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We cry for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

The natural disaster of immense proportions currently unfolding there is staggering. Once again the people of the first independent nation in Latin America are in dire need of assistance to simply save their lives. People around the world are sending aid. You will discover how you can help in the pages of this issue of *The Reporter*. Please do what you can.

► **An MD-83-aircraft of the Curaçao airline company Insel Air landed at Curaçao's Hato Airport with Dutch/Curaçaoan evacuees from Haiti's earthquake zone last Saturday afternoon, January 16.** Nine residents of Curaçao are still reported missing in Haiti. Once Insel Air gets permission they will resume regular passenger flights to Haiti – both from Miami and St. Maarten. Insel Air essentially serves as Haiti's national airline.

► **Just when the 12 new wind turbines will begin supplying electricity to Bonaire is uncertain** because the company Econcern, 90% owner of Ecopower, who is a partner in Ecopower Bonaire BV, a consortium of Econcern, Enercon the wind turbine supplier and diesel generator builder MAN, is bankrupt.

The Energiea.nl website that tracks the industry believes the project will continue, although at a slower pace, because it has spe-

cial financing arrangements.

It is already past the promised December 2009 start date. Richard Hart, head of the island-owned company WEB responsible for electrical power distribution, told *The Reporter* a February start date was hoped for. The wind farm can supply half of Bonaire's power needs and should result in lower utility bills.

► The Immigration officers at Flamingo airport had a busy time on Saturday morning, January 9, when they had to reprocess the passengers for the **KLM flight bound for Quito when it was cancelled** because of instrument failure at the very same time the Continental Houston flight was boarding.

The problem on the Guayaquil and Quito bound KLM MD-11, which had recently passed a C-check inspection, was traced to a wing-flap indicator and the replacement part was aboard the next plane to leave Holland for Bonaire. But ironically the **MD-11 that brought the part was itself grounded for a mechanical problem after it had returned from Quito and landed the next day in Bonaire.**

► **Trinidad's National carrier, Caribbean Airlines, is expected to complete a deal to take control of struggling Air Jamaica.** The deal, if made, could see almost 900 Air Jamaica staff members lose their jobs. Air Jamaica has about 1,200 employees and reports suggest it lost \$90 million last year. Air Jamaica's debt is said to now stand at around \$900 million.

► At the 2010 Caribbean Marketplace, *Travel Agent* magazine sat down with Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, director of the Tourism Corporation Bonaire, and learned of **Bonaire's plans to open its first US brand hotel by 2012 and possibly add new, direct air service from Miami by the end of this year.**

The hotel will be a 120-room Hilton, which will be a part of a

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The award certificate says it all! Congratulations Bonaire.

► **In recent weeks the Caribbean has been shaken by several earthquakes.**

Haiti: As many as 200,000 people died in the earthquake that devastated Haiti last Tuesday. "We have already collected around 50,000 dead bodies. We anticipate there will be between 100,000 and 200,000 dead in total, although we will never know the exact number," Interior Minister Paul Antoine Bien-Aime told Reuters. The 7.0 magnitude quake that hit the impoverished country last Tuesday, January 12, is one of the 10 deadliest earthquakes ever recorded. Look for more reports about the Haiti earthquake in the following pages of this *Reporter* edition.

Eastern Venezuela: A medium strength earthquake caused panic in the small eastern Venezuelan coastal town of Carupano on Friday and shook the nearby city of Puerto La Cruz which contains an oil refinery, but no damage was reported. The US Geological Service reported the quake was of magnitude 5.6, at a relatively shallow depth of 7.3 miles (12 km). The tremor was felt in a wide area stretching to the Caribbean island of Margarita.

Montserrat: Also on Friday scientists at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory confirmed there was a large pyroclastic lava flow event at Soufriere Hills volcano. The island came to a temporary standstill as everyone took in the sight of the massive ash cloud that exploded but amazingly did not send much ash and no ballistic material into inhabited areas. Several residents remarked that they had not seen an ash cloud that broad since the early days of the volcano's reawakening in the mid 1990s.

Aruba: Many people in Aruba were awakened at about 4:15am on Tuesday, January 13, by an earthquake in the sea nearby. The quake, which measured 4.2 on the Richter scale, was at a depth of 7 miles (12.2 kilometers). It was located 25 miles (41 kilometers) south of the island. It was felt on several areas of the island, with people coming out of their homes and calling relatives and friends and/or the police to tell what they had experienced. No damage or injuries were reported, although there was mention on radio of some cracks in walls

Bonaire: In mid-September 2009 Bonaire was slightly shaken by a nearby quake. The US Geological Survey reported that a strong 6.4 magnitude earthquake shook the area. The Survey said the epicenter was just 75 miles (120 km.) southeast of the southern tip of Bonaire. It was below the sea at a depth of 6.2 miles (10 km). No damage was reported.



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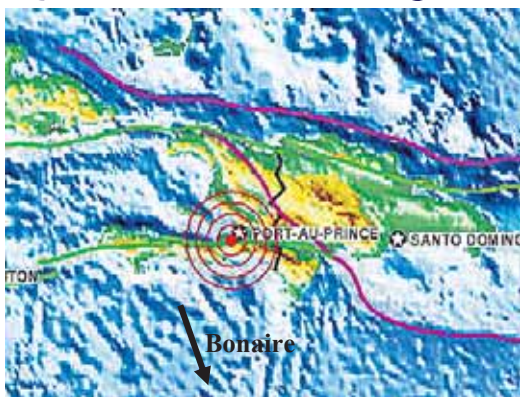
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Are You Prepared?

On January 12th, 2010, while I was sitting at City Café enjoying Happy Hour, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake was wreaking havoc southwest of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. By the time last call was announced, a tsunami warning had been issued and later canceled for islands in the Caribbean region and all the while I never moved from my barstool, less than 25 meters from the waterfront.



Lenny and imagine what it might mean for the leeward coast of Bonaire if a tsunami or other significant natural disturbance were destined there.

The next logical step to consider is what one would do if placed in imminent danger. Do you have food and supplies to survive several days without electricity and fresh water? The people of Haiti went three days before any kind of relief was available to them. Do you know where you would seek out higher ground if there was a strong likelihood of heavy wave action and flooding? Much of Bonaire's coastal development is at, or even below, sea level.

In addition to these important considerations, it is necessary to be forewarned of such a threat as a tsunami, so that you can take the appropriate response measures. There are international weather services which can provide alerts and updates when natural disturbances are detected.

While the extensiveness of destruction and devastation resulting from an earthquake of such magnitude was to be expected, the weakness of the infrastructure, or lack thereof, in Haiti has further aggravated rescue and relief efforts: buildings have collapsed, the port is closed and the very hospitals necessary to care for survivors lie in ruins.

The tragedy that has befallen Haiti must make those of us living on other Caribbean Islands consider how we would react to an imminent threat. Sure, one of the advantages of living on Bonaire is that we are outside the Hurricane Belt, but as those of you who witnessed Lenny and Omar know, the island is not entirely "immune" to natural disturbances.

While much of the island is flat and low-lying, the sheer rock faces and boulder strewn coastline along the northeast is evidence of tsunami events which took place farther back in geological time. According to Anja M. Sheffers in her paper, [Paleotsunami Evidences From Boulder Deposits On Aruba, Curaçao And Bonaire](#), "the extent and amount of tsunami debris weakens from east to west with the **highest energy impact on Bonaire** in the east..."

Plate tectonics (movement) cause seismic activity such as that witnessed in the localized event which impacted Haiti, and it is from these disturbances that tsunamis are generated. With each cubic meter of saltwater comes about 1 ton of force, such that boulders as large and heavy as those we see along the drive through Washington-Slagbaai National Park were tossed up as far inland as several hundred meters by waves at least 14 meters in height. Compare this to the reported wave heights of 3 – 6 meters generated by Hurricane

The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System provides near real-time alerts and has an extensive online database with maps and tools for monitoring and responding to disasters. You can sign up for alerts by visiting the website, <http://www.gdacs.org>.

While the inhabited portions of Bonaire seem well protected and less likely to be affected by natural threats, as the saying goes, "I'd rather be safe than sorry." ■ L.E.S. (visiting environmentalist)

***Ninety-one tsunamis have been reported in the region since Columbus's time.** Scientists have verified 27 as true tsunamis and nine more as very likely true. The impact of a strike on a populated area can be catastrophic. By some estimates, as many as 1,800 people were killed by the tsunami that struck the northeast coast of the Dominican Republic, just across the Mona Passage from Puerto Rico, on August 4, 1946. Recent data records 20 tsunamis in the last 100 years. That's one every five years on average. ■ G.D.

Elections and The Referendum

Campaigning for the Antillean Parliamentary elections set for January 22 is in high gear. Bonaire voters will make a single choice for the parties who will take one, two or all of the three seats allocated to Bonaire. If present plans hold, the Parliament will sit only until October 10, 2010, when the Antilles will be dissolved and reformed as the BES Islands, an integral part of The Netherlands, and the kingdom countries of Curaçao and St. Maarten.



Anthony Nicolaas



Gregory Illidge

Perhaps more significantly, the Bonaire election is considered a barometer for testing the attitude of the people regarding their choice in the upcoming Referendum for integration with Holland or a yet unspecified "free association."

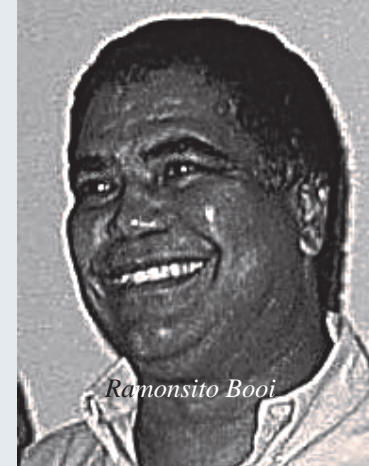
A vote for the UPB (green) could be construed as a vote for integration, the position supported by that party when it was in power. A vote for the PDB (red) or LdK (blue) could be considered a vote against integration.

The three party colors - blue, green and red - are flying in a profusion never seen before from homes, hilltops and flagpoles. Green flags seem to predominate. It's the color of the UPB Patriotico party led by Ramonsito Booi. There are almost as many red flags and they are flying from several clever locations. The Democratic party, PDB, is led by Jopie Abraham. The blue flags of the List of Change (LdK), are often combined with a photo of party leader Anthony Nicolaas who defected from the UPB last June and precipitated a change in the Bonaire government. The LdK's position papers, according to local political analysts are the best written.

The past weekend was hectic with parties, jump-ups, parades and other activities designed to raise the spirits of party supporters. Emotions are running high and mud is flying.

