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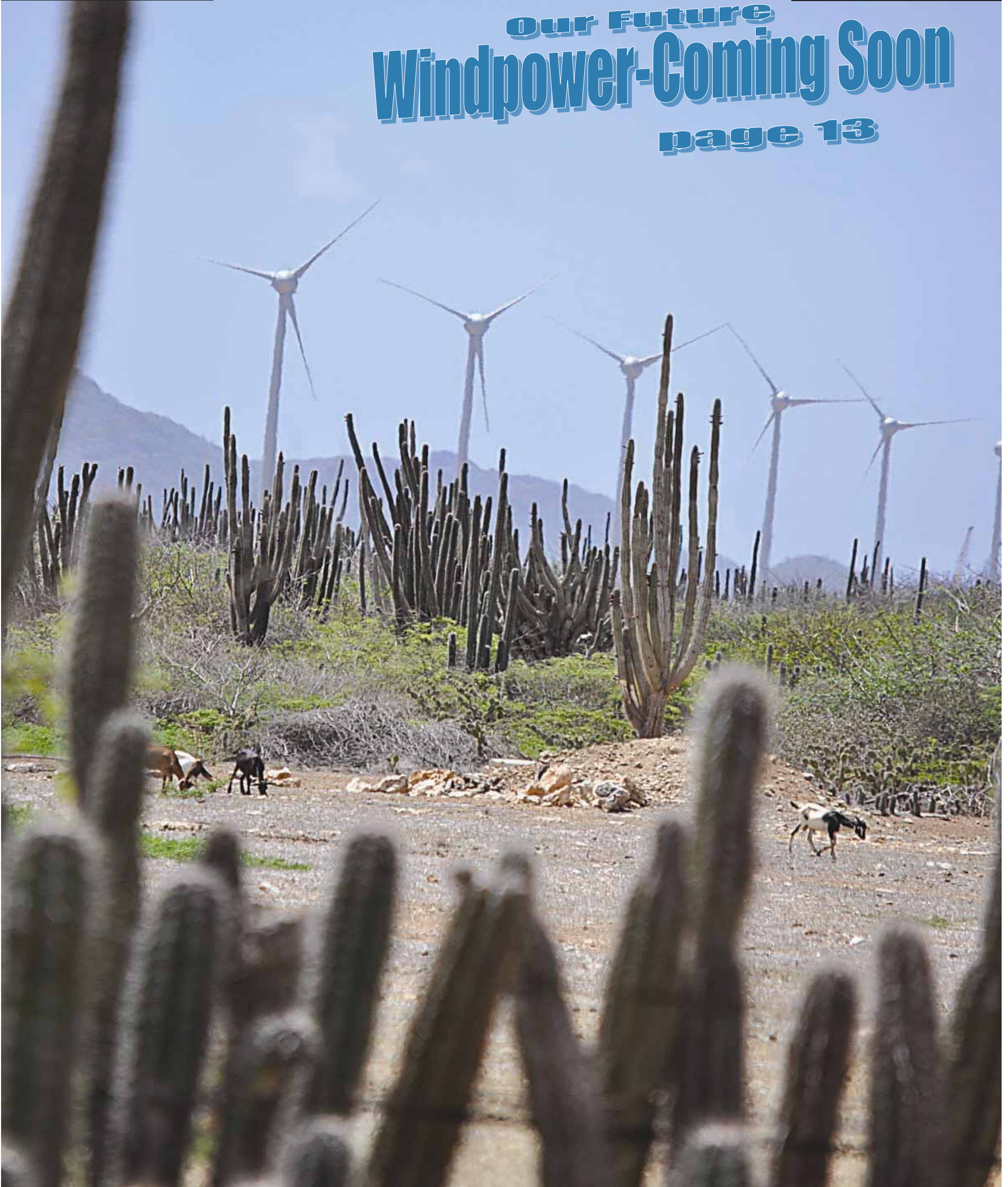
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Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage accepts congratulations from well-wishers. Bonaire's Ramonsito Booi at right

In a landmark vote the Dutch Second Chamber voted in favor of all 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws last Thursday paving the way for a new organization of the Dutch Kingdom: Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, the BES Islands, to become an integral part of Holland while Curaçao and St. Maarten become independent "countries" in the Dutch Kingdom. The Netherlands Antilles, formed over 50 years ago during the Dutch process of decolonization of its overseas possessions, will disappear.

"An historic day," all agreed following the vote. "Long live the Kingdom," exclaimed Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage at the end of her speech in the Second Chamber shortly before the voting.

It wasn't a "love-in" by any means. Feelings were running high in the Second Chamber after statements by Socialist Party member Ronald van Raak in which he stated he would vote against the laws because he felt he was being put under pressure. "We are being forced into a trap and that trap is called 10-10-10. The laws are not ready, the countries are not ready and the people are not ready."

► The eruption of Mount Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland on April 14, and the resulting volcanic ash cloud over Northern Europe has caused severe disruption of flights in Northern Europe and upset meetings and delayed formalities that would confirm Bonaire's integration as a

"special municipality" into the Netherlands.

"It's like a spray can of ash coming from Iceland," AccuWeather.com Senior Meteorologist Margusity said.

There were no departures or arrivals at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport from last Thursday. At press time some flights were resuming.

The last eruption under the glacier at Eyjafjallajökull occurred in 1821 and lasted, on and off, until 1823. Some experts predicted that another prolonged eruption could affect air traffic for up to six months.

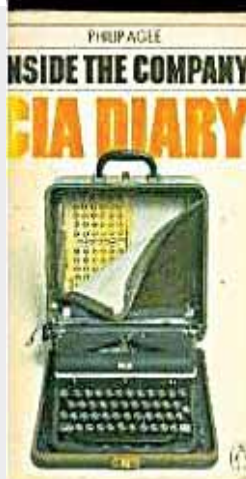
► Airlines are taking the threat of the ash cloud seriously, while losing \$100 million a day.

In 1989, KLM Flight 867 flying from Amsterdam to Narita, Japan, flew through a thick cloud of volcanic ash from Mount Redoubt in Anchorage, Alaska, causing all four of its engines to fail. The crew was able to restart its engines after dropping to an altitude of 14,000 feet and safely landed the plane. The ash caused more than \$80 (!) million in damage to the aircraft but no lives were lost.

In June 1982 a London to Auckland British Airways Boeing 747 encountered an ash plume from the erupting Mount Galunggung in Java, Indonesia. At first the pilots were unaware of exactly what had happened.

A strange St Elmo's Fire-like light had appeared on the cockpit windscreen and sulphur-smelling smoke started filling the passenger

► Just like the 70's notorious spy, Philip Agee, Americans in Bonaire can rely on the "1956 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of America." Ex-CIA agent Agee's notorious exploits were the subject of his book, *Inside the Company: CIA Diary*. The book's appendix listed the names of more than 250 CIA operatives, one of those agents was, according to former US President George H.W. Bush, killed as a result. In 1977, Agee fled to the Netherlands to avoid prosecution. Once in the Netherlands, Agee continued to fight deportation to the US. He discovered that since he was a US citizen, he could use the Treaty of Friendship to demand a hearing before the Dutch equivalent of a US immigration court. But ultimately, the Netherlands deported Agee, and later, the US stripped him of his US passport.



**Dutch and US residency Equivalence**

If you're a US citizen, the treaty means you have the same right to reside in the Dutch territories in the Caribbean as a European Dutch citizen (A European Dutch citizen is someone born or naturalized in the Netherlands). This gives Americans in the Netherlands Antilles more rights than other foreigners. It has not been considered if the treaty would still apply once the BES Islands are integrated with the Netherlands.

When the US and the Netherlands signed the Treaty of Friendship, it gave citizens and businesses in each country reciprocal rights in both countries. The idea was to encourage economic and cultural relations between the US, the Netherlands and its territories.

In general, the terms of the treaty haven't been observed by Antillean Immigration officials, with Americans usually being considered in the same category as other foreigners. Its observance can have implications not only for the duration of non-resident American visits, but also for rights for children born to Americans in the Antilles, residency permits and social benefits.

While some of the treaty's provisions no longer apply in the Netherlands, **the treaty still applies to the Dutch Antilles and Aruba.**

Recently, a court in St. Maarten confirmed that the Treaty of Friendship guarantees US citizens the same rights as European Dutch citizens in the Dutch Caribbean territories. European Dutch citizens may stay for six months at a time in the Dutch Caribbean territories without applying for a residence permit. The court declared that US citizens ought to have the same entitlement. *By Mark Nestmann (The Nestmann Group, Ltd.)*

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cabin. Then, within minutes, all four engines failed. The plane managed to glide sufficiently out of the ash plume for three of the four engines to restart. The aircraft's captain said, "It was very frightening, all the engines stopped for 14 to 15 minutes. We glided the aircraft about 80 nauti-

cal miles and went down from 37,000 feet to about 12,000 feet."

The Bonaire meetings and events are to be rescheduled.

► The visit of Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Kingdom Relations, Ank Bijleveld-

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# “After Party” Coming To Bonaire

“After Party” is a hilariously funny and sometimes poignant play in Papiamentu (with Dutch subtitles via a beamer) about a group of women, forever friends, who decide to buy a big old beautiful house and live together in their elder years. Their children have grown up and their husbands have passed away. The play opened to a packed house at the Teatro Luna Blou in Otrabanda in Curacao on March 21, 2009, and continued playing to packed houses. It went on to tour in all the big cities of Holland.



