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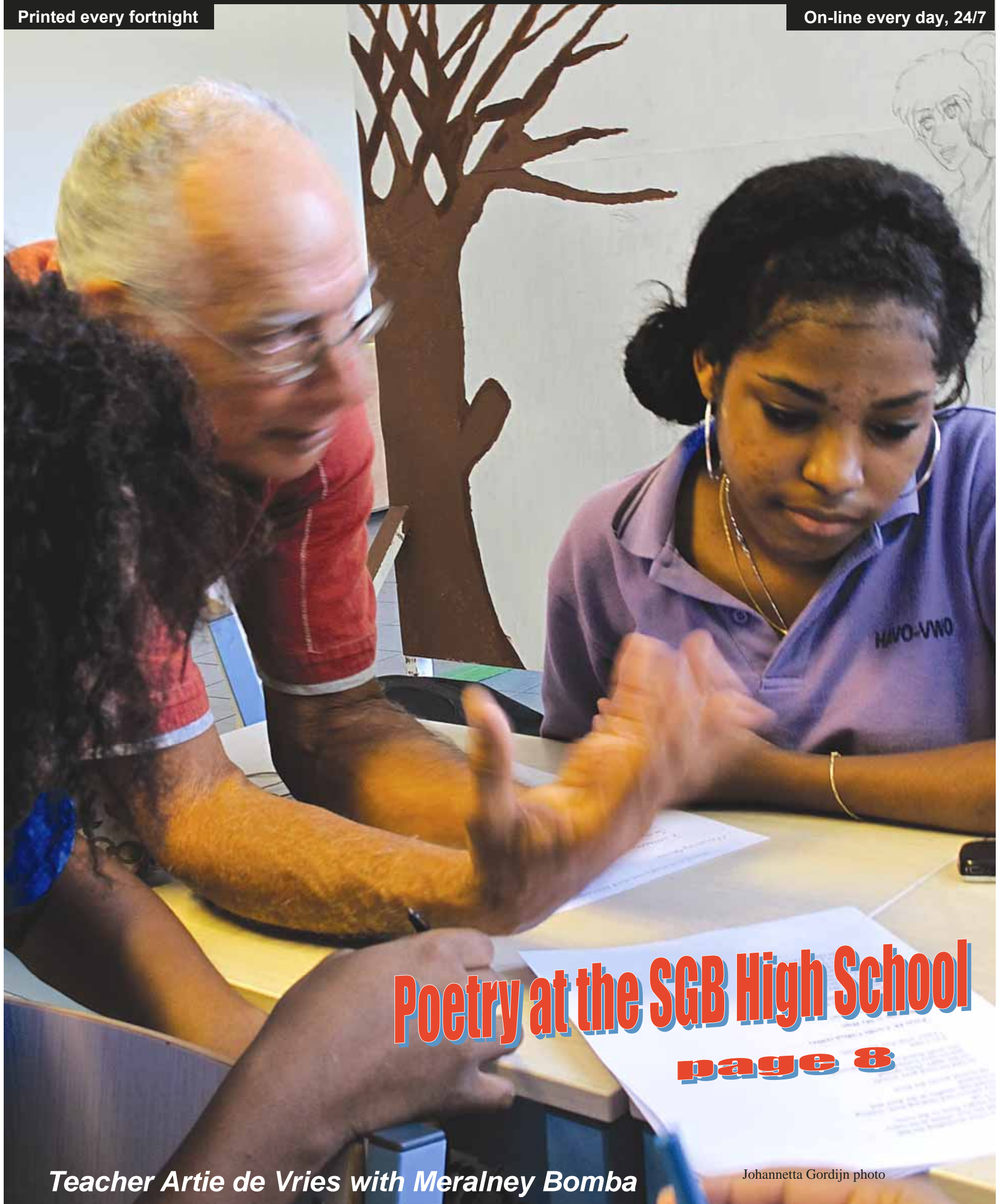
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Teacher Artie de Vries with Meralney Bomba

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Next month the island's first "medical tourism" patients will arrive on Bonaire. The KLM "Sky Health" initiative will open new opportunities for the island and provide better and faster healing for recovering Europeans.

It is no secret that Bonaire's climate is beneficial for many types of illnesses. An advisor to KLM noticed that his daughter's skin problems, which plague her in the Netherlands, virtually disappeared after some weeks in Bonaire. Others heal faster. So why not combine top notch clinical treatment in Holland with a medically monitored stay in Bonaire all tied together with a business-class KLM flight.

Curaçao already is caring for rehabilitation patients in the up-scale Jellnik Clinic at the Kura Hulanda Lodge. The Bonaire Sky Health program will handle its patients in existing resorts like the Plaza and use local medical people and therapists as well as Dutch doctors. Sky Health envisions expanding beyond offering relief from those suffering from skin problems like eczema and psoriasis to other troubles that are cured by sunny skies and warm temperatures.

"In the Netherlands we administer light therapy in cubicles. In Bonaire, you have the sun," said Dermatologist Roxanne Gouverneur, in an interview with Radio Netherlands.

► Businesses on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will begin to list prices in both Antillean guilders and US dollars on August 1, 2010, said Dutch caretaker

State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten to the Dutch Second Chamber last Wednesday, but that the exact process is actually an island government matter.

In a related session she told the lawmakers that the **Fire Department and Police Force for the BES islands will cost Holland respectively €2.2 million and €8.95 million per year.**

► **The new import regulations for Bonaire and the other BES Islands should make living here more affordable.** The reorganized Customs Service will report to the Tax Inspectorate.

There will be no import duty except for a 25% levy on new cars, but **electric vehicles and certain low emission/energy efficient vehicles will be exempt.**

A broad-based consumption tax, a sales tax (ABB) of 7%, will be introduced to replace the 5% turnover tax (OB) introduced in 2000. The ABB is a general consumption tax which is levied **one time** on the final user of a good or service and imports of individuals. The OB turnover tax had a cascading effect, which usually created a larger final tax burden. It supplied approximately 20% of the tax revenue of the Central Government.

► It's anticipated that about 45% of the capacity of the new electrical power system incorporating **the wind turbines and the diesel-fired plant near BOPEC will come on-line by the end of May.**

► **Delta Airlines has announced that they will cancel the JFK-Bonaire flight for the 2010-2011 season.** This was confirmed by the TCB.

► **Antillean Minister of Economic Affairs Elvis Tjin Asjoe wants to have Bonaire included in the year-round itinerary of Carnival Cruise Lines.** That way, the islands will be ensured of cruise tourism for the entire year, which implies that the tour operators, stand holders and taxi drivers



Luis Gorrin Molina and Gioiellison Antonia rapping on Remembrance Day

► On May 4th SGB students of the third grade commemorated the dead who fell in the Second World War together with Bonaire officials. The students had several poems, a letter game and they had even composed a rap song to show in what way this day affects them. They had prepared all this in their history lessons under the guidance of their teacher, Ms Van der Moolen.

Bonaire will also have work during the low season, says Tjin Asjoe.

According to the minister, Bonaire could easily be included in an agreement with Carnival, which would mean "permanent" cruise tourism for Bonaire. More than 200,000 cruise tourists visited Bonaire during the past season.

► **The popular Dutch-language Pelican School will soon have a new home,** where classes for all the grades can be held in one central location, and where the children will no longer have to risk the traffic on Kaya Amsterdam.

On March 31, Joe Barker, Director of the Trans World Radio Foundation, and Michiel Rumpff, a board member of the *Stichting Beheer Gebouwen Kaya Amsterdam*, transferred the deed of the TWR Activities Center at Kaya Amsterdam #3, to the SBGKA.

The SBGKA, or Kaya Amsterdam Building Management Foundation, will make extensive modifications and improvements to the Activities Center as soon as the necessary permits are in hand and will also manage the day to day operations of the facility for the school. The *Stichting Leren is Leuk / Basisschool De*

Pelikaan will continue to focus on providing quality education. The plan is for some classes to begin meeting in the new facility at the start of the 2010 - 2011 school year this August, as building modifications are completed. To help the school get into its new home on a solid financial footing, TWR agreed to sell the property for a price that was about 17% below the appraised value of the property.

► After the first of a series of PWA World Championship (Professional Windsurfers Association), **Bonairean Taty Frans is considered one of the best freestyle windsurfers in the world.** See the story on page 11 for details.

► **THE HAGUE-- BES Island integration into the Netherlands is having an easy time in the Dutch parliament.** On Tuesday, 11 May, the Dutch First Chamber unanimously approved seven legislation proposals to integrate the BES islands into the Netherlands on October 10, 2010. The Senate gave the BES islands a warm welcome, or a "bon bini" as Chairwoman of the Senate's Permanent Committee of Antillean and Aruban Affairs

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Bonaire's Nature Management Plan Is Falling Short

The Bonairean government has made an evaluation of Bonaire's 10-year old Nature Management Plan and determined that only 65% of the Plan's 50 action goals were being met. The remaining ones require attention.

In 1999 the Island Council unanimously adopted the Bonaire Nature Plan. The goal of the plan was to achieve sustainable development in 20

years. Now it's the mid-point of its 20 year life it's very important to see how its goals are being met.

Important successes of the last years were:

- the purchase of Klein Bonaire and its designation as a wilderness area,
- creating two no-fish zones in the Marine Park and
- establishing a concept of planning in Lac, the Marine Park and Washington- Slagbaai Park.

