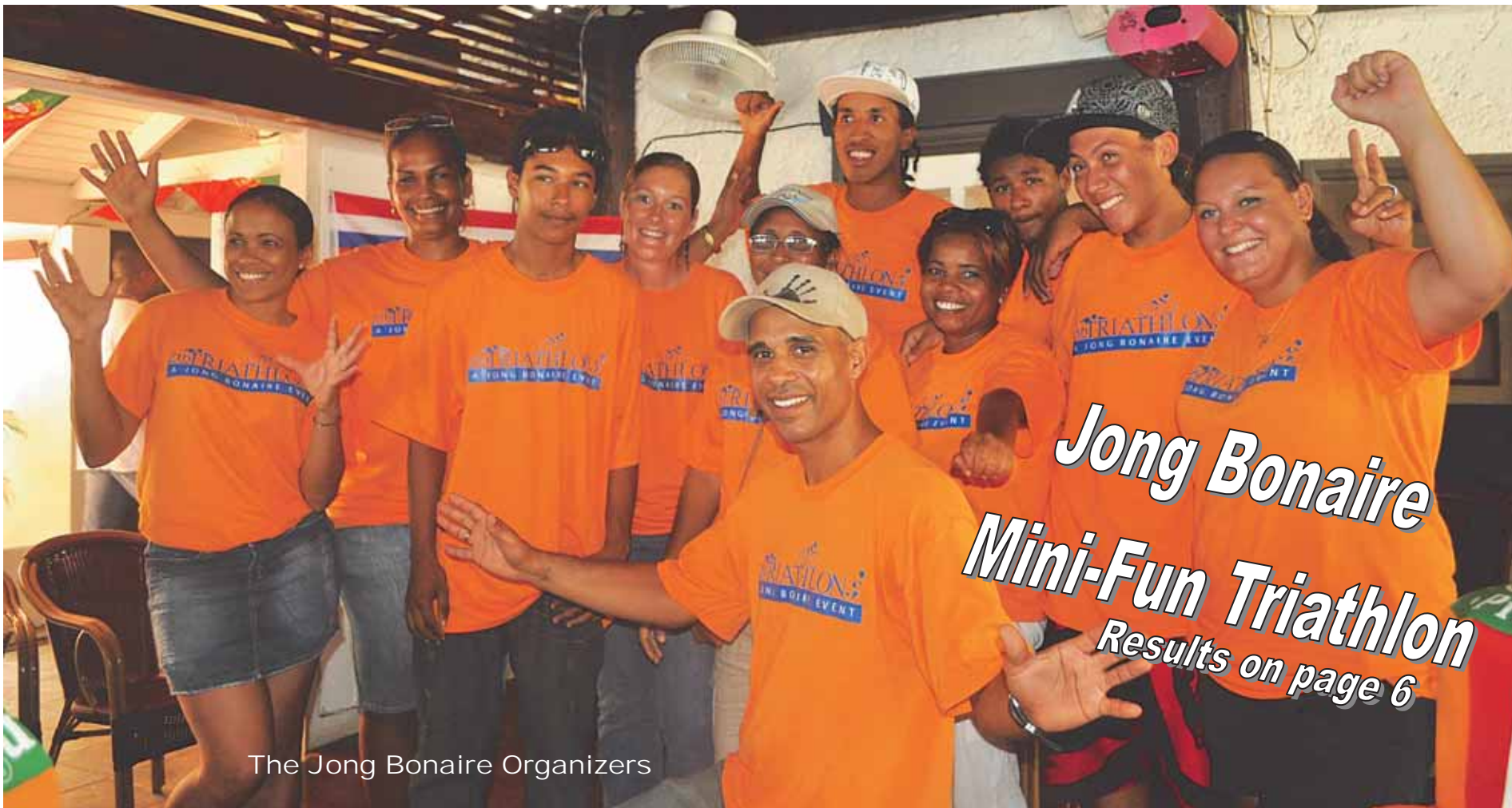


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In an action that appeared to surprise Dutch legislators but surprising to few on Bonaire, on June 2 the Bonaire Island Council unanimously approved a motion to consult with Bonaire residents (Antilleans, Dutch people resident more than 50 days and foreign residents on island for five years or more) on its status in the Dutch Kingdom in a special referendum to be held before October 1. The motion did not include the conditions that caused a similar motion to be overruled by the island governor. The new "question" to be put to the voters is: "I agree with the negotiation result concerning the future constitutional structure of Bonaire," to be answered "yes" or "no."

Whatever the outcome of the new referendum, Robby Beukenboom, speaking for the Island Government, said Bonaire would live up to commitments already signed with Holland. "It cannot be otherwise, for Bonaire and the Netherlands have signed an agreement and the Dutch parliament has already passed seven BES laws. We must make the best of it."



WEB, Bonaire's power company, planned a test on June 4, between 8 am and 1pm, to connect the renewable electrical system from Ecopower -wind turbines and (bio-)diesel plant to the island's electrical grid for a short period.

Both electrical systems of Ecopower and WEB NV had separately undergone reliability tests prior to this connection. The original plan had been to connect early this year.

Despite requests *The Reporter* has been unable to get a report from

WEB on the test results. Currently the wind turbines are still.

A judge has given the Public Prosecutor's Office until November 1 to press charges against Bonaire politicians, Ramonsito Booi and Burney El Hage. They are listed as suspects in the "Zambizi- Fiji" case of fraud, drug trafficking, money laundering and gold smuggling.

If the prosecution cannot complete its case by then, in which the first arrests were made in September 2009, both men will no longer be considered suspects. Booi and El Hage went to court to force the prosecution to come up with something tangible or stop calling them suspects. The judge's ruling does not reflect on the guilt or innocence of the two men. The trial date for the criminal case is set for August 2010.

Figures released last Friday by the Bonaire Hotel & Tourism Association (BONHATA) reveal that the occupancy for the first five months of 2010 shows an overall increase of 6.90% over 2009 – an encouraging sign. However, when compared to the same time frame of 2008, the occupancy level is still behind, but luckily not by much. Unfortunately, the forecast occupancies for the next six months are not so encouraging. The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) shows a similar but more negative story.

Curaçao Judge Polkamp of the Court in Civil Servant Cases determined that the decision to dismiss the two police officers who had been on duty the night that Marlies van der Kouwe was kidnapped in Bonaire must be nullified and the men must receive their salary retroactively. The officers, Albert Beaumont and Errlon Giromus, were suspended on November 25, 2008, and dismissed on June 1, 2009. The Judge said while it's true that they made a serious assessment mistake, it does not mean they are unsuitable to perform their duty as law enforcement officers.

Dutch newspapers reported that

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With the integration of Bonaire into the Netherlands just four months away Dutch elections, normally of minor interest to island residents, take on a new significance. In last Wednesday's Dutch general election results no party came near to getting a majority in parliament which means that weeks or months of tough negotiations are in prospect before a government is formed.



New PM? Mark Rutte

The Labor Party led by former Amsterdam Mayor Job Cohen took 30 seats and Mark Rutte's VVD Liberals took 31 of the 150 seats. It was the closest Dutch parliamentary election in more than 50 years.

Geert Wilders's anti-immigrant PVV Freedom Party more than doubled its vote to take third place with 24 seats. Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende stepped down as Christian Democrat Party leader after his party's support was cut in half to 20 seats.

Geert Wilders' PVV obtained a surprising victory and the Christian Democratic CDA suffered the biggest defeat in its history. A surge of support for the far-right PVV Freedom party with an anti-immigration focus has left the Netherlands facing the possibility of a four-party coalition government.

Labor, despite appearing rather pleased with its 30 seats, booked its second worst result ever. Left-wing liberal D66 and green party GroenLinks both won big but remain relatively small parties. They will both seat as many members of parliament as the Socialist Party lost this election: 10.

The previous government, a three-party coalition of center and left parties, collapsed in February after internal disagreement over the deployment of Dutch forces in Afghanistan.

In the wake of Wednesday's election, most Dutch political analysts think the most likely coalition combination would be an unwieldy four-party grouping of Rutte's Liberals with a center-left trio of Labor and the smaller Democratic Liberal and Green parties. The only possible three-party coalition would be made up of Labor, the Liberals and Christian Democrats.

Most mainstream parties, except Rutte's Liberals, have ruled out bringing Wilders and his far-right Freedom Party into a new government.

In modern times it's taken an average of almost three months to form a Dutch coalition government. The longest was 208 days in 1977.

The high profile financial issues facing the Dutch lawmakers relegates the process of the dissolution and reformation of the Dutch Antilles almost to insignificance while the date of transition looms even larger on the islands.

While the formalization of the major issues of transition was completed by the present caretaker Dutch government there are many details lacking for a smooth 10/10/10 changeover from the present structure of the "Country" of the Netherlands Antilles into the new structure of the BES Island Dutch municipality and Curaçao and Sint Maarten as new Kingdom "countries." Hopefully a new government will soon be formed. ■

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Government Urged to Save Valuable Wetlands

Aliansa Naturalesa di Bonaire, the alliance of Bonaire nature organizations, calls Saliña di Vlijt a natural asset that may be worth more in its natural state than as a development. Aliansa calls on the government to take immediate steps to halt the saliña's (salt pan) destruction and assess the potential consequences before it is too late.

