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hile much of the formalities for the closer ties between Holland and Bonaire, Saba and Statia (BES Islands) will be in place and operating in January 2009, the transition of the Central Government, Curaçao, and St. Maarten will not be in place until 2011 at best and most likely not until 2012/2013.

That was the outcome of marathon meeting held between Dutch officials and Antillean officials last week in Curacao.

State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten, who is the Dutch official in charge of the Antilles, told reporters early last Friday morning, "It's a difficult process to dismantle a country and at the same time build new countries."

The Government Accountant Bureau Foundation (SOAB) said that with "very tight planning" 2011 will be feasible, but 2012/2013 would be more acceptable.

- The parent company of American Airlines, AMR, announced that the company will cancel 12% of its domestic flights, discontinue the use of some of its less fuel efficient aircraft and in mid-June introduce a baggage charge of \$15 on the first piece of luggage and \$25 on the second.
- ▶ While American Airlines is going to cut routes in the region it is not expected that Bonaire and Curacao flights will be affected much, said Bonaire's tourism director, Ronella Tjin-a-Sjoe-Croes. American's two daily flights from Miami to Curacao are operating above 72% seat occupancy and are "guaranteed" by the Curacao government, and the daily American Eagle Bonaire—San Juan flights continue.
- ► The aviation press reported that many international and US airlines are flying their planes at slower, more fuel efficient speeds whenever possible, a move which is expected to save the carriers millions of dollars and

reduce upward pressure on airfares.

The revelation comes as benchmark oil prices reached a record \$138 a barrel last week, placing further pressure on airline fuel costs and profits.

► TCB Director Ronella Tjin-a-Sjoe-Croes reported that Economics Minister Elvis Tjin-a-Sjoe will represent Bonaire at a meeting starting May 29 in Antigua to discuss air transport from the US to the Caribbean. He will be accompanied by Candice Kimmel of TCB New York. Croes is optimistic that Bonaire service will continue at its present level since 2007 saw a 19.7% increase in North American traffic.

► Effective May 16, KLM increased its fuel surcharge on the flights between the Netherlands Antilles and



Amsterdam. The new fuel surcharge will cost NAf54. KLM is also increasing the fuel surcharge on flights inside Europe by four euros per stretch, €8 (NAf22) per return ticket.

- ▶ KLM announced plans on Monday to fuel its planes with kerosene made from algae. The company has signed an exclusive contract with Dutch company AlgaeLink to provide fuel for a pilot project which will begin this autumn, when the first test flight will take place. A pilot algae production facility is being studied for the Cargill Salt facility on Bonaire.
- ► Antillean Transport Minister Maurice Adriaens has urged the Dutch Government not to implement an "international flight environment tax" on air fares on the route between Amsterdam and the Netherlands Antilles. The Dutch Government wants to levy an extra €45 on each ticket.
- ► The low cost value-added



Edith Strauss-Marcera and Danilo Christiaan of Mangazina di Rei cut into a celebratory cake, while Antilles Minister Plenipotentiary Paul Comenencia and Ronald van der Giessen of the Oranje Fonds look on.

The Appeltjes van Oranje of the Oranje Fonds is presented to projects whose purpose is to promote communication between different groups in society. The prize is €15.000 (more than NAf 41 thousand) There were three winning projects this year. Bonaire's open-air living museum, Mangazina di Rei was one of them. The award was presented in The Netherlands by Princess Maxima, the patroness of the foundation. (Antillenhuis/Pevry Press)

airline, JetBlue, has expressed interest in flying to Curaçao twice a week beginning in 2009. The airline already flies to St. Martin, the Dominican Republic and Aruba. Its US hubs are in New York, California and Florida. Jet Blue is reported to have expressed concern about the high landing and other costs at Curacao's Hato Airport. Has anyone told them about the efficient and economical way KLM jets are handled at Flamingo Airport in Bonaire?

▶ Aviation safety in the Dutch Kingdom, in general, complies with the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The organization audited the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in April.

For the Netherlands Antilles, ICAO remarked that a "reasonable system" had been set up for laws and regulations, but execution procedures and implementation had been lacking. There were no safety concerns.

▶ Bonaire International Airport (BIA) has started the renovation of the parking lots at Flamingo Airport causing inconvenience for tourists and users of the airport. To complete the work quicker, the team decided to work simultaneously on the different areas of the parking lot.

During a press conference by the airport management, technical manager Francis Winklaar asked the people to be understanding and mentioned that the work will be finished in June. See story on page 18 for more information.

► A proposed rule requiring airlines to fingerprint all foreigners as they leave the country has the travel industry up

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Mixing Bonaire's Old and New Gultures

Symbols of Bonaire's agricultural past were stirred with the seawater that drives Bonaire's culture and economy of the 21st century for an attraction unique in the world. This month's dedication of the underwater sculpture of traditional Bonairean cooking implements, a project of Bonaire's archeological students, funded by UNESCO and others, was filmed by Hendrick Wuyts of Bonaire ScubaVision and can be seen on YouTube at: http://youtube.com/watch? v=VCOh8gvbVTc (photos in this article are video captures from ScubaVision.

The sculpture of Palu di Lele / Wea di Funchi also functions as a "reefball," providing a substrate for coral growth and a habitat for sea creatures and fish. The sculpture, sunk last month off Chachacha Beach, has and other particles off their skin already been taken by over sea

rea diver Albert Bianculli, who assisted in the project reports: "On a recent visit to the BONAI sculpture, Pal'I lele/Wea'I Funchi, at Cha-Cha-Cha Beach I was amazed to see that many reef fish have already inhabited the structure.

There are many nesting Sergeant Major fish busily tending to their purple egg clusters. They are constantly swimming all around the eggs protecting them from many other fish that are trying to eat them.

Inside the other parts of the sculpture there are Yellowtail Damselfish taking care of their small territories and munching on the algae that has started to cover the surface of the sculp-

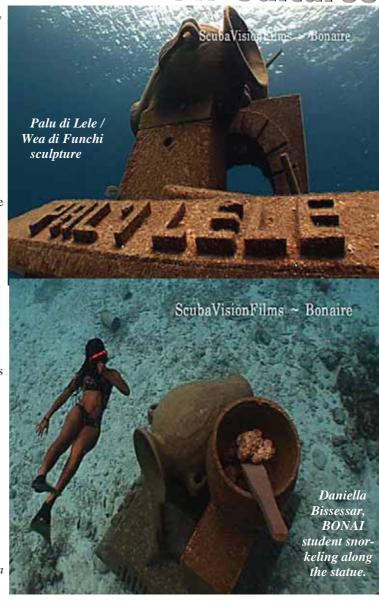
In the smaller holes on the base of the sculpture there are several Marine Hermit Crabs hiding during the daytime from the other fish at the site.

Underneath the base of the structure there are nine columns that support the sculpture on the sand. Near these "legs" I saw two Spotted Moray Eels resting with some small Pederson Cleaner Shrimp picking parasites and heads.

It seems that the sculpture, in only a short time, has given the smaller reef creatures a new habitat to explore and use for their mutual benefit."

A LMSP sensor, an instrument that will measure the seawater quality, will be attached to the sculpture in August.

Jackie Bernabela



Aruban Artists Show at Kas di Arte



ru Anti Ekspo 2008, an A exhibition of 30 paintings of Aruban artists Elvis Tromp and Edmond Tujeehut will be at the Kas di Arte from May 30 to June 30. The official opening will be on Saturday, May 31 at 5 pm. The public is invited and especially all the artists in Bonaire who will be welcomed to meet with their Aruban colleagues for a cultural interchange.

The theme of the exhibit, titled RASTRO, which has already been in Aruba and Curacao, is to bond the Antilles and Aruba through the medium of painting, fantasy and the living colors and visualization of the Dutch Caribbean culture. ■

Namar Apartments - New Construction









New apartment building project located in the 'Hato' area, across from the popular main hotel area. Located on a 2715 square meter lot, this attractive apartment building has a modern and inviting design. All units will come with tile floors and Gibbs ceilings. The kitchen will be fully equipped with modern appliances, wooden cabinets and granite counter tops, bathroom appliances are of European quality. All bedrooms come with A/C and the living rooms will be equipped with ceiling fans. Centered in the complex will be a pool area with sun deck and shade. The property will be decorated with lush tropical landscaping and kept neat and green with a central automatic drip system.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Cont. from page 2) in arms. The rule from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is set to take effect in January, would require the airlines to collect the fingerprints of all non-US citizens and send them to Washington within 24 hours. Airlines already are required to send biographic information to DHS for all passengers prior to leaving the US. The proposal to require fingerprinting when they leave was recommended by the 9/11 Commission in the as an anti-terrorism measure and was enacted into law in 2007.