The ecosystem of the Marine Park has become a big concern. Since 1999 the coral cover has been reduced to 50%. Growth of algae has climbed drastically, while the number of algae-eating fish, like parrotfish, has dropped.

The quantity of predator fish has gone down.

There are more nutrients in the sea which



Klein Bonaire by Winfred Dania

is bad for healthy coral. This nutrients come from sewage and waste water.

Solutions:

There is a plan to install a temporary sewage system. Through information and maintaining legal protection we can try to halt a decline of certain species like conch, bats and Loras (parrots).

Bats are threatened by the pressure of construction in the areas where they live.

Conch are almost gone because of over-fishing.

The Lora preservation campaign of recent years has brought positive results, but the birds are still threatened.

Since October 2008 the nature protection laws have been enforced more stringently. With the advent of Bonaire's integration into The Netherlands further improvement in Bonaire's nature management is anticipated ■ *Press Release/ L./G.D.*

MAY 22 - Celebrate Bonaire's Biodiversity

The United Nations has proclaimed 2010 as the year of international biodiversity and Bonaire is embracing the idea. Biodiversity is defined as the diversity (number and variety of species) of plant and animal life within a region (Wikipedia).

On Saturday, May 22, there will be a celebration of life and biodiversity at Lac. STINAPA and TCB are organizing a fun day filled with different activities for the public at Lac Cai, which was chosen as the site because it's an area of great biodiversity.

During the year there will be a lot of attention given to the plants and animals of Bonaire and their importance to us. Our island is rich because of the great variety of trees and animals. There are 500 different types of plants and 1,050 species of "animals." There

are people who harass and try to eliminate them. But the animals and plants benefit humanity. For example, the bats eat the mosquitoes which can bring sickness. And there are plants and trees that help people. Bonaireans should be proud of its great number of plants and animals. We are rich in our nature. Because nature is part of our daily life it becomes ordinary



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2010 International Year of Biodiversity

for us and we must not take it for granted. During the year STINAPA will be publishing information about the plants and animals of Bonaire. Environmental disasters are always close. In just our lifetime Loras have disappeared from Aruba, the coral reef has declined and fish stocks are dwindling. Awareness and action can reverse the trend. ■ *Press Release/ L./G.D.*

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On the Island Since - 1992 *Edgar Jose Rafael 'Ed' Janga-Sicard*

"I was born in the Dominican Republic in 1984 and I grew up at my grandmother's in a very beautiful mountain village of about 30,000 inhabitants, Jarabacoa. My mom, Lourdes Sicard, had come to Bonaire in the 70s to work. My father was Bonairean; he passed away five years ago. I had a little brother, four years younger than I, but he passed away when he was two and a half.

So I lived with my grandma while my mom was working on Bonaire. Life was pretty good but quite lonely. On Sundays, after church, sometimes I'd play with the neighborhood children, but in general my grandmother didn't like me to leave the house. She was very religious and overprotective. I did have a cousin though, who lived in the same barrio and once a week I was allowed to play with him.

My mother insisted on sending me to a private elementary school because she wanted me to have the best education. She paid for it

by working on Bonaire in restaurants and hotels as a cook working 16 to 18 hours a day. She owned the house my grandmother and I lived in.

In 1992 my mother brought me to Bonaire. We lived in Amboina and I went to Reina Beatrix elementary school. It was a big change for me. I missed my grandmother so much and Jarabacoa was cool and green; here the dust was always bothering my eyes, and I found it hot and dry.

I'd never lived with my mom before. My grandmother was sweet and always got me everything I wanted, but my mom was strict and many things I wasn't allowed to do. But I could play with kids and I could ride a bicycle. In fact, I did have more freedom, but I missed my Jarabacoa too much.

In 1994 my mother and I went on vacation to Jarabacoa. I told my mom I wanted to stay with my grandma. With tears in her eyes my mother accepted that I belonged there and not here. She

chose Bonaire, I chose Jarabacoa - it was as simple as that.

I went to a public school and my grandma gave me more freedom. I had friends and life was just better. I was in the fifth grade when a terrible thing happened: my grandmother was in a taxi that was hit by a truck. She was badly injured and became bedridden.

Shortly before, my mom had come back to Jarabacoa with the idea of staying and starting a little restaurant of her own. But after the accident all my mom's savings went to the private hospital where she'd placed my grandmother. This situation lasted for several months. My mother didn't have a job and my grandmother's illness consumed all her money. Then my mom took a mortgage on the house. It was September 1996, and in October my grandmother passed away due to the complications of the accident. There had been three months of suffering - alas.

Then...everything changed. I stayed with my mom in the house, but it was no longer a home - just four brick walls filled with emptiness. It was very sad. My mother didn't have an income, but she had to pay the mortgage, so she decided to sell the house. She didn't have any

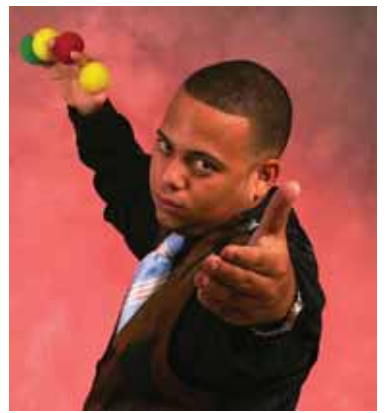
choice.

In January 1997 my mom flew back to Bonaire while I stayed with a cousin in Santo Domingo to finish the school year. In July I came back to bare and hot Bonaire. I didn't want to, but again, I had no choice.

So, that's how life started here. First we stayed at my aunt's house in Amboina, then I lived in all the neighborhoods on the island, from Rincon to Tera Kora and everywhere in between. We moved an average of twice a year. I went to the sixth grade at Reina Beatrix School where I got a special course in Dutch. After school I took Dutch lessons with Juffrouw Piek. Then I went to Mavo. I was living here, but my thoughts, my heart, were there. They still are."

Ed Janga is very talented, ambitious and creative. He's a pleasant young man who's willing and eager to learn more and expand his horizons.

"When I was at Mavo I went to Jong Bonaire. It was my escape valve. I spent more time at Jong Bonaire than at home. For five years I was there every day. I played basketball, I learned how to dive and became a dive master and I learned everything about computers and the internet. Alan Gross and Jane Townsend taught



Magic Ed in action

me so much and helped me in every possible way. I am very grateful to them and they're great friends of mine, still.

In the meantime I'd become very close to a cousin of mine who lived with us for a while. He committed suicide in 2003. It was another big blow.

I'd finished Mavo in June 2002 and in August I went to Havo. I was also working as a dive master at a dive shop and I was going out frequently," *He smiles* "running around like a wild beast- no guidance- most of the time alone. My mother was working and I didn't have a father figure around me. I never had, and when the awful thing with my cousin happened, I didn't

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pass the school year – for the first time in my life. It was a turning point.

My mother was the captain of the ship. She told me, 'Either you go to join the army in Curaçao or you're going to study.' So I went to Aruba to study architecture from 2003 to 2007. It was fun – lots of things to do and I had my freedom, living in my own apartment. I learned to be independent. I got my driver's license, I bought my first car, I studied. When Her Majesty Queen Beatrix came to Aruba in 2006 our school was selected to present a project to her and I was the one chosen to explain it to the Queen. I also worked various jobs and of course I did my magic shows.

'Magic Ed' was born during a school talent show on May 4th 2001. I was in 3d Mavo at the time. After I'd won the talent competition I started performing at parties. I knew quite a few tricks by that time. In Aruba a local magician taught me a lot more and I gave shows at private parties at the hotels and I worked for an entertainment company – setting up the bouncer, keeping an eye on the kids and doing my tricks. That's how I got the idea of setting up my own company."

He laughs. "It may sound weird but after I graduated I wanted to go back to Bonaire. I was an adult by then and I decided to do 'Magic Ed Entertainment' on Bonaire – to do something for Bonaire. It was 2007. The rest is history.

I started working for Jacobs Architekten. I learned a great deal there, especially from Paul Wichers and JP, but after 18 months I found out it wasn't my thing. My interest was somewhere else.

Through Jane Townsend and Alan Gross I got the chance to work for Caribbean Kids News. For two months I went to Surinam and Curaçao for camera training, then I started with news items from Bonaire. And in the process I discovered my real talent – videography. I didn't study for it, but it is in my blood. Now I'm doing new items on Bonaire which are being broadcast on Aruba and the other Dutch Antilles. I make music video clips. I did one with one of my brothers on my father's side, Giovanni Mercera, in the Dominican Republic: 'Baby you remember Jarabacoa.' You can see it on Youtube. It was a test, but it went well. I also do documentaries etc., etc. I love to create. The magic of creating something out of nothing – that's video to me. Now I want to buy my own equipment and put the video service under 'Magic Ed Entertainment.' That's the monster I'm creating...

I didn't love Bonaire when I started here, but it did give me lots of chances. No matter where I go I will always have Bonaire in my heart. Bonaire is the island of opportunities, no matter who you are or what you do. If you know how to work it out, it can be a treasure! But... when I approach Santo Domingo, when the wheels of the plane touch the tarmac, I get this feeling of complete inner peace – that's when I tell myself 'welcome home...'"

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Ed Janga with his mother

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Third Bonaire Barracuda/ Budget Marine Open Water Swim Competition - June 13

You're invited: This swim is unlike other aquatic events held on Bonaire in that it is a serious (but fun) competitive race planned by a local sports club to benefit local athletes and the community. Open Water Swimming rules of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) apply, thus no swim aids such as snorkels, fins, wetsuits or other floatation devices may be used. Four races will be held on the same morning - 5k, 2.5k, 1.5k and 500m. There will be awards in various age groups which can be found in the full summons. For more info go to <http://sites.google.com/site/bonairebarracudaclub/events/barracuda-3rd-open-water> As the goal is "serious fun" all swimmers who are fit to accomplish these distances are welcome.