Jackie Bernabela portrait by Henk Roozendaal

This is an outstanding piece of play-writing by one of Bonaire’s cultural champions. Bonaire’s Jackie Bernabela, the director and co-author with Albert Schoobaar of the play, says, “My girl friends, whom I’ve known for years, were my inspiration for this play.” Bernabela has directed plays in Bonaire and in Holland, is a drama teacher and has translated plays into Papiamentu for local actors and audiences. “After Party” was sponsored as part of Teatro Luna Blou’s Artists in Residence Program. Jackie’s girlfriends have all kept in touch over the years and most of them were in the front row of the theatre on opening night, laughing their heads off as they recognized the words and antics of themselves and the others. “I put myself into one of the characters too,” said Jackie, “the one who was always losing her things.”

The actresses playing the friends come

from a group of extremely talented and experienced actors in Curaçao. “They were the Betty Davises and the Katherine Hepburns of the 60s and 70s,” declared Jackie. They gave stellar performances - perfect timing, talking over each other - like real conversations in real life. Each was comfortable in his or her role. This same cast will be performing in Bonaire. Sponsors are: Prince Bernard Cultural Funds, Giro Bank and Kooijman Bonaire. “After Party, a play in Papiamentu with Dutch subtitles. Performances on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, May 1, 2, 3 in the auditorium (Sala) at the SGB High School at 8 pm. Tickets are NAF 25 and are available in advance at SKAL (Bonaire Museum) or at the door. For more information call SKAL at 717-8868 and ask for Jackie or Hubert Vis. ■ L.D.

## Richter Art Gallery To Hold First “Open House”

Bonaire, N. A. – April 19, 2010  
The Richter Art Gallery announced today that it will be holding its first “Open House” on Saturday, April 24, 2010, to introduce Bonaire’s art lovers to its newly remodeled space.



Richter Art photo

The Open House will take place from 2 pm until 7 pm on April 24th and in addition to a range of fine art, will feature wine and snacks for those visiting.

The Richter Art Gallery, located in Belnem, is owned and operated by local Bonaire artists, Linda Richter and Jake Richter and is located on the second floor of a specially constructed extension built onto their home.

The gallery features a variety of fine art and unique works, all created by the Richters. Linda Richter specializes in fine oil painting and has developed a special style she refers to as “Nature Portraits.” Linda has won numerous awards and accolades for her representations of the bright, colorful world around us. Linda has both original oil paintings as well as limited edition prints of her works for sale at the Richter Art Gallery.

Jake Richter’s experience as a nature photographer and journalist has been applied to digital media using a process he describes as “digital painting,” where he uses his photos as a starting point to create images

which stir the imagination and soul. Limited edition prints of Jake’s works are also available at the gallery.

For those familiar with the works of the Richters, there will be a number of new recently created works on exhibition as well.

The Richter Art Gallery is open regularly Tuesday through Fridays, from 2 pm until 5:30 pm, and at other times by prearranged appointment. To make an appointment to visit the Richter Art Gallery, one only needs to call or e-mail. The gallery’s phone number is +599-7 17-4112 and e-mail address is info@RichterArt.com.

The Richter Art Gallery is located at Kaya R. Status van Eps 17 (also known as the “Road to Sorobon”), in the Belnem area of Bonaire. More information about the Richter Art Gallery can also be found at <http://www.RichterArt.com>. ■ Press release

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# Born on Bonaire - Dec. 26, 1963 Mirna Soliana

"I was born in Nort di Salina and when I was a year and two months old, the owners of Pension Jeta, Julieta Hart and Juchi Nicolaas, took me in as they had no children of their own. I grew up here, in Pension Jeta, and when I was 18 I got a baby boy, Ermilio. I was working in the pension, cleaning the rooms, and we also had a little *toko* (shop) where I sold sodas. I never lived with my own mama. My love and affection are for Julieta and Juchi. My words of love I cannot express to my own parents; they belong forever to Julieta and Juchi.

While I was growing up we also had a *kunuku* at *Kibra'i Montana*. Every day we got up early to take care of the animals: the goats, the turkeys, the chickens and the ducks. That's how my love for animals was born.

When Julieta got older she couldn't see very well anymore and had difficulty walking so I took care of her. I was working

in housekeeping at Sunset Beach Hotel. In the meantime I had two more children, Lindley and Mirnalyn. Whenever I'd ask my own mother to look after the children she would tell me to take my kids and get lost, but Julieta and Juchi always took care of my children with great pleasure and love. Anytime I needed something for my children, they immediately bought it and that's why my kids are spoiled.

Then I met somebody and I went to live with him in Antriol. Lindley and Mirnalyn came with me, but Ermilio stayed with Julieta and Juchi. With that boyfriend I had another baby girl, Francheska. But the relationship didn't last a year and so I moved back with the children to Pension Jeta.

Some time later I met someone new and we all moved to a government house in Kaya Pueblo: me and the children, all the dogs and cats and goats, the Loras and a flamingo. Seven years

later we got married. When we went to live in Kaya Pueblo, Julieta got sick and I took care of her until she passed away. Juchi stayed behind, all by himself, but every day I went to see him, help him and I did whatever I could do for him.

Then Juchi got sick. He should have gone to see a doctor, but he didn't like doctors and when he had to be operated in Curaçao it was already too late. We went to Curaçao, but he died there. He went there alive and he came back dead.

Then we all moved to Pension Jeta which I had inherited from my 'parents.' After Hurricane Lenny in 1999, Sunset Beach Hotel closed down and I went to work at Plaza Resort, also in housekeeping." *She smiles thoughtfully: "Asi es la vida... (that's life)."* Everything went well except for the relationship between me and my husband. I was 35, 36 years old. In the end we divorced.

Nowadays I'm still here in



Francheska and doggie Noris, Mirna Soliana and her kitty Lulu

Pension Jeta. I live with my son Lindley, 'DJ Toad,' who was recently elected the best DJ on Bonaire. He is 21 years old. He is famous! Yes he is! My daughter Mirnalyn, who's 20, and her little son Sarjiet moved back in with me some months ago.

Mirnalyn is still studying at SBO and she also works at Rorcargo. Last year she participated in the Mama Modelo contest and was the first runner up.

Francheska is 16, almost 17 and she's studying at SGB. My eldest son Ermilio lives in Holland with his girlfriend and his daughter Ermilia. My own father, Papai, is 80 now and he lives with me as well. I take care of him and I go to the doctor in Curaçao with him.

I am working at the Wing Cheung Supermarket and also as a housekeeper for an American

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**"... My whole life is dedicated to the animals. I get very angry when I see somebody hit their animal or when they throw stones at it. Then I scream, 'Why are you doing that?'"**

							
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**Born on Bonaire** (Continued from page 4) lady and for a Makamba lady.”  
*Mirna Soliana is a very strong woman, a flamboyant and beautiful character and in every way true to herself. But... above all she's Bonaire's one and only Dr. Doolittle, because her life is all about animals. Her house, which is part of Pension Jeta, is spotless, in spite of the fact that it's home to a whole bunch of animals who live together in absolute and perfect harmony. It's like a world within a world, a glimpse of paradise and a very touching experience.*

“I told you before that my love for animals was born when I was little. Now I have 15 dogs, seven cats, two turtles, two land turtles, 20 goats, one Lora, one Prikichi and two doves. In the morning I put out water, bread and rice and I hit a

pot with a spoon or I clap my hands and then they all come: the chuchubis, the mofis, the barika hel, the chuchubi pretu, the trupial and the doves. They fight and eat and drink and bathe. I work for my animals; I get paid on Friday and that same day all my money is gone, but I get all the food for them. I get a bag full of chicken skin every day from Kentucky Fried Chicken. I fry it for the dogs and mix it with rice or funchi. Every two weeks I buy a big bag of dog food for NAf 50 and for the cats I buy a small bag of dry food. I get the potato peels from Peking Restaurant and overripe fruits from Wing Cheung for the goats, the turtles and the birds. The men who own the yellow M&M van also bring me dog and cat food that's a bit outdated. And the turtles eat the same food as Mirna!”



*Mirna and friends at the beach*

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*She laughs.* “When I go to Curaçao with my father for him to see the doctor, I spend two hours at the pet shop and I go loco, loco (crazy) because I want them all. I go to the vet whenever it's necessary and all my animals have been sterilized. Marjolijn, who works with Jan, the vet in Nikiboko, has helped me to have all my pets sterilized. The Animal Shelter helped me too. They had the veterinarian in Kaminda Lagun sterilize some of my cats; they help me with medicines and sometimes with food as well.

And last year on Animal Day I won the contest organized by the Shelter for who took the best care of their animals and I won one minute of free shopping at Cultimara. I shopped for NAf 434, 29. Whoa!

Once I organized a big party on Animal Day. I sent out the invitations and 25 people showed up with their animals: goats wearing shirts, turtles with a ribbon, every animal nicely dressed up and in the end each animal got a little package containing a food bowl plus food and a little stuffed animal to take home.

Every now and then people come to me with a puppy which they don't want anymore. They ask me, 'Mirna, do you want my puppy?' And I never say no. I tell them 'bring it to me!' When I see an animal out on the streets without a collar I take it home and take care of it. My whole life is dedicated to the animals. I get very angry when I see somebody hit their animal or when they throw stones at it. Then I scream, 'Why are you doing that?'

