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High School Transformation
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Above: Students in the First Year of the Health and Care Section of the VSBO



Ringling a lora

Officials from The Environmental Service (DROB), The Environmental Police, STINAPA, and the SSV (non-criminal police) joined in an enforcement action, raiding six houses and confiscating seven Loras (The Bonaire yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot, an endangered species). The parrots confiscated did not have a "ring" on their leg. Since 2002 it has been required that all Bonaire parrots in captivity be ringed and registered as a deterrent to poaching. Owners of captive Loras are now being given a last chance to register their birds if they haven't already. A short amnesty period has begun. After it ends owners of unregistered loras will be given a summons by the police. A fine of up to NAf10.000 can be charged. If you have a bird you wish to register call: DROB (717-8130), STINAPA (717-8444), SSV (717-5330) or Police HQ (717-8000).

► **Henk Kamp, The Queen's Commissioner for the BES islands, will hold separate one-on-one meetings early next month** with interested persons on Saba and Statia who wish to know more about the upcoming constitutional and other changes.

Spokeswoman Maya Leon-Pandt said the confidential sessions will be limited to 10 minutes and questions should deal with the relationship with the Netherlands and not with the Island government.

Interested persons on Bonaire who would like to meet with similar meetings with Mr. Kamp, should visit the service center in the APNA building to make their appointments or call 717-8333.

► **Apparently there will be elections for a new Central Government Antillean Parliament in January 2010** despite the fact that by the end of 2010 there will be no Antillean Government as the BES Islands, Curaçao and Sint Maarten will each have gone their own way. The Council of State (RVS), the Dutch Advisory Council, recommended that elections be postponed. The term of the new Parliament would start on March 26, 2010, while the agreement is that the "Country" of the Netherlands Antilles be dismantled no later than October of the same year.

► **In the wake of the BES Islands' decision to use the US dollar as its currency a conference was held in Curaçao to discuss the possibility of dollarizing themselves.** Most of the reaction appeared favorable but many still had concerns, World Bank senior economist Lars Moller recommended further study of the several economies that have introduced the US dollar as legal tender. He specifically used Panama as a case study but felt that the recent experiences of Ecuador (2000) and El Salvador (2001) were more relevant for Curaçao and St. Maarten, but also too recent for empirical analysis. Mark O'Brian of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department at the International Monetary Fund believed it was difficult to come up with a clear-cut answer to whether the advantages of a move to full dollarization would outweigh the disadvantages.



► At a recent financial conference in Curaçao Richard Doornbosch of the Dutch Ministry of Finance outlined

how the introduction of the dollar would take place for the BES islands. According to Doornbosch:

- **The US dollar will become legal tender as of January 1, 2011.**
- All "electronic" payments will take place in dollars from 12 am onwards.
- All accounts will be converted automatically at the rate of NAf

► **The Ecopower consortium which will become responsible for Bonaire's electric power next year has taken on 15 Water and Electricity Bonaire (WEB) employees.** Ecopower will run the wind farm at Morotin and the power plant at BOPEC. WEB remains responsible for the distribution of electricity and water for the island.

Ecopower is a partnership among three parties: Enercon (wind turbines), MAN (diesel generators) and Evelop. 90% of the shares of Evelop were sold after bankruptcy of the parent company, Econcern. Rabo Bank is funding the wind-diesel project on Bonaire.

► **Interestingly, The Netherlands is in the top 10 of countries that spend the most money on lobbying and public relations work in the US.** The Hague spent 1.9 million euros in 2008. These figures come from an investiga-



tion by ProPublica, the non-profit journalism website.

At the top of the list is United Arab Emirates, which spent \$10.9 million in 2008. In second place is Britain (\$6.1 million), followed by Japan and Turkey (\$4.2 million), and Iraq (\$3.7 million).

The Netherlands is in ninth place with \$2.7 million (1.9 million euros).

► **Curaçao's InselAir will mark its third anniversary with the addition of a new jet aircraft to its fleet and additional routes.** The jet is being fitted with a complete new interior and a "comfort class" section that will offer certain benefits to passengers flying in that class, including preferred check-in and boarding and the use of the VIP rooms at the different airports that InselAir services.

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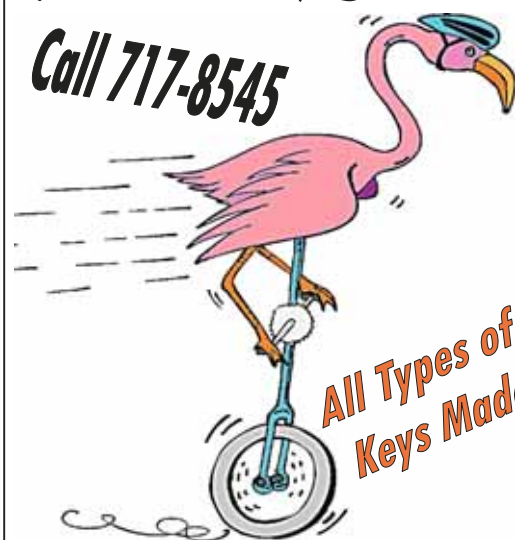
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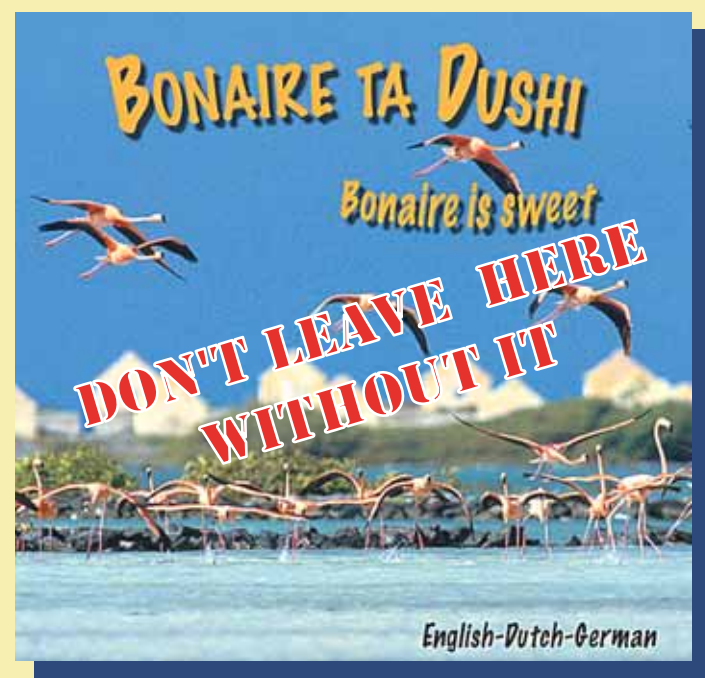
Some of the people behind the making of *Bonaire Ta Dushi*: Silvie Taurer (German and Dutch translation); Caren Eckrich and Zwanette Kooij (diving scenes); Jerry Ligon (birds and land); filmmaker Wuyts; Michiel "Shrek" van Bockhorst (narration); Donna Wuyts-DeSalvo (film production); and Hans Voerman (kayak, caves and climbing). Not pictured: Maria Koeks, Fernando Simal, George Cultura, Funchie Echbrechts and Kallie DeMeyer.

Filmmaker Hendrik Wuyts' newest DVD, a sensitive, affectionate video portrait of Bonaire, *Bonaire Ta Dushi*, debuted to a packed house at Captain Don's Habitat new conference room last week.

Two years in the making *Bonaire Ta Dushi* tells about the island's top natural attractions using the islands "experts" own words backed by the superb images Wuyts is known for. The experts include past Marine Park Manager **Kalli De Meyer**, Chief Washington-Slagbaai Park

Ranger **George Cultura**, Rincon tour guide **Maria Koeks**, sea turtle conservationist **Gilmond "Funchie" Echbrechts**, naturalist **Jerry Ligon**, researcher **Caren Eckrich**, Washington-Slagbaai Park manager **Fernando Simal**, and extreme adventure

guide **Hans Voerman**. Hendrik Wuyts is a Belgian who first came to Bonaire 16 years ago. He's studied at the world renowned Antwerp School of the Arts and his work has won gold medals at New York and Los Angeles film festivals.



Having a copy of this DVD is a must for all who appreciate what Bonaire has to offer. It's different from the usual travelog DVD because it expresses concern that the natural attractions of Bonaire may be threatened by overdevelopment. ■G.D.

Available at dive and souvenir shops on Bonaire '*Bonaire ta Dushi*' is produced in three languages: English, Dutch and German.

If you would like to enjoy a teaser or order online visit: www.bonairefilmproductions.com \$25

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The IATA has accepted InselAir as a member of the IATA Clearing House, making it possible for InselAir to start interline and code share agreements. Insel Air flies daily from Bonaire to Curaçao to connect with their other flight and non-stop to Miami on Saturday.

