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been a proposal to postpone the Bonaire referendum from September 3



until October 1 because there has been insufficient time to prepare an information program.

The educational campaign is needs to run five to six weeks. Because the necessary Island Council members were off-island no decision has yet been made. The cost of the referendum is expected to be between NAF 350.000 and NAF 450.000.

► CURAÇAO--Timothy Dunn, Consul-General of the US for the **Netherlands Antilles is returning** to Washington to await his next posting. His replacement has not been named. Prime Minister Emily De Jongh-Elhage thanked him for his efforts over the past three years in the Netherlands Antilles. "I appreciated your efforts.' Mr. Dunn, in turn, thanked the Prime Minister for her words and the good cooperation of the Netherlands Antilles, the Kingdom with the US. He called the cooperation that currently exists "excellent."

► Competing forecasts?: MIAMI--US government scientists on Thursday reduced their forecast for the 2010 Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season but said they were still predicting a very active year of eight to 12 hurricanes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said it now expects 14 to 20 tropical storms, with eight to 12 of those strengthening into hurricanes. It forecast that four to six of them would become "major" hurricanes, which are ranked at Category 3 or above on the fivestep Saffir-Simpson scale of intensity and have top winds of more than 110 miles per hour (177 km per hour).

DENVER-- US Colorado State University (CSU) hurricane forecasting team last Wednesday maintained its 2010 Atlantic hurricane season forecast at 10 hurricanes, five of them expected to be major. The leading storm re-

search team, founded by hurricane forecast pioneer William Gray, said the six-month season that began on June 1 would likely see 18 named tropical storms, unchanged from its June 2 prediction. So far the season had produced three tropical storms, one of which grew to hurricane strength. While hurricanes do not hit Bonaire the island can be affected by reverse winds and sea swells.

► Air France-KLM had called in the Curação airline company Insel Air to transport passengers to Curacao who were stranded on St. Maarten due to a technical defect of the KLM-aircraft in question. The local general manager for KLM, Simone Wickenhagen, states this was done to get passengers to their final destination quickly under the circumstances.

The KLM executive denies that the made choice was because Insel Air was the only one with the white listing amongst the airline companies in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom.

►WILLEMSTAD- -The Curação Space Experience B.V., founded in 2003, signed a letter of intent with Curação Airport Holding. The letter of intent is a first step for commercial space travel from the Hato International airport on Curação. A flight would cost well over 100.000 guilders and last around 30 minutes, the passenger experiencing zero gravity for 10 minutes. The hope is that the flights will be possible in 2014.

►THE HAGUE—It's been revealed that Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will not fall under NATO's protection after October 10. This is based on a North **Atlantic Treaty Organization** (NATO) geographical exclusion clause.

Dutch caretaker Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende told BNR News Radio last Tuesday that although the BES Islands (Bonaire, Statia and Saba) will become an integral part of the Netherlands as "special municipalities" as of October 10, they cannot count on the (Continued on page 8)



The Warriors and their partners about to go on their first boat dive following their certification at Habitat

or the fifth consecutive year Bonaire welcomed a group of Wounded Warriors, American soldiers who suffered both psychological and physical injuries during the performance of their duties in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will spend from August 7 to 14 with their partners diving and touring the island. The group is staying and diving at Captain Don's Habitat. Besides the staff of the resort, representatives of the "Be-A-Diver Program of the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association (DEMA) and the North American office of the Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) are on hand to assist

The soldiers took the basic SCUBA course before arriving on island and did the required dives last Saturday and Sunday allowing them to earn the Open Water Certification.

During the rest of the time they will continue to enjoy diving Bonaire and Klein Bonaire, do some sightseeing, shopping and will attend a Texas-style barbecue. The highlight of the week was to be a reception hosted by Island Governor Glenn Thodé.

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A magic night of pizza at Rum Runners

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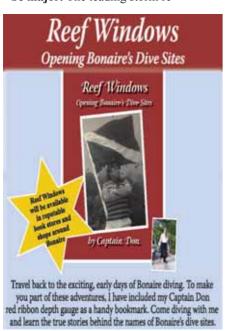
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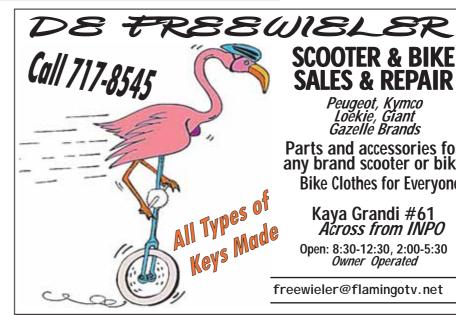
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ife on Bonaire primarily requires Both depend, for the most part, on imports. People from other places provide the economic basis for most people on the the strains can potentially produce 10 or island. They are attracted by Bonaire's clear water and relatively unspoiled environment thanks to a small population and non-commercial history. Electricity provides the power and water (via desalination) to support both visitors and resi-

Except for salt, Bonaire has no exploitable natural resources and no manufactur-

With the advent of wind power Bonaire can become partially self-sustaining for electricity. And there is serious discussion of growing algae in unused salt works ponds, harvesting it and processing it into biodiesel. If this is accomplished the island can supply itself with all the power it needs.

Dozens of companies and academic

laboratories are pursuing the same goal to produce algae as a source of, literally, green energy. And many of them are using genetic engineering or other biological techniques, like chemically induced mutations, to improve how algae func-

"There are probably well over 100 academic efforts to use genetic engineering to optimize biofuel production from algae," said Matthew C. Posewitz, an assistant professor of chemistry at the Colorado School of Mines, who has written a review of the field.

Algae are attracting attention because more times more fuel per acre than the corn used to make ethanol or the soybeans used to make biodiesel. Moreover, algae can be grown in brackish water so that fuel production would not compete with food production. Besides they do not need the fresh water and acreage that other biofuel sources like switchgrass do. In addition algae are voracious consumers of carbon dioxide, potentially helping to keep some of this greenhouse gas from contributing to global warming.

The labs are working to create superalgae, highly efficient at converting sunlight and carbon dioxide into lipids and oils that can be sent to a refinery and made into diesel or jet fuel.

Mike Mendez, a co-founder and vice president for technology at Sapphire Energy, in New Mexico says, "My whole goal here at Sapphire is to domesticate

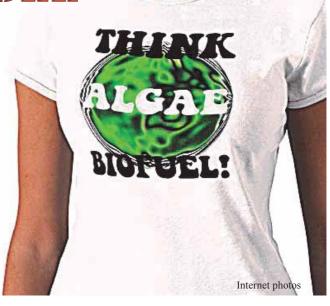
algae, to make it a crop." His company has tried and tested over 4,000 varieties of algae. Foreign genes are being spliced into algae and native genes are being tweaked

Different strains of algae are pitted against one another in survivalof-the-fittest contests in an effort to accelerate the evolution of fastgrowing, hardy strains.

