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► **Bonaire is exploring various options to improve airlift from the US to Bonaire.** Last week TCB Director Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, political leader Ramoncito Booi and TCB New York's Candice Kimmel held a meeting to discuss the situation with airline officials. The strategy appears to be to encourage Delta to add a second non-stop flight from Atlanta, for Continental a second non-stop from Newark and for it to continue the second Houston flight in the peak seasons. American Eagle wants to increase its Puerto Rico service from three to five flights a week in peak times as well. Better air service between Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire was sought in separate meetings.

► **Non-stop flights between Bonaire and Valencia, Venezuela, began again this past Friday.** Rainbow Air will operate a 15-passenger aircraft every Monday and Friday around mid-day. Valencia is a popular destination for Bonaireans because of the medical facilities available there. Until now the only route was via Curacao. From Valencia, the plane flies onward to Caracas.

► **Continental Airlines Inc. said Thursday it had a second-quarter loss,** hurt by record high fuel prices and weakening economic conditions. For the quarter ended June 30, Houston-based Continental said it lost \$3 million (3¢ per share) compared with a profit of \$228 million (\$2.03 per share) a year ago. Excluding \$22 million in one-time gains, the carrier lost \$25 million (25¢ per share) in the latest quarter. Continental flies to Bonaire from two US cities and has no plans to cut service to Bonaire

► **KLM believes that the Dutch new "environmental levy" may affect its upcoming winter schedule to the Antilles.** The increased ticket cost, €45, will mean fewer people can afford to fly. An appeal to disallow the tax was turned down by the High Court in The Hague last Thursday.

KLM spokesperson Nanke Kramer noted that, based on ticket sales, that while there has been a decrease in the number of tourists booking vacations, the business market has remained steady. Anecdotal reports to *The Reporter* mention that Business Class seats are totally sold out for the remainder of the season, said to be because of the number of Dutch government officials flying to deal with the transition of the BES Islands.

► **KLM increased the fuel surcharge again because of the continuing rise in the price of crude oil.** Passengers on intercontinental flights that last more than nine hours (like the Amsterdam-Bonaire route) will pay €147 euro (NAf 415) on top of the ticket price and other charges. This is an increase of €14 (about NAf 40).

► **The Aruban airline, Tiara Air, expanded its fleet with two Saab 340A aircraft.** The turbo-prop planes were leased from the American AeroCentury Corporation. Tiara Air started flying two years ago and offers Bonaire-Aruba non-stop flights. It flies two Shorts 360s, often called the 747 of commuter aircraft, carrying 36 passengers. The Saab 340s have a similar capacity and offer a longer range.

► **Bonaire has been voted the favorite dive destination in the world** by the *About.com* Favorite Dive Destination Reader Poll. In the final round of the poll, Bonaire went head-to-head with seven other dive destinations from around the world including the Philippines, Galapagos Islands and Cozumel and won with an overwhelming 51% of the total vote. *About.com*, is part of the *New York Times*.

► **Economic growth in the Netherlands Antilles is expected to remain strong in 2008 and**

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► **Last Thursday State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten, the Dutch official most responsible for managing the transition of Bonaire out of the Netherlands Antilles into a municipality of Holland, held an information session for the public in Bonaire's Sporthall.**

The meeting's atmosphere was active, open and pleasant, and most participants appeared to be glad to be able to offer their input, which was translated into Papiamentu as necessary. Between 500 and 700 people attended the meeting. Approximately half appeared to be European Dutch Bonaire residents.

In her introductory comments Mrs. Bijleveld explained that on December 15 the Netherlands will open an implementation office on Bonaire, which will be a type of overseas department of the Dutch Ministry.

Then from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm dozens of questions were put forward via several microphones in the audience and also from emails that had been submitted earlier. Many of the questions were concerned about how the Bonairean people were being kept informed, the future situation on the island and the threat to Bonaire's fragile environment and culture by increased Dutch authority.

As Jong Bonaire official René Hakkenberg, explained, "We want economic growth, but it must in a healthy manner. Now it goes much too fast. Bonaire's relaxed and peaceful character is at risk."

A questioner expressed concern that the hundreds of Dutch civil servants the Netherlands has sent, and will send, have little awareness of Bonaire's vulnerability and traditions but will be responsible for making recommendations that will affect the island's future. She asked urgently that some appreciation of the Bonairean way of life could be provided to them beforehand. An introduction program about the history, the culture, the nature, the economic and social situation is necessary. The suggestion was applauded by the audience.

An analogy between David (BES Islands) and Goliath (The Netherlands) was brought up. Ms Bijleveld's witty answer about just who had won that encounter brought laughs from the audience.

While many of Ms Bijleveld's responses were vague and generalized (the reasons given were that it was too early for answers or that more study was necessary) she was clear on several key points:

- The current Antillean laws will continue in force at the start of the transition, including those about abortion, homosexual marriage, euthanasia and drugs.
- The pensions on Bonaire will not be raised to the Dutch level.
- The euro will not be the island's currency. Either the US dollar or Antillean guilder will continue. Doing otherwise would compromise Bonaire's competitive position.
- The Dutch government will not take over the island's debts to individuals.

The State Secretary supports the position that under equal circumstances there must be equal treatment of European and Antillean Dutch, but that when situations differ, treatment will be dealt with on an individual basis. Future communication sessions were promised.

Special to The Reporter by Renée Ockeloen

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Skol di Musika Graduation Rotary's New Board



Some of the Skol di Musika students with teacher Hans Fassen

Fassen with youngest pupil, Greg Linkels

On Saturday, June 28 there was a graduation performance at the Skol di Musika (Music School) by its students. That recital is proof that music crosses all cultural and national boundaries. Selections included classical (Heinrich Wolfahrt, Bach), Jamaica Reggae, popular (Saints go Marching in, Godspell) and music from Bonaire. Not only was the music international but the students are too. Gilbert van Arneman, Chairman of the school, opened the program, followed by performances by the piano students of teacher Hans Faassen: *Meralny Bomba, Churmer Bomba, Djayanti Baidjnath-Misier, Sherigma de Palm, Mitchel de Palm, Greg Linkels, Marko van Silfhout, Shahieb Kartodikrono and Tony Yang*. Students of Sigfried Molina gave a rousing performance of popular and reggae music on guitar, bass, drums and quartet: *Judith Winklaar, Farahnaz, Sereeta, Sharif, Myles and Naldo*.

Thanks to all for an uplifting afternoon of music by high spirited performers and teachers. ■
L.D./ Hans Faassen photos

Rotary Club Bonaire held its turnover of the new Board at It Rains Fishes restaurant earlier this month. Every year a new Board is installed by the Past President in all the Rotary Clubs in the world. Rotary International has 29,000 clubs in 161 countries world wide with over 1.2 million members.

RCB past Board consisted of Ruud Vermeulen as President, Huub Groot as Secretary, Corine van der Hout as Treasurer, Marisela Croes as Past President and Sergeant at Arms, all who led the Club to a record year in donations and fundraisers. Job Well Done! The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self!"

Rotary Club Bonaire served the community by donating and sometimes managing up to 24 essential projects, donating over NAf 200.000. Some of them are:

Breakfast in Schools (feeds 280 children every school day); SGB Hotel School Student's Italy Stage Project; Hardin di Chikitin Foundation; Youth Outreach Foundation's Christmas Project; Dr R. Visser Institute Activities Summer Camp Fesbo in six barios, Stichting Project's Communication Project; School supplies and uniforms for over 300 school children; Ca'I Mimina Lunch for the Elderly; and the Bonaire Little League

The new Board 2008-2009 consists of: President Frank de Wit; Incoming president 2009-2010 Huub Groot; Secretary Majid el Hoss; Treasurer Bob Ram; Past President and Sergeant at Arms, Ruud Vermeulen.

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beyond, although some lessening is likely due to the slowdown of the world economy because of the rising prices of fuel, raw material, and food and the value of the euro currency. Central Bank Director Emsley Tromp stated in the 2007 annual report that the economy was estimated to grow at approximately 3% in 2008, supported by ongoing investments in the construction and tourism sectors, further growth in tourism activities, and the implementation of the Social Economic Initiative. However, inflation is expected to increase rapidly to around 5% because government will no longer be able to absorb part of the continuing increase in international fuel prices and has started to adjust domestic gasoline and utility prices. The separation of Bonaire, Statia and Saba from the Netherlands Antilles was not factored into the forecast.

► **A new automated system for border control and registration of foreigners will start soon in the Netherlands Antilles.** The NAf 9 million project, called "Improvement of the Immigration Process," will be funded by the Dutch funding agency USONA. Justice Minister David Dick said the police would be responsible for border control and a new admissions entity would be responsible for the administrative tasks. He also announced the introduction of two new software systems to handle the registration of undocumented persons in the Netherlands Antilles (at least 30,000 people) and applications for residence permits. This system will include the most advanced options for passport scanning.

► **Bonaire's Lt. Governor (Gezaghebber)-to-be, Glenn Thodé, recently visited the island.** On October 24 he will take the job over from Herbert Domacassé. Despite their differences in generation (Gov. Domacassé is a grandfather and Glenn Thodé has two daughters, nine and seven) they said they shared many ideas. Everywhere the prospective Gezaghebber and his wife, Mechtild, traveled on the island they met with warm greetings.

► The revised TCB Annual Statistics Report provides extensive information on Bonaire's tourism development. **Overall tourism arrivals showed a strong growth of 16.9% in 2007** compared to 2006. Bonaire's 74,309 visitors in 2007 is an all-time-high record for the island. Contact Ms. Rose-Anne Rollan at 717-8322 or via asstdirector@tourismbonaire.com for a copy of the report or for more information.

The North American market increased 19.4% compared to 2006, when it increased by 6.7%. The major influence in 2007 was increased US airlift from the Northeast.

The European market grew by 11.4% in 2007 as compared to a decrease in tourism arrivals of 6.2% in 2006. European arrivals

reached an all-time-high record with more than 31,427 tourist arrivals in 2007. Arke-Fly is introducing a second flight in October 2008. **The South American market grew by 25.6%** in 2007 as compared to 2006.

► **Pope Benedict XVI says the world's natural resources are being squandered by "insatiable" consumption and urges people to care more for the environment.** He added that non-violence, sustainable development, justice and care for the environment are of vital importance to humanity.

► **The recent rains mean all Bonaireans must raise their "dengue awareness."** The mosquito that carries the virus prefers relatively clean water. The public is asked to assist by throwing out stagnant water in flower vases, discarded tires and other objects that collect water, cleaning out gutters and protecting water cisterns with mosquito netting.

► **Parliament unanimously approved the increase of the minimum wage by 15% last Wednesday.** The increase applies to all islands of the Netherlands Antilles with the exception of St. Maarten which received a 19.1% minimum wage hike a year and a half ago, while the other islands received only an index adjustment. Additionally, all minimum wage earners will be exempt from wage tax and income tax.

