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Swimmers warm up



First finisher Samson Evertsz, 12



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Swimmers from Jong Bonaire

Flotsam and Jetsam

A blue ribbon panel of Bonaire businessmen and bankers recommended that Bonaire, Statia and Saba switch to the US dollar as their main currency with the breakup of the Antilles. They cited numerous practical and economic reasons. Their choice is not binding on the government.



► **The financial crisis in the US has spread to financial markets around the world** motivating tourism offices in the Caribbean to begin to revise their forecasts for 2008-9 season. There has been no word from Bonaire's TCB as yet.

► **Continental Airlines Inc. said last Friday it will charge a \$15 service fee for a first checked bag**



for certain customers who buy economy class tickets. The fee applies immediately to tickets bought for destinations in the US and to flights between the US and Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Canada for travel starting on or after October 7. Continental said the fee will not apply to its "EliteAccess" customers, travelers on full-fare economy tickets, or to military personnel and their families on official orders. Amid high fuel prices and a slowing US economy, airlines have been introducing fees, raising fares, and cutting routes, capacity and jobs in order to survive. Earlier this year, Continental introduced a \$25 fee on a second checked bag for many economy class customers. Continental flies non-stop to Bonaire twice a week

► **Delta Air Lines reported record load factors for September 2008.** Load factors for system (80%), domestic (81.5%) and Latin America (73.7%) were higher than any previous September on record for Delta. International traffic increased 12.8% year over year on a 13.6% increase in capacity, and load factor declined 0.6 points. As a result of Delta's global expansion, a record number of passengers flew internationally on Delta during the month of September. Delta flies non-stop to Bonaire on Saturdays.

► **If current plans hold Insel Air will begin non-stop service four times a week to Miami**

this month using its MD-82 and MD-83 jet aircraft. American Airlines recently cancelled its second daily flight on the route. Last month Insel Air celebrated its second birthday. Beginning with service between Curaçao and Aruba it now services 10 destinations in the Caribbean area and South America with two Embraer 110s, an MD-82 and an MD-83.

► **If you want a Dutch passport and meet all the other requirements you must pass the naturalization test.** Foreigners living in the Netherlands Antilles who want to obtain Dutch nationality must pass a new two-part exam. Although the new system takes effect October 1, the first tests in the Antilles would probably not happen before the first quarter of 2009. The first part of the naturalization test will assess the candidate's knowledge of the Netherlands Antilles and society. The second part will test the applicant's ability to read, speak and understand the local language. An applicant who fails the test can take it over again in six months. More information about the tests is set to be released by the government this month.

► **Reminder to divers: During Regatta the dive sites of Bonaventure, Something Special and Southwest corner will be closed** to eliminate the hazard of passing yachts. They will be reopened, Saturday, October 11.

► **To help celebrate this year's Regatta, Kas di Arte has a presentation of works from artists from Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao, with the theme, "The Sea."** The Regatta connection exhibit at Kas di Arte will be open every day during Regatta from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 9 pm. Entrance is free. After Regatta (starting October 13) the exhibit will be open every day from 5 to 9 pm until the end of October. **This Friday, during Regatta Week, on October 10, the public is invited to view some great old films from earlier Regattas in Bonaire.** Showing starts at 7 pm. Drop by and have a look. Kas di Arte is on the waterfront, on the Promenade, just north of the Club Nautico Dock.

► **According to an anti-plastic bag campaign on the island of St. Maarten, plastic bags have an average "use-span" of 20 minutes before being dumped and a "life-span" between 400 to 1,000 years before decomposing,** taking a damaging toll on our landscape and wildlife, particularly endangered sea animals who mistake the flimsy translucent

► **The tranquility of Bonaire was exploded by three unrelated serious crimes in the past two weeks.**

The story concerning most people was the abduction of 24-year-old Marlies Elizabeth van der Kouwe who was pulled her off her bicycle at 2:30 am Sunday morning, September 27. She has not been seen since. Her parents who live in the Netherlands are currently on Bonaire. Marlies was working as a pharmacist's assistant at Botica Bonaire on Kaya Grandi. A photo is on the right. Her description: 1.63 meters tall, blue eyes, blond hair. The police are holding a suspect who had been recently released from prison in Curaçao where he had been incarcerated for rape. The detention has not led to the discovery of the missing girl.



Marlies Elizabeth van der Kouwe

Exhaustive land, sea and air searches by police, Park rangers and volunteers over the past two weeks have been fruitless. About 50 policemen from Bonaire, Holland and the neighboring islands remain working on the case.

If you have any information please call Reggie Huggins or Sra. Sharine Martina at 717-8015. Cellphone: 788-3983.

The second incident involved the attempted kidnapping of an eight-year old girl from a local supermarket. She was recovered a short while later unharmed. Her captor, who is known to be mentally defective, was apprehended.

The third involved the rape of a high school girl. Six teenage boys were involved. Details are sketchy in consideration of the ages of those involved.



Plastic Bags, not Jellyfish

bags for jellyfish, swallow them and die. Check out this photo. ↑



Aquaspace

returned last week from an extensive refit in a Curaçao boatyard and will be serving as the Bonaire regatta press boat. To obtain their sailing schedule call 708-AQUA.

► **Radio Netherlands Worldwide English broadcasts to North America from Bonaire are set to end, beginning on 26 October 2008.**

More and more partner stations are taking their programming via NPR stations in the US and CBC in Canada, and there are now a wide range of satellite options (including Sirius satellite radio). The decision has been backed up by a recent survey which showed a decline in the number of shortwave listeners in North America. Radio Netherlands Worldwide will now concentrate its English shortwave broadcasts to South Asia and Africa.

► **Sunbelt Realty has been named to sell home building lots in the new La Palma development on the north side of**

► **Rock 'n Roll fans won't want to miss the spectacular Wall of Fame at Lee's Bar** being unveiled on Friday, October 17, at 9 pm. It's a labor of love by musician Burt Poyck. Be there to celebrate.

► **The legendary Aquaspace semi-submarine sailboat will soon be taking guests to view Bonaire's underwater world.** She



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La Palma

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BUREAUCRACY VS. THE REEF

A permanent solution to the preservation of Bonaire's reef suffered a setback when it was announced that construction of the "Bonaire Sewerage and Sanitation Project" would not begin until 2010 and not be in full operation until 2014. The project's stated purpose is "The safeguarding of Bonaire's marine environment (coral reefs) thereby sustaining the island's economic base."

This information was released by DROB, Bonaire's Public Works and Environmental Service, by Deputy Head Marco Gravenhorst to *The Bonaire Reporter* late last week. The schedule for the project is now:

- 2008 tendering and project contracts with EU and Usona (funding)
- 2009 bids and authorization of contractor
- 2010 start construction
- 2012-2014 start operation and attachment to the system

According to the DROB spokesman, "there will be much more information in the coming future for we will be starting an information campaign in the coming weeks." The seven-year-long schedule is mainly due to technical and financial delays. Again quoting DROB, "(With EU money (there are) certain time frames you have to comply with otherwise you will lose your budget portion."

Acknowledged experts in coral reef ecology, commissioned by both government and environmentally concerned groups, have warned that because of wastewater pollution