However, in a past a court case the Bonaire Government was ordered to allow Harbour Village Development N.V. to excavate and fill the Saliña Vlijt wetland opposite the Harbour Village Resort in preparation for construction of an apartment complex. The government will be charged NAf 50 thousand a day if it does not comply, said Bonaire Commissioner Jopie Abraham. In a taped interview Abraham also charged that the deal for the apartment development was a result of corrupt practices by the previous Bonaire government.

Saliña di Vlijt is a critical asset for Bonaire, and its conversion to development could result in a significant financial and environmental loss to Bonaire, according to Kris Kats, aquatic ecotechnologist of Progressive Environmental Solutions and president of the Nature Alliance.

"The site is an important wetland, recognized for its functions of flood control and run-off catchment during heavy rains," adds Kats. "It is an essential natural ecosystem that nurtures rare and endangered species."

According to the development plans, houses will be built along the edges of the saliña, and the saliña itself will be kept full of water by pumping sea water in.

According to skilled observers, the work has already destroyed important areas of the saliña, including nesting habitats, eggs and at least one alive Least Tern chick, an endangered species protected under the international SPAW treaty. Such destruction is a criminal offense under national law. The resort's owner told environmentalists that he was unaware of the critical nature of the area but that was contradicted by the statement of a Bonaire resident who said he spoke to the owner personally.

Why is the saliña extremely important? For one thing it serves as a buffer between land and sea. After heavy rains, pollutants in run-



Sole survivor of the tern nesting colony

-off settle in the wetland instead of going into the sea. This is a critical function for the health of nearby coral reefs, which are very sensitive to fine particles (of dust, sand and organic material). The saliña also provides flood control by absorbing high water flows during spring tides, and provides food for both saliña and reef wildlife.

"The loss of the Saliña di Vlijt in its natural state will not only mean the loss of species of plants and animals that you will not find anywhere outside a saliña, but it will also have serious effects on Bonaire's struggling reefs," says Mabel Nava of Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire.

Bonaire National Parks Director Elsmarie Beukenboom points out that if the saliña is permanently



The death of a wetland—Salina di Vlijt

flooded with pumped-in seawater, the entire ecosystem will change. "A thorough assessment needs to be done before we can understand whether flooding the area is a responsible decision. For instance, we are also aware that the saliña has become full of sediments over the years," she says. "I think it's far more likely that, for Bonaire's long-term interests, the saliña needs to be restored, not further degraded, but before anything is done, a thorough assessment ought to be the first step."

The Bonaire Government wants to have an Environmental Effect Report (MER) drawn up prior to

building on the saliña, but Harbour Village claims that has already been done. However, that MER no longer complies with the current criterion, says Commissioner Abraham.

The Nature Alliance cautions that allowing development of the saliña before a careful assessment has been made of health, infrastructure and environmental effects leaves Bonaire open to a host of expensive problems. Taxpayers will ultimately bear the financial and social burden of any damages to Bonaire's infrastructure and resource assets. ■ Aliansa press release/G.D.

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Born on Bonaire - September 25, 1955 Franklin Dominico 'Boi' Antoin

"I was born at 9 o'clock on a Sunday morning after holy mass. My mother was Blanca Ilario, my father 'Mo Janchi' Antoin. Our house - in fact it's two houses on one piece of property - is next to the Coromoto Church in Antriol. I had a great childhood, especially because of this neighborhood. Most of the people have passed away since then, but I've written about them frequently; they were real characters. I feel a bit nostalgic about those days - they will never come back..." He smiles: "That's how it is!"

The house next to ours was rented out and used as a nursery school named 'Vila Maria Corretti' and when I was old enough my mother sent me there, but soon enough, when the teacher wasn't paying attention, I fled and ran home.

I never wanted to go to school; I hated it. I went to high school at Lourdes Mavo. The last two years it went well and I was one of the best graduating students.

School was really traumatic for me. I loved my freedom! So, I started working for Radio Netherlands World Broadcasting as an operator at the relay station. I stayed with them for about 18 months, then I was called up for military training in Aruba. I really took to it. I don't know why, as I love my freedom, but even so I wanted to join the army. I was tested and they found out that I was terribly colorblind, but I carried on. After one year I got out. It was October '75."

He laughs. "In a way, it makes you a man. I never regretted it. By the end of my term I had applied to the Aruba police and I was supposed to go to the police academy in February '76, but by that time I was back on Bonaire and working for Radio Netherlands once more.

On March 1st, 1977, I got a job with the government at the press information service. When I was still working for Radio Netherlands the *extra* newspaper had

come out and they approached me to write for them. I don't know why. Until that time I'd never written anything except for one letter to the editor in the *La Prensa* newspaper.. and apparently that's why they thought I was a good writer! At that time *extra* was only selling about 300 copies per day. I couldn't live off that job, so my work with the government was necessary.

The first article I wrote was on February 29th 1976, about a car which drove into my family's home at 1 o'clock in the morning. Our house is located by the 'famous' faint curve in Antriol next to the Coromoto church, where they've since put the red and white poles. That night it was the first time a car ran into the house. My family had a big scare and they didn't have a house anymore. They had to move to what once was my nursery school, the other house on the same property. The effect it had on my family made it easier for me to write because it was about our own emotions. After that the writing went smoothly. So, from March 1st 1976, I've written many, many articles for *extra* and I also took all the photographs - I was talented!

In the beginning the newspaper was in the hands of Niki Tromp,



Bòi Antoin in front of the extra newspaper office

but on March 1st 1977, I took over and my brother Papi joined me two years later. I had a nose for news - really! I still have. People called me 'Bòi extra.'

What I always liked best was the ordinary people's news: whose goats were killed by whose dogs and all the problems of the fishermen. This was really important to me - that's who I am. I've associated myself with the unions because I can't stand injustice. The two most important share holders of *extra* were and still are the unions CFW and ABVO. The newspaper came from the Antillean worker background and I stuck to that.

Maybe it isn't objective, but I will always choose the side of the underdog. I have peace of mind; I am not a material man.

I quit the government job in 1983. I wanted to feel free about what I wanted to write. It was a long shot because at that time I had a family to take care of, but I did it for my freedom. I built up the Bonairean edition of *extra*. It became serious. I did everything, I even delivered the papers. Now we're more than 10 people; we're the largest newspaper on Bonaire."

Would you like some coffee? I hear him grinding the coffee

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beans. His house, the one that once was the nursery school, is small, but very nicely decorated with old Antillean furniture, paintings, photographs and an antique tea set displayed on a cabinet. Bòi is friendly and laid-back, a man with a passion for the past and for nature, but as he says, "I am all updated too, I know all about Twitter and Face book!" He returns with a very good cup of coffee and sits down.

"I grew into what I became. I wanted to be a policeman, but I stayed on Bonaire. I also wanted to be a pilot- like every other boy- but my parents couldn't afford it. And, you know what's interesting? My son Franklin became a policeman and now he's a full-time pilot for DAE. He also writes for *èxtra* and he wrote a book. Franklin always came along with me when he was a child and he also has a flair for news, but he chose a different direction. In a way I feel a bit sad about it because I'm getting older too. My other son, Danielson, also wants to become a pilot. He's 18 and he already has his solo license.

I am also a grandpa. Franklin's son Maynard is going to be two years old in November and I've got a nine-year-old daughter as well, Sebel. A very cute and intelligent girl she is! My children mean everything to me - my children and Bonaire. I get along fine with my children and I got to know them really well. Franklin knows who I am the best - better than anybody else." He grins. "There might be some women who think they know me, but there is nobody in the whole wide world who knows me as well as my son

Franklin.

In '85 I started writing more than just news stories. My dad had gotten old and I visited him often. He told me about his childhood in Nort di Salina, his work as a seaman and stories about the Esso tankers he was working on during WWII. He was born in 1898. Can you imagine? That's how I got into it, because of him - nobody else. It was him, my father. And so, my passion for oral history was born.

Arthur Sealy, who is a real historian, taught me how to do research on documents and how to analyze and I kept going on. It resulted in more than 30 books and I wrote six books with short personal stories. From 1985-2000 I interviewed hundreds of people and recorded it on cassettes. Now I've begun to digitalize all those tapes. In 2000 we changed from audio to audio visual with 'Herensia di Siglo 20' ('Heritage of the 20th Century'), a documentary series in which I interview people over 70, preferably older, because they've got something to tell. We made more than 500 of those programs and I will never forget anyone I've interviewed. We're still going on. It's my passion. TV 11 and NOS TV broadcast it, but the program also runs in Holland on Cable TV and soon it will be broadcast in St. Martin too. It has become a famous program.

I care very much for the past and when



Bòi in his living room at home

you get older you see things differently. I feel sad about the way Bonaire is changing and I'm afraid it will only get worse, but I'm not fighting it anymore. Let it be... I am tired of it. I'm using my energy to record Bonaire's history - to save what still can be saved.

When I'm not working, I love to walk long distances, and every weekend I walk all over the island. It makes you physically tired, but mentally it makes you calm.

I don't understand why people don't respect nature the way they should. I write about it, but it doesn't seem to help. I

don't understand why. Nature is a medicine for everything. You get rid of your stress, your blood pressure comes down and you feel peaceful. I am a big man, but I'm in good shape. I can walk eight hours in Washington Park and do 36 kilometers and feel good...

and then I can eat a little bit more!"