But efforts to genetically engineer algae, which usually means to

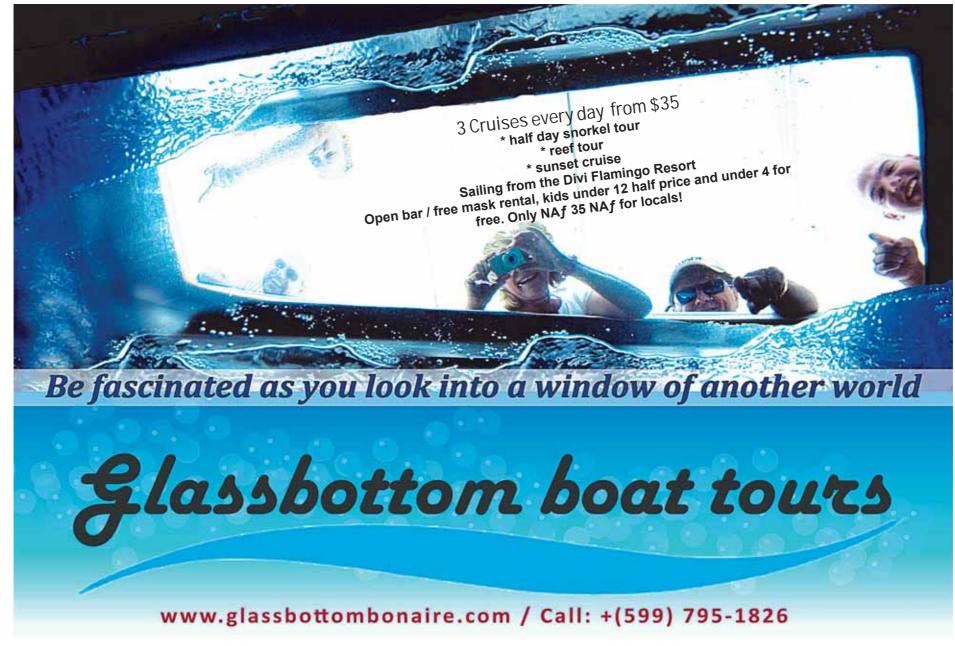
splice in genes from other organisms, worry some experts because algae play a vital role in the environment. The singlecelled photosynthetic organisms produce much of the oxygen on earth and are the base of the marine food chain. "About 40% of the oxygen that you and I are breathing right now comes from the algae in the oceans," the genetic scientist J. Craig Venter said at a US Congressional hearing in May.

Gerald H. Groenewold, director of the University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center, is trying to organize a study of the risks. He says. "We must do this with the knowledge of the implications and how to safeguard what we are doing."



But many scientists, particularly those in the algae business, say the fears of genetically modified escaping and multiplying are overblown. Just as food crops cannot thrive without a farmer to nourish them and fend off pests, algae modified to be energy crops would be uncompetitive against wild algae if they were to escape, and even inside their own ponds.

If the algae escaped and flourished, then what? Allison A. Snow, an ecologist at Ohio State University, testified that a "worst-case hypothetical scenario" would be that algae engineered to be extremely hardy might escape into the environment, displace other species and cause algal overgrowths that deprive waters of oxygen, killing fish and marine life. And if that happens in Bonaire it can kill tourism as well as our living reef. \Box G.D.



Born on Bonaire 1946 – Maria Koeks-Sintjago

was born in the middle of chance. I stayed there for three years, then my dad retired and I else in those days my mom was planning on giving birth at home, but when things didn't go smoothly they decided it would be better to go to the hospital in Playa. However, on the way to Playa, at Puerto Spanjo, I decided it was time to come out, so I was born in the *mondi* and from that time on nature has always been a part of me. It's inside me.

When I was growing up, my mom would take us walking everywhere. We would go to Karpata to swim, we would walk to Playa, we collected wood for the stove and picked fruits of the kenepa and from Holland to Paris, from Paris shimaruku. Those years were wondrous and adventurous, lovely childhood days.

After I finished primary school -I was 11 – there was no follow-up in education available on the island so I went to the St. Martinus Boarding School on Curação. My dad was working on a tanker – like ready. There had to be more and so many other Bonairean men at the time – and he would come to see me whenever he had the

years, then my dad retired and I came back to Bonaire where they had just started with the Lourdes Mulo high school.'

She smiles "It has been quite a life. When I'd finished high school I wanted to become a stewardess so badly, but it wasn't possible in those days so I went to Curação to study to become a kindergarten teacher. I stayed there for two years. From 1965 until 1967 I worked as a kindergarten teacher in Playa. In 1967 I went to Holland to get my headmaster's certificate. Another two years later I came back, on a ship. I went to Lisbon and there I boarded a ship called the Santa Maria. It was an adventurous 14 days at sea. I felt like I was on top of the world.

After I worked for five years in Rincon as head of the kindergarten, it started itching again. It hadn't been enough. I was still not so I decided to go back to Holland and to start a higher professional education in child care, health care

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and art. It was a four-year study and when I graduated I was 32. I came back to Bonaire to stay in

I started working at SGB high school and it was great. I also got married. My husband, Wilby Koeks, was a friend from my youth. We'd been corresponding for years while he was at sea. He was a seaman with KNSM. We married in 1979. He had also been in Holland for two years and so we came back together.

In Holland another important event happened when we were there. Wilby and I were both raised Catholic, but in Holland we began to study the Bible and when we returned to Bonaire both of us were baptized and became Jehovah's Witnesses.

So, Wilby started working for the salt company. He's still at Cargill Salt. And I worked at SGB at all levels for almost 20 years. When you think about it it's quite

Then I trained in special education and started teaching at the Watapana School for special education in Rincon and... if I may say so...it has been the absolute highlight of my career! When you work in special education you have to go to the level of that particular child so the child can understand what you mean and when

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Maria relaxing in her lush garden



Born On Bonaire (Continued from page 4) there's that moment that the child looks at you and says 'Aha... I get it!' that makes up for everything! That is just a fabulous feeling, and when I think back on it," She laughs with tears in her eyes, "I get very emotional...

In 2001 I stopped teaching. I was 55 and had 30 years of service. I could choose retire or go on and I chose to stop. There were so many other things I wanted to do.

During my years at school I took some tourist courses as well. In those days few cruise ships came to Bonaire, but I did make several trips with tourists, mostly during the holidays.