However, the Antillean Government said it will not agree just like that with a 15% increase, said Minister Elvis Tjin-A-Sjoe of Economic and Labor Affairs. The Minister is an advocate of a phased increase of the minimum wage and attaches importance to the advice of the Central Bank that suggested an increase of 8%. The Minister emphasized that he doesn't want to be difficult. "I can easily start acting popular, but I have to consider the advice that is now on the table. I would also like to be able to increase the minimum wage by 15, 20 or even 30%, but as minister I must make thoughtful and balanced decisions."



► Her Majesty's ship, *Van Speijk* (F282), entered Anna Bay in Curaçao to a salute from Fort Krommelijn. **The Van Speijk replaces the Van Galen as the Royal Navy's new station ship in**



Photo by Joshua Bright/The Riverdale Press

Are our visitors crazy for Bonaire? Frequent visitor Alan Zale greets his wife, Joan, upon her retirement from the New York school system.

the Caribbean.

The ship will combat drug smuggling, illegal immigration and be able to provide support in the event of natural disasters such as hurricanes. The *Van Speijk* will have a Law Enforcement Detachment of the US Coast Guard on board. The frigate is equipped with a Westland Lynx helicopter and conventional weapons.

► **To raise awareness of the consumption of oil and its steep price rise on Sunday, August 3, a worldwide "Fuel Abstention Day" has been declared.** All people are advised to avoid activities that involve significant use of fossil fuels, especially driving. Don't purchase extra fuel before or after, plan at-home events and **pass this message on.** It's not the cost of producing oil that's driving the price up, it's the demand and the speculation surrounding that demand.



Maria Lau

► **Congratulations to Maria Lau** who has just celebrated 15 years of babysitting on Bonaire. Here is a photo of her in 1996 with one of her "clients," Thomas Wages, who was four months old at the time. Thomas' father writes: "Maria took such good care of our sons and was such a warm person that we were delighted to hire her again in 1996. Maria has always felt like part of our family and we have stayed in touch with her ever since."



Lost: Reward NAf 200



Habitat photo

► On Monday evening, July 14th, Captain Don's Habitat marked the beginning of an exciting new project to decrease the amount of plastic debris entering Bonaire's already over-burdened landfill. General Manager Jack Chalk announced that effective July 15th, whenever a guest checks in at the resort, he or she will receive a **free sport water bottle** with an explanation and recommendation to drink Bonaire's clean, great tasting, desalinated sea water from the tap instead of purchasing commercially bottled water.

In conjunction with the free sport water bottle give away, both Habitat and Rum Runners will cease the sale of commercially bottled water. "By doing so," stated Chalk, "we will effectively reduce the amount of plastic waste entering Bonaire's landfill." Everyone at the "Meet the Captain" cocktail party on Monday evening received one of the free sport water bottles.

Bottles will also be available for purchase in the Capt's Locker and at Rum Runners Restaurant for those guests who would like to have extras or to take home as gifts to friends. They're also available to anyone wishing to participate in reducing plastic waste on Bonaire, whether or not they're staying at Habitat. *Press Release*

► **Caribbean Homes is now doing more than selling houses. They are now acting as a yacht broker.** Their first yacht ad is on page 11. To see more go to their website: CaribbeanHomesBonaire.com and click on "Yachts."

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► Amidst the excitement accompanying the headlong rush towards "direct ties with Holland" **there are several groups wanting to apply the brakes,** the Democratic Party and Awor Te'Ora for example. Their main point is that the definition of "direct ties" in no way means becoming a Dutch municipality and that UN anti-colonialism guidelines were violated.

► As we go to press comes news that the **Jong Bonaire Youth Center has slashed its fees by 80%** in view of the enormous increases in the cost of food, gasoline, water and electricity. It means the lowest income families pay **just NAf20 per year.** More in the next edition.

► **Lost Dog – "Fons"** "Fons" is a one-year-old Jack Russell pup who went missing sometime on **Wednesday, July 16th, at Punt Vierkant.** His owner is heartbroken. Please, if you see him or have any information about him please call **796-1147 or 786-2488.** There is a **NAf 200 reward for his return.**

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Profiles: Dick Van Der Vaart, Pioneer In Hyperbaric Medicine

For years *The Reporter* tried to get an interview with Doctor Dick van der Vaart, a long time resident and medical doctor on Bonaire. He declined because his personal story was not what he considered "interesting enough" to talk and read about, but his passion for his profession and some important new developments made him willing enough to talk this time. He is the medical spokesman for the *Stichting Recompressie Tank Bonaire*. The Board, consisting of Ike Faber, Henk Schrijver, Ruud Vermeulen and Martien van de Valk, has just celebrated the arrival, with the support of the Rotary Club, of a new and ultra modern recompression tank on the island. The Board set up an impressive network of contacts, making it possible to purchase the tank as a welcome expansion to medical treatment on Bonaire.

Van der Vaart knew that the new tank he dreamed about would have to meet current safety standards. But an additional amount of NAf 600.000 still needs to be raised, not only to purchase instruments, but inventory (beds, office supplies). Full scale preparations are taking place to get the new tank operational. Although more funds need to be raised the Stichting could purchase a bigger, better equipped and impressive new recompression tank including all necessary monitors for extended treatments with a loan from the OBNA. A new building had to be constructed with facilities such as bathrooms and showers (a patient needs to be show-



Monique Reichert & Martijn Eichhorn photo

Dr. van der Vaart oversees the placement of the new chamber

ered before going in because suntan lotion can ignite under high pressure). The tank weighs 8,000 kilos and had to be lifted through the roof of the building with a huge crane.

The first recompression tank arrived on Bonaire 23 years ago after van der Vaart took Navy diving training with the Dutch Royal Navy in Holland. His father had been in the Navy, so his last name rang a bell when he took the course. During a formal dinner with a few naval officers, he

was offered a recompression tank for Bonaire. A few months later the tank was lifted from a Navy vessel onto the pier in Playa and hoisted onto a big truck. It was installed in a building next to the hospital. It took about half a year more before the tank was operational because compressors, tanks, supplies of fresh air -- everything that the diver's world consists of -- had to be installed as well. This event added to his medical career by allowing him to treat dive accidents.

This first recompression tank has been

operational during the entire 23 years. It is a very compact tank since it had initially been operated on one of the smaller Navy ships. It is a multi-place lock chamber, made of four-inch steel. When the inside pressure is raised the tank expands, then shrinks again when the pressure is lowered. In 23 years about 400 people have been treated in the recompression chamber, but because more people had to undergo several treatments it's estimated that the use of the chamber is at least three times that figure. The doctor recalls one case where the person had to undergo treatment 13 times.

The first tank could only be used in six-hour increments because there was no control for the inside temperature. An enormous amount of fresh air needs to be put into the tank to ventilate and keep the temperature from rising even more. In many cases the treatment should have been longer than six hours. Keeping a patient for a minimum of 12 hours on the treatment table, for example, might have prevented two fatalities in the past. Another disadvantage of the old tank was the lack of a device to monitor the CO₂ level; the level of CO₂ rises by exhalation and can cause unconsciousness when it becomes too high.

Over the years, two more physicians, Dr. Miranda and Dr. Soer, became part of the medical team. They alternate working inside the tank. The doctor, assisted by a

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paramedic, always stays with the patient until the condition is stable, then the paramedic stays with the patient for the rest of the treatment while the doctor is always available. All the inside tenders are medically trained, work as volunteers inside the tank and are further trained by van der Vaart himself. The longest a tender has been working with the physician is over 18 years. It can only be true dedication that makes and keeps these people working here. And you have to remember that working conditions weren't optimal inside the old tank. Neither the physician nor his assistants could work standing up because the space was only 1.60 meters high. One supervisor and one operator are on duty outside the tank (there are 24 operators available in total). They communicate via intercom with the inside tenders. All these operators come from the dive world, and they're trained to operate the tank from the outside. The recompression chamber team is on call 24/7, according to a schedule.

The new recompression tank has an air-conditioning system where water is regulated through outside tubes that run all over and around the tank, keeping the inside temperature normal and workable. This way, the supply of 40 air-buffer bottles is more than sufficient for the operation. There are back-up systems for every essential device. The security system is optimal, because the CO₂ level will be controlled by a CO₂ scrubber. There is a 500-liter water fire suppressant system which can be activated via a sprinkler on the inside and the outside. Inside the tank are six seats or two beds, to be used depending on the case.

Besides the adequate treatment of recompression illness, another medical dimension is opening up for the physician: hyperbaric medicine. This type of medical science started some 30 years ago when, through years of research and practice, the amazing results of high pressure oxygen (HBO) treatments of various illnesses became evident. In America and Europe 14 medical non-diving indications are part of the list for HBO. Physicians who special-

“When all these facilities are finished, Dr. van der Vaart’s passion will be complete as well”

ize in this area have specific training. Evidence based medicine and years of research motivated many American academic hospitals to install their own hyperbaric department since the results of these treatments have proven to be less costly than complicated surgery.

Dr. van der Vaart took the HBO medical training in San Antonio, Texas, years ago with Jeff Davis, one of the founders of hyperbaric medicine. Bonaire has a dive site named after him.

The treatment is especially favorable for wounds. Open wounds that won't heal, like those on legs, are the result of either poor circulation in the veins or arteries. Most non-healing wounds are arterial or venous. Diabetic or pressure wounds are sometimes complicated by the presence of anaerobic bacteria. People who have one of the above wounds are selected for HBO treatment via a screening procedure with a transcutaneous oxygen pressure monitor.

The new recompression tank will be able to be used much more intensively than the old one. Van der Vaart has contacts with the HBO Centre in Rijnmond (Holland) to share mutual experiences. Also patients from Holland who normally can't take a vacation because of their treatments at home could continue therapy on Bonaire.

Van der Vaart sees many additional uses for the new tank. In hospitals sometimes an air bubble can form in the vessels via an infusion, and it needs to be treated just like decompression illness. Smoke inhalation is another indication for HBO treatment. If patients with tumors in the neck and head area are being given hyperbaric oxygen before, during and after their radiation, the bone structure will be spared. Without this therapy bone structure could be severely damaged. Wound infections with anaerobic bacteria were a death sentence for a patient 40 years ago. Dutch physician, Dr. Boerma, one of the pioneers of HBO treatment, showed that people with anaerobic infection can be treated with this therapy.

After severe accidents where serious bruising occurs (in medical terms, a compartment syndrome) the blood circulation can be fatally obstructed. HBO treatment is very effective in these kinds of cases.

Genetically, the population of the Antilles is apt to develop diabetes, which often causes leg wounds and wounds that don't heal. Many of these cases were previously treated successfully in the old recompression tank.

Van der Vaart explains that most wounds are caused by poor circulation. Heart – and brain infarcts- can also be treated effec-

tively in the penumbra stage. The beauty of hyperbaric therapy is that it not only supplies the vessels with a high amount of oxygen, but also generates the development and growth of new vessels.