Disputes about the flying of flags were reported and the police were called in to restore calm on more than one occasion. The police were again involved when there was vandalism to the LdK headquarters.

The election campaign for who will represent Bonaire in the Antillean Parliament is spawning serious allegations of misconduct and bribery. **So far all are unproven and bizarre.** The most prominent is the charge that Anthony Nicolaas, who is number one on the Blue Lista di Kambio (Party of Change) party, negotiated a deal to get NAf 500,000 and important political considerations if he would leave the (UPB-Green party) and join in a coalition with Jopie Abraham's Democrats (PDB-Red party). Nicolaas said that his former assistant, Gregory Illidge, who had signed a statement confirming he had a document from



Ramonsito Booi



Jopie Abraham

Nicolaas' laptop computer asking for the money at the time, was "a good friend of UPB," and this was the party's way of getting back at him and trying to keep his new "Lista di Kambio" from getting elected to the Antillean Parliament on January 22. Nicolaas then announced he would file a complaint of slander against Illidge, who told *Extra* newspaper he had done the same against Nicholaas. Jopie Abraham asked the Governor and Minister of Justice to investigate.

The political campaigns are set against a background painted by the Dutch Government which has a number of Ministry officials on

Bonaire functioning as *kwartiermakers*, quartermasters, to ease the transition toward Dutch-Bonairean integration and turn over governmental tasks to local people. Their leader, former Dutch Defense Minister, Henk Kamp, has raised his profile and is making appearances to explain his mission in the *barios* with a Papiamentu language translator.

It's an auspicious start for a year that is sure to influence the future of Bonaire. ■ G.D.



Herman van Leeuwen photo

Henk Kamp (with Papiamentu translation by Arthur Sealy) provided information on the proposed BES Island structure at a meeting at Jong Bonaire

On the Island Since... 1981

Anthony 'Tony' Angila

"My mom is from Aruba, my father from Bonaire. They got married on Aruba and I was born there September 19th, 1980. Before I was one year old, we came to Bonaire and I've lived here all my life. After MAVO high school I started working straight away for Maduro and Curiels Bank, first at the airport and then at the Hato branch as a teller. Now I'm with the automated services department.

where I got my certificate to repair computers. When I wasn't married I was in a big group of about 25 people called 'Street Shadows.' We customized cars - music, rims, lights, anything - for all the members of the group and we would drive to town - neon lights underneath the cars - sit together with music, some drinks. It was fun! Each member of the group had to pay NAf25 a month but when some people stopped contributing it became

"People should realize they have to make time for their children. They are the example the child will follow."

I met Nataly - my wife - when she was working at the post office. She came to make a deposit at the bank and I immediately liked her. I like everything about her - she's a quiet girl. We got married December 21st 2006 and February 2nd, 2007 our daughter Nayelhe was born. Our second daughter, Nishantely, was born last year, on the first of January 2009. Nowadays Nataly is working for Flamingo TV.

As long as I can remember I've been fascinated by computers; I figured them out all by myself, then I took a course at Rayvah's

less. I sold my car, a Toyota Tercel, and then I bought a Toyota Celica, 'My Sweet Baby,' I named her.

Every Saturday I worked as a DJ at Voz di Boneiru, then I went to Radio Digital, playing Antillean music, R&B and Reggaeton - different styles of music. When I went on a vacation to Aruba, I met a family member, DJ Cecelito. He had a radio show during which he would change his name and his voice and then he would tell all the gossip going around on Aruba. It was hilarious and I got the idea - I saw the



Nayelhe, Nataly, Nishantely and Tony Angila, and Tony's little niece, Niki Hart

light! - that such a voice would be good for a children's program. When I came back to Bonaire I asked Zamir Ayubi, my chef, if I could have a show for children. He said 'No, we already have one,' as Juffrouw Kathy was doing a kids' show for Digital. Well, to make a long story short,

when the summer holidays came, Juffrouw Kathy wasn't on the island and so Zamir called me. 'Will you do it?' And I said, 'Yes,' and I started.

That first day I played some long forgotten children's songs, I did some games and gave some presents and... half the island

called Zamir to tell him how much they had enjoyed hearing those songs again. And they said, 'Tony is good!' Juffrouw Kathy stayed with her show on Saturday, but I got the Sunday!

The first time I played on Sunday I programmed my voice in

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the computer (as if I used helium) and called myself Panchito. Why Panchito? There's a guy in Nord di Salina who's selling food and people call him 'Panchita.' I just thought it was a great name; I only changed it into Panchito because Panchita is for girls, ha ha! So... then I had a voice and a name. In the show I was always together with Tio Tony, that's me too. We used to hit the road, looking for adventures and we played games with the kids. It was a live program and a great success. When Juffrouw Kathy stopped doing her show I got her time on Saturday. Then I saw *Bee Movie* and I thought 'Hey, what a cute little bee - she's beautiful,' and so I found the image for Panchito.

Zamir is still asking if I want to come back... because... when NOS TV started, I asked them if I could do a program for the older children and that became 'Video Club,' another success, but it's not on anymore because I chose to start with the Panchito Club on TV two years ago. Ever since my radio program I've had my website www.panchitobonaire.com and on the site - everything is in Papiamentu - I have all sorts of games for kids and pictures (I take them myself) of all the parties, events and birthdays involving the children of Bonaire. My neighbor Elvis is doing the design and everything else, but alas,

Elvis is leaving for Holland and so I am looking for somebody else - someone I can count on and who also loves children because we're doing it for them! The website gets about 15,000 hits per month. It's famous!

To me, life is just like putting a puzzle together. Every time I get an idea I make a move, and... it all works out. I downloaded all old cartoons like Tom & Jerry, Popeye etc, because I don't like the modern ones as they're not drawn very nicely. The old classics are really beautifully made and I'm broadcasting them every day between 5 and 6 pm on NOS TV. I get a lot of feedback from people who call, telling me how much they enjoy it."

Tony Angila is a very special man; he's helpful, energetic, bright and creative. He has a lust for life and a need to do well. He has discipline and he has patience; he's wonderful.

"Every Saturday from 10 until 11:30 am, the Panchito Club is on NOS TV, Channel 24. I thought making television would be easy, but it wasn't. I didn't know anything about video editing, but they taught me. Every time there was an event for children, people would call me to come and film it, but as they have only two professional cameras at NOS TV, it wasn't always possible as there was no camera available. So, there were plenty of occasions and lots of ideas that I couldn't do anything with and

then... I made my big step... I sold my red Celica, my car, 'My Sweet Baby'... to be able to do more things for the show and I bought a professional TV camera. It was very expensive, but now I can do everything. I also bought a small van and my brother-in-law, Edger, airbrushed it. He was going to put just a little 'Panchito' on it, but he got so inspired that he airbrushed the entire van!

Then I went to John of 'Voyager Events' and there we took off in September 2009 with 'Plasa Panchito.' At the Voyager Events parking lot (at the traffic circle when you go to the airport), we set up a big screen every first Saturday of the month. At 6 pm we play some games and at 7 the movie starts. Everything is for free - drinks, snacks and the movie and... hereby I'd like to express my great gratitude to John of Voyager Events and to Bonaire Superstore.

I love children; they're sweet, curious and spontaneous. And I feel there is very little to do for them on the island. That's why I'm trying to organize as much as possible for them. It's going well and I have new projects coming up.

Sundays and Wednesdays I randomly drive around and then I stop at a house and blow the horn. As soon as the kids see the van, they come running. Rhonda of Sign Studio donated magnetic letters for children to 'write'



Tony with his Panchito van

words on the van and we play all kinds of games. It's broadcast every Saturday on NOS TV, 'Panchito Mobil.'

On Saturdays I take the children to places where it's fun and where they can see and learn something new and I also turn it into an item for TV. Different characters have been added to the show as well. I got a costume from a Peruvian and that character is called 'Primito.' He's the cousin of Panchito. We have a clown called 'Payasotito' and my sister Carolina is 'Storia', a fairy who tells stories with a moral. We go to parties all together.

Over time many people have come to help me with the program - a camera man, a photographer, various actors and children who assist me during the show - and I want to thank them all for being such a great support.

My private life? He laughs. "I try to prepare everything for the program during the week, mostly at night when everyone is asleep, because when I come home from work at MCB I make time for my family. It's going well.

People should realize they have to make time for their children. They are the example the child will follow. When you have a child it's not 'nothing.' Your whole life changes - everything changes. But if you want your child to do well, you have to be good yourself." For more information go to: info@panchitobonaire.com.

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Kwartiermakers and Counterparts

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Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV)

For some time now, behind the scenes, people have been working on improvements and projects for the period after the transition date 10-10-10, when Bonaire may become a public body (bijzondere gemeente) within the Netherlands. In several areas of policy, local government and local organizations are working together with the people from the Regional Service Centre (RSC). In the coming months The Bonaire Reporter will describe the activities of the Dutch Ministry Representatives in the RSC and their Bonairean counterparts as they work together so that, at the planned "transition time of 10-10-10," local people, Bonaireans, will handle the tasks of that department. In this issue we describe the progress in the Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) scene.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality aims to contribute to nature, landscape, food quality and a green economy. On Bonaire the focus lies with two elements: the stimulating of sustainable agriculture and the protection of nature.

Elsmarie Beukenboom, director of STINAPA, and Ton Akkerman, kwartiermaker LNV, explain about the protection of nature on Bonaire and the cooperation between several organizations in this area, on Bonaire and in Holland.

Ton Akkerman says; "The nature on Bonaire is overwhelming. The different parks on land and in the sea, the mangrove forests, the animals like turtles and parrots....Bonaire is a pearl in the Caribbean."

Elsmarie Beukenboom: "The largest richness of Holland in the area of nature

lies here in the Caribbean! Fortunately, there are several organizations on Bonaire who work hard to conserve and reinforce nature, the flora and fauna of the island. As well, there is also a good connection with nature organizations in Holland, like Staatsbosbeheer and Wereld Natuur Fonds (World Wide Fund for Nature). And we have a very good cooperation with the Environmental and Nature Department of the Dutch Antilles (Milieu en Natuur, MINA). Good things happen for nature on Bonaire. We initiated a reforestation project in Washington Slagbaai Park, in which trees were planted in areas that are fenced off from goats. With this project, in a couple of years we can clearly demonstrate the negative influence of stray goats on the biodiversity. In addition, the coral reefs are being monitored and we are researching what influence the deterioration of the water quality has on them.

Other organizations protect and monitor animals like the turtles and parrots."