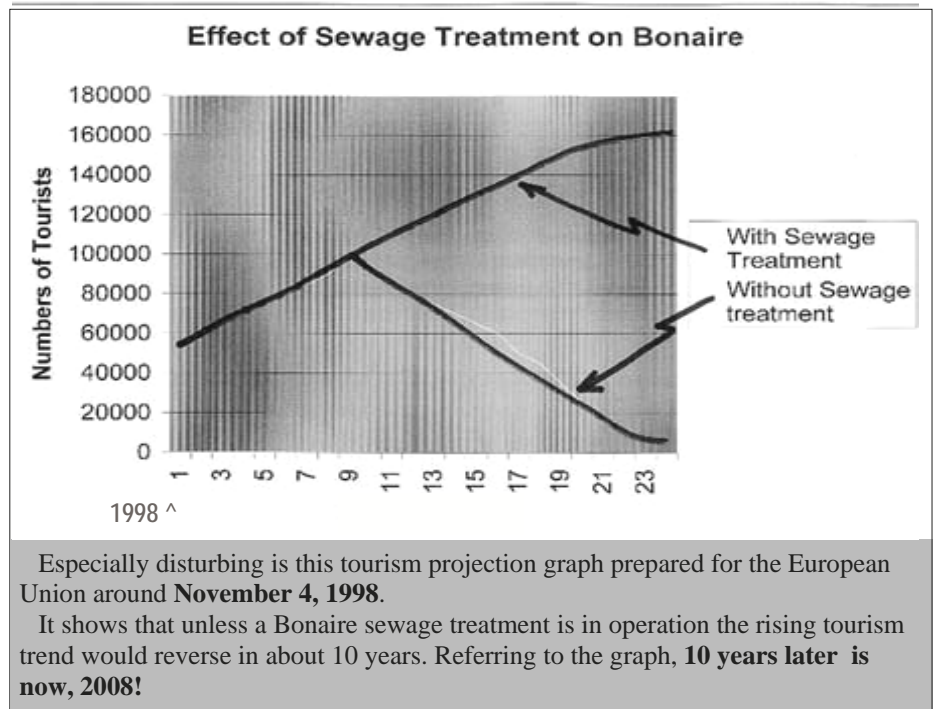
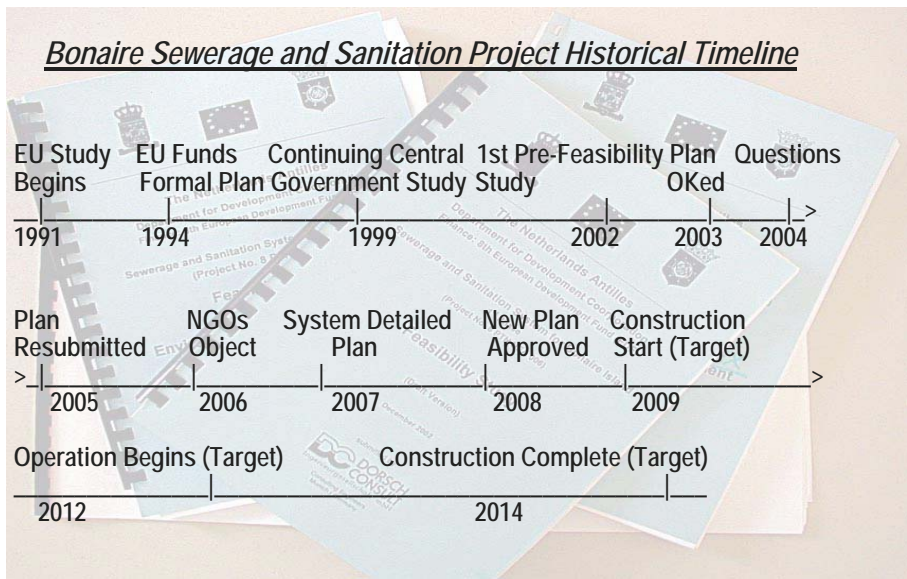
Bonaire's reef are now at or just above nutrient thresholds for eutrophication of coral reefs to occur. That means that unless the levels of pollution are immediately drastically reduced, much of Bonaire's fringing reef could be seriously affected, perhaps in the near future.

The Bonaire government, recognizing the problem, has initiated an interim "Action Plan." Details of the plan have yet to be formally released but it's expected that a fleet of tank trucks will be used to pump out the cesspits/septic tanks of the major wastewater producers along the waterfront and transport the waste to a site inland away from the shoreline. The effluent will be treated by a provisional plant. The processed wastewater will contain far fewer pathogens and lower nutrients concentrations. Then the wastewater will be pumped to an agricultural area for irrigation to further reduce the polluting substances.

The cost for this Action Plan over the span of the next years has been estimated at less than a millions euros. The Bonaire government is currently seeking funding to implement the Action Plan. The troublesome wastewater is produced by resorts, homes and businesses in the coastal zone. The most cost-effective approach action appears to be to pump out the effluent from the resorts and businesses. The funding can be used to (partially) subsidize the resorts and businesses to remove the wastewater.

Some observers are skeptical of the EU sewage program. They point out that the EU began studying the need for a Bonaire

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Full Moon Meditations On Unity and Positivism

Jan Arnold Francken recently moved to Bonaire from Holland. He has many reasons to settle here. There is much for him to do, not only giving personal readings, workshops and therapies, but he also has a strong desire to unite positive energies on the island. It is fascinating to hear him talk about the unseen energies that are present on Bonaire, although they are not as easily accessible to most of us. Many feel that Bonaire has something unique and special, but few people can translate these feelings into words.

Jan Arnold was born with paranormal abilities and from a very young age he experienced contact with a dimension "between heaven and earth." He perceives energies in the form of guides, not just for himself, but for others as well. He specializes in translating these universal energies, by putting them into words, by passing on the advice or information that exists from a higher plane. He also uses these energies to heal and promote physical and mental health. In his workshops and seminars others can learn how to develop their own intuitive gifts and tap into their source of inner knowledge. He worked for many years in Holland, doing readings and workshops, often for big companies. He spent six years in India where he learned how to reconnect groups of people who were not in harmony with each other.

During visualization and meditation, through dialogues, mutual understanding and respect, harmonious and positive energies could manifest. Problems which before seemed impossible were solved. Groups were reunited and accomplished goals that couldn't be reached before.

"Bonaire isn't the only place on earth where a shift in energies has taken place. It's happened almost all over the world..."

According to Jan Arnold, Bonaire is blessed with energies that are very high in vibration. He actually perceives these as a dome of light which covers the island and the waters around Bonaire. These energies are very ancient and even go back to the time of Atlantis, the lost continent, of which Bonaire has been a part, Jan Arnold says. It certainly is true that many feel more connected, more spiritual and more in touch with an inner and outer dimension here.

The ancient energies are stored in nature - in the waters around us and in the earth. They remained undisturbed for a long time, as Bonaire was an island that became inhabited relatively late compared to the other islands and South America.

The first inhabitants were the

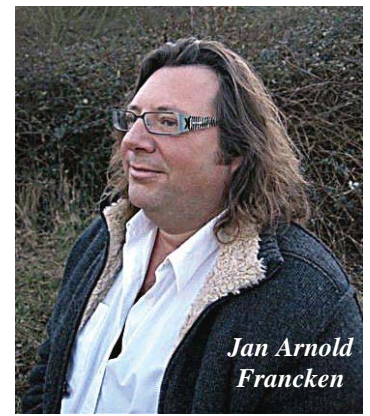
Indians who lived closely with nature - the waters and the soil. When so many trees were destroyed somewhere in the 16th century a disturbance occurred. Slavery by European traders and the slaughtering of cattle caused more disharmony, as if the purity of the island diminished and harsher energies emerged. Grim reminders of those times are the slave huts and the salt pans (constructed by hand) where African slaves were forced to work, harvesting solar salt, cutting dyewood and cultivating maize. Still, Jan Arnold says, the protective dome didn't disappear; it just became harder to perceive. The population that settled on Bonaire after the 1863 abolition of slavery had to live in harmony with what was available on the island. The waters and the soil were their livelihood and they depended on each other to survive.

The development of Bonaire accelerated with the construction of the first ship's pier which allowed ships to tie up alongside, bringing more people. It also made it easier to bring in goods and supplies for the island's residents. In 1943, the construction of an airport made it even easier to reach the island. Hotels were built, bringing in more prosperity, but at the same time many of the old ways were lost. The waters were polluted by sewage, and greed, egoism, corruption, neglect of mutual benefits were creep-

ing in. The island wasn't just for locals anymore.

Bonaire isn't the only place on earth where a shift in energies has taken place. It's happened almost all over the world where humans lose touch with each other and respect for every other living thing. But Bonaire is small and therefore still manageable and more receptive to initiate more harmony with each other and the environment. There are still several power spots on the island which never were disturbed. They are being used by those who are open to it, to become more in touch with something which goes beyond our daily lives. Harmony and a feeling of unity with life in all its aspects can cause a shift in how we perceive our fellow beings, a shift in how Bonaire will grow and develop, not against each other but with mutual respect and understanding. Everyone needs to respect the culture of the other person, but when changes need to be made, we have to be willing to compromise. Only then will we be on the path of harmony, and whatever will occur we will be able to accept responsibility for it.

Jan Arnold knows from experience that a gathering of likeminded people with a similar focus can cause miracles. He envisions a monthly coming together with as many people as possible to visualize harmony by means of a collective



Jan Arnold Francken

meditation. This way, we'll connect again and enable the positive energies to connect with us and Bonaire.

The first full Moon will be on October 14th and will be an excellent date to start the new tradition of **The Full Moon Meditation for Unity and Positivism**. The meditation will be guided by Jan Arnold. He will speak in Dutch but there will be an English translator. Anyone can speak his mind during the evening without judgment. Respect and acceptance of our differences can be transformed into unity and harmony and into a vibrational healing of the island. (See announcement on page 8 for more details) ■

Louise Rood

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wastewater system in 1991. EU Development Fund money was spent in 1994/95 on a pre-feasibility study which specified a Bonaire sewage plant was to be in operation by the turn of the century. But the plan mired in Central Government red tape and disappeared.