- ► An ABC Island-Venezuela ferry may be operating by the end of the year. A press release from Agencia Bolivariana says that five new vessels will be added to the fleet of the consortium Coventurca (Venezolano Naviero Turístico del Caribe) presently operating between Puerto Cabello and Isla Margarita. Curação, Aruba, Bonaire and possibly the Dominican Republic are planned, said Diego Castro Duno, head of the port service of Puerto Cabello. The European-built ferries cost €125 million, and have a capacity of 980 passengers and 250 vehicles.
- erlands has indicated that she does not intend to step down from the throne for at least two years, NOS TV reported. The Queen made this comment during her visit to Estonia, her 45th state visit as head of state of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. She is reported to have said that she had state visits already planned for the coming two years.

The Queen's remark may put an end to discussions among the Dutch concerning the question whether she would have to resign in favor of her son, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander. Rumors concerning the possible abdication of Queen Beatrix had surfaced in January when the she celebrated her 70th birthday. This had prompted speculation about her relinquishing the throne to her son Prince Willem-Alexander, as her mother did on her birthday 28 years ago. Unlike in Britain, where Queen Elizabeth (81) shows little sign of handing over to Prince Charles even though he is nearing retirement age himself, Dutch queens have made a tradition of stepping aside for the next generation, over the last century.

Queen Wilhelmina was 67 when she handed over to her daughter in 1948, after a half century on the throne. Queen Juliana made way for 42-yearold Beatrix on her 71st birthday in 1980.

► Following a 36% increase



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price of fuel at the pumps last Friday, Bonaire's Com-

missioner of Economic Affairs Burney El Hage told a press conference, "We must learn to live with the increase of the price of oil in the world. We are going through a change, and we need to adapt to that.'

"Regular" gasoline jumped by NAf73 cents per liter and diesel by NAf48 cents.

The price of regular gasoline (92 octane) increased from NAf2.02 to NAf2.75 per liter; ▶ Queen Beatrix of the Neth- super gasoline (95 octane) from NAf2.05 to NAf2.78 per liter; and diesel from NAf1.27 to NAf1.75 per liter.

> El Hage rejected the idea that government further subsidize the increases. "If we let the government pay for the increase of the oil price, the community will have to pay that back eventually."

On the bright side, **the prices** of kerosene and cooking gas were lowered: kerosene from NAf 0.8027 to NAf 0.6989 per liter, one 100-pound gas cylinders from NAf 76.77 to NAf 71.36 and one 20-pound cylinders from NAf 14.69 to NAf 9.27 guilders.

- ► The biggest factor in the skyrocketing price of gasoline is the historic ascent of crude oil, which has surged from \$45 per barrel in 2004 touching more than \$138 this past week.
- **▶** The Island Government of Bonaire has recently nominated numerous archeological locations on the island as protected historical sites. This list is going to be part of the 2008-2011 monument policy plan. The the baseball supporting foun-Island Council will have to pass an island ordinance to establish the necessary protections.

A number of locations were put on the nomination list upon the recommendation of archaeologist Jay Haviser. Locations from the pre-ceramic period are: Lagun and Gotomeer; of the ceramic period: Wanapa, Amboina, Put Bronswinkel, Fontein,

Sorobon, Lac, Noord Lac, Onima, Spelonk, and Roshikiri; of the historical period: Tanki Maraka, Plantage Guatemala, Divi Flamingo, Aeropuerto Subi Blanku, and the slave route from Rincon to Saliña.

Every year a lot of **empty** inkjet cartridges that are used in printers and faxes go into the bin and end up eventually on our landfill. These inkjet cartridges usually contain a lot of plastic, metal, paper, rubber and remains of ink. It is estimated it will take 1,000 years before these completely dissolve in nature. However, about 97% of these components can be recycled or reused.

Bonaire Automation (across from La Teraza) and Bits Bonaire are the first companies on **Bonaire to start collecting** these empty cartridges to prevent them landing on the landfill and eventually ending up in our environment. They do not recycle these cartridges themselves but send them to a specialized American inkjet recycling company.

Empty inkjet cartridges for all manufacturers like HP, Canon, Epson, Dell etc. can be brought to the Bonaire Automation shop and put in the collection container. There is no charge. They can only take inkjet cartridges, no toners.



- ► The Bonaire Bikers donated the NAf4.500 proceeds from their Rincon Day Run to dation Fundashon Blue Caps. The Bikers thank DIGICEL, Captain Don's Habitat Hotel and Warehouse Bonaire for their cooperation that made the fundraising possible. About 150 riders participated.
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The Cft Board members: President Mr. Hans Weitenberg, Mr. Max Pandt (BES islands), Ms. Margo Vliegenthart (the Netherlands) and Mr. Alberto Romero (the Netherlands Antilles).

- ► A requirement to be financially responsible is a prerequisite for a direct link with Holland. Consequently the BES Islands are under "Financial Supervision." The members of the Board of financial supervision (College financieel toezicht - Cft) recently visited the BES islands for the second time. The main point on their agenda was the execution of the island budgets/ financial management, which represents the second phase of the financial supervision. "This financial management needs considerable improvement, but fortunately the islands are showing the right spirit," said the President of the Board, Hans Weitenberg, during a press conference Wednesday afternoon on Curação, where the secretariat is located.
- ► Kamala Shadduck, the founder of SingleDivers.com, hosted her group in Bonaire at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and Casino this year. As always, Kamala's group brings charity to the island they visit. Kamala's guests brought boxes of books, paper, school bags and school supplies for the Maria **Hoppner Foundation.**





The team of Buddy Dive Resort Bonaire is in search of a new team member

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Profiles: Elly Albers, Pioneer In Animal Rights

n 1986 the Bonaire Animal Shelter was founded after the government gave us a large piece of land on the Kaminda Lagoen. We organized fundraising events and were very lucky to have some generous donors so we could build a small office and the first kennels, including a large kennel for cats.

In those years Bonaire didn't have a permanent veterinarian, so every six weeks a vet came from Curacao to put to sleep a lot of dogs and cats that were beyond help and in pitiful condition. Sometimes dogs were dropped off at the Shelter that were more dead than alive. During those early years we even had to put them to sleep ourselves and bring them to the landfill to bury them.

The Animal Shelter struggled for some years to survive, to be accepted, to get some cooperation and support. I met Elly some 18 years ago when she came to Bonaire from Holland, accompanied by her two huge dogs. About the same time, the government offered to pay the salary for someone to work and take care of the animals on a daily basis. Well, Elly lived in a house right across the street from man of the newly founded Foundathe Shelter and was therefore available 24 hours a day! This proved necessary because so many times after hours people would drop off their unwanted animals (sometimes in garbage bags) in

front of the gate.

Later, Bonaire at last had the luxury of having a full time veterinarian who worked for the government in het slachthuis (the slaughterhouse) next door to the Shelter. The vet could treat the animals, sterilize them and if necessary put them to sleep. Elly started to keep records of all the animals, of their medications, etc. She introduced the bath for treating skin disease and kept track of those animals who were adopted.

The Shelter was becoming more and more professional. By the time Elly left six years later the Shelter had matured: several kennels had been added, more people had become involved, awareness of its existence was growing and the number of adoptions was increasing. Elly moved on to another job, but she never gave up her involvement with and concern for the welfare of animals. She'd even become a vegetarian at a very young age after watching a documentary about factory farming. She feels it is her duty to give a voice to animals.

In 2005 Elly became the chairtion Animal Welfare Bonaire. The Animal Shelter focuses on giving care, protection and shelter to homeless animals. The Animal Welfare Foundation focuses on enforcing the animal laws which

are written in the constitution of the Foundation.

"Being forced to be 'in the picture' isn't always easy," Elly says. "There are still a lot of new thoughts to be introduced, and many people on Bonaire are simply not aware that neglecting animals is really hurting the animals. In many cases where abuse or neglect is pointed out suggestions or advice to improve the situation is not always well received." (For example: dogs that

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are constantly restricted by a chain that is too short or too heavy.)

But in cases of absolute refusal to improve a pitiful situation. Elly or other members of the Foundation are forced to issue a complaint to the Justice Department. But this is always the last step. There are special written codes that define the maltreatment of animals.

Also the Foundation is determined to reintroduce dog tags and an animal catcher.

They've already ordered some dog cages to catch the homeless and sick dogs on the street.

Elly adds that this Foundation came into existence because the Animal Shelter simply isn't able to do all of the work. They are fully busy with taking care of the homeless animals. She also points out the fact that Bonaire chose to be part of Holland by the end of 2008, which implies that Bonaire has to implement similar animal rights.

Many volunteers, preferably local people, are needed for this tremendous job. It will add to the well being of our whole island. We are all connected: plants, animals and people all depend on each other. Let's give the animals that need it a helping hand. Let's give Elly and the F.A.W.B. a helping

Elly Albers

hand in realizing a better world for them. Volunteers are welcome: Phone: 717-7021.