► **The Caribbean and Latin America countries are going from recession to depression, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC).** Caribbean economist Dr Keith Nurse, who has been tracking the proof of the region's economic status. He presented statistics from the UNECLAC public lecture at the Tom Adams Financial Centre, Barbados given last Friday, August 28. Nurse said this trend was a result of deceleration of growth in the core world economies. (Source: Weekend Nation)

► **A 13-year-old Dutch girl's plans to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world were blocked temporarily on Friday** when a court placed her under state supervision for two months. Laura Dekker, who was born on her parents' boat in New



Zealand and spent her first four years at sea, had intended to begin a two-year voyage on her 8.3-metre (27-foot) yacht *Guppy* on September 1.

► **By the time you read this Bonaire will be out of "regular" gasoline.** Bonaire's exclusive supplier, Curoil, decided that it would be more convenient for them to sell only "super" gas at Bonaire gas stations. Curaçao has had only "super" for some time already. According to a government press release the extra two octane numbers of the fuel would not harm vehicles. **The decision will cost regular gas users an additional two cents a gallon.**

► **Marine Park Manager Ramon deLeon received the first Coral Bleach Watch for the season.** NOAA satellites detected a Hot Spot in the Southern Caribbean of 0.1° over the Maximum Monthly Mean. This means that there is a significant potential for coral bleaching in the Caribbean in 2009. **NOAA predicts that from July through October Bonaire falls in the Potential Severe Bleaching category.**

Remember that bleached corals are still alive and need special protection. All Marine Park users must stay especially clear of the reef and not add extra stress on the reef like contacts, residues from bilge, etc.

For more information about coral reef bleaching please visit http://www.coral.noaa.gov/cleocoral_bleaching.shtml.

► **Ever wonder about the tug boats that ply the waters of Bonaire? Read about them in the story, Tug of the Sea,** a hilarious and harrowing story of adventure aboard the *Lucaya*, the 368-ton tugboat tied up at the Town Pier Kralendijk. Bonaire writer, **Patrick Holian, joins Captain Andy Domacassé** and crew as they steer their tug to the oil tanks at BOPEC. You can read all about it in the August edition of *Caribbean Compass*. **Free copies are available at Budget Marine.**

► **Popular marine educators, Ned and Anna DeLoach, have returned to Buddy Dive and will be there through September 25.** During this one-month event, Ned and Anna give seminars and slide shows on fish behavior, coral and fish identification, as well as guiding dive trips. The activities started on Sunday, August 30, and will carry on until Friday the 25th of September. All the activities are free of charge for guests staying at Buddy Dive Resort. A limited number of people can be accommodated on the guided boat dives and snorkel tours.

The DeLoach's Reef Fish Identification and the Reef Fish Behavior books are for sale at Buddy's dive shop. Buy yourself a copy, and have it signed during the

weekly free Manager's Rum Punch Party & Happy Hour every Friday between 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

► **On Saturday, September 5, at 8 pm, the Police Sport Society (SoDePo) will hold a song festival in the High School Auditorium in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the police corps.** There will be 13 participants with the three best representing Bonaire in the finals during the Kingdom Games. Admission is NAf 15 and tickets are available at police HQ and from SoDePo members. Participants are: **Magdala Seraus, Herlene Cesilia, Zuly Marchena, Joshua Carter, Racheida Trenidad, Shainy Tokaay, Shajeni Tokaay, Allen Richardson, Audrey Frans, Hensley de Palm, Eugene Granviel, Roy Abdul and Emmanuel Libier.**

For more information call the Communication Department at 717-8015 or 788-3983.

► **Starting Sept 2, the Bonaire Rotary Club will meet at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort** upstairs in the Peter Hughes meeting room, above the dive shop. Parking is available and best entrance is at Casino parking area. Same time: noon until 2pm. Dress code is business casual.

► **Did you know that Antillean Wine Company (AWC) carries more than just fine affordable wines from around the world? They also have a wide selection**

of glassware, even wine glasses without stems for our windy terraces. Wine lovers should relish this **aromatic honey** from Rocca delli Macie's vineyard bees. As well there's a super high quality **virgin olive oil**, ½ liter for NAf 28,25. Customers are welcome to visit the walk in cooler which houses some **very special wines**. AWC warehouse is on Kaya Industria, just north of the under-construction traffic circle, across the street and south from Warehouse Bonaire. Open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

► **There will be an unprecedented sale of used tools and construction equipment, as well as household gear** this Saturday, September 5. The gates open at **9am on Kaya Nederlandia # 21 (Express Cargo Lot).** Cash only will be accepted.

► **Bonaire Day (Dia di Boneiru),** Sunday, September 6, will be celebrated in Rincon beginning in the early morning and lasting all day. It is not only a day for fun, it is an important reminder of Bonaire's heritage, which some consider to be even more at risk with the upcoming direct tie with The Netherlands.

► **Welcome to two new Bonaire Reporter advertisers, Oranjefonds and Touch of Gold.** See their ads on pages 11 and 20. ■ G./L.D.

On the Island Since... 2000 *Zaida Meneses and Juan Gutierrez*

“Juan came to work here in construction in 1993. After we had saved some money we got married in Peru on December 31st 1994 and in January 1995 we came here together. I was 20. It was the first time I’d left South America. When I arrived at the airport we went straight to the kunuku at Kaminda Nieuw Amsterdam where we had a room. There were a lot of horses which were rented out for marriages. And that was it. There was nothing—no asphalt—only earth and a sea of lizards. I would walk and the lizard sea would open, and when I had passed the sea would close again. It was the first time I saw lizards.

I am from Lima. I’m used to the fog, the smog, the cars and the asphalt, the government buildings, the churches and the main streets—busy, busy, busy. I had expected a different world, a part of Holland—an old continent with ancient streets and buildings—but I found a virgin island and people who were waiting to grow.

I was very young and I wanted to conquer the world, to see what’s more in life, but I saw time go slowly here, long days and long nights and there was

nothing. But then, at that time, I could only see what was right in front of my eyes: earth, lizards, the sea—and people who spoke another language, Papiamentu, and who seemed to be very educated. I also saw three different kinds of people—the locals, the Bonaireans, the Dutch who were living in houses on the coast and the Latinos who were working in construction—three social classes.

I couldn’t get used to the island and I didn’t want to stay. I was too young, too far away from my parents. I am the eldest child and I felt so much pain to be so far from them, especially from my dad who influenced my life so much. I was daddy’s girl, his right hand. He had always told me to work with my hands, to do whatever and not to expect something else. You have to work. My father had his own business and I’d never worked outside the house or for other people.

“I also know now that difficult times are part of life, but everything passes, good and bad, and it’s the same for everyone.”

Here I cleaned houses. I worked for very nice Antillean people like Fanny Emerenciana. This lady was a professor and she

taught me everything, not only how to clean, but also Papiamentu and she told me about the customs and the culture of the island. However, after 18 months I felt I wanted to go back to Peru. Juan was more comfortable here, but we made the decision to go back because I missed my father. Also because my father was sick. He was diabetic. I had no children, no strong reasons to stay here, so we went back together.

Juan went to work for my father and so did I. Soon after we returned to Peru we had our children: Gabriel was born in 1997 and Michelle came in 1998. But, I couldn’t forget Bonaire,

the Papiamentu, the sea. I don’t know why, but it stayed with me. When we went to the beach in Lima, I told Juan, ‘Remember

how transparent the sea was in Bonaire?’ because the Pacific has a lot of foam and its waves are thick and dark.

With President Fujimori times were hard. In Lima we were confronted every day with protest marches and strikes and when my father’s sickness got worse he told me, ‘Here the situation is not good. Go back!’ Then my father died in 1999.

I wanted to go to Bonaire, but this time it was different as we

had the responsibility of two little children. I thought of God. Life was so hard. We had nothing and nobody was buying anything. We had a very big machine, you could sew anything with that machine and it was the most expensive thing we had in our little house where we lived after my father died. I thought, ‘If I sell the machine, I’ll go back to Bonaire.’ And... it was sold. It was sold in the morning and in

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Juan Gutierrez and Zaida Meneses

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the afternoon I went to the KLM office to buy my ticket. Two days later I left Peru and Juan and the children." *She smiles through her tears.*

"I had to find a job for Juan, for myself and a place to stay for us too. But it was also a time of recession for Bonaire and there was no construction going on. It was very hard to be separated from my husband and children. I was only depending on my prayers, praying that we would get a chance, that we would make it, little by little. One day I went to see the governor, Richard Hart, and after that it seemed that everything went better. It was like a favor from God, like He wanted me to stay on Bonaire.

One year later Juan arrived with the children. He started to work for Dutch people at an aloe plantation. I was working in restaurants at night. The children did well. The climate agreed with them. In Lima Gabriel had been suffering from a lot of colds, but here he was healthy and strong and so was Michelle. We are very lucky to have them. They are good children. They speak Papiamentu, Spanish, English and Dutch. You know, you can say they opened their eyes here." *She laughs.* "They are from here; they like funchi, tutu, stoba, banana hasa and piska hasa and they like Antillean music. They are Bonaireans, born in Peru! Bonaire is the land of my children."

Zaida is poetic and philosophical. She has a lot of sentiment and she is one of those people who can turn a set-back into a positive experience. She is very much herself, sensitive but strong and beautiful from the inside out.

