





/ here are the eggs? Eggs are missing from supermarket shelves these days because the government, in order to encourage the selling of local eggs, won't give permits to supermarkets to import them. However, local egg suppliers can't handle the demand and consequently shelves are emptied quickly. Last week, we were told by a merchant, there were no eggs available between Wednesday and Saturday. Local eggs must be priced at NAf 5,59. But imported eggs will cost the consumer only NAf 3,75. In today's economy people need help to make it.

**▶** The number of Antilleans and Arubans living in the Netherlands has increased by **24,600** persons, or some **23%** in the past eight years. 40% to 50% of the Antilleans and Arubans are second generation, meaning they were born in the Netherlands.

According to the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS), more than 131,800 persons of Antillean and Aruban descent were living in the Netherlands as of January 1, 2008. The Netherlands had a total population of 16,405,400 as of January 1, 2008, of whom 13.19 million are "native" Dutch and 3.21 million foreign. Peculiarly, Antilleans and Arubans are classed as a foreign group, although they hold Dutch nationality. The Turkish group is the largest with 370,000 persons, followed by Surinamese and Moroccans, each with 335,000 persons.



► Air France and KLM launched Bluenity.com, the first social network website for air travelers last Friday. Think of it as a MySpace or **Facebook for flyers.** The new social website will let travelers share their top tips or complaints about hotels, restaurants and shopping anywhere in the world.

Bluenity.com is unique; it allows airline customers to make their flight schedule public and to get updates from others about their flight arrangements, allowing travelers to meet online before they travel to arrange to share a taxi, for example, or to meet in a lounge.

The site is available in three languages- French, English and Dutch - and is **free**.

Last Wednesday the Minister of Minister of Traffic and Telecommunications, Mr. Maurice Adriaens, opened the new office of Bureau of Telecommunications & Post (BT&P) on Bonaire. Both Minister Adriaens and BT&P director, Mr. Joao de Canha, declared that BT&P, as the telecommunication regulator for the Netherlands Antilles, is working hard on its future to accommodate the changes that are taking place internationally in the area of telecommunication and the new state structure of the Antilles. The new BT&P office on Bon-

► If you're not an American citizen and want to visit the US you need Internet access or a friend who does. Effective January 12, 2009, Antilleans (or Dutch citizens) who want to visit for 90 days or less in the US either for business or leisure must have advance permission from American authorities. Without this permission the traveler may not board an airplane to the US.

"ESTA" stand for the Electronic System for Travel Authorization that the Secretary of Homeland Security has introduced for border control. ESTA applies to 27 countries, including the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles. Although citizens

of these countries, the so-called Visa Waiver Program Countries, do not need a visa for business or leisure when they stay up to 90 days in the US, they DO need this advance permission.

This program on the Internet replaces the green forms (I94W) that citizens from the countries in the Visa Waiver Program have had to complete until now.

Homeland Security announced the ESTA system on June 3 of this year and it's been in operation since August 1. But it was optionalthe green forms still have had to be completed. While ESTA clearance is optional now, after January 12, 2009, it will be mandatory.

"The same as with any other country in the world, the US wants to know who enters the country," says Vice Consul James Hogan.

### 72 hours before departure

Travelers to the US are advised to get on the ESTA website, https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov 72 hours before departure and answer all the questions for the ESTA permission, then submit it. The questions are the same as those on the current green form you get handed to you on the airplane: personal data, antecedents, passport number, etc. Until now 96.6% of the requests submitted have been approved and most of the time in mere seconds. In the past when a traveler neglected to hand in the stub of the green form, he/she was considered "still in the country," and after 90 days was considered illegal. That would cause trouble on subsequent entries. The new automated system would eliminate that problem.

Three results are possible once everything is completed and permission is requested: "Approved," "Pending," or "Travel not authorized." Approved means that everything is in order and the person can enter the US. This OK is good for two years or until the present passport expires. It is recommended to take a printout of the permission with you, even though it remains in the system.

### Only via Internet

ESTA is only obtainable via Internet. Travelers are responsible for the ESTA permission, but they can also have their travel agent or airline company take care of the request if they have all the required data and offer that service.

The airline company that transports a passenger to the US without the ESTA approval can expect vigorous fines and possibly additional sanctions. The passenger who appears before an American immigration officer without the ESTA permission can be deported at the discretion of the immigration officer.



**US Vice Consul** James Hogan.

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# Firemen Save Sea Turtles



These baby sea turtles are in good hands

n Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, the where these hatchlings come from. team of airport firemen on duty found one live hawksbill hatchling in the parking lot of the Flamingo Airport. Another hatchling, crushed by a car, was also found on the main road. The firemen called STINAPA to report the find and Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) staff went to check the area. In cases like this, STCB staff look for more hatchlings and try to find the nest from

STCB Manager Mabel Nava found the nest on Pali Mangel beach in front of the airport. The procedure of opening and counting began and 10 live hatchlings were found in the nest. Baby turtles typically hatch during the evening hours when it is cooler and there are fewer predators by the sea, especially sea birds. Accordingly, these hatchlings



were kept in a safe place until the evening when they were released with the help of the fire team on duty.

In a more natural setting hatchlings emerge from the nest and find their way to the sea by orienting themselves to the subtle brightness of the sky above the horizon. In this case. STCB staff suspect that the airport's bright lights confused the turtle hatchlings, drawing them inland instead of toward the sea.

Light pollution from beach-front properties causes the deaths of thousands of sea turtle hatchlings each year around the world and it is a major factor in slowing the population recovery of our depleted sea turtle populations.

Light pollution is still not a major problem on Bonaire for our sea turtles, but this is not the first time that hatchlings from nests on Pali Magel have crossed the road towards the airport and been killed by cars instead of going to the sea. Perhaps it is time to start thinking about a proper lighting system for coastal development to prevent our baby turtles from going to the wrong place. STCB encourages developers to install turtle-friendly lighting when building close to the coast, and STCB staff are happy to assist developers in looking for alternative solutions for their lighting systems. 

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# Profiles: Parisina Malatesta- A Deep Connection With Rincon And Bonaire

Foundation, is publishing a 2009 edition of the Bonaire Agenda. It should be seen and read by everyone who feels strongly about Bonaire's nature, culture and traditions. The pictures by Argentinean photographer Jorge Provenza are pure art and beauty. He spent over a month at Cargill Salt Works with permission from Manager Bret Schuttpelz, who feels that "on Bonaire we coexist in harmony with nature." However, we are aware more and more of the threat that human activities pose on the survival of the planet. Environmental crisis, the uncontrolled exploitation of resources that took centuries to create, global warming - these are real issues. Nature is not an unlimited re-

Parisina came to Bonaire 18 years ago, having been a travel writer and poet for many years. The last 15 years she spent with an Indian tribe in Venezuela. learning about their traditions, their culture, art and coexistence with nature. This harmony is stored in the earth, in nature, in the tribe itself with their stories and memories. Parisina published articles about the tribe's vision which has enabled them to live for many centuries in complete harmony with their environment. She became a travel guide for special interest groups like ecologists, archeologists and biologists who wanted to visit the area where the tribe lives.

When Parisina visited Rincon 18 years ago something profound happened within her. She experienced a similar harmonious energy still existing within the people of Rincon and its nature, the underwater world, the traditional architecture, and the traditions and memories of many people. It was as if Rincon, like

Parisina Malatesta, founder of the Friends of Nature the Indian tribe in Venezuela, is one the few spots on the planet where the awareness of the necessity to coexist is stored within and green its environment and its people, as if a powerful and harmonious energy is still very much alive through living in balance with each other and with the environ-

> Parisina bought a 150-year-old Bonairean house in the heart of Rincon and felt immediately at home. Her house is still very much alive with the memories of of several many generations, she feels. The local community made her feel like "one of them." They welcomed her and shared the history of their ancestors, the first slaves. Through their stories, their memories and traditions, their music and art, they truly keep the spirit of living in harmony, respect and cooperation with Mother Earth. "Rincon is incredibly precious," Parisina says. "It's different from the rest of the island.'

sewage system, a solution for the landfill power sources for example.