Following are the laws written into the constitution of the Animal Welfare Foundation:

- 1. To support the welfare of all animals on Bonaire, domestic animals as well animals living in the wild.
- 2. To recruit, school and train volunteers in order to implement the objectives.
- 3. To inform the community about the wellbeing of animals in

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Case Study—Volunteers Needed

Bonaire's groundbreaking, controversial sea water monitoring study, the Light and Motion Sensor Project (LMSP), continues. Water monitoring is on schedule, but the data analysis of the billions of bits of data gathered by the sensors is lagging because of the scale and complexity of the task. A \$25,000 grant is being sought to underwrite the programming needed. The task is proving too complex for the volunteer undergraduates at UCLA to accomplish on schedule. If you can help with MATLAB programming contact the project coordinator, Albert Bianculli at (599) 791-2214

he consensus of the recent reports by marine biologists visiting Bonaire and onisland experts is: "the shorebased activities of human habitation and the release of their wastewater into the sea will destroy the coral reef surrounding Bonaire!"

There is a case history that shows what can happen. "By 1970, after carried out by dedicated research dive at dawn (6:00). It was a 50 years of rapid development, the dazzling underwater reefs of Miami and Fort Lauderdale were dead. They were poisoned by the release of raw sewage dumped into the ocean from the toilets of waterfront hotels, homes and

other business activities. Submerged pipes carried sewage a few hundred meters (yards) offshore, so people using the beaches wouldn't see the billowing brown spumes. Decades of rancid outfall eventually killed the delicate corals and drove the beautiful, glittering fish away. The reefs became gray escarpments, barren and manifestly untropical.'

Dive shop operators complained of losing customers to the Florida based sites please Keys and the Bahamas, where the water was still clear at that time. A few South Florida coastal cities took modest measures to reduce the offshore pollu- task takes about 20 minutes and tion, but the reefs failed to regenthen you can continue your dive. erate; it appears that once dead, coral tends to stay that way!

We need your help, in a meaningful way, to prevent this scenario from happening on Bonaire. This 10-year-long project, LMSP, is entirely funded by private donations from concerned and interested individuals and volunteers on the island. View the ScubaVision video of the Water Quality Project on Bonaire. Just copy and paste on your internet connection. http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=8lkj57YEhWs

To continue and expand the project additional full time, on-island volunteers are needed to help with the continuation of the LMSP. If you are interested in diving and collecting the electronic data from our shore contact Albert Bianculli at (599) 791-2214 for more details. The

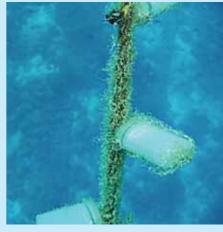
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Here is an observation concerning the algae growth, from volunteers who visit their assigned "rainbow sensor site" each week to clean and retrieve the data:

Thursday, May 22, 2008....Site #12... We started out to do this clear day with few clouds in the sky. Low tide made this entry easy and although the current was slight it was easy to dive. The first thing I saw was an octopus bothered by a Spanish hog fish. At the beginning of the sets of sensors and bottles had

dive the fish were just waking up however there were about 50 sergeant majors swimming in the water column near the sensors. We saw quite a few bar jack chasing fish for breakfast. Many tang, mahogany snapper, small mouth grunts and creole wrasse showed up as I was finishing up the cleaning. I had the honor of taking a good picture of one very large porcupine fish. We found our special place where the big tooth cardinal fish huddle together under a Star mountain coral and of course as usual, the large tarpon hovering in the blue at 60 feet!

Algae Growth: ... upper two



One week's algal growth on float bottle *left) and line/sensors

more than 2cm. So we scrubbed them clean. In some areas there were green wispy growths on the rope and in between the 3 bottles that had to be 1 cm. long.

Cassandra and Franklin Neal■ LMSP press release

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ost of the time when we talk about environment we might think about what is polluting the air, the sea or the land. But environmental issues start with you and

Have you ever stopped and made a close check to see what is in your back yard or nearby surroundings? If those areas are filling up with trash, junk, old tires, cars or other debris which make it look filthy, then you have a serious environmental problem. Remember, these circumstances can influence your life and your family. For every problem, however, there is a solution.

Going directly to the right source of solutions I interviewed the PR and Marketing Coordinator (38) of SELIBON, N.V. (Bonaire's waste management company). She said, "SELIBON (Servisio di Limpiesa di Boneiru) is aware of the dengue virus outbreak some months ago and through the media we inform people about control and prevention. Together with DGH (Dienst Gezondheid en Hygiene), DROB (Dienst Ruimtelijk Ontwikkeling en Beheer) and the Fire Department we started an educational

campaign.

In the *Extra* newspaper we wrote about the Triple **R** campaign: Recycle (*Resiklá*), Reduce (*Redusí*) and Reuse (*Re-usa*). The campaign for children to collect plastic bags and win prizes was a success. On March 26 we started with a neighborhood cleaning campaign. Rincon was first on the list. We cleaned the whole area of Rincon, plus we delivered a letter to each home with the rules for keeping their surroundings clean. Some houses need to get a fine for breaking the rules. The youths of Jong Bonaire made signs for the strategic areas where people used to throw their trash. The environmental policemen and DEZA(Dienst Economische Zaken en Arbeid) are controlling the business area and their surroundings. They are making sure that houses and loaded trucks are abiding by the rules.

At the landfill (dump) we want to install a weight bridge in the near future for all the trucks coming in to dump their trash and charge them a fee. Our vision is to save our landfill from all that dumping and start a new way of burning trash there. We want to change the mentality of our community about our environment. The only way to do this is through campaigns and workshops with the children in order to get to the

adults.'

Our head of DGH (health department) (58) and her assistant (34) have also something to say about how to keep your surroundings clean. "People have to be conscious of their own safety. Cleaning their own garden, cistern and getting rid of all old tires, cars and trash in their yards is one step towards keeping themselves healthy. Unwanted creatures can

invade their property and make the trash they collected in their yards and surroundings their own habitat area. The Hygiene Department (HD) is in charge of informing these people, controlling the area and giving means that you and I can make it happen to assistance. Also they control the areas of high risk and treat them. Remember, the mosquito, Aedes Aegypti, that transmits the dengue virus needs just a few drops of fresh water to breed, maybe in some of the trash that they've collected in their yards and surroundings. Yards and nearby areas need to be kept clean. If you need help you may

call the Hygiene Department at 717-5330 ext. 315 or 717-8323 and ask for advice."

Remember SELIBON slogans: "Huntu nos por" and "Tene Boneiru Limpi. This keep our *dushi* Bonaire clean. ■

Photo & Story by Siomara E. Albertus

Siomara Albertus photo

Send your comments to The Bonaire Reporter, P.O. Box 407, Bonaire, or email reporter@bonairenews.com.



Michael Morse, better known as "Pup" Morse, is releasing his CD on the web on July 1.

The album is called "Just a Scuba Cowboy;" Pup is from Colorado and is part of the Singles Dive Group who are visiting the island, and the theme song of the album is dedicated to the Singles

In his debut album, Pup has honored the island by writing a song called "In Bonaire.'

The artwork for the album cover is still being worked on as it will consist of Bonaire photos

For more information go to: www.singlesdivers.com.



Pup Morse Divi Photo

Profiles (Continued from page 5) order to stimulate a positive attitude, especially focusing on the young people on Bonaire.

4. To monitor existing and future organizations, privately owned or commercial, (hotels /shops) to assist in effective animal care.

5. To monitor farm stock activities and related activities, not only limited to the slaughterhouse.

6.To monitor activities which are potentially harmful for animals, including water sports, fishing, the exploration of caves.

7. To support existing and future organizations concerning care and welfare of animals

8. To develop surveillance protocols concerning sterilizations, vaccinations and euthanasia, as well as the basic animal care

the welfare of animals.

10. To develop the definitions of "animal abuse." "animal assault" and "animal neglect" and have these definitions be documented within educational programs.

11.To monitor the results of the existing and future laws concerning animal welfare.

12. To assist and initiate the counting of animals.

13. To initiate programs for sterilization, vaccination and to

introduce in a broad sense, dog tags and a license to keep special animal species.

14. When available funds and facilities allow this: to participate in rescue operations.

15.To obtain land and/or facilities which are necessary for the care and recovery of rescued

16. To build facilities for the care and recovery of rescued animals and similar related ac-

17. To establish and staff a phone emergency line for the public to report their concern, observations and suggestions concerning the welfare of animals on Bonaire. Declarations will be documented and advise or referral to the specific person or authority will be given.

18. To establish a network of foster homes to supply the temporary shelter for rescued ani-

19. When necessary supply the transportation of rescued animals to the available facility.

20. To maintain contacts with 9. To promote laws concerning the local authorities, the media, the veterinarians and others concerning the welfare of ani*mals.*■ *Story & photo by* Louise Rood

> Loos Rood was one of the original founders of the Bonaire Animal Shelter.