Almost every Sunday I go to the sea with the dogs and my baby goat, Nero. We -15 dogs, a goat and I - walk from Nort di Salina to Sunset Beach. The goat is not a great swimmer, but he moves his legs in a certain way so he stays afloat. My dogs will never bite a cat or a goat and they never fight over food. They all know which plate is theirs and they wait quietly for their turn. They have to eat decently and behave, because they are friends. When I'm at work they lay quietly outside, but when I come home they start dancing – chica, chica chic!" *She wiggles her hips and roars with laughter.* “If I go out it's to Sunset with my dogs, and when I sleep the cats keep me company in bed. When I am sad, I sit here with my dogs and cats and talk to them and make them coffee. And when I dance, they dance with me.

There are lots of people on Bonaire who are good to their animals and to those who aren't I want to say, 'Don't kill them, don't throw them in the mondi, bring them to me.' I love animals; I feel a great and profound love for animals and if they don't have an owner I will be their mama.”

■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



*Flotsam and Jetsam (Conti. from page 2)*  
**Schouten, to Bonaire and the Antilles has been delayed** due to the closure of Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

In Bonaire, the State Secretary had hoped to sign an agreement with the Island Executive Council about the division of tasks between the Island Territory and the Netherlands. Bonaire broke off negotiations late June, 2009, when the new Executive Council took office. Bijleveld-Schouten's spokesman said it wasn't sure when the meeting with Bonaire would take place, but in any case it would be at a later date.

► **THE HAGUE—Queen's Commissioner Henk Kamp is positive that the BES islands, Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, will be ready for their new status** as public entities of the Netherlands as scheduled. "We will surely make this date," stated Kamp on the Dutch radio program One on the Day (*Eén op de dag*) earlier this month. "We started on January 1, 2009. Two years is more than enough," he added.

The Commissioner said he expected the standard of living to improve on the three islands after their new status. "The standard of living is already a lot better when compared to other islands in the Caribbean region, but there's always room for improvement.

We will work on that in the coming years," he said. Kamp's three-year contract ends December 31, 2011. Kamp, who lives in Bonaire, said he would like to conclude his task after the islands become part of the Netherlands.

However, he didn't exclude the possibility that his party, the liberal democratic VVD party, apparently experiencing a popular resurgence, would ask him to return and become a Minister if his party would make it into the new Dutch cabinet. He referred to the job of Minister as the "most beautiful job there is," but added that he also wanted to finish his work on the

islands and that he very much liked living in Bonaire.

► **St. Maarten, Curaçao and Aruba residents will no longer have easy entry to Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius when the latter three islands become integrated with Netherlands.**

The same admittance regulations that the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba currently apply to Dutch Europeans based on the Aruban and Antillean Admittance and Expulsion law will become applicable to Dutch citizens, even if they are Antillean-born, living on Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten when they want to enter the BES islands.

► **Education officials are optimistic as they report substantially higher achievements at the Foundation Based Education (FBE) level on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.** Math and reading achievements of children in groups seven and eight in FBE schools on all three islands have improved considerably in the past six months. The achievements of students in group four are also on a reasonable level. If schools are able to maintain this level of academic increase, students will have better chances in secondary education.

► **The Government of the Netherlands Antilles Department of Environment and Nature Senior Policy Advisor Paul Hoetjes reports that the Caribbean is finally granted special area status under Marpol Annex V, meaning that after May 1, 2011, no more garbage may be dumped from ships except organic waste under certain conditions. In the past it was only plastic waste that was forbidden, but now all other garbage is forbidden (also (paper, dunnage, linings, metals).**

► **The Meteorological Service of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (Met Office), in cooperation with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), University of Puerto**

Rico and University of Hawaii Sea Level Centre (UHSLC), will install a sea level monitor station on Curaçao to help safeguard the population on the ABC islands in case of a tsunami threat. It is part of a network of seismographs and sea-level sensors to serve as an early warning system.

The project will be financed entirely by NOAA and local officials will receive the necessary training. In addition to tsunamis, the system can also serve to monitor possible sea surges caused by hurricanes, for example.

► **Caretaker Dutch Minister for Social Affairs and Employment, Piet Hein Donner, started his visit to Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES islands) with a visit to Saba.** He will continue to Statia and Bonaire. The discussions will be built on a number of decisions made during his last November visit.

► **Pension AOV levels, minimum wage including labor market policies and programs after the transition are to be resolved.**

He did confirm that last time it had been agreed that cost-of-living indexing could be incorporated into the base figures, as local representatives made it clear that it was important to factor this in to improve living conditions, especially for pensioners.

He added that the new Caribbean system would not be the same as what is offered in the Netherlands.

► **Insel Air has been told by Curaçao Judge Spreeuwenberg to correct two of the 12 allega-**



Bruce Bowker photo

*SGB students have been decorating a wall at Carib Inn and last week the wall was officially opened on Carib Inn owner Bruce Bowker's birthday. The students worked on this wall for a couple of months and the results are beautiful.*

*It blends in nicely with the garden at Carib Inn.*

*There are two more wall paintings that can be admired at Carib Inn: one near the pool which is the contest competitor, and one in the bathroom. Under the direction of teacher Karine deWit, the students were Xiao Min Wu, Beverly Martis, Keila Mensche, Farahnaz Cecilia, Jenny Agudelo and Chesron Granviel.*

tions made by Insel Air Director Edward Heerenveen and supervisory board member Henry "Boebsi" van der Kwast against Dutch Antilles Express (DAE).

The judge believed two of Insel's statements could not be substantiated and ordered withdrawal of the comments within 72 hours or face a fine of NAf 10.000 per day for non-compliance. The correction is to appear in local newspapers.

"These (March 2010) allegations of financial problems are not based on concrete, verified data of DAE. The statements on aircraft maintenance are not confirmed by an investigation by aviation authorities," said the judge.

► **The rains of the last two weeks broke the long drought in Bonaire and caused an explosion of green and tree blossoms.** The

yellow blooms of the Kibracha tree were more dramatic than the fabled cherry blossoms of Washington, DC. People who have been feeding wild birds and feral animals should continue to do so until the plant and fruits that these animals depend on are mature, perhaps up to two months more.

In nearby Venezuela heavy downpours swept away two people and flooded homes in the central part of the country.

► **The 2010 season will produce an above-average eight hurricanes,** four of them major, posing a heightened threat to the area, the Colorado State University hurricane forecasting team predicted last Wednesday, its second forecast in four months for 2010.

(Continued on page 8)



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## BONAIREAN VOICES

### SAINT JOHN AND SAINT PAUL FESTIVALS



Rincon artist Nochi Coffie in front of one of his paintings of a traditional Rincon home

Two common festivals here on Bonaire are the **Saint John Day**, June 23 and 24, and **Saint Paul Day**, June 27 and 28, celebrations. Artist Nochi Coffie explains:

"The Saint John celebration starts at 9 o'clock at night on June 23 in Rincon in front of Tropicana Bar with different musical groups performing. They follow a pre-planned route to the Toko (grocery store) Magdalena, KOS BON SO snack bar, Rose Inn Terrace and last but not least my house."

Nochi's real name is Juan (or John) G.N. (Nochi) Coffie, and at his house they celebrate Saint John day in the original way, with music and dancing and three ready-to-light fires laid for the fire jumping.

"The musical groups continue visiting the different houses in Rincon where a John or Juan lives. This goes on until the next morning, June 24, which is Saint John's Day."

At 10 am the groups visit the foundation for disabled people (F.K.P.D, *Fundashon Kuido pa Personanan Desabilitá*) and the COCARI Foundation (foundation for elderly people in Rincon). In the afternoon the celebrations will continue at the Oranje Bar where the musical groups will eat and drink. Later, after a good rest, they will visit the Polar Bar and then finish the Saint John celebration at the Rincon Community Center where there is more fire jumping."

Juan (Nochi) Coffie (52) a Bonairean, born in Rincon, works at S.K.A.L. (*Sekshon Cultura, Arte i Lectura*), the Culture, Art and Lecture office, which coordinates local and international cultural presentations. He is an artist, a painter, composer of cultural songs. He tells us more about the festivals.

"I'm coordinator of the Saint John and Saint Paul Day celebrations and it's something I really love and cherish. I celebrate the Saint John festival every year at my own house. The musical groups will visit houses especially with people living there named Juan, Juanita, Pablo, Pedro or Petricia."

The origin of these celebrations began with our ancestors who used to work on the plantations, on the sea or in other countries. Around the times of celebration of Saint John and Saint Paul Days those who were abroad would come home to celebrate with family and friends. They made up songs to tell what they'd experienced while they were working on the plantations, sailing or working in other countries.

These festivals start with different preparations: collecting wood for the fire jumping, families preparing food and drink for the visitors. At night everything starts with serenades at the different houses. They celebrated these festivals as part of their identity, then afterwards they combined it with the Catholic religious celebration. The

idea of the fire is more to call the rain and the jumping is to liberate them from bad spirits.

The celebrations continued until the next day because nobody had to go back to work in those times. It was a holiday for everybody, and nobody used to work like we do today in our modern time. During these festivals everything was for free and not commercialized. Music was a way to bring happiness and everybody gets to drink and eat because everybody cooperates with everything.