As this event is growing over the years, it is now gaining international attention with participants from around the Caribbean and South America. Bonaire dominates the sport of Open Water Swimming in the Netherlands Antilles. Open Water or Aquatic Marathon became an Olympic event in 2008. Gold medal for the men's 10 Km Aquatic Marathon was won by Maarten van der Weuden of Holland. The current Women's World Champion, Angela Maurer from Germany, has trained on Bonaire. The Netherlands Antilles will send its first ever National Open Water swim team to the Caribbean Island Swimming Championships (CISC) in Havana, Cuba, at the end of June. While final selection has yet to be announced it is most likely that all swimmers and coaches will be from the island of Bonaire.

The club solicits the help of the entire community to make the Barracuda Open Water Swim successful. The main concern is always Swimmer Safety First. The Marine Park, Police, Harbour Master, Red Cross, Hospital, CITRO, various dive operators and boat owners are all involved in providing a safe and secure environment for participating athletes.

The deadline to sign up for this event is May 31st. Online sign up is quick and easy at <http://www.active.com/swim-meet/kralendijk-na/3rd-annual-bonaire-barracuda-open-water-swim-2010>

The race course runs parallel to the Seaside Promenade so family, friends and Open Water fans can walk along and see their favorite swimmers during the entire race. Fans and spectators are appreciated so the organizers have put together a special "Ban Wak" package similar to the swimmers' package that includes a cooler bag, T-shirt, reusable stadium cup with discounted refills and a snack.

The Kas di Regatta will be race and festival headquarters with plenty of music, dancing, food and bar to keep everyone entertained.

This event is a fund raiser to expand and improve the "sea swimming pool" in front of the Kas di Arte.

The club now has 30 members and is growing since we are more visible in the open water. Anybody who would like to join can visit at the waterfront on Mondays between 5:15 and 6 pm. Swimmers must be at least 6 years old and have an "A" certificate or equivalent. It does not offer learn to swim lessons as it is a competitive swim club. Masters swimmers (age 18 and over) are welcome to train with them as well. ■ Pam Werdath

Though swimming in the sea has some drawbacks, performance has proved it successful. The team just returned from the Dutch Caribbean Invitational where we were represented by only seven swimmers who managed to bring back 27 medals and finish 4th overall against many much larger teams! This month another group of Bonaire swimmers will compete in Barbados.

Affordable Homes Popping UP

The "Spantebier" highest point party was held just four days after opening the shipping container holding the components for this new home in Nawati.



A three man crew was able to assemble the walls, electrical conduit, plumbing lines and part of the roof in that time. The conventional foundation was already in place.



They estimated that it would take another four or five days to enclose the home and apply concrete (via a special compressed air technique) to the walls and roof. The finished home will be stronger than a conventional concrete block home say the builders.

This home is the first of the "affordable homes beginning at around NAf 100.000 complete being offered by Bonaire Sunshine Homes (see ad below). ■ G.D.



Spantebier toast: Representatives from Bonaire Sunshine Homes, Banco di Caribe, the Bonaire Government and builder Thermal Impac congratulate the owners of the new house, Inge and Lele Davidson.



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THE REAL SPIRIT OF RINCON DAY CELEBRATION

Rincon Day or *Dia Di Rincon* is a celebration that has been taking place for 22 years already. It started with a vision from a real Rincon inhabitant. His name was Mr. Francisco (Broechi) Janga Sr. (deceased). His son, Mr. Francisco (Boeboechi) Leoncito Janga Jr. (43) tells us about his father and himself.

"My father started with carnival in Rincon. He was involved in different sport activities, one of them being soccer. As he was a member of a political party he saw the need to unite the people of Rincon with those from the other communities.

In 1977 he organized 'Rincon Uni' (Rincon United) with the help of a group of young people. It still exists today under the same name. The object was to see what Rincon is best in. They realized Rincon is good in culture and folklore. To draw people to this culture they started Rincon Day. So Broechi Janga left politics in order to dedicate himself to sports and the culture of Rincon and especially Rincon Day.

In 1989 Broechi Janga, the young group and others celebrated their first official Rincon Day. They built different stands to show people how Rincon life was and is now: the wedding celebration, the burning of wood for charcoal, the ovens made of bricks for baking, houses made of dried cactus wood and corn stalks, cattle yards and more. The official celebration happened in front of the post office, today know as Plaza Commerce."

Mr. Carmo (Boeboei) Cicilia gives a description of the Rincon flag.

"Blue is for the sky and the figures in the blue are the hills surrounding Rincon. Green is for the green shrubbery all over in Rincon. Red is for the blood of Rincon's people and the Big R in the middle of the flag stands for Rincon. A horn is carved in the middle of the R. The horn was and is used to announce when someone is lost and the Rincon people go out and look for her or him. White is for the purity of the Rincon inhabitants."

Boeboechi Janga continues:

"Three of the older Rincon people signed the decree for the Rincon Day celebration, people like Tia Sani, Rebeca Janga, and the oldest man at that time in Rincon, Pa Anthony. Los Diagonales, well know musicians at that time, played the folkloric music and a group of dancers did the *Baile di Sinta* (ribbon dance). The festival was concentrated in three different areas: Rancho Don Pedro, Plaza Hubentud (today Plaza Nemencio Winklaar) and the stadium. For food, people went to Rancho Don Pedro, to some kunukus or to family houses for lunch or dinner. At Ma Flor terrace you got a demonstration on how to make pancakes. The wood was gathered, especially the cactus wood, and stacked up for the outside cooking in a *fam*, a strange name for a wooden corral. This kind of cooking, called 'Fogon,' means literally to cook on wood and stone. From one of the shacks made of dried cactus wood the Maskarada show began. The people dressed up with all sorts of masks, danced in the streets of Rincon accompanied by a brass band and finished at the stadium. The Watapana musical group played the famous 'Simadan' folkloric dance, at night time the fire jumping started. After that people gathered in front of the Rincon community center and danced to the brass band, ending up at 'Magazina di Rei' where the party continued until midnight.



Boeboechi Janga

With time Rincon Day has grown and the increasing numbers of people visiting makes the need for more food stands. People continue the tradition of using dried cactus wood, called *flambeu*, corn stalks and large bamboo wood (these arrived on the beaches, brought by the ocean currents from other islands to the north coast of Bonaire) called *kaña brabu'* to build their stands.

In the past Rincon showed more of its culture and folklore. Time has changed. After the 5th celebration of Rincon day things have been speeding up so fast. People are thinking more about the eating and drinking. There are more teams for the organizational part and the inspection part. More streets are closed for safety and every year the demand is bigger. There are a lot of people in the street and you have to make sure of their safety.

Today the Rincon Day celebration is the most popular event in the Antilles. Curaçao and Aruba folkloric groups visit Rincon Day in their folkloric outfits. Every year more groups are coming. But we like our Rincon and Bonairean people to understand their culture and not to forget it. Live Rincon culture during Rincon Day. That means the way we dress up with our folkloric outfits is also very important as are the stands made like in the past. Although materials from the past are hard to find we can use the palm trees and make something nice out of them. Decorate your stands with artifacts from the past. Start living the real Rincon Day, not to make money but to give a helping hand to your **Culture.**"

Yes, remember what we said in one of our articles, "Know your past to live your present." For more information about Rincon Day contact Boeboechi Janga. ■

Story & Photo by 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.**

Letters to the Editor

SHOWING APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

We must have been on the island too long- losing track of reality, and the courtesies that make one's everyday life worthwhile.

Spending a week in the US, just about EVERYWHERE we shopped, or entered we were not just greeted by smiling faces and friendly folks but actually thanked by employees, floor persons, managers, owners and cashiers for shopping there.

Can you imagine they were honest and sincerely appreciative of our patronization?

They realized, without their customers, they would be statistics in the unemployment lines.

There is no need for such outwardly appreciative expression here on this island, for they figure with the limited resources and availability, we'll have to do business with them regardless, so why strain their smile muscles?

With few exceptions, cashiers especially in businesses large and small on this island, should be so grateful they work for the bosses they do .

If they worked for me, front line for my business and my reputation, they would be replaced in a heartbeat!

Herein is the problem: the bosses, owners, managers - for if they could care less, why should the cashiers?

And it shows.

We have curtailed our shopping to just the things we cannot do without, refusing to patronize altogether some shops, banking the rest to spend off the island next time, where one would just expect only a simple 'Thank you!'

A simple 'thank you.' Not too much to ask, is it?

JP Richau
Susan Hutchison

WE ARE DEPLETING OUR REEF FISH!

Dear Editor:

My wife Mary and I have spent some time the past 2 weeks with Ayana Johnson, as she has completed her Ph.D. field research on Bonaire. She has conducted hundreds of interviews with fishermen and dive experts. Her information about how we can improve Bonaire is staggering in its simplicity: if we want to see more and bigger reef fish, stop eating them. Duh!



After 17 years visiting Bonaire, and watching the larger fish disappear, this doctoral student educated us with the blazingly obvious fact: those of us who eat our reef fish are accessories to the crime, actively contributing to the further depletion of fish on our reefs! We consider ourselves ecologically sophisticated but we are hurting reef ecology every time we eat reef fish. We're hypocrites!