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SGB High School Poetry Contest Winners

The winners of the poetry contest for students in Artie de Vries' and Johannetta Gordijn's higher-education preparation classes were honored on Thursday, June 4. The contest came about as a result of classes on poetry presented by guest teacher, Pauline Kayes, Professor of Humanities at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. A total of 54 poems were submitted from four classes. Johannetta Gordijn reported that one of her students-in fact, one of the winners-told her, "I would never have taken up a pen to write a poem if I had not been inspired by Ms. Kayes' lesson." At the ceremony, Kayes told the students that their work was "phenomenal," considering that English is not their first language. She provided the prize money in the hope that they can see "how writing can make money" and encouraged them to include writing in their future career plans. The winners also received copies of the poem, "How Much" (page 20), that Kayes wrote in response to their discussions about the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and its relationship to Bonaire.

Derek Aranguren received \$75 for his first prize poem "The Minstrel's Sonnet." **Daniela Simal** received second prize of \$50 for "The Link" and **Louise Martijn** received third prize of \$25 for her poem "That Girl." These

winning poems are published in this issue of *The Reporter*. **Honorable Mentions** went to **Jair Vanganswinkel** for "Something;" **Geruliane Booi** for "Sparkling Water;" **Sarah-Ann Maartense** for "The Long Awaited Fall;" **Timo van der Veen** for "South Africa;" **Qui-peng Wu** for "Under the Street Light;" and **Keila Mensche** for "My Need of Freedom." These poems will be published in forthcoming issues of *The Reporter*.



Derek Aranguren

1st Prize-- The Minstrel's Sonnet
By Derek Aranguren
*When the sky fills with its first star's shining light,
I find myself trapped in blissful isolation,
Unconscious to any form of pull or gravitation,
Recalling days spent with thee in*

*true delight.
Yet now our bond is reduced to words you dare not recite,
Leaving the image of your face forever in my mind engraved,
Reminding me of the scorned path that I once paved,
Leaving my soul anything but alight.
Now, as my eyes open to see a great crowd,
Eager to see me in my besieged state,
I see thy beaming smile as I prepare to speak aloud,
Causing me to once more release my pains and their grand weight.
So I proceed to sing the sweet sounds of soulful sobriety
Knowing that I will always love thee, be it pronounced or quietly.*



Daniela Simal

2nd Prize - "The Link"
By Daniela Simal
*The sea and the wind,
Different from each other in countless ways.
Their whole lives they brush*



Pauline Kayes and Artie de Vries congratulate the winners

*against each other
But never succeed to become one.
As strong and warm as the gusts might be
And as big and powerful as the waves might get,
Their love doesn't seem to come true.
But there is a way.
As I step onto my windsurf gear,
I become the connection.
My soul is the link to this beautiful passion.
As I cruise along I realize
I am the link.*

3rd Prize - "That Girl"
By Loesje Martijn

*We all dream of being that girl
That girl that has the perfect life
That girl that's the most popular
That girl that everyone loves
That girl that's prettier than everyone
That girl that all the boys drool over*



Loesje Martijn

*That girl with the perfect husband
That girl with the perfect kids...
But I'm happy to be ME,
And that's something That Girl will never be. ■ L.D.*



XEMIO'S Back With His Magic

Xemio Jacobs, who with his sister, brother and others entertained the island with his band, **Magic Sounds**, during the 90s, is back on Bonaire performing every weekend during the month of June. Xemio, who began

his musical career at 15, left Bonaire for Curacao in 2000 after his musician father's death. "It was a bad era in Curacao then," he says. "I sold Magic Sounds. Then I worked for someone else, then the Rumba Band for a year." It wasn't a pretty picture, but through it all Jacobs developed his talents then started **Magic Treas-**

ure in 2008. He does arrangements and composing. He has his own studio and recording production.

Magic Treasure will be playing Friday, Saturday and Sundays in June: 18 June-Executive Happy Hour; 19 June- Dow Party at Rincon City; 20 June-Father's Day at

Lac Bai Gibi's Place; 25 June-Back 2 the 80s night at Karel's Beach Bar; 26 June-Ayo Ayo Night at Karel's Beach Bar; 27 June-Sunday Beach Party, Lac Bay Gibi's place. For more information call Xemio at 565-1999 or Staysly at 522-7716. ■

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THE FOYAN BOYZ

Did you know that **Foyan** is the name of an elderly woman named Mrs. Flora Martis (80), a very well known story teller, poetry composer and singer in Rincon? She creates her own stories, poems and songs, and she sings them by heart. She was decorated for her marvelous



Flora Martis and Salomon "Zales" Anthony

contribution to Bonairean culture and folklore on different occasions, especially on Rincon Day. But why are The Foyan Boyz known as The Foyan Boyz?

A group of young boys used to practice soccer in a field in front of Mrs. Flora "Foyan" Martis' house. In 1995 after training they decided to form a musical and krioyo (cultural) group to participate in a cultural festival, the *Kanto Krioyo* festival, for Rincon Day. Because the soccer team was already called The Foyan Boys, the group decided to keep that name for the music festival. On April 21, 1995, The Foyan Boys gave their first public presentation in the Cultural Song Festival for Rincon Day. In their second presentation for that night Mrs. Flora "Foyan" Martis, then 65 years old, sang her song, "Retira Bo Mes For Di Mi," ("Leave Me Alone"). They won different awards that night: as the first, the second finalists and the most popular group. On that day Mrs. Anna Thode (R.I.P.) mother of Mr. George "Cultura" Thode, a ranger in Washington Park, approached The Foyan Boyz to ask to sing with them.

Mr. Salomon "Zales" Anthony (44), a talented young man and one of the founders of the musical group and a composer himself, continues. "We immediately started practicing with Mrs. Anna Thode because in July of that same year, 1995, we had our first presentation on our neighbor island of Curaçao. We played songs with Anna Thode like 'Rosa Laga Jan Bai' ('Rosa, Let John Go'), 'Mi Tin Derechi Biba' ('I Have the Right to Live') and more, songs that became hits. We continued with the musical group although it wasn't our intention from the start. We were constantly receiving invitations from our sister islands of Curaçao and Aruba.

In 2000, when Mr. Chendall Beaumont moved to Aruba, Mr. Johnny Vlijt took his position in The Foyan Boyz as singer. After Anna Thode died in 2003 Mr. Augustin Kroon (R.I.P.) joined the group. Mr. Kroon was a well known writer and composer of our cultural music. He was the main singer from the band and sang songs like 'Katibunan' ('Slaves'), 'Man Los' ('Loose Hands') and more. During the 15 years we participated in the *Kanto Krioyo* festival we won first place five times and as first finalist, eight times. The Foyan Boyz participated in the Tumba

festival five times and got the first and second finalist prizes one time and as absolute winner twice with our singer, Mr. Johnny Vlijt, who was King of the Tumba festival three times in a row." (Mr. Salomon "Zales" Anthony composed all these tumba songs and other cultural songs, like 'Chi ku Cha,' 'Barakoa,' 'Chico na Cuba,' 'Trepochi' and more that became very famous during the 15 years of the Foyan Boyz' existence.)

"The Foyan Boyz have produced five CDs and are a very popular cultural music group all over the region. In 2004 we had a cultural tour in Holland, giving different presentations. In 2007 we were in Cuba for another presentation in the Caribbean Festival del Fuego. Two years in a row we participated in a cultural parade called 'Seu' in Curaçao. The next country is Colombia. We were invited to give presentations in the Flower Festival which takes place the 8th of August this year. It's an expensive trip but it's worth it, and with the help of some sponsors we can continue to spread Bonairean culture and folkloric music to other countries.

Our plans for the future are to keep our culture at a high level and to bring our music all over the world. We're also planning to include a dancing group in the band for our shows.

The Foyan Boyz members are Salomon "Zales" Anthony, Gabriel Pourier, Amancio Sint Jago and Dennis Anthony who are part of the percussionist group, Jairzinho Trinidad (bass), Johan Trinidad (guitar), Reinard Koeke (kuarta). The singers are Johnny Vlijt, Ginella Mercera and Edson Frans. Roy Celestijn is the road manager and Mrs. Anne Marie Mersera is promoter."

The Foyan Boyz, as one of our cultural groups, hopes to help keep Bonairean culture and folklore alive. Have you ever asked what your contribution could be? You may send your answers, remarks or questions to *The Bonaire Reporter*. ■ *Story & photo by Siomara Albertus*

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



Bonaire Already Changing On The Way to Holland

A comprehensive report to the Bonaire Government listing the accomplishments of the staff of the RSC (The Resource System Center established by Dutch Ministries headed by Henk Kamp) to assist the transition of Bonaire, Statia and Saba (BES Islands) into the Netherlands was released earlier this month. For complete details contact the RSC but some highlights are:

→ **The tax department made great progress in eliminating the backlogs.** The tax revenue compared to the same months in 2009 increased. The parliamentary discussion of the new tax system in the BES islands was scheduled for May 2010. At the request of a parliamentary committee it has been delayed until a new government is functioning following the national election. (see page 2)

→ **The BES tax service will be located in Kralendijk in the building where Girobank and Ennia are.** The plans are still on schedule. It will house the current Inspector of Taxes for Bonaire, part of the customs post Bonaire (Physical Surveillance team remains housed in the building at the port), parts of the Bonaire Ontvanger and some employees of the SVB.

→ **Procedures for the dollarization of the BES islands** were begun by the banking sector under monitoring by the Dutch Central Bank, which distributed brochures with information to all BES companies.