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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. Answer on page 12. Supplied by Molly Bartikoski-Kearney

A Podium Finish for Bonaire's Tonky Frans

The Reporter's Windsurf Man explosive freestyle action in such on the European Scene, Ruben Petrisie, is back with a description of the professional Windsurfer's Association (PWA) first freestyle World Cup event in Austria that makes you feel your feet are on the board.

Ruben: "After spending a month in Tarifa, Spain, developing sails with Loft Sails and at the same time doing shoots and tests, I took part in the season's first event. It was a bit of a disappointing time with spotty wind that managed to fit in only two rounds on the four windy days out of the almost weeklong event.

I flew to Vienna, Austria, where I hooked up with Bonaire friends, Taty and Tonky Frans and Kiri Thode.

The PWA Freestyle season opening event was set at the beachside arena on the shores of Podersdorf. Lake Neusiedler, Austria, from April 29 through May 4. It celebrated the PWA's 10th anniversary and inaugurated a new judging system that demands a best trick format with a maximum and minimum amount of tricks being set per heat depending on the sailing conditions on the competition day.

Day 1 was warm and windless, but we all signed up.

Day 2 the wind eventually came up, but the day went on with lots of cancellations of heats and some

light conditions. They managed to run the first 8 runs on the second day. Later that evening the official event party took place alongside numerous party tents, shops and bars. Both competitors and visitors enjoyed a night of live music and partying in true Austrian style.

Day 3 welcomed competitors with partly cloudy skies and a solid 15-20 knot onshore wind, but by the end of the 9am skippers meeting the wind dropped to almost nothing. A frustrating hour commenced, as the wind blew for just a few minutes and then dropped back to a couple of knots. Later that day we tried to start, but the wind was just not enough.

Day 4 promised another windy morning that had everyone excited about the prospect of competition. But following the 8am skippers meeting, with heat nine scheduled to start just as the previous day, the wind dropped off within minutes of the heat getting started.

Day 5 was poised to be the most exciting day of competition. A solid wind was forecast for the whole day, with a stable 18 knot breeze, so judges wasted no time getting the first of round two's heats underway. Steven van Broekhoven (F2. MauiSails) and Tonky Frans (F2, Gaastra, Fiberspar, Choko Fins) give the day's first show with some impressive freestyle moves, defeating their underpowered opponents,

Tonky PWA Photo Kevin Mevissen (RRD) and Ruben

Petrisie (Exocet, Loft Sails, Reptile-

Masts, Unifiber, Jibe City Bonaire)

'Bubble' Chambers (JP, NeilPryde)

Choko Fins) who took the opportu-

nity to showcase his newly invented

trade mark move, the "kono," for the

first time in competition. Also ad-

vancing in heat 10 was a local boy,

Heat 11 had to be canceled because

of too light winds. The re-run, which

happened three hours later was com-

pleted in light, gusty conditions.

Bonaire star Taty Frans showed

class, stylish and technical moves

which got him into the next round.

By the time heat 16 of round three

had started, the wind was so mar-

Michael Sumereder (RRD, North

to advance to round three.

Heat 10 saw the exit of Andy

to a well prepared Kiri Thode

(Starboard, Gaastra Fiberspar,

Kiri ginal that competitors had to pump to make most of their moves. Following the successful completion of all the second round heats, round three got underway without a pause.

Kiri and Taty Share 5th place

Ruben Stuck in 17th

vanced without upset. Starting proceedings were Belgium's Steven Broeckhoven against Tonky Frans and local Michael Sumereder taking on the master of tricks, Kiri Thode. Underdogs Broeckhoven and Sumereder showed they're a force to be reckoned with, but unfortunately couldn't match Fran's awesome clew first ponches or Thode's switch stance explosive Burners. Frans and Thode both advanced.

Thus far, all the big names had ad-

Next up, Russian Egor Popretinskiy and local favorite Michael Rossmeier took on Taty Frans and Jose 'Gollito' Estredo. Taty put together a pleasing mix of ponches, flaka diablos and chachoos in the

dropping wind, to defeat the Russian. Gollito advanced easily.

PWA Photo

The final heat of the day was run in testing, marginal conditions. Antxon Otaegui (JP, NeilPryde) took on Normen Gunzlein and Andreas Olandersson battled with three-time freestyle world champion, Ricardo Campello (JP, NeilPryde). When competition got underway, Olandersson just couldn't keep up with the magnitude of Campello's arsenal of tricks. On the other side of the heat, Gunzlein and Otaegui had an extremely close heat. Both sailors were obviously frustrated with the light winds, but the judges ultimately rewarded Otaegui's more tactical sailing with the victory. Leaving heat 20 of round three to be completed tomorrow, along with the remainder of the single elimination.

(Continued on page 9)







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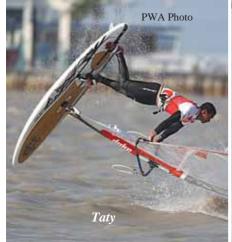
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Tonky Frans... (Continued from page 8) On Day 6, the final day of competition, since most of the heats had already been completed, only 6 heats were to be run in order to declare an official event winner. After the skippers' meeting, the last of round three's heats got underway with winds around 15-18 knots. Andre Paskowski put up a stellar fight against his rival, Frenchman Nicolas Akgazciyan, but failed to provide an answer to Nicolas's smooth repertoire that included a super tech voquech diablo, granting Nicolas passage into the quarter finals.

The first quarter final matched Tonky Frans against team mate, Kiri Thode, and Taty Frans against his team mate, Gollito Estredo. The steady breeze allowed the riders to show off the best of their moves. Kiri unleashed his signature kono, but failed to take down an on-form Tonky Frans, who was repeating all his moves. Gollito took no prisoners as he ended Taty Frans's campaign

with a run including no-handed flakas and a burner.

semi final.

The second quarter final saw the exit of Ricardo Campello to stable mate Spaniard Antxon Otaegui and current world champion, Marcilio 'Brawzinho' Browne defeat Nicolas Akgazciyan to advance them into the

The semi final got off to a shaky start after it was cancelled within the first minute and re-run four hours later, only to be cancelled again. For two hours, the entire lake glassed off, making many believe the event would run out of time before the final two heats could be completed. Following a windless two hours, a line of dark clouds emerged on the far side of the lake, and a line of wind started to move towards the competition area. The riders scrambled to the water and minutes later the semi final started in a gusty 17 knot breeze

Tonky Frans challenged Gollito in the top half of the draw and Antxon

Otaegui battled it out with Brawzinho in the bottom half. Highlights of the heat included Gollito's now trade mark no-handed flaka and Brawzinho's huge ponch in front of the judging area. Underdogs Antxon and Tonky gave all they had, sliding into regular stance chachos and flaka 720s respectively, but failed to match the calibre of Brawzinho and Gollito. After a quick break to collect the semi final results, the final got going in testing conditions. Gollito and Brawzinho went head to head in the winners final and Antxon and Tonky duelled in the losers final. Brawzinho wasted no time, laying down a mix of switch stance chachos, one handed bobs and a massive port tack ponch. His rival, Gollito, replied with an assortment of ponch combinations, more no handed flakas and a starboard tack burner.

On the other side of the heat, Tonky threw down an aggressive Culo (clue first ponch), flaka 720s and switch stance chachos. Antxon struggled to get to grips with the heat, crashing many moves that he was consistently making earlier in competition. Following 10 minutes of epic freestyle the horn blew, ending the heat, and signifying the end of the first stop on the freestyle tour. The crowd rushed to the main event stage to hear the final results announced. First place went to Gollito, second to Brawzinho, third to Tonky and fourth to Antxon.

Next up— on tour with Elvis, Ceasar, Kiri and Taty promoting the Bonaire Pro kids Event. ■ Ruben Petrisie

Pet of The Week

hat a special dog little "Lucille" is. She was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter just recently and she's charmed the whole staff. Lucille is only four months old and she has one of the sweetest personalities they've seen. Everyone agrees she's very affectionate and adorable and is so willing to please. Just look at those big brown eyes which seem to beg to be taken home by some lucky and loving master or mistress. She has easy-to -care-for short toffee colored fur that's so easy to stroke. As are all the other adoptees at the Shelter Lucille is in top notch health, has had her worming and shots and will be sterilized when she's old enough. All that is included in the adoption fee of NAf 105. You may see Lucille at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Their website is: WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.org.



Have you been to the **Animal Shelter gift shop yet**? It's in the Shelter office, tucked into the corner but it's stocked with all sorts of cat and dog toys, collars, harnesses, leashes and pet treats that are not available anywhere else on the island. There are Nylabones, Kong tops, large dog harnesses, catnip treats and cat tunnels, just to name a few. Thanks to the generous donations of these brand new items by Bonaire Talk visitors and other tourists and residents the prices of these items is less than retail value, and the entire purchase price goes directly to the Shelter. Also available are classic Bonaire Animal Shelter tee shirts. Wear one and show you care!