The doctor wants to combine a vacuum facility within the center. In combination with the HBO method, wound treatment would be optimal. In addition to the HBO therapy, different medical modalities for wound treatment are possible. There are two very promising treatments available: wound vacuum therapy, where the wound is brought under a relative vacuum condition, which can be alternated with HBO therapy. The second promising additional facility could be the use of Human Growth Factor (H.G.F.) which can be obtained by centrifuging 200 cc of the patient's blood. Then the trombocytes will be separated from the remaining blood. An emulsion is made of the trombocytes and used as a wound dressing.

When all these facilities are finished, Dr. van der Vaart's passion will be complete as well: Bonaire will have an optimal and complete Wound Treatment Center.

After all the inside information that Dr. van der Vaart has given us here, it becomes clear that recompression facilities aren't essential just for divers, but the potential to establish a HBO Medical Center on Bonaire will even exceed its initial purpose of 23 years ago.

■ Louise Rood



			
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Bonaire Government representatives at the Sporthall information meeting—see pg. 2.

GOVERNMENT Part III

We continue on the subject of government based on the following two interviews.

The member and leader (42) of the **Yellow party PABOSO, Partido Boneriano Sosial (the Bonairean Socialist Party)** made some important statements about what the party stands for. She began by saying, "At election time most Bonaireans vote very emotionally. They don't screen the political party that's in power to see how they are governing and the results. They don't look for more information before they vote, then after the elected party takes command the people complain about the results they don't get. Buying votes is very obvious in Bonaire and some political parties use this as their main objective to get more votes. We joined the Social Democratic Party because we are looking for equal rights for every human being living on Bonaire. We want to give more than take more from our people, fight crime, give people security and housing.

The way of governing by each government might differ - Bonaireans accept that - but after years of experiencing the bad management and administration of certain governments, unfortunately, they choose to go back to the same thing. And year after year this process continues like this, and naturally things might stay bad.

In our Bonairean anthem we sing that we are a humble country with defects. I'm always against that saying. We are a country with a big capacity and we can do a lot for our country. We can take the example of our ancestors and how they did a lot for their country. They built their own houses with the little money they had. They raised their children and gave them a good education. Many of these are professionals in Bonaire and other places. If they could, we can. We can't just sit and let what we long for come to us. We have to fight for what we want. Mostly these days it's money that is a problem, but we are sure we can solve our own problems.

When we were in the government in 2001 we made a year's accounting that showed with the taxes that we collect that we can do our own finances, and when there is need we can ask for extra income. Every department will get their budget to work with in a responsible way and to keep the expenses within it. A good financial administration will help a government have the money they need to do whatever has to be done.

Holland established CFT (a commission to supervise the finance) to manage the island finance, which is good. But time will tell that we don't need Holland or Curaçao to prove that we can do it ourselves. And the CFT control

will tell in the long run that we can. We have the tax money that needs to go back into the community, the tourist taxes, economy gains and more. If we can't stay under Curaçao government we could have taken another step, instead of going back under Holland government. If we fight for our rights we will succeed."

The member and leader (50) of the **Blue party, Obrero Nobo (new workers)**, said that the history of this island has been repeated over and over again. "Those that the people choose to lead their government are people whose ancestors were from the white race. They were business minded merchants and this runs through the blood of their offspring. They don't understand the feelings and needs of the common people, the natives of Bonaire itself. A real native will fight for his country with body and soul. It's the people's own fault if they suffer calamity. They chose the high class people and not the natives to lead their government. We are sorry that people sell their dignity and pride for some money so the party can get more votes. No general interest is shown, only interest in their personal welfare. Parties have to stop fighting each other and be an example for their country. What you reflect will be reflected among your people too. So the political mentalities have to change and then the people will have more self confidence, dignity and will have the power to change their way of thinking.

The Obrero Nobo party is busy giving information to bring back the values and the dignity of this country. Bad government, corruption and big money spending shows that we are not stable, not ready to stand on our own, but that doesn't mean that we have to subject ourselves to Holland so they can put in whatever law they want. Holland has given billions of Euros in donations to countries like Cuba, Brazil and Bangladesh. Why can't we, as a colony of Holland, get these donations so we can continue with a stable economy? They are using us for their own benefit. The Bonairean government needs to negotiate for our rights."

With all the discussions about the new constitutional status for Bonaire, you can be sure we will have more articles on government coming.

■ **Siomara E. Albertus**



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SGB Cleanup by Church Member Volunteers



Bob Lässiter photo

Saturday, June 21, turned into a great clean up day at SGB. In conversations with SGB principal Serapio Pop and assistant principal Nolly Oleana it was learned that graduation had been scheduled for June 26. Before the event could take place, however, a facelift and cleanup was desperately needed. As The International Bible Church of Bonaire now has its Sunday services in the high school auditorium, the church volunteered to get the campus in shape so that the school could put their best foot forward in showing parents, students, and government officials that residents of Bonaire care a great deal about its schools. One of the ways to show that is by helping with the never ending job of keeping school facilities clean.

The time was set to begin at 8am and to work until 12 noon. The school was most gracious in furnishing snacks for the workers and many of the volunteers furnished drinks and snacks as well. All agreed that it was well worth the hard work. As the final hour wound down, everyone could look at the result and say it was a job well done.

The International Bible Church of Bonaire would like to thank SGB for the opportunity to help. We would also like to thank the various teachers, students, and island visitors, and most especially SELIBON, for all the hard work to make the school a very special place for graduation this year. A committee will be formed in the church for an even better clean up task force next year. Any suggestions that you as a reader may have will be most welcome. Please contact me at (e-mail) or telephone. ■

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Why Hire an Architect

You want to build your dream home. You are looking at your empty lot or outdated home and your brain is thinking of all sorts of design schemes and you ask yourself how can I translate those visions into reality? Thankfully architects can help.

If you are building from the ground up you need an architect. An architect will help you formulate your program then design the home according to your program, create the construction drawings necessary for securing building permits, obtain bids from contractors and evaluate the progress and quality of construction.

Building a home in Bonaire can be daunting. There is the language barrier; Bonaire builders often do not speak English or Dutch. They do not have access to a wide selection of finish materials such as lighting, hardware, stone, tiles, plumbing fixtures, exterior windows and doors. They have to depend on the architect or owner to supply them with these specifications, or at least give them the source and contacts where to buy them.

The architect you choose should have experience building on the island, should be able to converse in Spanish, Papiamentu, Dutch and English and have a library of products that he or she can purchase, expedite and ship to Bonaire. The voltage requirements in Bonaire differ from those in the US. There is also the experience of what can and can't be built successfully. You can have an incredibly detail designed house and the Bonairean builder may not know how to cope with the complexity of the details.

So, what is an architect going to cost?

This depends on the project budget and the services the architect will perform. The standard methods of billing usually range between 15% to 25% of the total cost. Other methods of billing such as hourly and flat sum should be in the same range.

It is important to recognize that the architect's fee should be a realized cost in the overall budget for construction. In the long run an architect will save you money, time and will design a home tailored to your needs. An architect will advise you on materials like stone countertops that he knows are a good value and will stand up to wear and tear. He will recommend mechanical systems that save energy, are low in maintenance and have proven longevity. He will recommend lighting that will enhance the architecture and carefully locate it where it is needed. He will site the house on the property to take most advantage of the views, the light and the winds with consideration of privacy from adjoining neighbors and roadways. He can anticipate how steep grades can affect pedestrian and vehicular access to the site and

residence.

So, how do I know what services I will need?

Typical projects require five services:

- schematic design
- design development
- contract documentation
- bidding and negotiating
- construction administration

Schematic design: The architect develops a program with the owner. This program includes the basics like how many bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. Then the architect learns about the owner's life style and optimum desires. The architect familiarizes himself with the site and any local code requirements. The next meeting includes a presentation of the conceptual floor plan. The owner responds with comments, and eventually the conceptual design is completed which includes floor plans and elevations of the house.

Design development: In this phase the design is refined to include all specifications from flooring to door hardware. When this is completed all finishes, lighting, plumbing, mechanical systems, solar systems and site plan details like pools and landscaping have been determined

Contract documents: Technical drawings are completed to include architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and structural design. These drawings include everything so that all bids will be "apples to apples" and there is no room for allowances.

Bidding and negotiation: The architect reviews the bids and makes his recommendation to the owner. In Bonaire, the selection of competent contractors is small and the architect with experience on the island will generally know which ones are the most seasoned, their work load and their abilities with regard to structure, electrical, mechanical, plumbing tile installation and millwork fabrication.

Construction administration: During construction the architect visits the site to make sure the project is built according to the drawings and answers questions, sometimes on a daily basis, from the contractor. In Bonaire, the architect develops a construction schedule with the contractor so that he is there at critical times. Generally one site visit per month is required.

Additional services can include interior design services. The architect can develop a complete furnishing package that is part of the overall design and can expedite the procurement and shipment of everything. For Bonaire, that has no comprehensive quality furni-

ture stores this is a value that should not be ignored. Not all architects provide this service so it is important to verify the architect's qualifications.

So, I how do I find right architect?

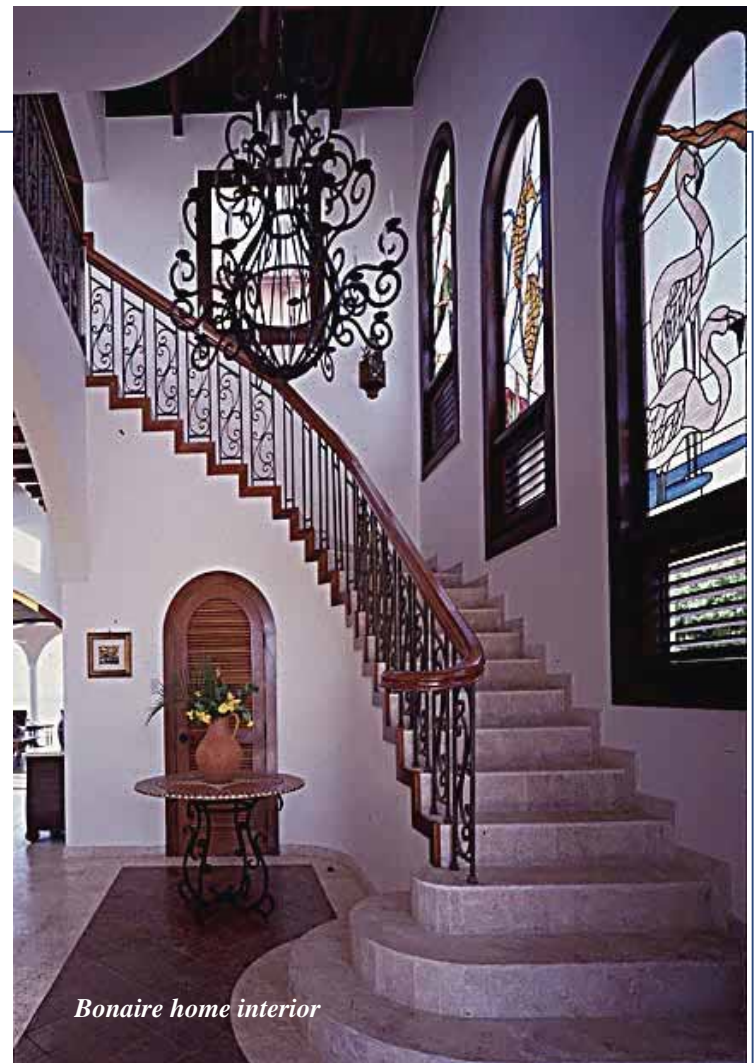
Interview two to four architects. A reference is very important. Ask to see their portfolio which most have on their own website. Pay attention to similar projects developed in Bonaire. Make sure you feel comfortable when you meet. This is a long-term relationship so go by your gut feeling. Do not make your decision on fees. Those that are cheaper than the norm are usually giving you less than what you need. Make sure you convey what you want and what you can afford. Be as articulate as possible and the right architect will help formulate the program and understand the process and the work ahead.