Elsmarie continues: "There are a couple of important international covenants to protect nature. On the basis of these covenants we can stop economic developments in nature areas and protect nature. For Bonaire, the Ramsar covenant is important. With this covenant so called wetlands are being protected. Bonaire has five of them, of which STINAPA manages four: Lac, Slagbaai, Gotomeer and Klein Bonaire."

Ton Akkerman explains: "With the financial support of Holland, an employee of the Dienst Ruimtelijke Ordening en Beheer (DROB, Spatial Planning and Managing) will attend a Ramsar meeting in Santa Domingo soon. We feel it's important that Bonaire's interests are



Elsmarie Beukenboom was born and raised on Bonaire. She studied at Cornell University in the US. She returned to Bonaire 17 years ago and has held positions in tourism and nature management. For the past seven years she has been director of STINAPA. She's also on the board of the Animal Protection Organisation and DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance).

Ton Akkerman has been working at the Regionaal Service Centrum as Kwartiermaker LNV since September 2009. He is a veterinarian by education and experience.

He gained important experience in recent years performing LNV type tasks with international assignments in Budapest and Brussels.

represented. The international covenants also consist of some obligations that have to be met. In the new situation, after transition, these obligations like monitoring, reporting, researching and education, become tasks of the Dutch government. The challenge is to make sure that the knowledge and experience that has been built up locally on the islands will be kept after the transition. The knowledge, experience and means of Holland can be added in a positive way. I find it one of my main tasks here, to promote the interest of nature protection on the islands in Holland. Last fall a Dutch delegation of people from the Department visited Bonaire. They received a tour of Bonaire's nature highlights and got the chance to talk to a lot of people and organizations. They are now completing a report with recommendations for the future. Together with the Bestuurscollege and local nature

organizations we will look into the report and the recommendations. We will also take into account that financial means will be necessary. I understand very well that the nature organizations for this aspect also look at Holland."

Elsmarie Beukenboom: "We are happy with Ton coming to Bonaire. With this, Holland shows its involvement with the nature on the islands. Nature is very important. As we say in our campaign: *Nos ta biba di naturalesa* (We live off of nature). Nature is the green motor of this island!" ■ Story & photo by Inge Vos

Inge Vos has experience in Communications and writes for Dutch language newspapers.



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NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS— IV What Can YOU Do?

What can you do? This is a question that deserves a good answer. Recently there's a lot going on in this world like the earthquake in Haiti and people all over the globe looking for a solution for this devastation. For every problem is a solution.

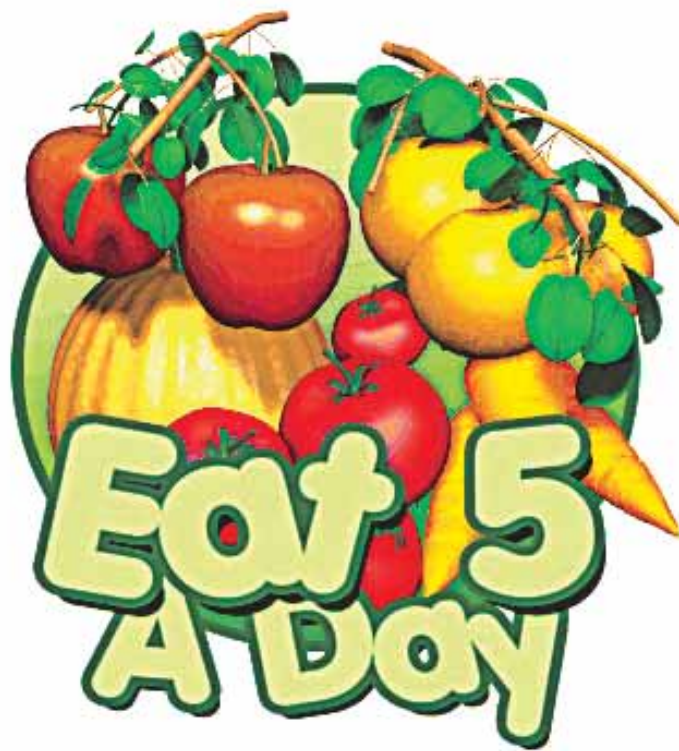
We have been talking about nutrition in schools for some weeks already and have seen the concern of different schools about this program. We've talked about the costs, continuing the program and community awareness. I interviewed Laraine Abbey-Katzev, the founder of Better Food For Better Kids (BFFBK) Foundation.

"The Mission of this Foundation," Laraine says, "is to inspire and motivate the establishment of natural, whole food nutrition as the basis for optimal personal health, well being, fulfillment and productivity, and as a way to simultaneously reverse and minimize the incidence of disease, disability, social deterioration and criminality. I see that there's a lot of social decay or social deterioration actually occurring in generation to generation from not eating the right kinds of food. We have a lot of health and behavior problems. It's happening around the world, and Bonaire is also affected.

Compared to the first time I came to Bonaire in 1986 and now I can see a big change. Back then in 1986 we didn't have a lot of crime, no significant drug problems. You didn't have to lock your doors or car. There were occasional problems with the kids then, but today we are confronting a lot of problems. When I was working as a nutritionist in the US a lot of my patients had social problems. In school they had a lot of behavior problems. When some schools decided to introduce a new food program, the kids' behavior changed for the better. The crimes stopped, graffiti stopped. There were more clean bathrooms, grades improved - all this because of a nutritional food program.

We want to start with a nutritional program for Bonaire too. But my main job is to get to the community. Communication is very essential. The community must learn and understand what food can do for the good life of our kids who need natural nutritional school meals. The real cost of cheap food can compromise the education of our kids. To transform theirs and their children's lives the community needs to be promptly educated in eating right. We might think that there are not enough funds for such a campaign. But to understand the importance of this program—to create better food for better kids—we should find some groups for funds and an interest in growing greens and fruits on Bonaire. Growers on the island can come together to work with the schools. It's important to communicate and to educate the kids and the community about the program. Keep the word going; get the community to work with the program because if we have all the funds and good nutritious meals for each child in school and the kids go out and eat all kind of bad food the program won't work. To help run this program we want to hire professionals.

The foundation is more to inspire the community for better food for better kids and to find financial resources as well as human resources. Transform us, meal by meal and student by student. Upgrade the school canteen, work on good nutritional recipes, let kids start with ideas



and work with chefs. Eventually kids can develop a good food program while they are being part of the program. Food contest can be held so the kids can taste and vote for their own food. The organization's prime interest is to make this program work and find funds that contribute with nutritional food, minerals and vitamins."

I hope that I caught your attention with these 'Nutrition in School articles.' While you were reading this article did you figure out what your answer to this article's title will be? Yes, what can you do?

Send your remarks and questions to *The Reporter*. ■
Siomara Albertus

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



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 17.

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BonQuiz #22



Christie Dovale photos

Manicured nests made by *

What are those "bags" hanging from the tree? A person could not have gotten way up there to attach a woven pouch like that. True, these are birds' nests, and they each have a maker to account for them. *The nest that seems well manicured is made by one species, and the rough and tough looking one is made by another.** This particular bird will not allow you too close to her nest if there are young or eggs inside. She will dive down and truly attack the top of your head if you are too close for comfort. It's her way of defending her territory. To build the nests these birds use almost anything they can get their bills on: thread, plastic, mop thread, rope ends. It does truly make the nest look quite sloppy.



Sloppy nest made by**

However, the other nest is well manicured and made from natural fiber, found in nature.

Q) Can you name these two birds?

Answer on page 17

BonQuiz appears regularly in *The Reporter*. It's prepared by **Christie Dovale of Christie Dovale Island Tours**. Contact her to arrange a tour, Phone 717-4435 or 795-3456 or email: christiedovale@hotmail.com.





Bonaire Dive tourists



Cruise ship tourists

CRUISE SHIP TOURISTS VS. DIVE TOURISTS

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe the reply by the head of the TCB regarding the open letter sent by Pauline Kayes (printed in the last edition of *The Reporter*, January 8-22, 2010) about the effect of cruise ships, etc. on Bonaire. The TCB head says that the matter is an "internal matter." If one's livelihood is from tourism, whether direct or indirect, ALL matters are external and have to do with everyone, including the tourists.

I am afraid Pauline's letter, along with dozens, if not hundreds of others, will get buried by "dealing internally" with these matters. A diver's \$6,000 will be missed by those who know the importance of the dive industry to Bonaire, but in the minds of those who deal internally, it will get covered by the \$10 spent by 600 cruise ship tourists.

AB

DID JAKE MAKE IT HOME?

Dear Editor:

My name is Wendy and I live on a sailboat tied to a park mooring in the harbor. On December 30 I was visiting on a boat next door, when we noticed what looked like someone trying to get on the stern of my boat from the water. There were night divers in the area so we thought maybe one of the divers was having troubles. I hopped in my dinghy to go and assist and when I got there I saw it was a dog. The poor dog was so exhausted that it couldn't even help me get it into the dinghy. I then hoisted it on to the sailboat. It was a male long haired Shepherd with a red collar and a flea collar on. I gave him some cuddles, (calling him Jake and telling him it was ok now), water, and some food. After a few hours the fireworks had slowed down and he started looking at the shore. I then decided I would take him to shore and see what happened. When I had hoisted him onto the pier he gave me a goodbye look and took off like he knew where he was going. A couple days later I was told that he had been in the water for quite a while trying to get onto other boats, with no luck. There is no doubt in my mind that he would have drowned if he hadn't been lucky enough to find an animal lover like myself. Since that night I have been wondering if he made it home ok. Could anyone knowing this dog let me know? My phone number is 700-8103.

Everyone with animals needs to remember that most of them are terrified of fireworks. So when it is fireworks time bring them into the house so they can hide under a bed etc., or at least make sure they are safely contained somewhere they cannot get out of. I may not be here next time to rescue the ones that are so terrified that even the sea doesn't stop them trying to escape the fireworks. Please take the responsibility of keeping your family safe and that includes your pets. They are there for you, be there for them.

Wendy

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*Corina, Mirchonela and Sigma
with Hans, owner of It Rains Fishes Restaurant*

A new service, Extreme Kitchen Cleaning Services, that hopes to improve the hygiene at Bonaire's restaurants is now in operation. Mirchonela Winklaar and her crew have already begun at It Rains Fishes Restaurant and report the owners are very pleased with the clean look of their kitchen.

Extreme Kitchen Cleaning Services offers daily kitchen maintenance and cleaning service packages to meet a specific kitchen's needs and works to meet HACCP requirements (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point). HACCP is a systematic preventive approach to food safety that addresses physical, chemical and biological hazards as a means of prevention rather than relying only on product inspection. HACCP is used in the food industry to identify potential food safety hazards.