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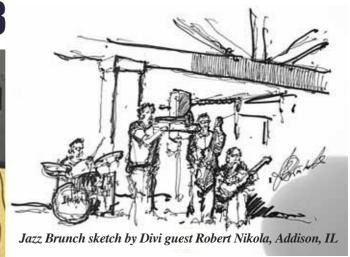
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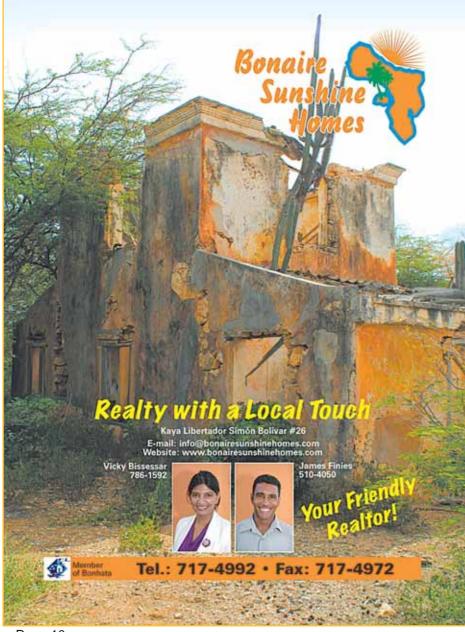
ome of the best jazz in the world," was a frequent reaction from some of the record number of enthusiastic people who turned out for this year's Jazz Festival.

The three evenings of sensational music the Heineken Jazz Festival 2008 culminated at a jam session brunch at the Divi Flamingo on Sunday. Professional musicians from the US, Aruba, Venezuela and the Antilles relaxed and jammed with Bonairean musicians resulting in several stellar performances. Especially memorable moments included dancing under the stars on opening night at Ft. Oranje; exotic, beautiful Izaline Calister's electric and mesmerizing performances transfixing the audience; saxophonist Scott Katzev's solos and support virtuoso; Renato Thoms on congas and percussion; J. Walter Hawke's inexhaustible trombone virtuosity; Jennifer Vincent's acoustic bass string plucking; Willie Martinez' drum animation; the Bonaire student band who gave inspired performances saluted by the pros. It was one of the most relaxing and enjoyable times," said music director and key organizer, Robbie Swinkels, of the Festival. "And I'm so proud of the students." Robbie wore many hats: organizer, musician, composer, band leader, friend and helpmate to all and more. Hard work doesn't always pay off but in this case it was over the top. Thanks, guys. We'll be tapping our feet to that music for weeks to come. $\blacksquare G./L.D.$













Local News



B onaire Sunshine Homes, Bonaire's newest realtor and Computer City, a company specializing in computer services based in Aruba since 1997, had a joint re-opening of new offices at Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar 26. Numerous officials were on hand for the opening. In the photo Davika Bissessar and James Fines, at the right, of BSH are joined by the management of Computer City. \blacksquare *G.D.*



B onaire's replica of Holland's "Constitution Steps" located at the Mentor intersection was removed under orders of the government according to lawyer Mikael Bijkerk, a supporter of the project. He said there were plans for erecting it later at an undisclosed location. \blacksquare *G.D.*



Bonaire's newest airline has been flying since April 25offering another choice for travel between Bonaire and Curacao. They fly a dependable Britten-Norman BN-2A Islander, similar to the planes used by Divi Divi Air. Call them at 780-3939 or (09) 515-3939 for reservations. ■ G.D.



ast week 10 more students advanced in level at the Bonkarate School under Sensei Peter Silberie and Tuki Josepha. Winning Yellow Belts were Kayla van Nunen, Tom Lensink, Arqion Janga, Jason Janga, David-Lee Winklaar and JeanPierre Pieternella. Also advancing to Orange Belt were Amber Lensink, Miu-Ji Xuan, JeanPaul Laragavieta and Everone Vrutaal. In awarding the belts Sensei Silberie stressed that the study of karate builds respect peserverance and discipline.

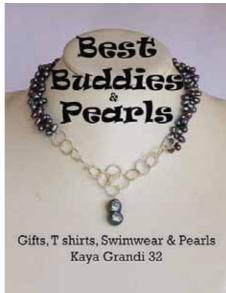


Protecting and safeguarding the island's oldest residents, its trees, was a suggestion St. Maarten Archaeological Center, Simarc, students made to Bonaire Commissioner Maritza Silberie during a four-day cultural exchange last week. Simarc was responsible for mapping and tagging St. Maarten's oldest and largest trees, a research project that led to the adoption of a tree policy by the Executive Council that now imposes fines and other penalties for damage to old trees.

A copy of the tree report was given to Silberie with the hope that students of the Bonaire Archaeological Institute Bonai, a companion group to Simarc, would compile a similar report on their island. The site chosen for the presentation of the historic tree report was Bonaire's famous Tamarind Tree in Tera Cora. During the presentation, both groups of students gathered around the large tamarind tree and made a group wish for the future protection of historic trees in Bonaire.

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Dolphin Protocol Quad Rental Opposition

DOLPHIN PROTOCOL Dear Editor,

In the last issue of The Bonaire Reporter, an item in your article about the Bonaire Coastal Dolphin project, the idea of 'Pursuit' might be misleading and may be miscon-

strued. It is important to approach any groups of Bottlenose dolphins that might be seen from an angle of approximately 45 degrees, and then cruise alongside them. Should any readers be lucky enough to encounter a group and cruise alongside, it would be helpful if an approximate count could be made and notes made of any young that are seen.

It would be valuable then if that information could be passed on to me for my records.

On such occasions, we are hoping that members of our group with boats and cameras might be able to photograph the dorsal fins whom to regain permits for quad in order to try to identify if the animals are the same as those seen in previous months.

By enjoying the dolphins in this way, it will avoid the risk of any distress that might be caused and help to keep the groups from moving elsewhere.

The Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins seen around Bonaire mostly travel in 'Groups', not in "Pods" as mentioned in your last issue and those groups can vary

from just two or three animals, right up to 100 or more. The definitions of groups and pods are included in several technical papers that I can provide to anybody who might like to read

Ron Sewell bonairedolphins@gmail.com or call: 785-



QUAD RENTALS OPPOSED Dear Editor:

In regard to the Letter to the Editor about Quad Control and Compromise in the last issue of The Reporter let me note that five years ago Bonaire banned Quad rentals for the very same reason as mentioned in the last issue: they disturb and damage our natural environment.

So what's changed? Who paid rentals? Is Bonaire an environmentally conscious island? Or are we just another Caribbean island in the chain of islands. Renting out quads is as stupid as wild water rafting on Bonaire.

There can be no tolerance for such activities and no matter what regulations you invent the only thing you will achieve is losing Bonaire's integrity. A Bonaire lover is a Nature lover.

Bonaire Entertainment Awards Giffs

R ecently the Skol Di Musika two concerts, sponsored celebrated its yearly festible to local people and val with shows and performances. In honor of this celebration Fundashon Bonaire Entertainment donated a brand new electric guitar (worth NAf 600) to the school. It was a welcome opportunity for the musically talented students to play a real electrical guitar! And that's not all.

In April the Kolegio Reina Beatrix celebrated its 25th annual cultural festival. In honor of this Fundashon Bonaire Entertainment donated NAf. 1.000 to help make the trip to Curacao on May 30th possible for the students.

As many insiders know, the Fundashon collects funds to support various charities on Bonaire. They do this by organizing concerts, like the dynamic Rock 'n Roll concert by Rene Shuman in 2006. In 2007, the soul legend, George McCrae, made a long lasting impression with his swinging performances on Bonaire. These

businesses, raised money and donated it to worthy organiza-

The Fundashon Bonaire Entertainment is founded, managed, supported and kept alive by the Bert Poyck and Jo Bux, two passionate music fans who are dedicated supporters of charity work on Bon-

aire. They founded the F.B.E. two years ago with the goal of promoting various musical styles and traditions on the island. The Fundashon offers the opportunity for Dutch bands and artists to perform for the Antillean public, to create a mutual bond and interest between Dutch artists and the island of Bonaire.

Part of the proceeds of the concerts are donated to charities on Bonaire in order to contribute to

Bert, Sigfried and Jo with the guitar

and keep much of the typical Bonairean culture alive.

With the generous donations to Skol Di Musika and the Kolegio Reina Beatrix the Fundashon hopes to have started a new tradi-

Bert and Jo would like to thank all those sponsors who have made the last two concerts possible and they hope to continue these events for many more years to come. ■

Story and photo by Louise Rood

R otary Club Bonaire hosted its Second Auction Dinner on May 2 at Plaza Resort. It was a sellout crowd of over 180 people who enjoyed a Caribbean Buffet created by Vernon Martijn and students of SGB Chez Nous. The menu was a variety of local dishes including: Keshi Yena, Beef Stew, Fresh Fish and Conch, Yucca and Banana chips, as well as a delicious Tamarind Leg of Lamb, Beef Tenderloin along with Salads and Desserts of International cheeses. Wines were sponsored by AWC and Mezzacorona winery in Italy including their

Sicilian and Trento collection.

