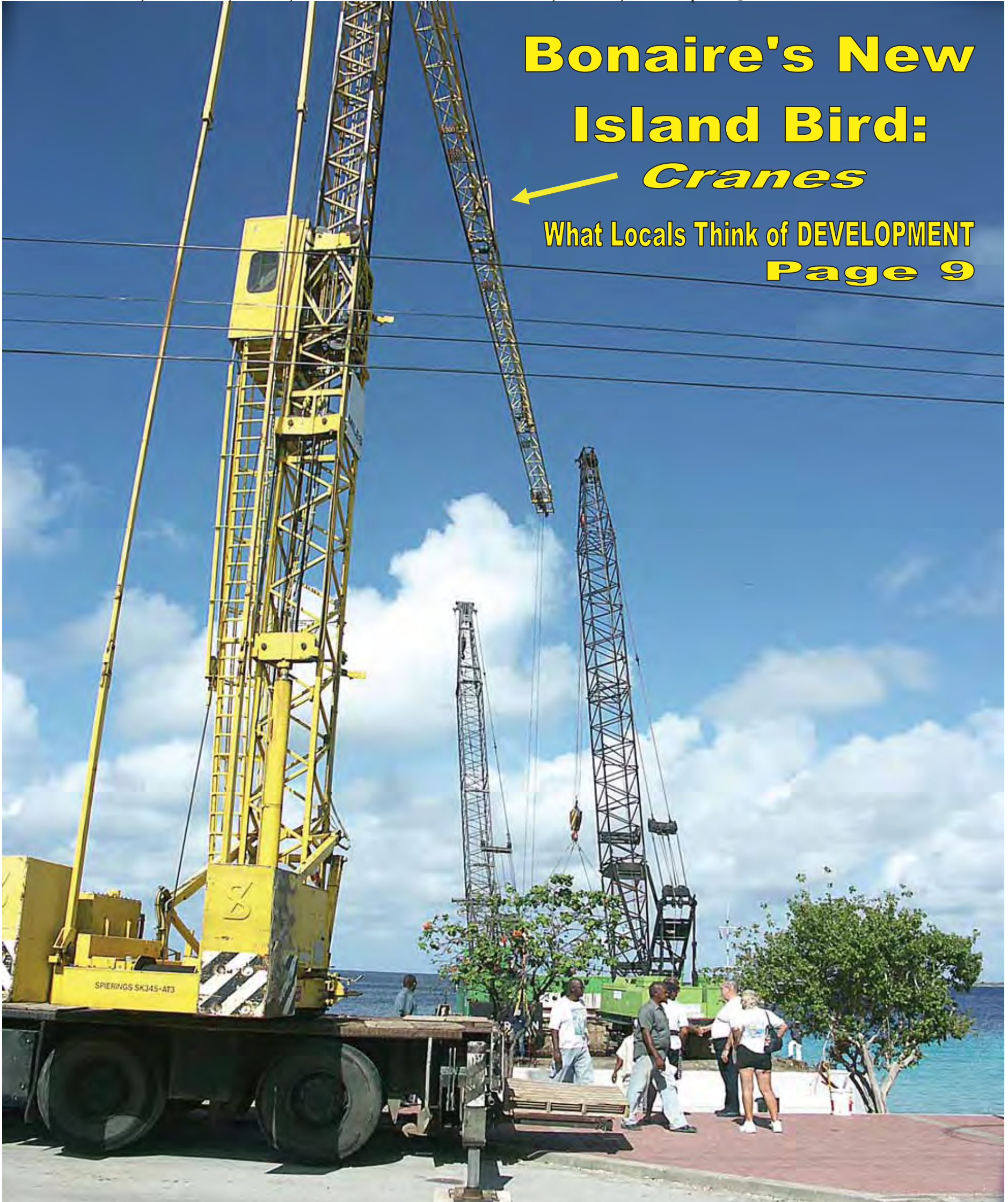
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Flotsam and Jetsam

THE BONAIRE REPORTER

During the visit of Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende and State Secretary Bijleveld (Kingdom Relations) to Bonaire, the island politicians thanked Bijleveld for the commitment in the process of political renewal. During their five-day trip along the Antilles and Aruba, Balkenende and Bijleveld visited Bonaire for just a few hours. **As for meeting the December 15 transition date, Balkenende repeated that he cannot guarantee that.** He can guarantee the effort to work hard to achieve this.

► **In contrast to the positive outlook** for meeting the December 2007 date for the BES Islands, Prime Minister Balkenende sent a clear message to the islands of **St. Maarten and Curaçao** which are going for separate status within the Dutch Kingdom rather than integration into Holland. They are in no position to make the transition, he said. The conditions to guarantee that are not in place. Expect their transition date of December 15, 2008, to be revised soon.

► **The recent rounds of talks between Holland and the BES Islands have identified some changes that will occur after the transition.**

Some highlights: The islands will become "public corporations" instead of municipalities. They will become for a time a newly created separate territory, which is part of the Dutch territory, and where **rules deviating from the conventional Dutch legal order apply.** Considering the size of the population of the three islands, the huge distance between the Netherlands and the islands, and the insular character, deviations are deemed necessary. **The Island Governor will be renamed the "Representative of the Kingdom"** for the time being. **Bonaire will go from four island commissioners to three.** Commissioners can no longer serve as Island Council members. **Most of the new regulations will become effective in 2011,** when a new Executive Council and a new

Island Council take office following the next regular Island Council elections.

The Island Council of the "public corporation" of Bonaire will consist of a minimum of nine and a maximum of 15 members. Extraordinary is that for the election of the Dutch Upper House, the members of the Island Council are equal to the members of Provincial States. Island Council members can be sworn in Dutch, English, or Papiamentu

The legal arrangements for Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba (called the WoLBES) will be drawn up based on the key elements in the regulations of Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba, which will become "public corporations." Currently for Dutch municipalities this is laid down in the Local Government Legislation.

As in the case with municipalities, the **financial relations between the Kingdom and the public corporations are defined in a separate Dutch law,** in which the budget for Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba (the BES-fund) will be set up and the local taxes and rules regarding the budget and annual accounts will be settled. **Five years after the BES Islands have received a constitutional position within the Dutch government, the result of the new structure will be jointly evaluated.** That's when the constitutional final model can be determined. There will be two options: the islands will remain as public corporations, or they will become special municipalities, whereby possibly not all the legal rules for Dutch municipalities apply.

► **Bonaire's Lt. Governor Herbert Domacassé plans to limit casino visitation by locals.** Domacassé says that visits by locals to the casino are starting to get out of hand. "I receive complaints that the island residents are visiting the casinos excessively. The casinos are mainly for the entertainment of tourists. It is the responsibility of the government to prevent addiction. I am therefore of the opinion that I need to



► The State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ms. A. Bijleveld-Schouten; the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles, Ms. E. De Jongh-Elhage; the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. J.P. Balkenende; and the Governor of Bonaire, Mr. H.F. Domacassé, following a meeting in Bonaire **declared that they have started talking about future relations between Bonaire (as part of the 'BES' islands) and the Netherlands. They are very positive because there is trust between all parties involved.** The kickoff talks focused on health, education, finances and housing. Ms. E. De Jongh-Elhage especially requested the press to give a favorable report, and she congratulated Bonaire on this promising start. □

Story & photo by Mary Ann Koops

take measures."

Effective this coming Friday, the casino inspector will register all the local visitors of casinos. They have already received the order to comply strictly with this and to write down the names with no exceptions. "When we notice that a person is visiting the casinos way too often, we will mention this to the person. If he/she still continues to go to the casino, we will take measures," said Domacassé.

► **Because of motor difficulties a DAE plane flying from Aruba to Curaçao had to land with only one engine** but had no other problems. The Curaçao control tower alerted the fire department and other authorities at the airport as a precaution.

► **Two Havilland Dash 8 aircraft are now in service patrolling the Dutch Caribbean.** Outsourced to Canadian company, Provincial Airlines, the planes

perform functions assigned to the Coast Guard like rescues at sea, fishery patrols, and anti-drug smuggling. In an emergency the plane can be reconfigured within three hours to transport 29 passengers.



► Richard Hart, Director of the Bonaire Holding Company which owns Bonaire's Flamingo Airport, says **he's been contacted by the management of Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport about taking a stake in our airport.** Schiphol recently extended its joint operating agreement with Reina Beatrix Airport on Aruba and is a leading candidate to take over the shares of the Hato Airport on Curaçao.