The sewage problem did not decline in the 90s but was ameliorated by the drop in tourism to Bonaire caused by weak airlift. In 2002/3 a new feasibility study was conducted by the German consulting firm Dorsch. It recommended a conventional "gravity" sewage system with inland treatment returning treated water to waterfront properties for landscape irrigation. Following arguments by Bonaire's *Aliansa Naturalesa* a tertiary nitrogen removal capability was included and the plan received the TAO (Territorial Authorizing Officer of the Director of the Department for Development Co-operation of the Netherlands Antilles) approval in July 2003 for a 2005 start date and operational capability in 2008.

But in late 2003 implementation was thwarted by allegations that the design could not meet its objectives, that there were elements of fraud and was too costly. After an investigation the European Ombudsman rejected all the allegations. (see related item on page 13)

When the Bonaire Sewerage and Sanitation Project again was reviewed in 2005/6 it was found that the tertiary treatment had been eliminated and the plan was blocked by Bonaire's environmentally concerned NGOs, resulting in further delays until the treatment facility was included.

Dorsch Consult was again selected to adjust the feasibility study and move the plan to the next stage where the design could be put out for bid by contractors. In a poorly at-



EU and Central Government representatives again discussed Bonaire's need for sewage treatment in this photo in 1999.

tended public meeting- according to DROB there was little involvement of interested parties like the resorts- Dorsch presented their plan to the people of Bonaire. The next step is tendering and project contracts with EU and Usona which will extend into 2009. The plant should be operational by 2011/2012 and should be completely finalized by 2014.

Environmental groups, alarmed by the August 2008 report issued by the manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park stressing the "declining trend of coral reef conditions in Bonaire... mostly due to sewage," recently began a campaign to stimulate the government and coastal zone resort operators to stop the practice of discharging their effluent into the marine park via leaching holes, leaking septic tanks and irrigation. The forceful campaign has created bad feelings between the activists and the resorts. The details of the Action Plan, the degree of cooperation from the resorts and the level of funding are the next developments expected. ■ G.D.

Historical references for the facts in this story can be found in European Ombudsman Case 1875/2003/GG, Strasbourg, 11 March 2004, authored by P. Nikiforos Diamandouros and Bonaire Reporter Archives.



On Sunday, September 30, a group of seven disabled US soldiers, marines, their spouses and members of a delegation from DEMA and the Handicapped Scuba Association were guests for dinner at the governor's official residence. This remarkable and valiant group of Wounded Warriors were injured serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Deputy Governor Thielman (l.) and the Warriors

During the week they completed their open water SCUBA certification. It was the third year Bonaire hosted the warriors.

The Bonaire Bikers provided a motorcycle escort for the Warriors to the dinner hosted by Deputy Governor Edward Thielman and Bonaire's First Lady.

They were officially welcomed by Sr. Thielman and TCB Director Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

The TCB presented the Wounded Warriors with a certificate of recognition and offered the gratitude of the island to host the group. The certificates were presented by the Deputy governor and the Antillean Minister of Economics and Labor, Elvis Tjin Asjoe.

The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports project gives military men and their families the opportunity to experience sports and recreation activities to create a healthy and positive life. For more information visit the website: www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

The sponsors of the week-long event who provided accommodation, meals, tours and gifts included: RE/MAX Paradise Homes, Papaya Moon, Bikers Bonaire, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Bonaire Tours & Vacations, Bonaire Talk, Patagonia Argentinean Restaurant, Jewel of Bonaire and Captain Don's Habitat. All Bonaire thanks you and recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the Warriors. ■ G.D.

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Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance (Antilles) NV (RSA) Opens a Branch in Bonaire



RSA Management with some of the members of the Little League Team they sponsor

Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance (Antilles) NV, now known as RSA, opened a branch in Bonaire at the end of last month.

Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Antilles NV is a subsidiary of RSA insurance group, a major international insurance group whose heritage dates back to the year 1710. It's a company with over 300 years of experience, operating in over 130 countries world-wide with over 100 years of doing business in the Netherlands Antilles, having its head office in Curaçao, a branch in Aruba and now, a new office on the beautiful island of Bonaire. They provide the highest level of security and expertise with extensive coverage at competitive prices across a broad range of insurance products, like motor business, pleasure craft, home insurance, business insurance and much more.

Royal & Sun Alliance is not new to Bonaire. For over 15 years they have been doing business through on-island brokers.

The significant developments taking place in Bonaire and the growing Royal & Sun Alliance clientele have stimulated them to become physically present, providing the economy and general public with the highest financial backing and top drawer products that only a leader in the insurance industry can give. Royal & Sun Alliance has faith in the economy of Bonaire and wants to continue to be part of its economic development.

RSA is a brand which is more accessible for both their customers and staff, many of whom already refer to us as RSA. The brand is about keeping their customers moving – whether in business or as individuals - and when it matters most.

They are straightforward and honest about their beliefs, about the purpose of insurance, and the security and functional benefit they give to customers.

No problem is ever just a "small" problem to their customers –and not to them. They pride themselves on being there with the customers, from the biggest corporations, to each individual policy, and delivering on both with the highest level of service.

Understanding just what the customers want is the key part of this. So that when they need them, they can be there to respond with empathy and respect for their issues and a positive attitude to build into the future.

The official opening of their Bonaire branch was on September 24, 2008. The management of RSA Curaçao was in Bonaire for this special event.

Managing Director Diego Panizza was impressed with the island of Bonaire. He said, "A branch in Bonaire is one more step on our expansion strategy across the Latin America and Caribbean Region and demonstrates our commitment to the Dutch Caribbean. Through it we would like to extend the benefits of our products to the people of Bonaire



The RSA management team: **Mr. Jose Sambo**, Manager Business Development RSA Curaçao; **Mr. Juan Hurtado**, Assistant General Manager RSA Curaçao; **Mrs. Normigia Ilario** Branch Manager Bonaire; **Mr. Diego Panizza**, Managing Director RSA Curaçao; **Mr. Frank Bergwijn**, Assistant Managing Director RSA Curaçao

and give them the confidence that we are here to support and to respond to them with empathy and respect through difficult moments in life, and that they we here to help them to get back on track as soon and as smooth as possible."

RSA believes that sports are very important to the development of a healthy body and mind. They give full support to the young people of Bonaire to reach the maximum in sports and be pillars in the community.

They are the proud sponsors of a Little League team since 1998 and recently also co-sponsor the Baracuda swimming team.

Mrs. Normigia Ilario manages the office with the assistance of Ms. Royenne Winklaar. With more than 15 years taking care of RSA customers in Bonaire, Normigia highly values the friendships she has developed and the experience she has gained through the years. The Curaçao office with their highly trained and professional staff will be always ready



Normigia Ilario,
Bonaire branch manager

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Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance has a new name, a new color and a new logo; from Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance (Antilles) NV to RSA.

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COVER STORY



SGB culinary students with their teacher, Liz Rijna

EDUCATION

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Education begins at a very young age; it's mandatory for children between four and 18 years to attend school. Because many parents today are working they have to send their kids to pre-school for children between zero to four years. No matter what, the parents' duties are to inform themselves about the pre-school situation in the area they are living before they send their kids to school. They should talk with the director and look around the area where the pre-school is situated. Remember that pre-schools should give caring attention and prepare the child for the basic school, now known as the practical school. This school is divided into differ-

ent levels in the fields of technology, science and communication. From there they go to an advanced school. In order to progress though all these areas of education the child must have the proper guidance. The department of education and culture, SEK (*Servicio di Edukashon i Kultura*), provides information folders for parents and teachers about education from pre-school through advance school. Contact SEK at 717-2211 or 2215 for more information.

But what about those children when they get to the advance school, having had different levels of education in pre-schools through basic schools? Those students are usually placed at the level they last graduated from. Today the advanced school is broader and can accept all levels of students. At each individual's level he or she can receive an adequate education in order to advance further.

The SBO (*Secundaire Beroep Onderwijs*), a secondary vocational education program, offers a new innovation in education and has been a success for the last few years, according to our Commissioner of Education, Maritza Silberie. She says, "We have fewer dropouts, and most of the students stay in school. The student gets more attention based on his or her own

learning skills and personality, what they want to achieve for the future and the importance of setting goals. When we didn't have this program there were many dropouts and we didn't know where to put these kids. But today we have different areas of education to meet the needs of these children. FORMA and the *Stichting Project* are functioning as vocational schools to prepare these dropouts for the challenges of their economic situation—to help them with special care and guidance to get a better job and a better future by raising their educational level. Bonaire is developing rapidly and between now and the next five years we need more professionals with different skills - in sports, science, etc. We want to have our own Bonaireans in these fields.