"I always had in mind to set up something for myself. We started with a cleaning company, 'Bonaire Contractor Services,' house cleaning and renovation. But it all came down to cleaning. Juan and I did it. That was the company!

When I was working in the restaurants I would prepare my own food for myself, and all my colleagues, mostly Dutch, loved the Peruvian dishes I made and my Bonairean friends whom I invited to my house, liked it too. It was a different taste, another flavor. So, I started thinking about a small restaurant with Peruvian food. I went on to finalize the idea, but I put the final decision in God's hands. I left it up to him.

In 2007 I made an appointment with Pascal de Meyer to see him face to face and he turned out to be my son's best friend's father. Pascal said 'Yes,' he would rent the place to me, and I thought, 'Maybe the location is not so good, but it's also not so bad.' It was something to start with.

The first year was very hard as the cleaning company – Juan and I – were now in the restaurant, our only source of income. I had no experience and I didn't know anything about tourism, but after a while I realized that the location was strategic to introduce a new style of food to the island. When God gives us something it's



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always better.

In the meantime we have grown in experience, in knowing people and cultures, what they like and how they like it and we treat our guests with respect and affection.

Now that I'm old," *she laughs,* "I see that Bonaire is offering so many opportunities to grow in every way. I also know now that difficult times are part of life, but everything passes, good and bad, and it's the same for everyone. We all have to deal with life the way it comes to us. It's a struggle, but nothing is ever impossible! I am emotional and I'm timid and I can be very nervous, but I'm strong and Juan and I complement each other in every way and we rely on each other. But I strongly believe the more confidence you have in God, the easier it is.

I want to say thank you to all the people

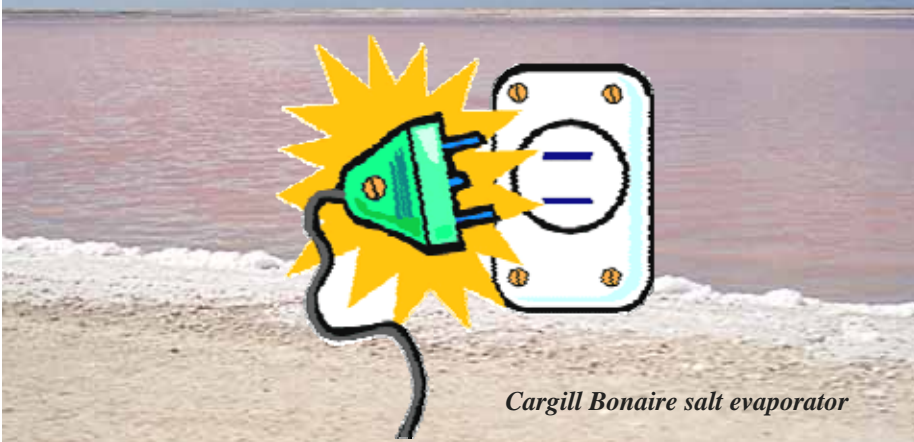
I have met here who have helped me and employed me; people with a very strong positive influence, from all cultures, lovely Antillean people, Americans with a good heart and noble Dutch people. They all made me stronger and they've motivated me. They've taught me so much. I am happy and content to be a Peruvian. I am from there, my parents are Peruvians and all my memories are there, but my life is here.

I think Bonaire is blessed and protected by God. There are no hurricanes, no earthquakes and no tsunamis. I love Bonaire. She's my adopted mother." ■ *Greta Kooistra*



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Cargill Bonaire salt evaporator

Bonaire's solar salt works may be useful for more than producing salt. It seems that the super-salty ponds might also provide electric power. Next month a technical paper is being presented at the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) Conference on Electrical Power and Energy in Montreal, which uses Bonaire as an example for a proposed system to produce significant electric power from salt ponds. Two applications are to be considered in the paper: Backup power of about 2.5 MW for a small island community relying primarily on wind power, and steady production for a maritime installation such as a fish farm. The title of the paper is: Energy Generation and Storage using Evaporated Brines by R.I. (Ian) MacDonald, Senior Member, IEEE. Ian MacDonald is a long-time seasonal resident of Bonaire.

How does it work? Consider that where fresh water is not naturally available it may be obtained by desalinating seawater, as WEB does here in Bonaire using reverse osmosis (RO). Under high pressure seawater is forced through a "filtering" membrane that does not pass the salt. The pump that generates the pressure consumes a lot of energy.

The desalination process can operate in reverse. If sea water and concentrated brine from a salt water concentra-

tor pond are separated by a similar membrane, pure water will spontaneously be drawn from the seawater side through the membrane to dilute the concentrated brine. The water transiting the membrane gains pressure and the extra volume of pressurized water can be used to drive a turbine that produces rather than consumes energy. This reversed desalination process, called "pressure retarded osmosis," (PRO), is just one of several that have been proposed for generating power from a difference in the salinity of water, including a new one published last month in a major journal of physics.

Bonaire's salt flats provide a large source of water that is saltier than the sea. The idea of getting electrical power from a salinity difference has been dormant since the 1970s. Recently it has reawakened. In 2007 the Norwegian power company Statkraft announced that it would install a kW-scale prototype PRO generator on a river in Norway. A project using a different process (reverse electrodialysis) has been announced by a Dutch company for trial on the *Afsluitdijk* where the freshwater Rhine meets the sea in the Netherlands. Perhaps Bonaire will be next, using solar evaporation to complement the wind turbines under construction at Morotin ■ *G.D/Ian MacDonald*

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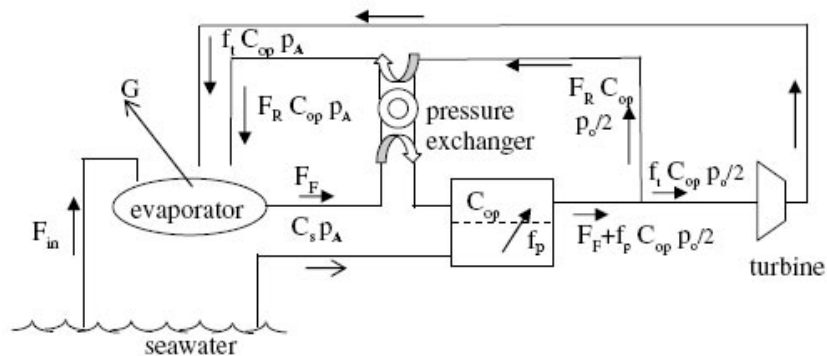


Fig.1 Diagram of evaporation PRO generator. Flows are labelled F, pressures p and concentrations C

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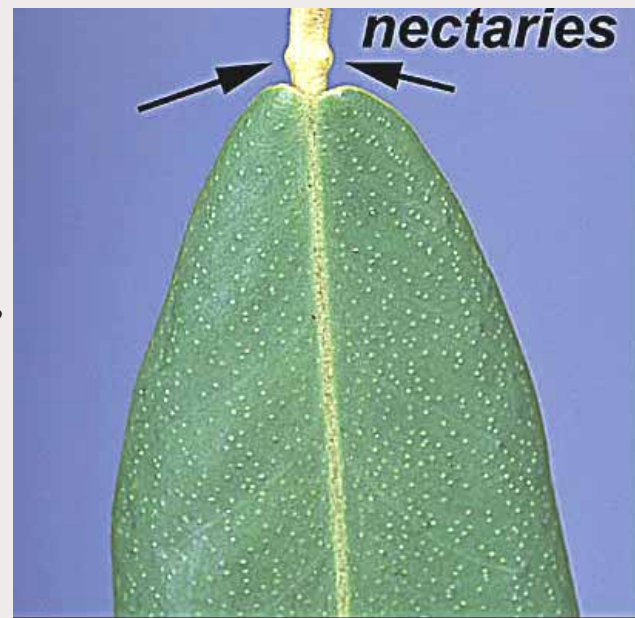


Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You

Know... That our white mangroves (*Laguncularia racemosa*) may offer sweet nectar treats to unsuspecting ants and other insects in exchange for protection against herbivorous insects? You may already know about the acacia-ant cooperation throughout much of the tropics. Acacia trees often have ant symbionts that live within their big, hollow spines and feed off of small nectar glands (called nectarines or nectaries) on the acacia plants. In exchange for room and board, ants defend their tree from herbivorous animals and even trim neighboring trees that are competing with their tree for space and light. If you ever lean against an acacia, you'll learn about these warrior ants first hand!

Recently, I learned from mangrove expert, Robin Roy Lewis, that white mangroves also have nectar glands. I had been taught that these glands, found at the base of the leaves, excreted salt, but this is incorrect. They secrete nectar and it is thought that mangroves do this for the same reason as acacia trees – to attract insects that will defend the trees against herbivores. This may be the case in other locations, but it doesn't seem to be effective



Laguncularia racemosa

here on Bonaire where many of our white mangroves are unhealthy and show signs of insect damage. This is yet another reason to learn as much as we can about our mangroves and do as much as we can to protect them. After all, what are reefs without mangroves? ■ *Caren Eckrich*

Caren Eckrich teaches Coral Reef Ecology and Field Research Methods to university students studying abroad at CIEE Research Station Bonaire (cieebonaire.org).