What do I do if I am not happy with the design?

Speak up. Quite often it is difficult for the owner to visualize the design and most architects see the vision and can help you understand what you are not seeing. An architectural model is a good visual tool that helps the owner get an immediate three-dimensional perspective of the design and should be part of the architect's scope of

services. If you feel the architect is not listening to you and has not designed the plan according to the program you may have to consider canceling the contract and starting over. This can happen, but is highly unusual. You will generally know if there is no Karma at very beginning of the process. The important thing is that you are happy with the design and your architect. Good Luck! ■ Jeffrey Silberstein, A.I.A.

Mr. Silberstein grew up in Curaçao and has been visiting Bonaire since the age of five. He is responsible for several homes and commercial projects built in Bonaire. Some of these homes can be seen on



Bonaire home interior

his website. One of his homes won the prestigious American Institute of Architects award for excellence in design. Mr. Silberstein's designs have been published widely and he currently has several projects on the island.

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Tina Woodley Returns



Tina Woodley, Achim Exner and Sasha van Duyn

Tina Woodley, the first woman world champion power lifter and bodybuilder, who started her career in Bonaire in the 1970s, is returning to the island. Bonaireans with long memories may remember she lived here with Dutch artist Peter van Duyn, who founded the short-lived English-Papiamentu newsheet, *The B'Naire Weekly*. Earlier this month Tina and her daughter, Sasha van Duyn, returned to Bonaire after 28 years. They were captured by the beauty of the island and felt a strong desire to be part of Bonaire's future. Tina felt she had now come full circle. It inspired her to try to use her experience to create a working network with Bonaire professionals to enhance all aspects of human wellness.

In addition to Sasha, Tina raised three stepdaughters while studying psychology and pursuing her sports career abroad during the 1980s. After winning the IFBB (International Female Body Builders) European Championship and numerous other titles she became the owner of a fitness center in Austria, then in Wiesbaden, Germany, where she currently owns an all-ladies fitness studio. She's a certified Pilates, yoga and physical fitness coach and is a licensed NLP (Neurological Programming) therapist. She is known to inspire the people around her.

It runs in the family. Her brother, Joe Woodley, ran Joe's Gym on Bonaire for many years then started a fitness center in Aruba.

Like mother, like daughter: Sasha van Duyn became Miss Fitness Austria in 1994. In the same year she became Miss Fitness Turkey. However, she followed another dream and pursued a career in the fine arts and studied at the New York dance academy in Stuttgart and the Bruckner conservatory in Linz, Austria. After making a living performing and modeling, she now lives in Los Angeles, California, where she pursues her acting talents while continuing her studies in health and fitness. Sasha is the also owner of a fitness business, and as the exclusive trainer for the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills she guides high profile clients like actress Alicia Silverstone, singer Verdine White (Earth, Wind and Fire), producer Lionel Widgram (Harry Potter), director Frank Oz (Start Track, Stepford Wives) and other well known Hollywood personalities.

On their return to Bonaire in November they will be accompanied by Tina's fiancé, Achim Exner, past mayor of Wiesbaden, who visited Bonaire for the first time this month. The spirit of Bonaire seduced him and he'll be looking for his own adventures on the island.

Sasha has set her heart on helping her mother create a well being center in Bonaire. They want to bring mental awareness and physical well being to the Bonaire community. With their therapeutic backgrounds they plan to offer a program to help relieve stress, overcome inner obstacles and maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Together with her family and the help of the community their vision is to create a well being center for all Bonaire.

Tina Woodley wants to network with individuals who are interested in changing lives, as she herself is planning to start a new chapter. Please contact Tina with questions or ideas: Tina.woodley@t-online.de. ■ *Story & photos by Sasha van Duyn/G.D.*



Tina at her fitness center

Eels On Wheels



Bonaire Trip Report:

The Eels on Wheels 501c3 had another great trip to the Divi Flamingo in Bonaire. The Eels organization prides itself on the ability to go anywhere and dive safely with people with disabilities. Safety being our greatest concern when we travel we ensure that we have assistance and dive buddies for the various array of disabilities that the divers with us may have. Divi Flamingo-Bonaire is a great place for the Eels on Wheels organization because they have qualified dive masters to assist our disabled divers, and their resort is handicapped accessible, which allows our disabled friends to enjoy the resort at their comfort and convenience. A team of Eels dive buddies and dive masters and the Divi dive masters always makes for a pleasurable safe experience. We always have qualified divers for our adaptive divers, and the Divi dive masters point out the underwater creatures that make the island famous.

With all of the amenities available at the Divi Flamingo, the diving in Bonaire is the prize. Diving is an adventure sport and through the Eels on Wheels we are able to take paraplegics, quadriplegics, and those suffering from other disabilities like multiple sclerosis and stroke victims diving. We pride ourselves on the ability to help our friends have a great travel experience and through the not-for-profit are able to have the nurses, attendants, doctors and dive buddies needed for these adaptive divers. The Divi Flamingo is unique because it is one of the few places in the Caribbean that's in tune with the needs of disabled divers. As a team we do the best safest diving available. In order to gain the best underwater experience, it definitely helps to have experienced dive masters direct the dive itself and not be required to assist the disabled diver, as other disabled diving organizations tend to expect.

The dive operation is top notch but don't sell the rest of the resort short. From the managers to the housekeepers everyone is dedicated to giving each a great experience. Eels on Wheels have been coming to the Divi since the early 90s and plan to return in the near future. The only difference is that we may stay longer. ■ *Press release*

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Snorkeler's Notebook: *Memory on the reef*

Memory is often described as a fluid entity so what better metaphor for the ebb and flow of memory than the sea?

I have been snorkeling on Bonaire's reefs for almost 15 years now and have collected a huge knapsack of memories, many of which I consciously recall (for example when I am in the dentist's chair awaiting a root canal) and others that suddenly surface with little prompting from me (like during my nightly snorkels in dreamland). Some I remind myself on a regular basis so I don't forget them, like the time I saw a Rock Beauty schooling with the Blue Tang at Windsock, a sight I haven't seen since. Others float to greet me as I pass over a memory site. For example, every time I enter the channel at Tori's Reef, I stop at the rocks in the shallows to conjure up the octopus I played with for almost a half hour a year ago. I have come to believe that snorkeling is a constant movement in time between the present and the past--so much so that the experience of *déjà vu* is a frequent occurrence on the reef.

The joy of snorkeling is very much characterized by this pleasure in reverie, something the

English poet William Wordsworth described as "spontaneous emotion recollected in tranquility." And there is nothing more tranquil than floating leisurely across Bonaire's reefs. But how these memories enter the mind is a bit of a curious phenomenon; after all, one must do more than float. Some are etched in the back of the mind through the element of surprise: like the time I came upon three Rainbow Parrotfish and one Midnight Blue all in the same crevice at Andrea II after looking for them unsuccessfully for days. Others are the result of the unexpected: never do I expect to see a Spotted Drum in the shallows at Bachelor's Beach but there one was under a rock anxious to disprove my expectations. Then there are those that are manifested from close observation and study: hover above a reef long enough and there will be something your eyes will seize upon, like a juvenile French angelfish the size of a thumbnail or a juvenile Trunkfish the size of the head of a pin. Finally there are the imprints that come from incongruence, where something doesn't quite fit. In this category I would place the gigantic Southern sting ray lolling about in one foot of water with a school of

juvenile wrasse and the pelican's webbed feet shoved into my face at Windsock

Each time I recall these memories, I grow fonder of them, and every time I snorkel, I gather new memories to add to the cherished old ones. Hopefully, when I am no longer physically able to snorkel, I can unpack my knapsack of snorkeling memories and comfort myself in the proverbial rocking chair of old age. ■

Pauline Kayes

Kayes is a professor emeritus in English, Humanities and Women's Studies from Champaign IL. She is a part time Bonaire resident.



Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know

Most corals are actually white? Like many jellyfish and anemones, corals get their color from the zooxanthellae that colonize their surface. The photosynthetic zooxanthellae provide the coral with the majority of its energy, while the coral provides the zooxanthellae shelter as well as nitrogen waste and carbon dioxide necessary for photosynthesis. Occasionally, a large disturbance will cause a coral to eject all of its algae, leaving the coral completely white; this is known as bleaching. Bleaching can be caused by a variety of factors including temperature change, changes in salinity, sedimentation or sickness. Because of the nature of these disturbances, bleaching often occurs across large areas and leaves entire reefs at risk. As recently as 2002 there was a global temperature rise, with about half the world's reefs experiencing some form of bleaching. However, a bleached coral is not a dead coral. If the bleaching event is mild and the corals survive, they may recruit new zooxanthellae anywhere from a few months to a year after the disturbance ends. Usually the new zooxanthellae are more resistant to disturbances, resulting in a much more resilient reef. ■



Nick Trilla

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NESTING REPORT
Just in case you haven't already heard... the Parrot-Watch website (<http://www.parrotwatch.org/>) that shows movies from inside the nests of Bonaire's wild Loras has just been updated, and there are now a whole bunch of new movies and field reports! So please check out www.parrotwatch.org and find out more about what really goes on in the life of a Lora and indeed that of a field biologist.

The news from the field this week I am afraid is not full of parrot joy and happiness. First let me report that in the nests we are monitoring there are still over 20 chicks. In the last couple of weeks though quite a few of the nests we follow have lost chicks and some nests have failed completely. When a pair loses all their chicks they cannot simply lay more eggs and start again. Their biology forces them to wait and try again in the next year.

The recent death of several chicks has been sad but also frustrating as the cause of death in many cases has not been clear. In previous years chicks have disappeared from nests and we have recorded the loss as predation or

poaching. Until now we had seldom seen dead chicks in the nest. This was rather favorable on all counts because as scientists it is our obligation to try and get any information we can from a situation, even if that involves a chick that has been dead a few days.