As we focus on some of the needs of these children, their guidance and well being, we need a group of professionals to deal with them. We need a group of caring people like social workers and psychologists who can work on the prevention part for these children, to prevent them from becoming social misfits. Also the educators, teachers and even parents need professional help to cope with the different situations in our schools. Our main goal is for every child to reach advanced school, graduate, get a diploma and get a job."

Education, as you can see, is very important. If you are educating a community that could be anybody. You just have to remember that it will have effects on a short term as well as a long term basis—both negative effects and positive effects. We just want a sound community with a sound state of mind for our own sake. ■ *Siomara E. Albertus*

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



The Barracuda swim team excelled

Rainbows and sunny skies made for exceptionally perfect conditions for last Sunday's Eighth Annual Jong Bonaire Swim to Klein Bonaire. The light wind and easterly flowing current made the return leg from Klein even faster than the outbound leg—a first for the event.

It was great family fun. The first six finishers were:

1. 0.28.00 **Samson Evertsz**, age 12
2. 0.28.20 **Dange**
3. 0.28.45 **Valerie Eman**
4. 0.29.05 **Peter Zweers**
5. 0.29.05 **Ryda Luz Emer**
6. 0.30.00 **Asdrubal Marcano**

The last swimmer of the 1.2 km. round-trip came ashore in 1 hour, 52 minutes. Three of the first six finishers were under 15 years old. The youngest swimmer was four and the oldest was 70. A total of 337 tickets were sold and there were 308 official swimmers and several more accompanying the group unofficially.

The organization of the event was exemplary with an emphasis on safety, good sportsmanship, fast signup, quick meal service (participants were served a choice of tuna or chicken salad, bread, fruit and juice after the swim).

Jong Bonaire wishes to thank all those who made the fund raiser a success—the sponsors, volunteers, organizers and the swimmers. ■ *Jona Chirino/ G.D.*

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KIDS THESE DAYS



A few years ago many children and adolescents watched too much television. In some households the television was turned on as soon as the first person woke up and was turned off only when the last person went to bed (if there was a television set in the bedroom, then it could be turned on all night). Television is sometimes used as a means to have noise or something moving in the house. A lot of people are very uncomfortable in an environment with no sound and no movement at all. Television then works as a quick fix for this strange addictive tendency.

Children and adolescents, it has always been argued, cannot watch everything the TV has to offer because of their developing minds. Watching people get killed in the most varied of ways

cannot be good for a mind that is not able to put everything in perspective yet. Now we have the most elaborate rating system for movies so we know beforehand what kind of movie we are going to watch and what age groups are considered ready to watch it. Still you will find some parents taking their four-year-olds to see "Harry Potter." What ever happened to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," you might wonder? But that is a discussion for another day.

When you ask the children and adolescents nowadays how many hours they watch TV, they will tell you: "No, I don't watch any TV," or "Maybe an hour." They sometimes find TV even boring. They have found something way more exciting and fun: the Internet. Hours upon hours they can sit behind the computer to chat and browse.

Now they have entered a domain where practically nothing is censored and everything is available. Every individual can determine for his- or herself what is appropriate to watch or read. Furthermore, a lot of parents are completely illiterate when it comes to computers and the Internet (fortunately that number is decreasing). Who can stop them

from watching and reading everything that comes before their eyes?

You would be amazed how fast they are aware that something interesting is available, or how quickly they make something available on the Internet. These children are wired in such a way that they can listen to music, surf the Internet and chat with three friends all at the same time. When they find something that appeals to them they pass it on to their friends while chatting, who pass it on to their friends, etc... Even an oil spill cannot spread that fast. By the time you find that they are looking at something that is inappropriate for teenagers, they will have moved on to the next item. That would be considered fighting a losing battle.

Their vocabulary is also declining at an alarming rate. The answers you get (as a teacher) on a test remind you of an SMS text conversation between two teenagers. They cannot be bothered with "longwinded" answers in three logical successive steps, or even with writing a word in full instead of a convenient abbreviation. When you comment on that they will tell you: "Well, you know what I mean, so why should I write it any differently?"

Internet offers any reading in nice bite-size portions (like the M^cNuggets). And now teenagers seem to have a lot of problems concentrating on reading some-

thing like a book. No matter how many times I try to tell them that a good book is like watching a very good movie for 18 hours, they still have this look of disgust when you mention reading a book. Even the contents of a schoolbook seems to be too much reading for them. The editors have done their best to make it a book full of M^cNuggets, but to no avail. The topics in schoolbooks seem to be the very topics they avoid like the plague while online.

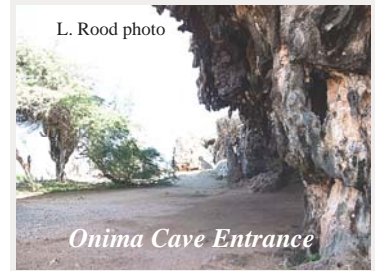
Still this generation of kids will grow up to be very interesting adults. They have mastered multitasking to the extreme. Before you can blink they have made a report with the most beautiful pictures and graphs (now they just need to learn use their own words instead of copy-paste!), while doing their math homework. They use language in a whole new and innovative way. You will also find that English is often the language of choice among teenagers, even when it is not the mother tongue. Above all, they force you (the adults) to become handier with the computer. In this new world order, the person who knows how to find information within minutes is ruler. ■

Mary Ann Koops

Koops teaches Biology at the SGB High School.



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Onima Cave Entrance

Date: Tuesday, October 14

Time: 6:45 pm start

Place: Onima Indian Inscriptions (halfway to Rincon)

The meditation will be guided by Jan Arnold Francken. He will speak in Dutch but there will be an English translator. All are invited.

See related story on page 4.

In order to minimize the amount of cars we recommend getting together to car pool. It will also be a in the right spirit to come and leave together. Meet at the Stadium in Kralendijk at 6 pm for the trip. If you go directly to Onima be there by 6:30 pm.

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Beginning this month de Bonairiaan will be open from 9am to 2 pm, Wednesdays through Fridays for breakfast, coffee and lunch.

The lunch menu is:

Wednesday: Macaroni
Thursday: Nasi Goreng

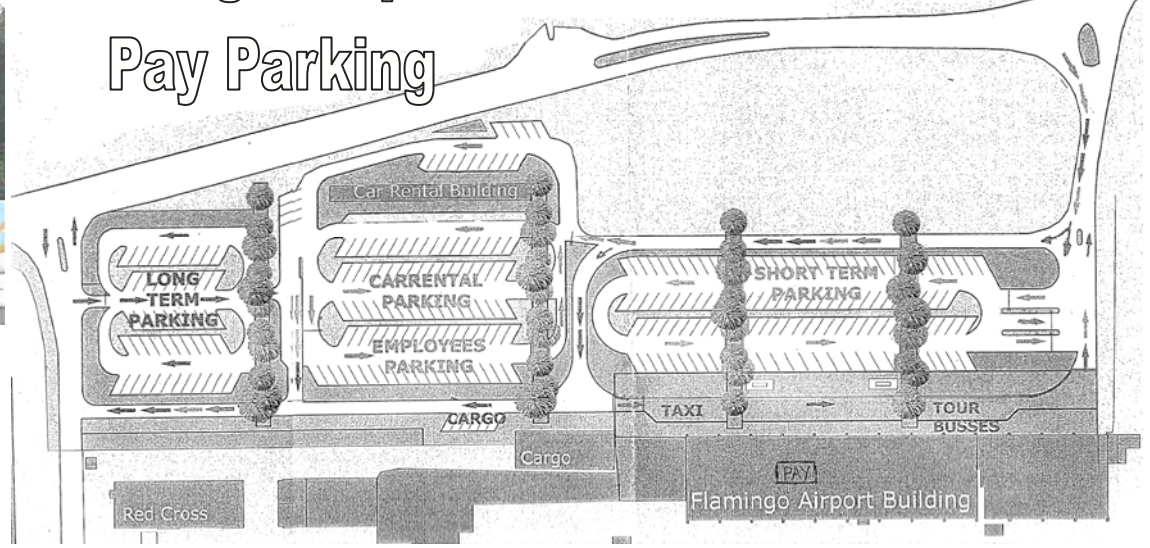
Friday: Hamburger and French Fries.

You may also order lunch for take-away.

You won't regret a visit to the cozy and tastefully decorated house on the Abraham Boulevard, almost opposite the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. It's a joy to be pampered by the talented students. They look forward to serving you and have you taste their own prepared dishes.

If you want to make reservations call 717-6921 or 786-6816.

Address-Lunchroom De Bonairiaan, Kaya J.A. Abraham Boulevard 21. ■ *Theo Knevel*



Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

Kaya Randolph Statius van Eps close to popular dive sites and approximately seven kilometers from Sorobon's windsurf centers. It's planned as a quality project with 1000 sq. m. home sites, high tech infrastructure, green zones, recreation areas and restrictions protecting the quality of life and the environment. It was the last development to be approved before the current development freeze. Sunbelt Realty is located in Les Galleries Shopping Mall, across the street from the MCB bank. More information about La Palma can be obtained via telephone number 717-6560, or the special email address: Lapalma@sunbelt.an.