Auction items ranged from paintings, dinners for four at fine restaurants on Bonaire, trips including air and car to Aruba, Sint Maarten and Curacao, as well as an Ajax football jersey signed by players, a year's internet by Telbo, Cable TV from Flamingo TV and much, much more. Those items

were all donated to Rotary, and with the high energy of auctioneer Thank you to all those who par-Huub Groot and Corine van der Hout, Rotary brought in over NAf 100.000 that evening. The proceeds to be used for the BIS and



Happy Rotarians: Ruud Vermeulen, Sara Matera and Rene Hakkenburg

other youth projects on Bonaire. ticipated in the auction, donated items or were present in support. ■ Press release

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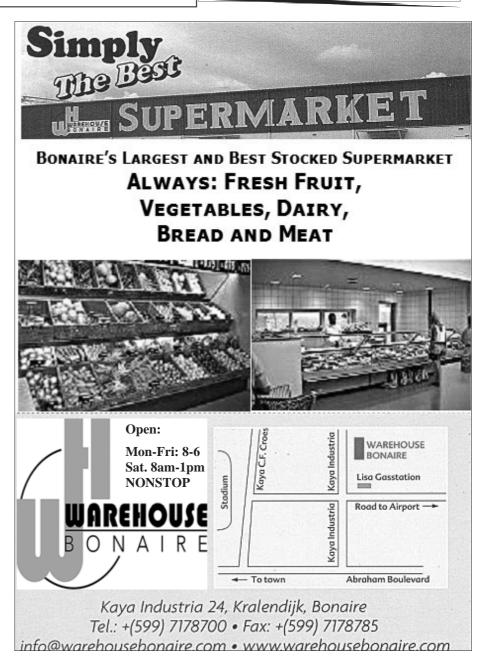
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Bubbles from the Biologist



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hat one of the most beautiful corals in Bonaire is an introduced species? The Orange Cup Coral, Tubastraea coccinea is native to the Indo-Pacific region and it is thought that this species was introduced via ballast water to the Caribbean more than 50 years ago. Orange Cup Coral doesn't have zooxanthellae and relies entirely on plankton-capture for its energy needs (reef-building corals have zooxanthellae that convert sunlight into energy for the corals). Because they don't need sunlight, orange cup-corals are able to grow in very deep water and in dark recesses. They look rather dull in the daytime, but are absolutely gorgeous when their large tentacles extend at night. Photographers often make this coral their subject while out night diving here in Bonaire. Nonetheless, it is a non-native species and competes with native corals and other animals for space (a precious commodity on the coral reef). Successful introductions such as this may have far-reaching effects on the coral community that may never be fully understood, especially when the effects

are slow in the making. More and more regulations are being made to control the numbers of introduced species, but it is a complicated process and difficult to enforce.

Do what you can to help and be sure to discourage anyone from releasing his or her aquarium fish into the 'wild' to be 'free'.

Caren Eckrich.

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Ray Van Dijk, Manggar the "Queen of Holland" at The ay Van Dijk, Maggie Wynter and Dam in Amsterdam. If you are looking for a "nanny" this summer, you might want to call Maggie. See her ad on page 14.



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Dee

he terminal male parrotfish who has chomped this brain coral has been doing so over a period of time, since some of the chomped area has algae growing on it. It's believed the parrotfish do this to mark their territories, since this chomping is different from their normal feeding. ■ Dee Scarr



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May 30-June 30- Aru Anti Expo 2008, 30 paintings of Aruban artists Elvis Tromp and Edmond Tujeehut. Kas di Arte (page 3)

Saturday, May 31— Opening of Aru Anti Expo. All invited, especially artists of Bonaire to meet with their colleagues from Aruba, Kas di Arte, 5pm.

Bonaire Wellness Month June 1-29, 2008, Schedule of Free Events:

Sunday June 1 – Bonaire Wellness Month Opening

6:30pm- Eden Beach Resort **Mondays June 2, 9, 16, 23** 6:15- 7:30am Mountain Bike Ride (all levels) Eden Beach

5- 6:30pm Hiking, Eden Beach Resort

6-7 Lecture "Healthy Lifestyle"-Bon Fysio *

Tuesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24 6:15-7:30am Mountain Bike Ride (For advanced riders) starting from Eden Beach [Miguel]*

8-9am Fun Swim & Snorkeling, Eden Beach

5- 6:30pm Mountain Bike Ride (all levels)

6-7pm Health Check Up, Bon Fysio Wednesdays June 4, 11, 18, 25 6:15-7:30am Mountain Bike Ride (all levels), Eden Beach

5- 6:30pm Hiking, Eden Beach 6-7pm Workouts for Supreme Core Stability, BWC Fitness Center

Thursdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 6:15-7:30am Mountain Bike Ride (Advanced riders), Eden Beach 8-9:30am Hiking, Eden Beach Re-

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5- 6:30pm Mountain Bike Ride (all

levels) 6–7 pm Health Check Up, Bon Fysio

6–7 pm Health Check Up, Bon Fysic Therapy Center

Fridays June 6, 13, 20, 27 8-9:00am Fun Swim & Snorkeling. Location: Eden Beach Resort [Miguel] Saturdays June 7, 14, 21, 28

8-9am Running Clinic, Bon Fysio 10:30-11 am Lecture "Back Injuries and Prevention," Bon Fysio *

5-6:30pm Mountain Biking Ride (all levels)

Sundays June 15, 22, 29 4-5 pm Fun Swim & Snorkeling, Eden Beach

Sunday June 29 Bonaire Wellness Month Closing Ceremony + Party 5:30pm Eden Beach

*Please register in advance for lectures via telephone 717-7030/7850

REGULAR EVENTS

• The popular **SGB High School restaurant, Chez Nous,** is now open to the public. Four-course dinners with welcome cocktail on Tuesdays. Seating begins at 6 pm. Lunches on Wednesday & Thursdays. Call 717-8120, ask for Chez Nous or email: keesleeman@telbonet.an

• HH 2 for 1 (all beverages) 6-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**

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

• **Divi Flamingo Casino** open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm–4 am; Sunday 7 pm–3 am.

• By appointment – **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

• 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. Big Marché first Saturday of the Month—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

<u>Sundays</u>

• Live music 6-9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar, Divi Flamingo. Open daily 5-10 pm.

Mondays

• "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

• Divi Fitness:

Body Balance (Mix of Yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates)8-9 am, 6-7 pm **Body Vive** (Low impact aerobics)

9-10 am, 7-8 pm **Body Dance** (High impact aerobics) 8-9 pm

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

Divi Fitness, Body Balance 9-10

Thursdays

• Flamingo Rockers at "Admiral's Hour" for yachtsmen and others, Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7 pm

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

• Divi Fitness, Body Balance 6- 7 pm

Fridays

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• Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin 7-10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225

• 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

• **Divi Fitness, Body Balance** 8-9 am; Body Vive 9-10 am

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Sunday- Creature Feature- John and Suzie Wall of Buddy's Digital photo center present a multimedia slide Presentation about Buddy's House Reef-pool bar **Buddy Dive**, 6:30-7 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

Wednesday- Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire presents the Sea Turtles of Bonaire Slide Show, every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn (717-8819) at 7pm.

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

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786-7699 .

Al-Anon meetings - every Monday evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

Weekly Bonaire Talker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - Tuesday - 6:30 pm - call 567-0655 for directions.

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

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

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

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Toastmasters Club meets **every two weeks.** For more information call Crusita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

New Apostolic Church: Centro di Bario Nord Saliña, Sundays, 10 am. Services in Dutch. 700-0379.

International Bible Church of Bonaire, at SGB High School auditorium (Kaya Frater Odulfinus, off Kaya Korona.) Sunday services in English at 9 am; Sunday evening prayer meeting at Pastor's home, 7 pm. Fridays, 6 to 8 pm, Light & Life Club, children 5 to 12 yrs. Tel. 717-8332.

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

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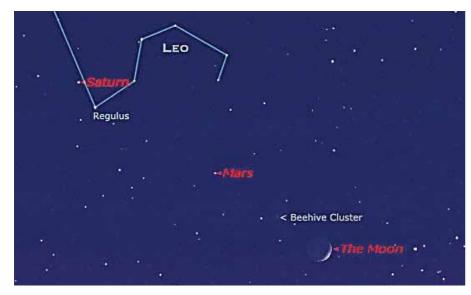
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"An Exquisite Moon Visits Two Evening Planets And A Great Star!"