This is still a tradition in Rincon but not like in the past. Although times have changed these festivals have continued to reflect the original style of the people. Not everybody can stay up until late at night or until the next day because they have to work as the cost of living is getting higher. Back then, when the festival celebrations were over the people went back to work, either on the plantation, on the sea or to the country where they came from.

The Saint Paul Day Celebration on June 27 starts with music and songs by Elvin at Toko Magdalena in Rincon, then continues to the Galan Cicilia house, the Polar Bar, and the homes of Pablo Sint Jago and Patricia Frans. The next day, June 28<sup>th</sup>, the celebration continues at the Rincon Community Center, COCARI, Kas di Hadrei (Cozy Corner), Kos Bon So and then back to the Community Center as the finishing point.

During these celebrations we can experience the various talented cultural, folkloric musicians and song writers, especially our youth as they accompany the adults. They get the opportunity for a better future in our community. A suggestion is that we work together with FUDECU (*Fundashon Deporte i Cultura*) a foundation for sport and culture, to create more singers for our festivals like the Bonairean Tumba, Simadan, Saint John and Saint Paul festivals."

Mark the dates on your calendar and enjoy the Saint John celebration on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Saint Paul on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28. ■

Story & Photo by Siomara Albertus

Send your comments to *The Bonaire Reporter*, P.O. Box 407, Bonaire, or email [reporter@bonairenews.com](mailto: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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## Letters to the Editor

### BAT MYSTERY SOLVED?

Dear Editor,

I know one small reason why M. Coombs is seeing fewer bats. They are visiting me. (*Reporter*, April 9-23, 2010, Issue 7, page 8) Some months ago I saw a bat in my kitchen eating a banana from my fruit bowl in the kitchen. Every evening since I cut bananas on a plate and leave them on my kitchen island. They start arriving at 7:30 and by 10 pm I have a kitchen full of swooping bats eating in flight but also sitting on the bananas and eating. It is a very beautiful sight and I have made many videos.

For many years I have cooked rice and spaghetti for the birds and iguanas. With all my leftovers and fruit they eat well every lunchtime. I am very happy to hear all the stories of people caring on Bonaire. One reason why this is a fantastic place to live.

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*Flotsam & Jetsam (Continued from page 6)*

► Sensational Seas Two, a DVD grand tour of the planet's watery realms includes a slide show from one of Bonaire's own photographers, **Ellen Muller**. The production is a cooperative effort between filmmakers, musicians, graphic designers, writers and programmers - all divers - who donated their skills and art to produce a spectacular collection of underwater images for the benefit of marine environmental causes.

"I know Ellen's work and how rare many of her images from Bonaire are, so I was thrilled when she agreed to contribute them to the production," said Anna DeLoach, co-producer of the DVD.

► **Storehouse Mangazina**, the "Lock It and Pocket" storage facility on Kaya Gob. Debrot across from the north hotel row has opened two new buildings. It offers an economical way to store everything from dive gear to SUVs.



MAD photo

► **Larry Baillie**, a pioneer in Bonaire east side boat diving, has a new 26' Apex

**Panga** dive boat, the *MAD 1*, (pictured above, that handles six to eight divers. His new adventure, "Mad About Diving," will take you north for a two-tank dive and bring you to areas that are very seldom visited. Private and custom charters are available. Phone 717-5246 or 780-9156 for details and reservations. Email: [larry@larryswildsidediving.com](mailto:larry@larryswildsidediving.com)

► **Have you any comments about the new Reporter feature, Kid's Corner? It's a companion to the Panchito website [www.panchitobonaire.com](http://www.panchitobonaire.com)** which is a great resource for anyone on Bonaire who has youngsters.

► **Try the puzzle on page 15 to improve your Papiamentu, even if you're not a youngster.**

► **The cruise ship season is winding down**, to the relief of residents driving downtown and to the dismay of the merchants and tour guides who service the cruise visitors. There are just four ship calls in the next two weeks. This has been Bonaire's busiest cruise ship season. The cruise ship schedules can always be found on the **Happenings** page (page 12 this week).

► **We have redesigned the traditional tide tables to add information on sunrise, sunset and moon phase.** The column has appeared in *The Reporter* from its *Port Call* days. **We invite comments.** See page 13.

► **Visit the Day of Health for the Bonairean population, on April 24** at the Bonaire Basics facility on Kaya Korona. Health practitioners will be presenting a

variety of demonstrations. **Entrance is free.** Directions or further information can be obtained by calling 717-2458 or emailing [ron.sewell@diamond-waters.com](mailto:ron.sewell@diamond-waters.com). See the poster at the bottom of this page for additional information.

► Bonaire's Classical Music Board will present another of its outstanding and inspiring classical concerts on **April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8 pm in Cacique Hall at Plaza Resort.** This time four musicians will amaze you with their talents. They are:

- **Alissa Margulis**, a highly gifted young violinist cited by Yuri Bashmet as "one of the most promising violinists of her generation." She is a prizewinner of many competitions.
- **German Marcano playing the cello.** He is the brother of Bonaire's jazz singer, **Andreina Marcano**, and obtained his Bachelor of Music Degree at the prestigious Surrey University, England. He formerly occupied the principal cello chair with the **Simón Bolívar Symphonic Orchestra.**
- **Armand Simon** born of Aruban parents in the Netherlands. As a pianist, he has performed in the Americas, Europe and the US. In 2006 Simon was asked to perform for Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.
- **And the prize winner of the piano competition Aruba**, currently underway, will also be there

See the poster on page 15 or go to [www.classicalmusicbonaire.com](http://www.classicalmusicbonaire.com) for more details. Get tickets early. This will be another sellout.

► **For an exceptional Papiamentu-language experience (with Dutch subtitles) be sure to attend the play "After Party"** at the SGB High School on one of the three nights of the performances, May 1, 2 or 3. See story on page 3.

► Happy coincidence? Last Friday, April 16, **Green Label Garden Center celebrated three birthdays:** Owner Ap and two of his employee colleagues, Luis and Rob. A big BBQ was organized to celebrate. Happy birthday, gentlemen.

► **Join in a unique musical entertainment experience on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the first "Shut Up & Listen" concert featuring the vivacious and talented Becky Alter**, a frequent performer on Bonaire. The concert series aims to let the audience focus on the singer without the distractions presented in a typical bar scene performance. See the poster on page 18 for details.

► **Here's a Special for Reporter readers: if you are a first time diner at Bistro de Paris** present this newspaper and receive free wine, beer or soft drink with your lunch or dinner. See the Bistro ad on page 10.

► Need news between issues of *The Reporter*? **"Raw News" is available as it happens on the [bonairereporter.com](http://bonairereporter.com) website.** And it's still free!

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## Health day for Bonaire on World Tai Chi Qigong Day

You are cordially invited to attend the Bonaire contribution to  
**World Tai Chi Qigong Day**

**Saturday: 24 April 2010**  
starting : **8.00 am till 12.00 pm.**

Mrs Marugia Janga, Commissioner for Health, has kindly agreed to commend World Tai Chi Qigong Day, to the citizens of Bonaire and will open the event.

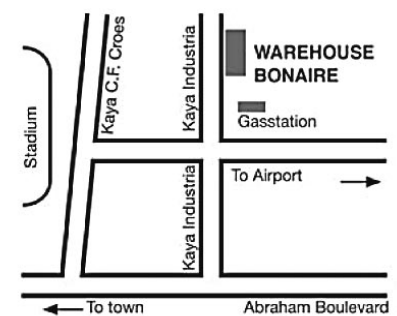
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## Jan Cecilia from Rincon and his Golden Chevrolet Truck

The 68<sup>th</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels." On course for 100+

Rincon/  
Bonaire –

So it was on one of those clear and quiet days in the second part of the month of April that I drove my Bonairean blue four-stroke, off-road motorcycle over the narrow road along the leeward coast in the direction of the ruins of the manor house of Karpata.

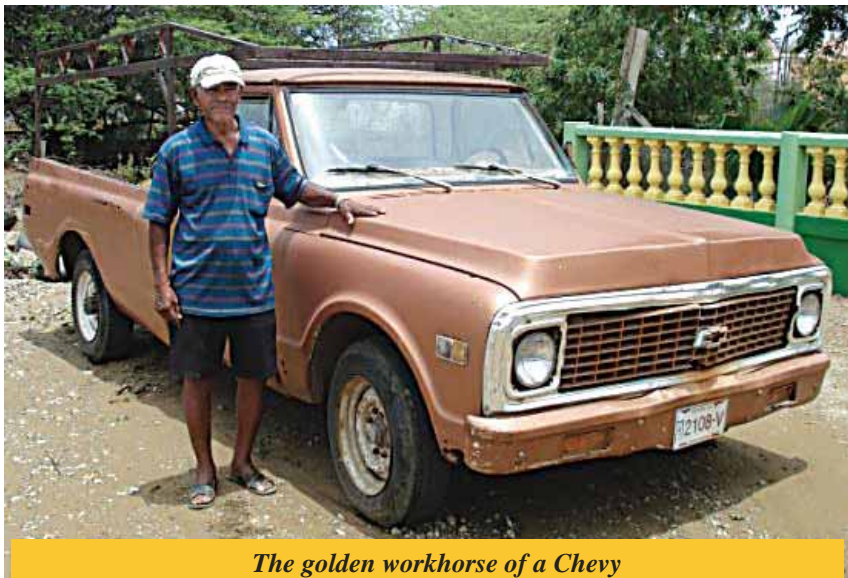
The vision over the sea was bright and clear and the plants and trees were showing their light green and fresh leaves. Almost all naked flowering *kibrahacha* trees showed their bright yellow blossoms. (*Kibrahacha* is Papiamentu for: break the axe, so called because of the strength of the wood of the tree./jb) Some huge ponds on and along the road were already overfilled with fallen flowers from the trees. There was no cruise ship today and people seemed to have forgotten the beauty of the local nature. I passed the manor of Karpata and drove towards Gotomeer.