In order to keep what isn't lost yet, Parisina founded the Friends of Nature Foundation and with the help sponsors and pro-nature organizations (all mentioned in the agenda), she published her first Bonaire agenda eight years ago. The philosophy is to highlight the beauty and importance of



### "When we ignore the natural balance we'll lose our source of life."

What happens on the rest of Bonaire makes her wonder if this ture, its people and their tradibeautiful island can sustain a healthy and proud society without further damaging nature. Is it sent on the island. When we lose possible for Bonaire to escape the fate of so many other places in the world that lost their balance? When we ignore the natural balance we'll lose our source of life. Bonaire is small and therefore manageable; it would be relatively easy to take the necessary ecological measures in order to reverse the direction in which the island's development is going – things like a better

nature on Bonaire, its architections, by showing that something unique and precious is still presight of the essential elements that sustain life on the island the destruction of the reef, nature and many animal species will be irreversible. Parisina feels she owes it to the island to make people aware that Bonaire is unique in many respects, that the inhabitants are responsible for this pristine part of the planet. Eco awareness and eco tourism fit the island like a glove; we

need to do everything possible to take that direction, she says.

This year's edition of the Bonaire Agenda is dedicated to the pink flamingos, one of the island's most impressive protected species, photographed mainly in their breeding colony sanctuary at Pekelmeer, showing unique conditions within the colony. Jorge Provenza spent so much time amidst the colony he almost became "one of them." Other amazing photos show the underwater world, local people, traditional architecture, caves, animals, the moon just after an eclipse and an extraordinary fold -out photo of a flamingo breeding colony.

The agenda will be sent all over the world by its sponsors, dive shops and hotels. Tourists may take it home with them. Local shops will sell them. The agenda includes a map of Bonaire, pages with local services and a directory. It should be an inspiration for those living in suburban areas and polluted cities as a reminder of how it's still possible to experience life through nature.

Isn't it scary to realize that we are on the brink of throwing away all which is still whole, healthy and balanced on this island? Thanks to Parisina Malatesta's passionate connection with the island, her love and devotion to her project, she created a true reflection of Bonaire. The publication of the 2009 Bonaire Agenda is her gift to the island. ■

Story & photo by Louise Rood



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aire will be staffed by three employees. During the event BT&P made a donation of NAf 62.600 to *Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador* for the purchase of computers for the school. BT&P has two other offices, the head office on Curaçao and one office on Sint Maarten. The new office is located at Kaya Grandi 69. The P.O. Box is number 791, the telephone number is (599) 717-3140 and the fax number is (599) 717-3554.



▶ The SABADECO (Santa Barbara Development Company) is considered to be one of the most prestigious and successful upscale home development projects on Bonaire. Building lots offered usually sell out fast. Now a new section, Crown West, has been opened. Contact one of the realtors listed in *The Reporter* to get complete details and prices on the Crown West offerings.

▶ President Hugo Chavez inaugurated his country's first Venezuelan-Russian offshore natural gas project in the Gulf of Venezuela, close to Aruba, last Friday, hailing his country's increas-

ingly close energy cooperation with Russia as "a counterweight to US imperialism." A Russian drilling platform has started extracting natural gas from under the seabed.

Russian President
Dmitry Medvedev is
scheduled to visit Venezuela later this month,
when Venezuelan and
Russian naval fleets plan
to hold joint exercises in
the Caribbean Sea.
Chavez said that a few
Russian military vessels,
including a cruiser and
several submarines,
would soon arrive in the
region for the joint exercise.

► On Saturday, November 22, Bonaire's Governor, Glenn Thodé, will speak on

"The New Bonaire, the Creation of our Future Nation (Bonaire Nobo, kreashon di un futuro Nashon) at the Plaza Resort Bonaire Casino at 7:30 pm. All invited.

▶ Last week the Netherlands Antilles
Olympic Committee (NAOC) announced that Churandy Martina has
the Olympic Silver Medal for the 200
meter sprint in his possession. Days
after the closing of the Olympic Games,
Shawn Crawford decided to hand over the
medal to Churandy. The American



▶ Starting December 1, 2008, Bonaire International Airport N.V. will impose a NAf 3 service charge on each departing passenger. It will be added to the existing passenger facility charge ("airport tax"). This means that departing passengers for domestic destinations will pay NAf 15,50 and departing passengers for foreign destinations NAf 63,50. Departing passengers 60 or older or under 12 who are residents of either the Netherlands Antilles or Aruba and have a domestic destination, will pay NAf 10,50. Children under 2 years are exempt.

The fee is to cover the deployment of the new AirportConnect CUTE system. CUTE stands for

Common Use Terminal Equipment. With CUTE any airline can use any of the 12 available checkin counters at Flamingo Airport. The additional flexibility and capacity should make passenger check-in more efficient and provide much better service for the departing passenger. The present check-in system works with dedicated check-in counters which are only usable by one particular airline and cannot be used by other airlines, thus restricting processing capacity. Furthermore, FIDS, Flight Information Display System will provide a real time display of the status of flights. In addition to the scheduled arrival or departure times, information can be displayed such as "Departed," "Delayed," "Boarding."



sprinter says that Martina is the rightful winner of the silver medal. Crawford, who came in fourth but moved up two spots because of the two disqualifications, felt he did not deserve the silver medal and gave it to Churandy. The Court of Arbitration for Sports in Switzerland on December 5 will hear the Antillean appeal against Churandy's disqualification, among others things, because the US protest was filed too late.

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# **Whirlwind Destroys Structures** at Washington Park Entrance



ansas has tornados, Florida has hurricanes and Bonaire has warwarús and tubushis (whirlwinds). These micro-windstorms, although rare, are known for causing considerable damage. Last week the roof and supports at the popular visitors terrace at the entrance to Washington-Slagbaai Nation Park were demolished by a warwarú. The strong wind scattered wood and roofing material over an area of about 100m<sup>2</sup>. Little else in the Park or surrounding area was damaged.

George (Kultura) Thode, Chief Ranger at the Park, reported that the winds were generated by clouds that appeared in the area at about 6:30 am and were also observed by Rincon residents. Early arriving Park visitors were appalled by the damage and pitched in to help the Park rangers clean up the mess. After the road was cleared of debris the Park was opened and operation returned to normal.

Materials for the original structure were donated by Jeff and Linda Goldman and built by Park employees and a private contractor. Linda and Jeff were married on Bonaire six years ago and have shown a great affection for our island in many ways. If you are interested in making a donation to the National Park please contact the Park at info@stinapa.org or call 599 - 717- 8444. ■ Elsmarie Beukenboom, STINAPA



The whale skeleton had a narrow escape from destruction

he Vierdaagse Bonaire, Four Day Walk is set to start at Flamingo airport on Thursday, November 27, at 9 am. Participants will walk or bike for 125 km., covering the length and breadth of the island over a period of the following four days ending in downtown Kralendijk. The event is modeled after the world-famous Nijmegen (The Netherlands) Vierdaagse, the largest walking event in the world. Proceeds will benefit the Center for Children in Poverty Foundation.

Day 1- From Flamingo Airport south through Belnem and around to Sorobon.

Day 2- From Sorobon through Nikiboko, through downtown Kralendijk on Kaya L.D. Gerharts, then north up the tourist road to the landhouse at Karpata

Day 3 -From Karpata by Gotomeer into Washington Park and on to Slagbaai.

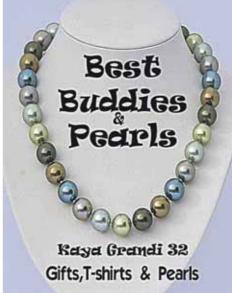
Day 4 -From Slagbaai by Gotomeer, along the Rincon Road to Sunset Beach and on to City Café in Playa.