Ten years ago, the ladies club in Rincon, 'Rinfa' (Rincon femenina), was setting up a market every first Saturday of the month. They asked me if I wanted to join them and I said, 'Yes, but not with a booth. I want to organize a tour in Rincon.' I had a colleague, Miss Carmita, with whom I had taken the tourist course and she and I 'composed' the tourist walking tour in Rincon. We're still using it – it's our main village tour. Can you imagine my first tours, with my school English, using hands and feet? It was really interesting! Ha, ha!

When I took the tourist course I'd become friends with an American couple, Doris and Tony Kool, so when I needed to upgrade my English, Doris and I and another friend, Agaath, would go swimming every Friday and we would speak only English. That's how I took my English to a higher level by making friends and talking with them. And that's what I tell everybody who wants to learn Papiamentu: Make friends and chat!

After doing the walking tours for a while I started thinking of expanding the tour, to show the people more of Rincon's sur-

roundings. I bought a van and went on several trips with our elderly so they could see the product and test it. On one of those trips at the entrance to Washington Park we met George 'Cultura' who was breeding and collecting a whole bunch of hermit crabs, which we call soldachi in Papiamentu. Then the same. it struck me and I said, This is going to be the name of my tours – **Soldachi Tours!** The thing I like very much is that the local people identify themselves with the Soldachi Tours. I really like that! It's a business/ hobby/fan club! The business has grown, but what I find very positive is that I've grown too...'

Maria Koeks' feet are deeply rooted in the soil of Rincon, but her mind is open to the whole wide world. She's tiny and slender, a vivacious and daring woman with great charm and intelligence.

"It's my passion. First it was Broertje Janga who put Rincon on the map by organizing Dia di Rincon. Then the women of Rincon started with the market – to give the reputation of the village a lift and to bring it to a higher level. I did my part, but I couldn't have done it all by myself. The people of Rincon made it all happen and it was a struggle, because tourism was – and still is for the most part - something that was connected to Playa. There's always been a kind of rivalry between Rincon and Playa. They see Rincon as a somewhat underdeveloped area. I am glad that it is underdeveloped, but the problem is that our youth are leaving – a world-wide phenomenon. Children turn their backs on the villages and leave for the cities, so what's left in the villages are the elderly.

Rincon's beauty is the silence, the tranquility, the nature and... the people. Here the people are still very much involved with each other; they care for each other. I

wouldn't want to change Rincon for any other place. I love Rincon and the passion I feel for it I want to pass on to others and maybe they will feel

In the old days the people here would eat what the soil would give them. Six years ago we started brainstorming with five people and Rocky of LVV about how to grow our own vegetables and to become 100 years old! Everybody started planting at their own house and we went to visit each other to see how things were growing. Now our club, Mi Hofito (My little kitchen garden) has 40 members and every second Wednesday of the month we come together. We're also trying to connect the youngsters to the kunuku again. Those are the things I'm doing now.

Last night Wilby and I were talking about how we'd started and how we grew together and about all the things we experi-

enced and lived through on Bonaire but also anything, I am really in Holland and all the trips he made as a seaman. I've traveled a lot myself, but some that's how it is.." parts of the world I've seen through his eves – the way he described them in his letters to me. I still have to see more places. Ecuador and the Galapagos are on my list. But in case it doesn't happen – I didn't miss

Maria said, "I want my photo taken at the Sababa Rock, the highlight of my village tour, where it says that Rincon was founded by the Spanish in 1527. So, in 2027 Rincon will be celebrating its 500th anniversary and then I want my picture taken again!"

happy and content,

■Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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monitoring to have four chicks. As we approached the nest we noticed the feathers on the ground outside. On closer inspection we noticed a wing, and then a head of one of the chicks; it was like a horror movie. The nest of four was empty, and it was quite obvious to us what was the cause. A cat had found the nest and had probably removed the

A ugust is upon us already, and for the Lora chicks, this means that it's almost time to fledge. In many of the nests that we monitor, the chicks are no longer being fed by their parents and it's now up to them to leave the nest if they want to have another meal! We have watched some of the chicks peering out of the nests checking out the world outside the darkness they've lived in since they hatched nearly two months ago.

Sadly, very few will have the privilege. The chicks face one more big obstacle, and that is **poaching.** At this time of year, when the chicks are almost ready to leave the nest, poachers take the chicks to sell to the illegal pet trade. Taking Loras from the wild has been illegal on Bonaire since 1952. However, this law wasn't enforced until 2002 when every pet Lora had to be brought forward to be registered and ringed. Every pet Lora found after that date was regarded as illegally caught and could be confiscated and the owners fined. Despite this, the practice of poaching Loras continues, and it is thought that some are taken off the island to Curação. Of the nests that we have been monitoring over the past five years, around 30% are lost each year to poaching.

Last week, we spent an afternoon in Washington-Slagbaai National Park to visit three nests that we have been monitoring over the past few years.

The first nest had four healthy chicks. It was the only nest this year that we were

ugust is upon us already, and for the **chicks one by one over the past week**.

Fortunately, the next nest, being 10 feet off the ground was safe, and we finally got to carry out our work as normal. We weighed and measured the chick and put rings on it so that it could be identified it in the future.

We set off to the third nest, which I was fairly certain would be poached. It's location and position is easy pickings for anyone inclined to do so. Last year I wrote about my disappointment when someone had cut a new hole in this nest tree with a machete to take the chicks. It was just a matter of time before the same people would return to take the chicks this year. I hoped that I would be proven wrong this year, but the nest was empty.

We were bitterly disappointed after our afternoon's work. Two out of the three nests we went to were empty because of introduced predators and man. Four chicks had been killed, and two stolen which left one chick remaining out of seven. It was a nasty example of the reality that faces the Lora chicks before they even leave the nest all condensed in to one afternoon in the

field. ■ Story & photo by Rhian Evans

Evans is leading the Parrotwatch



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adine Rubin writes, "Americans who are Bonaire neighbors flew from all over the east coast to dive in the Georgia Aquarium, and of course we brought along *The Reporter*, but they would not let us bring it into the tank! We dove with 30' whale sharks, 12' manta rays, black tip reef sharks, hammerheads, 10' giant groupers and many other varieties of sharks, rays and fish. The Georgia Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the US. Divers are Nadine and Murray Rubin, Joel and Terri Frazier, Angela Anderson, Bill Mulvey, Larry Weber and Mary Gerdes and Mary Lepry."

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GROUPER DILEMMA

Dear Editor,

I am a local Bonairean fisherman who supports his family and makes an honest living, doing one of the toughest and most dangerous jobs on the planet. Lately, there have been a lot of conversations on the internet and recommendations not to eat grouper and to boycott local restaurants that sell grouper. This is done by people with the best of intentions and the admirable desire to protect endangered species. I agree that the population of shallow water groupers that live on Bonaire's reefs have been seriously depleted and need management to make a recovery.