From this doctoral student we have learned: the seas have 90% fewer fish than existed 30 years ago, Bonaire's reefs are rapidly being depleted of its remaining medium and large fish, and we can blame global warming and Japanese trawlers, but we deserve the biggest blame ourselves. I have personally watched local fishermen snorkel-fish in front of our house, taking 20 good-sized fish in half an hour ... and then I've gone out to dinner and maybe eaten a fish they caught! I am one of those ... hypocrites!

Not one island in the Caribbean is a no-fishing island. We're so proud in Bonaire -- we say we have the **first** protected reef," but that's just with respect to coral. A friend who is on the National Geographic Board of Directors (Ted Waitt) visited Bonaire in February; his 265-foot boat has been used to document declining fish populations all over the world. He was very disappointed in the lack of fish on our "protected" island. As eight of his friends on board watched as his robots tried to find fish in the Belnem area, and saw only tiny fish, I was left to say, "but ... but on the east side there **are** fish, really." Un huh.

70,000 tourists come to Bonaire annually, many to delight in snorkeling and diving in the world's first "protected" island, only to learn the truth. We have NOT protected the fish on our reefs. Wouldn't less fishing and less fish to eat hurt Bonaire tourism? NO! Tourism would improve if Bonaire became the first island in the Caribbean with protected reef coral and be able to advertise that we have so greatly restricted fishing that our fish populations are best in the Caribbean.

Ayana's doctoral research shows that the local fishermen are a dying breed, literally. They say fishing is not profitable and their kids are not going to be fishermen. Political solutions are many -- much larger no-fish zones, no traps, "grandfathering" full-time fishermen to fish only in very remote, controlled areas.

But the elephant in the living room, the one HUGE step we could all take today with fish populations improving are: stop eating reef fish (and maybe encourage friends and restaurant owners to not serve our reef friends).

Brad Smart

Poetry Day for SGB Students

On Tuesday, May 11, SGB students in Artie de Vries' and Johannetta Gordijn's classes were taught about poetry by Pauline Kayes, Professor of Humanities at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois, who lives part-time on Bonaire.

The students of the higher grades in "HAVO" and "VWO" (higher education preparation) found the lesson interesting and challenging. First, they learned definitions and descriptions of poetry through time, from poets like Robert Frost, who wrote in 1960 that "a poem is never a thought to begin with... a poem begins with a lump in the throat."

Then individual students read aloud five poems:

- Lucille Clifton's "Homage to My Hips"
- Langston Hughes' "Theme for English B"
- Mary Tall Mountain, "The Last Wolf"
- Gwendolyn Brooks, "We Real Cool"
- W. S. Merwin's "Separation."

After discussing the distinguishing traits of poetry, the students broke into groups to write interpretations of the truths or insights being expressed in each poem.

Students were given the assignment to write a poem on any subject by May 28. All poems will be entered into a contest co-sponsored by Pauline Kayes and *The Bonaire Reporter*: first prize will be \$75; second prize \$50; and third prize \$25. Winning poems and photos of the winning poets will be published in a June issue of *The Reporter*.

The students were clearly inspired by this fun and educational lesson and some started immediately to write poems for the contest. ■

Johannetta Gordijn & Pauline Kayes



Matthew Richards photo

Pauline Kayes, Professor at Parkland College



Johannetta Gordijn, coordinator of SGB's upper havo/vwo classes



Johannetta Gordijn photo

Cover Story

Fleur de Haan, Cyangela Pourier and Daniela Simal



Johannetta Gordijn photos

Deborah Clementina, Dauri Jansen and Nadia Daboussi. In the background, Philip Winkel.

One of the poems read in class:

Lucille Clifton, "Homage to My Hips" (1991)

these hips are big hips
they need space to move around in.
they don't fit into little pretty places,
these hips are free hips.
they don't like to be held back.
these hips have never been enslaved,
they go where they want to go
they do what they want to do.
these hips are mighty hips.
these hips are magic hips.
i have known them
to put a spell on a man and
spin him like a top! ■

Jazz Fest 2010

Young Bonairean to Perform On the Opening Night of Poetry and Jazz

Junela Nicolaas, 17, and in her last year of high school on Bonaire, will be one of the featured performers Thursday, May 27, during a Night of Jazz and Poetry. The event, which will be held at Fort Oranje at 7:30 pm, kicks off the start of the Bonaire Jazz Festival 2010.

Junela is this year's winner of the *Arte di Palabra* (Art of Words) competition recently held on Curaçao. She represented Jong Bonaire in the competition and performed an original story written by Jong Bonaire youth leader, Senaida Janga, to take top honors at the competition.

Gezaghebber Glenn Thodé will open the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2010, after which Junela will give her first presentation. This will be followed by the local band, Kaña Brabu. While the stage is being set up for the presentation by famous Dutch musicians, Henk van Twillert (saxophone) and Tjako van Schie (piano), Junela will give her second performance. Finally, while the stage is being set up for the last band with three of Curaçao's best musicians, Merietza Haakmat with Hershel Rosario featuring Lonte Conradus, Junela will give her final presentation. Price for the evening is NAf 15.

The performance of Junela Nicolaas in Papiamentu will feature a humorous story about a Warawara bird breaking up a fight between several other birds during a party attended by a turtle, a snake and a rat. She will also perform a poem called "Redu" (gossip) and one about "Su Mahestad Plaka" which is about the adoration of money.

Junela has performed in the *Arte di Palabra* competitions for the past three years and several times won prizes in the competitions on Bonaire. This year in

Curaçao she placed first in her category and also won the award for the best all around performance.

Junela says she is excited about performing during the Jazz Festival. "I like it when the crowd gets involved with the story and reacts. I hope they can understand it." She doesn't know much about jazz she says, but thinks she likes it.

When she finishes high school this year Junela plans to move to Curaçao to study to become a police officer or to work in tourism. "I like working with people."

On Friday, May 28, again at 7:30 pm, the Jazz Festival continues at the Topsy Seagull at the Plaza Resort with performances by the **New Generation Dancers**, followed by famous Brazilian artist **Manny Moreira and band**. This will be followed by well known Dutch singer and actress, **Joke Bruijs and band**.

Saturday's Jazz event at Plaza Resort includes Bonaire's well known **Silver Bullet Steelband**, **New York jazz band BEKU reinforced with two Bonairean percussionists**, followed by the top act of the whole festival: **Arturo Sandoval**. Prices for the Friday and Saturday concerts are NAf 35 each or NAf 60 for both evenings.

After the performances on Friday and Saturday night there will be a **Jam Session at Sense Restaurant** with festival musicians, starting at 11:30 pm. Free entrance.

On Sunday there will be the traditional **Jazz Brunch** at Divi Flamingo Resort, starting at 11:30 am, where festival musicians and local artists will perform the famous Jazz Brunch Jam Session while jazz lovers can enjoy a fantastic lunch. Price is \$28.50.

Tickets will be sold at the entrance gate, Addo's Books



Junela Nicolaas

& Toys, Flamingo Bookstore, Hotel Rochaline, It Rains Fishes, Plaza Resort and Sense. SGB students with ID half price, at the gate. ■

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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

“And Now For Something Completely Different”*

The 70th 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+



The red CF-MOTO alongside a Jeep

Playa-Kralendijk/Bonaire - So on Ascension Day I drove my bike to “The Bikeshop” owned by Jack, situated along the Boulevard Julio A. Abraham in Playa to swap it for something completely different: a CF-MOTO!

For Jack it wasn't a problem to hand me the

vehicle for a couple of hours. I parked my motorcycle in the fenced area of “The Bikeshop” and I listened carefully to Jack's instructions. The four-wheeled vehicle was equipped with a single-cylinder, four-stroke engine with a starter motor and an ignition key. There was a kind of automatic gearbox fitted to the engine

and the shift just said: reverse, neutral, high and low. To start the engine I had to press the brake pedal and turn the key. And yes, there was sufficient fuel and no, there was no spare tire.

I placed my motorcycle helmet, my gloves and my back pack next to me, I put on the safety belt, adjusted the mirrors and I started the engine. Nice single cylinder, four-stroke sound. Gearshift in “high,” foot from brake pedal. Of we go! Prrrrrr! The sound of an open engine in an open vehicle. No windshield in the front and the wind around my head. The first corner! Braking is not really necessary. Closing the throttle and choking the engine also works as a brake. The vehicle is lowering speed and cornering goes by easily. I add some extra fuel and more speed is the result. The first roundabout. Successful! Then the main road. Slowly I warm up the engine and I drive the vehicle almost full speed. Some 60 kilometers an hour are fine with me. Some slow and lean corners. The control over the vehicle remains and I feel pretty safe. I am not wearing my helmet or my gloves but I am held by the safety belt and the vehicle has a roll cage on which a fiberglass roof is mounted to protect me against the sun.

The gravity point of this vehicle is low and quick cornering activities are possible. Then I drive to the nearest gas station to buy some fuel and to add some air in the tires. The quad feels a bit stiffer now because of the extra air. On the tarmac the road holding is all right. On the unpaved roads this vehicle appears to be a real bone shaker. So this quad creates its own speed limit in rough terrain. I drive the thing in the direction of Republiek and I climb the hill. Speed is all right. The motorcar is not disturbing the other traffic. Then I bounce around over the unpaved roads on top of the hill. The engine is stronger than I thought. Steering is a bit brisk, very direct, no power steering needed. The faster you drive the less comfort you get. Cruising at a low speed is fine. A low speed enables me to look in every garden for new vehicles to write about too!