Extreme Kitchen Cleaning Services also can help with other requirements like hotel housekeeping, providing dishwashers and general restaurant tasks. Call them at 796-1207 / 700-0173 and see their advertisement on page 17. ■ G.D.

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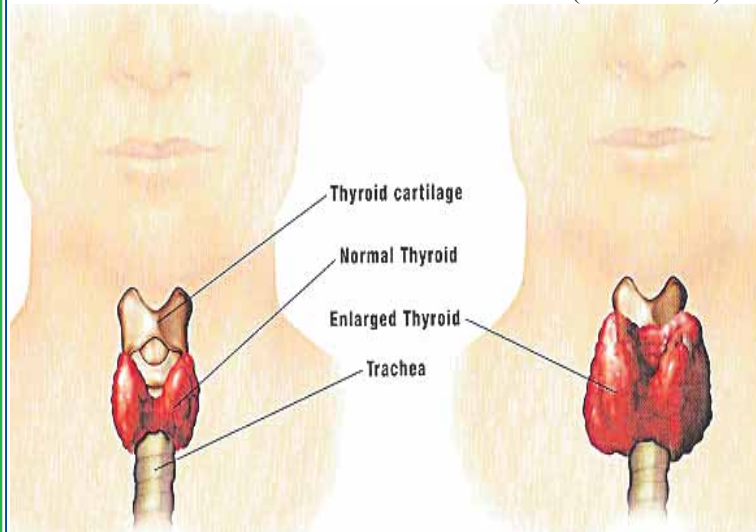
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Body Talk

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME (continuation)



As promised we will look at the thyroid this week and the very important role it plays in our every-day lives. We have all heard of over-active thyroid, under-active thyroid and goitre. The names for thyroid malfunction are many, the treatments and medications plentiful. However, one cannot talk about the thyroid only and ignore the parathyroid glands.

Let us first look at the location and function of the thyroid and the parathyroid glands. The thyroid is located at the front of the neck, and the parathyroid, consisting of four small glands are at the back of the thyroid.

from invaders like parasites, chemicals and harmful foods and it will work non-stop in keeping you healthy. Unfortunately, when ill-health or disease finally rears its ugly head, (remember the much darker room?) your immune system has reached its limit.

How many "diseases" that you know of are linked to the immune system? Directly or indirectly, most diseases are linked to your immune system. Never ignore those re-occurring little health problems, as they are all part of a much bigger picture, and will eventually catch up with you!

Some of the functions of these glands include glucose absorption, protein metabolism and heart rate. One very special function is also the rate of calcium absorption from blood, intestines, bones and kidneys.

Since many people choose to consume 'cooked' dairy products and refined sugars (highly mucus forming), they develop congestion throughout the sinus cavities, head area, throat, bronchi and lungs. Remember that "head cold?" Where do you think all that mucus comes from? Since the thyroid/parathyroid is located in the throat area, they become congested and start a chain reaction in the body. This of course takes place over many years of eating incorrectly.

I would like you to imagine the following scenario. Imagine yourself sitting in a very well lit room reading a book. Now I turn your room light's dimmer switch just a few degrees down. I am 100% sure you will not even notice this. Now I continue turning the dimmer a few degrees every 10 minutes, yet you still do not notice the decrease in light as your eyes adjust themselves without a conscious effort from your side. Of course once the room has become quite dark you will notice!

Your body is naturally designed (through the immune and lymphatic system) to protect itself

Once faced with a health crisis, you have a choice of treatment. Medicate, medicate, medicate or, **Detoxify.**

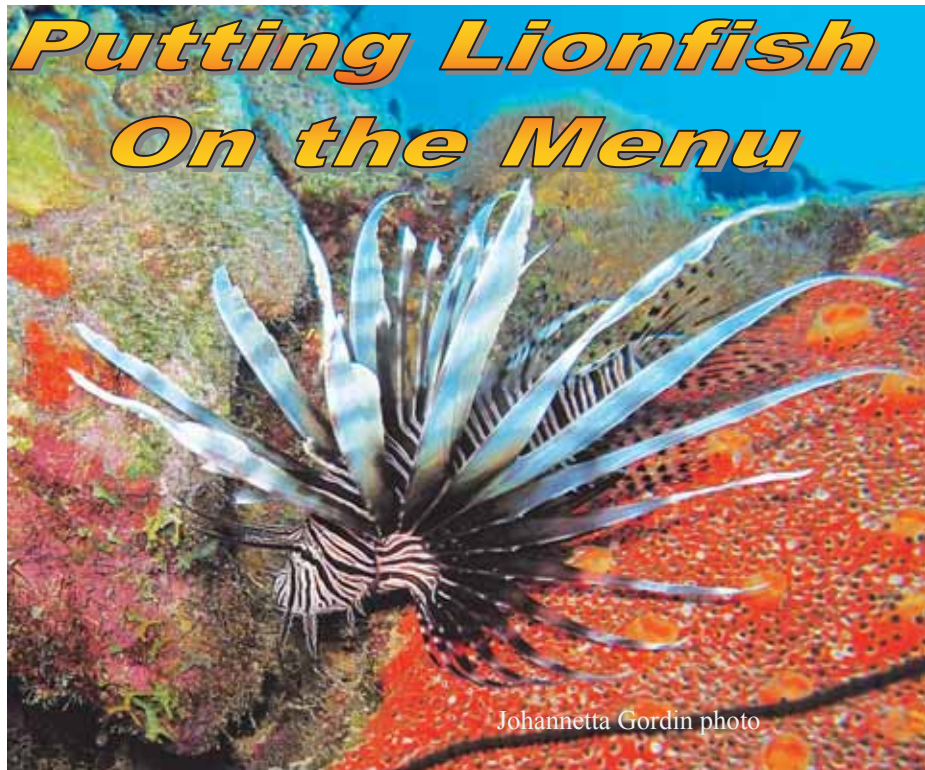
There are many "myths" about detoxification, and usually the word is enough to put fear into most people. Imagine getting rid of all those aches and pains, your high cholesterol, your high blood pressure, your irritable bowel problems, your lack of energy, headaches, constipation and weight problems!

With a good detoxification program, you can regain your health. Regardless of your age, it is never too late to detoxify. Clean out that body and restore balance. Remember, if you keep on doing what you've always been doing, all you'll get is more of what you've been getting!

Next issue::
For all our men out there: Prostate health. ■
Stephanie Bennett



Author Stephanie Bennett was born in Cape Town, South Africa, where she studied herbs, minerals and nutrition. Before moving to Bonaire she continued her studies in UK, and now researches health issues that particularly affect people on Bonaire and other Caribbean Islands.



Putting Lionfish On the Menu

Johannetta Gordin photo

Lionfish are pretty, but they are also greedy. A single one of them, introduced into a coral reef where the species is not native, can reduce the number of other small fish by 80% in just a few weeks, according to Mark Hixon, a marine biologist at Oregon State University. To make matters worse, lionfish are top predators. Though their size would make them an easy mouthful for a shark or a grouper, their poisonous spines mean they are more or less invulnerable.

In the lionfish's native waters the local ecosystem has adjusted to such predatory behavior. In the Caribbean, though, the lionfish is a novelty—and a destructive one. Anything that damages the biodiversity of the reefs in diving resorts is bad for tourism.

But there may be an answer: prove that the lionfish is not in fact a top predator after all, by getting people to eat it.

Last week the Bonaire Marine Park began a series of lionfish collection workshops. The next is Thursday, January 28th at 4 pm in the CIEE's lab in Kaya Gobernador Debrot # 24.

If you are interested in participating contact BNMP Ranger Joi Jenkins at dragonfly235@hotmail.com

The workshop teaches the basics about the lionfish issues, medical first aid procedures, marking procedures and collection procedures.

Mr. Sean Dimin, one of the owners of a firm called Sea to Table, thinks lionfish will be sought after by high-class restaurants frequented by wealthy conservationists. Mr. Dimin got his idea from the appearance in some resorts of "lionfish rodeos," in which holidaymaking divers round the fish up and which are usually followed by lionfish cook-ups on the beach. He learned from these that the fish, suitably de-spined, are delicious (they taste like snapper). To test the market, Mr Dimin contacted a few chefs at snazzy restaurants in Chicago and New York to see if they had any interest in serving lionfish to their customers. All jumped at the chance. Sea to Table therefore bought a supply of the beasts and sent them on to the restaurants in question. The fish were sold out within two nights.

So if the Bonaire Marine Park's workshops succeed they may serve to train a generation of lion-fishermen who in a seeming contradiction to Bonaire's long-time no spear fishing rule may help the reef's environment by catching fish.

Now which of our favorite Bonaire restaurants will be the first to feature lionfish on the menu? ■ G.D.

Restored Home's History



In our last issue we published some incomplete information about the origins of the old Bonairean house that was converted into the ORCO bank. Dr. Percy Chirino filled us in.

"The original owners of the 'ORCO Bank house' were the Vissers (they were unrelated to Johan Visser, owner of Karels Beach—a completely different family). The last two ladies who owned and lived in the house were Maria -Jufrouw Iya-Vissers and Henriqueta-Jufrouw Keta-Vissers. They were sisters and unmarried and both died in their 90s.

The word *Jufrouw* is Dutch, besides meaning 'Miss,' it also means female teacher. Jufrouw Iya taught handicrafts at a local school and specialized in teaching how to make hats. In those days Bonaire was well known for not only its good aloe but also for manufacturing hats. It was a significant source of income for a lot of very poor families on the island. Jufrouw Keta was also a teacher and she taught at the Sint Bernardus Meisjes (Girls) Primary -Nuns- School. Sint Bernardus was located where the Saint James School of Medicine is now.

These two ladies took Ton Abraham in as their 'adopted' child and he lived with them for some time. When they died, Ton Abraham inherited the house.

Both Jufrouw Iya and Jufrouw Keta meant a lot for the Bonairean community because of their dedication and hard work with children and poor young adult women." ■

Percy Chirino



Congratulations to the Xavier Medical School Students who received their "white coats" as a symbol of completing their first year of study. Commissioner of Education Nolly Oleana and Commissioner of Economic Affairs, Pancho Cicilia, attended and addressed the students. ■ G.D.