Most of the year I fish for Wahoo, Tuna and Dorado (Mahi Mahi) but, especially in the summer months, when those fish are not running, I fish deep waters, usually around 600 feet, for deep water groupers and snappers. These are not fish that divers will ever likely see on the reef, as most live below 400 feet. At these deep depths, I catch mostly Snowy Groupers but also some Yellowedge, Misty Groupers, and Queen Snapper. These fish are not endangered on Bonaire because they require specialized equipment to catch them that most of the local boats don't have. A Google search will turn up a lot more information and photos of these fish. Yes, there may be certain areas of the US where they are endangered, but we are talking about Bonaire, where destructive fishing techniques such as long-lining, driftnets and bottom trawling (that destroys entire seafloor habitats) are not practiced by locals. When I return from fishing with my catch of Snowy Groupers, it would be nice

if the restaurants that I sell to can put these fish on their menus without the fear of being berated by misinformed diners with good intentions! So please, educate yourself about the different species of deep water groupers and, of course, you are free to decide not to eat them or any seafood for that matter. If you want to boycott restaurants serving grouper caught on Bonaire's reefs, that is another matter.

Some deep water grouper info...
In the western Atlantic Ocean, Snowy
Grouper and Misty Grouper occur from
Massachusetts to southeastern Brazil, including the Gulf of Mexico, Bermuda and
the Caribbean. Populations are also numerous in the eastern Pacific, from central California to Peru. These fish are usually found
offshore in depths of at least 400 feet, and
they are not commonly encountered by anglers. One must be skilled in the practice of
deep-dropping, an increasingly popular
technique used by professionals and skilled
charter captains.

Yellowedge Grouper are caught infrequently throughout their range by commercial and recreational fishermen. Most are landed from waters 450 to 850 feet deep, where the bottom is very irregular. Depth recorders and Loran are required to locate good fishing grounds.

The Queen Snapper (*Etelis oculatus*) is among the deepest dwelling species of the family *Lutjanidae*, and the only Atlantic species of *Etelis*. Its distribution covers the tropical western Atlantic Ocean, from North Carolina to the eastern tip of Brazil, at depths of 130 to 450 m (Allen, 1985).

-A Concerned and Conscientious Bonairean Fisherman

CRIME BUT NO PUNISHMENT?

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for publishing



the letters to the editor from BB and Mrs. Terray Sherman in your *Bonaire Reporter* (Issue 14). I think that those are only two of a huge number of unsatisfied Bonaire dive tourists nowadays.

A lot of tourists have had tremendous crime problems in Bonaire but it's not always so apparent. The reasons could be language problems and often they are not willing to invest a day at the police station. They simply will never came to Bonaire again, like a couple of German friends of ours. We also think in this direction.

Since 1996 my wife and I and friends have come regularly every year to Bonaire, staying for five to six weeks, to dive by car.

The last three years it was only a remembrance of a friendly, open and especially safe Bonaire. In these last three years we were hit by burglars in our rented house in St. Barbara/Republiek twice, and we had enormous problems with people breaking into our car while we were diving. In 2009 every second day we missed something (T-shirt, sunglasses, caps, swimming trunks). It is terrible what goes on in Bonaire and I feel that will soon kill Bonaire's dive tourism. During this time we were told by nearly every dive tourist that they had the same crime problems and they were deeply shocked about this.

It seems to us that Bonaire has lost control over these criminal groups. It seems also that these criminals are well known on Bonaire, but nothing has happened. Despite this we booked for 2011 in hopes of finding our old Bonaire again. We considered cancelling because we realize it is getting worse than ever. We are really frustrated, feel deeply uncomfortable und threatened.

If the island would really like to have a realistic view of this situation give tourists the opportunity to tell in a simple way (e.g. multiple choice) what they have experienced (e.g. airport).

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BonQuiz #35

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This structure in the open air museum at the Washington Slagbaai National Park entrance is an example of an "oven." If you look carefully, you'll see that the bottom is layered with a different material from that on the top.

In the center, an almost paper-fine wood is placed and lit to start the ignition process. When this *flambeu* is lit it allows the bottom material to catch fire, heating the top rows which eventually crumble from the high temperature.

After the oven has cooled, water is added, creating a lime whitewash which was used to paint buildings and for other construction.

Q) What are the natural products shown in the photo that were used to build the oven?

Answer on page 17
Quiz & photo by Christie Dovale

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) same support of NATO troops as regular Dutch municipalities.

Balkenende said the Dutch government is currently involved in talks with authorities in the Netherlands Antilles concerning the future safety of the islands.

▶If reports coming out of Willemstad are correct, the future countries St. Maarten and Curação will share a new currency to be called "Caribbean guilder" in six to nine months. While this is directly related to the constitutional changes and dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, it won't be possible on 10-10-10, when the new relations within the Dutch Kingdom are to take effect.

However, nobody seems to be able to explain why a new joint currency is needed in the first place. After all, the intention is to peg the "Caribbean guilder" to the US dollar in exactly the same manner as the Antillean guilder, as also was done with the Aruba florin when that island gained its separate status.

►THE HAGUE--Talks on forming a right -wing Dutch coalition government will take two to three weeks and will take place out of the public eve, negotiator Ivo Opstelten said on Thursday afternoon. Queen Beatrix has charged Opstelten with forming a "stable cabinet" which can count on a "fruitful" relationship with parliament. The negotiator is focusing on a cabinet made up of the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) and Christian Democrat CDA which will be supported by the Party for Freedom (PVV) in parliament. The talks will involve working out a formal coalition accord, which will be signed by the VVD and CDA, and a separate agreement which will also be signed by PVV. The formal talks will include dividing up the ministerial portfolios, Opstelten said. The three parties have agreed to take austerity measures aimed at saving €18 billion. The right-wing combination will have 76 out of 150 seats in the lower house of parliament but will not hold a majority in the senate.

►THE HAGUE—Raymond Labad of the Movement for the Advancement of Antillean and Aruban Participation (MAAPP) is afraid of a hostile approach towards foreigners if the Netherlands will be ruled by July. a Liberal, VVD and Christian Democrat CDA cabinet with the support of Party for Freedom, PVV, as described above. "Even now the climate is already unpleasant, but it will become even more unpleasant. This will not only be felt by Antilleans and Arubans, but also by Moroccans, Turks and all the other non-Dutch residents." The MAAPP chairman is afraid that the Mark Rutte cabinet which is currently "under construction" will quickly implement a pejorative admission policy for Antilleans and Arubans.