If you're new to star and planet gazing in the Sky Park then like most people you have difficulty finding planets because they constantly change their position in relation to the stars. But every once in a while the **Moon** passes very close visually to a planet or a star at which time you can use the Moon to make absolutely sure you've found a particular planet or star. And such is the case the first weekend of June.

On Friday night June 6th just after it gets dark face west where above the horizon you will see an exquisite four day old crescent Moon complete with earthshine which will look like a dark full Moon nestled within the crescent. And if you mentally draw a line up to its left that line will pass first through the red planet **Mars** then **Regulus** the brightest star of Leo the Lion and very close by the wonderful ringed planet **Saturn**. But it's much more fun using the Moon to identify these objects, which means all you have to do is wait until 24 hours later on Saturday June 7th when a five day old Moon will be less than two fingers at arm's length away from Mars. And 24 hours later on Sunday the 8th a six day old Moon will be only four fingers at arm's length away from the heart star of the lion king. At which time the Moon and Regulus and Saturn above them will form a lovely triangle.

Once again, this Friday the crescent Moon will be only about one and a half fists, held out at arm's length, away from Mars. On Saturday the Moon will be less than two fingers away from Mars and on Sunday the Moon, Regulus and Saturn will form an exquisite tight triangle. But remember even though these objects will look close together visually nothing could be farther from the truth. On Saturday our 2,000 mile wide Moon will be only 231,000 miles away from us but 4,000 mile wide Mars will be 181 million miles away. And on Sunday when the Moon makes a lovely triangle with Regulus and Saturn the Moon will be only 235,000 miles away while Saturn will be 866 million miles beyond, almost 5 times farther than Mars. But hold onto your hats because Regulus, which is a star five times wider than our million mile wide **Sun**, will be a whopping 459 trillion miles away. Or to put it in a better light it is so far away that it takes its light 78 years to reach us.

And now would be a good time to get out a small telescope because on all three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday you'll be able to watch the Moon's shadow slowly shrink plus you'll be able to see Mars' reddish globe and Saturn's rings, I guarantee, will knock your socks off. Regulus, however will not look any bigger through any telescope, it will only look brighter. And that's because it is so incredibly far, far away. Have a great first weekend of June.

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StarPower

By Jenny Lynch

June 2008



Aries A busy and exciting month is in store, dear Aries. Although you may be doing much, at the end of the day you could find you haven't produced a whole lot! You're juggling, but perhaps have too many balls in the air. The 3-8 is an excellent period for personal relationships, learning, and communications. Play and recreation appeal, and so does romance, which is especially heated this month.

Taurus Increased energy for tackling major projects around the home figures strongly in June, dear Taurus. So do finances, which can be a little tricky until after the 19th. Career matters--potentially frustrating ones--are likely to manifest mid-month, as well as somewhat of a face-off with a significant other, probably about money. Overall, however, June is mostly stable.

Gemini You are making big impressions this month, dear Gemini. It's a strong month for personal plans and feeling quite energized. Around the 18th, a partner needs extra attention, and the 23rd is strong for strengthening or attracting relationships. Communicating with friends and networking figure strongly this month. Fate is in your hands, particularly in June. You have the power to make things happen on your terms.

Cancer You are strongly motivated to increase your personal income flow this month, dear Cancer, and that extra effort is likely to meet with success. While the first three weeks of June are largely devoted to introspection and some level of emotional retreat, you begin to feel more in control of your life by the last week.. Your powers of attraction are especially strong from the 18th forward. Partnerships are absorbing and rewarding from the 21-

Leo Plenty of energy is at your disposal this month, dear Leo, but the question will be where to direct it. Tricky matters with friends and lovers up until, and especially on, the 18-20, after which it's pretty much smooth sailing. Don't let misunderstandings get in the way of pleasure. The 3-11 is an excellent period for prosperity and enjoyment.

Virgo Much of your time and attention is devoted to career initiatives and involvement this month, dear Virgo. Going over past mistakes professionally, and dealing with a few misunderstandings personally, figures until after the 19th, when delays lift. The 7-8 present opportunities on romantic or financial levels (or both!). Social engagements and romance are more likely to be found through work.

Libra You are working hard to achieve your goals this month, not only material but also spiritual goals, dear Libra. Single Libras might find a partner through a friend or group activity, particularly from the 5-8. After the 19th, delays with education or travel plans lift, and career matters assume more prominence in your life. It's a strong period for cutting a deal or acquiring fringe benefits.

Scorpio June continues to be a strong period for work and career, dear Scorpio. You could receive public recognition for the work you do now. The 18-20 could bring some touchy matters to the surface, likely financial. The 29-30 represents an opportunity period for you. Those looking for a job could find one now.

Sagittarius June is an expressive month for you, dear Sagittarius. Satisfying your itch for change and adventure seems like a good idea. Tricky matters with finances and partnerships need to be handled. Relationships become easier to manage after the 19th. The Full Moon on the 18th occurs in your sign, and you could surprise others (and even yourself) with an emotional outpouring or proclamation.

Capricorn Getting down to business, handling the details of daily existence, and focusing on improvement figure strongly in June, dear Capricorn. Personal plans regain momentum, and work snags ease in the last two weeks of the month. Travel plans may not move swimmingly just now. Best days for opportunities are the 10th and 20-24.

Aquarius Taking in plays, movies, dinner, and romantic activities are featured. Your energy levels are on the low side, so when work becomes a more pressing concern after the 20th, you might feel a little out of focus.. The 12-13 is a tricky period when you could be feeling unappreciated or stressed. Finish up the details of personal projects and plans before the 26th for maximum success.

Pisces Work is busy and challenging in June, dear Pisces, while your heart is with your home and family. You are more able to increase your income by performing tasks that others dislike doing this month. Your powers of attraction increase significantly after the 18th, and a more pleasurable and flowing cycle begins; perhaps with the exception of the 20-21, when money concerns and other stresses grab hold. ■



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What's Coming Our Way?



A little further we notice that the building that once housed the Blue Moon Restaurant has been torn down. Right now we've not a clue what will happen here. We'll try to find

Moving further north we notice that on the land for the new Divi All Inclusive a giant tent structure is being created. A circus? We haven't seen any want ads for a lion tamer in the local newspapers. No, it's going to be the place where Divi will have a showcase for selling the condos to be built here. Going further north on "hotel

his time we won't be looking at a specific construction or development coming our way because in order to keep up with all individual developments this article (and therefore The Bonaire Reporter), should almost be published daily. That's not possible so let's just tour parts of the island so we can deal with multiple developments at once.

Let's start off at Flamingo Airport where the work on and around the parking area is clearly progressing. We dealt with details on it in an earlier issue already (paid parking coming our way), but this didn't include the airport rental center that has sprung up in no time across from the airport. This center is not part of the Bonaire International Airport (BIA) organization but is a project by some of the (car) rental agencies that have a brand new housing here now. Details to follow in one of the upcoming issues.

Right behind the airport rental center we find the waters of Plaza Resort Marina. The marina management is in new hands now, and we can expect to see serious upgrades in the harbor's facilities. We'll try to get you the details.

Making a detour into Belnem, we see that the Bellevue building on the shoreline is almost finished now. The first apartments have already been turned over to the new owners, although completing the pool and

Going further south we see a lot going on at Punt Vierkant. Well known Dutch designer and It's quite a thing to happening Bonaire lover, Piet Boon, will soon see close to 10 homes that came from his drawing board built there at the shoreline, making this part of EEG Blvd almost into the "Boon Boulevard."

A little further at "Kas di Sjeik" (located between Punt Vierkant and Lighthouse Beach



resort), we notice that the grounds have been cleared. Something is happening there; hope we can get you further details about it in an upcoming

Going back north we pass Flamingo Paradise (the system of peninsulas opposite the airport) and notice that Waterlands Village is now close to being finished too. We gave you the details in an earlier issue, but we weren't aware then of the great artwork on the on the outside walls that was going to be added by the SGB students. The other developments here (Saramaca, Bahia, Azul) are in various stages of completion, from getting close to still far off.

Taking a left onto Abraham Boulevard we notice that the place formerly known as The Old Inn is being worked on. The establishment will re-open under new management and a different name within months. Going on further it's impossible not to notice the progress on the road taking place here. We can other details are still being done. imagine that those who live or have a business to run here will be happy once things are done. on your doorstep.

Getting to the shoreline near Chachacha beach, changes are pretty dramatic. Dive Inn Studios is there no more, and foundations for a new structure are being laid. Close by, the Hausmann Follies development is reaching ground floor levels and will rise considerably higher.

row" there's a lot going on on the inland side of the road. We already wrote about Bamboo Bali (the wooden houses), but

there was no opportunity yet to explore the new MCB Office, Bon Bida Apartments, Alexander Liberty Apartments and other developments arising here. Supposedly there is also a new rum factory somewhere there. We'll find out!