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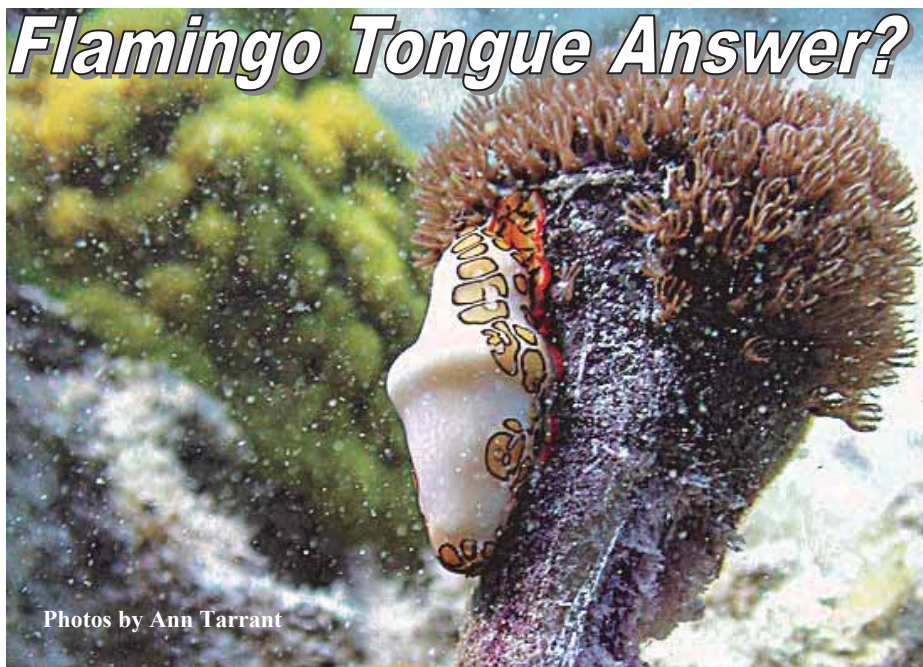
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Flamingo Tongue Answer?



Photos by Ann Tarrant

Not deterred by the coral's chemical defense compounds, Cyphoma completely strips the coral of its polyps, leaving bare skeleton behind and visible in this close-up

Kristen Whalen, a graduate student at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, may have an explanation for the recent assault of flamingo tongue snails on some of Bonaire's soft corals: It was a skirmish in an ages-long biochemical war on the reef.

Over evolutionary time, soft corals have developed poisonous compounds to deter predators, while the marine snail *Cyphoma gibbosum* - better known as the flamingo tongue- evolved a collection of genes and proteins called a "defensome" to detoxify coral compounds and allow it to feed on the corals.

Our outwardly innocuous gorgonian soft corals have evolved a powerful arsenal of chemical toxins that leave all who dare to consume them with a mouthful of distasteful compounds and a lesson they won't soon forget. The gorgonians' chemical defenses do an excellent job of deterring most fishes and other large predators. But a handful of reef inhabitants have learned how to navigate the gorgonians' toxic chemical mine-field and exploit these abundant corals for both food and shelter, giving themselves an edge over their fellow reef competitors. It seems the reclusive flamingo tongue, which appears harmless, even skittish, has an insatiable appetite for gorgonians. This predator inflicts damage to more gorgonian colonies per year than even the most destructive hurricane.

Ms Whalen's research suggests that the flamingo tongue's defensome is comprised of genes and enzymes that have both specific and varied detoxification roles, but work in concert to protect this predator from its toxin-laden prey.

Bonaire's recent "outbreak" of flamingo tongues had the snails getting the edge. For now the score appears to be *Cyphoma* 1, gorgonians 0 - but Ms Whalen wouldn't count the corals out of this co-evolutionary arms race just yet. If evolutionary theory has taught us anything, gorgonians are quietly developing novel toxins through spontaneous genetic mutation events that may one day confer an adaptive advantage in their direction. My advice to spectators: Stay tuned for the next 10,000 years of co-evolution. ■ *Kristen Whalen/G.D.*

Whalen, a graduate student in the MIT/WHOI Joint Program in Oceanography, collected gorgonian corals near the Perry Institute of Marine Science in the Exumas, Bahamas, and brought them back to the laboratory to analyze toxic chemical compounds they produce as a defense against animals eating them.



Based on an article in the Aug. 26, 2008 edition of *Oceanus*. Courtesy of Dr. George Buckley.

First 2010 Baby



MCB photo

MCB (Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) N.V) once again lived up to its reputation as "Your Friendly Bank" when it showered gifts on Bonaire's first newborn of the year 2010 and her mother. (It was a long wait this year for "first baby!") Kiandra Sint Jago was born at **9 am on Monday, January 11**. Soon afterwards MCB's little lion, Lito, with his keeper, Assistant Bank Director Orphaline Saleh, showed up with gifts and a saving bank book. Baby Kiandra's parents, Kiara Sint Jago and Jerryson Paula, are very proud of her. MCB hopes that all the baby's wishes come true and blessings on her parents and sister Rosinah.

For your information: The most popular baby names in Bonaire are quite unlike the popular names in the US or the Netherlands. The most popular baby names in the Netherlands during 2009 were Emma for girls and Daan for boys. Emma pushed Sophie into second place, while Daan held on to its top position. Top US names are Ethan, Jacob and Noah for boys and Isabella, Emma, Olivia and Ava for girls. ■ *MCB/G.D*

New Year's Dutch Swim Tradition



Huib Marsman photo

The Dutch tradition of a New Year's Dive (in the Netherlands in the icy cold North Sea) was honored in Bonaire at the Plaza Resort. Food products brand Unox provided the orange winter caps and typical hot pea soup for participants to enjoy, even though the temperature was a far cry from that in Holland.

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Hanne Vibeke deKoning 1936-2010

Hanne Vibeke deKoning—Stapel, our dear friend and a good friend of Bonaire, passed away on **Friday, January 8**, in Holland following the rapid onslaught of cancer. Complications following treatment cost her her life.

She is survived by her husband, Co de Koning, four children—Carsten, Masje, Jochem and Clea and seven grandchildren—Lara, Flore, Nils, Gijs, Mare, Lotte and Milo. Hanne Vibeke was born on December 7, 1936, in Denmark. For the last 25 or so years she visited Bonaire several times a year, returning to her home in Amsterdam. In Bonaire she resided in a condo apartment at Harbour Village.

Hanne Vibeke was the author of two books including "Silk Quilts," the definitive book for quilters and silk lovers on the use of silk in quilts. The book explores silk as a fabric, including a wonderful illustrated section on The Silk Road, a series of photographs of the cocoon-to-yarn-to-fabric process, and a series of 16th century copper engravings of the European sericulture



process.

She was a beautiful, kind individual who complimented the activities of her husband Co, supporting him in his work and projects.

Hanne Vibeke was elegant with a gentle soul and a wonderful sense of humor. She positively influenced all she came in contact with. She is sorely missed by all her friends. **■ G./L.D.**

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Pet of the Week

Here is the tiniest kitten in the cat cage at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. This little grey tabby is named "Marie." She's an orphan and she nearly died before she even had much of a life. Some kind children, out biking, found her and her litter mates. It seemed the kittens were chasing the bikes. Marie was so small and starving that she had to go home with Shelter manager Monique to be fed every few hours with a bottle. The other kittens have been adopted and there's just Marie now. She's sure to remain a smallish cat due to her first weeks of malnutrition. But today she's in fine shape and healthy and so happy to be alive. You may see her and the other healthy and social adoptees 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:



Tiny Marie

WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com

While you're there visit the Shelter gift shop. Many of the items have been donated so all the proceeds help to keep the Shelter open. There is a wide selection of dog collars, leashes, cat items, animal gifts as well as t-shirts with the new Shelter logo for children and adults. There's plenty to choose from – for your own pet or for gifts. It's open during Shelter opening hours. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*



Lost Cat

"Evis" the cat is missing from Republik. He's a white and orange male about 9 months old and he's very friendly. His owner and his sister are missing him terribly so if you see him please call Monique at 700-6772. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

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Picture Yourself With The Reporter... Cumberland Cove, Tennessee, USA

"Here's a photo of September visitor Timmy Lienhardt re-reading his copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* high atop Eagle Flight Bluff overlooking England Cove and out through Bear Pin Gap, Cumberland Cove, Tennessee. One Of Timmy's favorite places to hike and climb, he is pictured here taking a break from working on his Cafe and Art Gallery soon to open in Dripping Springs, halfway between Nashville and Knoxville." ■

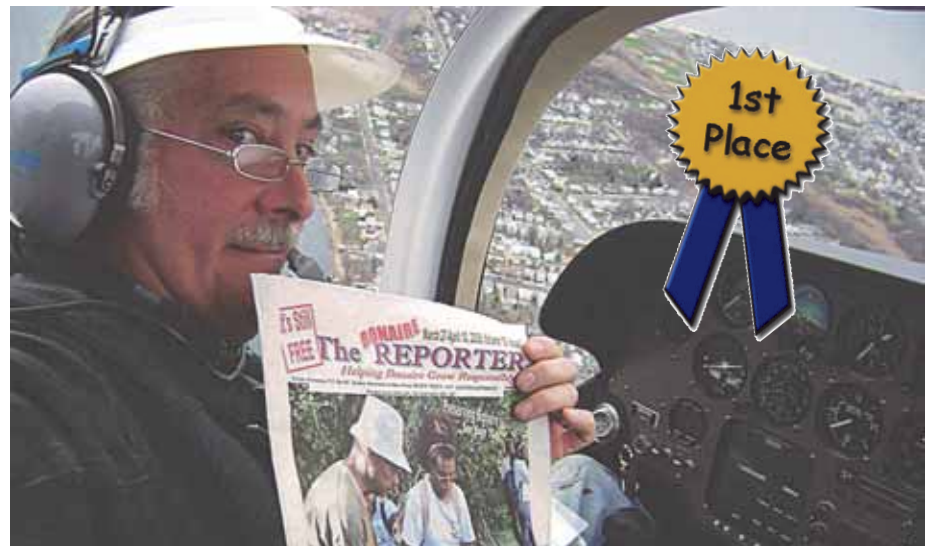


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Picture Yourself Winners for 2009

Every year it becomes more and more difficult to pick the best Picture Yourself with *The Reporter* photo. Our readers remember to take *The Reporter* with them, tucked away in suitcases, backpacks and who knows where else, and consequently it showed up in places all over the world last year. There it was with our readers – in Australia, Amsterdam, Wall Street (NY), Washington DC, Tokyo, Jordan, Curaçao, Galapagos, West Virginia, Apeldoorn (Netherlands), Cuba, India, The Aleutians, Epcot Center (Florida), Chicago, Vancouver Island (Canada), Pike's Peak, at sea in the Caribbean, Jamaica, South Africa and Paris.