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Natural Medicine

Our body exists due to natural elements: water, the earth, the sun and the air. Without them we cannot exist. We often hear expressions like "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." So give your body what your body really needs.

The experience of Mrs. Hendrica Josepha-de Palm (69) and her husband, Mr. Stanley Josepha, owners of the Rose Lord Health Center at Kaya Kanari 42, can motivate us. They started this Health Center Shop

about 10 years ago when Hendrica's husband Stanley had prostate cancer. He was only 55 years old. Because of the regular medications prescribed by the specialist his condition was worsening until he went to a natural doctor and start using natural medicines. Since then his health started improving. His PSA test result was completely normal and the X-rays show that the black dots he had around his prostate have gone. Mr. Stanley Josepha got his health back and has a great appreciation for natural medicine. Then he and his wife opened this shop.

"We use regular medicine to ease our pains," Hendrica says, "but it never solves the problems. We need to use natural medicine to help our body heal. We need to reinforce our body with natural medicine for what the regular medicine has made bad. One thing about natural medicines is that they never hurt the body. The specialist and the urologist were completely amazed with my husband's health and how he's improved."

We opened the shop, not to make money, but just to make people conscious about their health. Don't rely only on the regular medications. Under the supervision of a natural medicine specialist you can guide your life to a better way of living. Trust in God and yourself that you can do it. We know that health insurance doesn't cover the cost of natural medicine, even the visits to a naturalist. Most doctors and specialists don't recognize the fact that these natural medicines that contain natural elements like herbs, water, mud and other ingredients, can be a cure.

On Saturday, the 12th of September we will have a visit from a natural specialist here in Bonaire. He will talk about the use of the natural medicine. The talk will be held in the community center of Nikiboko at 8 pm.

In the beginning a lot of people here on Bonaire were using these natural medicines. Now it's picking up again. Every month we are going to have a specialist in natural medicine and people can place their orders at the end of every month. We want to continue with the center so people can see the changes in their health after using natural products.

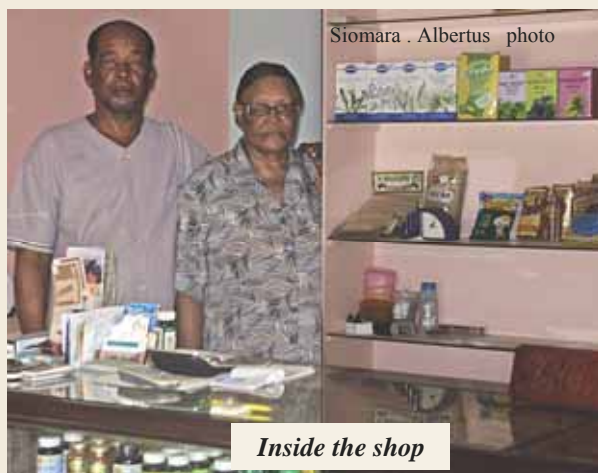
Sometimes it's not easy to make progress in this business because a lot of people are not so aware of natural products and medicine. If people were more conscientious about using natural medicine we would do much better in the business.



Siomara . Albertus photo

Hendrica and Stanley Josepha with their grandson

But we have a lot of people who appreciate us and because of our own experience we get great satisfaction in continuing with the business. Our purpose is to explain to people about the use of these products. But we always tell them to consult with a natural medicine specialist first before they decide to use them. A naturalist specialist works on causes and preventions, while regular doctors work on the diseases."



Siomara . Albertus photo

Inside the shop

"We have a problem in our community," Stanley says. "People have to be motivated to read more, to understand and earnestly want to change their way of living. People have to learn to eat healthier. In the beginning it was hard for me too. But at 55 I understood and for the last nine years I've consumed no meat and no sugar. I read more and learn more about everything that has to do with prostate cancer. Natural medicines are supplements to our bodies; the elements that our body needs to repair itself. Today after 10 years I can say I feel completely healthy. The supplements and the natural medicines help."

When you love your body you will understand the signs it gives you. Don't wait until you retire or you become ill. Start today. ■ *Siomara E. Albertus*

In this column in the last edition of The Reporter the name, Panaderia Seleka in Nikiboko was incorrect. It should have read: Panaderia Seruva in Nikiboko. Ed.

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DO YOU SUDOKU?

To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region. **Answer on page 18.** Supplied by *Molly Bartikoski-Kearney*

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Yoga Classes



Desiree Bogart has decided after a one-year teaching sabbatical that she is more than ready to start her yoga classes again. She was trained in Ash-tanga yoga by David Swenson and Power Yoga by Beryl Bender Birch and has taught yoga on Bonaire for the past seven years.

In her **VINYASA YOGA class** she will work with a flowing sequence of traditional yoga postures and connecting moves linked with breath. This all will lead to experience a mind/body/spirit workout that is invigorating.

Start: Thursday September 3rd, ends October 8th
Time: 6-7 pm (please do not eat dinner before class)
Place: Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47
Register: Call 786-3341 or email bonaire-basics@telbonet.an
Costs: NAf 105 for a 6-week class, once a week
Walk ins: NAf 20, per class. ■ *Press release*

Cover story *The High School's Transformation*

There's been a near total transformation at the SGB (high school) of Bonaire and you can see it the minute you drive up. In past years the buildings and school yards were a mess with broken windows and debris everywhere, school materials were scarce or non-existent and there was a dispirited feeling among both the students and the teachers. Parents were disgusted. The school was home to about 1,500 students, ranging from young 12-year-olds to some over 20 because SBO students can be of all ages. It was too many for the school to hold at one time so some students had to come in on a second shift in the afternoon. It seemed as if nothing could be done. The money for improvements was just sitting there, but it wasn't being used. Actually there was not always that much money for improvements and it was always for special projects, though now that the BES Islands are becoming tied closer with the Netherlands extra funds have been allocated for education perhaps as much €6 million euros for education on the BES islands in the next two years.

Last semester, as part of the planned integration of the BES Islands with Holland, Dutch inspectors visited the schools and presented a scathing report saying the teachers were okay but the school facilities were at a very low level. Studies were also made of the elementary or basic schools and the students there were discovered to be behind their grade requirements.

Catalyst For Change

Enter Nolly Oleana. Nolly has been in education for years. He was a principal in the SGB and Director of HAVO and VWO. But because of party politics he was temporarily shunted aside. During his time on the sidelines, Oleana formulated plans and found the money to revitalize the school. Once Oleana became Commissioner of Education (as well as Commissioner of Sports, Environment, DROB, Domain, Harbors and Airport), following a



Nolly Oleana

change in the Bonaire government early this year he was able to get started on his plans for the school and begin its revitalization. "Now is the time," he says. "Education on Bonaire has to change."

Follow The Money

Where did the money come from? "Mostly from the Netherlands. Holland had NAf 800.000 already allocated for 2009 and we wanted to use it," Nolly explains. Then he applied for a "Quick Win Project" for small developments and got NAf 400.000 more. Administratively, there is €300 allocated for each SGB student. Right now there are 1,248 students in the SGB. So that's nearly €375.000 (NAf 954.000) more. NAf 1.2 million was spent on reconstruction and to divide the SGB into separate schools as well as create a more congenial atmosphere with plenty of shade.

Splitting The Schools

Last May a decision was made to separate the different levels and ages of the high school students, provide separate entrances for the "Junior High" and "High School" and color code the students' shirts to the buildings with

their classrooms. The 150 students in the higher levels of VWO and HAVO were also moved to temporary facilities at the Sport Hall and for those 50 students preparing for their final academic exams, to Jong Bonaire.

The pre-high school elementary school students weren't left behind either. Oleana says, "When we found that the students in the basic schools were behind academically, we discovered money available to bring them up to level. There are now new books and extra lessons in the Dutch language and arithmetic so they'll be more prepared for SGB."

Cool and Clean

"Some of the money allocated to SGB provided for a facelift," says Coordinator for the Service Department (Administration, Health and Care, Hospitality) Ann Leong. "We have new windows, expanded classrooms, new benches, all the schoolyards are clean. The kids now use the trash containers. We see that the students can concentrate better and have much more energy in the cooler rooms."

Was there a downside to this rapid activity?

Yes. The building contractors really let the school down. The new classrooms were to be ready for this semester, but the workers were lured away to other better paying construction jobs. The school is still waiting for them to finish the classrooms they promised. (They are supposed to finish by December). Not all the air conditioning is installed. And they're still waiting for the rest of the study materials and computers.

Looking Good

What is obvious right away are the fresh looking multicolored buildings on Kaya Korona. The teachers and students themselves were brought into the decision making for the transformation.

The newest SGB students, ages 12 to 14, in the "junior high" are in a totally separate area and buildings from the older students. They wear light green shirts and their buildings are the same color. They even have a separate entrance.

Color coordinated shirts are

(Continued on page 9)



At Chez Nous there's a new system whereby the students can work more independently. Books were ordered from Holland



VSBO students love their teacher, Charite Coffie



The unfinished school building – paintings on fence were done last year by the students for Cultural Week



The classroom that cares— "The Jungle," with teacher Helen Hoen.