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Tourism Commissioner Burney El Hage; Antilles Economics Minister Elvis Tjin-a-Sjoe; and Bonaire Governor Domacassé cut the ceremonial ribbon with Delta's Charisse Evans.

Delta Airlines began flying non-stop Atlanta-Bonaire on Saturday, February 9. The Saturday flight, which takes just under four hours, will be joined by a similar Wednesday flight in March or April said Delta representative Charisse Evans during the inaugural ceremony. The Boeing 737 carries 150 passengers. The new flight arrives on Saturdays in Bonaire at 3:15 pm, and leaves at 4:10. In Atlanta connections to domestic and international routes are readily available as Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport is America's busiest.

The Delta team that was here for training for a month stayed at the Divi Flamingo and expressed their appreciation for the hospitality they enjoyed. Ms Evans and Governor Domacassé exchanged gifts in an expression of friendship.

A report in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* newspaper was enthusiastic over the new connection: "Getting away gets easier today when Delta begins non-stop service from Atlanta to Bonaire... regarded as one of the world's best spots for snorkeling and SCUBA diving. The direct flight saves the hassle of changing planes and at least two hours of travel time." ■ G./L.D.

Envirowatch

Bonaire is a beautiful island. We wonder why people want to make it unattractive. Some current examples are below:



Trash dumped along the roadside of the trail between Karpata and Subi Rincon

Sam Williams.photo



Even uglier than the front of a billboard is the back of one



Cellphone company Digicel continues on their mindless quest to plaster their name on Bonaire's countryside. They even had the Kralendijk Stadium named for themselves, which has upset some local people.



Is the entire island waiting breathlessly for the message that is soon to appear here along the Rincon road?

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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

La Testarossa della Tanneke Bartels

The 26th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brower, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels."

Bonaire/Republiek –

It is as red as an Italian tomato, only slightly bigger, and it is fitted with six wheels. This is the vehicle owned by Tanneke Bartels from Republiek: the Bosmal 650 Cabrio, a four-stroke twin cylinder powered Testarossa red sprayed convertible 2+2 seater that once in its life transported three full grown divers with complete equipment!

Tanneke Bartels and her husband Otto have lived on the island since 1999. For a certain period they owned a neutral Toyota Starlet, but although the car was pretty reliable it did not really impress Tanneke. Those days, in the old world, she was the proud owner of a small Italian-made FIAT 600 and a French Citroen 2CV (a Lelijk Eend/Ugly Duck/jb). Tanneke really loves small cars.

One day Otto saw a huge male

human being unloading a very small car from a container. Otto stopped and asked the man whether the cabriolet was for sale. Indeed, the car was for sale and Otto bought the Bosmal Cabrio (never heard of) for his wife as a birthday present.

So in 2001 Tanneke Bartels became the very proud owner – the car is hers, given to her by her husband – of an original Polish-made Bosmal 650 Cabrio. Tanneke is the second owner of the tiny car and when she got it as a present from her spouse there were only 1100 real kilometers registered by the odometer. In the next six years the vehicle proved to be very reliable.

Today the meter shows a serious amount of 28.000 kilometers. Tanneke explains, "Every half a year or so Gijs from Tropical Car Care has to pay a little attention to the adjustment of the engine. He has the



Tanneke Bartels, sunglasses, hat, behind the steering wheel of her Testarossa red sprayed two-cylinder, single carburetor Bosmal 650 Cabrio. The car was manufactured in Poland in 1995 and designed in Italy.

"Fingerspritzengefuehl." We never needed to replace serious parts. We have a nice connection with Pim's Parts Amsterdam. Pim specializes in small Italian designed and made cars. So we are lucky!"

The Bosmal 650 Cabrio is a kind of chopped FIAT 126 model, designed by Michelotti. The 126 was very popular in Europe, especially in Italy in the 70s. Later on the manufacturing lines were exported to Spain, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Poland. This Bosmal was produced in Poland.

The Testarossa red sprayed

little devil is completely original, apart from the electric fuel pump. For the mechanical pump the membranes were no longer available so Tanneke had an electrical pump installed.

The Bosmal Cabrio two-lunger engine is mounted in the rear and connected with a real four-speed gearbox. There is no synchromesh on the first gear so you really have to stop and to stand still to shift the box in the first gear without the sound of tooth brushing. The two-door car is fitted with an impressive roll bar, modern safety belts, racing seats, a light in the interior, a two-

speed wiper motor with an interval switch, a fog light mounted on the rear bumper and a white light that is connected to the reverse speed of the gearbox.

No fancy gadgets: no power locks, no power steering, no power brakes, no rev counter, no cruise control.

"I prefer to drive my Testarossa with the hood down," Tanneke says. "I always wear a hat. It is really fun to drive this Polish car with Italian blood." Then she turns the ignition key on. The electric fuel pump

starts to make a kind of clicking noise. The current is connected to the ignition and the starter motor. Shaking her back, the car comes alive. A real standing twin. Tanneke puts the gearbox carefully in reverse. Then she stops and selects the first gear. No noise from the gearbox. The engine runs as smoothly as a twin can run. Tanneke smiles. She enjoys life. Then she parks her beauty in front of the house for a photo session. Italian art in the Dutch Caribbean: a smooth combination. □

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Profiles

Wilma Bohm – Sandig, Pioneer In School Education

Wilma Bohm and her husband Frank came to the ABC islands for the first time in 1992 on vacation. Bonaire was their favorite, and once they were back in Holland they kept fantasizing: “How it would be if...” Their life in Holland was secure and comfortable; the course of their lives planned far beyond retirement. Wilma had been a school principal for many years, but in 1995 they decided to move to Bonaire where she got a three-year contract with the Reina Beatrix Elementary School.

In those days the local educational system was very different from that in Holland where individuality was already an established and implemented aspect of the school system. On Bonaire uniformity was the rule; children were considered as a group rather than as individuals. Wilma saw the enormous difference in the teacher-student relationship, which was much more distant than she was used to. She got the impression that kids didn't enjoy learning or even going to school. She knew from her years in Holland that school and learning could be fun when the teacher-student relationship is more personal and trusting.

So her first year was hard, but during her second year the fruits of her approach became more apparent: the children became more open, spontaneous and trusting towards her and were eager to learn new things. She also encountered huge problems with children who needed special assistance. In those days, children could just remain at the same level and grade for years, just because they couldn't follow the crowd. They had the initials WL after their names (*wegens leeftijd*). Age wise they should have left the school, but result wise they shouldn't.

Shortly after, in 1999, the school system on Bonaire started to undergo its first changes and Foundation Based Education (FBE) was introduced because the Bonaire government acknowledged that changes were needed. Wilma and two Bonairean colleagues were put in charge to assist the teachers in using a different approach. They gave workshops, coached and advised the teachers. Wilma still honors the willingness of most of those teachers. “Imagine,” she says, “you have been driving on the left side of the road all your life, now suddenly you are told to use the other side.” They had to change from teaching the standard curriculum to a more personal, individual approach, to recognize that each child grows



Wilma Bohm

and learns at its own tempo, has strong and weak points and needs to be stimulated individually to develop its specific talents. Of course there was resistance because every change needs time, but still, there was a lot of cooperation. Many teachers even started to develop their own material. Foundation Based Education rests on three pillars: the teacher-child relationship, the competence and the individuality (independence) of the child. If a trust relationship exists the two other pillars automatically exist as well. If a child feels safe enough to show its competence (“Look, teacher, my work!”), its independence grows. “That’s how school education should be,” says Wilma, “because the foundation of every relationship is trust.”

When the government chose Papiamentu as the instruction language in schools, many people, including Wilma, also saw the disadvantages. Education

should have a long term vision. Most of the children continue their studies in Holland and all the study books are in Dutch. On Curacao there is a choice in the instruction language at schools and there are four bilingual schools which are subsidized by the government.

Wilma decided to offer the same choice to Bonairean children, but with a price tag because the government doesn't subsidize this option. She founded the elementary school, The Pelikaan, four years ago, which was welcomed by many parents and children. The school has to raise its own funds and unfortunately, not everybody can afford it. The annual cost per child is NAf 10.000. Almost 70% of the annual costs go for teachers' salaries; 8 % is for study material; and building rent is almost 20%. The parents cover 88% of these costs (NAf 4.680 per child from eight years and

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► Last Saturday, **Flamingo Airport handled 18 flights**, including the first Delta Airline flight. The other flights were the KLM flights from Amsterdam and Quito, Continental Airlines from Houston, Air Jamaica from Montego Bay, Arkefly from Amsterdam, American Eagle from Puerto Rico, and the inter-insular flights of DAE and Divi Divi Air.

Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport, America's busiest, and the terminus for the Delta flight, **handles the same number of flights in six minutes**

► **Want to experience a real Bonairean product other than charcoal, salt or goat?** Buy some of **Aletta's goat cheese**. It's made by hand on island and is mild, creamy and delicious. **Available at Warehouse Bonaire for around NAF 7.**



► **The perfect car for Bonaire?** This recent picture released by Swiss car maker **Rinspeed** shows people aboard Rinspeed's new model, the sQuba, the world's first submersible car that will be presented at the 2008 Geneva car show in March. The zero-emission electric sports car, with power supplied by rechargeable Lithium-Ion batteries, can perform a submerged stable flight at a depth of 10 meters (33').

► **According to Divi Management, work on the new Divi hotel at the former Sunset Beach property began this past week.** Activity is not obvious from the road.

► **A lawsuit between the posh Harbour Village Resort and eight of its condominium owners was settled mostly in favor of the condo owners** in the Netherland's highest court last week. The case had begun in 2001 following curtailment of services after the September 11th attack in New York and the consequent drop in American tourism.

At that time the owners of Harbour Village decided to close the restaurants, the dive center and other facilities and the water was drained out of the swimming pool. The condo owners sued for reinstatement of the services and put a lien on the resort. This began a years-long barrage of civil suits and countersuits some of which were resolved by the high court. A hostile relationship between the owners and the hotel management began which exists to this day. The latest chapter was played out last week when condo owner Co de Koning and a reporter from the Papiamentu language newspaper, *Extra*, were refused service at La

Balandra restaurant. The restaurant staff explained that they were under strict orders from Oscar Haack, the acting hotel manager, not to serve them as well as other victorious owners. Eventually, but too late for lunch, the order was rescinded. **The story made headlines in the Bonairean newspaper which previously had accused Harbour Village of similar discrimination on its front page.** Harbour Village is a complex of rooms, restaurants, shops, conference rooms, a spa, a swimming pool and more. Condominium owners have a right to use all these facilities as a condition of purchase. "Not only are we hindered in the use of the facilities of Harbour Village, but they harass us in different ways; the rates for many services have more than doubled, they did not pass mail and telephone calls until recently. Of course we did not accept this and we have been fighting for about seven years in court," said de Koning, the leader of the litigation against Harbour Village, to *Extra*.



► **The sunscreen that you slather on before a swim on the beach may be protecting your body, but a new study finds that the chemicals are also killing coral reefs worldwide.**

Four commonly found sunscreen ingredients can awaken dormant viruses in the symbiotic algae called zooxanthellae that live inside reef-building coral species.

The chemicals cause the viruses to replicate until their algae hosts explode, spilling viruses into the surrounding seawater, where they can infect neighboring coral communities.

The researchers estimate that 4,000 to 6,000 metric tons of sunscreen wash off swimmers annually in oceans worldwide, and that up to 10% of coral reefs are threatened by sunscreen-induced bleaching.

Even low levels of sunscreen, at or below the typical amount used by swimmers, could activate the algae viruses and completely bleach coral in just four days, the results showed.

Seawater surrounding coral exposed to sunscreen contained up to 15 times more viruses than unexposed samples.

Several brands of popular sunscreens were tested and all had four ingredients in common: paraben, cinnamate, benzophenone, and a camphor derivative.

Robert van Woesik, a coral expert at the Florida Institute of Technology, who was not involved in the research, questions whether conditions in the study accurately

reflect those found in nature. For example, the coral samples were exposed to sunscreen while in plastic bags to avoid contaminating the reefs. But van Woesik worries this prevented dilution of the chemicals through natural water circulation. "Under normal situations on a coral reef, corals would not be subjected to these high concentrations because of rapid dilution," van Woesik said.

But, according to study author Danovaro, the effect is not dose dependent—so coral's exposure to a very small dose of sunscreen is just as dangerous as a high exposure.

Danovaro says to use sunscreens with physical filters, which reflect instead of absorb ultraviolet radiation; and use eco-friendly chemical sunscreens.

Reported by Genady Filkovsky [lagoenhill20@yahoo.com] from National Geographic News

► **The Golden Reef Inn**, perhaps Bonaire's most innovative small resort, has teamed up with **Fish Eye Photo** to provide their guests with a full service photo experience while on Bonaire.



Jazz Festival –2006

► **Another fantastic Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival will be held this year on May 22, 23, 24 and 25.** Considering the large number of well known jazz musicians who want to participate in the concerts it is obvious that Bonaire as a whole, and the festival in particular, are becoming well known in the international world of jazz. It's the fourth consecutive year for the jazz festival.

Although the festival's program has not been finalized and negotiations with several jazz artists are still taking place it was announced that two internationally well known artists have been contracted.

These are **Izaline Calister** (very popular in the Antilles and Aruba) who, with her orchestra, will perform the main act on opening night, May 22, and on Friday, May 23. **Willie Martinez**, top jazz artist from New York, will also perform several main acts with his sextet. Negotiations are still taking place with the KLM Jazz Band, Sugaro and several other international, Antillean



► **The Bonaire National Marine Park recently received a donation of three SeaLife underwater camera systems from Capture Photo** located at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and Captain Don's Habitat.

These cameras will benefit the monitoring programs. Pictured during the presentation are Edwin Domacassé, Bonaire National Marine Park Chief Ranger; Juan Pablo Carnevale, Videographer; Kathy Lapsys, Capture Photo co-founder; and Brenda Yorke, Capture Photo Manager.

"Capture Photo is proud to support the efforts of the Bonaire National Marine Park. We will continue to advise underwater photographers on how to protect the reef and "capture" a great photo at the same time," they declared. During their courses for PADI Underwater Photography and Videography, Capture Photo pros instruct students on neutral buoyancy techniques and the importance of protecting our fragile reef.

and local jazz bands. The **Bonaire Student Band** which proved to be such a success last year will again be part of the festivities this year.



Fit 4 Life gave workout clothes model, Barney, and all its clients a Valentine rose.

► **Fit 4 Life not only has exercise and weight loss programs they also carry great workout clothes for men and women.** Odet (a.k.a. Barney) loves hers and agreed to pose for us. Behind Barney is the showcase for their new line of fragrances and lotions which include **Victoria's Secret** fragrances and gift selections. Fit 4 Life is in the mini mall at the Plaza Hotel,

open Monday-Friday 8-11 am, 4-8 pm, Saturdays 8 am –noon.



► **Be sure to visit Cha-Cha-Cha Beach** to take a look at the sculpture of traditional Bonairean cooking equipment before it is placed underwater. The sculpture by Ady Figaroa is a joint project of the Department of Culture (SKAL) and the BONAI high school youth project.

► **The island is short of small change.** Notices in markets and restaurants are warning their customers that local banks can't provide them the coins they need. Is the phase-out of Antillean currency beginning early?

► **For nearly three years the famed Windjammer wreck of Bonaire had been closed to all** (Continued on page 15)

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NAf 4.080 for the younger ones). The Dutch N.O.B. (Nederlands Onderwijs Buitenland) provides a 12% subsidy for children with a Dutch/Antillean passport. Other nationalities at the school total around 30%. Those children have to take extra classes in Dutch. Classes in Papiamentu and English are part of the standard curriculum for children from the age of eight.

The first years of The Pelican Wilma had to focus primarily on the behavioral and psychological approach but the focus has gradually melted together with teaching and creativity.

Wilma and her team work for the children of Bonaire. She praises the passionate involvement of her team and she's touched by their dedication. "Working for The Pelikaan is like a joint venture," she says.

The school has to rent various buildings to run the school, some located some distance away, making team communication complicated. Each grade has to take turns at the playground so interaction between the different age groups is impossible. In the present situation, Wilma explains, the school can only take in a few new pupils and there is a long waiting list for the other groups. Two years from now they

have to leave the locations but by then there should be a new and permanent school building on the school's *erfpachtgrond*. The Pelikaan isn't planning to grow into a huge school, just two more groups will be established, to complete the full range of an elementary school from grades 1 to 8.