►THE HAGUE--A delegation from the Antillean government is scheduled to travel happens once in **823 years**. to the Netherlands this week to bring Antilleans living in The Netherlands up to date with the constitutional reform process now underway in the Netherlands Antil**les**. On the agenda will be the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles and the creation of the new countries of St. Maarten and Curação and the public entities of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

▶ Joel Gustav, head of the Dengue Prevention Unit from the French Agence Régionale de la Santé (ARS), said that 80% of mosquito breeding sites are lo-

cated around the home and yard, where there is human activity, and these could be completed a survival eliminated if the public cooperated. This has shown not to be the case despite the annual awareness campaigns that give specific guidelines on recognizing and destroying breeding sites, he said. See the Body Talk column on page 16 for some realistic advice on preventing the spread of Dengue



► Five youngsters from Bonaire will travel to the Netherlands on Sunday to participate in the theatre festival "Boulevard" in Den Bosch from August 9 to 14 named "Move Your Art." They will join youths from Holland, Belgium, Aruba and Curaçao. It's the first time Bonaire is participating and the theme of their performance will be "10-10-10." Children from Holland, Belgium, Aruba, Bonaire and Curação are involved as well. The Bonaire voungsters Diorella Cicilia, Loudina Soliana, Merleny Soleana and Semariel Marten are chaperoned by Robert Sances.

In the last issue of The Bonaire Reporter we published an article about the Animal Friends Foundation



Washikemba and a new born filly. Bregje Zijlstra and Marc van Breen sent some additions and corrections to that story:

- "1. The mother horse (Marybell) is owned by Bregje Zijlstra and not by the Foundation.
- 2. The filly now has a name; Sophia First of
- 3. Both horses are temporarily stabled at Gielmon "Funchi" Egbreghts' nearby kunuku.
- 4. Both horses are being taken care of by Bregje and Marc van Breen.
- 5. Do not give Marybell any apples as we mentioned previously. Horses love apples but Marybell is on a strict diet since the beginning of this year."
- ▶ Jiri Lausman pointed out that this month, August 2010 has:
- 5 Sundays
- 5 Mondays

5 Tuesdays all in one month. This only

► Middleburg, The Netherlands-- Laura Dekker, the 14-year-old girl who hopes to become the youngest person to sail solo round the world, left for Portugal with her father last Wednesday. After a shakedown cruise with her father, Dekker will then start her solo trip, according the girl's blog. She was made a ward of the court last year when judges said the trip would be too dangerous and a risk to her emotional and social development. But last month a Dutch court lifted the court's supervision order. Her lawyer said now she is well prepared

and has successfully course. The judge in the District Court in the southern Dutch city of Middelburg said it was up to her parents to decide whether she should sail solo around the world.

To set a new record as the youngest person ever to sail solo must complete the estimated two-year voyage before she turns 17 on September 20, 2012.

In December 2009, the Dutch teenager also made headlines in the Antilles after she had left home without consent and was found in St. Maarten. But she was intercepted and police and Immigration officials escorted her to the airport, leaving her in the hands of vantage of their summer special the Royal Dutch Marechaussees, who flew her back to Holland via Curação.

Currently, Bonaire is her first stop following a non-stop 385 mile sail from Gra**nada.** The route can be treacherous with the low-lying Venezuelan islands directly along her course and the swift currents east of Bonaire waiting to snag a careless singlehanded sailor. **Bonaire needs to greet this** girl in a special way and make sure her stop here is helpful and memorable. According to her route plan her family plans to rendezvous here with her.

▶ Remember Friday, August 13 when the Classical Music Board of Bonaire presents a Three Generations Recital at 8 pm in the Plaza Resort at the Cacique Hall: Featuring

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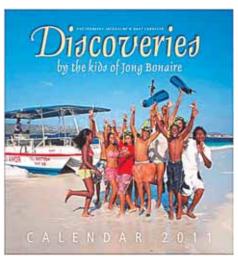
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You have until Friday, August 13 to sign your high-schooler up to join Jong **Bonaire.** Visit the center between 9am to 4:30 pm. Call 717-4303 for more information.

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BONAIREAN VOICES

KAÑA BRÀBU- THE WILD BAMBOO OF BONAIRE



Te don't have any bamboo growing here on Bonaire (except the sugar cane in some people's garden or Kunuku). But for sure we have the Kaña Bràbu (Wild Bamboo) Group which was born here in Bonaire on March 8th, 2004. Mr. Albert Crestian (42), an allround musician, general manager and president of Kaña Bràbu, together with some friends, Lucio Molina and Riley Molina (from Rincon but who lives in Playa) put together this band to participate in cultural festivals. The first year, 2004, they were the absolute winner of the cultural festival with a song about the stone that is used to grind maishi chikitu and other grains, "Piedra di mula ku manga" The composer of the song was Mrs. Veronica Mercera, one of the best folkloric music composers in Bonaire. The Kaña Bràbu group still exists today, continuing to provide good performances.

In February 2005, Kaña Bràbu became a Foundation and Mr. Eddy Molina chose the name **Kaña Bràbu**, named for the wild bamboo that is washed up and collected on the beaches of Bonaire and which krioyo musical instruments are made of. Some of this bamboo was used in the past to make roofs for houses on the island. There are so many uses that Bonaireans have found for this washed up bamboo that it's become a cultural icon, making it totally appropriate as a name for the band.

This year Kaña Bràbu again won a cultural festival with a piece composed by Mr. Riley Molina, "Un Bes, Dos Bes" (One time, Two times). Then in June they participated in a cultural party, the Celebration of Saint John Birthday Festival, in Aruba. In 2005 they made their first CD and Kaña Bràbu Award was given to Mrs. Veronica Mercera for doing so much for Bonairean culture.

"In 2006," as Mr. Albert Crestian continues telling us, "Kaña Bràbu joined with another cultural music group, 'Nos Kosecha,' and we had an interchange of cultural music for the end of the year festival in Curaçao. In 2007 we opened the Tumba Festival in Curaçao and in 2008 we participated in a cultural festival in

Aruba. In 2008 we launched our second CD about life in Rincon and were very creative in baptizing that CD. In 2009 we opened the Regatta Festival and in 2010 we opened the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival.

We as a cultural group try to promote cultural music among our youth. We give guitar lessons and the four-string guitar (*kwarta*) lessons too. We created a young cultural band, 'Kara Korá,' (Red Face) with children we've taught how to

play krioyo instruments. They participated in the Youth Cultural Festival in Bonaire and won second place. Again the song was composed by Mrs. Veronica Mercera. The name, 'Kara Korá,' comes from the hill in Washington Park, 'Seru Grandi,' where Indians liked to do their ceremonies. Kara Korá is a name that the youngsters can identify themselves with as being strong, firm and steady as a rock.