This year it seems some chicks may have died from a shortage of food. This natural process happens early in the breeding cycle and favors the "production" of fewer stronger chicks. Some of the dead chicks have had food in their crops though, so why did they die? It may be disease, but it could also be the result of inbreeding. A rare species has, by definition, a small population and when there are so few individuals some degree of inbreeding is likely. We hope to find the answers, but at this point it's a mystery. ■

Sam Williams

Williams is in his third year of studying Bonaire's endangered parrot, the Lora.



"Why We Need To Protect Them"



Wilna Groenenboom photo

A baby Lora being measured

"Why We Need to Protect Them!" is the important message of the 2008 *Salba Nos Lora* campaign that was launched this month on both Bonaire and Curacao. At the center of this campaign is a beautiful new poster featuring one of the fantastic winning entries of the recent *Salba Nos Lora* art competition (at right, by SGB art teacher Gemma van der Linden).

Bonaire is one of the last strongholds for Loras. They have already been driven to extinction on Aruba and the future of the other surviving populations on the Venezuelan islands of Margarita and Blanquilla are far from secure. On these islands poaching is rife, and despite the valiant efforts of Venezuelan conservationists, the future of Loras is far from certain. Although the population on Bonaire remains small, we have a great

opportunity to secure the future of our fantastic birds. As ever, Bonaire can lead the way.

Several close cousins of the Lora live on other Caribbean islands and all face serious threats. In total 11 species existed. Two of these are now extinct and all the rest are considered at risk of extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The situation doesn't get any better when we look globally. More species of parrots are threatened than almost any other group of birds. The fate of parrots worldwide hangs in the balance and Bonaire has an important part to play.

One reason parrot populations are faring so badly is that they are slow to reproduce. Each year many parrots do not even attempt to breed and if they do they normally only raise one or two chicks. This means that, unlike most other

birds, parrots are extremely vulnerable to food shortages, disease and poaching. A few bad years could spell the end for a small isolated population like Bonaire's. Last year diligent researchers on the island followed 30 Lora nests from when the first egg was laid through to when the last chick left the nest. Of those chicks that struggled successfully through the difficult first couple of weeks of life, one third were poached just before they left the nest. These birds were destined for lives in cages. This is not something to be proud of. If we want to be sure that Loras have a future we have to change our ways. Let's be proud of our Lora; let's protect them! ■

Sam Williams



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Games are scheduled every day and evening this week with the finals set for Saturday, July 26. ■

G.D./Photos: Wilna Gronenboom



Pet of The Week

One of the cutest young pups at the Bonaire Animal Shelter is "Jackie." She was one of a litter of four puppies. Two of her siblings were sold and she and her sister, "Jill," were brought into the Shelter to be put up for adoption. Their mother is being sterilized so she can lead a life unencumbered by having unwanted litters of puppies in the future.



Jackie

One of the really nice things about Jackie is that because she was with the family that owns her mother she was treated very well and consequently is a well adjusted, happy pup. She's so sweet and used to people and such a friendly one.

Jackie is about three months old and looks like she's wearing a tuxedo with white shoes that contrast so well with her black wire haired coat. She'll most likely remain a smaller dog but she's big on personality! Jackie has been examined by the vet, has had her shots, worming and will be sterilized when she's old enough.

You may see her at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Telephone 717-4989.

Big birthday news from the Shelter. On August 3 they will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Shelter. In the next issue we will have a report from the founder, Louise Rood, on what it was like in those early days. They've come a long way, Baby! ■ L.D.

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After the dive all participants and their families enjoyed a pot luck BBQ. Dive Friends Bonaire and NetTech, the sponsors of the quarterly cleanups, provided drinks and main courses, while participants supplied side dishes.

The next quarterly underwater cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, in conjunction with World Cleanup Day and Bonaire's Love our Planet Week. This next cleanup will mark 10 years of consecutive quarterly underwater cleanups on the island.

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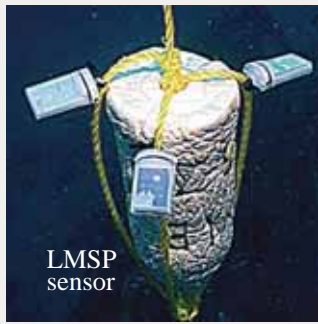


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Bonaire Monitor Project Presented

While the multiple low cost underwater monitors dotting Bonaire's coastline continue to accumulate data to guide reef management, they are unknown and unproven as compared to lab-quality gear. Earlier this month they made a debut at a prestigious reef symposium. Project coordinator Tom Reynolds reports:



Bonaire's Light and Motion Sensor Program (LMSP) took center stage when Prof. Burt Jones, PhD, presented a project description and preliminary results at the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) last week. This was a significant symposium dealing with all aspects of coral reefs.

At the presentation many of the scientists were impressed with the cleverness of the rainbow sensor concept used to indicate organic matter in the water and with the diligence of Bonaire's volunteers.

Most presentations described how to figure coral cover more accurately and how to predict coral bleaching but not on why coral cover or fish population was declining and how to reverse these trends.

Dr. Jones indicated that there were some excellent papers in other sessions that provided valuable management information. His overall assessment was that there are three areas where managing a reef can make it more resilient (better able to withstand climate change effects).

Three areas or groupings where the reef can be effectively managed:

Minimization of mechanical damage from human sources.

Top down control, meaning that herbivorous fish populations are maintained on the reef.

Bottom up control, where inputs of nutrients and other human-derived contaminants are minimized.

In his three points, Jones points out the mechanisms in

these three groupings can be managed. Many are beyond local control, but many are due to local human activity. The key is to differentiate between non-manageable events (events beyond local control) and manageable events (local, human-derived activity).

The first grouping was mechanical reef damage. Obviously, a hurricane can cause orders of magnitude with more mechanical damage than a diver, a boat anchor or the sediment from construction, but one cannot manage a hurricane.

Dr. Jones' second grouping was the herbivorous fish population. Obviously some elements of fish population cannot be managed while some, like fishing within the Bonaire Marine Park, can be and is restricted.

The third grouping, bottom up control, includes introduction of nutrients and other land-based contaminants. A nutrient study consisting of quarterly wet sam-

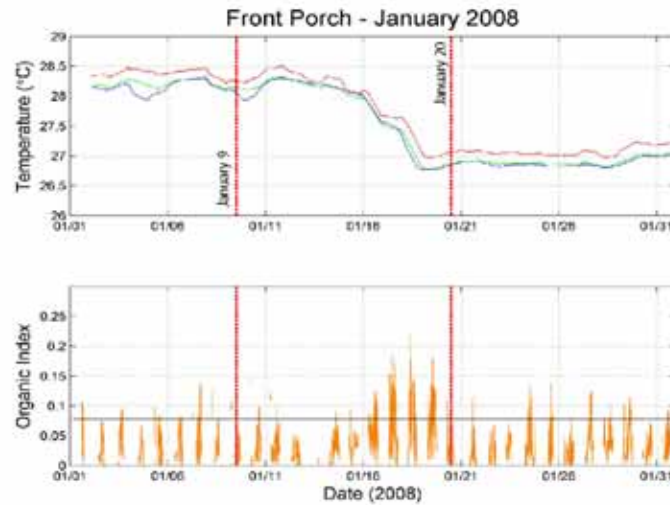


Figure 1. Time series from the site at Front Porch. Temperatures in the top panel are from 5 meters (16.5 ft., red), 12 m. (39 ft., green), and 20 m. (66 ft., blue).

ples can indicate the presence of elevated nutrients but it cannot show the cause of the elevated readings nor indicate if the source is manageable or unmanageable. The Bonaire LMSP data presented at ICRS showed the effects of a large nutrient increase from unmanageable natural events, including coastal upwelling along the Venezuelan coast, and also indications of a seasonal nutrient increase that may have a human contribution and therefore could be managed and controlled.

Technical Discussion:

If you are interested in the technical aspects of the project,

the following section will be most interesting.

The data presented from LMSP was based on a newly developed semi-automatic process that provides temperature, the attenuation of blue light (K_{blue} , a measure of water clarity), and the organic index (OI). Nine of the 13 sites being sensed by the LMSP were evaluated; the others are currently being completed. A fully automatic process is being programmed and will be completed very soon. Data will be available on the web within two to three days of it being uploaded from Bonaire as a result.

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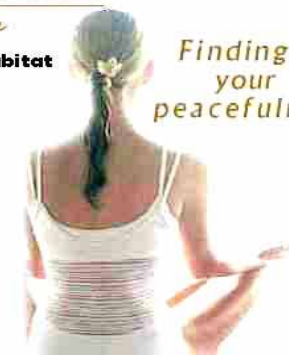
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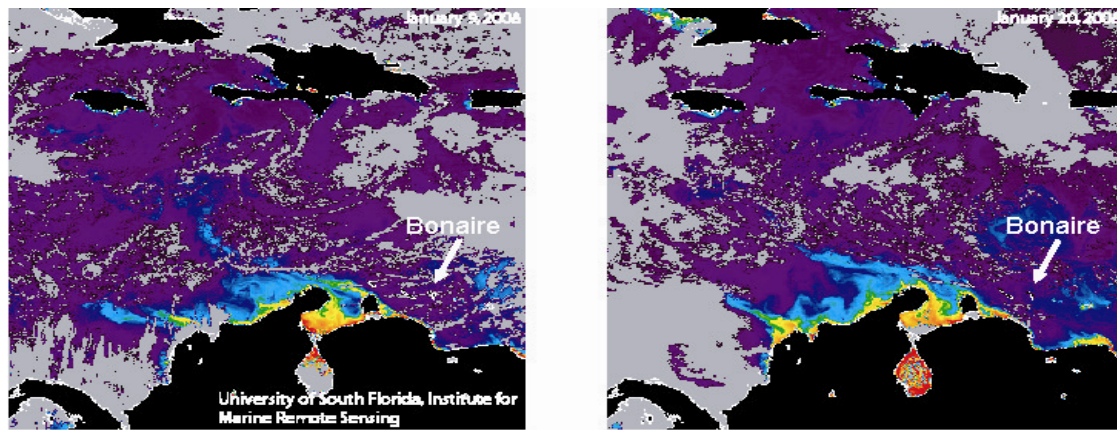


Figure 2. Chlorophyll concentration from the MODIS-Aqua sensor. The images are from the same time as the SST images. Higher chlorophyll water (red is higher concentration) is found near the coast where the cooler, upwelled water is found. The chlorophyll concentration around Bonaire is higher in the image from January 20 than it is on January 9.

One example that we presented was from the site called Front Porch. A relatively short, but dramatic, increase in the OI was recorded in January 2008. The organic index increased over a three to four day period (Figure 1). The organic index can increase due to chlorophyll (phytoplankton biomass), dissolved organic matter (CDOM), suspended organic particles or some combination of these. One might conclude that this was the result of some form of land pollution.