Hearty congratulations to our winners. First prize winner Brad Louth wins a gift certificate to dine at the very popular and delicious **Bistro de Paris**. Bud and Nancy Dox, 2nd prize winners, will receive a coupon for a large scrumptious pizza at **Pasa Bon Pizza**. Check in with us, winners, to get your prizes. ■ *L.D.*



1st Prize – goes to Brad Louth of Stamford, Connecticut, holding *The Bonaire Reporter* at 2,000 feet over New Haven Harbor in Connecticut. He's flying his own plane, a Liberty X12.



2nd Prize goes to Bud and Nancy Dox from snowbound upstate New York. They're shown with a diving snowman adorned with mask, fins and snorkel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cruise Ship Calls - Information provided by the TCB

Date	Day	Ship name	Time	PAX
Friday	January 22, 2010	<i>Enchantment of the Seas</i>	0700-1530	2446
Monday	January 25, 2010	<i>AidaAura</i>	0800-1600	1260
Monday	January 25, 2010	<i>Artemis</i>	0800-1802	1200
Tuesday	January 26, 2010	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1422
Wednesday	January 27, 2010	<i>Sea Princess</i>	1200-1900	2016
Friday	January 29, 2010	<i>Enchantment of the Seas</i>	0700-1530	2446
Friday	January 29, 2010	<i>Noordam</i>	0800-1700	1918
Tuesday	February 2, 2010	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1422
Thursday	February 4, 2010	<i>Caribbean Princess</i>	1100-1900	3100
Friday	February 5, 2010	<i>Enchantment of the Seas</i>	0700-1530	2446
Thursday	January 21, 2010	<i>Caribbean Princess</i>	1100-1900	3100
Friday	January 22, 2010	<i>Enchantment of the Seas</i>	0700-1530	2446

Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days—usually 10am until ship departure.

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Karnaval Schedule at right

Friday, January 22 — Antilles Parliamentary Election

Sunday, January 24 — Lazy Sunday Afternoon Concert - Krusa Musika and Friends-Cacique Hall, Plaza Resort, 2 pm. Tickets NAf15 sold at the door. Tel. 786-0455. More on page 18.

Thursday, January 28th— Free lecture: “Factors affecting the abundance and distribution of the yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot (*Amazona barbadensis*) on Bonaire” By Dr. Sam Williams, University of Sheffield, UK, 7 pm CIEE Research Station Bonaire, Kaya Gob. Debrot 26

January 28 -29— Bonaire International Fishing Tourney based at It Rains Fishes. Contact Robur de Vries at 786-1070, 516-1070 or email info@itrainfishesbonaire.com

Saturday, January 30—Full Moon

Sunday, January 31—Opening of Art Exhibit by Luz Aida Franco-Wesselius, 5 pm, Kas di Arte. Exhibit until end of February.

Friday, February 5 —Free Lecture “Trees & Reforestation on Bonaire” by Dr. Dolfi Debrot, director of Carmabi, Curaçao. 7 pm, CIEE, Kaya Gob. Debrot 26.

Saturday, February 6—Big Monthly Rincon Marshe, 6 am to 2 pm. A real island event. Stands selling crafts, local foods, drinks, music. In the center of Rincon.

Saturday, February 6—Flea Market at Parke Publico, 3 to 7 pm. Everyone welcome to buy and sell. NAf10 per selling table (NAf5 goes to Park’s upkee). More info and reservations for a spot call Vicky 786-1592,

Friday, February 12 — Concert: Willem Statius Muller (piano). This will be a historic concert of the 80-year-old Antillean pianist who was on Bonaire for the last time 25 years ago! More on page 18.

REGULAR EVENTS

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

- **Parke Publico** children’s playground open every day into the cooler evening hours.

Saturdays

- **Rincon Marshé**—6 am-2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop, fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks, music. **Big Marché first Saturday of the month**—www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

- **Flea Market at Parke Publico every first Saturday of the month, 3 to 7 pm.** Everyone welcome to buy and to sell. NAf10 per selling table.(NAf 5 goes to up-keep the park). NGOs can have a free table. More information and reservations for a spot call Vicky Bissessar - 786-1592.

- **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company’s warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **second Saturday of the month, 7-9 pm.** Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 (NAf17,50) per person. Tel. 560-7539.

- **Soldachi Tours**—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time. Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information—796-7870.

Mondays

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- **Meet The Captain Night at Captain Don’s Habitat Bar**— Get up close and personal with Bonaire’s dive pioneer. The Captain’s will autograph your copy of his newest book Reef Windows.

Fridays

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FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Sunday— **Creature Feature**— John and Suzie Wall of Buddy’s Digital photo center present a multimedia slide presentation about Buddy’s House Reef - pool bar **Buddy Dive**, 6:30-7 pm, 717-5080

Monday—**Dee Scarr’s Touch the Sea Slide Presentation**, Capt. Don’s Habitat, 8:30 pm. 717-8529

Tuesday— **Bonaire Land and Ocean** presentation by Fish-Eye Photo staff, 7pm on

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every Wednesday at 7pm. Phone: 786-4651 or 786-7971

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

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

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:15 pm— All levels, NAf2,50, call Renata at 796-5591 to find out the evening’s location.

Darts Club plays every other Sunday at City Caf . Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

The Hash House Harriers running and walking club meets every second Wednesday for a one hour walk throughout Bonaire. The location changes each week. The contact number is **700-4361**

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 Domacass  516-4252.

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

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th **Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12 noon-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort upstairs in Peter Hughes meeting room above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-2066

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: *Kralendijk*, Wilhelminaplein. In Papiamentu, Dutch, English, Sundays, 10 am. *Rincon*, Kaya C.D. Crestian, in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8:30 am. Children’s club, Saturdays, 5 pm, in Kralendijk

KARNAVAL SCHEDULE 2010 (Tentative)

January

Friday, 22nd – Installation of the candidates for Adult Queen, Prince and Pancho

Sunday, 24th – Election of Children’s Queen, Prince and Pancho

Saturday, 30th – Carnival T-Shirt Painting, SEBIKI

Saturday, 30th – Finals Adult Tumba Festival

Sunday, 31st – Children’s Tumba Festival

February

Monday, 1st – Jump-up Kabo

Friday, 5th – Balloon Parade, SEBIKI

Friday, 5th – Election of Adult Queen, Prince and Pancho

Saturday, 6th – Children’s Parade, Rincon

Sunday, 7th – Children’s Parade, Playa

Tuesday, 9th – T-Shirt Parade, Playa

Wednesday, 10th – Bikers Parade, Playa

Thursday, 11th – Teener Parade, Playa

Friday, 12th – Elementary School Parade, Playa

Friday, 12th - Marathon Jump-up Jump-in

Saturday, 13th – Adult Parade, Rincon

Sunday, 14th - Adult Parade, Playa

Monday, 15th – Children’s Farewell Parade, Playa

Tuesday, 16th – Adult Farewell Parade, Playa

Saturday, 20th – Karnaval 2010 Closure

Sunday School, Sundays, 4 pm, in Rincon.

Bible Study and Prayer meetings, Thursdays, at 8 pm, Kralendijk.

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

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

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

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

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios): Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am.

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Additional churches listed in the next issue.

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Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...

That flat, cement-like algae can overgrow and kill living corals? The reef at Lac is a lovely, shallow back reef that has some of the largest remaining stands of endangered staghorn and elkhorn corals (*Acropora cervicornis* and *A. palmata*) in Bonaire and perhaps the Caribbean. Sabine Engel and I have been kayaking out to our research site every two weeks in an effort to understand the ecology of a particular red alga. It is a red, crustose alga that is overgrowing and killing many species of corals in Lac, but identifying it has



Mustard Hill Coral (*Porites astreoides*) being overgrown by red crustose alga.

been difficult since it may be an undescribed species. This crustose alga should not be confused with crustose coralline algae, which is considered beneficial to reefs. Experiments have demonstrated that coral recruits survive better if they settle on or near certain species of crustose coralline algae. The alga in question is not a coralline algae and not only is this mystery alga overgrowing corals, it is covering large expanses of coral rubble. This alga may prevent coral recruits from settling or overgrow them shortly after they settle. Currently, we are measuring the rate that this alga overgrows living corals and we're documenting the species of corals that it is overgrowing in Lac. We will be initiating an experiment in the near future and hope to be able to report more on this species and why it is able to overgrow so many of our corals.

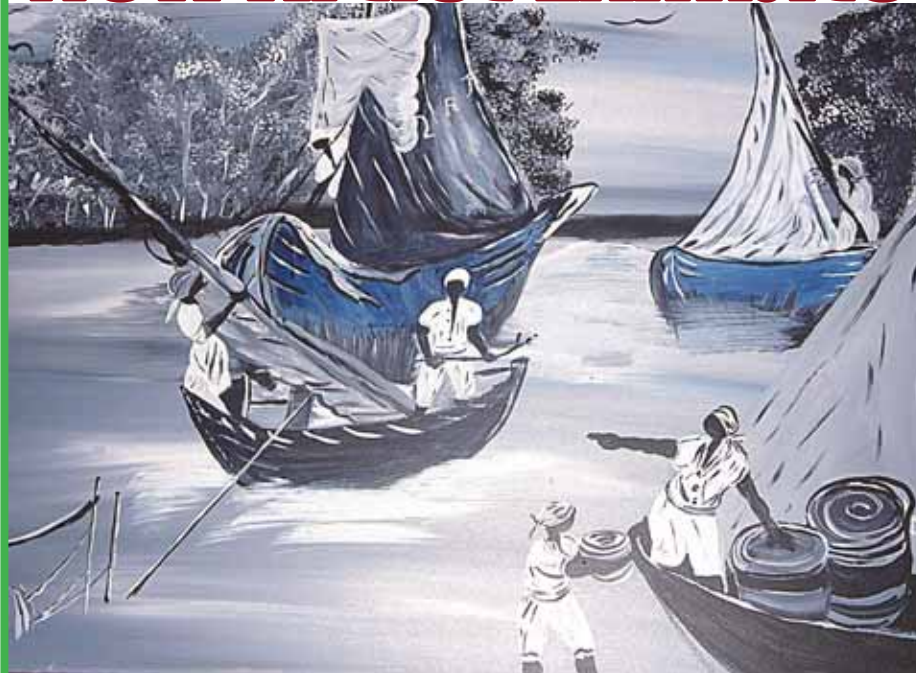
If you happen to be snorkeling out there and you see some rebar with tags attached, we would be very grateful if you don't remove them or disturb the area. Although hearing about algae killing corals is never good news, it is fortunate that we have discovered that there is a problem and we are committed to figuring out why the problem exists and what can be done to solve it. ■

Story & photo by Caren Eckrich

Caren Eckrich teaches Coral Reef Ecology and Scientific Diving at CIEE Research Station Bonaire (<http://cieebonaire.org>).