→ The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science took steps to **correct deficiencies in math and language.** Test scores already are showing improvement. School buildings are to be upgraded:

1. A **new primary school** to support the Papa Cornes school with permanent housing for the Pelican School. Construction is expected to begin next year.
2. **Construction of a building for the academic HAVO /VWO tracks** of the SGB high school. There is a land area of 10,000 m2 on Kaya Amsterdam, behind the sports hall.
3. Setting up a **cluster school for the vocational SGB's VSBO, SBO & FORMA.**

→ **Development of a master plan for the Bonaire airport** to further develop it and meet minimum international safety standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Tens of millions of guilders are needed.

First priority is the **maintenance of the airport runway.** Currently based on the signing of the contract in June 2010, construction can to begin in four to five months.

→ **Justice** has engaged a consultant to set up a model for **legal aid for the BES Islands.**



Some of the original RSC members

→ Centers for Youth and Family (low-threshold assistance) are planned, including **intensive family support**, foster care and family houses and the juvenile justice qualitatively and quantitatively strengthened.

→ **A Center for Youth and Family will be established in the former school building** next to the church at Wilhelmina Plaza. Four organizations will provide their services: SEBIKI, Bonaire Youth Foundation, the clinic and Porta Habri.

→ **Jong Bonaire** was given a sizable grant to continue to renovate its buildings.

→ **Planning for extensive improvement in health care, including a kidney dialysis facility** are well underway. Collaboration with the teaching hospitals of the Free University and University of Amsterdam (VUIAMC) are anticipated.

→ **Bonaire will get more full-time medical specialists**, including an internist with experience in the field of dialysis and diabetes in 2010.

→ **Working with DEZA to streamline employment procedures** and process the approximately 600 applications for work permits pending.

→ **The Royal Military Police** is working with Police and Customs to establish a more effective and efficient service

→ A management plan is being prepared for both **fishing and marine biodiversity** around the BES islands.

→ **Illegal waste dumping** and litter in the mondi and kunukus will get more control.

→ **Sustainable Agriculture** will be encouraged with the promotion of domestic production of animal feed and agricultural products. The project is linked to the establishment of a temporary water treatment plant, with purified water to be used for irrigation. ■ *Press release/G.D.*

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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.**

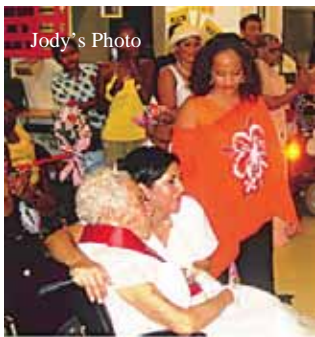
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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)
Wadners Lily, the mother of Marlies van der Kouwe, who was murdered in 2008, was heart broken by the judge's ruling. Twenty-four year-old pharmacist Marlies van der Kouwe disappeared on the night of September 21, 2008, as she cycled near WEB.

► **The Natalee Holloway case** made headlines again when the chief suspect in the investigation of the American teenager's disappearance in Aruba, Joran van der Sloot, was charged with the murder of a young Peruvian woman, 21-year-old Stephany Flores, on May 30. Van der Sloot confessed to the murder but later recanted his confession. He was formally charged and held for trial at the end of last week after being extradited from Chile to Peru.

► On Friday, June 18th, the first "Young Talent" exhibition will open at **Kas di Arte**. This exhibition shows photographs and some paintings made by the SGB High School 2010 graduates. Some exceptional work of pre-exam students has been added. The exhibition has been made possible with the support of the Rotary Club of Bonaire. All are invited to the festive opening from 5 to 8pm. The exhibition will continue on Saturday 19th and Sunday June 20th from 11 to 5pm at the Kas di Arte on the waterfront promenade.

► **The third annual fashion show by and for the residents of the retirement home, Kas di Kuido**, on Saturday, May 29 was supported by Dymphie and Jo Bux of Jody's Fashion. Jody's Fashion provided the clothing and made them available free of charge to the residents of Kas di Kuido. The show featured Mrs. Amelia Thode who was elected Machi Modelo 2010.



Jody's Photo

► **A foundation (De Stichting Rolstoelbus Bonaire) has been established to get a wheelchair bus delivered to Bonaire from Holland.** A previous attempt to get the bus voluntarily shipped to Bonaire has failed. Leo A. Floor is the chairman of the foundation. Now the foundation is looking for donations from individuals, businessmen and entrepreneurs to help get the bus to Bonaire from the ECT (Euro Container Terminal) in Rotterdam. Please help with your donations. The foundation bank



account is MCB Bonaire #402.450.08, TNV Bonaire Foundation wheelchair bus (De Stichting Rolstoelbus Bonaire).

► **Welcome, BoCar, to The Reporter's advertising sponsors.** This week they are featuring a pickup and an SUV made by Zhongxing, better known as ZX. The pickup is named the **Grand Tiger** and the SUV the **Landmark**. STINAPA has bought three of the pickups for duty in Washington Park which is a testimony to their durability. They represent excellent value. The pickup, modeled after the Toyota Tacoma Prerunner, costs approximately half of the better-known brand. There are already 10 on our roads.



► **Looking for educational and fun gifts for children—especially for birthday parties?** We discovered that **Paradise Photo** has a great selection at low prices.



► **Warehouse Bonaire** has notified *The Reporter* that because the Euro is dropping that **they will be dropping their prices.** A spokesperson for Warehouse says, "Now we hope that the other stores will follow....And make Bonaire a little cheaper!" Starting next month, in July, to make it even more convenient for you to shop at Warehouse they will have longer opening hours on Saturday—8 am to 5 pm, non stop, and Sunday—8 am to 1 pm.



M. Walthie photo

The South Sea island styled Salsa Restaurant was dismantled last week

► You can also find *The Bonaire Reporter* on line at www.bonairereporter.com. It has all the same stories and advertisements plus a "Rew News" section with the latest Bonaire developments.

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BonQuiz #31



In the 'old' days entertainment came at a small price. Jacks, running a tire with a stick, swimming, fishing and playing cards were things kids did to stay out of trouble. There was a unique evening pastime which is no more. In each neighborhood on this island there used to be entertainment for the "crowds." People would come from every corner, and sometimes from other neighborhoods to participate and be entertained. Some of the remnants of these were left behind and still stand, although in most, as in other areas, they were torn down to be replaced by new construction. It would be a miracle if there would be an interest in reviving this great recreational pastime to its past glory before it's too late.

Q) What was this slab of concrete used for?
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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A Brand New Pepper White Clubman On The Island

The 72nd 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+

Hilltop/Bonaire – As far as I knew there was only one light yellow colored new generation Mini on the island. Then, some months ago, a red colored convertible Mini popped up. Vinyl roof completely closed and air conditioning working. So that made two. And I knew about one single first generation Mini. But that one was in a back yard for a long time, mounted on top of some cement blocks, wheels off the ground, waiting for better times. And there was a secret place with some piled up Mini Mokes. And as far as I knew that was about it.



Monte Carlo Mini

Then, some two weeks ago, I saw a brand new pepper white black striped new generation Mini Cooper Clubman parked in the centre of Kralendijk. And the owners just happened to jump in their vehicle. So I immediately hurried to the car and knocked politely but firmly on the right hand side window. They opened the door and I explained my intentions. And yes, they knew about the articles in *The Bonaire Reporter*, and yes, they were enthusiastic about their car and the series. So I handed out my business card and asked for contact by email.

The owners of this beautiful designed sleek Clubman are Ryan and Michelle Walker from California, USA. They've been on the island since April 2010 and they met each other here in 2004. Michelle is a regular visitor of the island of Bonaire since the age of 17. Both of them are into diving and in 2004 the young couple fell in love with the island and with each other. And now they are here to start their own independent enterprise. And they brought their Mini Cooper Clubman with them.

They really love their little vehicle. They love it because of its fuel economy and because of its size. According to Michelle you can park it anywhere. Michelle does not really like the huge America gas guzzlers. Both of them like the distinctive appearance of their car. And yes, I have to admit it: this car is not just a moderate way of transportation. Every European inch of this Mini Cooper is balanced, well designed, well made.

The first generation of the Mini was designed by Alec Issigonis and produced by Austin and Morris, later by the British Motor Corporation. The idea was to create an economical vehicle that could carry four adults. So Issigonis, later Sir Alec Issigonis, drew a car with the four wheels on the far corners of the body. To create interior space the engine was mounted transversely and drove the front wheels.

This new Mini is produced by BMW. Nowadays cars are made out of parts from all over the world. This Mini is definitely European. Some parts are made in good old England, but it is very difficult to find one little bolt, nut or washer that will fit the original Alec Issigonis version.

At the age of seven or something I fell in love with the English-made Minis. I still remember the Monte Carlo Rally from the early 60s. Minis were small but powerful, and in those strong winters the Cooper versions won gold, silver and bronze several times. As a kid I drew my own license plates and rally cards and with my friends we ran through the snow in our small Dutch village, acting as a Mini, trying to win the rally.

This brand new Mini Cooper Clubman is an icon of art and style. It is sleek and low and not as little as you think. Four persons can easily find a place inside the car. The Clubman is a very special five-door ver-

sion of the Mini. Of course there is a door for the driver and a door for the passenger. But then, behind the passenger door there is a safe suicide door constructed to get access to the rear seats. This air catcher opens in the front and has the hinges in the rear of the car. The door can only be opened with the right front door opened. Some Rolls-Royce models also have rear suicide doors. What I like about the design of this new Clubman Mini are the two cargo doors or barn doors. They give access to the rear cargo space of the Mini and they can be opened very widely. The door hinges are mounted on the very rear corner of the body. This design is still inspired by the ideas of Sir Alec Issigonis. His ideas are more than half a century old but they still inspire a lot of new designers. Think only of winning interior space by mounting the engine transversely.