► **Paid parking has been in force at Flamingo Airport for over a month and except for taxi drivers it is unpopular** compared to the free and easy ways of the previous arrangement. Even if you are just picking up or dropping off passengers you must enter the short-term parking area. True, you don't have to pay the entry ticket provided you exit in 15 minutes, but you are still much further from the terminal than before. The road adjacent to the terminal is reserved for taxis and busses who enter via a coded card. And woe to you if you find yourself at the taxi gate for you must back up to re-enter the normal flow. And if you must pay for parking you must do so at the automatic machines INSIDE the terminal near the rest rooms. Exact change

please.

The long-term parking, across the car rental lot is laughably close compared to the same parking at major US or European airports. Rates are:
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15 min-4 hours, NAf2/hour. After 4 hours, NAf 1/hour. The maximum in the short term lot is NAf 20/day, in Long term NAf 10/day. The fine for incorrect parking or a lost ticket is NAf 75.
We noticed lots of cars parked just outside the airport entrance on Kaya International and the lot across the road.



► **RE/MAX real estate is throwing a big party** to celebrate its fifth anniversary and all are invited. Kaya Grandi will be temporarily closed to accommodate the expected guests. It's at 6 pm on Friday, October 17. Free drinks, snacks and music!

► **The Four Day Walk of Bonaire** set for the end of the month, has been cancelled by the organizers.

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Dolphin Reports Sought



Bottlenose Dolphin

The last reported sighting of Bottlenose Dolphins (Tursiops Truncatus) passing by Bonaire was on May 2, 2008 and in all previous years while records have been collected, hardly a month has gone by without seeing these animals at least a few times.

Researchers on Curaçao say that they too have not seen this species since last November although like us on Bonaire they have seen plenty of the smaller variety that jump up in the air and play around boats, called Spinner Dolphins.

Coinciding with the Bottlenose Dolphin absence, there are reports from the local fishermen and restaurateurs that they have not been able to obtain a reliable volume of pelagic fish for about 5 months. One of the fish wholesalers has even had to close his business and take a job in construction.

Can we deduce therefore that the food sources that these fish and mammal species require, are absent this year for some reason?

If this is the case, hopefully these food sources will return and bring the pelagic fish and the Bottlenose Dolphins back.

If anyone should see a group of Bottlenose Dolphins, swimming as they do, from north to south along the drop off of the west coast of Bonaire, it would be most appreciated if they could call Ron Sewell or send him an email with date and time of the passage. ■ *Ron Sewell*

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Thanks to all divers, snorkelers, visitors, and residents who have called or written both Dutch and Bonaire government officials to call for an immediate halt to all the sewage spilling into the sea from waterfront hotels, resorts, apartments, and condominiums!

The Good News:

Five small, shoreline hotels are interested in working with us to "go green" and develop their own sustainable sewage processing systems that will result in "zero outflow" of nutrients and pollutants.

What More You Can Do:

Keep the pressure on your favorite shoreline hotel, resort, condominium, or apartment complex to cooperate with the Bonaire Marine Park and truck their sewage away from the sea immediately.

Encourage your favorite resort, hotel, etc. to work with Bonaire tourist officials to acquire Green Globe 21 certification. (www.ec3global.com) or similar credentials.

Spread the word to all those who love Bonaire's reefs that urgent action is required NOW or the reefs will pass the "point of no return" (quote: Brian La Pointe, marine biologist) by some estimates as early as 2011.

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Regatta Week Begins

Bonaire's 41st annual Regatta, the Caribbean's oldest yacht racing event, started officially last Sunday night following the colorful Nation's Parade. However, variable wind and stormy weather disrupted the racing schedule and Monday's races were switched to Tuesday. Full details in the next issue of *The Reporter*. ■ G.D.



Nation's flags at the opening ceremony

Does Italy have the most beautiful girls?



As usual, the Peruvians were represented in force



A first parade for Bonaire's Indians

American Beauties

Animal Day Celebrated

To commemorate International Animal Day on Saturday, October 4, The Bonaire Animal Shelter hosted a get-together for island pets and their owners as well as providing a free animal



Lion's Club President Marlon Bermudez presents Shelter President Wichers a check

health check. The Bonaire Lions Club, appropriately on Animal Day, presented the Shelter with a donation to help further their good work in the community. ■ Press release. Photos by Marian Walthie

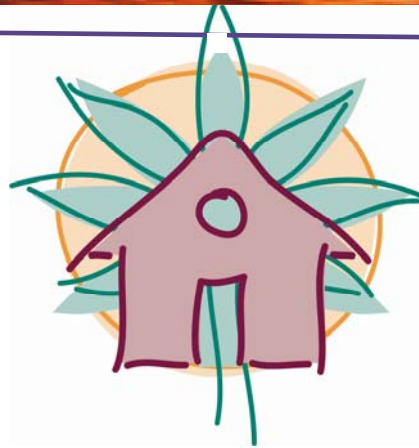
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Married on Bonaire



Last Friday Barbara Tedder and Jan Willem van Drimmelen got married at the Protestant Church of Bonaire. Minister Jonkman married the young couple and Minister Stutterheim, who is new on the Island, played the organ.

Family and friends came to Bonaire to witness and celebrate this special day. The newlyweds live and work in New York but chose Bonaire for this special day. Bonaire is dear to them, not only because the parents of the bride live in Bonaire, but also because Jan Willem popped the question to Barbara on the beach at Harbour Village. ■ *Story & photo by Joan Thesseling*

Pet of The Week

Here's "Kai," an adorable pup with the most amazing colored eyes that make him look like a wise old soul. Kai was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter along with his brother, Kevin (*Pet of the Week* 9/5-19), by a caring person who saw a chòller (drug addict) trying to capture the pups in order to sell them. But they escaped and are now adjusting beautifully to life at the Shelter. However, their dream is to be adopted as a special dog for a special person. Kai is about four months old.

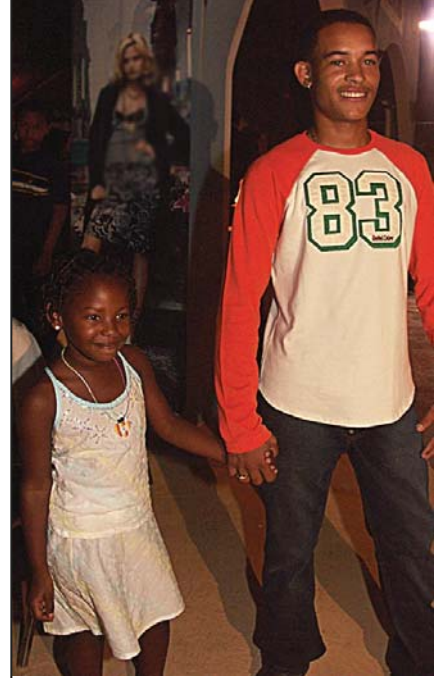


Kai

He's playful and full of fun and can be a dedicated listener. Just look at that face. As are all the other adoptees at the Shelter Kai has been checked out by the vet, given his worming and other tests as well as his shots. He'll be sterilized when he's old enough. All that for the very reasonable adoption fee of

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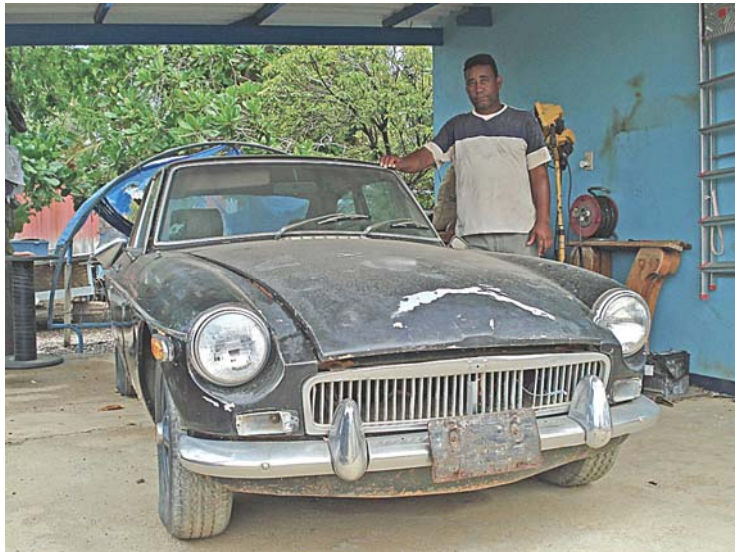
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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

Basilio Cicilia and His MGB-GT: The Hidden Black Beauty

The 37th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels."