New Artist Exhibits



Exhibition Opens Sunday, January 31 at Kas di Arte

Luz Aida Franco-Wesselius is a self-taught artist who started painting just over a year ago. She finds her inspiration in nature, Bonaire and the life in the village in Colombia where she grew up. She paints in acrylic on canvas and on wood. Her first exposition in Kas di Arte will be in the month of February. On Sunday 31st of January at 5 pm Gezaghebber Glenn Thode will open her exposition. In February the exposition will be open daily from 5—9 pm, and by day on request, tel. 560 0907 or 516 8575. ■

Story & photos by Ernst Wesselius



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Sherman Gibbs and His Faithful and Loyal Toyota Hilux

The 61st of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels."
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Kunuku Chiki, Tra'di Montaña No 8 Bonaire N.A. –

So on Thursday the 14th of January I drove my one-piston, off road thumper along the road to Rincon. Today's goal was Sherman Gibbs. I had met Mr. Gibbs some years ago at a birthday party. Later on I had a drink with him in his private open air pub where he only serves beer, and finally I spoke with him at a parking lot next to the Kaya Korona where he was selling ice cold cooled coconuts.

And yes, I was lucky. Sherman had just parked his reliable Toyota Hilux truck in front of his beloved Kunuku Chiki. And yes, he remembered me and he knew about the stories in *The Bonaire Reporter* about special vehicles. And yes, he had some time for me. So I explained my intentions again: an article, informative and positive, not politically engaged, no risks. And a picture. That was all.

Sherman Gibbs is a very sympathetic and admirable person. His father is from the Bahamas and his mother is from Venezuela. Sherman was born on the island of Curaçao on the 23rd of May in the year 1937, so that makes him 72 years old. Sherman is still in very good condition and he is proud of his age. Some 42 years ago he came to Bonaire as a mechanic. He learned all the ins and outs about vehicles and engines from his father who owned Garage Gibbs at Salina, Curaçao, behind Nelly's Bar.

So in or around 1967 Sherman Gibbs came to Bonaire to start his own enterprise. He repaired, maintained, restored, rebuilt and converted all kinds of vehicles. Mr. Gibbs has always been independent, owning his personal workshop. His Kunuku Chiki, surrounded by hand painted flags and all kinds of paintings and signs, is a kind of living open air museum. There is a watch horse that protects Sherman's property and there are iguanas and two roosters and 11 hens are busy eating "layenna" and trying to reproduce themselves on a regular base. All kinds of cars are parked all over the place. There are tools and workshops everywhere and the whole terrain seems to be under permanent construction. Never a dull moment!

The white Toyota Hilux double cabin truck is also a very good example of Gibbs'

creativity. Norman extended the chassis himself and he mounted a multi-functional hitch ball/tow hook on the rear. On top of the rear chassis he built a wooden construction with all kinds of hinges and metal wire meshes to allow the wind to blow through and to prevent thirsty people from grabbing coconuts. Coconuts? Yes, coconuts!

Normally Sherman buys coconuts from other persons. He puts those coconuts in a huge non-functioning refrigerator which is installed in the wire-mesh-protected covered bed of the truck. Then he covers the coconuts with loads of ice. He drives his reliable truck to one of his favorite selling points such as the parking lot along the Kaya Korona. There he sells his ice cold fresh coconuts for NAf2,50. For Sherman this is fun, a kind of social activity. And the fun results in a little extra income above the NAf800 he receives every month from the Bonairean government because he's been retired for some years now. The coconut selling business is low now. The coconuts are only half size now because of the lack of sufficient rainwater the last months. But Sherman is not complaining. However, some extra income is always welcome with the ever increasing prices for water, electricity and gasoline.

Gibbs has owned his Hilux for some 13 years now. The four-cylinder gasoline burner is used every day and the condition of the chassis and the engine would really surprise BBC Top Gear's Jeremy Clarkson. This worldwide popular car program maker tried to destroy a diesel four-wheel drive Toyota Hilux by going down stone steps, hitting a wall and a tree, by flooding it in the sea. He had a caravan dropped on top of the Hilux, the car drove full speed through a wooden shed and he tried to burn the vehicle. The car was even placed on top of a 240-foot high rise building. Then they destroyed the building with explosives but the car stayed alive.

It really is a pity that Top Gear's Jeremy hasn't visited Sherman Gibbs yet. This car drives every day with the oil filler cap removed from the rocker box cover because of the pressure the engine permanently builds up because of some broken piston rings! Because of the oil vapor the complete en-



gine compartment is protected against the influences of the weather and the salt. A lot of smoke then is sucked in by the same engine. There is no air cleaner mounted on top of the carburetor and a rich mixture of oil and gasoline is permanently used by this Japanese oil burner. The engine needs one extra liter of oil a week. And there is also a never-ending need for water. The radiator is not leaking but the radiator cap is removed. And the cap of the power brake fluid is missing.

So some parts are missing but some parts are added. There is a speaker on top of the vehicle producing different noises. And a pair of antlers from a billy goat are also mounted on the roof. On the dash board of the truck a household on and off electricity switch is mounted. In fact the whole vehicle is converted with or tied up with household

electricity wire: black, blue, brown and green/yellow.

Sherman is very proud of his five-speed (four ahead, one reverse) creature and when I ask him to start the engine he and the engine do not hesitate. The four cylinder idles and runs as smooth as a brand new engine. Then Sherman hits the metal with his pedal. I close my eyes to protect them against piston ring parts but nothing happens and all the metal stays inside the engine. Good stuff those old Toyotas. Happy

guy that Sherman Gibbs. Pity that Jeremy Clarkson does not know about Bonaire and Mr. Gibbs, the master who understands the art of living! ■ Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



BonQuiz Answer

Bon Quiz (from page 7):




Q) Can you name these two birds?
 A) *Yellow Oriole (*Trupial kachó, Icterus nigrogularis*)
 **Troupial (*Trupial, Icterus icterus*)

Sudoku Solution Puzzle on page 7

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(Flotsam & Jetsam ... continued from page 2) major, multiple-phase condominium project.

As for the flights, Asjoe-Croes says the destination is in serious discussions with American Airlines. The flight would be huge for Bonaire since it lost American Eagle connections in 2008. Because of that, arrivals from two of its major markets, Florida and California, took a major hit.

"Florida and California have been in our top five markets for the last 10 years, but we didn't see that last year," she says. In fact, like the majority of islands, Bonaire took a hit across the board with a 10-12% drop in 2009.

► The Dutch tourist association ANWB expects that the Netherlands Antilles will become the second most popular far-away holiday destination for Dutch citizens in 2010. "The US will continue to remain the absolute number one as faraway holiday destination in 2010," they said.

► The new fiscal system for the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (assuming, of course, that Bonaire will be included) will go into effect on January 1, 2011, and not on the scheduled transition date of October 10, 2010. According to the Dutch Government, it is "undesirable" to implement the new system on the transition date because changing a system within a fiscal year would result in a "considerable administrative burden" for the private sector and the private sector and residents would have to file their annual taxes under two different financial systems in one year.

The new fiscal arrangement should yield US \$41.72 million annually, an amount that is based on the current revenues of federal taxes collected on the three islands. There will be a transition period of five years for persons making use of the so-called *penhonado* arrangement, a fiscal arrangement for pensioners living in the Netherlands Antilles. The US dollar will become the island's currency on 1/1/11.

► The Antillean Government has declined an announced visit from neighboring Venezuela at the last moment. This followed Venezuelan president Chávez's rant in Denmark that the Antilles were being used as a US base preliminary to invasion of his country. Antilles Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage did not refer to his comments but wants to set a new date at the beginning of February for consultation with the Venezuelans on the ISLA refinery and other matters. The Prime Minister stated that she regretted not being

able to oblige with the appointment.

► Miep Gies, the office secretary who defied the Nazi occupiers to hide Anne Frank and her family for two years and saved the teenager's diary, has died, the Anne Frank Museum said Tuesday. She was 100. Gies' Web site reported that she died Monday, January 11, after a brief illness following a fall in a nursing home. Gies was the last of the few non-Jews who supplied food, books and good cheer to the secret annex behind the canal warehouse where Anne, her parents, sister and four other Jews hid for 25 months during World War II.

Anne Frank died of typhus at age 15 in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945, just two weeks before the camp was liberated. Gies gave the diary to Anne's father Otto, the only survivor, who published it in 1947. (Arthur Max-AP)

► If the BES Islands happen the highest point of the Netherlands, will no longer in Limburg, but on Saba. Dutch conservationists will have to care about coral reefs when they never had to worry about corals in their surrounding North Sea.

► An interesting photo contest for high school students was launched this week by the Bonaire public library (*Biblioteka Publika*). The library wants to motivate young people to engage their talents and creativity with a photo contest called "Vision Bonaire." They may take a picture of Bonaire from their own perspective. Photos can be edited with Photoshop or other programs, but the nature of the photo should be preserved.

Photos will be judged by an independent jury which includes Bòi Antoin, Karine de Wit, Herman van Leeuwen and Frank Bierings. The library thanks SGB teacher Karine White for her support. She provided internal coordination in SGB and will also assist the students to achieve good results. A photo exhibition will be held during February at the library, where an initial selection of the best pictures will be shown. On February 26 the best picture will be chosen. 1st prize is a camera with cool new features. Sponsors are Banco di Caribe and BSC Painting Pool & Spa. Students can send their entries to openbarebibliotheek@yahoo.com or handed in at the library. Participants are allowed to submit multiple photos. Deadline is January 31. (Sharon Bol)

► The Classical Music Board Presents, for the first time, a Lazy Sunday Afternoon Concert with Krusa Musika and



Friends January 24th at 2 pm, at the Cacique Hall Plaza Resort Bonaire. Enjoy the music with wine and cheese, coffee and cake.

Hans Faassen of the Classical Music Board writes, "The Afternoon Concert is an experiment. If it is a success it may be repeated on a regular basis. It is a mixed concerto and back ground music performance. There will be a round table seating in the Hall so the capacity is limited to 90 persons.

Performing musicians are Linda Anthony, soprano; Eric van Silfhout, tenor and violin; Hans Odin Faassen, piano; and a guest to be announced.

The music will include boleros, opera, coffee house and romantic music from composers Bach, Chopin, Faure, Corelli, Mozart, Pergolesi and Rieding. Tickets are NAf 15, sold at the door. For more information call 786-0455."