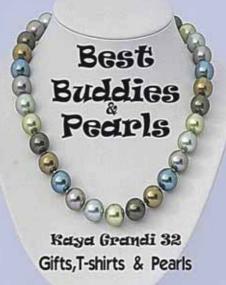
Walkers will start at 8am except for the last day when they begin at 7

am. Cyclists will start two hours later.

There will be camping areas provided for the evenings at the day's destination points. The cost is NAf 50 which will cover support drinks and snacks along the route and a T shirt. For campers, the fee is NAf 100 which includes a campsite, food and drinks.

You can sign up for the Walk at City Café every Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm. Entry is free to handicapped persons. For more information call 697-1235 or 567-0026. Email Vierdaagse bonaire@yahoo.com.





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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ost of us agree that physical education contributes to a healthy body and mind, and I wondered how this is being practiced in schools.

director of the foundation for sport in Bonaire called SEDREBO (Servicio di Deporte i Rekreo Boneriano) explained:

"The foundation has been operating the elderly, adults and government employees. For 18 years, even before becom-

ing a foundation, we organized sports championships for all the schools, including the SGB (high school), and this year, 2008, we had a broad program. The Bonairean Sports Complex has been very useful, although some sports must be played outside like softball, swimming, running and soccer for instance. We get financing from donations, sponsors and the CUS (Commissie Uitvoering Sport projecten) commission for sports projects.

Our main goal is to identify the abilities of children participating in sports activities during school hours and to help them further develop these abilities during after great need of more qualified employees to be re-adjusted so we can do more. And beside this all the sports fields need to be maintained. We hope in the future that we will be able to give a level." scholarship to one of the best students, not cation, but also in

Mr. Serapio Pop (53), chief of the educators administration of the SGB complex, said:

physical education."

"Physical education is being given at SGB, but the gymnastic room needs a lot of attention. Teachers and students attending the gymnastic classes are very unhappy. The rooms, toilets and dressing rooms are unclean, untidy, unhygienic and unhealthy. And a lot of the

gym lessons have had to be dropped. We need to better evaluate the cleaning matter; it must be improved. The students want to take gym but in better conditions.

We have to invest in all the SGB buildings and it must happen soon. The school needs to be brought to a higher level in buildings, school materials and school values especially if we want to find sport talent in our students. Educators too need to respect the opinions of the students. A developing plan has been made to finance part of the SGB buildings (gym location not included) and to evaluate the school in 16 areas. We have to seek comfort and a peaceful state of mind for the parents, the educators, the environment and... our students. To achieve all this we need to go

back to the basics. Teach the students SGB norms, discipline and how to be motivated until the end. With all this we hope to keep education in all areas, including physical education, at a higher

So as you can see a lot needs to be done

in physical education and only in high school edu- the buildings where it is being practiced. SE-DREBO and the SGB are asking for help. Can you contribute? ■

Siomara E. Albertus



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Mr. Francis Wanga (41), the interim

since 2004, but in 2006 the government chose a foundation board to take care of the physical activities in all the elementary schools and the community centers and sports for physically disabled people,

school hours. Unfortunately we are in do the job. The budget for sports needs to

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### **ILLITERACY**

hile I was walking around at the fifth "Studie- en Beroepenmarkt" (Study and Job Market) Inge Berben of FORMA handed me a small flyer. It gave able to becoming functional illiterate: me information about how to recognize functional illiteracy. I was shocked to read that 20.8% of the people of Bonaire are functionally illiterate. Because people are probably ashamed of the fact they cannot read and write sufficiently, they will not shout it from the rooftops: "Ey man, I am an illiterate!" They might say things like: "I forgot my glasses," or "I'll fill this form in at home," or "My handwriting is ugly, not readable." All these excuses make it harder for other people to recognize an illiterate person because they will avoid having to write or read at all costs. Furthermore this subject is kind of a taboo because everybody goes to school, so everybody should be able to read and write. An illiterate person might swiftly come to the conclusion that he or she is the only one, which confirms their attitude of not talking about it.

Persons who are functionally illiterate do not have the proper skills to read and write (and to do arithmetic in a lot of cases) to become a full-fledged part of this information society. They have problems accomplishing their own targets and cannot further develop their knowledge and skills independently. This makes them very vulnerable. They become an easy target of smooth talkers because they are unable to read even the 'big print' before they sign. They are also unable to better themselves through extra courses, so they are more likely to get stuck in unfavorable situations.

The causes of functional illiteracy are

different for each individual. You cannot pinpoint one specific cause. Research has shown that the following people are vulner-

- People with general learning and behavioral disabilities (like concentration problems and lack of discipline) or specific reading and writing disabilities (like dyslexia).
- People who do not have a good command of a language because they speak a different language at home from the language they have to use at school.
- People who grow up in an environment deprived of language: no books, newspapers and magazines; they are not encouraged to read and write.
- People with a high non-attendance at school and little education because of illness, playing truant, dropping out or having a life of traveling.
- People who do not get sufficient attention and guidance at school.
- People whose skills have declined. Where reading, writing and doing sums are concerned, this motto applies: "Use it or lose it." If you do not maintain these skills, you will lose them.

If you check out that list as mentioned above you will certainly get a clue why so many Bonaireans are illiterate. First of all, almost all children speak another language at home than at school (Papiamentu at home, Dutch at school) which is a handicap. Secondly, if you are so unlucky as to have a

learning disability like dyslexia, you are in trouble here. The facilities to help you with your problem are very limited or even absent. And if you fall behind in school because of your problem, you are more likely to get less and less attention for your schoolwork (and probably more and more attention due to your behavior) because the schools are not adequately equipped to deal with these children.

Papiamentu is a language that was mostly spoken, not written. Nowadays, more and more we find written

proof of existence of the Antillean people. Of all the 'patois' languages, Papiamentu is the most active and most printed language of the Caribbean region. Clearly that is not enough. We need a lot more Papiamentulanguage books, magazines and newspapers. We need an environment where people are encouraged to read, preferably in their own language. The children have a right to learn to read and write in the language they speak.

When Bonaire becomes a special municipality of the Netherlands, we will most likely lose some things: our florin, some laws, some rights and liberties. But we should not lose Papiamentu, for the sake of the children. So, everybody who is able to make a decent sentence in Papiamentu, pick



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up your pen (you probably have quite a collection if you visited the Studie- en Beroepenmarkt), and start writing. Start collecting words, write letters and emails to your family or instructions for your colleagues. And try not to write in SMS style, but collect as many different words as you can. When I visit the Studie- en Beroepenmarkt in the future, I want to read a flyer

> that says: "The percentage of functional illiteracy is declining." ■

Mary Ann Koops Koops teaches Biology at the SGB High School. Her insightful commentary appears regularly in The Reporter.

er name was "Lola" and you can see she may be a dancer. Such graceful legs and such big ears on Lola. This dancing must run in the family as her sister, "Lila," a former pet of the week, loves to do the salsa. Lola has the attractive black and tan coat that is so easy to care for. She's full of fun and loves to please. With the proper training she'll become a valued member of the family. As are all the other pets up for adoption at the Shelter Lola is in perfect health, having been examined by the vet and given her shots, worming and tests. 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. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.AnimalShelterBonaire.com. ■ L.D. hile you're at the Animal Shelter take a look at the Pet Shop set up in the Shelter office. There are dog and cat toys, leashes, collars, pet treats, novelties – all sorts of things for your pet or for pet friends. The prices are low because everything has been donated by the good people of Bonaire Talk and all the proceeds go to keeping our Shelter open for unwanted dogs and cats. And pick up a Shelter t-shirt for yourself or as a gift.  $\blacksquare$  L.D.



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ast month the "Rock 'n Roll Wall of Fame" was unveiled at Lee's Music Bar on Bonaire, Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar #21.