The High School's Transformation

(Continued from page 8)



Shirts to match the classrooms

used in the High School too. For example, the AGO students wear burgundy or beige shirts, to match their classroom buildings. The VWO and HAVO students wear purple. Most students we talked to like their new "uniform" shirts, although one said, "They're too expensive." Someone else said they wanted a bigger logo.

This separation of classes has many benefits besides making sure the right students are in the proper area. "It's really nice and quiet," says one student, "and it's nice to have our own entrance. It's less busy and there aren't so many fights." Everyone agrees the airco is great: "We love it," they say. There is a better ambience with smaller groups of students.

Some students miss having all the kids together, "It's difficult to talk with people in the other groups." Others wish there were more places to sit out of the sun.

The Academic Schools

At the temporary accommodations at the Sport Hall on Kaya Amsterdam the 150 VWO and HAVO students and teachers are still waiting for their classrooms to be finished. In the meantime there are two or more classes held simultaneously in each of the temporary rooms. It seems to work as there's a library-like feeling. In one corner a teacher may be instructing a group at the board, another group may be taking a test and a third working independently. According to Co-

ordinator-Teacher Johannetta Gordijn, in this temporary setting, the teachers move from student group to student group rather than the conventional movement of students from classroom to classroom. There are typically from 20 to 27 students per group.

The learning system for VWO and HAVO is set up so that students can work independently. It's up to them to finish their assignments, either at school or at home. One girl said, "I'm working so hard here every day that I just can't do homework at home. But it's up to me to finish it however I can." A male student agreed that he never worked so hard in his life, and that he felt so much better working in air conditioning. However, some students complained that it was hard to hear with more than one class in a room.

Joannetta Gordijn says, echoing the feelings of many of the other teachers, "There shouldn't be one big school at one location. In a smaller school there is a better atmosphere. And it's safer in smaller schools. There were 1,500 kids from 12 to 20 years in the old SGB. This is better. The

students get to know each other better and we teachers get to know our students better. In a smaller setting the students get more guidance."

Elementary/Basic Schools

In addition to the multi-location high school described, Bonaire has six "public" elementary schools: Kolgio Papa Cornes, Kolgio San Luis Beltran, Kolgio San Bernardo, Kolgio Kristu Bon Wardador, Kolgio Reina Beatrix and Kolgio Watapana in Rincon.

Add the VWO/HAVO private high school, Unicollege, the three private elementary schools- Pelikaan School, Aquamarine School and the Bonaire International School-and it's obvious that the priority for education on Bonaire is soaring.

Computers In All Public Basic Schools

Just last Friday, August 28, Commissioner Oleana announced that all the "foundation-based" public elementary schools on the island would be equipped with modern computer systems to teach computer skills to the young students. In all, 248 computers, nine laser printers and 17 servers will be allocated to the

schools. It's taken about a year to prepare for this innovation with the needed power, cabling and security. Telbo is providing Internet connection free. Special software will filter the Internet content so it appropriate for the youngsters. Teachers must take a special course to assist them in teaching the students about information technology. Three schools already have the systems installed and the others are to be ready by mid-September. A major challenge will be synchronizing the study topics with computer usage.

The project is coordinated by the Culture and Education Department (SEK) and the Organization for Personal Information and Technology (PO&ICT).

The Future

There are even more innovations to come for Bonaire schooling. It's been announced that four new schools are planned for the island, two elementary and two "advanced" schools. One of the old elementary schools may be demolished. A study is underway to determine the possible locations for the schools.

■ *Laura & George DeSalvo*



Break time at the VWO and HAVO at the Sport Hall



VSBO Hospitality students at work



Study time at the VWO and HAVO at the Sport Hall



School is fun at the Junior High!

Stichting Project Starts A New Year

Calendar Fundraiser



Rebecca Harrop

British teacher Rebecca Harrop is a loyal visitor to Bonaire. While on the island she spends much time looking through her camera's lens and that hobby brought her to every corner of Bonaire above and below the water.

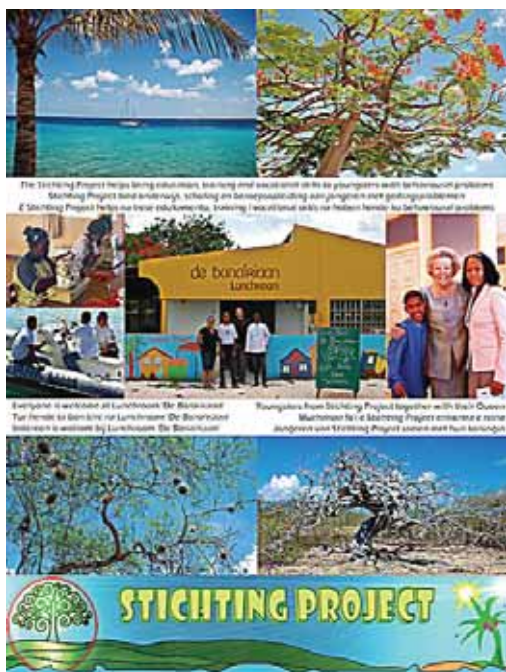
After several years as a visitor her latest action shows why the presence of this sweetheart is appreciated by many locals and why she deserves a piece in this newspaper.

Her ability to make fantastic photos melded with her desire to help the students involved with the Stichting Project. So using her best Bonaire photos she created a great and touching calendar which she has donated to Stichting Project to raise funds for the students' restaurant, "de Bonairiaan." Rebecca, like most teachers, does not have a money tree in her London classroom, but she made a clever move, a good yet simple idea that all of

us could use could donate to. She had twice the number of calendars printed in the UK and sold them to friends, relatives and at work. By doing this her relatives learned about the island where Rebecca usually spends her free time. This left her with the remainder to bring with her to Bonaire and donate them to invest in the youngsters of the island she loves.

Rebecca, you are a star! We appreciate your great help a lot and hope to enjoy your presence again on Bonaire often and soon.

The calendars are now for sale for \$10 to \$15, depending on your own budget. Through the pictures Bonaire will stream into your office or living room. It is even better knowing you are supporting the youngsters who, like all of us at that age, need a little help. Sold at Wannadive, Jibe City, Restaurant La Bonairiaan or call Stichting Project at 717-6921 for selling or buying options. ■*Theo Knevel*



New divers Hensmir Arrindell, Rignaldo Gustina and Rugene Marines.

Dive Training

Stichting Project has just started again with the dive education for the kids of Phase 2.

The teens are **Hensmir Arrindell, Rignaldo Gustina and Rugene Marines.**

These past weeks the teens have been under the guidance of Marc (leader of Stichting Project) and have been busy with their first theory lessons.

August 25th was their first real dive. The kids were really impressed and preferred to stay under water even longer. The dive instructor from Yellow Submarine who sponsored the dive lessons said that it was a positive day, and the kids did great.

The youngsters will have to work hard and do their best to pass their official open water test. We will let you know when they have passed it.

The lessons the

youngsters in dive training receive are:

- Swimming/snorkeling
- Diving open water
- Diving advanced
- Diving rescue
- Boat handling
- Nautical abilities
- Mental and physical training
- Team building
- Map and compass
- First aid
- Fish and coral recognition

■ *Story & photo by Mick Schmit*

BonQuiz #13

Many of the islands in the Caribbean were first visited by the Spanish, and the Roman Catholic faith predominated. When Bonaire was ceded to the Dutch that country's Protestant majority needed a place to worship here as well. The Protestant church (*Kerki*) in 'Playa' standing alongside Wilhelmina Plaza was built to serve them. It has a classic wooden tower with a rooster atop.



Christie Dovale photo

Q) What year was the wooden tower added?

Answer on *page 14*

BonQuiz appears regularly in *The Reporter*. It's prepared by **Christie Dovale of Christie Dovale Island Tours.**

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2009 Parrot Watch

Lora Season Summary

The breeding season for Bonaire's Lora is about to come to an end for this year. Now we can finally start to pull together all of our findings and create a picture of what's been going on. It's been a very different season from the past three years with this year's project base being at Washington-Slagbaai National Park and with a diverse team of researchers coming to join the project from Europe and South America—all of whom have contributed hugely to the project and each brought different skills and energy to the team.

Everyone got on exceptionally well with getting to know the island and the nesting areas, learning to handle the birds and to rappel—an important skill to check the high cliff nests. The team have all gone home with a wealth of new skills and experiences.

We began the season back in April with finding the active Lora nests in the areas that we knew, and found 29 active nests (close to last year's total of 28). This was a manageable amount that meant we could monitor most of these nests twice a week to collect some good data.

A question that many people have asked me this year is, "What proportion of all of the nests on Bonaire do you monitor?" This is difficult to answer, as we would have to search the entire island to look for every nest—an extremely difficult task in densely vegetated areas such as the National Park and with a small team of people. With the estimated population of 650 individuals (and taking into consideration that young Loras will not breed until they are at least 3 years old) I would guess that we could be monitoring up to 40% of the island's nests—a very reasonable representation!