Bonaire/Hato –
Along one of the roads of the neighborhood of Hato a nice and spacious house is built. The house is surrounded by some containers, sheds and overlaps. There are some cars parked, there is construction material stored, there are some welding activities, there is a cute home-made little swimming pool for the kids, there are plants and trees and... there is a powerful black beauty parked under one of the overlaps. Tiny but proud she is showing her face and winking at me, as she did before- the eyes, the nose, the waggish and playful mouth of a 40-year-old lady. The black MGB-GT, built in 1968 in Abington, England, owned by Bonairean Basilio Cicilia.



quiet, fewer people, hardly any cars. A lot of roads were still unpaved, the silent Sunday afternoons of my island..."

Basilio Cicilia has his own and independent enterprise, B.C. Maintenance. He is a constructor by profession and is into steel construction and overhaul maintenance (cleaning, sand blasting and painting). The whole terrain along the Kaya Den Haag has this typical and distinctive smell of metal...

Those days, back in the very early 70s before the first oil crises, Basilio, busy as always, got in contact with an American because of some construction activities. This person imported a yellow MGB-GT from Boston, US. The car was built in 1968, Basilio fell in love with her and in 1971 he was able to buy his little princess.

Basilio explains: "Yes, I really liked the car. And I still do. And no, she is not for sale! I bought her in 1971, almost 40 years ago. She was a kind of yellow that time, an original color used by MG. The car was slightly converted to meet the demands of the American market, minor things like special headlamps and orange and red signal lights on the side of the body of the car. This car is almost 100% original. I only repainted the car. Here, inside the ventilation inlet in front of the windshield some black paint is blistering, showing the original color of the English lady, dark yellow." Cicilia continues, "I really like British sports cars. Before I bought this MGB-GT I owned two Triumph Spitfires. One was painted red and built in 1968. This is all a long time ago. Those days Bonaire was completely different-

Basilio's car is a nice and almost original example of the famous MGB-GT. His car is fitted with the vivid and reliable 1798 cc four in line cast iron engine, connected with the well known four speed gearbox. There are two carburetors under the hood to supply the energy for the four piston push rod operated overhead valve power plant producing 95 British horse power at 5400 revolutions per minute. Within 11 seconds the car was able to reach the speed of 60 miles per hour. Reasonably fast for this power/weight combination. The sleek shape of the body is accomplished by stylish Rubery Owen Rostyle wheels. Nice, distinctive, English.

The MG model B was launched in 1962 as a follow up of the very popular MGA. Loads of MGAs found their way to the states in the 50s and early 60s of the 20th century. (It was very hard to find any plastic parts on the MGAs and the MGB was still fitted with an all metal dash board./jb) All MGBs were produced in Abington, England. The last B was manufactured on October 22, 1980. The coupe version of the MGB, the MGBGT ("GT" stands for Grand Turismo, an Italian way of classification of types of sports cars with a fixed roof./jb) was designed by Pininfarina and launched in 1965. Later a model C was produced, fitted with a heavier and not really faster six cylinder in line engine. In 1973 the engineers managed to fit the well known Rover V8 engine under the hood of the MGBs. This 3500 cc engine made the

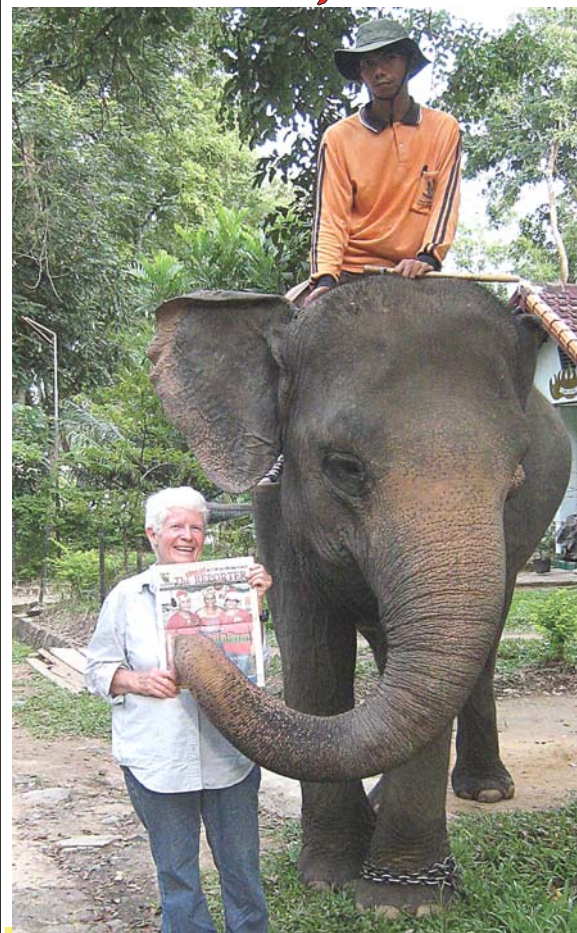
MG a real and mean killer. Purists, however, preferred the handsome original four cylinder engine. A lack of weight indeed appears to be a substitute of cubic inches! This is what the Morris Garages already had understood way back in 1962 by designing and producing the lovely unibody/monocoque construction of the B, replacing the traditional built MGA: a body on a classic chassis.

Now it's all history. The MG mark still exists but in fact the MG mark has been reborn as a Phoenix. Nowadays the modern and computerized sports cars are only look alike. No carburetors, no Lucas King of Darkness parts, no condensers and ignition points, only four fuses per vehicle. Lots of the 523,836 MGBs produced from 1962 to 1980 are history now. Luckily lots of them still remain, some of them waiting for a better future. One of them is the black princess in Hato, Bonaire, owned by Mr. Cicilia. Still in love... ■



Story & photo by J@n Brouwer

Picture Yourself With The Reporter Sumatra, Indonesia



Serena Black, a Bonaire resident for three years, writes: "In March this year I visited Satwa National Park in southern Sumatra, Indonesia. After riding this elephant for an hour park I shared *The Reporter* with her. I think that she enjoyed it." ■

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to the Editor**
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Wastewater Correction

Dear Editor: To those thinking of advertising in The Reporter? GOOD IDEA!

The advertisement for our boat appeared in the 2nd issue of the *Bonaire Reporter* in August. The Thursday that the advertisement came out we had one call after another - one as far away as New York and another from South Carolina.

By that weekend we had three offers (which I turned down. By the middle of the next week our boat had found a new home.

I continue to get calls inquiring about it and received one more just today, more than a month since the ad first appeared

(which reminded me that I owed the *Reporter* a letter of thanks).

Thank you for publishing a great periodical so well woven into the fabric of our island.

Viva *Bonaire Reporter*!

Thank you.

Brian McCarley



Detlef Schwager

**WASTEWATER /SEWAGE
Correction**

In our Letters to the Editor column in the September 5-19 issue of *The Reporter* we identified letter writer Detlef Schwager as a "water engineer" who worked for Dorsch Consultants on the feasibility study for a Bonaire Sewage System. However, Mr. Schwager informed us he never was associated with Dorsch for that study. Rather, he assisted the European Commission in evaluating the sewage project. His

role was to make sure the European taxpayer's money was wisely (sustainably) spent on Bonaire and that EC regulations were followed.

Mr. Schwager was the former temp (sic) European Commission's Program Officer for infrastructure projects in Aruba +

NEA, from 11/2002 to 11/2003. He holds an M.Sc. in Water Resources Management in Tropical and Subtropical Regions.

In October 2004 Mr. Schwager sent a letter to *The Reporter* that expressed concern about the Bonaire Sewage System plan:

"I realized very late the Bonaire people (public) are not informed about the existing PUBLIC COMPLAINT ABOUT existing MALADMINISTRATION (No. 1875/2003/GG), I made as a temp EC-Program Officer for infrastructure projects in Aruba + NEA to the European Ombudsman, against the European Commission (By this time my employer!) in September 2003... In my educated opinion I am convinced that someone has to pull the trigger and stop/better uplift this project in order to prevent

that EU-taxpayer money is further wasted and the Bonaire people will be shipped-off with an inappropriate system for which they have contributed their last pennies."

At the time that Mr. Schwager wrote his letter opposing the Bonaire wastewater system he worked as Program Officer in charge of infrastructure projects at the Delegation of the European Commission to Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles. After investigation the Ombudsman found the charges to be without merit.

Despite the setback Mr. Detlef is now active on Internet forums and letters to editors in an effort to turn Bonaire's sewage project into one Mr. Detlef considers more environmentally suitable.