Then I park the car very near the northern ridge of Santa Barbara/Republiek. The view is spectacular: the mountains of Seru Largu, Seru Grandi and Wamari, the flatlands and the wetlands of the south, the mountains of salt, Kralendijk, the island of Klein Bonaire. The sun is shining. There are some clouds and there is a lot of wind blowing. Then I concentrate on the vehicle.

This is a CF-Moto. Registered: 6165-B. The engine size is 500cc. Four stroke, four valves, overhead camshaft, starter motor. The engine is connected to the wheels by a CVT (continue variable transmission designed by the Dutch inventor and car producer, Hub van Doorne (DAF)/jb). The engine, transmission, wheels and body are bolted on a frame structure made of welded pipes. Wheel suspension is independent. The wheels are made of light alloy. There are two shaft drives, two hydraulic disk brakes in the front and one in the rear. There is an electrical winch with remote control mounted and it is possible to attach a hitch ball. This side-by-side model can transport two persons. There are two independent seats and safety belts. In the rear there is a huge container which can carry up to 150 kilograms of stuff. It is possible to tilt the container. The vehicle is equipped with front and rear lights and with flasher units. Quite complete!

The sunset will be soon. I have to return to base. I bounce down the unpaved roads. This is a very handy vehicle with a very high fun factor. It is very good for cruising a part of the island for a day. The vehicle is popular for tourists and the quad can be very useful for owners of a farm or a huge and rough terrain. This four-wheel drive quad can cope with mud, snow and water. You cannot compare it with a two-wheel drive or a four-wheel drive car. You cannot compare it with an off-road motorcycle.

BonQuiz #30



One of several Monuments in Rincon is found right on the road to the Washington-Slagbaai National Park. As you come off the main road into Rincon take the route that keeps the Catholic Church to your left. This monument, a boulder on a pedestal, stands in the center of a raised up circle. Don't blink, or you will drive right past it.

It mentions the first people who came here from Europe who gave Rincon its name which means “corner.” Rincon is the oldest village in the Netherlands Antilles. It's the cradle of Bonairean culture and remains so today. On the Queens official birthday, April 30th, Rincon Day, the village is closed to traffic, and visitors come from all over the Caribbean to eat, dance, drink and enjoy Bonaire's true colors.

There is a plaque showing a date commemorating the establishment of this village centuries ago by Europeans.

Q.)Where did these first settlers come from? In what year? 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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Email: christie-dovale@hotmail.com



This side-by-side quad is something completely different. It is unique in itself. Thanks for the experience, Jack! ■ *Story & photo by J@n Brouwer*

Quote from Monty Python's Flying Circus, borrowed from the newsreaders from the British Broadcasting Corporation.

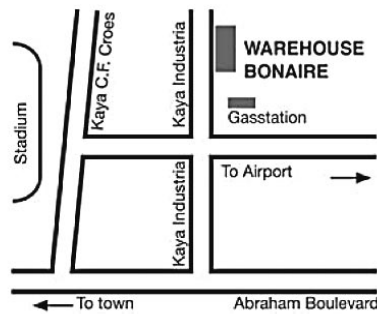


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Jazz Weekend Coming Up



The 2010 Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival will offer the most jazz talent ever to be assembled on Bonaire, headlining **Cuban born world famous jazz trumpeter, Arturo Sandoval**. Sandoval is one of the most dynamic and vivacious live performers of our time with five Grammy Awards, six Billboard Awards and an Emmy Award. He was awarded the Emmy for composing the music for the HBO movie based on his own life, "For Love or Country" with Andy Garcia playing the role of Arturo Sandoval. His list of accomplishments would fill this page.



Arturo Sandoval: The best trumpet player in the world today?

Another headliner joining Sandoval for the 2010 Bonaire Jazz Festival will be **Brazilian Manny Moreira on jazz guitar**, who now lives and works in New York City.

The opening concert for the 6th Annual Bonaire Jazz Festival will be at Fort Oranje on May 27 with an evening of Jazz and Poetry. Then, on May 28 and 29 the two main concerts take place at the Topsy Seagull at Plaza Resort. Sandoval will appear during the Saturday night concert.

A popular group of five jazz artists from the Netherlands will be part of the 2010 Festival performance on Friday night, 28 May, at the Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull. **Singer Joke Bruijs and drummer-vibraphonist Frits Landesbergen**, will perform along with saxophonist **Tom Beek**, **Edwin Corzilius on bass guitar and Jean Louis van Dam on piano**.



Joke Bruijs, popular Dutch singer

On Thursday's opening night at Fort Oranje, **Henk van Twillert and Tjako van Schie, leading European baritone saxophone and piano masters** will kick off the 2010 Festival with a 'Jazz and Poetry' evening. Curaçao poetry competition winner, Bonaire's Junela Nicolaas, 17, will present her works along with the international list of poets and musicians.

All the concerts will be complemented by Bonaire's best local musicians: **BEKU with Gaby Mercera and Ralph Moogie Stewart, Merietza Haakmat and Band, the Silver Bullet Steelband and Kaña Brabu**. The dance presentation of the **New Generation Dancers** is something new for the jazz festival.

A complete schedule of performances appears in the "Happenings" section on page 12 of this issue. *Press releases/G.D.*



Henk van Twillert, internationally renowned saxophonist

Bondy On The Ball—2010



Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
South Africa	Argentina	England	Germany
Mexico	Nigeria	USA	Australia
Uruguay	South Korea	Algeria	Serbia
France	Greece	Slovenia	Ghana

They struggled to qualify and have looked under par but take them lightly at your peril! Watch out for Lionel Messi, considered by most to be the best player on the planet. **My money would be on South Korea to take second spot.**

Group 'C' and of course, England.

This year is seen by many as their best chance to bring the title home. Wayne Rooney is on fire and there are goals coming from all over the pitch. They will top this group. The USA have been going from strength to strength. Watch out for Landon Donovan who plays his best football when wearing his national shirt. They are my tip to join England through to the next round.

Finally group 'D'. **D is for Deutschland**, the definite victors of this group. The German team must have been delighted with this draw. Ballack and Klose are just two of many great players that Germany have on hand and make no mistake, they will be in the top six. Despite only making their debut in 2006 as a newly formed nation, **Serbia is my choice to join Germany**. The Serbs have some great players on show. Watch out for ubiquitous midfielder, Dejan Stankovic.

Next time we will look at groups E through H. I will also be sticking my neck out by forecasting who I believe will make the final four. Until then, keep the game beautiful..... ■ *Tony Bond*

Who would have thought? Four years have passed since I last put pen to paper for *The Reporter*. Back then, I was living la Vida loca on beautiful Bonaire, huddled around a TV screen in City Café to witness the first game of World Cup 2006. While my heart may still be on Bonaire, the rest of me is (for now) in the UK. The home of football! I hope that you will join me and *The Reporter* over the next few weeks as we analyze and dissect the teams, the players and the games.

This year, the Rainbow Nation, **South Africa is our host** for the greatest sporting spectacle on earth. The FIFA World Cup. It all kicks off in Johannesburg on June 12th with the hosts playing Mexico in group A. There are, as ever, eight groups with four teams in each who will, over a month, battle it out for Soccer's biggest prize.

Today we will look at the first four groups and pick out the key players.

Without doubt, **France is favorite in group 'A'**. Their team is a who's who of greats including stalwart Patrick Vieira and a rejuvenated Nicolas Anelka. They are as good as through. Second place is a difficult call that could see the hosts taking an early bath. I see **Uruguay shading it for second place**.

In group 'B' the mighty **Argentina** only really have to turn up to win. Or do they?

Antony Bond, currently based in Scotland, is contemplating a return to Bonaire. He will use his love of the sport and international perspective to report on this year's World Cup.



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Bonaire's World Champion Windsurfers Keep Winning



Tonky Frans freestyling in No Wind At All

2010 Windsurf World Cup Podersdorf, Austria



Guess which airline Taty, Kiri and Tonky fly?

Once again the Austrian lake named Nuesiedler hosted the first freestyle event of the 2010 PWA World Tour. Together with clothing sponsor and film crew from Kamoana I drove from Munich, Germany, to Austria. The morning after I hooked up with local boys, Tonky and Taty Frans and Kiri Thodé, to spend the afternoon chatting. No sign of wind but sweet spring temperatures with a bright sunshine.

Day 1

A relaxed day at the Lake with thousands of spectators who came to watch the pros in action.

As usual the event site was packed with lots of activities. Several brands were on site with the latest equipment ready for anyone to try out windsurfing on the fresh gear.

The first day was spent in a relaxing mode after the 46 riders were registered. Later that night the opening ceremony took place.

Day 2, 3, 4 and 5

No competition

On Day 2 we saw two super sessions with seven selected riders. Among them we had Bonaire bros, Tonky and Taty, who were dragged by a boat towards a ramp and who pulled off some radical moves in No Wind At All.

Tonky wowed the crowds with a perfect landing forward loop right in front of the media who were sitting in a boat near the end point of the ramp. Taty dominated the super session with a nice air flaka off the ramp. Other riders did loops while some could not even manage to do tricks at all.

On the next day the wind was again too light for an official competition to take place.

The super session continued, this time a jet ski towing the riders at full speed.

On Day 4 the skippers' meeting was held at 5 in the morning when winds blew for a short period of time. But the head judge had to send all competitors straight back to bed. I could sleep the whole morning as I was attending this event only for my music activities.