The Wall is the inspiration of Bert Poyck who created a panel six meters long displaying photographs of Rock 'n Roll artists from the 50s.

Bert, who has lived on Bonaire for over nine years, grew up in the Rock 'n Roll era. He played guitar in various bands and thus he was inspired to decorate Lee's establishment in the décor of the music era that rocked his soul! Lee, owner of the Music Bar, is just as much a Rock 'n Roll fan as Bert is. Bert's initial idea was to paint the portraits of famous Rock 'n Roll artists on the wall of the bar – like Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, and The Everly Brothers. But he realized that he would shortchange so many other great artists like Bill Haley, Fats Domino, Jerry lee Lewis – the list is long. So he decided the wall should display all the artists who had major hits in the 50s. After searching the internet, he found 43 artists eligible for a place on the Wall of Fame. Five panels with a total length of six meters transformed this Wall along with 43 vinyl LP records with their original covers. The date of every first hit is mentioned as well as eight of the 43 artists who achieved a Golden Hit.

Their influence reaches far beyond the 50s into our present time. Guitar brands like the Fender and the Gibson, which were instrumental marvels in the Rock 'n Roll era, are prominently displayed as well.

This remarkable initiative is a tribute to all the men and women who contributed to the glory days of Rock 'n Roll. Lee's Music Bar is THE place to listen to the "golden oldies" and watch the performers on the Wall of Fame. Once a month Lee's Music Bar dedicates the whole evening to the music of this great era, and the place ROCKS!

Story & photo by Bert Poyck- translator: Louise Rood

### **SOLUTION TO DO YOU SUDOKU?**

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 5)

**▶** The Olympic Committee of the Netherlands Antilles (NAOC) has started their preparation for the Kingdom Games 2009 which will take place next year from July 25 to 31 in Aruba. They include baseball, softball, soccer, speed swimming, synchronized swimming, track & field and taekwondo.



Ocean shipping containers are a way of life on Bonaire. Up until now getting them transported and set up on a new site required a flatbed truck and a strong crane. Now Don Andres shipping's Container Services Bonaire has changed all that by bringing in a modern hauler that not only transports the container, but on and offloads it as well.



**▶** During this year's cruise ship season (October 27 to May 6) there will actually be 133 visits by ships, that's an average one and a half ships in port per day. The

► On Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, a group of 14 Dutch students and four teachers arrived on Bonaire. These students and teachers are part of the "Thrill Project" set up in connection with Bonaire's Stichting Project.

The group came to Bonaire for three weeks to help build a professional greenhouse at the Stichting Project location. They also helped to renovate the garden of Stichting Project's restaurant "De Bonaireaan."

Before coming to Bonaire the Dutch students raised all of the money for this project themselves.

The students are from different Dutch schools: (HBO Windesheim Zwolle, MBO Landstede Harderwijk, VMBO ISG

top visiting months are December with 29 visits, February with 30 visits and March with 28 visits. During November there are 12 visits; in January, 19 visits; April, 13 visits. October and May have only one each. Last season there were 97 visits.

► In cooperation with the CKB (Small Business Development) whichnow organizes the cruise ship Market, the NGO Platform has received a permit for a stand, which according to the custom and ideals ors of Bonaire, of the organization, is shared with the NGOs who would like to participate. Regular cruise market permits are for an entire season, but many NGOs on Bonaire are small and don't have enough manpower and products to be there every day during the almost six-month-long season. Thanks to this initiative of the NGO Platform they can now choose days that fit their schedule.

The NGO Platform provides the table, tent, collection can, cashbox, etc., plus help with the preparations such as making folders, posters, pricelists, nametags, etc.

The first group to participate was the Bonaire Barracudas Aquatics Club, who sold fresh juice and milkshakes several days to raise funds for their talented young swimmers. Other participants you will find at the NGO Stand in November are the SGB High School, FKPD, Jong Bonaire and the Stichting Project.

Arcus Lelystad) and worked together on with Stichting Project's students.

Of course there was an exchange of cultures with a full entertainment program with different excursions and trips for the students to learn about Bonaire and its culture.

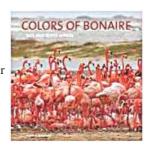
We wish to thank this unique initiative, the "Thrill Project," for all their hard work with us on Bonaire. ■Story & photo by Mick Schmit



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visit. The NGO Stand is #27, opposite the Lions Club Time Capsule. (by Annemarie Klöne, NGO Platform)

► Former Bonaire residents Dos and **Bertie Winkel** will present their new book, Colat a slideshow and book signing at Addo's



Bookstore Bonaire (Books & Toys) on Sunday, November 30, at Kaya Grandi 36. Presentation in English at 2 pm, in Dutch at 4

► For the technically-minded things continue to improve on Bonaire. City **Shop** is the official dealer for several high tech companies like LG and HP. That means they carry spare parts that once were only available from the US or Europe. If you need something for your computer or appliance check them out.

► The Reporter has been testing MIO's **new Internet service.** It requires only a card that plugs into a computer's USB port. No external antenna or router are needed.

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► Want to have your nails done by a gifted stylist? Then visit Zebranailz in Tera Cora. Have Maryanne use her skills to give you an outstanding manicure or pedicure. See her ad on page 2.

► Sanikolas and his helpers, Zwartepieten, arrive by boat on Saturday, November 29, at 9:30 am at Town Pier. A parade follows to Wilhelmina Park and you'll see nearly every child from Bonaire there. Children's games and activities begin at 8 am at the Park. Photo ops galore!

The excitement begins Wednesday, November 19 at 7 pm on BOTV when a 15minute program hosted by Yùfrou Ketty will be all about Sanikolas and the Zwartepieten. The programs will be every day until December 2. The program is sponsored by the Fundashon Ata Sanbikolas I Zwartepiet (FASIZ).

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### **HOTEL CONSTRUCTION ON BONAIRE** 1

The opinions expressed are solely those of the author



wo years ago, in November 2006, the Divi Resorts made known its plans for the construction of the new Divi Sunset Hotel on Bonaire. One year ago, the Hilton Hotel Corporation's press release informed us about the groundbreaking on the Hilton Bonaire Resort & Spa. The government of Bonaire, having an erroneous fixed idea that the construction of big hotels is indispensable for the development of our island, has been enthusiastic about these two large projects. The local politicians and, unfortunately, also a part of the island's population have not realized that the construction of big hotels will bring many more problems than benefits to Bonaire. Because there is not enough local labor, practically all workers necessary for the construction and operation of these hotels must be brought from abroad. Besides other problems, the influx of foreigners will cause an increased pressure on infrastructure, housing, schools and medical facilities.

What is the situation now, practically at the end of 2008? Although a big sign on the site of the Divi Sunset Hotel still announces that the hotel will be completed next year and the Hilton Hotel planned its opening for 2010, the fact is that the construction of neither of the hotels has begun. It is certainly a big disappointment for the local politicians. What have been the reasons for an unexpected postponement of these projects? Let us try to find an answer to this important question taking into consideration the problems which the developers of both hotels have been

From 2006, when the Divi Resorts made known its plans for the Divi Sunset Hotel, absolutely nothing happened on the site during the whole of 2007 although Divi Resorts announced that the sale of the new condos would begin in the second quarter of this year. The reason was that priority was given to Aruba where Divi Resorts was simultaneously completing several large projects, among them the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. In the first months of 2008 just when we thought that there would be no Divi Sunset Hotel, the developer surprised us by placing a big sign at the site. A low wall was built along the road and after an effort of several months a monstrous temporary structure was erected, consisting of a long row of steel arches, covered with white canvas. This huge canvas Quonset hut, which remarkably survived the winds of Omar without any apparent damage, has enough space for two tennis courts. However, as we heard, unfortunately for tennis fans, the huge hut will serve to promote the sale of the condos which will be built on the large

area between the hotel and the coastline. The hotel itself is planned to occupy a relatively small part of the total site.