A correspondingly large drop in temperature provided a clue that this event was a natural event rather than a human, land-derived process. Sure enough, satellite data showed that the event was a natural transport of cold, upwelled, nutrient-rich water from the coast of

Venezuela.

Figure 2 shows ocean color images of chlorophyll concentration, a measure of phytoplankton biomass. Higher chlorophyll concentrations are found in the cooler upwelled water that is flowing toward Bonaire from the Venezuelan coast. Without this data it would be easy to point a finger at a land-based source and demand action. However, that conclusion would be wrong.

An LMSF finding that could be a manageable situation. We graphed all nine sensor locations and noticed that the K_{blue} tended to rise in the winter indicating decreased water clarity.

LMSF: The Future

No other Symposium session described anything similar to

LMSF or attempted to measure water quality over multiple locations. No program, save the Bonaire National Marine Park's, was attempting to collect relevant information and management indicators in all three areas: mechanical, fish population and water quality. It is clear that Bonaire has the best underwater park management team and the best volunteer support team on the planet.

That doesn't mean we can't do better. We believe that the filter on the green sensor can be improved; we need to calibrate the sensors and relocate the reference sensor to make it more immune from dive boat wakes.

■ Tom Reynolds

Turtle's Signal Weak



It was quite awhile before Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) received any signals from "Wiske," the female Loggerhead turtle equipped with a tracking transmitter. Over the last week the weather over the Caribbean has been very unsettled as a number of tropical waves moved through one after the other. Trying to stay optimistic, I had hoped that the bad weather was forcing 'Wiske' to surface less frequently and for very short periods of time, thereby explaining the lack of signals. For the most part, the weather has cleared and we received just one signal on Tuesday. There are any number of possible explanations for the loss of signal with the failure of the transmitter's antenna being the most likely. If circumstances change we will keep you posted. ■ Andy Uhr

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Letters to the Editor

Drug Abuse, Quad Control



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Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to the recent *Reporter* article on the perceived increase in drug use on the island. I have no doubts at all about the great work the Addiction Care Foundation is doing, however, the information provided is incomplete and unfairly targets laborers and the poor. The article states "since there is more construction work more people without an education are making more money." This statement insinuates that less educated workers are using their extra money for drugs. That may be so,

but if the study included people in all economic income brackets you may find that there is a high use of illegal drugs in the higher income and better educated groups as well. The tests were conducted at the requests of companies. Did they request tests of senior management also or was it just the workers? What drugs did they test for? Many countries, including the Netherlands do not consider marijuana as a nefarious drug but instead society generally accepts personal use of this drug. How many people in senior management or small businesses would test positive for weed? I am sure you will find many edu-

cated people are among the consumers of the cheap cocaine which is widely available on the island.

The point being that the article fails to identify the drugs being used and insinuates that it is a growing problem in only one socio-economic sector: poor, uneducated workers who are lucky enough to be making more money due to demand for their services. That is a very prejudicial and unfair assumption. Promoting such an assumption based on flawed research may result in resentment by the people identified as poor and uneducated workers and resentment towards them by the middle class and wealthy.

We should all support the Addiction Care Foundation and their

efforts to minimize the impact of drugs on the population of Bonaire, however, it is important for the organization and society to recognize that drug abuse is not only a problem faced by less educated workers. It is a universal problem which does not recognize socio-economic boundaries.

Firdaus Chinoy

QUAD CONTROL

Dear Editor:

It was very disappointing to see Sam Williams' picture of the Quad tracks at Gotomeer in your May 16 issue. The damage these things cause to the countryside will take many years to repair itself and Bonaire is much the poorer for it.

As Williams points out, for a

visitor the quad is merely entertainment - otherwise he would rent a car. Such entertainment comes from off-road use - and Bonaire cannot sustain unrestricted off-road vehicles.

Basically, the countryside is being used up to provide fun for the more mindless of our tourists.

I support Sam Williams in his call for a dedicated area for off-road vehicles, though given Bonaire's size, it would have to be pretty small and probably not very interesting for the kind of maniacs that wrecked the Gotomeer flats. The more practical idea would be a complete ban on rentals of quads. Keep them for people who live and work on Bonaire and have some sense of how to use them appropriately.

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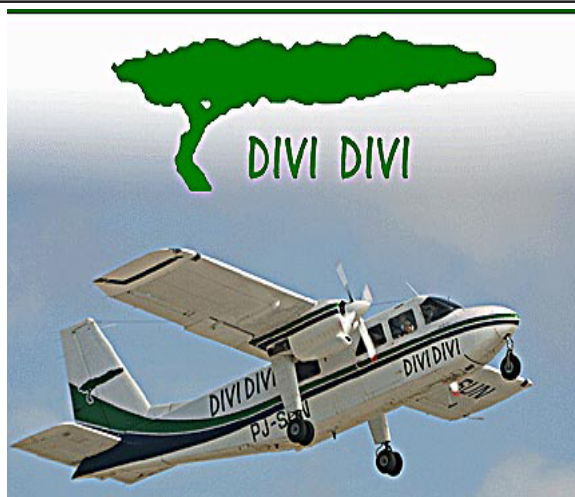
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Jona Chirino New Manager of Jong Bonaire

Starting in August, social worker Jona Chirino-Felida will take over as manager of Sentro pa Hubentut Jong Bonaire. Chirino will replace Bilha Thomas who has served as manager of the youth center for five years. Thomas decided to move from the manager's job when she and her husband bought Larry's Bakery in Noord Saliña.

In announcing the Chirino appointment, President of the Jong Bonaire board, Rene Hakkenberg, said that Bilha Thomas will remain as a part-time employee at the youth center, working primarily with parent programs. "Bilha has been an important part of Jong Bonaire from the very beginning, and we are very glad that she will remain a part of our family," said Hakkenberg.

Jona Chirino has worked with Jong Bonaire for a number of years on projects like the KREBO program where teens are trained to be leaders and helpers in the Bonaire *vakantie* (vacation) plan program, also on the Teen Leadership Training program and on other special projects involving teens and their parents.

"I am looking forward to working full time with the Jong Bonaire team and with the teenagers on Bonaire," said Chirino. I admire the goals of Jong Bonaire very much and hope that I can help achieve them," she added. "Working with teens to help them find their interests and reach their full potential is very exciting."

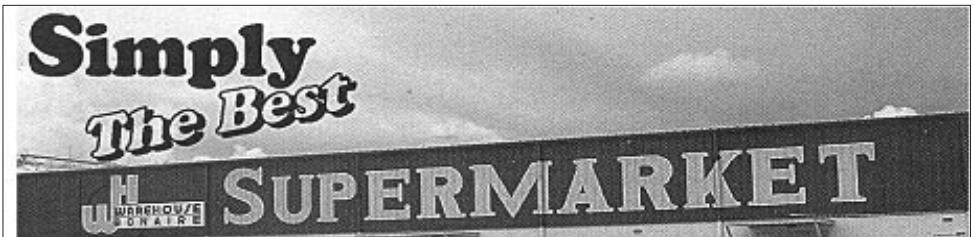
Since the Jong Bonaire Manager job is a very demanding one, Chirino said that she is resigning her position as president of the political party PABOSO. "I want to give all my time and energy to this new responsibility. It is very important that we give attention to our youth at this critical stage of their development. And if we can keep teens involved and out of trouble, it will be better for the entire community."

"Jona has been very involved in the community on many levels, especially in the development of people," said Hakkenberg. "She has worked with *Voogdijraad*, *Guia di Famia*, Fundashon J.O.N.A. and has done trainings for organizations such as B.J.Z., SEBIKI, FESBO and FAJ. Currently Jona is working at FORMA with young people to complete their school obligation. So she brings a tremendous amount of experience to Jong Bonaire."

Both Chirino and former manager Thomas will be on hand from August 4 to 8 for inscription of members at Jong Bonaire. Teens and their parents are urged to pass by the office early in the week since there is a maximum number of members each school year. ■ *Press release*



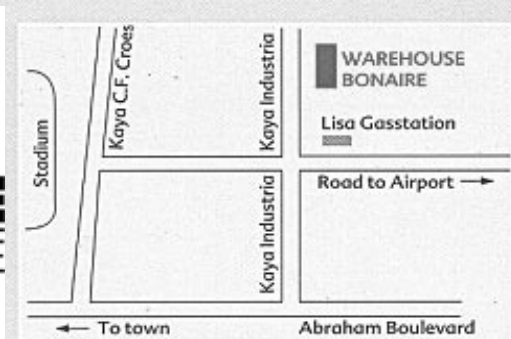
Jona Chirino-Felida, Bilha Thomas and Rene Hakkenberg



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HAPPENING SOON

Friday, July 25 – Flamingo Rockers at It Rains Fishes. 7pm - 10pm.

Sunday, July 27 – Sunday, August 3 - 4th Annual Starboard ProKids World Free-style. Sorobon. Information call 717-8322

Friday, August 1 – “Taste of Bonaire” Wilhelmina Park— 6-9pm as part of Bonaire Dive into Summer August 1-31. Tel. 717-8322

Friday, August 1 - Lecture in English by Dr. Jeffrey Di Carlo, theologian and psychotherapistm “Approaching the Unconscious: The Importance of Dreams.” 7.30 pm, at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47. Naf 25, Call 786-3341 to register or for more information.

Saturday, August 2 – Big Rincon Open Market – Stands selling fruits, vegetables, crafts, local foods, drinks – music, friendly ambiance. The Market has become one of the “must visits” on the island. 6 am to 2 pm.

Saturday, August 2 – Flea Market at Parke Publico, 3 pm

Sunday, August 3 Flamingo Rockers at Sunrise at Sand Dollar 4pm - 7pm.

Saturday, August 16 – Full Moon

REGULAR EVENTS

- The popular **SGB High School restaurant, Chez Nous**, is 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: keeslee-man@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

Sundays

- **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

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 pm

Fridays

- **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**

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

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every Wednesday at 7pm; every Sunday at 5pm. Phone: 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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Darts Club plays every other Sunday at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

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

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

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm at

Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. **Rotary** lunch meetings **Wednesday**, 12 noon-2 pm - 'Pirate House', above ZeeZicht Restaurant. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

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

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein. In Papiamentu, Dutch, English, Sundays, 10 am.

Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian, in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8:30 am.

Children’s club, Saturdays, 5 pm, in Kralendijk

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.

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Oh nice, summer vacation, long awaited, coming just a bit late, unfortunately over in a flash. And then suddenly we do what our (very early) ancestors did their whole lives: we start wandering all over the planet, like the drifter gene is still locked in our genome and active. When you come back from holiday everybody asks: "And how was your vacation? Where did you go?" A successful holiday is the one that was a true adventure. You have seen things you cannot witness at home.

People pay a lot of money to come to Bonaire for their vacation. For adventure they will seek the sun, sea and nature. When they go home the evidence of their trip in the shape of a nice tan. Stories and photographs will accompany them.