This year I released six new tracks that are now available on www.rubenpetrisie.com, my new website as free downloads. I had my film crew with me and they will prepare some video clips

in the next coming weeks.

Day 6-

A victorious day for Taty Frans

On the last day, the skippers' meeting was held at 6 am. The winds were still light but just enough for the riders to grab their biggest gear and pull out some tricks.

All three Bonaire sailors managed to pass through most of their heats.. until they were all placed in the same heats. We had Kiri vs. Dutch sailor Marten van Ohtend. It was a pure radical freestyle action show down with the crowds gathering by the seconds at such an early morning competition.

Tonky was eliminated by his brother on 5th position and, well, Kiri was just too good in these conditions against his Dutch opponent.

Taty made his way to the final, eliminating his cousin Kiri.

I watched that heat and thought Kiri got this one on a close decision, however, the end results were different. Kiri took a 4th position in this first PWA event. The final heat was between two friends who trained in the same spot this winter- Taty vs. Steven - two radical sailors who nailed down a freestyle extravaganza filled with technical tricks and combos. But it was our Bonaire Boy, Taty Frans, who stood out and won the First Place in the 2010 PWA world tour. ■ *Special to The Reporter by Ruben Petrisie*

Last Tuesday afternoon

Monique Meijer left aboard KLM via Holland to go to South Korea to

represent Bonaire in the World Slalom Championship of the Professional Windsurfers Association.

Monique has lived more than three years in Bonaire and was a teacher at SGB . She began practicing the sport of windsurfing and her level rose rapidly. She is ranked #11 in the world. ■

The Reporter will continue with special stories prepared by Ruben Petrisie that provide an inside look at Bonaire's windsurfing pros around the world.

Follow Ruben yourself via www.rubenpetrisie.com, www.myspace.com/rubenbang or <http://twitter.com/rubenpetrisie>. You can Skype at: blackfish5 ■ *Ruben Petrisie*

Ruben Petrisie is a windsurfing professional, Bonaire Reporter stringer and amateur rapper from Bonaire who has been on the circuit for several years.



Aubrey Sealy photo

World Champions Amado Vrieswijk and Taty Frans

Another young World Champion Bonaire Windsurfer is Amado Vrieswijk (above left). Amado took first place in the under 15 class of the Junior Youth and Slalom World Championship in France. Prior to that in early April, from April 1-6, he gained first place in his class in the Curaçao Challenge. Bonaire surfers dominated that event. Keep an eye on some of the younger, up-and-coming Bonaire riders who will be making their own headlines soon.

Results of the Curaçao event:

Sports Class

2. Hendryck Balentien (Bonaire)

Under 18

1. Amado Vrieswijk (Bonaire)

3. Dylan Robles (Bonaire)

Under 14

1. Jurgen Saragoza (Bonaire)

Women

1. Monique Meijer (Bonaire)

Results Freestyle Competition

18+

1. Bjorn Saragoza (Bonaire)

2. Hendryck Balentien (Bonaire)

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Tuesday	June 1, 2010	Ocean Dream	0800-1600	1422

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

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Saturday, May 22- Biodiversity Day at Lac Cai 9-4 Games. Music, food drinks See page 3 for info.

Saturday, May 22—Classical Music Board presents Saxophone & Piano, Plaza, 8 pm (page 17 & 18)

May 27-30 - 2010 Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival— See stories in this edition. Schedule:

Thursday, May 27: Jazz and Poetry with Kaña Brabu, Merietza Haakmat, Junela Nicolaas, Henk van Twillert and Hans van Schie at Fort Oranje at 19:30.

Friday, May 28- Concert starring Manny Moreira, Joke Bruijs, Frits Landesbergen, Angelo's New Generation Dancers, Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull. Late night jam session, Sense Restaurant, 11:30 pm

Saturday, May 29- Concert starring Arturo Sandoval, Silver Bullet Steelband, BEKU. Plaza Resort Topsy Seagull. Late night jam session, Sense Restaurant, 11:30 pm

Sunday, May 30- Brunch jam session with many of the musicians, Divi Flamingo, 11:30 am.

Friday, May 28—Freediving Press Conference & Recognition, Happy Hour, Buddy Dive, 6 pm

Sunday, May 30—Freediving Educational Presentation, Buddy Dive, 6:15 pm

May 30-June 1—Freediving Clinic, Buddy Dive

June 1- Bonaire Dive into Summer. Until Sept. 30.

Wednesdays June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Non-Violent Communication (NVC) class. At Bonaire Basics, 7:30 - 10 pm. phone 786 3341. Cost: NAf 150,- (incl handout and drinks) Language: Dutch

June 5- Panchito Free Kids' Movie- At Voyager Events, on the traffic circle to the airport. Showing: Planet 51 6:30-9 PM, Free

Saturday, June 5—Bingo Night, Club Patriotiko, 8 pm

Sunday, June 6—Jong Bonaire Mini Fun Triathlon. Sign up by June 5. (more on page 16)

Sunday, June 13- 3rd Bonaire Barracuda Budget Marine Open water Swim Competition. Sign up by May 31. (more on page 6)

REGULAR EVENTS

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

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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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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.

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Sunday School, Sundays, 4 pm, in Rincon. Bible Study and Prayer meetings, Thursdays, at 8 pm, Kralendijk.

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In Bonaire the children train in the sea, not a pool, and during the competition they had to use part of the warm up time to practice starts and turns for instance. Distances were 100, 200, 400 and 800 meters. They won 4 gold, 13 silver, and 7 bronze. Special congratulations to Vera Gaz-

zouli (2nd), Ryda-Luz Emer (3rd), Tirzah Richards(3rd) and Jean-Marie Emer (3rd).

The next competition will be in Barbados from May 21 to 24. The Bonaire Barracudas will compete with six swimmers, including Samson Evertsz who qualified for the CISC in Cuba in July and who will use the competition in Barbados to gain more experience. The next swimming event will be in Bonaire, the 3rd Budget Marine/Bonaire Barracudas Open Water Swim Competition on June 13 in the sea in front of Kas di Regatta. There will be music, food and many activities. More information: 786-3451, 700-8282, 700-0845. ■ Press release

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 21		1:33 AM / 0.43 m	6:41 AM / 0.48 m	2:14 PM / 0.28 m	9:05 PM / 0.48 m	6:07 AM	6:51 PM
Sat 22		3:47 AM / 0.39 m	7:48 AM / 0.43 m	2:16 PM / 0.30 m	9:28 PM / 0.53 m	6:07 AM	6:52 PM
Sun 23		5:10 AM / 0.34 m	8:59 AM / 0.38 m	2:07 PM / 0.31 m	10:00 PM / 0.58 m	6:07 AM	6:52 PM
Mon 24		6:20 AM / 0.30 m	10:16 AM / 0.34 m	1:52 PM / 0.31 m	10:35 PM / 0.61 m	6:07 AM	6:52 PM
Tue 25		7:24 AM / 0.26 m	11:50 AM / 0.31 m	1:27 PM / 0.31 m	11:13 PM / 0.63 m	6:07 AM	6:52 PM
Wed 26		8:24 AM / 0.24 m	11:53 PM / 0.64 m			6:07 AM	6:53 PM
Thu 27		9:20 AM /	Full Moon			6:07 AM	6:53 PM
Fri 28	12:34 AM / 0.64 m	10:15 AM / 0.21 m				6:07 AM	6:53 PM
Sat 29	1:16 AM / 0.62 m	11:06 AM / 0.21 m				6:07 AM	6:54 PM
Sun 30	1:59 AM / 0.61 m	11:52 AM / 0.22 m				6:07 AM	6:54 PM
Mon 31	2:43 AM / 0.58 m	12:33 PM / 0.23 m				6:07 AM	6:54 PM

June

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Tue 1	3:27 AM / 0.56 m	1:07 PM / 0.24 m				6:07 AM	6:55 PM
Wed 2	4:13 AM / 0.53 m	1:35 PM / 0.26 m				6:07 AM	6:55 PM
Thu 3	5:02 AM / 0.49 m	1:54 PM / 0.28 m	11:27 PM / 0.45 m			6:07 AM	6:55 PM
Fri 4	L Quarter	2:35 AM / 0.44 m	5:55 AM / 0.45 m	2:01 PM / 0.30 m	9:07 PM / 0.46 m	6:07 AM	6:55 PM

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If you grow fruit on your land you probably will have already seen, heard, or even found parrots (Lora) eating the fruit in your garden. Although parrots like to eat fruit as part of their diet, it is becoming a problem for some people on Bonaire who are unhappy about losing their fruit to the birds. In response to the concerns raised on this issue, a study is now going to take place which will help investigate the matter and try to find a way of keeping Loras off the fruit. Lora researcher, Danielle Parks, aged 22, from London in the UK, has joined Sam Williams and Rhian Evans on the Bonaire Lora Project to help resolve the problem.

To make this work we now need people with gardens containing **fruiting mango trees** who are willing to allow Danielle to put up parrot deterrents and take part in a survey to contact us. If you have Loras in your gar-

Bubbles From the Biologist

Did you know...

That Green morays aren't really green? In fact, they are bluish-grey. Their body is covered with yellow mucus and this, in combination with the bluish-grey body, gives them their characteristic green color. This mucus helps protect them against diseases and parasites.