A goal of Kaña Bràbu, by our master kwarta player, Mr. Daniel van Arneman, is to pass folkloric music down to all our generations. Spend time with children, giving lessons on how to play our krioyo music.

We have a group of 10 children. Mr. Albert Crestian is the coach and coordinator of this group. And of course we are setting goals for the band itself that has hits like 'Flamingo Djiente

Oro' ('Flamingo with Golden Teeth') and 'Laganan' ('Let Them Talk and Don't Bother About It'). These songs were in the top 100 songs of the past years. We are happy with the success we've achieved and we're focused on more progress. In one word we can tell Bonaireans to love and support their culture and you will see that your offspring will do that too."

Mr. Crestian's son is part of the cultural band, 'Kara Korá' and most of us remember his performance at the opening of the Jazz Festival.

Siomara Albertus

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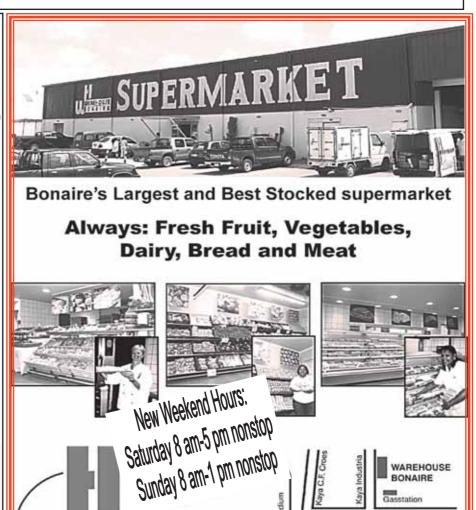
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	1		Halank, Elli	Australia
BABY KIDS BOYS	3		Sint Jago, Zachery	Curaçao
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	2		David	Bonaire
	1		Dullaart, Storm	Bonaire
FLOW STYLE U11	3	Cur 211	Etmon, Oscar	Curaçao
	2	NB 34	Finies, Nathan	Bonaire
	1	AUS-E	Halank, Alex	Australia
FLOW STYLE U13	3	Cur 2	Etmon, Aron	Curaçao
	2	NB 33	Gustowski, Stepherd	Bonaire
	1	A 888	Max, Steven	Aruba
FLOW STYLE U15	3	NB 20	Vrieswijk, Amado	Bonaire
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	1	GBR 700	Hibdiche, Nicolas	England
FLOW STYLE U17 BOYS	3	Aru 47	Pronk, Berend	Aruba
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FLOW STYLE U20	3	NB 52	Balentien, Hendryck	Bonaire
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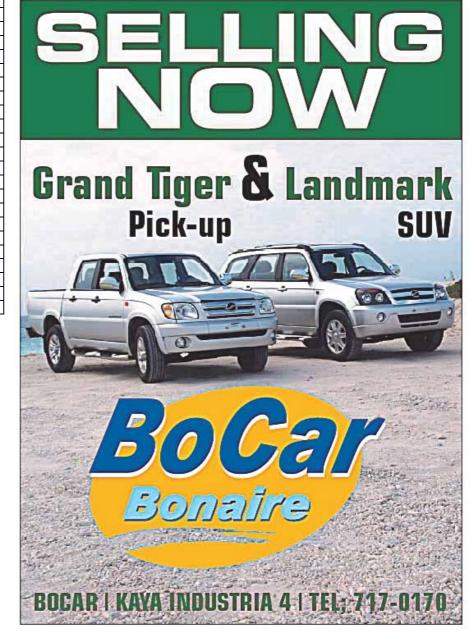
ast week's (July 29-August.)
Prokids Windsurfing event at SoroInternational Funbon hosting the IFCA (International Funboard Class Association) World Championship was a great success even though the trade winds were fickle resulting in cancelled sailing events. It was a true international event with participants from the ABC islands, Australia, Belgium, England, Estonia and Holland. In the absence of wind numerous activities were devised to satisfy the demands of the young, high

energy competitors - volleyball, island tours, music and many more. Caesar Finies, master light wind freestyle artist and stunt-bike rider, provided much entertainment. Nevertheless Freestyle, Slalom and Flowstyle competitions were completed. Participants in the championship events ranged between 9 and 19 years old and matched by age, but kids as young as three were out on the water. Results of the sailing events are listed at left, \blacksquare G.D.





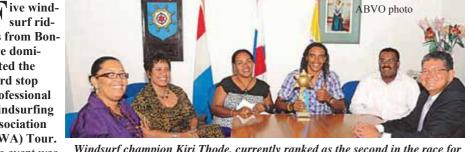




Ruben Reports: Euro Triumph

Five wind-surf riders from Bonaire dominated the third stop **Professional** Windsurfing Association (PWA) Tour. The event was held in Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands, only 100 km. from

Africa.



Windsurf champion Kiri Thode, currently ranked as the second in the race for the World Freestyle Championships, was honored at a reception by the island's top officials at the Executive Council offices (BC). Kiri was accompanied by his mother, Della. On hand to greet him were Bonaire Governor Glenn Thodé, Commissioners Nolly Oleana, and Marugia Janga. Jona Chirino (left) represented Anthony Nicolaas.

Riding for Bonaire were the Frans brothers, Taty and Tonky, their cousin Kiri Thode, and relative newcomer to the tour, Bjorn Saragoza. The newest Bonaire competitor, Youp Schmit, had his first tour experience. With a repertoire full of slick flakas, shakas, konos, and esliders, the 15year-old did a good job and went home in 17th spot. Bjorn Saragoza, who already earned his reputation as a rider stepped up his game and to watch out for this year, performed well in the double eliminations after being beaten by Tonky Frans in the first single elimination. He made it from overall 9th to 7th position by passing through three difficult heats and was

Taty Frans, fully motivated, triumphed in all heats until the semi-finals where he lost against the current world champion, Jose Gollito, and was left to face off with his own brother for a battle for 3rd place. Tonky is more on the heavy side which gave him the advantage to perform with his radical controlled style. Taty took 4th and came back in the double elimination to face Tonky again, only this time he pulled out the hottest tricks, even nailing a bonka (a Bonaire trademark move invented by his brother Tonky Frans). It all my supporters." was an amazing showdown to see both brothers competing and having fun busting the most advance freestyle tricks.

champion, Van Broekhoven.

left with a big smile on his face. Taty said, "Sometimes you lose and sometimes you win... actually I am pretty happy with my results. At many stages I've found myself competing against my relatives who are among the best. It's something we can't deny, even though it sucks, but it's competition. After the event I'll be traveling back home for one and half months. I'll get back on the water and train as much as I possibly can and hopefully look forward to having a top podium finish in the last freestyle grand slam in Sylt Westerland. A thanks to

Tonky had another good event as he earned recognition as one of the most stylish freestylers around on tour. He

until the semi-finals where he got beaten by cousin Kiri. It was a solid event for Kiri. He beat every rider he met and being in the finals has become a habit for him. After a great show of action he took 2nd in the first rounds and had to spend a lot of time waiting to defend his position in the second elimination rounds. Kiri was fresh and ready and prepared to face the current PWA leader, Gollito, once more. Kiri won his heats while Gollito was struggling big time. The heat was filled with tension and Gollito actually got out of the water before the heat was finished, knowing he had already lost. However, in order for Kiri to take victory he had to beat Gollito twice more to claim his number one spot. Yes, he did beat Gollito twice more.