Of course subsidy has been applied for from Holland, but by law, education is the responsibility of the local government. Wilma explains the reasoning by citing that, "A school where education is being given in the Dutch language isn't considered a local school and since there are still available places for kids at the local schools, no subsidy is granted to The Pelikaan."

But Wilma, her team and many parents and their kids keep their hopes up. Wilma is realistic enough to know that by 15 December 2008 nothing will change that very day, but she hopes and is confident, that the need to continue The Pelikaan will be acknowledged. In the meantime they continue to organize fund-raising events.

Wilma's personal wishes are for a continuous quality growth of her school, continuous improvement of her school education, acceptance within the funding system, a new location and above all: happy children, happy parents and interaction with the

other local schools.

Wilma is determined to make the school accessible to every child who will blossom when he experiences the school's philosophy: "Share with others, learn from and with each other, encourage and praise each other, reward a positive attitude."

At the end of our long and pleasant talk, when I say goodbye to her and her two lovely Dalmatians, Wilma has one request: the school needs volunteers who can offer cooking lessons, music lessons, excursions, help with book reading in Dutch and various other activities.

The Pelikaan is a wonderful initiative and a positive contribution to Bonaire. It certainly deserves our support! □

Photo & story by Louise Rood

Author Louise (Lous) Rood, is the former owner of Sorobon Beach Resort, and founder of the Bonaire Animal Shelter. She lived for many years on the island, left for a while to travel the world, but has since returned. She teaches silversmithing and stone setting, gives yoga to kids at school and gives private yoga classes.

Rood says, "Bonaire always had and still has a draw for many pioneers who contribute to the island in their own unique way. I am interested in their stories, their ideals, motives, philosophy and their experiences which can also inspire and stimulate others."

Words Not Needed



Photos by Dennis Lensink

DO YOU SUDOKU?

Sudoku means "the digits must remain single" in Japanese. To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region. For a tutorial visit the web site www.SudokuShack.com. Answer on page 168. Supplied by Molly Bartikoski-Kearney (who has to solve all the puzzles first.)

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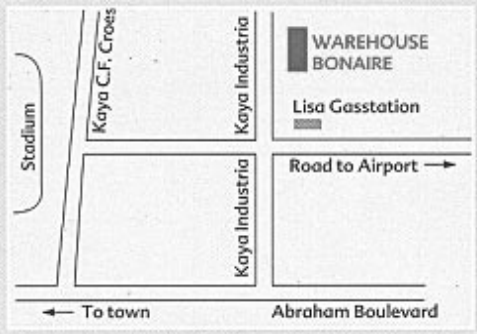
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CLEAR BLUE WATER NEWS

MONITORING BONAIRE'S REEF-WATER QUALITY

With this edition of the CBW News, we are reporting observations and photos concerning the **acceleration of algae growth** observed by our volunteers over the past months. Volunteers visit their assigned "Rainbow Sensor Site" each week to clean the sensors and retrieve the data:

Jacks, Turtles and Algae

Thursday, January 24, 2008 ... Site #9... visibility was very good - Part way through the cleaning process we were visited by a small school of Horse Eye Jacks. They seem to be curious about the mooring cleaning and data collection. This is the second time in several weeks that Horse Eye jacks have passed by. After finishing with the mooring, spotted a small, untagged Hawksbill turtle in the shallows. We followed, took pictures and video before the turtle swam up the coast.

Algae Growth:...about 5 mm long on the 5meter sensors, 3-4 mm long on the 12meter sensors, and 2-3 mm long at 20meter level.

John and Cindi

Strong Current and Algae

Thursday, January 31...Site #12...This week the current was

much stronger than usual. We swam to the marker, then submerged to begin cleaning only to find no marker. We had been taken well over 100 meters away as quick as a wink. We swam North until we sighted the line and started cleaning and reading from the bottom which was not too bad. **Algal growth was medium**, (less than 2 cm. and not as thick as last week. Imagine our surprise when as we rose to the next sensors we discovered more and more, longer and thicker growth. The 10 meter sensors and bottles were almost invisible due to major long, (3-4 cm) and thick coverage. It took twice as long to clean everything this week, (a half hour to be exact and we should have had another cleaning pad; next week I'll bring two). Did our best but couldn't remove some of the deeper spots. No time for sight-seeing this week on the way back. We actually used up most of our air while locating and cleaning.

Judi and Ken

And Just More Algae

Sunday, February 03, 2008...Site #11...no swell on entry, which was nice **Algae Growth: 6.0 mm growth at 5m, 4.0 mm growth @ 12m, 1-2 mm growth at 20m.**

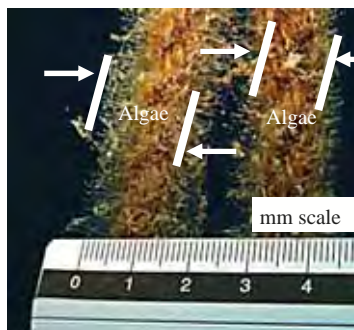
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Diver with clean line and sensor



One week's growth on a sensor



One week's growth on a line

Bonaire is experiencing unprecedented growth in population, expansion of development and modernization of infrastructure. These activities, and later the habitation and use of the facilities currently under construction, threaten to change the environment in a negative way. Advancements, in the name of "Progress." If Bonaire's prime attraction, its reef, is to survive all discharges of fresh water used in the daily activities of every living person, business and social activity, must be processed, re-used or disposed of in an environmentally safe way. With clear thinking, assisted by modern technology and a willingness to take action, this can be accomplished.

The visionary "Light and Motion Sensor Program" being reported in these CBW News articles, has been developed to establish a scientific database of the present sea water quality on Bonaire reefs, and, with continuous monitoring, produce a data stream to show any changes and trends, good or bad. This 10-year-long project is entirely funded by private donations from concerned and interested individuals, like our readers, and carried out by dedicated research volunteers on the island. □

Story & photos by Albert Bianculli

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BONAIREAN VOICES

DEVELOPMENT

When we talk about our minds is the donkey as transportation in the past as compared to a car in the present, or the slave huts in the past compared to nice big houses in the present. Well, *Bonairean Voices* are concerned with every aspect of our development.

"Your last articles about Traffic and Tourists are part of our development," somebody said. He (29) continued, "Development is good in the sense that it brings good money into the businesses. You can see a lot of construction going on the island now. Foreign investors are bringing big money to the island and that opens a lot of possibilities. With this you see there is development in sports, especially in Judo and Windsurfing. In our airlift we now have Delta Airlines coming straight from Atlanta to Bonaire. We all want to see Bonaire progressing and become better and better. **This development is good for me as a young man. It's bringing good benefits to the company I work for, to my well being and my salary.**" That's one spot we might think about.

"This area is so grown up here now," a woman (74) says, who lives in Belnem. "We were the first people in this neighborhood. We moved to Bonaire in August 1968 and we were the first ones to build a house here. There were so much empty land to choose from, but we chose the right spot. We didn't have water facilities, only electricity. The government provided water from its company but before that everyone needed to have a well. Then Harry Belafonte and Maurice Neme bought all the

property along the sea and called it Belnem. After that we got the street name, EEG Blvd. (*Europese Economisch Gemeenschap*). The water company put in water pipes to Belnem, so we didn't need to buy water from the trucks; we had water straight from the water company.

More people started building houses in Belnem and in the surrounding area. But still we have nice neighbors. They are very social and friendly. It's still a very quiet neighborhood and I hope it stays like this. So as you can see this year we will have been living 40 years in the same spot."

Development is giving Bonaire a price tag for some people. It's getting very expensive indeed. According to a 79-year-old lady, "We used lanterns, got water from the well, and could buy a pound of meat for 8 cents, sugar for 5 cents and cornmeal for 25 cents a pint and a cent for phosphorus. The Watapana trees had many fruits and they were exported to the US where the fruit was ground into a powder to make paints. I can keep mentioning all the good things we had back then. Today we are living in a modern world and everything is so expensive. Some neighbors don't like each other; they don't like to share. Like in the past, if I needed sugar and I had another product that I could share I'd go to my neighbor and we would trade our products and I got my sugar. **Money was not so important; living together as family was important.** But today even the families are broken. Children don't have respect for



their parents. Schools have a big influence on our children. We need a change, but where we can start changing is my big concern," she said. □

Siomara E. Albertus

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Martinus Pikerie (center) surrounded by his family and MCB colleagues.

On February 1 Martinus Pikerie celebrated 25 years of service at MCB-Bonaire, "Your Friendly Bank." The popular employee, better known as "Tinchi," marked the day in the company of his family, including his mother and brother who arrived from Holland in time for the party, as well as MCB management.