Morays have poor vision and no hearing and rely on their well-developed sense of smell (and instinct) when hunting. Green morays are sit-and-wait predators and are thought of as lazy hunters since they mainly just stick their heads out of their holes and eat fish that swim by. Whether or not the eel is feeding, its mouth is always opening and closing. Although this behavior may appear threatening, they are actually taking in water to breathe. The opening and closing action forces water through the moray's gills (where oxygen is absorbed) and out through vent-like openings at the back of its head.

Attacks by morays are dangerous (bacteria from bites can cause infections), but rare. Most moray attacks occur accidentally when a swimmer/snorkeler/diver puts her (his) hand near the opening of an eel's hole or while hand-feeding eels. This illustrates one of the fundamental

den and would like us to help you keep them away from your mango fruit by taking part in the study, **contact Danielle before 27th May** using the telephone number or email address below so we can help. ■ **Danielle Parks**

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tenants of common sense: it is generally not advisable to hand-feed wild animals with big sharp teeth. ■ **Lisa Faber**

Faber is a Bachelor student at van Hall Larenstein, Leeuwarden, University of applied sciences in the Netherlands. She is currently doing an internship at CIEE Research Station Bonaire. Besides science, she also enjoys running, biking, swimming, snorkeling, diving and riding her horse.



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Marijke Linthorst put it. The Senators didn't even use the right to "remark" (*aantekening*), except in the case of the BES Adaptation Law, where the Christian Union (CU) and the reformed SGP party commented because this proposed law includes three amendments regarding abortion, euthanasia and same-sex marriages.

However, the objections didn't keep the First Chamber from unanimously approving the legislation package for the islands.

VVD Senator Frank van Kappen said his party wasn't "undividedly enthusiastic" about the BES law package. He called it a "dragging anchor" which would lead to the ship breaking loose. Van Kappen asked whether it would be an option for Saba and St. Eustatius to join St. Maarten and for Bonaire to merge with Curaçao or Aruba at a later stage. Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten told him it was.

► With Bonaire getting closer to integration with Holland **Dutch election development are of greater interest to islanders.** According to pollster TNS Nipo the June 9 Dutch election is turning into a straightforward fight between right and left. The right wing Liberal party VVD has edged ahead of Labor Party PvdA in two opinion polls, the first since 2001 in which the party has been in the lead.

VVD leader Mark Rutte also edged ahead of Labor's Job Cohen in the popularity stakes, a De Hond poll shows.

The Christian Democrats, CDA, currently the biggest party in parliament with 41 of the 150 seats, is now down to 26 in the De Hond poll and 22 in TNS Nipo poll.

TNS Nipo sees Geert Wilder's anti-immigration Freedom Party (PVV) adding two seats to take 20. The party currently has nine members in Parliament.

► Candidate for Curaçao's State Secretary of Justice, Dudley Lucia, presented a **proposal for a new flag for the Dutch Kingdom.**



Lucia pointed out that the current Kingdom flag is also the Netherlands' flag, and the Dutch Caribbean islands are not represented in its design. He believes that a Kingdom flag is necessary. He uses the example of the Dutch baseball team that consists mainly of players from Curaçao and Aruba.

"They represent the Kingdom of the Netherlands abroad, but the flag that is used is the Dutch one, also the current Kingdom flag, which does not symbolize the Caribbean islands."

► CIEE is in need of BIG jars for storing lion fish, which are brought in daily by the volunteer lion fish catchers. The fish are now averaging over 20 cm (8 in.) long. **Glass or plastic jars with a tight fitting top is what they are looking for.**



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► On May 4th, a very well known friend of Bonaire, Dave Katz, celebrated his 60th birthday on Bonaire, as he has for his last 10 birthdays. Since Dave broke his leg last January while preparing his famous delicious beef soup and is still recovering, his friends arranged a very special transport to his surprise birthday party held at La Luna restaurant. See photo.

In May 2006, "Uncle Dave" was named a Bonaire Ambassador by TCB for his 20 years of loyalty to the island.

He's the guy who'll come to Bonaire with 200 kg of excess baggage and somehow he'll get it on the KLM for next to nothing! 95% of it are things he brings for all his friends on Bonaire: herring, salmon, asparagus, drop, magazines, etc. If he could figure out how to pack a car...he could probably bring it in as excess baggage!

They say, "Home is where the heart is." For Dave, this is Bonaire. He loves the island and the lifestyle, so much so that he got his son to do an internship here so that he could have yet another reason to visit more often! That plan only worked for a year, after which time his son returned to Holland and he did the only thing left to do...he bought a house!

Dave has introduced Bonaire to many of his Dutch friends who in turn have adopted Bonaire as their island retreat. Every year he celebrates his birthday on Bonaire, and for Uncle Dave it's the only reason to celebrate his birthday. He is amongst his friends in the place he considers his home.... Bonaire. ■ Story & Photo by -Corine Gerharts

► Jong Bonaire will host its seventh fundraising Mini Fun Triathlon on Sunday the 6th of June 2010, beginning at 7 am at City Café. The goal of the event is to have fun in a healthy way. The triathlon consists of three different sports: swimming, biking and running.



Jong Bonaire organizer Paco Veeris doing all three events at once

Distances in the fun category are Swimming: 850 m; Biking: 11,6 km and Running: 5 km

Distances in the pro category are Swimming: 1500 m; Biking: 23,2 km and Running: 10 km

Signup is on Saturday the 5th of June, from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at City Café. Receive an information package and a t-shirt. You can

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Body Talk

HOW IMPORTANT IS WATER TO THE HUMAN BODY?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a light somewhere on our body that comes on whenever we need water.

We all know water is important, but very few people understand the relationship between water and blood pressure, or water and energy, or water and kidney function, or water and digestion.

How often do we ignore the body's signs for water? The dry mouth, lack of concentration, headaches and tiredness are all some of the signs for more water. Water is there to give dilution to an internal electrical environment that requires a certain operating range.

Not enough water could be damaging to the body, but too much water could be just as damaging, and how do we know whether we are drinking enough water? Well, as important as water is, what is far more important is – **What is Your Body Doing With That Water?**

Do you have high blood pressure, but you drink a lot of water? You probably also have indigestion problems like acid reflux, belching or tooting, and do not urinate frequently.

Why? Firstly, high blood pressure is a direct link to how well your kidneys are working, as urine is a result of filtered blood. When we see blood pressure high, we know that the kidneys are not cleansing the blood sufficiently.

So where is the water you drink going? Instead of being distributed between the kidneys and the bowel, most of the water is going to the bowel. Let me give you an example. Imagine yourself having a "good" meal, rich in animal protein, carbohydrates, vegetables, dessert and alcohol. All this ends up in your stomach where it is broken down by the acidic stomach fluid (pH 3-4.5). This very acidic product then leaves the stomach, enters the duodenum where the bile (pH of 8.5) "neutralizes" the acid, and on it continues through the small intestines and colon and exits.

If you are suffering with indigestion problems, your bile pH is far too acidic, hence not neutralizing the acid content from the stomach! This acid product then moves along the intestines burning intestine walls as far as it goes, and the water in your body is used to "put out the fire!" Now the water is taken away



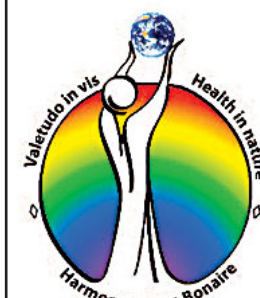
from the kidneys that should be filtering the blood, and used in the bowel. Can you imagine how hard your kidneys are working with not sufficient water to help them?

Regular meals like this (or just plain "bad" meals), and you are stuck in a vicious circle and living on high blood pressure medication for the rest of your life.

In the meantime, "sludge" from toxins and cell waste is backing up in the kidneys, making them work even harder. So, if you are "happy" taking your high blood pressure medication, you'd better start worrying about your poor kidneys. Oh, I forgot, you also need to worry about your cholesterol and a congested lymphatic system as they are all connected to your internal water distribution.

NEXT ISSUE: Water and Low Blood Pressure – Why generally, people with LBP do not drink enough water. ■ 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.



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sign up as a team in which each of the three members participates in only one sport activity, or you can subscribe as an individual participant, participating in all three activities. The cost of team signup is NAf 55 and a solo participant NAf 25. After the triathlon, every participant gets a meal and a drink from main sponsor City Café.

You can also purchase your tickets at Jong Bonaire, City Café and De Freewieler. All ticket income will be used to continue the activities at Jong Bonaire for the youngsters. For more information: Visit Jeugdhuys Jong Bonaire, call 717-4303 or email (franklinveeris@hotmail.com).

► There will be a big Bingo night to support next year's Youth Karnival on June 5 at 8 pm at the Klup Patriotiko. There will be 10 games with big prizes ranging from NAf 200 to NAf 1.000. The cost is NAf 25.

BINGO				
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5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

► Free Diver Karol Meyer and her friend and instructor, Patrick Musimu, are here for the Buddy Dive Free Diving Event 2010 from May 9 to June 5. Last year Karol Meyer broke the South American record here, diving to 93 meters without an oxygen tank. This year Karol and Patrick are back to set a new record including the world record called "Tandem No Limit Category." During their stay the couple will conduct different workshops and presentations:

Wednesday, May 19 – Educational Presentation, Pool bar, Buddy Dive 6:15 pm

Friday May 28 – Press Conference & Recognition Happy Hour, Pool bar, 6 pm.

Sunday, May 30 – Educational Presentation, Pool bar, Buddy Dive, 6:15 pm.

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You can order tickets in advance at Addo's Books and Toys, Plaza Resort and Flamingo Bookstore for NAf 35.- Tickets at the performance hall are NAf 40.- Students and children pay NAf 10 showing their ID.