Several model apartments are to be built inside the hall. As during the whole year 2007, no activities have been started during this year on behalf of the proper hotel construction, and the site looks exactly like it did two years ago. Starting the whole hotel project by building a gigantic temporary structure seems to me not to be the most economical solution. At this moment, there are no signs that construction of the Divi Sunset Hotel site will start soon. Anyway, in the future the big hall can always be transformed into an indoor tennis center, the only one on the whole

In 2006, I gave the Divi Sunset Hotel project manager advice to start the hotel project with the reconstruction of the existing devastated beach because it is, in my opinion, the bottleneck of the whole development. As I have emphasized in several articles about this topic, there is a real danger that the local environmental groups will block the beach reconstruction the moment the first cubic meter of the expensive sea sand, brought from another island or from Venezuela, is dumped in the water. It already happened more than 10 years ago in Curação where the government had to pay an enormous amount in damages to the developer of a new Marichi hotel which was planned to be constructed at the future beach, exactly like in our case on Bonaire. The hotel was never built in spite of all permits given to the developer by the government because a luxurious oceanfront hotel without a beach is a bad investment. And it happened on Curação, where the coral reef is not the main asset of the island like on Bonaire. There is no doubt that sedimentation of fine sand particles on the coral surface can lead to the death of the coral. I would recommend to the project manager of the Divi Sunset Hotel and to all interested parties to read the extensive article about the environmental monitoring and management of sand placing works close to coral reefs, written by Stephanie M. Doorn-Groen, and published in the scientific magazine "Terra et Aqua" in September 2007. ■ Jiri Lausman

Jiri Lausman is a developer with worldwide experience, especially in Aruba. He resides on Bonaire.

Part 2- In the next issue of *The Reporter* read about the apparent demise of Bonaire's Hilton Hotel Project.

of the program at the CIEE Research Station, students are required to



conduct original research on marine ecology during their semester abroad studies here in Bonaire.

Bonaire has been receptive to the student projects and several have benefitted from their collaborations with the Bonaire National Marine Park, and the Yellow Sub dive shop. Three students are currently using data provided by the Light and Motion Sensor Program led by Albert Bianculli. Ramon de Leon, Manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park, and Frank van der Slobbe of DROB reviewed and granted approval for the research projects taking place in the Park, and the Marine Park donated a boat for collecting larval fish at Lac Cai.

The following is a list of students participating in the present semester program and the title of their presentations:

- •Chris Savage (George Fox University) Good fences make good neighbors: Habitat partitioning by spiny head and secretary blennies.
- at Boulder) Invading is not always bad: A study of facilitation of native species by the invasive orange cup coral.
- •Lauren Van Thiel (University of South Carolina) To eat or be eaten: Consumer induced behavior in variegated feather duster worms.
- •Annemarie Rini (Beloit College) Is #2

the #1 problem in Bonaire? An examination of fecal contamination and sedimentation from runoff on Bonaire.

Eel studies

- •Chiu Cheng (Moravian College) Can native species on Bonaire's reefs resist the settlement of orange cup coral?
- •Amanda Parra (University of La Verne) Is larval fish diversity connected to ecosystem level diversity? A case study in Bonaire.
- •Kara Kozak (Simmons College) Fall 2008: Case history of the eel die off on the reefs of Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles
- •Christina Wickman (University of Oregon) Using an index of light and temperature to predict areas of coral bleaching at different dive sites in Bonaire.

On Wednesday, November 26, the stu-•Lauren Pacheco (University of Colorado dents will present the results of their research projects at 7 pm and the public is welcome. It's at the CIEE Research Station, Gobernador N. Debrot #21. Each of the eight presentations will last about 10 minutes followed by a brief question and answer session. Refreshments will be provided. Story & photo by Dr. Rita Peachey, CIEE



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# Sewage Awareness Bubbles

hile it may be hot news on the Internet and on the pages of *The* Reporter, up until now most Bonaireans took little notice of the fact that the discharge of wastewater into the shoreline area had reached a critical stage and, according to the Manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park, must be stopped. If it is allowed to continue Bonaire's reefs could diminish in a just a few years.

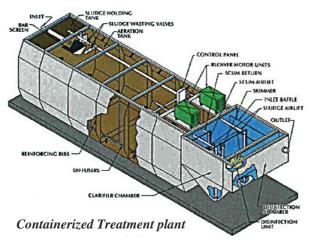
Commissioner Anthony Nicolaas, Bonaire's top official on the environment, issued a strong statement (see Papiamentu language inset) that was published in the local press, explaining the situation and describing the government supported plan to

contain the problem until Bonaire's municipal sewage system and treatment plant is completed in six years.

The plan is to use tank trucks to remove the sewage from resorts, restaurants and homes in the coastal zone (200-500m. from the sea) and take it to a "temporary" inland water treatment facility capable of processing about 400 m<sup>3</sup> (100,000 gallons) of the wastewater a day  $(150,000 \text{ m}^3 \text{ annually}).$ 



Commissioner Nicolaas



The requirement is based on the usage of fresh water of the coastal resorts. Details of requirements and action plan were published in *The Reporter* previously.

The challenge is to find the €850 thousand to realize this plan in time to save the reef. And now many more Bonaireans know why it's vital.  $\blacksquare$  G.D.

**Barracudas Get Ready** 

The Barracuda swimmers are training really hard, preparing for an international competition in Santo Domingo ("Delfines del Naco") at the end of November and for the Nationals at the beginning of December. Because of this clinics have been organized with trainers from Aruba to help increase our swimmers' skills.

From October 24-26 the Barracudas were in Aruba in the 7th Aruba Dolphin Invitational 2008 where the team placed third out of seven teams. In each of the races the Barracudas were always in the first eight places.

Results:

Ryda -Luz Emer - Bronze 400m freestyle

Mikel Schreuders - Gold 50m breaststroke / Silver 50m backstroke / Silver 100m backstroke / Silver 100 breaststroke / Bronze 50m butterfly / Bronze 50m freestyle / Bronze 100m freestyle / Bronze 100m butterfly / Bronze 200m IM / Bronze 200m freestyle **Kaile Finies** Silver 50m breaststroke / Silver 100m breaststroke

Tirzah Richards -Silver 50m backstroke / Bronze 50m breaststroke / Bronze 50m freestyle / Bronze 100m back-

**Team** Barracuda

> stroke/ Bronze 100m breaststroke Alejandro de Lima -Bronze 50m backstroke / Bronze 50m freestyle / Bronze 200m breaststroke

> Asdrubal Marcano - Silver 50m breaststroke / Bronze 200m butterfly / Bronze 100m breaststroke

Sue-Ellen Richardson -

Bronze 100m breaststroke

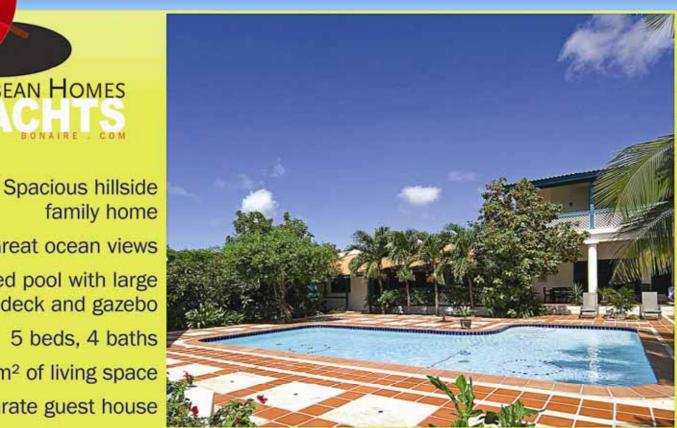
Diorella Cicilia Bronze 200m freestyle Team Relay Silver 200m medley (Boys) / Silver 200m freestyle (Boys) ■ Luisa Marcano

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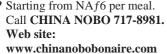
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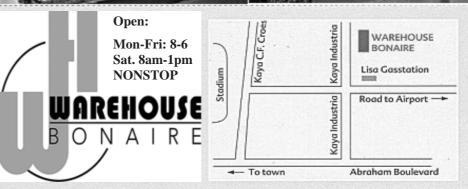
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# BES Islands' Finances OK, but..

he Board of Financial Supervision (College financiael toezicht - Cft) during its press conference last Tuesday said it was moderately satisfied with the progress the BES islands (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba) are making with regard to their budgets and financial management. The Board visited the islands for the fourth and last time this year and conferred with the executive councils and the island councils. "There are certainly improvements," Cft president Hans Weitenberg. "We want to be clear about that. And there should be more attention for a systematical improvement of the quality in the execution." Financial supervision is a necessary requirement for integration of the BES Islands into The Netherlands.