Leaving Hato we pass the area where things are going to change considerably with the new seafront resort right there, as we wrote in a previous issue. This tour ends near Hilltop where at the end of Kaya Barcadera (up the cliff at the beginning of the "tourist road") the grounds for El Pueblo have been prepared for construction.

And this was just a little tour of the island. ■ Marcel Leurs



Airport Activities



s everyone can see there is a lot of construction going on at the airport. As of the end of June the Airport will have the first paid parking on Bonaire.

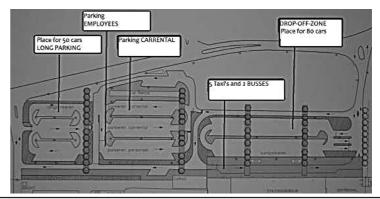
The parking lot in front of the airport will change into a drop-offzone where you may park the first 15 minutes for free. After that you have to pay NAf 2 per hour. After 4 hours this will be NAf 1 per hour, with the maximum of NAf .20 per day. This parking area will have space for up to 80 cars.

The road directly in front of the airport will be for busses and taxies only. More to the right (see picture) there will be long term parking (for which you will have to pay as well). What do we pay for? More safety because of cameras, street lights and more security.

It is going to be a nice welcome for tourists with all these walking paths (wheelchair friendly) and palm

The total cost of this project is NAf 2,1 million, completely paid for by BIA. The expectations are that it will be ready the end of June.

■ Dennis Lensink and Press Re-



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Island View

TESTING, TESTING, 1-2-3

y students love doing these tests. You know them; they are in almost every magazine. "What kind of person are you? Do you and your boy/ girlfriend belong together? Do you have violent tendencies?" Within 10 to 20 questions you have your answer, whether it is the answer you want or not. And then, what do you do? What if according to this test you and your partner do not belong together? Mostly it is just for fun of course, because deep down we like being tested. It is like holding a mirror for us to look in, and we are very vain. So here is my own test. The question that needs answering is whether you are the right material to live on Bonaire. You may continue reading at your own risk. Good luck!

1) Do you like to read books?

A. Yes! Where is my hammock? B. Well, I do not have that much time for reading. I need a lot of time for the essential gossiping. C. Not books, magazines are OK.

2) The electricity is down in the evening, what do you do?

A. That is no problem; I have wind/solar power.

B.I take my car out for a drive. C.I call the newspaper to tell them of this special event.

3) Your friend's generator is broken. He asks your advice. What do you say?

A. Start banging your head against the wall; it will take a wh ile before it can be fixed.

B.Call everybody you know if they know a person who can fix

C. Look under the "G" for Generator repairman in the Yellow Pages.

4) You have some rubbish you want to get rid of. What do you do?

A. Burn, burn, burn.

B. The "mondi" is very big, or maybe put it in the kliko (garbage can).

C. I am sorry, I do not understand the question.

5) You have a water and electricity bill to pay, what do you

A. I do not want to leave the tranquility of my home for such a trivial thing, so I have a standing order at the bank.

B. I just grind my teeth and stand in line at WEB.

C. Hahahaha! They pay people to collect payments of bills?

6) You turn left at a junction. What do you do?

A. I slow down about 200 meters before the junction. Then I turn



on my signal just before I turn left (if at all) because there is probably nobody to see my maneuver. B. I make a small turn to the right and then I turn left. C. I just turn left; I have never really thought about it.

7) You see somebody in the street. What do you do?

A. I greet everybody. B. I greet the people I know. C. There are a lot of people in the street, what makes that somebody special?

8) Somebody asks you what time it is. What do you say?

A. I am sorry I do not have a watch, but according to the sun it is in the afternoon. B Five-ish

C. It is 13 minutes past five.

9) Your driver's license needs renewal. What do you do?

A. I will try and combine it with more administrative nonsense, so I have leave the serenity of my home only once.

B. Deep sigh first, then I go and

C. What is the issue? You just go to this one place and it is done in 10 minutes, right?

10) You park your car. How do you leave it?

A. Unlocked, but I shall close the windows because according to the movements of the donkeys, it will start to rain soon.

B. In Playa locked, by the side of the tourist road unlocked. C. Locked of course, and I have

this special annoying alarm that will go off as soon as so much as a breath of wind touches my car.

11) Somebody plays loud music in the evening. What do you

A. If it is just for one night, I'll

B. Check out where the party is, and then I'll take my cousins with

C. I'll call the cops.

12) Your mobile phones rings while you are driving. What do you do?

A. Why do I have that dumb phone again?

B. I pick it up at any time and anywhere, because I am important. That must mean that whoever is calling must have something important to say.

Don't you get, like, a ticket if you talk on the phone in your car?

The Piaggio Ape 50. There's a buzz on the streets of Bonaire!

The 30th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels."

Kralendijk -

very tiny, little, cute A white delivery van is parked in front of Books and Toys, the recently opened bookstore on Kaya Grandi in Kralendijk, owned by Addo Stuur. The car appears to be an original Piaggio Ape 50 Panel Van. The car is brand new and it's covered only a few miles on the tarmac of the island of Bonaire.

Cathlyn Boezem, employee of Books and Toys, 19 years young, is the regular driver of this mighty three wheeler. Cathlyn says, "I love working in the book shop and I love driving this cute little car."

Cathlyn, born on Bonaire, gave birth to a boy, Timothy who is now two years old. Her other "child" is made of metal: the brand new white sprayed Piaggio 1946. ("Vespa" is Italian for Ape. "I really love this little vehicle," she enthuses. "There is no steering wheel in it, like in a car. This Ape reminds me of a scooter! Look at the handle bars and the brakes! Is this not fun? And look at this huge lever. If you push it forwards you can combine it with the four-speed rotating handle on the steering bar. There you go. If you push it backwards the Ape is in reverse. Is it not funny! In fact I do not need a reverse at all because I can push it backwards and my little cutie is very agile with a turning circle radius of only 3.7 meters!'

The Piaggio Industries were established in 1882 in Genoa, Italy, by Enrico Piaggio and his son, Rinaldo. During the First World War Piaggio manufactured engines for aircrafts. After WW I the factory specialized in personal transport. Later on the first prototype of the latter scooter was produced. It was called "Paperino," which is Italian for "Donald Duck." The successful mass production of the first Vespa scooter made by Piaggio started after WW II in



Cathlyn Boezem with the Books and Toys Piaggio Ape 50 in front of the shop on Kaya Grandi.

"wasp.") The scooter became very popular in Europe. It was cheap and easy to maintain. The Vespas were very reliable and economical. Engine sizes were: 125 - 150 - 175 cc. All engines were simple two-stroke designs. In 1948 the first Piaggio Ape was built. ("Ape" is Italian for "bee!") The modern Ape is available as a real pick up truck, a panel van, an Ape "Web" with a real roll bar and as a sturdy cross country model.

This Piaggio Ape, built in 2007, consists of a steel frame and a steel body. Most modern Apes are two-seaters. There is a handbrake on the right hand side of the handlebar. A four-speed selector is mounted on the left hand side of the handle bar. The vehicle is also fitted with a real foot brake. A lever has to be moved to put the car in reverse. The car is equipped with real safety belts, turn signals and a horn. There is even a wiper! The car is fitted with a very small 49.8 ccm two-stroke engine, a four-speed gearbox, a reverse and an electric start! The mixture Story & photo by J@n Brouwer of gasoline and two-stroke oil is

distributed by a fuel pump to the carburetor and taken in by a rotary inlet. The compression ratio is 10.5:1. This makes the little mouse peppy enough to take part in Bonairean traffic. The weight of the "truck" is 230 kg and the car can carry 200 kg. A real workhorse though.

Driving the Piaggio Ape is real fun. The small, two-stroke, 50 cc engine comes alive by the activity of a very small electric starter engine. The sound of the engine really sounds like a busy humming bee: Prrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. First gear. Prrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. There we go! Second, third, fourth gear. There is a lot of shifting to do with this little gearbox and engine. It is fun! The car is light and when it is only carrying one or two persons it is still quite quick! Cornering is fun too. There is just one wheel in the front!

People like this vehicle. Instantly people start waving and laughing when they see it on the road. This car is a nice contribution to the happiness of our lovely island! ■

▶▶▶ Results

If your answers consist mostly of "B," then you are ready to move to this island. You will just blend into the surroundings.

You have answered with a lot of "A," you are so well adapted it is time to buy your own kunuku. Unfortunately, for the people with a lot of "C," Bonaire is not the island for you. Your visits are appreciated, but you will frustrate yourself by staying here more than six months.

So, have you passed the test? Do you feel that you know more about yourself? Are you going to

try and change yourself? I surely hope that whether you are an "A", "B" or a "C" person, you had fun being tested! !■ Mary Ann Koops Koops teaches Biology at the SGB

High School.