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BonQuiz Answer

Bon Quiz (from page 9)



Q.) Where did these first settlers come from? In what year?
A.) From Spain in the year 1527

Sudoku Solution

Puzzle on page 7

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To meet Yoris and the other healthy and social pets up for adoption visit the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 to 1 and 3 to 5. Tel. 717-4989.

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One of the biggest “Pet Peeves” of pet sitting professional Jennifer Hansen is a dog that jumps on her when she enters a client’s house. Instead of yelling “off!” or giving the dog a swift knee to the chest, Jennifer learned that simply turning her back to the dog and totally ignoring it works best - no feedback is given whatsoever. Soon enough the dog realizes jumping is a useless tactic for attention and stops.

Bonny Superdog

Please help keep this free sterilization project going. By bank transfer: **Animal Shelter Bonaire, RBTT 23.10.139 (“Bonny Superdog”)**. Americans may contribute via **Support Bonaire website (credit cards accepted)**. ■ *Story & photo by Laura DeSalvo*



Yoris

Bonny Superdog Anniversary at the Animal Shelter Book and Flea Market



Lagoen/Bonaire – On Saturday May 15th the volunteers of the Bonaire Animal Shelter, on the Lagoen Road/Kaminda Lagoen, celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Bonny Superdog free sterilization program and organized another Book and Flea Market. Weather conditions were perfect and loads and loads of books, clothing, furniture and other stuff were for sale for very friendly prices. There were also drinks and home made local snacks for sale. A couple of hundred people visited the Shelter. The atmosphere was very cozy and relaxed. A total of NAf 535,17 was collected and will be applied to the Superdog program.



Governor Thodé cuts the Bonny birthday cake as the crowd looks on. - Greta Kooistra photo

Last year some five hundred dogs were sterilized. A special word of thanks to the 15 volunteers who contributed to the success of this Book and Flea Market and to Martines Import for supplying the tents that provided the so needed shade. ■ *J@n Brower*

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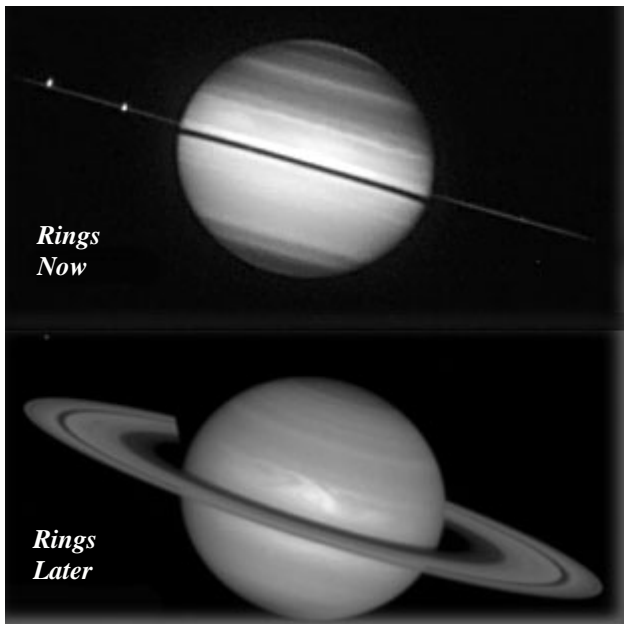


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See The Lord of The Rings Almost Ringless— Then Watch His Rings Grow

This is a wonderful time to take a look at **Saturn**, the Lord of the Rings planet, because you'll not see the rings this skinny again until the year 2025. Plus you'll be able to watch them grow in the Sky Park from now until October 2017 when they will be at their fattest.



On any night during the next couple of weeks just after sunset, face south where you will see two bright lights. The slightly bluish one is **Spica**, the brightest star of **Virgo the Virgin**. And to its right is pale yellowish, white ringed **Saturn**. It is the second largest planet because it is only 75,000 miles wide compared to **Jupiter's** 88,000 mile width. But if we cheat and count Saturn's rings it's actually twice as wide as Jupiter, 176,000 miles wide. It enjoys another peculiar distinction because its density is actually less than that of water, which means that if we could find a cosmic bathtub big enough, it would float. And don't make me say it; it would undoubtedly leave rings around the tub. If you do happen to have a small telescope yourself you can watch Saturn's rings slowly grow for the next several years.

Right now Saturn's rings are the skinniest you will see them until March of 2025. But in the meantime you can watch them grow until they are at their widest in 2017. They're about 2 degrees open right now, as astronomers say. But they will slowly keep opening, so much so that by the end of this year, they'll be 10 degrees open. And this opening process will continue and is really fun to watch. But why do Saturn's rings open and close you ask?

Well, it all has to do with the positions and orbits of **Earth** and Saturn. Now our Earth is the third planet out from the **Sun** and Saturn is #6. According to Kepler's third law of planetary motion, the closer a planet is to the Sun the faster it travels. Our Earth makes one trip around the Sun, that is one orbit, once every 365 1/4 days. Saturn, however, is so much farther away and moves so much slower that it takes it 29 1/2 Earth years to make one trip around the Sun.

Last September it was positioned so that we saw Saturn's rings edge on. And it takes approximately 7 1/2 years from that time until we'll see Saturn's rings wide open, which will occur in 2017. Then after 7 1/2 more years Earth will be in such a position that we will see Saturn's rings edge on again. After which they will start to open in the other direction for the next 7 1/2 years and will be wide open once again in 2033. Then 7 1/2 years later we'll see them edge on once again almost exactly the way we saw them last September. The entire cycle takes about 29 1/2 years.

But remember that Saturn is not actually rocking back and forth. It simply has to do with where we each are in our respective orbits. So get outside just after sunset, face south and look for Saturn's rings, which are currently very skinny. Start your ring opening watch now! ■ *Jack Horkheimer*



Parker's

Horoscopes

By Derek Parker

May (end)-2010



ARIES (March 21 – April 21) If you are announcing to the family, "we must cut back, we are all being far too extravagant," do you actually believe what you are saying? Use your clever business sense, which is particularly in tune at the moment. As May progresses you soon feel totally optimistic again! **85% positive**

TAURUS (April 22 – May 20) Although this is your birthday month don't allow any worrying, uncertainty or delays to your plans get the better of you. Mercury is in your sign and will be a little difficult. You'll be in a generous mood, beautifully showing your warm feelings to those who matter, and also getting some particularly pleasant surprises on your own big day! **80% positive**

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20) You really will be in the mood to let up for a while, probably because of your partner's influence. He or she knows that you are probably far more tired than you realise and will insist on some relaxation. Sit back, let others take the strain, and enjoy yourself in a pleasant, quiet way at least until the Sun enters your sign on the 21st when you will feel refreshed and more than ready to get up and go as usual! **90% positive**

CANCER (June 21 – July 21) You'll be feeling rather restless, maybe because you know someone close to you needs help and support, but you aren't in a position to do anything about it. Very young Cancerians will fall passionately in love with some totally unattainable celebrity – all good fun, but don't expect a heart warming response! **40% positive**

LEO (July 22 – August 22) To avoid complications at work avoid pushing ahead with new plans or developments and be philosophical if you encounter delays to on-going projects. Have fun and socialise extensively on the 17th – 18th and expect to fall into a lively, optimistic and enthusiastic mood from the 21st. **35% positive**

VIRGO (August 23 – September 23) You must avoid becoming tense or unduly annoyed if your plans aren't progressing as favourably as you'd like. And you must also be careful to control a tendency to speak out of turn and inadvertently put your foot in it – what ever 'it' might be. **30% positive**

LIBRA (September 23 – October 23) You will be quite right to hesitate over a possibly lucrative investment, but after the middle of the month you should reconsider, or take advice from someone with specialist knowledge. Changing your mind

could well be the right thing to do. You should also bear in mind the fact that you will need to control an enthusiastic tendency to over-invest. **70% positive**

SCORPIO (October 24 – November 21) This is a time of year when Scorpios have a lot going for them as far as their important relationship is concerned, so there is potential for you to have particularly rewarding and enjoyable experiences. This year, however, you could suffer from minor misunderstandings because of a breakdown in communication between you. Probably awareness that this could happen is all that's necessary to control any negativity. **50% positive**

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 21) Far more of your time than usual will be taken up with your work, whatever you do. Be patient and do your best to cope with any boredom because other spheres of your life will really blossom – your relationship seems more than just fine, and due to Mars, studying and sporting Sagittarians will suddenly zoom forward and get praise from tutors and parents. **85% positive**

CAPRICORN (December 22 – January 19) Distractions will tempt you. You could, for instance, find yourself at a special screening of the latest movie when you should be facing your computer screen. Don't feel guilty. Just enjoy what's going to go on. If there are important issues that you simply cannot ignore (even for the odd afternoon), these will need to be resolved on the 23rd when you will have to be very decisive. **85% positive**

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) A problem concerning your children or parents will perplex you. If it's your children who are involved, you will be wondering whether you should be considerably stricter – or maybe a little less strict. Maybe you should just smile sweetly, say yes to everything, and let things look after themselves. **40% positive**

PISCES (February 19 – March 20) Be prepared for complications or confusions concerning your computer. If it lets you down, don't rush off and buy a new one – yet! Even if you know a lot about the complicated workings of these machines, get an expert's opinion, which will probably mean just a worthwhile repair. The second half of May is likely to be more eventful and enjoyable than the first two weeks. **40% positive** ■

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