I stopped and parked the big thumper along the road to take some photographs of a group of flamingos. They were as close as 20 feet from me and my motor bicycle. Luckily there was already more water in the lake due to the very heavy rainfall. Two weeks ago the children from Tera Kora were playing on the unpaved roads, protecting themselves against the dust with handkerchiefs bound around their mouth. Now nature was screaming out life because of the abundance of rainfall.

I restarted the engine and drove in towards the *kunuku* (farm/jb) of Mr. Cecilia. The gate was closed. Two rows of old blue and yellow license plates were mounted on the used electricity poles that hold the gate. No activity, no noises. Just the sound of birds and growing green.

I drove in the direction of Rincon and passed Dos Pos. Then I arrived at the house of the Cecilia family. I had not made any appointment, but the car was there. Mr. Cecilia's spouse informed me that her husband just left to his *kunuku*. He'd passed me in his neutral white vehicle, but I did not recognize the car. So Mrs. Cecilia and I had a little talk. I had met her husband before and she had already been informed by him about my visit one day. I asked for permission to shoot some photographs.

After a little time Julien Cecilia returned. We shook hands and he immediately started talking about his truck. Mr. Cecilia, better known as "Jan," has owned the car for ages now. It is a Chevrolet, built by the General Motors Corporation, produced in 1968. He opens the bonnet. There is a huge, but simple, six-cylinder, in-line overhead valve engine mounted on the



The golden workhorse of a Chevy

stiff ladder chassis.

After some 40 years Jan has a little cooling problem caused by the radiator now. This is why he drove the white anonymous car to his "rancho." The problem has to be cured very quickly because Jan really needs his truck. Every day he starts it, drives it over the hill in the direction of the Gotomeer, stops at Dos Pos, fills the huge empty barrels in the back of his truck with deep well water and drives it to his rancho to quench the thirst of his herd of goats and all the chickens.

The Chevrolet truck is fitted with an impressive Bonairean-made metal "roof rack." In the bed there is a thick layer of sheet metal to carry the heavy water barrels. There is no luxury at all. No air conditioning for this Rincon car, nothing but the absolutely necessary cables and wires for ignition and lights. The cabin is not that water tight any more, but who cares. As long as the engine runs that is fine with Jan.

Mr. Cecilia is a happy and a lucky man. He was born on Bonaire, in Rincon. So he is a real *Rincoñero* and he is proud of it. His house, situated along the road from Rincon to the Goto Lake, is built in front of the house where he was born.

Mr. Cecilia and his wife are retired now. The kids have grown up. It is just the two of them and the easy country life. And the six-cylinder Chevrolet Custom fits perfectly into this life style. Let's hope Mr. and Mrs. Cecilia and their truck will stay together for a lot more decades more.

The Chevrolet (GMC) company produced its first pick up truck way back in 1924. Jan's gold sprayed full-size pick up truck was produced in 1968. It is a so-called single cabin, long-bed truck. The Chevrolet Custom is a C-model. C-model stands for "conventional," which means: two-wheel drive, as K-model stands for four-wheel drive. The power is supplied by a straight six, measuring 250 or 292 cubic inches, which stands for 4.1 or 4.8 liters.

Jan and I just do not know exactly and we do not care. As long as the engine enables the truck to carry the barrels with well water from Dos Pos to the rancho that is fine with us. ■ Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



## Jazz Guitarist Manny Moreira Joins Bonaire Jazz Festival

Jazz guitarist and vocalist Manny Moreira will perform the main act on Friday, 28 May, during the 2010 Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival. Moreira has often been called the US' Jazz Ambassador, even though he was born to Brazilian parents just 10 hours after they arrived in the US.

Some of the artists and musicians with whom he has performed and/or recorded include: Gerry Mulligan, Bucky Pizzarelli, Ron Carter, Phil Woods, Eliie Gomez, Gil Goldstein, Grady Tate, Michel Petruciani, Gilberto Gil, Will Lee, Eartha Kitt, The Temptations, Helen Reddy, Jane Duboc and Johnny Ventura.

Moreira's performance on Bonaire can be seen on Friday, 28 May at the Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull. After the Plaza concert is over there will be a jam session at Sense Restaurant, across the street from Plaza.

The Jazz Festival will open Thursday night, 27 May, at Fort Orange with a night of Jazz and Poetry and then on Saturday night there will be a stellar concert with jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval. There will be a Sunday Jazz Brunch at Divi Flamingo Hotel on May 30.

### 2010 Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival Schedule

**Thursday, 27 May:** Jazz and Poetry with Kaña Brabu, Merietza Haakmat and Henk van Twillert and Hans van Schie at Fort Oranje

**Friday, 28 May:** Concert starring



Jazz Fest photo

Manny Moreira along with Joke Buijs and Frits Landesbergen and Angelo's New Generation Dancers at Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull followed by late night jam session at Sense Restaurant at 23:30

**Saturday, 29 May:** Concert starring Arturo Sandoval with the Silver Bullet Steel band and BEKU at Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull, followed by late night jam session at Sense Restaurant at 23:30

**Sunday, 30 May:** Brunch jam session with many of the musicians at Divi Flamingo Hotel

For more information about the festival visit [www.bonairejazz.com](http://www.bonairejazz.com). ■

Press release

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# Better Food For Better Kids

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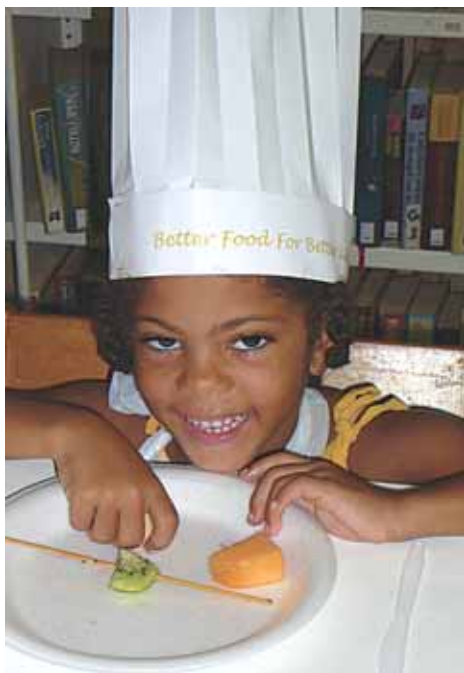
“Healthy Food” was the focus of Wednesday April 7’s fun-filled workshop at our Public Library. The event, filled to capacity, and sponsored by “Better Food For Better Kids” foundation and Biblioteca Público, was a great success.

The children (aged 6-12 ) were fascinated as **Chef Patrice Rannou of Bistro de Paris** showed them how to prepare fruit shish kabobs on a skewer.

Artist **Janice Huckaby** contributed paints and a beautiful hand painted flowerpot that served as an inspiration for the children when they each painted their own terra cotta pot for veggie growing.

Healthy food tasting was next. Manager **Sara Matera** from **Divi Flamingo Beach Resort** sponsored the first dish by **Chef Amin Darmaoen**: deliciously prepared fish with bell peppers. All of the kids ate the fish although some veggies were left behind. Next up for tasting was a wonderful Bonairean chicken stew with fresh vegetables made by volunteer **Glenda Pikerie**. It was a very popular recipe since most kids ate everything and some asked for a second and even a third portion. The absolute favorite was the all-natural cake made with unbleached flour, cocoa, brown sugar, honey, yoghurt, egg and a bit of olive oil made by **Lola of Capriccio’s**. In combination with homemade whipped cream made with brown sugar this recipe received the most gold stars from the kids.

After the painted pots had dried, **Mieke and John Le Noble** donated seeds and time to show the kids how to sow the seeds. Every child went home with his or her own decorated plantar-pot and newly planted seeds.



Bistro de Paris Chef/Owner Patrice Rannou demonstrates food preparation

**Laraine Abbey-Katzev**, founder of “Better Food For Better Kids,” is a professional nurse and is a Master’s Degree nutritionist. **The foundation’s mission is to inspire and motivate Bonaireans to return to healthier eating with natural whole-foods meals and to create healthy school meal programs to serve nutritious meals to all students through the schools.**

Laraine says we need to eat more veggies, fruits and whole grains. We must reduce the amounts of sugar, white flour, and deep fried foods and avoid preservatives and artificial colors and flavors. These products can cause serious physical, behavioral and learning problems. Laraine continues, “People have to become conscious of what they are

eating. It does not mean you can never have soda pop, candy, chips, cake or pastechi, but these must be once in a while snacks, not everyday meals. Fried foods, white flour, and sugar are very low in nutrients and because nutrients are the fuel of health, we have to make sure to eat more of the healthy stuff. Often enough there are good alternatives for snacks. Be careful with ‘light’ or diet products though. Good fats are important for health like avocado, nuts and seeds. Diet sweeteners are chemicals that are also causing many health problems.”