Apart from being very functional and complete this Mini Cooper Clubman is also a kind of rolling gadget. As said, three of the five doors are mounted in a very special way. Then, there are two separate moon roofs/sun roofs installed in the car. Both of them can be tilted, one can be opened completely. And then there is the dashboard—a fusion between the old and the new times. A huge "clock" is placed in the centre, informing the driver and the passenger about the speed of the vehicle. The first Minis also had the speedometer mounted in the centre. This instrument, however, is completely electronic. It gives you a lot of other information and it also holds the music centre of the Mini. The dashboard is modern, a little futuristic even with a wink at the past. Some switches do remind me of the old English flip-flaps to operate lights and wipers and so on. Another fancy aspect of the car are the interior lights. Lights are always on and it is possible to change the color from icy cold to fiery red—something you do not really need but a nice addition to the complete design. The smooth and fuel-injected engine is connected to a six-speed gearbox and the gearbox is connected to huge 16-inch wheels.

When Ryan puts the electronic key in the slot and he pushes the start button, the engine and all kinds of electronic parts come alive. A lot has changed since those late 50s! The engine is smooth, the gearbox is secure. Off we go. The big wheels and tires can cope very well with Bonaire roads' potholes. Suspension is good and a little direct or sporty. Cornering reminds me of the old Coopers: as if there is sticky glue between the tires and the tarmac. We did not use the music centre. It is just the revving of the engine we like to hear. Ryan really loves his car and he enjoys every mile. Speeding up is okay. Lots of power out of the four cylinders. Hill climbing is not a problem. The engine is still revving up. Braking is smooth but firm. There are four disc brakes. This car really fits a car lover like a glove. Nice seats, good view. Then we make a stop. It is time for the photo session. I take some 30 pictures to help remind me of all the details of the Mini Cooper. Then, later at home I think of what I like the best about the car. Hard to tell. The complete interior really impressed me; the handling was very good. But what I liked the most were those two "split screen" cargo doors in the back of the car.



Ryan Walker and his Mini Cooper




The Mini's "barn doors"

Go and look around for this black striped white pepper colored icon of art and wait until the owners come back from the shop to open the two rear doors and put their stuff in the barn! ■




Story & photos by J@n Brouwer




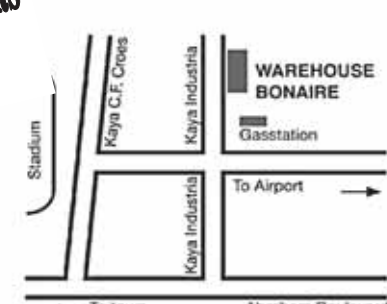


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Fun Triathlon Moments

Mini Fun

Triathlon Results

Jong Bonaire held its 7th fund-raising Mini Fun Triathlon on Sunday 6th June with perfect conditions for the event-the sea was calm with no current and the air was cool with cloudy skies.

The goal of the event was to have fun in a healthy way. The Triathlon consists of three different sports: swimming, biking and running.

Distances in the fun category were Swimming: 850 m; Biking: 11,6 km and Running: 5 km
Distances in the pro category were Swimming: 1500 m; Biking: 23,2 km and Running: 10 km

The event was superbly organized and run by the Jong Bonaire staff.

This year the women competitors outclassed the men with faster times. Results for the top two in the individual classes are below:

Pro Female-
1-Lauren Saulino 2:09
2-Rhian Evans 2:13

Pro Male-
1-Mick Smit 2:21
2-Sam Williams 2:28

Fun Female-
1-Bridgette Black
1-Carla Veheggan

Fun Male-

1-Tako Tonsbeek
2-Dirk-Jan Methorst

Fun Kids-
1-Alejandro deLima
2-Asdrubal Marciano

Youngest- Diane Werdath
Oldest- George DeSalvo

See *The Reporter* cover and the Jong Bonaire Facebook page for More photos of the day. ■ G.D



Fastest Triathlon competitor, Lauren Saulino from CIEE

Patrick Hulsker speed bikes to the finish line.

Several Barracuda Swim Club members competed in the triathlon. All did well.

Fastest men's finisher, Stichting Project head, Mick Smit, with Bila Thomas

Top Women competitors: Rhian Evans and Lauren Saulino with Jong Bonaire Director, Bila Thomas



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Helen Dovale ("Elena") Art Exhibiton

Helen Dovale Sargent, who signs her work "Elena" will have an art exhibit and sale of her work at the Kon Tiki Restaurant. On Saturday, June 19, from 5 pm. Elena will open her show and Kon Tiki will offer a welcome drink and snacks. Elena is a graduate of Pratt Institute and has spent most of her life in Curaçao and Bonaire. After 20 years in the advertising business and hundreds of layouts and brochures behind her, her search for the artist within was fostered by the flotsam and jetsam collected while beachcombing Bonaire's once bountiful shore. Her collages have a sculptural, tactile quality which she attributes to



Elena at work on a gyotaku fish rubbing

the many years spent doing all those layouts for newspapers and magazines. She says, "A 'find' along the seashore plants the seed for a fun adventure into the world of fantasy and whimsical humor." Those items that are not sold during the opening can be found later hanging in "Elena's Corner" at Kon Tiki. ■ Press release

← One of Elena's whimsical wood assemblages



Barracuda-Budget Marine Open Water Swim



Elisabeth Vos photo

The unique Bonaire open-water start



Class Winners Yannick Finies & Diane Werdath

Results and details of the open water swim competition came in too late to be included in this edition of The Reporter. Look for them in our next issue.



Overall Winners of each of the race distances: Vera Ghazzouli, Ryda-Luz Emer, Samson Evertsz, Luigi Meriaan, Tirzah Richards

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cruise Ship Calls -Information provided by the TCB

Date	Day	Ship name	Time	PAX
Tuesday	June 22, 2010	Ocean Dream	0800-1600	1000

Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days—usually 10am until ship departure. This is the last ship of the regular season. The new season begins September 25, 2010.

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

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

Friday, June 18 —Magic Treasures Tour with Xemio Jacobs (“Magic Sounds”) Goilo Promotions. “Executive Happy Hour” - Reservations at 522-7716—more page 6

Friday, June 18 – Young Artists exhibit Opening at Kas di Arte, 5 – 8 pm.

Saturday, Sunday, June 19, 20 – Young artists exhibit at Kas di Arte open to the public, 11am to 5pm. More on page 8.

Friday, June 18 – Mi Gusta Lesa for adults and children from 4 to 7 years, Ambiona Centro di Bario, 6 to 7:30 pm. Sponsored by SEBIKI

Saturday, June 19—Helen Dovale Sargent (“Elena”) exhibit of wood assemblages. Opening 5 pm, Kon Tiki. Welcome drink, snacks. Exhibition will continue. (See page 11)

Saturday, June 19—Magic Treasures Tour with Xemio Jacobs, Dow Party at Rincon City. Info 522-7716

Sunday, June 20- Magic Treasure Tour with Xemio Jacobs, Father’s Day at the Beach, Lac Bay Gibi’s Place. Info 522-7716

Tuesday, June 22– Free lecture at CIEE Research Station Bonaire—”Origin and Migrations of Bonaire’s Sea Turtles: a Case for International Protection,” by Mabel Nava, STCB Manager, & Robert van Dam, Scientific Advisor to STCB, 7 pm.

Wednesday, June 23 - Non-Violent Communication (NVC) class. At Bonaire Basics, 7:30 - 10 pm. phone 786 3341. Cost: NAf 150,- (incl handout & drinks) Language: Dutch

Friday, June 25– Magic Treasures Tour with Xemio Jacobs. “Back 2 the 80s” at Karel’s Beach Bar. 522-7716

Saturday, June 26—Magic Treasures Tour, “Ayo Ayo Night,” Karel’s Beach Bar, 522-7716

Sunday, July 4 –18th Year Dia di Arte , Wilhelmina Park, 10 am—11 pm. Painters, authors, singers, art works, musical groups, entertainers, food, beverages. A real family day!