There are many reasons why the Board is not totally satisfied. One of the main issues is the lack of sufficient qualified man power. Also time had to be invested in catching up on the backlog, for example in the financial statements. Furthermore the recovery from the damages caused by the tropical storm and hurricane Omar also required much attention from the governments of the island territories. The president hopes the new financial system will be operational on all islands by January 1st, 2009. We are talking about an integrated system, covering the whole budget process. This system will not only make the work a lot easier, but it will also supply comprehensive data in a timely manner. This should make the process a lot more time efficient since up to now much time is invested in the gathering of information from various sources." President Weitenberg further re-

Cft President Hans Weitenberg

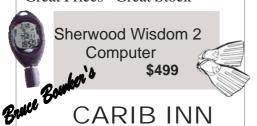
marked that the intentions of the personnel are good. "They are absolutely cooperative, and there is a lot of intensive contact between Cft employees and the people who carry the responsibilities on the islands. Furthermore, concrete results have been achieved." ■ *Cft Information release & photo* 



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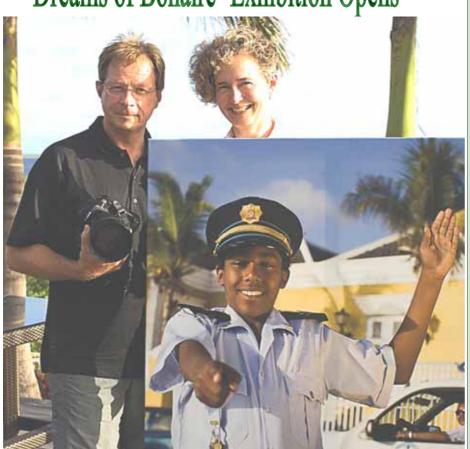
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'Dreams of Bonaire' Exhibition Opens

Bonaire Reporter Donates Dictionaries

The Bonaire Reporter, the island's English language



n exhibition of dramatic, life-size, limited edition photographs entitled "Dreams of Bonaire" will be available for viewing at Kas di Arte from December 2 -16. The photographs feature the winners of the "What is your ambition?" essay contest held at Jong Bonaire. Each of the winners was then photographed dressed as their career ambition in beautiful Bonairean settings.

In addition to the 12 teen photos, the exhibition includes over 30 large images of Bonaire landscapes, nature and underwater scenes. The photos are printed on canvas in sizes from one meter square, to 50 cm<sup>2</sup> and 30 cm<sup>2</sup>. Photographer Bart Landheer says he prefers the large square format because the eye can easily circle and take in the entire image. "I feel it is more pleasing to the eye than the usual rectangular shape," he adds.

Landheer and his wife Jacqueline started the massive project last year when they photographed the winners of the essay contest for the "Dreams of the Kids of Jong Bonaire" calendar, which is on sale now in most stores on the island. All the photos in the exhibit are for sale and any income over the cost of production will go to Jong Bonaire. They were printed in Holland on canvas using a large format Epson printer with archival inks designed to last 80 years. They have also been specially sprayed to protect the image in the Bonaire environment. "We like to print the photos ourselves so that we can control every step of the process," said Jacqueline. "The result you see is exactly what the photographer intended."

The photo exhibit features some favorite Bonaire locations as well as some images that many people have not seen. The photographers have captured the colors and special light in each location and the extra large format makes the viewer feels like he is part of the scene.

The show will be open each day during the first two weeks of December at Kas di Arte, which is located on the waterfront, north of Bonaire Nautico and It Rains Fishes. Bart and Jacqueline Landheer will be available to discuss the works and arrange for any sales. Should viewers prefer a different size or would like to have one shipped to Holland or the US, this can be arranged as well. How-

ever, only five copies of any print will ever be sold. Those who purchase the large photos will also receive an exclusive signed copy of Landheer's photo book. ■ *Jong Bonaire* Press Release

newspaper, has joined a number of other local businesses to help provide Papiamentu-English Dictionaries to local schools and the public library.

The donation is part of the Jong Bonaire School Dictionary Donation program and helps move Jong Bonaire closer to the 500 needed to receive a \$20,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor in the

"We have had excellent support from the business community on all three of the ABC Islands for this Dictionaries for Schools effort," said Rene Hakkenberg, president of the Jong Bonaire board, "but we still need to have about 30 more school dictionaries donated to qualify for the extra grant."



Johaila Sint Jago with Reporter Editor Laura DeSalvo

"As a business that depends on words, we know how valuable a good dictionary is," said George DeSalvo, publisher of *The Bonaire Reporter*, when making the donation to the Bonaire Library. "The dictionary will let people do a better job of communicating their ideas."

Any organization or individual who would like to contribute dictionaries can contact Jong Bonaire via e-mail (schools@papiamentudictionary.com), or from the website www.PapiamentuDictionary.com or by phone +599-717-4303 Ext. 12 (weekday afternoons). The youth organization obtained rights to reprint the popular dictionary by Betty Ratzlaff-Henriquez as a fundraising effort. The dictionary is also available in bookstores on Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba and on line at www.papiamentudictionary.com. ■ Jong Bonaire Press Release

### **Dictionary Donations near goal**

Just 34 more dictionary donations to schools are needed for Jong Bonaire to reach the 500 mark and make it eligible for a matching grant and do not have the resources of \$20,000 from an anonymous donor in the US. Donors on Bonaire, Curação and Aruba have so far purchased 466 dictionaries for schools on the ABC islands.

"We are asking companies of all sizes and individuals to help us reach this goal before the end of the year," said Rene this way both the schools and Hakkenberg, voorzitter of Stichting Jeugdwerk Jong Bonaire. "If we can find just a few more donors of 5 or 10 books each, we can reach this goal."

The School Dictionary Donation program was established to get the popular Papiamentu-English Dictionary, by Betty Ratzlaff Henriquez, into as many schools as possible. Donors purchase the dictionaries for schools for ANG 63 each (including OB), which is a 25% discount from the retail price.

"We really want to meet this goal so we can get the matching grant, but we also have more schools who have contacted us to be part of the program," said Hakkenberg. "The schools want and need this valuable reference book. We have also had several local schools request more of the

dictionaries so each classroom has a copy."

"Many of our schools today have a hard time financially to buy these sorts of books. Many families can't afford the books either," said Hakkenberg. "If socially responsible organizations and individuals join this School Dictionary Program, we can get these resources into the hands of the students who need them. And Jong Bonaire benefit from the donation."

Jong Bonaire obtained the right to reprint the dictionary earlier this year from Trans World Radio as a fund-raising project. "This dictionary and also the 2009 calendar we are selling are even more important to Jong Bonaire because the economic crisis makes it difficult to get donations," said Hakkenberg.

Every time a dictionary is purchased, income goes to Stichting Jeugdwerk Jong Bonaire to help support the after school program for teens on Bonaire. A part of the income will also go toward future reprinting of the dictionary so it will never go out of print again.