Between the 29 nests that we monitored this year, 93 eggs were laid between April and May. The statistics that follow are quite disturbing. Only 64 of these eggs hatched. This has been for various reasons—some have been infertile, and some were eaten by predators. From these hatchlings, 26 of these were lost to predators or died



Patrick Holian photo

from unknown reasons in the nest. This left 38 chicks left to grow to fledging age. **This is where the poachers take their toll. Four nests were poached-10 chicks in total- which is 26% of the chicks that could have made it into the wild population from the nests that we monitored.** If the nests that we monitor represent a sample of what happens throughout Bonaire, then the poachers are having a huge effect on the future survival of the Lora. With so many eggs and chicks being lost along the way, it seems like the young Loras don't need any more pressure from poachers. Making it into the wild population is a difficult enough task!

This year, we have experimented with new field techniques and equipment, and as with every field season, we have learnt something new about the Loras and how we should be working. We hope to make some more interesting discoveries with the data and the samples that we have collected on returning to the UK. In doing this, we can hopefully bring some ideas and solutions back to Bonaire next year to help protect the Lora's future in the wild. ■ Rhian Evans

Ms Evans is a Biologist from University of Birmingham UK. She is in her second year of studying the Loras.



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Tamara Brown
Dennis Kellner

FREE AIRPORT PARKING RETURNS

Dear Editor
By the way, I took someone to the airport Sunday, parked,



went to the ticket paying place and put my ticket in prepared to pay my 1 NAf and it was rejected. The security guard said the 15 minutes were free. That boondoggle didn't last long, did it?

DL

MORE MUSIC

Letter to the Editor:
I noticed in the last issue of *The Reporter* (Aug. 21-Sept. 4)

the letter From Sali Griffiths, a music lover from Argentina who has visited Bonaire for several years and who was bewailing the fact that there's not enough variety in the music that's played at Little Havana.

I have a suggestion for those who want really good music but good food too. Visit Pasa Bon Pizza where Joe's music repertoire is astounding. Joe says it's "eclectic - a little bit of everything." He plays music from the late 80s, some very cool jazz, punk and some rock. Although so far I haven't seen anyone dancing, it is a place where customers can enjoy that fantastic pizza and other Italian treats while listening to a great selection of music.

Another Music Lover



Dr. Sylvia Earle Receives Bonaire's First Lifetime Achievement Award

Lt. Governor Glenn Thode, TCB head Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes, Dr. Earle, Commissioner Nolly Oleana (Substituting for Tourism Commissioner Pancho Cicilia)

Dr. Earle, visiting Bonaire for "Celebrate our Planet Week," says we're now facing "Paradise Lost." "Nearly half of the planet's coral reefs have disappeared," she says. "Now is the time to do something on our watch."

Earle congratulated Bonaire for its past and present efforts in ocean conservation, but urged even yet stronger efforts. She said that Bonaire has the capacity to be the benchmark for the Caribbean, as well as other regions, in leading the way to healthier reefs. Even though Bonaire's reefs are in better condition than many other areas in the region, there are signs of stress. However, Dr. Earle strongly feels that there is still time to make changes that would allow full recovery. "Remember," she said, "the economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment." Bonaire economy is more dependent than most places to the environment's health ■

Laura DeSalvo

Body Talk

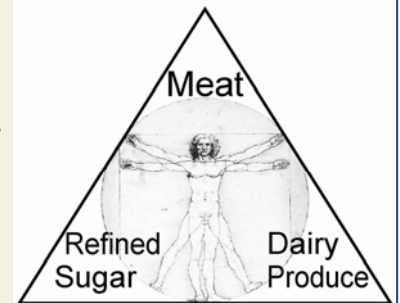
MEAT VERSUS SOY Part 1 of 2

If you expect me to tell you how bad meat is and what it is doing to your heart and arteries, how it affects cholesterol, **you're wrong.** Our meat has become a production line of growth hormones, pesticides, herbicides, steroids and antibiotics. At best, eating meat will leave you with energy problems due to underactive adrenal glands that could lead to thyroid problems.

But let us consider the alternative - soy - for many a healthy protein replacement. Soybeans have been used (Chinese 2207BC) in the form of tofu, long before man decided to play with genetics. (More on GM soy in part 2) In the western world soy was mostly planted for the nitrogen they added to the soil.

This got Big Brother Food Industry (BBFI) thinking very hard. Here we have millions of tons of waste product after separating soybean oil from the beans. What can we do with this? Instead of just feeding it to the pigs, could we program people to think this 'food' was actually a complete food itself, or perhaps even a superior form of natural complete protein? And while we are at it, let's make dairy products and baby milk formulas from this. You must admit, this is a marketing masterpiece! It is championed by nutritionists and vegetarians and venerated by health food stores.

'Soy protein' is the waste product from producing soy oil. Firstly soybeans contain high amounts of enzyme inhibitors - for example, blocking trypsin (an alkaline enzyme produced by the pancreas for protein digestion). These enzymes are not completely removed from the soy protein even though it undergoes a rigid heat and manufacturing process. The second main contaminant is the extremely high content of phytic acid, leaving most soy-product consumers with a serious mineral deficiency. For example - Zinc controls the iron uptake and without zinc, excess iron harms the liver. Zinc is also necessary for normal insulin function and for immune system development. Another contaminant of soy is hemagglutinin, a clot-causing agent. No joke when you have



The Tainted Triangle

heart problems! Sorry, I thought soy is good 'heart food'! Soy also has an aluminum content 10 times higher than pasteurized milk, which increases even more if the product has been hydrogenated (margarine). Think about your (or your baby's) poor kidneys!

Would you still think soy is a 'healthy' product when it has undergone - pressing, solvent extraction (an organic solvent - hexane), degumming (with phosphoric acid), then the refined oil is mixed with sodium hydroxide (Drano - the same corrosive lye for unclogging drains), bleaching - clay is added to the reddish brown oil to make it clear -and lastly deodorizing is necessary to destroy any 'natural' aromatics from the dead refined oil. ALL THIS JUST TO PRODUCE AN OIL! Do you know of any other product that started as a natural, undergoing all this?

Strange how complacent most of us have become. Why have we lost the nerve to question food manufacturers, dieticians, physicians, governments?

Part 2 - Genetically modified Soy, Trans-fatty acids and hydrogenated products like margarine and potato chips - A FEAT OF PLASTICS ENGINEERING! ■

Stephanie Bennett

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9-06	1:47	1.3FT.	6:36	1.2FT.	14:09	1.5FT.	21:06	1.2FT.	84
9-07	3:13	1.2FT.	5:56	1.2FT.	14:51	1.6FT.			85
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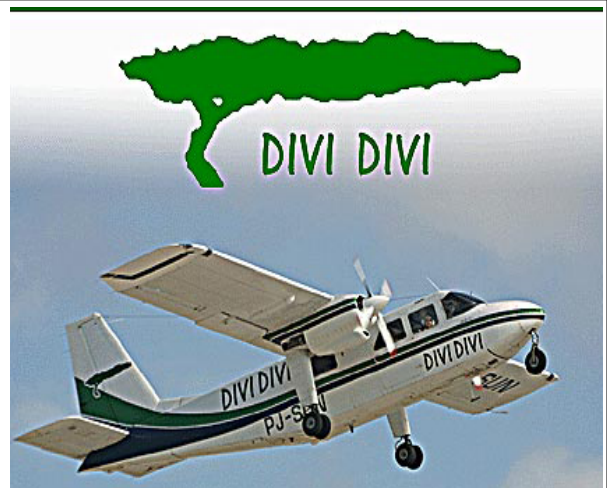
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Saturday, September 5—Big Monthly Rincon Marche— friendliest people on Bonaire selling gifts, crafts, local foods and drink, candles, more. Music and fun atmosphere. **6 am to 2 pm.**

Saturday, September 5—Flea Market at Parke Publico, 3 to 7 pm. Everyone welcome to buy and sell. NAf 10 per selling table. (NAf 5 goes for Park upkeep). NGOs have a free table. More information call Vicky Bissessar 786-1592

Saturday, September 5—Song Festival sponsored by the Police Sport Society (SoDePo), at the SGB auditorium. Tickets NAf 15 at police headquarters and from SoDePo members. Tel. 717-8015m 788-3983. More on page 3.

Saturday, September 5—Demonstration in support of a Referendum to define direct ties with Holland. At La Sonrisa, 5 pm. For more information contact Jopie Giskus Cel. 796-8907 / e-mail aworteora@gmail.com or bishita e website: aworteora.com

Sunday, September 6- Bonaire Day (legal holiday), main celebration in Rincon

Sunday, September 6- 2-4-5 km Estafette Run Bonaire Day Run

Saturday, September 13—Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's Warehouse on Kaya Industria, 7-9 pm. Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 (NAf 17,50) per person. Tel. 560-7539

October 4-10—42nd Bonaire International Sailing Regatta



Sunday, October 4, Ninth Annual Jong Bonaire Swim to Klein Bonaire

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Question (from page 10):

What year was the wooden tower added?