Following his victory Kiri said, "It was a great feeling knowing I can do it and I was really into it and I said to myself, 'Kiri, go for it,' and then I won twice which gave me a special feeling. The competition at Sylt is next and I will try to do my best. We will see what happens there and I'm so looking so forward to it!" ■

Ruben Petrisie (Ruben is currently in Turkey preparing for the PWA Slalom world cup off-water activities.)



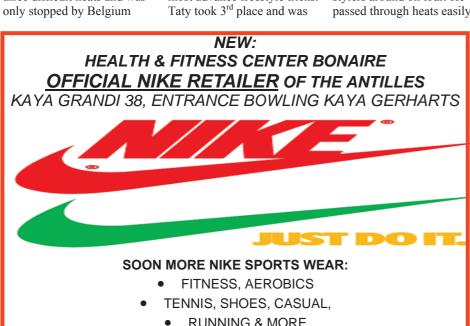
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JCI - First Wednesday of the Month-Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire, formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 13	03:14 / 0.57 ft	10:19 / - 0.09 ft	16:26 / 0.79 ft	23:45 / 0.04 ft		6:24	18:56
Sat 14	04:27 / 0.46 ft	11:00 /- 0.07 ft	17:15 / 0.93 ft			6:24	18:56
Sun 15		00:58 /- 0.05 ft	05:37 / 0.38 ft	11:42 /- 0.06 ft	18:04 / 1.03 ft	6:24	18:55
Mon 16	First Quarter	02:02 / - 0.12 ft	06:41 / 0.32 ft	12:24 /- 0.04 ft	18:51 / 1.09 ft	6:24	18:55
Tue 17		03:00 /- 0.16 ft	07:40 / 0.28 ft	13:05 / - 0.02 ft	19:38 / 1.11 ft	6:24	18:54
Wed 18		03:55 / - 0.17 ft	08:35 / 0.24 ft	13:44 / 0.01 ft	20:24 / 1.09 ft	6:24	18:54
Thu 19		04:48 /- 0.15 ft	09:27 / 0.21 ft	14:21 / 0.04 ft	21:09 / 1.05 ft	6:24	18:53
Fri 20		05:42 / - 0.11 ft	10:21 / 0.19 ft	14:57 / 0.07 ft	21:53 / 0.98 ft	6:24	18:53
Sat 21		06:34 / - 0.07 ft	11:20 / 0.19 ft	15:30 / 0.12 ft	22:37 / 0.90 ft	6:24	18:52
Sun 22		07:25 / - 0.03 ft	12:28 / 0.21 ft	16:05 / 0.18 ft	23:19 / 0.80 ft	6:24	18:52
Mon 23		08:12 / 0.02 ft	13:43 / 0.25 ft	16:53 / 0.23 ft		6:24	18:51
Tue 24	00:04 / 0.70 ft	08:51 / 0.06 ft	14:43 / 0.31 ft	18:23 / 0.29 ft		6:25	18:50
Wed 25	00:54 / 0.60 ft	09:21 / 0.11 ft	15:18 / 0.38 ft	20:27 / 0.30 ft		6:25	18:50
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Sea Turtle Conservation Update "Funchi" Egbreghts, Robert Van Dam Mabel Nava provided instruction. The course combined hands-on fieldwork was combined bands-on fieldwork was combined bands-o

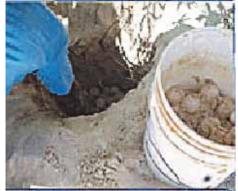
S ea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) has been kept busy protecting the island's turtle population.

Leatherbacks

On June 7th an STCB field crew found a fresh leatherback turtle nest on Klein Bonaire. The nest was relocated to a safe area of the beach because it was laid to close to the water line and eggs were

flooded. "These animals are returning now from their nesting grounds to their feeding homes and sometimes they have the urge to lay one last nest," states STCB manager Mabel Nava. "They look for the nearest beach and try their

best to deposit their eggs. Klein Bonaire is major threat for sea turtle nests. Vehicles not an optimal nest site for leatherbacks." Most often Hawksbill and Loggerhead turtles favor Klein Bonaire.



Collecting turtle eggs for transfer.

Parking Problems

The STCB staff has noticed an increased number of vehicles parking on the sand of the public beaches. The rocks placed to restrict cars from driving on the sand were moved in order to park closer to the water. Parking and driving on the beach poses a



Protective rocks along the beach. Please leave in place.



Turtle tracks on the beach.

compact the sand and not only destroy nests but create poor conditions for the turtle to even attempt nesting. This diminishes their chance of successful reproduction and survival. In addition, vehicles parked near the sea are disruptive to the sensitive vegetation and nesting grounds of some sea birds.

To protect sea turtles nests, prevent further damage to these natural areas and to enhance the aesthetics of our beaches, STCB and DROB (the Island Government's Environmental Department) recently replaced the rocks at Donkey Beach and at other potential nesting sites on the southern end of the island.

This initiative is the beginning of a joint effort to preserve our beaches for turtles, birds, plants as well as humans. Each of us can make a difference by joining STCB and DROB with this initiative. Here is what you can do to help improve our beaches:

- Park in the designated areas only
- Avoid parking on sandy areas
- Take your litter home
- Pick up any trash you see

- no charcoal is left behind, especially in the sand
- Don't leave your dog(s) unattended or better yet leave them at
- If you see any destructive activities inform the local authorities immediately.



Volunteers Leo Hoogenboom and Zsuzsanna Pusztai

For years, STCB board member Bruce Brabec has been entertaining and enlightening the public about sea turtles on a monthly basis. These bi-monthly presentations at the Carib Inn will continue but are now given by two new volunteers who joined the organization. Our new presenters are Leo Hoogenboom and his wife, Zsuzsanna Pusztai. They bring their passion for sea turtles to the stage. They have received rave reviews from tourists attending the presentations.