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 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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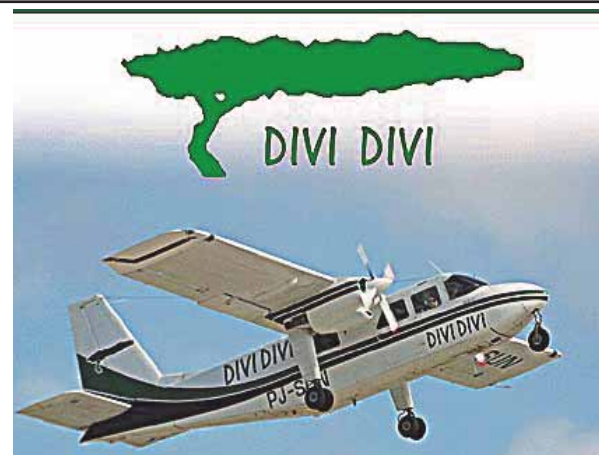
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Fri 18		00:31 / 0.21 ft	05:12 / 0.62 ft	12:51 / - 0.31 ft	19:11 / 0.74 ft	06:11	19:01
Sat 19	m First Quarter	02:01 / 0.14 ft	06:12 / 0.46 ft	13:21 / - 0.27 ft	19:51 / 0.89 ft	06:11	19:02
Sun 20		03:22 / 0.04 ft	07:17 / 0.31 ft	13:50 / - 0.22 ft	20:32 / 1.01 ft	06:12	19:02
Mon 21		04:38 / - 0.06 ft	08:26 / 0.18 ft	14:19 / - 0.17 ft	21:15 / 1.09 ft	06:12	19:02
Tue 22		05:48 / - 0.15 ft	09:42 / 0.07 ft	14:46 / - 0.11 ft	21:59 / 1.12 ft	06:12	19:02
Wed 23		06:55 / - 0.21 ft	11:09 / 0.01 ft	15:07 / - 0.06 ft	22:44 / 1.12 ft	06:12	19:03
Thu 24		07:58 / - 0.26 ft	13:04 / - 0.01 ft	15:09 / - 0.01 ft	23:30 / 1.09 ft	06:13	19:03
Fri 25		08:56 / - 0.28 ft				06:13	19:03
Sat 26		00:15 / 1.04 ft	09:49 / - 0.28 ft		i Full Moon	06:13	19:03
Sun 27		01:00 / 0.97 ft	10:33 / - 0.27 ft			06:13	19:03
Mon 28		01:43 / 0.89 ft	11:10 / - 0.25 ft			06:14	19:03
Tue 29		02:24 / 0.80 ft	11:38 / - 0.23 ft			06:14	19:04
Wed 30		03:04 / 0.71 ft	12:00 / - 0.19 ft	19:02 / 0.39 ft	22:26 / 0.36 ft	06:14	19:04
July							
Thu 01		03:44 / 0.61 ft	12:17 / - 0.16 ft	18:59 / 0.47 ft		06:14	19:04
Fri 02			00:12 / 0.34 ft	04:26 / 0.51 ft	12:32 / - 0.13 ft	19:09 / 0.56 ft	06:15 19:04

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STCB Relocates Leatherback Turtle Eggs on Klein Bonaire

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A leatherback, which may have been this nesting female, was sighted on June 5th by August Montburn, dive operations manager at Buddy Dive Resort. The turtle was spotted swimming near Klein Bonaire. It was also spotted in front of Capt. Don's Habitat and Buddy Dive the following day. Klein Bonaire is not an optimal beach for leatherback nesting. Upon investigation STCB staff found that the nest was flooded. Using the best practices to enhance success, the staff relocated the nest of over 100 eggs to a higher and drier site of the beach. Adult female leatherbacks require sandy nesting beaches backed with vegetation and sloped sufficiently so the crawl to dry sand is not too far. The preferred beaches



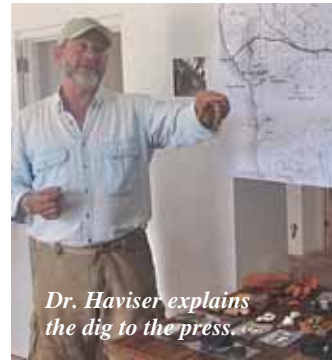
have proximity to deep water and generally rough seas. The last time a leatherback activity was recorded on Bonaire was in 2008 when a female leatherback intended to lay her nest at Cai. The crawl was checked but eggs were not found by STCB staff. This kind of opportunistic nesting can happen at the end of the leatherback nesting season when these animals are returning from their nesting homes to their feeding homes and suddenly they feel the urge to lay one last nest. They look for the nearest beach and try their best to lay a nest. ■

Mabel Nava/ STCB photo

Bonaire Archeology

Bonaire's first archeology project conducted under conditions established by The Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage of Europe, usually referred to as the Valletta Treaty or Malta Convention, has begun at Slagbaai and nearby sites. The 1992 treaty aims to protect the European archaeological heritage. All remains and objects and any other traces of humankind from past times are considered elements of the archaeological heritage. Archaeological heritage includes structures, constructions, moveable objects, monuments of other kinds as well as their context, whether situated on land or under water.

The provisions of the treaty don't just apply to archeological digs, they apply to project developers as well. Its main effect is that project developers have to make sure they don't destroy anything of archaeological value when they build something. Since it was signed in 1992, archeology has become part of construction work in many areas in Europe. And now Bonaire will observe its provisions to further protect its heritage. In an upcoming edition *The Reporter* will bring you more about this activity under the direction of Dr. Jay Havisser involving students from the University of Leiden and 13 Bonai students, with cooperation from the Mondrian Foundation, SKAL, Aruba and St. Martin. ■ L./G.D.



Dr. Havisser explains the dig to the press.

Happy 41st Birthday, Washington Park



More than 700 persons of all ages enjoyed Washington Park's birthday party with free entrance on Sunday, June 6. They came to celebrate 41 years of the first National Park of Bonaire and the Antilles. From 8 in the morning the stands of the Marshe di Rincon were set up, selling their products and local food and barbeque.

Throughout the day they sold cakes, sweets, different artifacts and handmade items. There was music for dancing and listening to: groups Tuti Fruiti, ESO, Glenn i su Geng, SOG and Proyecto 2000. Tour guides led groups of all ages up Mt. Brandaris, on the Lagadishi trail and swimming at Slagbaai. The museum was open and offered different exhibitions. STINAPA would like to thank the Fundashon Marshe di Rincon and the Fundashon Arte i Kultura for their cooperation and participation in the celebration. ■ Press release/ L..D.



Second Gen Lionfish

Jerry Ligon pointed us at this photo showing the size of the first specimen of the **second generation of Lionfish** on Bonaire. As you can see it is 2.5cm (about 1 inch) in length and looks more like an invertebrate, perhaps a shrimp. "In the next few weeks we will see whether we are into a trickle of new juveniles, as we were when the first generation arrived, 2 or 3 a week, or whether we are in for a blizzard of juveniles, showing most probably that the local population are reproducing. We still do not know where the lionfish that are on Bonaire originated from, but the same rate of increase most likely shows that they are coming from the same origin. But a blizzard of juveniles likely show they are home-grown," said Ligon. ■ G.D.

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The Biggest Blunder of Bonairean Politicians

Everybody on Bonaire who follows the local news in the press and on the radio knows that the main local politicians have been labeled as traitors by the opponents to the new status of the island. Ramonsito Booi, who had "sold Bonaire" to the Dutch, was the first. However, also Jopie Abraham, who, after a long period of boycotting the Dutch and then eventually signing the agreement with Henk Kamp, is now considered a traitor by the opponents to the neocolonialism."

As known, the local population has been systematically indoctrinated with two stories.

their majority for a direct link with the Netherlands in the 2004 referendum, they did not know that this choice would eventually result in integration with the Netherlands. It is true that in 2004 nobody (including the Dutch government) knew in what form this direct link would be realized. However, by signing the Final Accord (*Slotverklaring*) between Bonaire and the Dutch government in 2006, Bonaire agreed that the island, as a special municipality, would form a part of the Netherlands. If the members of the Island Council who had signed the accord would have thoroughly studied the document and asked hard questions (for example about introducing some unacceptable Dutch laws to Bonaire), they would know that the accord meant a full

integration with the mother country.

As Judge Bob Wit stated in his famous advice, before signing the accord a referendum had to be organized (like it happened much later on Curaçao) in order to learn the will of the Bonairean people in this crucial matter because it was the people and not the politicians who had to decide.

Another story is that an overwhelming majority of the people is against the three Dutch "immoral laws." The fact is that only a handful of people (less than 1% of the inhabitants of Bonaire) participating in the demonstration against these laws, says that this story is just wishful thinking.

To organize a referendum after the government coup in 2009, after three years of hard work of hundreds of people to enable a smooth transition to the new status of Bonaire, was certainly a little late. Fortunately, the governor of the Netherlands Antilles prohibited the organization of the referendum in which the advice of the United Nations experts (invited by the opponents to the new status) with regard to the right to vote of all island's citizens and the formulation of the referendum questions was ignored. Nevertheless, the Island Council was free to call for a referendum provided they abided to the UN experts' recommendations. But in early 2010, the Island Council wisely abandoned the idea of the referendum, the results of which could backfire, and renewed the cooperation with the Dutch in order to enable the realization of the new status for Bonaire on 10-10-10.

Therefore it was a surprise when the Patriotiko Party (UPB), which had always opposed the referendum, recently suggested to organize a referendum before October 1, 2010. Although the Democratic Party (PDB) members and their ally have seen this surprising initiative of the UPB solely as a political trick of the party which "sold Bonaire to the Dutch," they reluctantly had to take the idea as their own. It was, therefore, unanimously approved by the council.

Aside from the absolutely absurd timing, the idea that the people will be asked in the referendum to answer only one question – whether they agree or not with the result of the negotiations about the future status of Bonaire – is certainly reprehensible. As the members of the Island Council should know, it is impossible to answer this question with a yes or no because the fact is that while the majority of the people certainly agrees with the planned urgent improvement of the current conditions in health care, education, personal security, infrastructural works and others, there are some doubts and objections in some other areas. Although the results of the referendum will not be taken seriously by the Dutch government (the BES laws have been already approved by both chambers of parliament), its costs would not be a complete loss if it were a survey of the local population by asking for example, "What do you think about the introduction of the Dutch 'immoral' laws?" (we could finally see the alleged "overwhelming majority") or "What do you think about replacing the Antillean guilder with the US dollar?"