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legislators, €1.8 million has been pumped into the project by the EU, USONA and the Dutch VVS Ministry. Vacuum pump tank trucks will be operated by SELIBON and the waste water trucked to a remote area in Amboina where it will be purified sufficiently to be used for

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We might not always realize it, but the large part of the Bonairean economy is dependent on maintaining the health of our environment. We are a tourist destination. Tourists from all over the world come here to soak up the sun, the sea, the peacefulness and spaciousness that Bonaire has to offer.

It is easy to see that a taxi driver, who daily transports all these tourists, profits from nature. The same goes for entrepreneurs and staff of hotels, restaurants and dive shops. But indirectly many more people derive their income

from tourism. The baker does not only bake bread for the local people, but also for the tourists. Harbor workers don't only unload cargo for Bonaireans, but also for tourists. Supermarkets, drugstores, banks, contractors, airport staff and many more people profit from tourism and indirectly from nature. Our economy is largely based on tourism and hence nature. All these people contribute to the income of the government which subsequently can provide schooling, health care and road maintenance.

So we live off nature, but in a different way from our ancestors. The first Bonaireans made drawings on the cave walls which are now tourist attractions. On the stickers five symbols are visible that were inspired on these drawings. From left to right we see the sun, the fish, the man, the flamingo, and cactus. The sun, fish,

flamingo and cactus symbolize the four elements: fire, water, air and earth. Man is central in all this. Man is dependent on nature, but also has a big influence on nature. "NOS TA BIBA DI NATURALES" means let's be frugal with our nature, the green engine of our economy.

SELIBON has been a sponsor of this campaign from day one, because they also live off nature and would like to see that the objective of the campaign is reached. STINAPA is proud of the cooperation of all her campaign sponsors: World Nature Fund Netherlands, Island council of Bonaire, Maduro & Curiel's Bank, Carib Inn, Digicel, BOPEC, RBTT Bank, Telbo N.V., Tourist Corporation Bonaire, SELIBON and Harbour Village. Our special thanks goes out to them. **Press release**

Pet of the Week

It's a dog! It's a rabbit! No, it's a dog.

Check out those stand up ears on sweet little "Hendrika." Some dogs wag their tails when they're happy or excited, but Hendrika does even more when she gets those ears to stand up. Pretty amazing. This happy little pup is friendly and fun, but she's not a high energy dog. She prefers to stay in the background; she's not a pushy type like many others around. Hendrika is about three months old and is in top health. She's a medium sized dog with easy to care for short caramel colored fur which encourages petting. You may meet her at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm and from 3 to 5 pm. Phone 717-4989.



Hendrika

The Shelter staff asked us to tell you that they are in need of some things. As you may already know the Shelter exists thanks to donations and of course its super staff and loyal volunteers. But now they need to refurbish the kennels, so they need leftover paint - wall paint or glossy paint - in all colors, brushes too. Everything is welcome. They also need an old sail (from a boat?) to cover the boarding kennel compound during the rainy season. You can drop things off at the Shelter at Kaminda Lagun or call 717-4989 and someone will come to get them (it). Thanks from the hard working staff. **Laura DeSalvo**

Three New Park Rangers



At the new Ranger ceremony: STINAPA Board Member Evo Cicilia, Rangers Joi Jenkins, Ruthsel Paula and Jerrel Martis, STINAPA Director Elsmarie Beukenboom and Governor Glenn Thodé

Last week three STINAPA Assistant Rangers were promoted to Ranger.

Study and experience are required for the rank of Ranger. Successful completion of the courses of PADI Rescue Diver, Medic First Aid, Basic Mechanics, Computer Competance, Navigation, Radio Operator, Tourist Guide, STINAPA Traditions, Basic Geology, Basic Biology and Biology of the parks, Ecology of the Marine Park, knowledge of island birds and trees and several more subjects are required.

Graduating were Joi Jenkins, Ruthsel Paula and Jerrel Martis. Congratulations from all of us at *The Bonaire Reporter*. Island Governor Glenn Thodé and STINAPA Foundation President Evo Cicilia presented the trio with their new rank and certificates at a small party gathering at Paradise Moon restaurant. **Press release**

More Than 220 Animals Sterilized

On May 15th the Bonaire Animal Shelter started "Bonny, the Superdog," a free sterilization campaign for pets. As a result, 200 dogs and 20 cats have been sterilized.

Too many dogs on Bonaire.

Bonaire's dog population is enormous and growing. Many dogs roam loose and females often get pregnant at an early age. As a result, new puppies are born daily and many do not have a home. They often become strays, looking for food, becoming sick and aggressive, causing trouble. Because of these problems, about 1,000 dogs are put to sleep annually. We can prevent this senseless loss.

200 dogs have already been sterilized!

In the last 3 months, the Bonaire Animal Shelter has sterilized 200 dogs and 20 cats. Potentially, each female dog can give birth to 10 puppies a year. If 200 female dogs are sterilized,

there will be 2,000 fewer puppies born. 2,000 additional dogs would be extremely problematic for a small island like Bonaire. Many of these dogs would end up roaming the streets, and living a terrible life of hunger and disease.

Help needed

"Bonny, the Superdog" is a sterilization campaign financed by the Bonaire Animal Shelter. To date, the shelter has received much support from their employees, volunteers, veterinarians and others who worked hard everyday to make this campaign successful.

But to continue the sterilization campaign, we need money.



Volunteers with Shelter Manager Marlis

You can help by making a financial donation!

Information

For more information about the sterilization campaign, please contact:

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MCB's New HQ

The new Main Office of MCB-Bonaire is on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot, north of the traffic circle on hotel row. The Hato branch of the bank is across the street.

There was lots of emotion, happiness and entertainment at the opening of the new building housing the headquarters of the Maduro and Curiel's Bank on Bonaire last Friday evening, August 28. An estimated 1,000 people turned out to celebrate and they did, helped by music an open bar and endless hors d'oeuvres.

MCB is the leading bank in the Dutch Antilles and the most significant bank on Bonaire. It operates six related enterprises on all six Dutch Caribbean islands. Besides its banking efficiency, it is a good neighbor to the islands and is a prime sponsor of numerous cultural events, sports and charitable foundations.

Speakers of the evening included Bonaire's Governor Glenn Thodé, MCB CEO Chicu Capriles, MCB-Bonaire Managing Director Evert Piar, Island Commissioner Pancho Cicilia and others.

The executives were quick to thank the 94 members of the MCB-Bonaire staff, the building's architect, supervisors and contractors for helping make the building a success. In addition to its architectural style which blends modern function with traditional elements it incorporates numerous environmentally-friendly features. As was said several time by various speakers, although the color of the building's exterior is painted blue, it's also very green.

Inside the offices and corridors are tastefully decorated and the lobby even sports a large flat-screen TV to entertain visitors.

Chairman in Emeritus of the Board, Mr. Lio Capriles, joined Lt. Governor, dr. Glenn Thode the bank's Chairman of the Board, Nicole Henriquez and six adorable children to cut the ribbon and inaugurate the building.

■ G.D.



The public was given building tours on the opening day



MCB-Bonaire customer service staff served as knowledgeable tour guides



Actress, playwright and SKAL official Jackie Bernabela joins the party with MCB CEO Capriles and BAS Director Larry Gerharts



MCB made significant donations to three Bonaire non-profit foundations, selected by its employees, as part of the opening commemoration. The Diabetes Society representatives (above) received NAf 5.000.



Children were welcome to the "open house" and added to the fun



Congratulations to MCB management team member, Leonard Domacassé who was promoted to Assistant Managing Director

BONAIRE ON WHEELS

Zero Gallons To the Mile With an Indonesian Becak

The 54th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels."

Bonaire/ Kralendijk – In 2007 the owners of Plantation Furniture & Antiques were finally able to buy a real *becak* in Indonesia. It did not really take a lot of time to find a *becak* but it took a lot of time and energy to ship it and reshipe it and to transport it from the former Dutch colonies in the East Indies to Bonaire in the West Indies. Then, finally, in November 2007 the long awaited *becak* arrived on Bonaire. Now the tricycle is parked in front of the Plantation Furniture & Antiques shop which is situated at Kaya Industria, opposite the Bonaco fuel station and the new Compact S-building near the almost finished new second roundabout of Bonaire.

Marjolein, on the island since 2001, is the manager of the furniture shop. Marjolein says, "We've been importing furniture and home decoration and antiques from Indonesia for ages now. Almost all the furniture is made of tropical teak wood. Nowadays a lot of furniture is also made of recycled old teak wood. We imported this *becak* in 2007. This three wheeler is a real eye catcher. I suppose it is more or less hand-made in Indonesia. Possibly this *becak* was produced in a small blacksmith shop. The three wheeler is constructed from iron strips and pipes. They also used wood for paneling and the convertible top is made from a kind of canvas. With enough air in the tires and no play in the bearings this tricycle still needs a lot of skill and energy from the driver-chauffeur-cyclist. I tried it several times but accelerating with just one speed is pretty heavy and cornering is an art in itself!