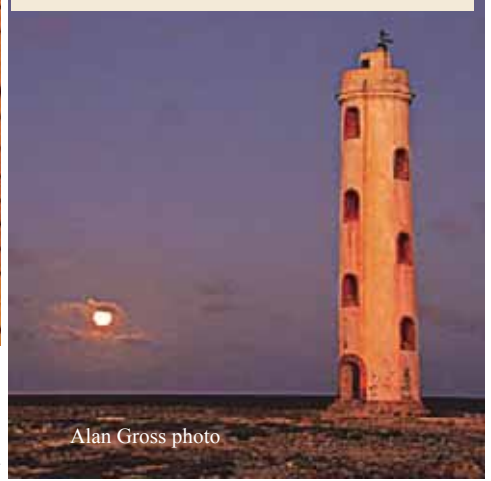
► Pianist Willem Statius Muller, a living legend, will play here next month.

At 80 years he's just completed a concert tour in Belgium. The concert on February 12 will be a very special one as it's been nearly 25 years since he's performed on Bonaire. He'll play several compositions by Frederic Chopin (who inspired composers of classical Antillean music) as well as his own compositions. He'll give a short lecture on Antillean classical music and the music of mainland South America and the old rhythms used by the classical Antillean waltzes, *danzas* and *tumbas*.

The concert will be at Plaza Resort, Cacique hall, on Friday, February 12, at 8 pm. Tickets are NAf 35 (NAf 40 at the door) at Books And Toys, Flamingo Bookstore (both Kaya Grandi), and at the reception of Plaza Resort.

► It's very easy to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Cell phone users in the US have contributed more than \$11

► Bonaire continues to surprise with its beauty. Here is the second full moon of December 2009, a "blue moon," rising at the Willemstoren lighthouse.



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Orion Nebula
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On any night the next few weeks in early evening look up where you will see winter's most famous constellation Orion the Hunter riding well above the horizon. Three evenly spaced stars in a row mark his famous belt, above them two bright stars mark his shoulders and below two more bright stars mark his knees. But if you look carefully just below his three belt stars you'll see three evenly spaced, much dimmer stars, which make up his sword. But no matter how sharp your eyesight, the middle "star" will always seem to look fuzzy, slightly out of focus.

And that's because it's not a star at all but something we call a **nebula**, a great cosmic cloud of gas and dust out of which brand new stars have recently been and are still being born. In fact this nebula, called the **Orion Nebula**, is a stellar womb, a birthplace and nursery of stars. And incredibly with a small inexpensive telescope you'll actually be able to see the four recently born stars which light up this gigantic gas cloud. They are arranged in the shape of a baseball diamond and are called the **Trapezium**. And they were born only one million years ago which, compared to our **Sun**, which is 4 1/2 billion years old, makes them true stellar infants.

Now although this nebula of Orion's looks tiny to the naked eye, in reality its size is mind boggling because there are at least 1,000 unseen stars here hidden within this dense cloud. Plus there is enough material in this humongous cloud to produce over 10,000 stars the size of our Sun. And think of this. When we measure distances to the stars we use the term "**light year**," which is simply the number of miles light travels in a year, which is 6 trillion miles. The closest star to **Earth** other than our Sun is 4 1/3 light years away, which means it takes 4 1/3 years for its light to reach us.

The Orion Nebula, however, is so incredibly huge that we have to measure its size in light years. And it is a mind blowing 30 light years in diameter. In fact it is so huge it would take 20,000 of our solar systems lined up end to end to reach from one edge of Orion's nebula to the other. Or to put it another way, if the distance from our Earth to the Sun were only one inch, the distance across the Orion Nebula would be 12 miles. Is that mind boggling or what? So get out to see this wonderful fuzzy middle "star" in the sword of Orion which astronomy writer Stephen James O'Meara says looks like, "Angel's breath against a frosted sky." See if you don't agree. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*

StarPower

By Jenny Lynch

January-2010

Aries – March 21 through April 20 Professional and social activities are booming with positive energy this month. This is a great time to push forward with goals and aspirations. You are more likely to achieve them at this time and you have plenty of teamwork and public support helping you to accomplish your goals and then celebrate afterwards.

Taurus – April 21 through May 21 You have a lot of positive social, professional, religious, political, legal, and travel-related energy in your life this month. You are very outwardly focused and you are doing well within these topics. However, there seems to be some drama surrounding your ability to juggle your public life and your private life. Whatever is creating the stress ends by the end of the month, so things should turn out fine.

Gemini – May 22 through June 21 You are entering a time of fun, exploration, and adventure. You could find that traveling and/or cultural, religious, legal, political, academic, or media-related activities open doors to romance, financial successes, and/or to simply finding long-term happiness. You also have some excellent leadership and financial growth opportunities.

Cancer – June 22 through July 22 You have some exotic romantic opportunities and you are encouraged to create business partnerships with people in political, academic, religious, legal, mass media, and travel industries. You also have a bit of a "mine" versus "ours" debate and eventually end up deciding that "we" is better than "me."

Leo – July 23 through August 23 Your career and your finances are both benefiting from all kinds of positive opportunities. You and a partner or competitor can work through your differences. You try to negotiate and to a point, that helps, but ultimately, you have to stop being so aggressive and allow the more loving and compassionate side of your personality to choose happiness over victory. Next month, the two of you get a fresh start or a new beginning in your relationship.

Virgo – August 24 through September 22 Your career is beginning to get a bit hectic. You have some great economic and financial energies blending but you also have some bureaucrats annoying you. Just keep pushing forward and conducting yourself in a fair and diplomatic manner. The drama ends by the end of the month. Meanwhile, your love life is looking really good and you are encouraged to find something new in your life that will bring you great joy and happiness.

Libra – September 23 through October 23 You have a lot of positive energy promoting home, happiness, and creative work solutions. However, you also have a friend, teammate, committee member, Webmaster, or net-

working project that is causing all kinds of stress. To make matters worse, you are grumpy and upset about things at home. Luckily, you have a lot of opportunities to have fun, let your creative muse inspire you, and to spend quality time with loved ones.

Scorpio – October 24 through November 22 You are extremely persuasive this month. You can use this gift for professional, social, and romantic activities. You are also encouraged to spend plenty of time with loved ones and doing those things that bring great joy and happiness into your life. There is a very good chance you could combine business with pleasure and find a way to earn a decent living doing something that you love. Your inner-critic is still nagging at you, but you still score a professional victory anyway.

Sagittarius – November 23 through December 21 You still have some financial issues involving friends, teammates, business colleagues, or the Internet, but otherwise your finances should be showing some improvements. You are experiencing some great sales, negotiations, bartering, and/or communications skills too. After some struggle and debate, a political, legal, cultural, religious, academic, or media related journey comes to an end.

Capricorn – December 22 through January 20 You get a new moon eclipse to celebrate with mid-month. Use this to launch your New Year's Resolutions and to co-create what you want 2010 to look like. Your finances are a mix of positive and stressful energies, but nothing you cannot handle. And your communication skills, local community, extended family, and/or commercial activities are about to take center stage for the next few months.

Aquarius – January 21 through February 18 You are going through a lot of emotional and spiritual questioning at this time. You are torn between what people tell you to think, feel, and believe versus what you intuitively know to be true for yourself. Luckily, you come to some conclusions that are tailor made for you and making peace with these questions helps you to become more self-confident. You also have some strong positive financial blessings beginning to come your way.

Pisces – February 19 through March 20 You still have a financial or romantic trust issue involving a friend, teammate, colleague, or website. However, you also have a great deal of really positive energy happening in your social life and you are coming across as smart and fun, so people are not too upset with you. Just be really careful when making romantic or financial commitments with anyone this month and you should be fine. You also have some stress involving bureaucracy and a big project at work, but you get it finished by the end of the month. ■

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Several agencies in the Antilles have already taken initiatives to assist Haiti. The Red Cross has already opened accounts at the MCB, Giro, RBTT, Banco di Caribe, Orco Bank and SFT Bank where you can deposit money under *Akshon Yuda Haiti*.

Another way for you to help the people of Haiti is to donate to a well-respected charity with experience in medical and disaster relief. Haiti needs immediate assistance, and these organizations already have teams in place to assess the damage and provide the emergency medical care, food, clean water and shelter that people need.

The following is an alphabetical list of groups that are working to help Haiti with direct links to their earthquake relief fund donation pages:

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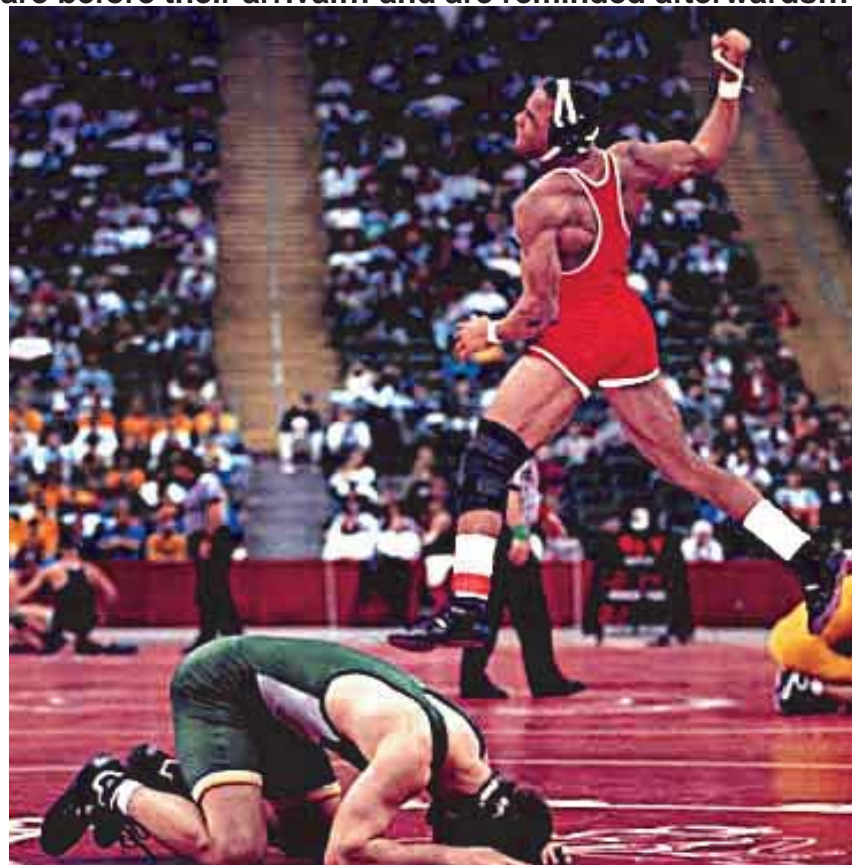
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