For really fast people Bonaire can be "done" in a day. Arriving in the morning, leaving in the afternoon. What have you seen in that day? Maybe a trip around the island in a vehicle: the south in the morning, the north in the afternoon. Or you can do a dive or snorkel trip. If you decide to walk you will not go further than "downtown" Playa. That would be the fast food drive-in version of Bonaire. Judging from the amounts of cruise tourists flocking to this island it must be popular.

The tourists with a little more time will seek out Bonaire for different reasons. First (of course) there is the obvious: diving and snorkeling. Then you have all these water-related activities: sailing, wind- or kite surfing, kayaking, swimming, etc... On land you can go hiking, mountain biking, touring, and bird watching (many birdwatchers come here to put the Banana quit and the Lora on their life-lists). If you want the in-activities, there is also plenty of that on this island: sunbathing, hanging about in a hammock, listening to music, or being struck by the heat and trying to cool down in the air conditioning. Take your pick! There is something for everybody. You will need a vacation to recover from your vacation.

Residents of Bonaire themselves also get restless in the summer and will also go wandering. What do they seek in these far-away adventures? Could it be the activities such as diving, snorkeling, sailing, wind- or kite surfing, kayaking, swimming, etc... or the in-activities like sunbathing, hold on, I am repeating myself am I not? It gets a bit strange when your home is a destination for a holiday for a lot of tourists. You might even get a bit smug when you go abroad



(on a hiking trip): "We do not mind the rain, we will have plenty of sunshine when we get home again." (On or by the sea) "You call that muddy slush the sea? No, if you cannot see your toes anymore it is not fit to swim in." Or (at the zoo) "Those pale whitish birds are not Flamingos, they are supposed to be candy-pink." But the fact remains that you are paying a lot of money to get off this island to seek the very things you can get on this island.

Of course there are other good reasons to leave this island, to be perfectly honest. But when you try to explain to other people why you had to do it, you sometimes get the raised-eyebrows response. "We went to the States to do some shopping." Excuse me? That is a very expensive shopping trip. But what can you do when you are in need of a new musical instrument, new hiking boots or a winter coat? "We went to Ecuador to see the forests." What, you do not have forests? Other than in the Sahara and on the poles, people probably expect to see forests growing everywhere.

But the main reason to leave is to meet new people, to smell new scents, to see new sights because the restless people get bored easily even on a paradise island. Not seeking the new, the adventures, is very boring in the eyes of your peers. So we need to find a way to stay at home and not look boring doing it. Playing tourist on your own island is an option.

So where have you been on your vacation? Oh, about 80 kilometers north of Venezuela, beautiful weather, nice people (like we knew them), real relaxation, beautiful sea, tremendous nature. We did some diving, snorkeling, swimming, hiking, biking, lying about, and reading. And the bed we slept in was magnificent. It was a perfect paradise. You should come, uhm, I mean go some day! ■

Mary Ann Koops
Koops teaches
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Picture Yourself With The Reporter North of the Arctic Circle



Pauline Kayes, part-time resident of Bonaire and Champaign, Illinois, celebrates her retirement as a college English professor with friend Bjorg Holte, deep muscle therapist, by cruising on the Hurtigruten ship, *Trollfjord*, up the western coast of Norway. After passing the

Arctic Circle in the middle of the night, they decided to keep warm by reading *The Reporter*. Highlights of their trip included seeing 1,000 puffins off North Cape, basking in the midnight sun, and exploring *Trollfjord* to the sound of Grieg's music. ■

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Gaviota Sails Again

Cover
Story

Thanks to a years-long labor of love, the traditional motor fishing boat *Gaviota* (NB 105) is back in the water. She's Bonaire's oldest boat.

Originally built of wood around 1941 by John Philip Fredrik Craane, the son of Bonaire's legendary shipbuilder Jan "Kachi" Craane. It was completely rebuilt from the keel up and lengthened 7 ft. by his son, whom he named after himself, but is better known today as tug boat Captain John, or just plain "Johnny."

The original 21 ft.-long boat has seen more of the Caribbean than most boats its size. After a busy career fishing around Bonaire, in 1960 it was shipped as cargo to Sint Maarten when John Philip relocated to that island where he still lives.

Gaviota spent the next 30 years in the Dutch Windward Islands until Captain John decided to have it returned to Bonaire. Imagine his surprise when Bonaire Customs charged him NAf 500 import duty on the boat which had originally been built on Bonaire!

The *Gaviota* still sailed well and made numerous trips around the island. But her age was showing. Ten years ago she was hauled out for repair. But more than repairs were necessary... wooden boats age fast in the tropics. Originally powered by a Universal 4 kerosene fuel engine, she now has a modern Perkins 52 Hp diesel, and corrosion resistant fastenings and fittings.

Her launching was a festive occasion with lots of beer, friends and family, including Captain John's three children and two of his grandchildren, B'lana and Yuma, the great-great-grandchildren of Kachi. Seawater runs strong in the Craane blood. ■ G.D.



Arriving at the slip at Nautico Bonaire



Marie Craane with her son, Yuma, and friends

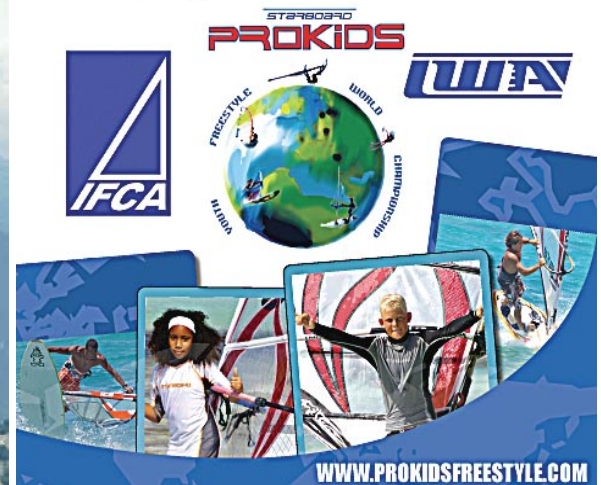
Windsurf Fever Hits Bonaire



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The Bonaire team in Torbole, Italy. Amado Vrieswijk got 1st under 13 years and 7th under 15.

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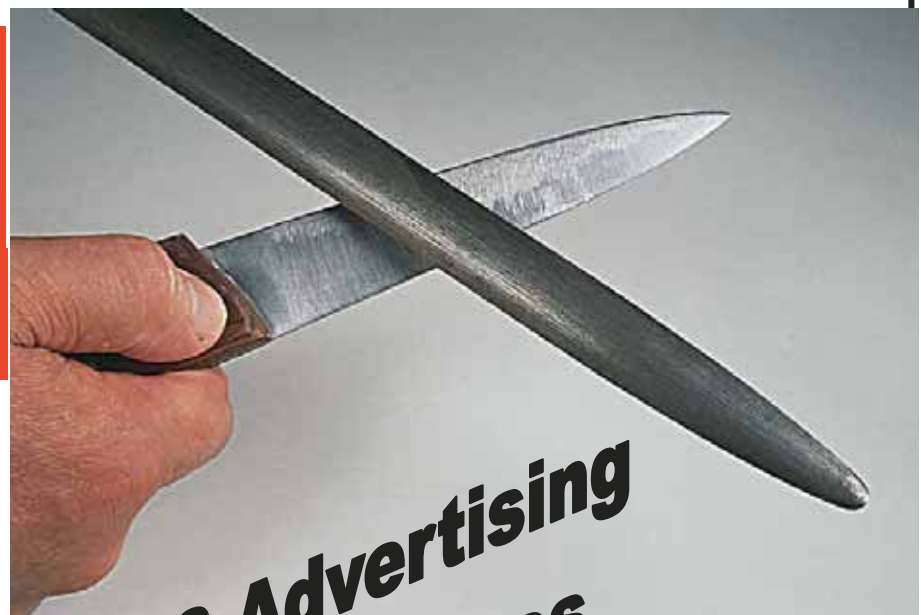
Bonaire is welcoming home its victorious Prokids from Europe and filling up with windsurfing celebrities this week. Among them, Hawaii resident Karen Baxter, one of the first foreign windsurfers to “discover” this windsurf paradise, returned with Team Hawaii on July 16. Karen, a pro windsurf Mom to superstar Connor, arrived with another famous kid, Zane Schweitzer. Zane’s grandfather, Hoyle, was one of the founders of the windsurfing sport. The two making up Team Hawaii arrived in Bonaire to train in freestyle. Both skilled wave and slalom riders, they hope to hone their skills in Bonaire’s near perfect freestyle conditions. ■ Anne Phelan/ G.D.

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What's Coming Our Way?

Earthships



In the last issue of *The Bonaire Reporter* the “Earthship” project currently underway was mentioned. We wanted to learn many more details about it and that’s why we headed to the land where things are happening: in the Bonairean countryside at the foot of the Seru Grandi hill. Solymar is the name of the site.

Those who were instrumental in getting the Earthship concept to come to Bonaire are the owners of the Solymar land: Michiel Bijkerk, Stanley “Chu-chu” Manuel and Rob van den Berge.

Here are the first results of their efforts to create a retreat resort here. Gradually we learned that this is to become something we’ve definitely not seen on-island or in our region yet. You’d better keep reading...

We are told that the Solymar keywords are Eco, Art and Awareness. About a year ago the developers got to know the Earthship concept in detail and felt it would fit in just perfectly with their Solymar retreat philosophy.

At the moment two Earthships are being built. We’ll try to explain later what these (unusual) structures are exactly, but let’s first try to draw the big picture of the Solymar retreat.

We can expect a total of 20 Earthships to arise here. However, there’s more. Plans also include a restaurant (in Earthship-style) and swimming pool (in... well, you know).

Herbal gardens will provide fresh supplies to the restaurant kitchen.

Ten single level units and 10 double level units (one down, one above) are planned. Each unit is like a one-bedroom apartment, although comparisons with traditional construction definitely go wrong. Still, it’s as close as we can get. This number of 30 units gives a good idea of the scale of the Solymar retreat “coming our way.”

There are construction permits for the first two Earthships, but permission for the bigger master plan still needs to be granted. Therefore, there’s no detailed timeframe available yet – that’s the Bonairean touch we know.

We spoke to Mike Reynolds, the guy who started making the first prototypes of the Earthship around 35 (!) years ago. He’s also known as the “Garbage Warrior” - Earthships are, for a big part, constructed out of garbage. The story he told is inspiring, fascinating and yet so simple. It revolves around the word, logic.

Mike studied architecture once, and from then he started working out his idea of the Earthships. As he says, “When I started this, people at first thought I was an idiot; years later they thought I was an environmentalist. I’m neither one of ‘em. What we are doing with the Earthships is simply trying to respond logically to issues that are there. We all know that the world will run out of oil one day, so the logical response would be to be prepared. We all produce garbage while living, so why not use it where it makes sense?”