He joined the bank in 1983 and quickly rose to the position of teller, a job he performed diligently for many years. He served as a teller in the Rincon branch with kindness and dedication. After receiving a promotion in 2001 he now works in the Hato branch as Remittance Teller where he's known as a responsible and gracious person. Heartfelt congratulations from the MCB family and all of his clients. ■ *Translated from a press release*



Ann Phelan photo

Lost Cat

Wanda escaped from a window in Tera Cora near La Portuges. She is a white cat and has an injury with new stitches. She needs medical attention. She is very shy. If you see Wanda try to capture her or call 786 3134 or 786 4538. ■

New Book & Toy Store

Bonaire now has a comprehensive new book and toy shop. Owned and operated by a real Dutch gentleman, Addo Stuur, who was in the publishing business in Holland, the shop carries books in Dutch, English and Papiamentu. Addo is especially proud of the section of books by Antillean authors. And good news for parents are the children's books in Dutch and Papiamentu. Just about all of the "guide books" for Bonaire are there as well as the nature series of plants and animals of the island. In English are Caribbean novels, top selling books in the US, South American travel guides, and Caribbean guides and maps.

Addo also promises "authors' visits" with book signings and talks. The book selection right now will be increasing more and more as every two weeks shipments arrive from Holland and the US.

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Web photo



Shelter photo

Animal Shelter Volunteers Meet

Last weekend some of the volunteers from Bonaire's Animal Shelter got together with the staff and board of directors for drinks and camaraderie at Roomers (formerly The Great Escape). Keep up the good work, guys, helping to keep the Shelter a loving place for unwanted cats and dogs.

■ L.D.

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Second Annual Klein Relay Jong Bonaire



Rona Aguilar photo

On Saturday, February 9, at 8:30am the Black Durgon Inn had a swim/kayak relay from the Black Durgon to No Name Beach on Klein. It was the second annual relay.

Participants swam or kayaked from Black Durgon to Klein Bonaire. They spent about 20 minutes on the beach and then they switched places for the return. The winds picked up on the way to Klein and got worse on the way back but everyone made it back eventually. Emily and other fans cheered them on and waited for their return.

Pictured left to right:

1. Roland Verbeek - Warehouse Bonaire manager
2. Rene Pash - Guest of Black Durgon (sister to Stan)
3. Stan Pash - guest of Black Durgon, also same guy who swam around Klein Bonaire in 2006.
4. Rick Aguilar - Black Durgon Scuba Center manager
5. Maria Schuttpelz, swim coach
6. Dan Deanda - Seahatch manager
7. Emily - Cheerleader

Not pictured, Bret Schuttpelz, Cargill Salt manager, who went back in the water after the relay to snorkel. ■ Rona Aguilar

WALK



JB photo

The Jong Bonaire Walk Team

Last Sunday's First Jong Bonaire 20K Fun Walk was a huge success with 150 people participating, either in groups or individually. All funds collected were to benefit Jong Bonaire, the after school program for teens that has become an example for other islands to emulate. The event was touted not as a competition but as a fun opportunity for people to train. However, the first three people to finish were: Maria Schuttpelz (2 hours), Nazario Alberto (2 hours, 10 minutes) and Miguel Brito (2 hours, 20 minutes). Jong Bonaire says thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, parents and students for making this event so successful. ■

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Den luadro di nos nominashon pa e premio "Appeltje van Oranje 2006" na Hulanda, Oranje Fonds di Hulanda ta bin filma na Mangazina di Rei. E video aki lo iseda presentá dia 12 di mart próximo na Hulanda, ora representantenan di Mangazina di Rei ta na Hulanda pa e premiashon.

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Pet of The Week

Josie Estill and her husband vacation on Bonaire every year and every year she spends much of that time volunteering at the Bonaire Animal Shelter socializing with the cats. About seven years ago, reading in the Pet of the Week column that the Shelter needed volunteers, Josie decided to try it out. "I missed my pets at home anyway," she says. A true cat lover she found herself falling in love with two Bonairean kitties from the Shelter and arranged to have them fly home with her to Rochester, New York, where they are living happily ever after. "It is so easy to bring a Shelter pet back to the States," Josie explains. "The vet here will give a health certificate and shots if necessary, and it was no problem on the plane or through Customs." For more details she suggests going to the US Customs and Immigration website.

So does a volunteer make any difference at the Shelter, "socializing" with the animals? "Absolutely," declares Josie. "I see a marked difference between the time the animals come in - maybe they're scared or angry - and then after they're here for awhile and have gotten loving attention they're relaxed, affectionate and wonderful to be with." See her here with three very pleased tabby cats in the Shelter Cat Cage.



Josie mentioned she met another tourist volunteer who loves spending some of her vacation time at the Shelter. "She told me, 'I get fed up with too much diving!'"

So all you tourists who miss your pets at home, think of spending some time at Bonaire's Shelter. It's a happy place where the pets are housed together, not in separate, lonely cages like in many other places. And know you can make a difference.

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The Bonaire Gardener

It seems that our rainy season is over now, some light showers come now and then, but we have entered the time we call "Quarisma." This is the period of strong winds, very good for windsurfing, but bad for plants.

After our rainy season, not really spectacular this year, most of our plants have become spoiled by having so much water and have grown a lot. So it makes them pretty vulnerable for this new period of strong winds. It's very important to let the plants get used to this new windy period. That means water them frequently, not much, but on a regular schedule. Also now is a good time for some pruning of the abundant new growth.

This brings us to the conclusion of our last topic, the use of septic-tank water for irrigation. We all know by now that we have to be very careful with this type of irrigation, simply because we don't want any of this water to reach our beautiful sea. But for sure, right now it is much more preferable than dumping it somewhere else, with all the consequences.

Let's start with the basics. Every house built recently should have a septic tank with multiple compartments. In the very last compartment you can install a small pump. Don't use too heavy a one - 1/2HP is usually enough. The irrigation lines are a closed system, the only pressure the pump needs is to suck up the water and fill the lines. With too much pressure, you might blow out the drippers and lose a lot of water. Some plants need more water than others, so use the kind of dripper that the plant needs. Always try to make a closed circuit of your irrigation lines, so you have the pressure well spread out. If you don't do this, the first plants near the pump will get way too much water and the last ones nothing.

You must always try to have a balance between the amount of water available and the number of plants you have. If you use a lot of water in your house, you'll always have lots of water in your septic tank. But if you have only a few plants and want to use that water for irrigation, that is not so good because then you irrigate with so much water that the plants will never be able to absorb it and the water might float away to places we



don't want! And if, for some reason, you have more water than usual, don't try to pump it out all at one time. But do so, spaced out so you give the plants time to absorb the water.

And if you don't have a lot of septic water or if you don't want to spend a lot of money for WEB water, either don't plant too much or use plants that don't need a lot of water. Nobody wants to spend money for nothing!

This is the most important part of this story: If you use septic water, use it in a responsible way and try to make a balance between the water available and the plants' needs so no water will be wasted.

And the last part, but also very important, is to maintain your irrigation system well, so no leaks or other problems can do damage to either your wallet or our reefs!

In my opinion if you keep to these easy rules it is a good way of re-using this water until we find a better alternative!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or visit our shop on Kaya Industria. □ Ap Van Eldik

Ap founded Green Label Landscaping which designs, constructs and maintains residential and commercial gardens. The garden shop carries all your gardening needs plus terra cotta pots from Mexico and South America. Tel. 717-8310, 566-6033.



Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...

Flying fish (Cyphelurus spp.) reach speeds of up to 60 kph as they break the surface of the water and 'fly' through the air? It's true! In fact, they have also been recorded to reach heights of up to 1.2 meters above the water, so don't be too surprised if one lands in your boat! These incredible creatures normally have flights that cover a distance of 200 meters, but flights reaching 400 meters have been recorded, which the animal is able to achieve by flapping its tail.



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Flying fish are common to many tropical seas such as the one surrounding Bonaire. It is suspected that the flying fish developed this characteristic to evade predators, such as tuna, marlin, mackerel, swordfish and other large predatory fish. □

I hope you enjoyed these fun facts. Hi! My name is Lola Nygaard. I am 22 years old, and am currently studying at the CIEE Research Station Bonaire and finishing up my last year of undergraduate studies with the University of Minnesota, Morris. I will graduate in May with a BA in Biology and have plans to continue my education at the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry in late summer. A fun fact about Minnesota is that it is known as the land of 10,000 lakes, even though there are actually 11,842 lakes, plus many wetland areas. In fact, the total water surface area in Minnesota is equal to 13,136,357 acres, which is roughly 185 times the entire surface area of Bonaire.