Maduro & Curiels Bank Bonaire, one of the largest donors of dictionaries to the schools, has donated 65 books because, according to Evert Piar, General Manager, MCB Bonaire, "It is vital that our workforce has a good command of the English language. Good spelling and the correct use of words shows our potential visitors and customers that Bonaire is ready to deal with them on a professional level. In order to be able to do this, we must start in our classrooms and this dictionary should help," Piar added.

In Curação VIP Sports donated 100 books to several schools. "As a major Internet company based in Curação, we know how important it is for our employees to have a good command of the English language," said Alistair Assheton, CEO of VIP Sports. "Since so much of our business is conducted over the telephone with for almost five years, in spite English speakers, one of the key requirements is a good understanding of that language," he said.

Other major donors so far include KPMG Curação RBTT Bank Bonaire, Capt. Don's Habitat, RE/MAX Paradise Homes, Rocargo, Sunbelt Realty, Digicel and Caribbean Homes.

Any organization or individual who would like to contribute dictionaries and help Jong Bonaire reach the 500 donation goal can contact Jong Bonaire via e-mail:

schools@papiamentudictionar <u>y.com</u>, or via the website www.PapiamentuDictionary.c om or by phone +599-717-4303 Ext. 12 weekday after-

The dictionary can be found in most major bookstores and other retail outlets on Bonaire, Curação and Aruba where it has been selling very well on all three islands and on the website. In addition to sales in Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba, orders on the website have come from the US, Canada, the Netherlands and even Switzerland and France.

Trans World Radio first published the Papiamentu-English Dictionary, by Betty Ratzlaff-Henriquez, in 1992 with a second printing in 1995. However, it had been out-of-print of constant demand. The new edition has over 100 additional words that were not included in the first two printings. There is also a new section added to the book that explains some of the key differences between the Papiamentu of Aruba and that of Bonaire and Curação. The author's biography has also been updated and information about the new sponsor, Jong Bonaire, is also included in this revision. ■

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y grandpa and grandma spent a month on Bonaire and have already booked for next year. They got me a few copies of *The Bonaire Reporter* and a toy. My grandpa and grandma are Co and Ellen Kers.

## Houston, Texas



inda Ridley writes, "I had a group of Texas friends visit and they sent this photo of themselves with *The Bonaire Reporter*. All of them loved Bonaire. The photo was shot at the Houston Airport when they returned. You know Texans they must get full use of all the activities and fun on Bonaire."

# Quebec, Canada



rom 30 degrees Celsius above zero to 30 degrees Celsius below zero. Here I am, Maria Akkermans, at the top of Mont Tremblant (875 meters) in the province of Quebec, Canada. I was having a great vacation with my daughter, Claudia, her husband, John, and my grandson, David.

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### HAPPENING SOON

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Thursday November 20- Claudia C. Johnson, PhD, Department of Geological Sciences Indiana University, Bloomington, will speak about "Coral survival in the face of changing ocean temperatures and ocean chemistry in Bonaire," 7 pm, CIEE Research Station, Kaya Gob. Debrot 21.

Saturday, November 22 - New Lt. Governor Glenn Thodé will speak about "The New Bonaire, the creation of our future nation" (Bonaire Nobo, kreashon di un futuro Nashon), Plaza Resort Casino room, 7:30 pm. All invited.

Wednesday November 26th - CIEE Research Station Bonaire Independent Research Project Reports by students. See page 10 for report topics. Presentations will be 10 minutes long with two minutes for questions. 7 pm, CIEE Research Station, Kaya Gob. Debrot 21.

Saturday, November 29-Sanikolas arrives in Bonaire by Boat, 9:30 am, Town Pier. Starting at 8 am children's activities sponsored by SE-BIKI at Wilhelmina Park. Great photo opportunities.

Sunday November 30 -Former Bonaire residents Dos and Bertie Winkel will present their new book Colors of Bonaire at a slideshow and book signing at Addo's Bookstore Bonaire (Books & Toys) on Kaya Grandi 36. Presentation in English at 2 pm, in Dutch at 4 pm. Tickets at bookstore.

Monday, December 1- Bari Festival Period. Song, dance, drink and the traditional Beating of the Drums (Bari) are the highlights of this celebration which recounts the year's happenings.

Tuesday, December 2—"Dreams of Bonaire" photo exhibit and sales to benefit Jong Bonaire. Open every day, free. At Kas di Arte on the Boulevard, just north of Bonaire Nautico Dock. More on page 14.

Friday, December 5, Bingo Fundraiser for the Tutti Frutti Musical Group at the Klup Patriotko na Sabana, 8 pm

Cruise Ship Season is back: Arts & Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Days, usually 10 am to 2 pm:

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### **Thursdays**

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Tuesday-- Bonaire Land and Ocean presentation by Fish-Eye Photo staff, 7pm on the big screen inside the Sunset Bar and Grill at Den Laman Condominiums.

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 6:30pm.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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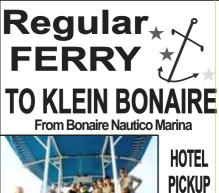
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# Kingdom Day

In 1995 "Antillean Day" (Antillendag), the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, was made an official public holiday in the Netherlands Antilles as a result of referenda held in 1993 and 1994 in which the population of the Island Territories expressed their wish and willingness to remain as one entity. Antillean Day was celebrated annually on 21<sup>st</sup> of October. In



Bonaire it never "caught on" and except for official commemoration it was just another day off.

Now, because of changes in the political structure of the Netherlands Antilles the concept of the Dutch Antilles as an integrated country will disappear. In these referenda held during 2000-2005, the island populations expressed the wish to secede from the Netherlands Antilles, but to remain, each in his own way, a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Consequently it was decided to introduce a new public holiday denoted as *Koninkrijksdag*, *Dia di Reino* or Kingdom Day instead of Antillean Day.



It is the intention that on Kingdom Day the various cultural aspects of the population of the Island Territories belonging to the Netherlands Antilles, as well as the population of the other Kingdom partners, Aruba and the Nether-

lands will be brought to the fore. Then more attention can be devoted to one's own cultural identity, but also to the many things we possess and share even after the disintegration of the Netherlands Antilles.

It has been decided to celebrate Kingdom Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December because Kingdom Day was celebrated formerly as a public holiday on December15<sup>th</sup>, namely after the acceptance of the Statute in 1954. Due to the desire of each Island Territory to celebrate their own public holiday (the day of the Flag) this former celebrated Kingdom Day was abolished in the middle of the 80s.

Antillean Day (21<sup>st</sup> of October) has been replaced as a public holiday by the introduction of Kingdom Day, which will be celebrated henceforth on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the introduction of the Kingdom Day is not an extra financial burden for the employer, and for the employee it is not an additional free day per year. With this replacement the Minister of Economic and Labor Affairs wants to indicate that cultural, economical and labor aspects go together. The employer has to take into consideration that the employee has the right to compensation if he/she works on a public holiday. ■

Minister of Economic and Labor Affairs, Ing. Elvis Tjin Asjoe

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Do you want to be a banker, a nurse, a fireman, find a school of higher education? This is your chance. The rooms and patios of Jong Bonaire thronged with people eager to get information from the exhibitors. This year there were 42 exhibits and personnel to talk about their subject, to answer questions and especially to show their enthusiasm. There were representatives from banks, the police and fire departments, the Coast Guard, insurance companies, phone companies, STINAPA, the high school, TCB, WEB, Kooyman's, FORMA, the Stichting Project, the FKPD (disabled), the hospital and a hotel. From Aruba came representatives from the University there and the EPI (professional intermediate education). Holland sent people from universities and other advanced learning institutions. From Curaçao there were schools, the University of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, the FPI (Fundashon Planifikashon di Idioma) and

This amazing fair was put together by the Ban Boneiru Bek Foundation. They deserve a big thank you.  $\blacksquare$  *L.D.* 







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# **Bubbles from the Biologist**

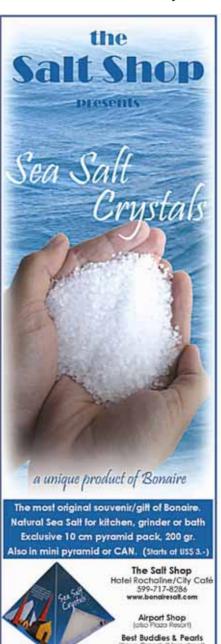
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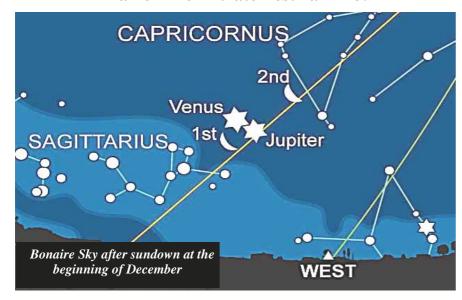
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If you want to start December right, on Monday night, December 1st, the three brightest objects in the night time sky will meet and make a terrific trio that I guarantee will knock your socks off.