This fun filled afternoon was made possible by “Better Food For Better Kids.” We also received a helping hand from: **Green Label Garden Center** and **It Rains Fishes**.

The next “Healthy Food” workshop will be aimed at teenagers. If you are interested in this subject or the workshops please contact Laraine Abbey-Katzev at: [info@betterfoodforbetterkids.com](mailto:info@betterfoodforbetterkids.com) or Sharon Bol at [sharon@biebbonaire.com](mailto:sharon@biebbonaire.com). ■ Story & photos by BFFBC Foundation



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# MORE STORAGE FOR BONAIRE



Storehouse photo

*This is not an artist's rendition but an actual photo of the Storehouse-Mangazina Self Storage facility*

Response to the first phase of The Storehouse-Mangazina Self Storage facility on Kaya Debrot, opposite "Hotel Row" has been gratifying. The first building with 55 available units was full within four months of opening. With two more buildings completed on April 1, there are an additional 91 units to offer. The most rewarding fact is that 32% of its clients are Bonairean, 28% are local businesses and another 19% are Bonaire residents.

The Storehouse's goal in establishing a business has always been to provide a service that the people of the island could use, and they have accomplished that.

In addition to serving the local population's needs, they also offer a great service for frequent tourists and part time residents, who comprise 21% of their clientele. Small closet-size units are available to store dive gear, bicycles and small items while the large units are per-

fect for storing a truck or car while people are off island. The owners say that they appreciate the community support and look forward to continuing to serve the island's needs. They will be adding a new access control system in May which will enhance monitoring capability and allow clients greater flexibility in the hours they will have access to their units.

The entrance to the facility is at Kaya Gob. N Debrot 124B, diagonally across from the WEB power plant. Call (599) 700-1753 or email [info@bonaireselfstorage.com](mailto:info@bonaireselfstorage.com). ■ *Press release*



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## Be At Rincon Day



Rincon Day 2009

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Rincon Day, Friday, April 30, people of the town of Rincon turn back the clock and show us what Bonaire was in years gone by. This event is so much fun that fellow Antilleans come from the other islands, costumed and ready to perform and join the parade. Everyone strolls the streets, stopping for a drink, a snack or a chat. Music is everywhere. All ages feel part of the action and there are smiles all over, even from the hard working stand holders who always have time to stop and visit. There will be local music, dancing, a parade, food, historical displays and a friendly and lively ambiance. Rincon is the oldest town in Bonaire and proudly emphasizes its history and culture, even sporting its own flag.

### General Schedule

The night before, Thursday, April 29, between 4 and 7 pm the Children's Parade in the streets of the town. Afterwards, enjoy local musical groups playing kriojo music.

### Friday, April 30

**Playa to Rincon 17 k Run**, Main sponsor Maduro & Curiels Bank Bonaire. Start at Kralendijk Stadium, Start Times: Speed walk & 50+ Race at 6 am. Road Race and Estafette Teams at 6:30 am. Finish at Rose Inn, Rincon. Sign up at the Stadium or call Richard Pietersz (Comcabon) 780-7225 or 717-862

**8 am** – Mass at the Catholic Church, Rincon

**10-11am** – Official opening at the Plaza Commerce. During the day there will be entertainment and activities non-stop on five different stages around the town. Stands will sell local food and drinks.

**Between 3-4 pm**, there will be an **Old Time Parade** with groups from the island and abroad, singing and dancing.

**After 5 pm** – **Simidan Parade** – everyone invited to join

Entertainment during the day will feature different musical and dancing groups from Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba. From Bonaire: Foyan Boyz, Rincon Krioyo, Watapana, Tutti Frutti. From Curaçao and Aruba: Rincon Boys, Karabela, Grupo Komper, Grupo Betico, Dancing Grupo Kristal, Fashion Dancers and St. Cruz Folklore Dance Group.

See you there! ■ *Press release/L.D.*

## BonQuiz #28

A SPECIAL PLACE



This particular bench near the downtown waterfront commemorates and gives thanks to a special woman in the history of the Netherlands Antilles and the Netherlands. The plaque in the photo is attached to the bench.

She was born in 1880 and died in 1962. When her father, King Willem the Third, died in 1890, she was too young to take the throne, and so her mother acted as Regent for her until 1898.

Her 50-year reign took her through two World Wars, with the Dutch Government working in exile in London during WWII, and the decolonization of the Dutch colonial empire in Indonesia. She abdicated in 1948.

Seafarers leaving or arriving on Bonaire would be greeted here by their family members who would sit and wave to them as they came and went from Kralendijk.

**Q) What is the name of this person after whom this bench is named?**

**Q) What is the name of the Queen who followed her?**

Answer on page 17

BonQuiz appears regularly in *The Reporter*. It's prepared by Christie Dovale of Island Tours. To arrange a tour, contact her via her website:



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Cruise Ship Calls -Information provided by the TCB

Date	Day	Ship name	Time	PAX
Tuesday	April 27, 2010	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1422
Thursday	April 29, 2010	<i>Caribbean Princess</i>	1100-1900	3100
Monday	May 3, 2010	<i>Sea Princess</i>	1200-1900	2016
Tuesday	May 4, 2010	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1422

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

### CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Thursday, April 22—Coral Reefs and Climate Change** by John Ware, PhD, President at Sea Services Inc., 7 pm, CIEE Station on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 26

**Saturday, April 24—**  
 → **STCB Beach Cleanup at Washikemba.** Meet at Jong Bonaire at 7 am. Info 717-8444- See poster on page 9.  
 → **Health Day –World Tai Chi Qigong Day** at Bonaire Basics. 8am-noon. Free. See page 8  
 → **Richter Art Gallery Open House,** 2-7 pm. See page 3.

**Sunday, April 25 — STINAPA Earth Day Walk** At Ticiurus Hill, Dos Pos. 7 am, for two hours-Free. Call 717-8444 by 4/23 to sign up.

**Tuesday, April 27—Classical Music Board Bonaire presents Four Musicians,** from the 4th International Aruba Piano Festival 2010, 8 pm, Cacique Hall, Plaza. See page 8, 15

**Wednesday, April 28 —"Fish, Fishing, Diving, and the Management of Coral Reefs"** by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, Marine Biology PhD student Scripps Institution of Oceanography. 7 pm, CIEE, Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 26.

**Friday, April 30 –**  
 → **Rincon Day/Queen's Day.** Schedule page 11  
 → **Island Holiday shops closed.**

**Saturday, May 1– Saturday Plaza Panchito (for kids), Voyager Events** at the new traffic circle. Movie: The Tooth Fairy, 6-8:30. Free.

**Saturday, May 1, Sunday, May 2, Monday May 3- "After Party"** Highly acclaimed play by Jackie Bernabela in Papiamentu (with Dutch Subtitles. SGB auditorium, 8 pm. Tickets NAf 25. More page 3.

**Sunday, May 2— "Shut-Up and Listen," Singer Becky Alter and guest,** 6:30 pm. More on page 8, 18.

**May 27-30 - Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2010.** Schedule on page 9

### 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.

- **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 Koeke for more information—796-7870.

#### Mondays

- **Soldachi Tours of Rincon,** the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435-best island tour value
- **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

- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7-10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225

### 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 the big screen inside the Sunset Bar and Grill at Den Laman Condos.

**Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire,* at 7pm -every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn (717-8819)

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

**Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th. and January 1st. **Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681**

### 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

**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 Café. 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 Domacassé 516-4252.

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

**Lions Club** meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. 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 Cruxita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

### CHURCH SERVICES

**Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein.** In Papiamentu, Dutch, English, Sundays, 10 am. **Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian,** in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8:30 am.

Children's club, Saturdays, 5 pm, in Kralendijk  
 Sunday School, Sundays, 4 pm, in Rincon. Bible Study and Prayer meetings, Thursdays, at 8 pm, Kralendijk.

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

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

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

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
<b>Fri 23</b>		02:12 0.09 ft	07:33 0.68 ft	15:10 - 0.25 ft	21:04 0.57 ft	06:19 AST	18:48 AST
<b>Sat 24</b>		03:34 0.06 ft	08:29 0.53 ft	15:41 - 0.20 ft	21:49 0.69 ft	06:19 AST	18:48 AST
<b>Sun 25</b>		05:01 0.01 ft	09:33 0.37 ft	16:13 - 0.14 ft	22:37 0.80 ft	06:18 AST	18:48 AST
<b>Mon 26</b>		06:30 - 0.06 ft	10:51 0.22 ft	16:45 - 0.08 ft	23:26 0.89 ft	06:18 AST	18:48 AST
<b>Tue 27</b>		07:54 - 0.16 ft	12:29 0.13 ft	17:17 - 0.01 ft		06:17 AST	18:49 AST
<b>Wed 28</b>	00:17 0.95 ft	09:07 - 0.25 ft	14:22 0.09 ft	17:52 0.05 ft	<b>Full Moon</b>	06:17 AST	18:49 AST
<b>Thu 29</b>	01:10 0.97 ft	10:09 - 0.32 ft	16:10 0.12 ft	18:34 0.11 ft		06:16 AST	18:49 AST
<b>Fri 30</b>	02:02 0.97 ft	11:02 - 0.37 ft	17:27 0.16 ft	19:36 0.16 ft		06:16 AST	18:49 AST
<b>May</b>							
<b>Sat 01</b>	02:54 0.95 ft	11:49 - 0.38 ft	18:12 0.21 ft	20:53 0.19 ft		06:16 AST	18:49 AST
<b>Sun 02</b>	03:43 0.91 ft	12:31 - 0.37 ft	18:47 0.25 ft	22:06 0.21 ft		06:15 AST	18:49 AST
<b>Mon 03</b>	04:30 0.86 ft	13:08 - 0.34 ft	19:18 0.29 ft	23:13 0.22 ft		06:15 AST	18:50 AST
<b>Tue 04</b>	05:13 0.79 ft	13:40 - 0.30 ft	19:47 0.34 ft			06:14 AST	18:50 AST
<b>Wed 05</b>		00:16 0.23 ft	05:53 0.71 ft	14:08 - 0.25 ft	20:15 0.39 ft	06:14 AST	18:50 AST
<b>Thu 06</b>	<b>Last Quarter-</b>	01:19 0.23 ft	06:31 0.62 ft	14:32 - 0.20 ft	20:42 0.45 ft	06:14 AST	18:50 AST
<b>Fri 07</b>		02:25 0.22 ft	07:09 0.51 ft	14:52 - 0.14 ft	21:08 0.52 ft	06:13 AST	18:50 AST

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Hopefully, that will mean an end to the frequent power outages WEB customers have been suffering,

We'd like to provide an exact date, but there's been no official word. The best guess is in mid-May, 2010. ■ G.D.