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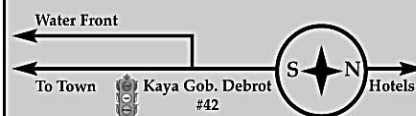
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Football Scholarship for Booi, Jr.

Ramonsito Booi Jr., the son of Bonaire's UPB green party political leader, has received a football scholarship from Wake Forest University. His performance on the field attracted national attention. He is the first Antillean to receive an athletic scholarship for American football. Wake Forest is a private liberal arts university in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, offering small classes, dedicated faculty and advanced technology. Its football team is rated number 15 in the US and they played in last year's Orange Bowl.

Ramonsito Booi, Sr. attended his son's scholarship signing in the US several weeks ago.

Currently Ramonsito Jr. is the first string Offensive Tackle on the Fishburne Military School (Waynesboro, VA) team. He is 6'7" (2.1m.) tall and weighs 340 lbs (154.2 kg.).

Fishburne Military School is one of the oldest military high schools in the country with an enrollment of 160 cadets. According to the school's website, its average academic SAT scores were 1500 vs. the 1001 US national average. The yearly tuition for boarding students is \$22,200 per year.

Tuition and fees at Wake Forest University typically amount to \$47,550 a year, which will be



Booi, Jr. on the field

covered by the scholarship as Booi plays with the Demon Deacons football team. ■ G.D.



Son and proud father.

Flotsam (Continued from page 6)

diving due to security at the BOPEC oil terminal. After years of meetings and discussions an agreement was reached and the site was once again opened with very controlled restrictions on who can dive there. (At present only "tech" diver guides are on the permitted list.)

An application must be sent to BOPEC by approved dive guides. All names of those diving must also be on this application. Once approved then the divers are permitted to pass inside the gates and fence to make the dive. Unfortunately, some people are jeopardizing this process by violating the rules. If this continues it is possible that this site could be closed.

► The transition of Bonaire from Island Territory to Dutch Municipality is being documented by the well known island videographer, Hendrick Wuyts of Scubavision, and local businessman Gerard van Erp.

The idea is to portray life on the island and how it is being influenced by the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles. It is planned to play on Dutch TV in 2009.

► The first Tintin comic book in Papiamentu, *E Asuntu di Florisol (The Sunflower Case)*, a Bonaire project, was officially presented in Curacao by the man who came up with the idea for the book and made it happen, Co de Koning. This "comic book," translated by Bòi Antoin of Bonaire's *Extra* newspaper, was made possible by donations from sponsors in Bonaire and the Netherlands.

Tintin is a very popular comic book character worldwide.



BONHATA photo

► Recently the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association (BONHATA) formally recognized its members and some other organizations who boosted Bonaire tourism last year. Named were: Max van Dordtmond of Bonaire Affair, Bart Snelder of Wannadive, Deepak Daryanani of Bonaire Gift Shop, Junny Janga of Sand Dollar, Telbo, Rum Runners Restaurant and team, Kontiki, Jack Chalk/Captain Don's Habitat and Mama Smile (Poppy Rodriguez). A special prize went to STINAPA.

Following that, BONHATA donated the proceeds of the raffle held during 2007 BONHATA Seventh Annual Awards event. Checks for Naf 2.350 were presented to teacher Kees Leeman and Isidoor van Riemsdijk for support of the SGB High School Culinary Team. (photo above) The money will go towards the expenses for the team to compete in an ABC Islands culinary competition in March.

Another Naf2.350 check was presented to Ruud Vermeulen, Floris van Loo and Isidoor van Riemsdijk, to support the Culinary Bonaire Foundation. The money will go towards the expenses to compete in this year's Caribbean Hotel Association Taste of the Caribbean competition.

Sara Matera, Isidoor van Riemsdijk, Kees Leeman and Marion Wilson of BONHATA



► Due to a misleading press release we had the wrong name for the Karnaval Queen last issue. We apologize for the error. **The Karnaval Queen on the cover is Thasjanara Rosario.** ■ G./L.D.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

HAPPENING SOON

Through February 29 –Andre Nagtegaal Art Exhibit, “My Gigs” - Kas di Arte, 5-9 pm

February 22-29 –Art Show Exhibit by Bonaire’s Captains of Industry, Plaza Hotel

Saturday, February 23 – Man-gazina di Rei Open House – Demonstrations of cutting mai-shi, music, story telling, guided tours, more. Great family fun. 9 am to 5 pm. Local food – reserve your plate, call Edith Strauss Mercera at 717-4060 or 786-4643. See page 11.

Saturday, February 23 – Little League Season Opening, La Sonrisa Ball Park – 5 pm

Saturday, March 1—Dinner & Auction, Captains of Industry Art Show. Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm, Auction 8 pm. Naf65. Phone/fax 717-3015, email dickdisselbonaire@flamingotv.net (More on page 7) Plaza Hotel

Saturday, March 1 – Big Monthly Marshé in Rincon –8 am to 2 pm. Enjoy a real Bonairean experience with the people of Rincon. Music, local food, gifts, plants, and more. A program will begin at 10 am on the outdoor stage.

March 14-24 – Medium Jan Arnold Francken on Bonaire. Call 786-3341 for more information or on the internet: www.spirituelecoaching.nl or www.bbderidder.nl.

Sunday, April 6—30th Annual Kontest di Fli (Kite Contest)

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Days, 10 am – 2 pm

*Cruise Ship Schedules
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Mon., Feb. 25 – *Arcadia*
Tues., Feb. 26 – *Sea Princess*
Wed., Feb. 27 – *Summit*
Thurs., Feb. 28- *Emerald Princess*
Tues., Mar. 4 – *Veendam*
Wed., Mar. 5 –**2 Ships - Summit, Crown Princess**
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Tues., Mar. 18 – *Seven Seas Navigator*
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Tues., Mar. 25 – *Sea Princess*
Wed., Mar. 26 - *Summit*
Fri., Mar. 21 – *Emerald Princess*

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- HH—50% off- **Buddy Dive Resort**, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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- **Parke Publico** children’s playground open every day into the evening hours.

Saturdays

Steak Night On the Beach (a la carte) with live mariachi- **Buddy Dive Resort**, 6–10pm

- **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.

- **All You Can Eat BBQ at Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.

- **Soldachi Tours**—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time. Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information—796-7870.

- **Mountain Bike Training for riders of all levels (also Tuesday)** at 5pm. Bonaire Wellness Connexions, Eden Beach, 785-0767, email info@bonairewellness.com

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

- **“Dive & Dine” Buddy Dive Resort**, 6:30 –9:30 pm
- **Soldachi Tour of Rincon**, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

Tuesdays

- **Margarita & Taco Tuesdays!** With \$2.50 Margaritas and a Taco bar! Plus Live music by the Flamingo Rockers, 6-8pm **Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**

Wednesdays

- **“Live Cooking by the Chefs”** with live music by the Flamingo Rockers Unplugged - **Buddy Dive Resort**, 6-10 pm

Thursdays

- **Flamingo Rockers** at **“Admiral’s Hour”** for yachtsmen and others, Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7

Fridays

Le Boulevard Restaurant, open 9 – 10:30 am, run by teens in training. Only on Fridays. Coffee, tea, homemade baked goods. Stichting Project. Kaya J.A. Abraham#27

- **Mixed Level Yoga** 8:30am, **Buddy Dive** 786-6416
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- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sunrise Poolbar and Sportsclub, for children 0 – 18.

- **Manager’s Bash**—free Flamingo Smash & snacks, Live music by Flamingo Rockers, **Divi Flamingo**, Balashi Beach Bar 6-7 pm

- **Free Rum Punch Party** (5:30- 6:30 pm) with Moogie Nation, followed by all -u-can-eat BBQ, 7-10 pm, **Buddy Dive Resort**

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 Presentation, Capt. Don’s Habitat, 8:30 pm. 717-8529

Monday- Land & Ocean Bonaire by Fish-Eye photo staff, 8 pm on the big screen in front of Bonaire Dive & Adventure.

Tuesday —Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire presents the *Sea Turtles of Bonaire Slide Show*. Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Buddy Dive Resort, 7 pm—717-3802.