Also the intention of allowing the participation of 16-year-old children in the referendum is objectionable. These children, with some exceptions, have other interests than to be abused for a political play of the local politicians. How can such a child answer the question whether he or she agrees with the result of the negotiations about the future status of Bonaire when even the majority of the adults will

not be able to do it? It would be certainly interesting to hold a survey about the knowledge of these children and also adults about the negotiations of Bonaire with the Dutch government. I am sure that it would show that most people know too little about it.

The members of the council know that whatever the result is of the referendum, the Dutch government and the majority in the parliament will just ignore it. It will certainly not be prepared to negotiate again. It is sure that in case of a negative result, the radical rightist party PVV will cheer it vociferously. This very strong political party which earned 24 seats in the recent Dutch parliament and has a real chance to be part of the new coalition government, shall certainly do all possible to convince the other coalition members and the parliament that Bonaire and later all Dutch Caribbean islands should become independent (it is in the party's program). Temporarily, Saba and St. Eustatius can form an autonomous land with Sint Maarten.

Fortunately, Bonaire would not be lost if forced to become independent. It is sure that it would get the possibility to form a free association (which some politicians have always cherished) with the closest neighbor, Venezuela. It would be advantageous for the both parties. Bonaire would get cheap gas and Venezuela could unite this strategic island with the island chain along its coast. At the same time, the important problem of the protection of Bonaire against criminal drug gangs and illegal immigration would be solved. The very well equipped Venezuelan navy can certainly replace the few vessels of the Dutch coast guard and its helicopters.

It can be expected that after the earlier or later declaration of independence of Bonaire about a third of the population will leave for Holland or for the other Dutch Antillean islands, as happened in the case of Suriname in 1975. Unless a big investment comes from Venezuela, the Latin American workers with their families will also return to their countries. As a result, the total number of inhabitants will decrease significantly. Therefore, the majority of the planned extensions of the current facilities and new projects can be dropped. The wealthy people from Venezuela will certainly be interested in buying the residences of the rich Dutch and Americans in Belnem and Sabadeco. As known, most of these houses are empty for most of the year. The dramatic decrease of the population and of the visiting divers can have also a very positive effect - the restoration of the nature of the island and particularly the recuperation of the health of the coral reef.

However, as confirmed by several important local observers, the chances for Bonaire to become independent soon are very slim.

There will probably be no referendum because one or more of the council members will eventually refuse to continue to participate in political plays and will convince the others that it would be much better to hold the referendum just after five years when, according to the stipulations in the Final Accord, the people will get a full opportunity to express their will about the island status. I hope that this will happen. ■ *Jiri Lausman*

Lausman is a retired Antillean businessman living on Bonaire.



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Bondy On The Ball—2010



The theme for this World Cup was Africa United and with a record six African countries being represented, it was arguably the most colourful opening ceremony to date. Some cynics carp at the occasional lapses in choreography, but the pure of heart warmed to the honesty of the performance. The ceremony began with a five-plane military fly-past over the 92,000-seat stadium, which resembles a huge African calabash or cooking pot. Drummers drummed, dancers danced and singers sang. The joy of the world was summed up by the smiling faces that filled the stadium. The first match would have to be something special to live up to such a spectacle! Luckily we weren't disappointed! **The hosts entertained Mexico.** On paper Mexico were the more superior team but history reminds us that the host nation has never lost their opening game. Despite the partisan crowd, Mexico soon settled into their stride and came close to spoiling the party. Only a few memorable saves by South African keeper Khune kept hopes alive. Against the run of play, the stadium erupted as Siphiwe Tshabalala fired in a left-footed scorcher to put the hosts ahead. It looked as though the first upset of the tournament was secured when Mexico's Rafael Marquez struck 12 minutes from time and broke the hearts of a nation. A 1-1 draw was, on reflection, a great result for Bafana Bafana as the hosts are affectionately known

The second match of the day was **Uruguay v France.** The French famously 'cheated' their way into the final at the expense of Ireland so they really needed to prove their worth; unfortunately they failed to do so. Uruguay became the first team to have a player sent off when Gonzalez was dismissed for a second bookable offence. 0-0 was all that the game deserved. Saturday June 12th kicked off with **South Korea v Greece.** Nobody expected this game to set our pulses racing and it pretty much lived up to its billing. South Korea played brightly enough and were worth double their 2-0 victory. Greece's play, however, was indeed a tragedy and as poor as their country's economy. Greater things were expected in the second match as **Argentina faced up to Nigeria.** Any manager would be envious of the riches that Maradona has to pick from, but ironically, not many players would wish to have Maradona as a manager. That said, his players love him and they systematically tore Nigeria to shreds. In fairness to Nigeria, they defended well and the 1-0 score-line was in no small way attributed to an excellent performance by keeper Vincent Enyeama. Argentina will of course progress, but better sides may test their fragile defence. Finally, the match that I had been waiting for and a chance to see if **England** would live up to the hype as they took on the **USA.** I had hoped that we could show our transatlantic cousins the difference be-



tween football and soccer. Sadly it wasn't meant to be. Optimism runs through the veins of Americans and they always believe that they can win. They nearly did! It all started brightly enough for England as Steven Gerrard put his team ahead within 4 minutes. From then on, the USA worked hard and were resilient. Disaster struck five minutes from half time as a speculative shot from Cliff Dempsey was practically hurled into the net by England Keeper, Robert Green. The second half saw a more evenly contested match and the USA deserved their draw. With all due respect to the USA, if this is the best that England has to offer, then this writer's hopes are not high. Well, there are a lot of games in the next few weeks before I report again and I will be watching every minute. It's a tough job but someone has to do it! Until next time, keep the game beautiful. ■

Tony Bond



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.

BonQuiz Answer

Bon Quiz (from page 8)



Q) What was this slab of concrete used for?
A) A wall to show movies, like a drive in theater, but without the cars.

Sudoku Solution

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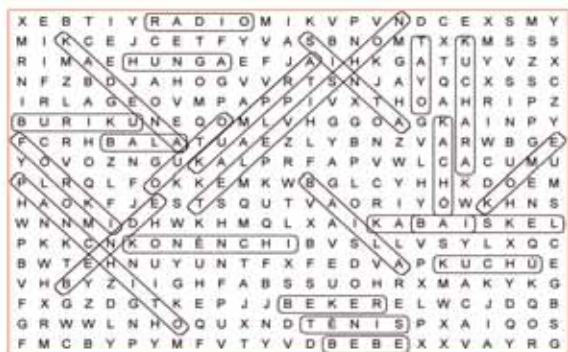
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Picture Yourself With The Reporter... Twin Lakes, south of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada



Lorne and Angie Garred of The Dive Outfitters write: "Our picture was taken on February 20, 2010, at Twin Lakes, which is located south of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The Dive Outfitters was conducting an "Ice Diver Specialty Course" and the water temperature was 37° Fahrenheit (3° Celsius). You'll notice the hole that was cut into the ice where the divers could enter the water. Ropes that were attached to the divers were tendered by surface safety divers so you always had a line back to the hole. When in Canada, check us out at www.thediveoutfitters.ca and when in Bonaire, you'll find us at our home, www.villamakoshi.com located across from Sand Dollar Resort."

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Some, but not all, of the people who make The Reporter what it is.

To celebrate its sweet 16th birthday *The Bonaire Reporter* threw a pizza and drinks party at Pasa Bon Pizza. It was an opportunity for *Reporter* writers and columnists, photographers, support staff and colleagues to mingle and exchange stories. It's these people who help to keep *The Reporter* alive and exciting to read. "Reportedly," a great time was had by all. *The Reporter* was born as *Port Call, Bonaire's Waterfront Weekly*, in April 1994 when owners George and Laura DeSalvo lived aboard their boat in the harbor. *Port Call* began as a newspaper for the cruising community, but as the island cast its spell, little by little the content became more and

more Bonaire land-oriented, so much so that with the first issue of the year 2000 the name was changed to *The Bonaire Reporter*.

In April 2001 the format was changed from an A4 newsheet size to the much larger tabloid version, with 1,500 copies each issue printed at DeStad in Curaçao – a big jump from the heretofore 350 copies printed at National Printing on Bonaire. Along the way gifted reporters, writers and photographers joined to make *The Reporter* what it is today. Heartfelt thanks to all and especially to the island of Bonaire itself. ■
Laura DeSalvo

Pet of the Week

"Ronald," the big black dog in the photo, looks like a mellow guy and he is with those he loves. But watch out if someone comes along with bad intentions! He turns into a very efficient watch dog. Ronald is about a year and a half and was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter because his owner was moving to a place where no pets are allowed. What a pleasant and smart dog, and he's friendly and affectionate too. You have to meet him in person to really see what a great animal he is. He's healthy, having been checked out by the vet, has had his shots, tests, worming and even his sterilization already. He's ready to go to someone who will treat him with the love and respect he deserves. You may meet him at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com ■ Laura DeSalvo



To the Rescue of the Shelter

Kobi Lloyd of Virginia, a frequent Bonaire visitor, recently asked the Bonaire Animal Shelter if there were any pressing needs at the Shelter as she was going to be visiting Bonaire the week of May 17 and could "mule" down whatever was needed. Shelter staff told her



"Assistant manager" Charlie showing his gratitude to Kobi for the precious medicine.

that they were in need of specific prescription de-worming medicine for new arrivals but that the cost was quite high. Never one to back away from a challenge, Kobi posted on Bonaire Talk that over \$800 was needed to buy the prescription meds for the shelter. The Bonaire Talk community responded overwhelmingly and the money was raised in just a few days and the medicines arrived as promised. A huge thank you to Kobi and all the generous Bonaire Talkers who have made life better for the Shelter residents.