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## Lionfish Galore



Herman van Leeuwen photo

Bonaire's lionfish are multiplying. On Saturday we went diving at Baby Beach and to our surprise we saw five lionfish in an area of about five square meters. Three are in this photo. ■

Johannetta Gordijn

Bonaire Reporter- April 23 - May 7, 2010

## Hospitality Students Get Ready for Italy



FORMA photo

The Italy bound group with SGB teacher Ezzy Semeleer, Forma's Nuny de Windt and Sara Matera of the Culinaire Foundation

The first meeting with the students who are going to Italy for a three-week trainee period was held recently in the school restaurant, *Chez Nous*. This year a group of eight students will be granted the opportunity to undergo an intensive and rewarding learning experience for three weeks. During these weeks the students will receive extensive training at a professional training institute in the region of Modena, Emilia Romagna, Italy.

The students leave for Italy on May 30.

During the coming months the students will be holding fundraising activities to collect enough funds for their trip to Italy.

The group consists of Angelique de Lanoy and Shermen Winklaar from Fundashon FORMA. From SGB the students are Leonard Janga, Pierina Joven, Sohaylor Molina, Corvan Veld, Sonia Winklaar and Gervin Trinidad.

The students will be accompanied by Mr. Ezzy Semeleer of SGB and Nuny de Windt from Fundashon FORMA. ■

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# Picture Yourself With The Reporter... In Fiji



**D**avid F Colvard (left) sent us this photo of "Living Legend" pioneer underwater cinematographer, Stan Waterman (center), and Women Divers Hall of Fame past president, Martha Watkins-Gilkes (right).

They were all visiting a village in Fiji earlier this month. David gave *The Bonaire Reporter* to John, the son of the acting village chief, which he greatly appreciated since they only get western visitors when the *NAVA* ( a Fiji based live-aboard vessel) is in port. The visitors wore the traditional "man skirt" for the kava ceremony.

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# Body Talk

## WOMEN, BIRTH CONTROL, HRT AND YEAST

**H**aving had such an amazing response from the yeast articles, I decided to write one more, specifically aimed at women. Women have, since the inception of birth control pills (BCPs), been subjected to a yeast/fungal overgrowth and have suffered endlessly for many years.

Initially birth control was seen as a God-send, no more unwanted pregnancies and to some degree far more sexual freedom for women. Noresterone and synthetic estrogens are regularly used in the management of human female hormone therapy. However, there is conclusive scientific data that oral contraceptives will induce the deficiency of the following nutrients – Vitamin C, B<sub>12</sub>, B<sub>6</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, Folic acid, Magnesium and Zinc.

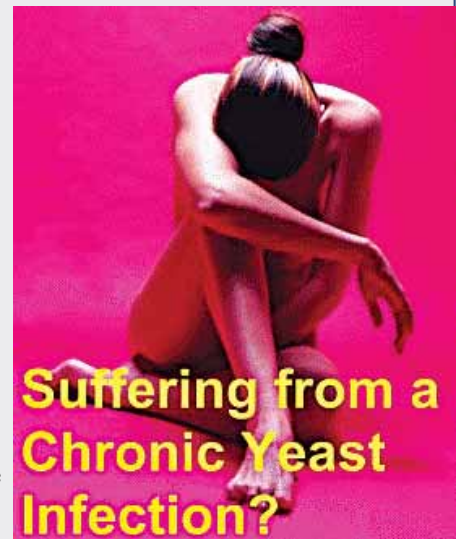
Another fact is that synthetic estrogens can actually aggravate blood clots and coronary heart disease, increase cholesterol and can contribute to the acceleration of breast cancer or any other estrogen-dependant tumor.

We also now know that BCPs and HRT can cause chronic candida infections, the catalyst for a host of problems in women inducing cravings for sugars, potatoes, cakes, sodas and biscuits, foodstuffs that feed candida and in turn produce mycotoxins that induce irritation and inflammation within the body.

A particularly vulnerable area for women is of course the breasts – a natural source of lactose (the sugar found in mammalian milk), but also a potential food source of sugars for systemic fungus. Ductal carcinoma actually means cancer/fungus in the gland or duct of the breast, and it is very clear that a yeast/fungal overgrowth could spell disaster for any woman.

Although the BCP is a huge contributing factor (not the only one!) the problem is far bigger and a lot more complex and affects everybody, men, women and children, and yes also our pets. You may never have taken BCPs or HRT, yet you could still have a yeast overgrowth! WHY?

Let's have a look at our meat. The normal food of cattle is grasses, shrubs and hay – food that have a high fibre content and low to moderate glycemic index. Corn genetically comes from South America, while cows and pigs



come from Europe. Animals grow in an environment that matches their dietary needs, yet they are given corn (cheap and easy to grow) which they are unable to digest and the farmer has to add yeast to the feed for further breakdown, which done incorrectly, could lead to 'grain sickness'. Yeast thrives in the sugary corn environment and will ferment in the hot, wet environment of the stomach of the cow.

Cows are also given birth control for weight gain. The animal grows larger and this increases its market value, reaching its slaughter weight in just over five months instead of a year.

Could it be that our yeast and birth control treated meat accounts for the sexual prematurity of our children, our high cancer rates, obesity and possibly the large number of gastro-intestinal disorders that seem to be present in so many people?

Remember, our meats are 'grown' for money, not for nutrition. ■

Stephanie Bennett

Next issue: **You Can Only Manage What You Can Measure!**

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.





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# 500 Animals Sterilized Free!

The 500th sterilization of dogs and cats on Bonaire is a fact! In May 2009 the Bonaire Animal Shelter started a big project called "Bonny Superdog." The goal was to sterilize 500 dogs and cats for free. The owner doesn't have to pay. In this way, the Shelter wanted to contribute towards solving the over-population of dogs and cats problem on the island. Too many animals cause a variety of problems for people and the animals: the animals roam around, they are not fed, they get sick or hurt and they become aggressive. Consequently, too many animals have to be euthanized every year... a sad and unacceptable fact.



Mrs. Silda Beaumont from Amboina and her dog Kisha

## Number 500 – Kisha from Amboina

Number 500 was Kisha, a dog owned by Mrs. Silda Beaumont from Amboina. Kisha is a female dog of about two years old and she's had some very beautiful puppies. "I don't want her to have anymore puppies and that's why I had her sterilized," Mrs. Beaumont says. "I made the appointment with the veterinarian myself and then I called the people from the Shelter who came to pick her up, and after the operation they brought her back. She's doing great. I love animals; to me an animal is just like a person, a child. The love I feel for a child, I feel for an animal too.

### Since 2002

In 2002 the Animal Shelter set up a fund for free sterilization. Ever since then, pet owners can have their dog or cat sterilized

for free. The Shelter pays the bill. In 2004 the Shelter organized a special campaign during which foreign veterinarians sterilized Bonaire's cats and dogs for free. In two weeks' time about 250 animals were neutered and spayed. After those two weeks the campaign went on and the local vets took care of the sterilization.