Tuesday—Diving Facts And Fiction - An Evening with DIR slide/video show by Caribbean Gas Training, 8 pm, Bonaire Dive & Adventure,786-5073

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SOLUTION TO DO YOU SUDOKU?

Puzzle on page 7

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BONAIRE SKY PARK*

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See the Beautiful Ringed Planet at its Very Best for 2008, This Weekend

This weekend planet #7, the exquisite ringed planet **Saturn**, will be at its closest, biggest and brightest and best for the entire year because this Sunday, February 24th it will be officially at **opposition**.



Saturn's magnificent rings show some of their intricate structure in this image taken on May 11, 2004, by the Cassini spacecraft's narrow angle camera.

Around 9 pm, Sky Park time, face east where you will see the stars of one of the oldest known constellations, **Leo the Lion**, looking very much like a reclining Egyptian sphinx. Leo's brightest star, **Regulus**, marks his heart and looks like the dot at the bottom of a backward question mark or sickle-shaped group of stars, whereas the hind portion of Leo is marked by three stars, which make a wonderful right triangle. Now blue white Regulus is usually the brightest star-like object in this area, but this year it has a visitor almost three times as bright just below it. And it is the most beautiful of all the planets in our solar system as seen through a telescope, 75,000-mile-wide Saturn, whose ring system is twice as wide as **Jupiter**.

Now as Saturn makes one trip around the **Sun** every 30 years we see its rings from a constantly changing perspective. In 2003 they were, as astronomers say, wide open and we saw the bottom or southern side of the rings, looking up at them. But since then they have been slowly tilting or closing so we now see much less of the southern side of the rings. And if you look at them through a small telescope now they will appear more edgewise to us than they have in 10 years. In fact by September 2009 they will completely close as astronomers say and we'll see them edge on. And they will actually seem to disappear for several nights. Then they will slowly open again and gradually more and more of the northern side of the rings will be revealed until October 2017 when they'll be wide open from the northern perspective. And then the whole cycle will repeat all over again.

Now whenever a planet is at opposition it is directly opposite the Sun as seen from Earth, 180°, which means that it will be visible all the hours the Sun is not. So this weekend as the Sun sets in the west Saturn will rise in the east. It will slowly travel up the sky and reach its highest point around midnight, Sky Park time, and then will slowly descend hour after hour until it finally sets in the west as the Sun rises in the east. So you can see it all night long.

Also because Saturn is at opposition it is at its closest and brightest and looks much bigger through a telescope than when it is far from opposition. In fact this Sunday Saturn will be only 771 million miles away, which is a whopping 181 million miles closer than when it was at its farthest point in August, 952 million miles away. So get out this weekend and watch Saturn out-dazzle the regal heart of Leo the Lion. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*

Cafe Astrology

For March 2008



Aries

Your energy for tackling household projects returns this month, dear Aries. It's a great time for spring cleaning, reorganizing, and even remodeling. Getting riled up with, or on behalf of, family members is a possibility now. Watch for tensions on the 4-8, when you seem to attract trouble or angry situations. A surprising connection with a friend occurs around the same time. Matters from the past resurface and need attention. Until mid-month, love is more about sharing and camaraderie than anything, but in the last two weeks of March, it's deliciously private.

Taurus

A pleasantly busy social agenda and active professional life figure strongly this month, dear Taurus. Others are seeing you in a most positive light. Surprises from friends or groups are part of the picture. You are likely to meet a new friend out of the blue, and interesting connections are made in March, particularly around the 6-7 and 28-29. You are enjoying the company of people of different social or cultural background than yours in March.

Gemini

A desire to act freely and to be on the move gives way approximately mid-month to the need to tend to practical matters. You are experiencing a yearly professional peak, dear Gemini, and this time around, you are especially well-received professionally. Watch for interesting synchronicities surrounding your career and reputation, particularly around the 4-9 and the 27th. Opportunities to advance and for greater exposure and recognition seem to come out of the blue. Energy for financial projects and making money increases this month.

Cancer

The fiery planet, Mars, returns to your sign this month, dear Cancer, serving to quicken your impulses, increase your heart rate, and motivate you to move forward with personal ventures. An extra burst of vitality helps you to create new beginnings. Just remember that the rest of the world isn't moving quite as fast as you are! Impatience has a way of backfiring on you during this period. Career opportunities come to you quite naturally now. Partnerships are healthy. A domestic or family revelation occurs around the Full Moon on the 21st.

Leo

Your relationship with a significant other or close friend takes top billing this month, dear Leo. You continue to put special effort into making others happy in March--and quite successfully at that! A meeting of minds or a partnering opportunity arrives around the 8-9, but a power struggle on the job could also capture your attention. Avoid mind games and the people who play them now. Keep your eyes open for social opportunities that seem to come out of nowhere.

Virgo

Pleasing a partner, negotiating successfully, and your social life in general figure strongly in March for you, dear Virgo. It's a strong month for marriage, affection, new love relationships with commitment, close friendships, business, dealings with women, and personal magnetism. Expressing your affections comes easily. Your zeal for friendships established near the end of 2007 returns this month, or you reconnect to a friend or group now. A conflict over money is possible on the 5-8, but this period is also strong for connecting with a close partner.

Libra

Some of the fun from last month carries over into March, dear Libra, but by mid-month (and for some, sooner), it's time to pick up your sleeves and get down to work. Surprises concerning work or health matters are likely to pepper the month, keeping you on your toes. Love is more than likely found through work or professional interests and contacts this month. The practical aspects and implications of relationships are in focus.

Scorpio

March is a playful month for you dear Scorpio. Surprises surrounding recreation, entertainment, children, and romance pepper your month, and communications are especially flowing and open with a lover. Sharing favorite pastimes boosts friendships. Romantic opportunities abound all month, but particularly on the 13-16. Getting in touch with your "inner child" is easy now, as you recognize your need for more play time. Your thirst for adventure resurfaces after a period of hesitancy. Watch for tension on the 7-9, when you are more likely to attract angry people or circumstances into your life.

Sagittarius

Domestic life captures much of your attention this month, dear Sagittarius. It's a good period for refocusing and re-establishing yourself and your goals. Career demands are likely strong, and finding a balance between personal and professional interests is necessary. Romance deepens and is especially intimate this month. An intense interaction that might feel uncomfortable at first can lead to greater understanding on the 5-8. Good news about work or health is likely to arrive around the same time. A partnering opportunity may come as a surprise on the 27th.

Capricorn

March is a busy and successful month for communications and learning, dear Capricorn. The pace of your life quickens, and there are likely to be times when you feel pressured and stressed. However, good ideas come to you easily. Conversations are lively and productive, and good news arrives that puts a spring in your step. An excellent period for financial surprises occurs on the 8-9. Magical moments romantically speaking are more likely to occur on the 6-7.

Aquarius March may seem a little tame for you, dear Aquarius, after a rather dramatic and personally involving month. However, it's one of quiet revelations. This month is especially strong for personal finances and partnering. The 6-9 brings financial activity that puts you in a good mood. It's also a period of coming together with a special someone. You see eye to eye and feel secure with one another. The 28-29 is excellent for love and romance, and brings a pleasant surprise. A whirlwind of work projects keeps you busy.

Pisces March is an excellent month in which to launch new ventures and otherwise display your independence, dear Pisces. A partner is in your corner, perhaps even like putty in your hands! Romance is vigorous and active. Your powers of attraction skyrocket, so take advantage. Work is strong, and for those looking for a new job, this could be the month when new work finds you. Financial initiatives move forward, but your tendency towards speculation may need to be tamed. ■ *Annie*

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Winners Picture Yourself with The Reporter 2007

Last year's (2007) entries into the Picture Yourself in *The Bonaire Reporter* made it nearly impossible for the staff to pick the best. Photos came in from all over the world, for example from Holland; Rome, Italy; Sicily; Cowes, Great Britain; Sydney Australia; Suriname; British Columbia, Canada; the Panama Canal; Paraguay, Cusco and Arequipa, Peru; Paris, France; Istanbul, Turkey; The Great Wall of China; St. Maarten; Berlin, Germany; the

Polish border; Canary Islands; New Guinea and Mount Kilimanjaro! We even got a photo of Laura and Marijn van Erp reading the paper on a KLM airliner, 33,000 ft. high over the Atlantic Ocean.