The Earthships do not need nor have a connection to WEB for electricity and water as no energy is needed for cooling and heating (the latter is not applicable to the Bonairean Earthship version). Constant temperature levels come from earth itself from deep down. Electricity needed for refrigerators and so comes from solar power.

Water is free because it falls out of the sky and is called rain. You just have to make sure that there are enough sources for getting and keeping it. Besides that, water that was used for a first time can be used a second time for flushing the toilet. Later, it helps in growing your garden. The garbage used for building the Earthships consists of old tires, cans, bottles, and cartons.

Mike himself has been living in Earthships for the last 20 years, and before that in prototypes of it. When we asked him if he could still live in a “normal” house he said yes, but he would most probably start changing things in the place from day 1. Sustainability is in his system.

And not only his. The crew that he brought is composed of a group of people who live life “Earthship style” also. Daily routine is working their asses off (halfway lunch is catered by Norka), welcoming the “Beer Goddess” at the

end of the day when she arrives, and having (more than) a couple of beers. After that it’s dinner followed by bed. Next day it’s getting up and doing the same thing over again.

The energy, speed and fun these guys (and girls!) work with is simply impressive. They are joined by a group of trainees (slogan: “you must unlearn what you have learned”) who work as volunteers but gain great experience, big fun and good knowledge about the Earthships. Who knows? It’s a recipe for being able to build their own Earthship later or join Mike’s crew one day.

And then, there is the local workforce, the men who work for Sidney Manuel. They all work hard and with the very same inspiration and fun as the rest of the crew. Positive energy is around. Mike referred to Jopie (Taxi 10) as the most experienced “bottle block layer” of Bonaire now.

The Garbage Warrior and crew will definitely return to Bonaire. The local crew has not yet been able to acquire all the technical knowledge to complete the rest of the Earthships themselves, but that will be taken care of when Mike and crew return. For those who would be interested Mike said that trainee positions would be available then.

The crew will leave Bonaire on July 27, returning home to Taos, New Mexico, for a couple of weeks, where most of them will continue to work on the concept in some way as well. Then it’s off to the next Earthship construction project (by coincidence in Holland, near Zwolle). They have had this lifestyle for years now and have built in many places around the world, like Spain, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Scotland. The list is endless already.

We asked Mike what the greatest location was where he has built. It was in Bolivia at an altitude of 5,000 feet, because there he experienced the most challenging conditions until now.

It worked.

We heard a critical comment rising on-island about old tires being imported from Curaçao for the project. Indeed, extra tires had to be brought in because the preparation timeframe was too short to get them all from Bonaire itself. Still, human produced garbage was used, whether it was from here or from Curacao. However, with the continuation it is going to be taken care of, and the island’s tire shops may expect frequent pickup visits.

We don’t want to get this story too long and *The Bonaire Reporter* too thick. For further technical details about the Earthship concept (and generally, anyone with interest in true innovations) please visit www.earthship.net.

Marcel Leurs



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The Earthship building crew



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

The King of the Planets and an Emperor Star Dominate Southern Summer Skies

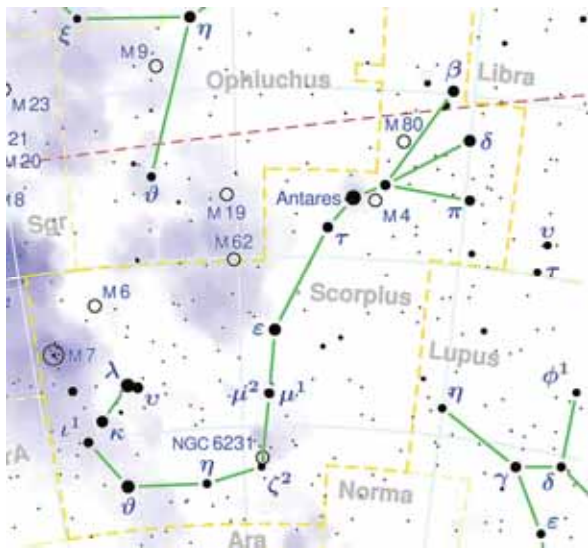
For the rest of this summer the cosmos is offering a special treat in the southern heavens because not only will my favorite summer emperor of a star be a dazzling sight but this year the king of the planets is also super bright and close by so we have two magnificent objects for you to see in the same part of the night sky.

For the next week, about an hour after sunset, face south where almost directly in front of you, you will see several bright stars which, if you connect with lines, look like a giant fish hook. In fact in Polynesian legend it was said that the god Maui pulled the Hawaiian Islands up out of the ocean with this very same sky hook. Today, however, this pattern of stars is generally depicted the way the ancient Greeks, Egyptians and Romans saw it - a great cosmic scorpion whom we officially call **Scorpius**. And as I say, every summer this is one of the few constellations which really looks like its name. Because even the star **Antares**, which marks the scorpion's heart, is bright red and one of my personal favorites not only because of its color but also its majestic size.

If we look to the left of Scorpius we see another bright group of stars, which if we draw lines between them make a very nice teapot. But this teapot is actually part of a much larger constellation, the ancient mythical creature, half man / half horse, the centaur archer **Sagittarius**. And this year, right behind the handle of Sagittarius' teapot is the largest of the planets, **Jupiter**, which we rightfully call the king. But if Jupiter is a king, the heart star of Scorpius, Antares, is an emperor because if we compare the two the difference between them is rather staggering. For starters Jupiter is 88,000 miles wide while Antares is a whopping 600 million miles wide. But to really put this in perspective let's start with our **Earth**, which is a mere 8,000 miles wide, so small we could fit over 1,400 Earths inside Jupiter.

But now let's compare Jupiter to our own star, the **Sun**, which is 865,000 miles wide, so huge we could fit 924 Jupiters inside it. But that's nothing because Antares is so gigantic we could fit over 333 million of our Suns inside it. Or try this on for size. If we could place Antares where our Sun is it would reach out past the orbits of **Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars** and way beyond, almost 3/4 of the way to Jupiter. But if Antares is so incredibly much bigger than Jupiter why is Jupiter brighter? Simple answer: Jupiter is much closer. In fact if we measure distance to cosmic objects in terms of the speed of light, which travels 186,000 miles per second, Jupiter is only 34 light minutes away, which means it takes its light only 34 minutes to reach us. Antares on the other hand is so much farther away, 600 light years, that it takes 600 years for its light to reach us. Which means we see Jupiter as it actually existed 34 minutes ago but we see Antares as it existed 600 years ago.

So get out some night the next couple of weeks about an hour after sunset, face south, find the stars which make up Scorpius, plus the stars which make up Sagittarius and right behind it the bright light that is Jupiter. Then compare the king of the planets to magnificent Antares, an emperor of stars. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*



StarPower

By Jenny Lynch

July (end) 2008

ARIES: *March 20th - April 20th* A new Moon in your domestic sector signals a wonderful time to connect with close family members. Also, while your ruler Mars powers up your house of health, this could be a time when you choose to begin a new diet or daily regime. Whatever you do now will influence your family members. Even simple things like making healthy choices will inspire others. People are watching you now and will follow your lead.

TAURUS: *April 20th - May 21st* This New Moon lights up your house of communication, so you can expect to be stimulated by sharing your thoughts and ideas. What you have to say now will impact the lives of others. However, the full Moon challenges you to choose your words carefully in an effort to avoid unnecessary confusion and confrontations. This is a great month to practice the power of positive thinking! Also don't over commit to other's requests before considering all your options.

GEMINI: *May 21st - June 21st* With your ruler Mercury in your sign, you'll be most curious and interested in things that help you learn. Conversations, lessons, media, magazines will help you gather the data you need to network your talents and worth. Others love and need your independent thinking, so share your thoughts and communicate all you can! Money will be an issue this month. You may experience a sudden shift in values or decide it's time to cut back on unnecessary expenses so that you can enjoy new things that promise pleasure.

CANCER: *June 21st - July 22nd* The New Moon in perfect alignment with both Venus and Jupiter allows you to attract fortunate situations and people into your life. While many will be drawn towards your new found courage and confidence, there may be someone quite special entering your personal arena now. However, the full Moon promises some emotional commotion, so you'll need to keep excessive feelings under wraps to make the best of things.

LEO: *July 22nd - August 23rd* The new Moon in your house of seclusion promises blissful experiences while taking time away from fast paced affairs. You're a bit romantic and dreamy now and in search of soft surroundings, so pick up a great book or head to the beach. Sharp shooter Mars will bring you back down to reality quite soon. Once it teams up with serious Saturn, this dynamic duo will help you determine to put your financial affairs in order. Suddenly you feel the need to be more accountable or sustainable!

VIRGO: *August 23rd - September 22nd* With your ruler Mercury zipping thru your professional house and Mars entering your sign, you'll have extra energy to tackle career demands. Since you're most interested in getting ahead now you'll easily find new opportunities that lead you closer to your goals. Although friends will seek your company, it's best to keep on track.

LIBRA: *September 23rd - October 23rd* A new Moon and your ruler Venus in your house of professional matters is a sign that new career opportunities are about to open up for you. This is a time when you'll receive kudos for the hard work you've done. Others notice your tact and diplomacy at work; so do what you can to win important people over. Romance can be found with someone you respect a great deal, who could be a bit more accomplished than you.

SCORPIO: *October 23rd - November 22nd* A new Moon in your house of travel and foreign affairs will inspire you to try new things. You may find sudden cravings for ethnic food or cultural experiences. It's also good time to plan a trip or catch up with distant loved ones. If you're looking for romance, you'll find it with someone who can broaden your horizons somehow.

SAGITTARIUS: *November 22nd - December 21st* Feisty Mars in critical Virgo demands you do more and be more! Your only real challenge this month is to keep focused on developing your expertise instead of trying to prove others wrong. Venus promises delightful times while traveling or in the company of stimulating others. Your only challenge this month is to watch your cash flow.

CAPRICORN: *December 21st - January 20th* The new Moon in your house of partners will help you enliven your relationships. Make time for loved ones and organize some serious fun. With Venus in the cozy sign of Cancer, a family minded guy turns you on most! However, you can't afford to be blindsided or overly optimistic about others. The full Moon indicates someone close may let you down. If you think others are being insensitive or not listening to you, you're probably right!

AQUARIUS: *January 20th - February 19th* A new Moon in your house of wellness means that bettering your health should be foremost on your mind this month. If single, you'll find romance with someone that has the same positive thoughts and needs you do. If you already have someone you could be their 'motivator'. Otherwise, you'll be most attracted to others that motivate you!

PISCES: *February 19th - March 20th* The New Moon in your house of romance and creative pursuits while Mars enters your house of partners, promises a sudden shift in your heart's desire. This is one of the best months to fall in love, especially with an artist or someone who enjoys the same entertainment you do. The full Moon might make someone a tad jealous because they wish they could be you. All envy aside; this month you'll discover a chance to learn how to accept a backhanded compliment. ■

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