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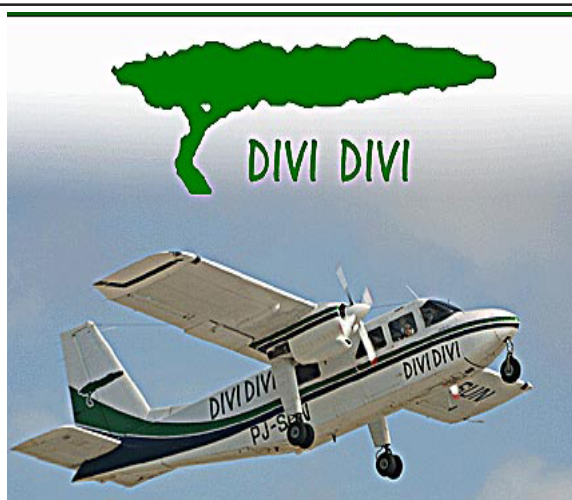
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10-12	4:21	1.1FT.	11:02	1.6FT.	17:15	1.2FT.	22:46	1.4FT.	65
10-13	4:10	1.1FT.	11:30	1.7FT.	18:36	1.1FT.	23:49	1.3FT.	77
10-14	0:55	1.2FT.	3:53	1.1FT.	12:00	1.8FT.	20:06	1.0FT.	88
10-15	12:41	1.9FT.	21:46	0.9FT.					95
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10-17	0:02	0.8FT.	14:23	2.0FT.					99
10-18	1:08	0.7FT.	15:27	2.0FT.					95
10-19	1:57	0.7FT.	16:28	2.0FT.					87
10-20	2:37	0.7FT.	17:36	1.9FT.					76
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Boni the cat is missing. Lost her sometime Wed. or Thur. It is not clear what happened as she is an indoor cat. She needs Phenobarbital so is in great danger. Please call 528 1304 or 786 3134 if you see Boni.



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Marvellous and Arkion Save a Sea Turtle

Marvellous Maingot and Arkion Janga were fishing this Sunday morning in the area of Fisherman's Huts on the south end of Bonaire. They saw a buoy drifting with something large attached and went to check it out. They were surprised to find a sea turtle entangled in the buoy by rope wound around one of the turtle's front flippers. Marvellous and Arkion brought the turtle onto their boat and contacted STCB's staff to report the turtle in trouble at Fisherman's Huts.



Mabel thanks Marvellous and Arkion for the rescue

When STCB's staff arrived they had already cut the line and put the turtle on the sand where they kept



Mabel and Marvellous keep the turtle cool and wet

it wet and ready for inspection. The line had strangled the base of the flipper. After some time, if help is not given, the flipper could have been lost and the turtle would have to survive with only one front flipper. Luckily for this animal, help arrived before this happened and it was released back in the sea after a proper evaluation.

The turtle was a sub-adult hawksbill of 65 cm carapace length. It was weak and somewhat thin, but the flipper wound was not bleeding. Because sea turtles are resilient animals, the best practice was to release it right away. The turtle swam from shore at a slow but steady stroke. Soon after release, Marvellous swam with his mask and snorkel to check on the turtle, but it had already disap-

peared by swimming away.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

It is encouraging to see how Marvellous and Arkion, teenage students at SGB, while working on their free time as young fisherman took the time to help a sea turtle in trouble and did this in such an effective way.

Sea turtles are endangered species and threats come in different packages:

In the Caribbean there is a high mortality rate of sea turtles associated with incidental or accidental capture from fisheries. While at sea (coastal and offshore waters), sea turtles can get caught in drifting nets, fishing lines attached with buoys, and other fishing equipment such as polypropylene ropes which are use for long line

Cars Crushed And Gone



SELIBON (Bonaire's waste management company) spokesperson, Lucia Beck, says that more than 800 vehicles plus some heavy metals from WEB and BOPEC were trucked away then loaded onto a ship this last week. The plan was delayed somewhat due to the late arrival of the crusher.

Beck also said there will be a charge, by weight, for garbage being brought into the landfill. This will mostly apply to commercial businesses. Non-commercial individuals may dump free twice a month, possibly on the 15th and the last day of the month, Beck reported. ■ L.D.

fishing and lobster traps, among others.

In the last year and a half alone, STCB has rescued one leather-back, two hawksbills and one

green turtle that had drifted to shore entangled in polypropylene ropes with buoys. Another two hawksbill turtles and one green turtle were found dead. ■

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Thursday, October 9
 9 am-5 pm -Sailing Races / Fishing boats races Kas di Regatta
 2-5:30 pm- DJ Music / Activities Kas di Regatta
 2-6pm Micro boat races, Kas di Regatta
 5-8 pm After Sail Happy Hour, Kas di Regatta
 5:30-7 pm- Working boat Parade Kralendijk Harbour
 7:30-11 pm- 3rd Mr. Bug Cup Men's Softball Tournament La Sonrisa Ball Park
 8 pm- 2 am- Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Friday, October 10
 09.00 - 17.00 Sailing Races / Fishing boats races Kas di Regatta
 2-8 pm- 3rd Mr. Bug Cup Men's Softball Tournament La Sonrisa Ball Park
 2-7pm- Music / Activities Kas di Regatta
 2-4 pm - Micro boats races Kas di Regatta
 7 pm- Historical Films of past Regattas, Kas di Arte
 8-9:30 pm - Award Ceremony / Closing Regatta 2008 Kas di Regatta
 8:30 pm- 3 am - Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Saturday, October 11
 10am-7 pm - 1st Bonaire Regatta Golden Boat Party On bay / Sea promenade
 11 am- 6 pm - 3rd Mr. Bug Cup Men's Softball Tournament La Sonrisa Ball Park
 8 pm- 3 am - Closing Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Sunday, October 12
 1-10 pm - Finals 3rd Mr. Bug Men's Softball Tournament with live musical bands. La Sonrisa Ball Park

Tuesday, October 14
 Full Moon Meditation for Unity and Positivism, 6:45 pm, at the Onima Indian Inscriptions. (see page 8)

Friday, October 17-
5th Anniversary RE/MAX Party 6-8 pm, at new RE/MAX building, Kaya Grandi

Rock and Roll Wall of Fame Unveiling, 9 pm, Lee's Bar see pg 2.

Saturday, October 25-Book Sale, Bonaire Animal Shelter (English, Dutch, more) Food & Drinks, 11 am-5 pm

REGULAR EVENTS

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

- **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

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

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
- **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**

- **Flamingo Rockers** playing at **Sunset Bar and Grill**, from 6 - 8pm. **FREE Rum Punch** goes from 5:30 - 6:30pm. BBQ starting at 6:30pm. **Den Laman 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- Land & Ocean Bonaire by Fish-Eye photo staff, 8 pm on the big screen in front of Bonaire Dive & Adventure.

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

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

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

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Bonaire Museum on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every Wednesday 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.

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7.30 pm) All levels, NAf2,50. Call Joop 717-5903 for venue.

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.

Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk - Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

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

Ministerio di Kristu Hesus Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held on Sunday mornings from 10am until 11:30am. Bible studies in English are on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm.

Contact: 717-3322

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20 Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors Welcome: 701-9522 for Information

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Jong Bonaire 2009 Calendar

Featuring The Ambitions Of 12 Young People

'Kiko ta bo ambishon?' This is the question the teens of Jong Bonaire were asked for an essay contest last May. The 12 winners of that contest have become the 2009 'Kalènder Kids' as Jong Bonaire launches its latest fundraising effort.

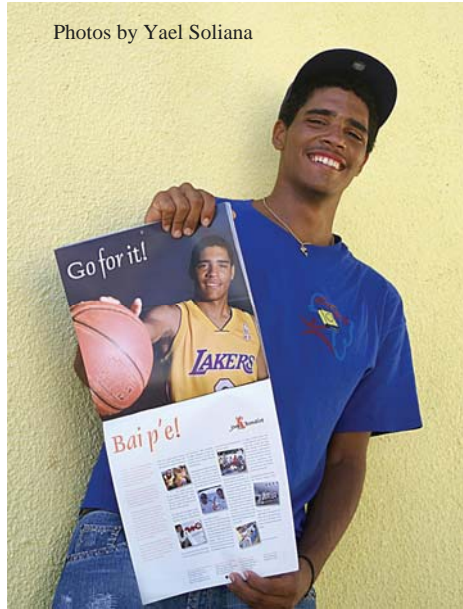
Titled 'Dreams of the Kids of Jong Bonaire,' the 2009 calendar will soon be on sale in stores for NAf 17.80 or \$10. "The idea for the calendar and contest was to help young people think about their future and to encourage them to have dreams and hopes," said Rene Hakkenberg, *voorzitter* of Stichting Jeugdwerk Jong Bonaire, during the launch of the calendar.