## Bonny Superdog

However, the Animal Shelter felt things weren't moving fast enough. The island was still overloaded with stray dogs and cats and an excessive amount of animals were being brought into the Shelter. An extra boost was needed. And so, the project of Bonny Superdog was born. The Shelter sought a lot of publicity to make pet owners aware of the Bonny Superdog campaign. All over the island posters were hung by volunteers and, thanks to WEB NV, flyers were delivered to each and every house on Bonaire. Also radio and TV commercials were broadcast and the Shelter put ads in the local papers and people could inform themselves through the website of the Shelter – [www.animalshelterbonaire.com](http://www.animalshelterbonaire.com)

## The Campaign Continues

So far, the campaign has been very successful. Pet owners can still have their dogs and cats sterilized for free. And... every pet owner gets a T-shirt and a bumper sticker as well. Call for more information: the veterinarians at 717-4255 or 717-3338 or the Shelter at 717-4989. ■  
Story & photo by Greta Kooistra

# BonQuiz Answer



Bon Quiz (from page 11)

- Q) What is the name of this person, after whom this bench is named, and  
Q) What is the name of the Queen who followed?  
A) Queen Wilhelmina  
A) Queen Juliana

## Sudoku Solution

Puzzle on page 6

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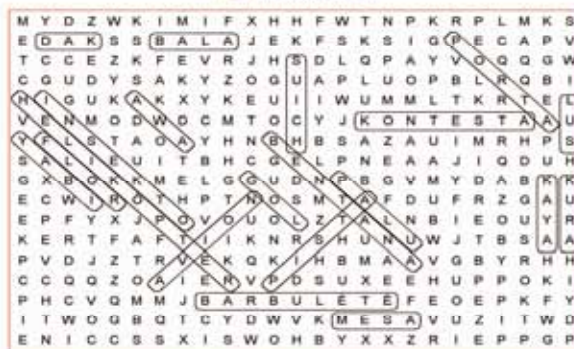
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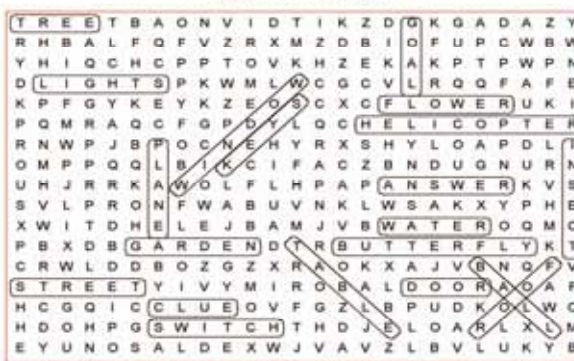
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# Pet of the Week

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*Cat Cage Expert, Jane Madden writes about Nora:*

"This all white cat is Nora, sister of Nadine that you did a piece on a while ago who did get adopted. Nora is still with us and is just as sweet, if not sweeter, than her sister was. Nora is about seven months old and a **very** playful young girl who screams around at 100 miles an hour playing with any toy that she can find ...

**But...**the minute you scoop her up she is a cuddly little lamb who just beams at you with her big amber eyes and purrs like a little engine. She would be a perfect fit in a home with children who want a cat to play with, or with an adult family who likes to entertain and **be** entertained by a wonderful pussycat."

Nora has been checked out by the vet, has had her test for feline leukemia, worming, shots and is in perfect health. The cat adoption fee of NAf 75 includes all this plus sterilization. Such a deal and you have a proven healthy and social animal to bring



Cai and Kitty Nora

home. When you're visiting **Rincon Day, Friday April 30, look for the Animal Shelter stand** selling all sorts of interesting "Bonaire brocante," household items, books, and bric a brac. See you there. ■

*Story & photo by Laura DeSalvo*

# Bubbles From the Biologist

## Did you know...

that you might be wearing algae right now? Extracts from algae are used as dye to color clothes. It's also likely that you had algae for lunch or dinner. If you examine the labels of items in your kitchen, you will most likely find the terms, "**alginate**" and "**carrageenan**," on many of the labels. Carrageenans are compounds extracted from red algae that are used to stabilize and gel foods and pharmaceuticals. Brown algae contain alginates that make foods thicker and creamier and add to shelf life. They are also used to prevent ice crystals from forming in ice cream! Alginates and carrageenans are used in puddings, and milkshakes.

The popular color additive **beta-carotene** often comes from green algae. Many people don't realize that seaweed is harvested from the oceans. A substance called **algin** is extracted and is used in lipstick, toothpaste and ice cream.

Substances from marine plants and animals are used in many products, including some medicines, fertilizers, gasoline, cosmetics, and livestock feed. Oil from the orange roughly, a deep-sea fish from New Zealand, is used in making shampoo. The remains of **diatoms**, algae with hard shells, are used in making pet litter, cosmetics, pool filters and tooth polish. Just think, next time you are walking around the grocery store that you have algae and other marine organisms to



thank for a lot of the products that you see! ■

*Kelsey Burlingame*

Reference: <http://see-the-sea.org/facts/facts-body.htm>



*Burlingame is from Evergreen State College and is studying Tropical Marine Ecology and Conservation with CIEE Research Station Bonaire (<http://cieebonaire.org>).*

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## What You Know and What You Don't Know About the Most Famous Star in the Sky"

If I asked you right now to name the brightest star in the night sky. What would you say? The **North Star**? Well if you did think again. If you said **Sirius**, you're right. Don't feel bad though because most people think the North Star is the brightest star even

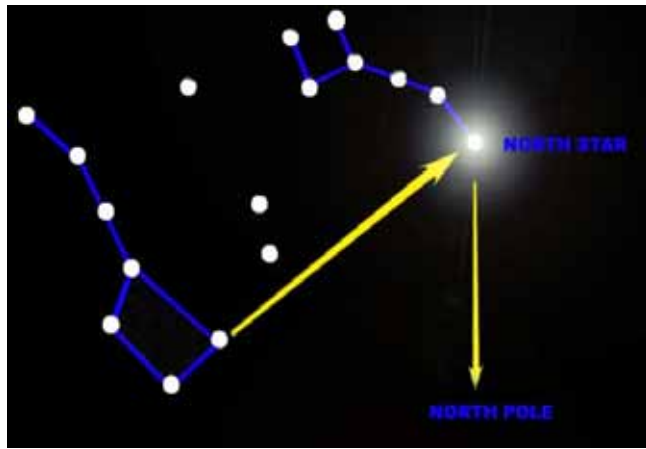
though there are more than 50 other stars visible to the naked eye which are even brighter. So why do so many people think the North Star is the brightest star? Well, probably because it's the most famous star because it's mentioned more often than any other star. Why? Well, its position in the sky is what makes it the most important and thus the most famous star. Let me explain.

Face north any night during April and May between the hours of 8 and 10 pm, Sky Park time, where you'll easily see the four stars which make up the **Big Dipper's** cup and the three stars which make up its handle. And once you've found the Big Dipper you can use it to find the North Star. Because all you have to do is take the two stars at the end of the cup which are called the pointer stars, mentally measure the distance between them and then shoot an imaginary arrow five and a half times that distance through them and that arrow will always land smack dab on the North Star. And once you've found it you'll notice that it is indeed not the brightest star in the heavens and is in fact no brighter than the two pointer stars we used to find it.

So why is it so important? Simple. #1 the North Star is always due north and #2 wherever you happen to be in the **northern hemisphere** it will always be the same number of degrees above the horizon as your latitude above the **Earth's equator**. So before the invention of the compass the North Star was extremely important to navigators and explorers to determine not only which direction was north but exactly how far north of the equator they were, a kind of ancient GPS. And wherever you are you can also use the North Star to determine where north is - and just how far north above the equator you are. How?

Well we measure the distance from the equator to the North Pole in degrees of latitude. The equator is 0 degrees and the North Pole is 90 degrees. We also measure the distance from any flat horizon to over head in degrees. 0 degrees is at the horizon, 90 degrees is overhead. So if you were at the North Pole tonight the North Star would appear 90 degrees above the horizon, directly over head. If you were in London however it would appear 52 degrees above the horizon, New York, 40 degrees, Miami, 25 degrees, **Bonaire, 12 degrees**.

So to see how many degrees north you are above the equator first find the North Star above a flat horizon, then hold your fist out at arm's length. **A fist will measure 10 degrees**. So one fist means you're 10 degrees above the equator and so on. Simple and fabulous. So just remember if you get lost at night simply look for the North Star because it will always be due north. And if it's not you're either south of the equator or on the wrong planet. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
For the last weeks of April 2010

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) If you are in the midst of a financial deal, this is your lucky day. Unreliable people will be negative about your ideas. Don't give in too quickly. If you put your mind to it, you could entertain or host a multitude of social events. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You won't have much time for your mate this week. If you act with anger you may blow the relationship. Don't overspend on friends or children. This could be a serious relationship. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You might find added popularity with those around you this week. Advancement can be yours if you are assertive in your approach. Get busy on projects that improve your own image; you'll have the discipline to succeed. You can make or break your personal relationship this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Talk to someone you trust if you need advice about broaching the subject. Strong willpower will come to your rescue. Don't confide in any relatives whom you know have a tendency to meddle in other people's affairs. You'll regret every word for some time to come. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. Problems with appliances or electrical gadgets will drive you crazy. You will enjoy physical activities more than you think. The only thing you'll accomplish is a bad reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Outdoor sports events should entice you. You'll stay out of trouble if you pick projects that will benefit the whole family. This might not be a day for hasty decisions. Relatives may play an important role in your social activities. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) It may be a disappointing day emotionally. Your

best gains will come through helping others emotionally. Any contributions you make to organizations will enhance your reputation and bring you offers. Don't settle for less than the best. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Try not to take everything so seriously. Opportunities for romance will develop through group endeavors; however, the association isn't likely to last. Opportunities for romance will develop through activities with large groups. The locks, stove, gas, or electric wires may not be secure. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't let your partner start any arguments. Passion should be redirected positively. You can offer your help to others but back off if they appear to be offended by your persistence. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. You may find travel to be most rewarding. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Visitors may drop by unexpectedly, resulting in tension with your lover. Look into ways that you can make extra cash. Your home environment appears to be a little shaky. Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Your need to put great detail into everything you do may cause you to miss the overall picture. Emotionally, things may not run so smoothly. Listen to the advice given by others. You might not be as reserved on an emotional level as you'd like. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Partnerships could be tense. Don't push your luck. Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Catch up on any correspondence you've neglected. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

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