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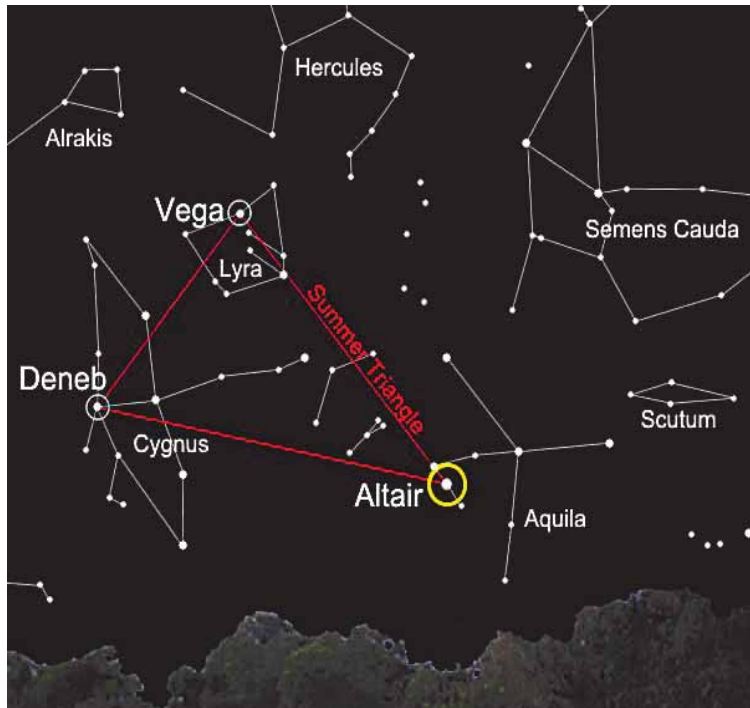


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*to find it... just look up

The Stars of Early Summer Nights Welcome in the New Season and Say Farewell to the Old

Even though this week is the first week of summer for the northern hemisphere we can still see many of the bright stars of late spring. However, they won't be around long because the brightest stars of summer are rising and announcing they will soon take over the heavens.



During this week and next just after dark, which will be between 10 and 11 pm, Sky Park Time, face north where you'll see the **Little Dipper** at its very highest above the **North Star**. In fact, the North Star is the star at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper. Now the Little Dipper is not nearly as large or bright as the **Big Dipper** which is directly to its left in the northwest. Four stars mark its cup and three stars mark its handle. And once you've found it you can shoot an arrow through its handle to find the 3rd brightest star in the sky, **Arcturus**, which is the major star of **Bootes, the Herdsman**, although the entire constellation looks something like a kite. You can extend that arrow from Arcturus over to the brightest star of **Virgo, Spica**. Remember? **Arc to Arcturus, speed on to Spica!**

Now, we can tell from the stars alone that spring is almost over because spring's most famous constellation is just above the western horizon. A sickle-shaped pattern or backward question mark of stars marks the front part of **Leo the Lion** and a triangle of stars marks his rear. And he looks like he's getting ready to lunge below the horizon before summer kicks him out of the evening skies. Next, if you turn 180 degrees around and face east you will see the three incredibly bright stars which mark the points of a very large triangle, the brightest of which is **Vega**, the second brightest **Altair** and the third **Deneb**, the three stars which mark the points of the great **Summer Triangle**. And every summer in mid June just after it gets good and dark out we always see this triangle of three celestial dazzlers rising over the eastern horizon.

Of course, my personal favorite stars of summer are always somewhere in the south, southeast or southwest. So just look south and there you'll see a giant fish hook-shaped pattern of stars which is none other than summer's infamous **Scorpius**, the **Scorpion**, which is trailed by the teapot-shaped portion of stars which make up part of the constellation **Sagittarius, the Centaur**. So there you have it: bright summer stars announcing their arrival and the stars of spring bidding us farewell. ■ *Jack Horkheimer*



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Parker's Horoscopes

By Derek Parker

June (end)-2010

ARIES (March 21 – April 21) You will have to get something sorted – whatever that will mean to you personally! But will you be able to clear decks for action and when? Your powers of communication are excellent at present, so if you have to send a million emails or scold the bank, know that your fiery Aries spirit will stand you in excellent good stead, but consciously curb impetuosity all month. **25% positive**

TAURUS (April 22 – May 20) A decision regarding a purchase will have to be made. Your instinctive feelings will pull in two directions. You love luxury but are wondering if you will be ultra- extravagant. To complicate the situation there's always the question of sheer quality and your desire for the best, because durability makes good sense. So your dilemma is super quality versus sheer extravagance. **50% positive**

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20) Your quick-thinking, alert mind will be great form from when Mercury enters Gemini. In addition to enjoying your special day, making decisions, special purchases and generally enjoying yourself will be ace. Venus is putting you in a generous mood so the outflow of cash will be considerable. **75% positive**

CANCER (June 21 – July 21) You will be in a thoughtful mood, and you are far less likely than usual to have those little Cancerian worries bothering you. Sit back, relax and enjoy life; but during this interesting, somewhat low key time don't be surprised if a brilliant idea occurs to you. Sleep on it until after the 21st when the Sun enters your sign, and by the 26th when the Moon is full, everything will take shape and you will know which direction to take. **80% positive**

LEO (July 22 – August 22) You will be uncharacteristically secretive and a bit mysterious about something concerning your partner. The accent is on fun and you will express all your lovely passionate Leo qualities with flair, and will make certain that life is good for both of you! (Think... does your cunning plan involve travel?) **70% positive**

VIRGO (August 23 – September 23) Don't become too sceptical when you learn that June will be a great month for your studies, career, or business interests. It is important that you speak up – whether coping with a board of impressive tycoons, or if in awe of some stern professor - you will make impact especially if you carefully plan what you want to say. The most progressive time for all this is from the 10th to the 25th When Mercury is working overtime for you. **65% positive**

LIBRA (September 24 – October 23) There is an old saying that 'he who hesitates is lost' and because you often find it difficult to be decisive you have probably felt there's a ring of truth to the ancient wisdom. While life

will have enjoyable moments, from the 15th a restless mood or not quite knowing what to do, will be with you. At first it might not be very easy to cope with, but with help from Jupiter on the 15th everything will be satisfactorily resolved. **45% positive**

SCORPIO (October 24 – November 21) You are naturally brilliant at research and fact-finding, and these qualities will definitely be extremely useful during June. Perhaps a career or business project will need a 'lot of looking into' or maybe one of your interests will be more important than usual, and you will go on some fascinating discovery trail. The result will be considerable satisfaction, and who knows that as a result, between the 15th and the 18th, you'll also be feeling extremely smug. **75% positive**

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 21) Will you ever stop talking? Probably not between the 15th and the 25th. So whether you are doing your best to get your own way, or ideas accepted at work or with your partner, you will make your point during these weeks; but the planets are dropping more than a gentle hint that you must listen to other people's opinions and consider their feelings. **40% positive**

CAPRICORN (December 22 – January 19) Keeping a balance between your busy working life and the time you spend with your loved ones will be difficult, so in what will be a demanding month, sometimes try to allow your disciplined qualities be over-ruled. Make the most of Venus when you will feel romantic and nostalgic. Get out those old CDs and favourite DVD movies as you coddle up with your special darling, realising that life isn't just all hard work! **35% positive**

AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18) There's a certain amount of stress and tension surrounding you during the first week of June, but you should discover a way of relieving it. Nevertheless, all month you should carefully plan your schedule and pace yourself, because you seriously need to keep a balance in your working life and leisure hours. The influences are good to excellent for sporting and artistic Aquarians, and maybe you should spoil yourself on the 26th – the Full Moon. **35% positive**

PISCES (February 19 – March 20) Most importantly Jupiter is suggesting if you have come a long way with a study course, or something you want to do, and maybe are feeling fed up with your progress, you must make an additional effort. Don't give up. The result will definitely be worthwhile. Across the Zodiac Mars is being a nuisance. You'll not lack energy, but a spat with your lover is something you don't want.. **25% positive**

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How Much?

By Pauline E. Kayes

(Note: During her classes on poetry with the SGB higher education prep students, Professor Kayes was inspired to write this poem after a discussion with the students about how the Gulf of Mexico oil spill might be relevant to Bonaire.)

How much are the whale sharks worth,
Some making their way to
the Mouth of the Mississippi
River

Thousands of miles from
South America past Bonaire,
Only to be coated in oil and
become floating 40 ton ne-
cropsies?

Will British Petroleum pay?

How much are the brown
pelicans worth,
Cousins of the ones skim-
ming Playa,
Now nesting, and diving, and
coming up
With beaks of sludge in the
Gulf of Mexico?

Will Haliburton pay?

How much are the hawksbill
and green turtles worth,
Some born on the beaches of
Bonaire,
Now gasping their last
breaths in the acrid fumes
Of the toxic-chemical-
petroleum stew off the coast
of Louisiana?

Will Transamerica pay?

How much are sacks of blue-
fin tuna eggs worth,
Suffocating in a nursery of
oil plumes,
Sinking into extinction in the
deepest ocean of the Gulf,
Never to be seen off the coast
of Bonaire?

Will the U.S. government
pay?

The reckoning comes soon.
Will we all pay?

Pauline Kayes 5-25-10

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