The first copy of the 2009 calendar was presented to Gezaghebber Herbert Domacassé at a ceremony at Jong Bonaire where the Kalènder Kids were introduced and the calendar unveiled. "Just because Bonaire is a small island it does not mean that your dreams should be small," said Domacassé when he spoke to the members of Jong Bonaire during the ceremony. "You should have big dreams and if you really work at it, you can accomplish those big dreams."

"We like to say 'bai p'e' or 'go for it' so the young people start working toward their goals," said Jona Chirino, manager of Jong Bonaire. "Many of our activities at Jong Bonaire are designed to help the teens think about their future. This is important for the teens and also for the future of Bonaire."

The teens were photographed in beautiful Bonaire locations so that the calendar makes a nice gift item for both residents and tourists. A number of Bonaire businesses have also ordered the calendar to give to their employees or clients at Christmas.

Photographer and designer Bart Landheer



Photos by Yael Soliana

Jamal Trinidad, 15

created the calendar with his wife Jacqueline Bremmers as a donation to Jong Bonaire so that 100% of the sales go to the after-school program.

"The response to the calendar has been tremendous," said Alan Gross, *penningmeester* of Jong Bonaire. "We have only about 300 copies left after the pre-orders are filled. People are happy that we are not just asking for a donation, but we have a beautiful product to sell."

These are the 12 young people who won the essay contest and share their hopes for the future:

- January – **Jamal Trinidad, 15**, dreams of being a professional basketball player and meet Kobe Bryant on the basketball court.

- February – **Shaina Tokaay, 16**, wants to be an abogado (lawyer) for children because she does not like injustice.
- March – **Justin Michel, 12**, plans to be a painter and draw cartoons. He says his pencil is his best friend and it always knows what he wants to draw.
- April – **Jonathan Ford, 17**, thinks there is a need for more people to fix airplanes so that is his ambition. Or he may become a pilot.
- May – **Samantha Domacasse, 16**, loves children and thinks she will become a midwife.
- June – **Urgell Andrea, 13**, says he wants to be a policeman and a good example for young people.
- July – **Ricky Alberto, 16**, has always dreamed of being a professional runner. And this was long before Churandy Martina performed at the Olympics.
- August – **Deborah Janga, 12**, wants to become a doctor and return to Bonaire to help the people.
- September – **Whitney Rudolf, 18**, likes to work on cars and especially to paint them. He is now studying on Curaçao.
- October – **Luigi Eybrecht, 13**, says the sea is part of his life and being a ship's captain in the Caribbean would let him get to know the world but still be close to home.
- November – **Nizaira Martis, 12**, knows being a stewardess is more than just traveling and getting to know other countries; you have to be friendly and helpful too.
- December – **Ericson Vlijt, 14**, wants to be part of the fire brigade, even if it is dangerous and requires a lot of responsibility.



Ricky Alberto, 16

Some of the stores where the calendar is available include: Flamingo Bookstore, Addo's Bookstore, Bonaire Chat 'n Browse, It Rains Fishes, Sorobon Resort, Cultimara, Bistro de Paris, Capriccio Restaurant, Kon Tiki Resort, Island Fashions, Divi Flamingo Resort, Jewel of Bonaire, Capt. Don's Habitat, City Café, Plaza Resort Shop, Valerie's Airport Shop, Figos, Bonaire Boating Company, Scarlet, Photo Tours, Paradise Photo and The Island Supplier (TIS).

The calendar measures 300 x 300 mm and is printed on heavy laminated paper so that it is an extremely high quality product. There is even space to make notes for each day of the month. The calendar was printed in India to get the lowest possible price while maintaining quality. It took a great deal of planning and organization by the photographer and staff of Jong Bonaire to get everything complete since it takes over 1.5 months to get deliveries from India. ■

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On any night this week and next, 45 minutes after sunset look west where just above the horizon you'll see what looks like the bright landing light of an oncoming airplane or a UFO. And each night throughout October just after sunset it will be a bit higher in the sky. It's not a UFO of course but whenever this planet returns to evening skies as it is now people always claim there is a UFO in their front or back yard. It is of course the most brilliant planet of them all, same size as our planet **Earth**, 8,000-mile-wide **Venus**. Venus is the brightest planet. But if you look over to its left to the south in early evening you will see the second brightest planet. It is the king of them all, 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter** which means we could line up 11, 8,000-mile-wide Venuses or Earths across its middle. So you have two wonderful planets for early evening viewing all month long.

But if you look toward the east just after sunset next Tuesday night the 14th you'll be greeted by an exquisite Hunter's Moon just rising. And as you regular viewers know my two favorite full Moons of the year are the full Moon of September, the **Harvest Moon**, and the full Moon of October, the **Hunter's Moon**, because they always remind me of giant golden Jack o'Lantern pumpkins as they rise and set. But do you remember why this full Moon is called the Hunter's Moon? Well traditionally this is the first full Moon after the Harvest Moon. And since the fields were harvested one month earlier hunters could ride out after sunset through the harvested fields by the light of this Moon and catch small animals that had come out to glean the fields. So please don't miss Tuesday night's super beautiful, super colorful, super romantic Hunter's Moon.

And now that we've got all of you early evening cosmos watchers covered what's left for you early birds to see? Well just keep facing east and during the last half of this month the smallest and closest planet to the sun, also known as the pink planet, will have its best morning appearance of 2008. Start looking about 45 minutes before sunrise next week and you'll see tiny 3,000-mile-wide **Mercury** just above the horizon. And if you watch morning after morning it will continue to get higher and brighter and on the morning of the 26th will make an exquisite picture with an old waning crescent Moon. Plus on the 27th you may be able to see an even skinnier crescent Moon just below and to the right of Mercury in the early morning twilight.

So there you have it, Mercury at its morning best for 2008, a Jack o'Lantern pumpkin colored harvest Moon next Tuesday night the 14th, the king of the planets in the south in early evening and the UFO planet Venus in the west just after sunset. What a plate full of cosmic goodies from which you are free to partake. ■

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THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
For October 2008

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Finish off old projects before starting something new. Try making some changes to your appearance and your attitude that will reinforce just that. Social events held in your home will be successful and entertaining for all. Don't hesitate to take short trips. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Relationships will be emotional this month. Your creative ideas must be put to good use. Put in some extra hours and finish those careful jobs before you move on to some fun and games. You will be tempted to shop till you drop. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Older family members will make demands on your time. You can put in some overtime and make extra cash. You should put a little extra effort in at work. Get on with your life.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You are best to stick to basics. Work on getting ahead by picking up added skills. Overindulgence could lead to problems with digestion. Be discreet and don't reveal any personal information. You don't owe anyone an explanation. Do your own thing, you need time to yourself. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Abrupt changes in your home may send you for a loop. Take the initiative and go after your goals. The key to feeling good about yourself will be to do something about it. Your ability to converse with charm will entice someone you may have had an interest in for some time now. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Relatives will be cordial. Attempt to face key issues with lovers or problems could escalate. You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status. Your relationship is undergoing some changes. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Career changes may not be your choice right now, but in the long run they will be to your advantage. Some of that extra energy you have stored up might just be put to good use. Your ability to talk circles around your colleagues will help you forge ahead in the workforce. You can continue to make gains if you call a few people who can help you close an important deal. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Acceptance will be necessary. Business or pleasure trips will be knowledgeable as well as highly successful. You will be overly sensitive when dealing with your personal life. Try to be reasonable. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't let your personal partner hold you back. Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Try not to get backed into corners. Take time to catch up on overdue correspondence. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can make career moves that will bring you a much higher income. Investments may be misrepresented this month. You should consider getting your whole family involved in a project at home. Let your boss know your goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Take a second look; another person's philosophy may be extremely different from yours. Don't believe everything you hear. Your romantic inclination should lead to a committed relationship. A day at the beach may satisfy the whole family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Offer consolation, but don't give them any direction. Too much talk will lead to disputes. Be willing to listen, but don't be fooled. You will enjoy travel and getting together with peers. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.



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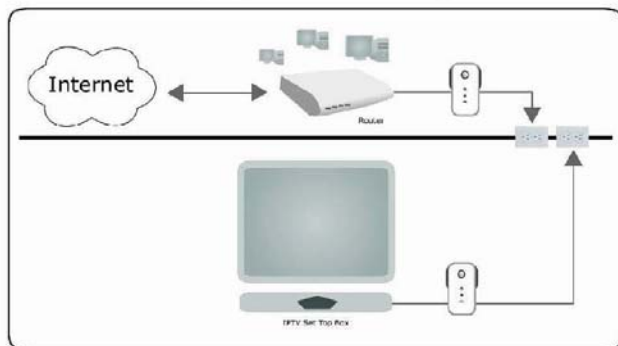
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