On Monday next week, November 24th, at dusk face southwest where just above the horizon you will see the brightest planet of them all, Earth sized 8,000-mile-wide **Venus**, aptly named for the Roman goddess of love and beauty. And just up to Venus' left the second brightest planet appropriately named for the king of the Roman gods, **Jupiter,** because coincidentally this happens to be the largest and king of the planets. Now as astronomers say, they are, on the 24th, only 6 1/2 degrees apart. Which you can visualize more easily by remembering that one full **Moon** equals one half a degree. So if Venus and Jupiter are 6 1/2 degrees apart that means we could line up 13 full Moons between them on Monday. But they are moving rapidly toward each other, and only 24 hours later on Tuesday the 25th they will be 6 degrees or 12 full Moons apart, on Wednesday the 26th, 5 degrees or 10 full Moons apart, on Thursday the 27th, 4 degrees or 8 full Moons apart, on Friday only 3 degrees or 6 full Moons apart. But then ta da! It really gets good because on Saturday, November 29th, they'll be only 2 1/2 degrees apart, which means that only 5 full Moons could fit between them. And if you have a really clear flat horizon you just may be able to see an extremely thin 2-day-old crescent Moon. Binoculars will help.

But the next two nights are the best because on November 30th, the last day of this month, an exquisite crescent Moon complete with **earthshine**, which will look like a grayish black full Moon nestled within the crescent, will be down to the right of Jupiter and Venus and they will be at their closest for this go round only 2 degrees apart which means only 4 full Moons could fit between them. But it gets even better as we open up the first day of the last month of 2008 because ta da! on Monday December 1st an even more beautiful crescent Moon complete with earthshine will be just beyond Jupiter and Venus which will still be at their closest and the three of them will form one of the most striking trios you will ever see in the night sky. I mean just think of it—the three brightest objects we can see in the night sky, all together making a perfect triangle. It just doesn't get much better than this.

But although they look like they're close together it's only our perspective from our planet which makes it so. In reality they are at vast distances from each other. Indeed on December 1st our 2,000-mile-wide Moon will be only 250,000 miles away, whereas Venus will be 93 million miles beyond. 

\*\*Jack Horkheimer\*\*

# StarPower

By Jenny Lynch

November-2008 (end)

<u>Aires</u> Finances, taxes, and intimacy are main themes for the first few weeks of the month, dear Aries. A love relationship reaches new depths of understanding. You are also very busy with research and investigations of all kinds. The need for challenges, whether these are mental or physical, becomes palpable from the 17th forward. A travel, publishing, creative, or educational opportunity falls into your lap in the last week of the month.

<u>Taurus</u> Close personal relationships are in focus this month, dear Taurus. You find yourself making concessions more than usual. Your desire nature is strong from midmonth forward. A full Moon occurs in your sign on the 13th, pulling up some surprising emotions and feelings. Love opportunities are strongest on the 11 and 28. Good news arrives on the 29-30.

**Gemini** Work continues to be in the spotlight for you this month, dear Gemini. From the 16th forward, a partnership steps up a notch, becoming more dynamic and dramatic, and particularly so in the last week of the month. A love relationship reaches new levels of intimacy. A loan or money owed to you could arrive on the 29-30, particularly if it involves family or property.

<u>Cancer</u> There will be times when you feel bogged down by learning, projects, paperwork, and errands. You do find time for indulging in hobbies and other pleasurable activities. Your charm runs very high again this month. The 13th brings the need to help out a friend. Work is a scurry of activity in the last week of the month, and this period also favors stepping up physical activity or health routines.

<u>Leo</u> Domestic and family matters continue to take center stage for you this month, dear Leo. Romantic activity picks up after the 16th. Socializing on the job, and perhaps even meeting someone through work, is also part of the picture in the second half of the month.

<u>Virgo</u> A busy month that involves plenty of errand-running, tending to paperwork, and attending appointments is in store for you, dear Virgo. When Venus enters fellow earth sign, You may have to deal with a partner who is acting a little irresponsible (in your eyes) or erratic this month. Romance without any strings or expectations might be the answer. The 15-16 is a period of strength for you, when your powers of persuasion are especially effective.

<u>Libra</u> It's time to organize your personal finances this month, dear Libra, after perhaps some over-spending. November is an excellent month for budget-making, asking for a raise, and discovering new ways to boost your income. The 10-12 is a strong time for money matters. A generally friendly, positive attitude this month helps you to do just that. The last few days of November are excellent for education, learning, and communications.

<u>Scorpio</u> November is a month of increased confidence and initiative for you, dear Scorpio. Others are following your lead now. It's an excellent month in which to present your ideas, state your case, or simply get up to date with your emails, phone calls, and paperwork. Career offers come now, and money owed to you could also arrive, particularly in the last week of the month.

<u>Sagittarius</u> November is an especially strong month for you in terms of career and family matters, dear Sagittarius. It's also excellent for personal finances. However, it's a time of gathering your resources for the weeks ahead. The last week of the month is extremely busy. You are willingly taking the lead and others have your best interests at heart. A lover or partner is paying a lot of attention to you, and it feels fabulous.

<u>Capricorn</u> Expansion, confidence, and hopefulness are keywords for November, dear Capricorn. You are feeling good about yourself and confident about your future. This is also the time when Venus, the planet of love and attraction, enters your sign. It's easier than ever to attract exactly what you want during this cycle. November is likely to be memorable for love and romance! Confusing financial matters or questions of ownership begin to resolve this month.

Aquarius Business and public affairs continue to play a big role in your life in November, dear Aquarius, but the pressures and over-activity in these areas you encountered last month begin to dissipate. Love this month is rather business-like as well, or could be found through professional contacts. Friends and group activities are strong in the last week.

<u>Pisces</u> Your sense of adventure runs high this month, dear Pisces, and you are itching for a change of pace. Any partnership conflicts that have been brewing are magnified in November, however. Watch for money tensions around the 4th and social blunders or misunderstandings on the 17-18. The last week of the month is outstanding for work, money, and career.■





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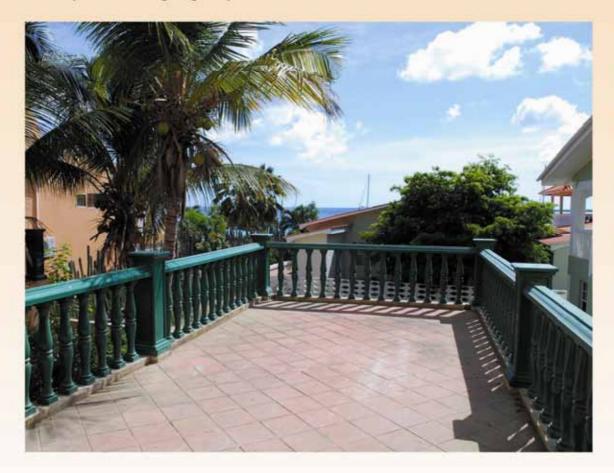
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