An exhausted Marjolein has her Indonesian tricycle cab almost completely under control. It takes quite a lot of skill and energy to maneuver a *becak* through the heavy traffic of Yogyakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Here in a parking lot on Bonaire it still is a serious job.

Anyhow, I just like this *becak* and every day I roll it out of my shop, and at the end of the day back into my shop. Visitors like the man-powered taxi and a lot of photos are made of it!"

This *becak* is a construction of iron and wood around three Indonesian-made, huge 28-inch heavy duty bicycle wheels. The mounted rubbers are made by Swallow and measure an impressive one inch and a half. There is only one hand brake. The thing is located under the saddle and functions strictly mechanically by pressing two parts of used but still useful tire of a car to both sides of the wheel. The emergency brakes are connected to

the taxi driver: both his feet! The quite heavy and reinforced frame is stick welded in combination with a lot of primitive bolts and nuts with a weird size of British thread. The *becak* is made for two passengers but often also a lot of extra luggage or some extra chickens are carried. This three wheeler is fitted with two half leaf springs. Excessive noise from the springs is reduced by covering certain parts of the leafs with old bicycle tubes. Those Indonesians really are inventive!

This *becak* probably has served in Yogyakarta. The paper sticker, mounted in the hidden luggage space behind the wooden seat reads: "1998 Yogyakarta." The

Looking For Buggy



The metallic flake gold sprayed original Bruce Meyers Manx buggy with Brad and Sandra Swanson and son.

Check out this photo and perhaps you can help to discover if this car is still on Bonaire. The picture must have been taken in the early 80s. Brad and Sandra still work with Trans World Radio which broadcasts Bible-based programs from Bonaire. *E bos di speranza*, FM 89.5. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

In the last edition of *The Bonaire Reporter* an article was published about Brad and Sandra and their European made red Ruska buggy. This week *The Bonaire Reporter* received a photograph from the metallic flake gold sprayed original Bruce Meyers Manx buggy, the modi-

fied Volkswagen Brad imported from the States to Bonaire. Brad and Sandra still wonder whether their old love is still on our island.

Can you help find it? If you do, contact digitalis1956@hotmail.com ■

Story by J@n Brouwer

becak is hand painted in a kind of maroon reddish color. On the mudguards the word, "Dwitunggal" is written. Research did not really give the right translation. Is "Dwitunggal" just a family name or the name of a taxi organization or does it have something to do with two languages or two political ideas? Suggestions, solutions and explanations are welcome...

There is confusion about using the word "rickshaw" or "*becak*" for this kind of pedicab all over the world, though the solution is as easy as simple. A *becak* is pushed and a rickshaw is pulled. So hit the metal, push the pedal and enjoy a little ride with this green energy

powered fun vehicle! ■

Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



Sudoku Solution

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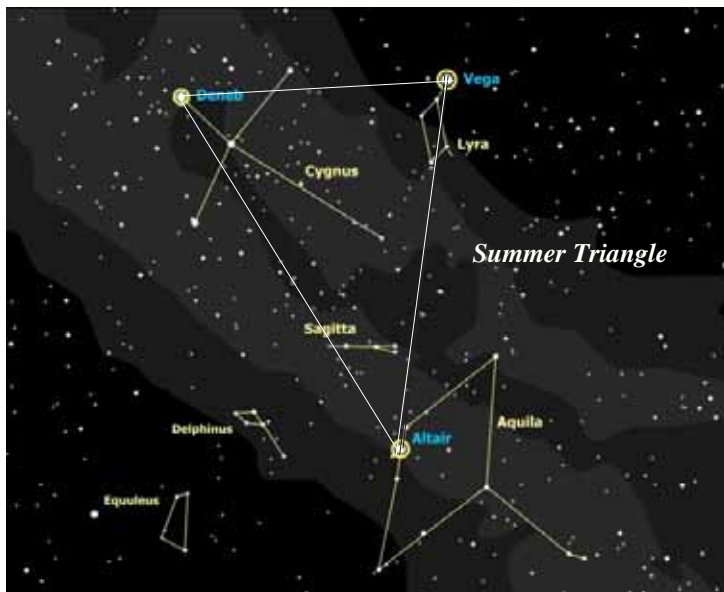
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Debunking the Mars Myth

Lots of people were disappointed last week because the planet Mars looked nowhere near the size of the full Moon. There was international coverage on the Internet saying that Mars will be so close that it will look as large as the full

Moon. But please, folks, such is not the case unless you magnified it 75 times in a telescope. So don't get fooled next year by the great Mars myth and misunderstanding, which will probably pop up every August until doomsday. But Mars is out there and it really does look nifty. Simply go outside about 5 am any day this week, look due east and just above the horizon and you'll see the brightest planet of them all, **Venus**, which is super dazzling. But if you look up and to the right of Venus you'll also see much dimmer ruby gold Mars.



Check Out the Giant Triangle of Stars Overhead

In early September you can easily spot three very bright stars, which make a giant triangle shining overhead. Simply go outside between 9 and 10 pm, Sky Park Time, and look straight up almost overhead and you will see three extremely bright stars, which if we connect with lines, will make a huge stellar triangle. It's traditionally called the **Summer Triangle** because every year these three stars can be seen rising over the eastern horizon in early evening at the beginning of summer.

But since the stars change their position with each season, by the time September rolls around this triangle has changed its position so that in early evening it is almost directly overhead and makes an almost perfect must-see tradition. Now each star belongs to a separate constellation. So not only do we also have three wonderful stars we have three equally wonderful constellations. The brightest star is **Vega** and it belongs to the small constellation **Lyra, the Harp**. The second brightest is **Altair** in a much larger constellation called **Aquila, the Eagle**. And the dimmest of the three is **Deneb** which marks the tail of a huge constellation called **Cygnus, the Swan**.

Now if we compare each of these three stars with the star we call our **Sun** you'll be in for a big surprise. Our Sun is the closest star, only 8 1/3 light minutes away, which means it takes its light 8 1/3 minutes to reach us. So we see it not as it actually exists now but as it existed 8 1/3 minutes ago. Altair is the closest triangle star and is 17 light years away, which means that it takes its light 17 years to reach us. So we see it not as it exists this weekend but as it existed 17 years ago. Vega is slightly farther, 25 light years away which means that it takes its light 25 years to reach us so we see it as it existed 25 years ago. Deneb however is so incredibly far away, 1,500 light years, that it takes its light 1,500 years to reach us so we see it as it existed 1,500 years ago! Deneb is a super 116 times as wide as our Sun and 60,000 times brighter. In fact if it were as close as Vega and Altair it would be the brightest star in the night sky

So there you have it. Three bright stars forming a giant triangle almost overhead in early evening every early September. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
For September 2009

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Don't be shy to promote your own interests. Don't be shy to promote your own interests. Romance and social activity will be a promising combination. You can set your goals and make a beeline for your target. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Your own small business on the side could ease your financial stress. This is a great day to mingle with people you would like to impress. You can get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. You'll find it easy to deal with government agencies or large institutions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Sudden changes regarding your domestic scene are probable. Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. Red tape could be impossible to clear up this month. Work quietly behind the scenes. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Any contributions you make to organizations will enhance your reputation and bring you offers. You have your own family to consider as well. Go after your professional goals. You can make extra cash by moonlighting. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Try not to make waves. You've been in a rut and you need to do something that will help you break the pattern you've fallen into. Try to be honest when dealing with your mate. It's a great day to attend social functions. Your luckiest events will occur on a Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't go hog wild when it comes to entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Your dynamic, determined approach will win favors as well as a helping hand. You will have no trouble getting things to fall into place. You will have to be careful not to let infatuations with colleagues get out of hand. Your luckiest events this month will occur

on a Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You are best to do something energetic with friends. You can make a difference if you're willing to stand up and be counted. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions. Try not to overreact to the loss. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You should look into making some physical changes, such as new hair color or toning up your body. Those close to your heart may be difficult to reason with. Look into ways that you can make extra cash. Your love will not be willing to listen to your criticism. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You can pick up information that will give you an edge. If everyone wants to do their own thing, let them. Organize your day well if you wish to accomplish all you set out to do. Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Take care of any paperwork concerning institutional or governmental agencies. Try to do your job and then leave. Jealous coworkers may try to sabotage your attempts to get ahead. You may want to take another look at the investment you are about to make. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) this month is not the day to try to come people by giving them ultimatums. Someone left a real mess for you to sift through. Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Take care of any paperwork concerning institutional or governmental agencies. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) A little volleyball or other outdoor sports should be on your agenda. Join a choir or a drama club. You may be considering moving to larger quarters. Don't let the moods of those you live with get you down. Exercise programs will be effective. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday. ■

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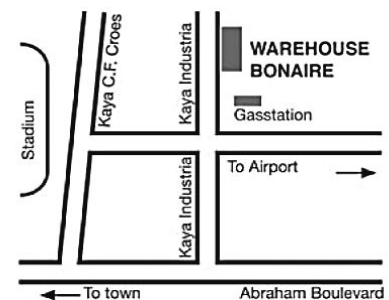


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