In the US we got entries from, among others, Maui and Kauai, Hawaii; Ardsley, New York; Las Vegas, Nevada; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Boulder and Denver, Colorado; Lake Michigan. *The Reporter* even showed up at DEMA (Dive Equipment

Manufacturers Association) in Orland, Florida, and The Taste of the Caribbean in Miami, Florida (where Bonaire's culinary team competed), as well as in Manhattan at Henk Roozendaal's art opening.

Applause and great thanks to all of you who brought *The Reporter* along and sent us the marvelous photos.

And now, the **First Prize winner: Bonaire resident, Czella Williams, in**

Bata, Guinea, in Equatorial Africa with students from the Baha'i School Honorable Mentions go to **Marga and Jan Piet van Zeggelaar in Antarctica.**

And to **Fernand van Silfhout** whose photo of him reading *The Reporter* on the toilet was sent in by his mom and dad, Linda and Eric, whom he will probably never forgive once he gets old enough! ∞

Bata, Guinea Equatorial, Africa Antarctica Somewhere in Bonaire



Czella Williams (holding the copy of *The Reporter*) wrote: "On a recent trip to Africa, I found the children hungry for knowledge. There are as many as 80 children in some classrooms. These are a few of the students I visited, who are studying English at a Baha'i school in Bata, Guinea Equatorial, Africa. They were happy to speak English with me and were extremely inquisitive about *The Reporter*. In fact, they asked me to please give them *The Reporter* and I did. **Czella's prize is a large Pasa Bon pizza and two drinks.**



Marga and Jan Piet van Zeggelaar, from Naarden, The Netherlands write, "We really hope we are the first diehards to show *The Bonaire Reporter* on Antarctica. The picture was taken on January 1, 2007. . . Anyway, we are friends of *The Reporter* from the beginning. This copy of *The Reporter* travelled a lot!" □



Here's a picture of **Linda (Anthony) and Eric van Silfhout** youngest son, **Fernando**, with his favorite "book," *The Bonaire Reporter*. Linda writes, "He's a huge fan of your paper." □

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Island View

The Greening of Bonaire

Please mark in your list of books that you must read the following: *Unbowed* by Wangari Maathai. It is an autobiography of the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize from Kenya (She was on the cover of the 6 October 2006 issue with *The Bonaire Reporter*). She started the Green Belt Movement. That movement has many goals, and one main goal is planting as many trees as possible. Ms. Maathai explains the necessity of planting trees, not only for nature but also for ourselves. Ask my students why trees are important. They will answer that there are made for us so we can breathe oxygen. But trees are more important than that.

What is the situation on trees on Bonaire? Luckily for us more and more people see the importance of planting and conserving trees and plants in general. Bonaire used to be covered by trees. Those trees were cut down and exported and the island has never fully recovered. The trees cannot return because of goats, donkeys, but mostly because people are still bringing them down.

What do you consider a tree? A Watapana is a tree, no doubt about it. But a Kadushi and a Yatu (cactus)? They are also trees, but they have thorns instead of leaves. They are considered a pest when you want to build on a site with a lot of cacti. So what would be a good solution: plowing down all that is green, and start your building? This "cleaning" of a plot of land is common practice on this island. It destroys a lot of plants as well as trees.

It is understandable that you need room to build. But still I wonder if trees can be saved if you make an effort to build around them. This "cleaning" leaves a bare piece of land where wind and rain have free play with the dust and soil. We lose a lot of fertile soil because the wind and rain take it away.

After a house has been built, the owners sometimes design a nice garden. Palm trees are one of the favorite trees to plant because that is the image of a tropical island. They are not indigenous and demand a lot of water. **You can also plant some indigenous trees like Wayaká, Pal'i Brasil or Pal'i Sia. They need less water, so there will be less erosion from your garden.**

Also a lot of gardens have to endure what you could call a spring cleaning. This is a widespread custom on Bonaire. Most customs have a purpose even though people cannot always tell you why they are practicing it. For example when you turn 33 you give everybody a dime so you can make a wish. What is the real purpose of this custom? It probably had a practical reason, but now it is just fun. I still ask everybody why gardens are "cleaned." Nobody can tell me what the purpose is of this practice other than



Bonaire Trees and Cactus

"making it look tidy," which I do not find funny anymore.

People even say that removing all grass from your yard will keep mosquitoes away from your house. Mosquitoes are attracted to water. Leaving water standing is and always will be the main problem when it comes to those horrible buzzing insects. But if you remove all the undergrowth, you will destroy the habitat of the enemies of the mosquitoes. Also a naked piece of land cannot house insects and other critters as well as a grown piece of land, so where else can they go but into your house? After a nice "cleaning" of your garden you may find that the amount of mosquitoes has increased, and that for example cockroaches and scorpions will consider your house their home.

There are more reasons for people to clear trees. On this island you can buy homemade charcoal. More people are coming to this beautiful island; more people are barbecuing their steaks and pork chops. This increase in demand for charcoal is not a problem if it was the custom to plant a couple of trees every time you take one.

Someone once told me that Bonaire has more groundwater than WEB can produce on a yearly basis. Also a lot of rainwater still flows from our roofs into the ground without watering our plants. There is enough water on this island to have new forests and beautiful gardens, but we do not make use of it. And if you start planting, the undergrowth will hold the water because there will be less evaporation. The more you plant, the less water you need.

If everybody starts planting trees we will have an island you cannot recognize from pictures of the past. You will have enough trees to make charcoal for years to come. You can have forests where the tourists and residents can hike. If you are tired you can sit in the shade of a tree. And while you are walking you can enjoy the nice juicy mangos that grow on a, that's right, TREE! We can tell Ms. Maathai that she is right. With trees we have more fertile soil, less erosion, fewer pests, more shade, more moisture, more food, and that makes us happier people. □

Mary Ann Koops

In addition to observing us, Koops teaches Biology at the SGB High School.



What's Coming Our Way?



Exploring "what's coming our way" should not necessarily be only about major developments or be limited to projects that are so many stories high and take years to complete. We don't want to ignore the smaller things happening around us.

So this time our eyes fell on work being done in, around and especially at the back of the retail shop at the windsurf center Jibe City. What's happening here? It seems that the once little mini shop here has now emerged into a serious beach-style retail shop.

Until just 20 years ago there was not any windsurf center at Sorobon Beach. The water sport manager at the Bonaire Beach Hotel at the time (doing the maintenance of the one-handed bandit slot machines in the evenings as well) was one of the very first ones to try windsurfing on the island. As he wanted to be able to give proper instructions to newbies, he took a Mistral course to improve his own skills. In the beginning he would occasionally bring boards, gear and windsurfers to Sorobon Beach without the presence of any facilities there.

Over time this pioneer obtained the lease of the land, put a container up for the gear and moved on from there. What is the Hang Out Bar nowadays wasn't much more than a cooler with ice and some

drinks in the early days. For lunch windsurfers had to go to KonTiki (or as it was known before, the Red Pelican).

Over time more and more facilities -sail storage/office/shop/home- were added, until the whole place had become a serious windsurf center (see photo).

Back to today: for the re-doing of the shop no contractor needed to be hired. The entire design, planning and construction itself has been done by Jibe City staff themselves. They started around mid-November and have nearly finished it now. The outside appearance of the shop has hardly changed, but the inside definitely has. Turns out that the windsurf pros here are not just great windsurfers but also great handymen! In between helping people on their surfboards and showing off the latest tricks and moves, well-known faces like big Windsurf Champ, Tonky, and "the emperor of balance," Caesar, built up and painted an entirely new shop. However, do not forget about all the others around. Many hands made light work here.

Playa Trading and Kooyman had some nice business over the last few months and they were always happy to see the PP (proud proprietor) of Jibe City

coming back again for new shipments of wood, nails, screws and paint.

Things have been done in a creative and funny way. The windsurfer wanting to test the harness he considers buying can hook it on to the boom that has been fixed to the wall and place his feet in the foot straps on the board on the floor. The fitting room has been made out of palm leaves. They are still looking for a distorting mirror to be used inside. If you happen to have one in the attic, please...

Besides any accessory a windsurfer may need, we see trendy beachwear and other fun stuff for sale, although the most important role of this shop will remain to welcome windsurfers and get them on their boards ASAP. Usually they just can't wait!

A sign near the entrance says "No shirts, no skirts, no shoes, No Problem." We feel it fully represents the atmosphere this place has always been, and still is, about. □ Marcel Leurs

Leurs is a developer himself (Brisas Lodge)



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