Bruce Brabec gave one presentation to college students at the CIEE Research Center on Bonaire on April 8th. Over 35 people attended. The following month STCB's manager Mabel Nava and scientific advisor Robert van Dam returned to CIEE to present "The Origin and Migrations of Bonaire's Sea Turtles: a Case for International Protection." The two offered results from transmitter monitoring work with breeding turtles and DNA analysis of Bonaire's foraging turtles to an audience of over 50 people.

Second Regional Course on Sea Turtle Biology & Conservation Hosted by

National park staff from five Dutch Caribbean islands gathered on Bonaire in May for a sea turtle monitoring field course designed for managers. STCB's Gielmon

"Funchi" Egbreghts, Robert Van Dam and course combined hands-on fieldwork with Be careful barbequing. Make sure classroom sessions on sea turtle surveying methods. The two, week-long workshops were funded by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA). STCB is an active member of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Network), "an expert network of biologists, managers, community leaders and educators in more than 40 nations and territories that is committed to an integrated, regional capacity that ensures the recovery and sustainable management of depleted sea turtle populations."



New & Improved

Two years ago, STCB together with Progressive Environmental Solutions and the support of STINAPA, installed a series of buoys and lines to protect vulnerable sea grass beds in the Sorobon area of Lac Bay. The crew soon discovered that the maintenance of keeping the buoys and ropes free of algae and seaweed was significant. Recently, lines were replaced with a hose material that is much easier to clean, reducing maintenance time and increasing their life span. Additionally, "Keep Off" signs were installed to discourage the public from entering the sea grass beds in this high-use recreation area. ■ Press release









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Body Talk

SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES

The issue whether to spray for mosquitoes or not has always been and will always be a hot topic for discussion. Whether there is pressure put on the government 'to do something' about the over-population of mosquitoes at the moment, or whether it is just sheer ignorance, spraying for mosquitoes DOES NOT WORK.



As advertised, spraying has begun, and by now the area you live in has probably been done. Have you noticed a drop in the mosquito population? No, I am pretty sure that there is no noticeable change, and in fact, I will bet my last dollar that the mosquitoes have quadrupled in number.

Having been fortunate enough to have followed the spraying in the Antriol area, I noticed a few 'strange' things. Firstly, the spraying was done mostly when passing trees and shrubs. Secondly we had no puddles of water anywhere, and thirdly, the two gentlemen operating the spraying were not wearing any protective gear, masks or gloves.

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Stop putting pressure on the authorities and take responsibility for mosquito control into your own hands. Make sure there are no containers where water can collect, and empty containers after each rainfall. If a container cannot be emptied, put a handful of sea salt in and no mosquitoes will breed. Our own salt is much more environmental friendly than any chemical you could buy.

Most long-time Bonaireans remember the old system and thankfully are still checking their own properties. If you see your neighbor 'breeding' mosquitoes, help them please.

Secondly, puddles of water standing do not contain mosquitoes. The mosquito is intelligent enough to know that the puddle will dry out within the approximate seven days it will take for larvae to hatch, and secondly, thanks to our frog population on the island who will eat the larvae. Of the four types of mosquitoes on Bonaire, the Dengue mosquito (*Ae. Aegypti*) is the easiest to control. It will only lay its eggs in CLEAN water and close to a food source, namely you and your family.

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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 Bonaire health issues. She is the owner of the Essence Nutritional Center





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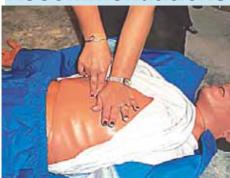
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Revised CPR Recommendations



The American Heart Association, which trained 13 million people in CPR last year, is developing new guidelines for resuscitation that will be released in October. The current guidelines encourage bystanders to do chest compressions and rescue breathing. Many SCUBA divers follow their Open Water Certification with the Medic-First Aid course and learn CPR techniques.

It's been discovered that in adults with cardiac arrest, rescue breathing might not be necessary because when the heart stops suddenly (usually as the result of an abnormal rhythm), the lungs are inflated with oxygen-rich air. and rescue breathing isn't needed. This does NOT apply to children and rescue breathing is still indicated for them,

Not interrupting chest compressions with rescue breaths might ultimately deliver *more* oxygen than standard CPR in the crucial seven or eight minutes before paramedics arrive. And persons too squeamish to do rescue breathing will be more amenable to help people. ■Press release/G.D.

Children's Book On The Way

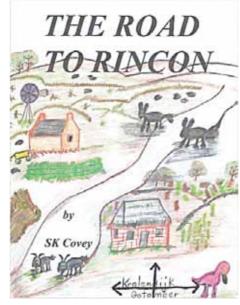
The Reporter recently discovered that Sandie Covey from Spring, Texas, wrote, illustrated and just released a children's book, "The Road To Rincon." We approached Ms. Covey, with the question, "What was the inspiration for your delightful tale about our island, particularly the village of Rincon?"

Sandie replied, "During 2008, I lost many important people in my life. Coping took on a life of its own. Needing to escape all the sadness, a trip was ideal. Where better to escape than to the Caribbean. As an avid diver, I easily get lost in the peace of the ocean. Therefore, planning the trip of a lifetime to Bonaire, I set out on September 25th, 2009 to explore a place I'd only dreamed about.

My trip from the US to Bonaire was challenging. My flight took me over 36 hours. This included spending one night in Quito's airport. I would learn during my flight from Panama to Quito that it was during the Fall Equinox. A friendly passenger sitting next to me on my flight explained what this meant. I was told, the Fall Equinox would mean a "new beginning." As of today, it has been.

Alvin Clemencia, a Divi Flamingo dive master and instructor, was my inspiration marking him as local historian, tour guide and overall gentleman for my book.

One day while exploring the island with my friend, we came upon many beautiful and interesting sites. We met and fed donkeys, saw roaming goats, beautiful flamingos and historic buildings. Along our way around the island we saw



children playing and swimming in the ocean. I found the people extremely welcoming and generally warm and friendly.

Time seemed to stop. While the ocean and diving was some of the best, it was the people that made my trip, people who in many ways have been untouched by modern times. Laughing and smiling faces adorn this small area of the world. No doubt, I could easily see why everyone wants to go to Bonaire.

One morning, while I was sitting outside eating breakfast with the cool trade winds blowing and the beauty of the ocean splashing against the shore, a question came to mind. What, if anything, can I do to give back to this wonderful land and people? 'The Road To Rincon' was birthed. Easily, words came and pictures

in my heart appeared.

While taking a short drive around the island that day with my good friend, Rick, we encountered a wild donkey who was perfect to be the book's main character, 'Mr. Alvin.' The mission to keep alive my brother and his Godly works after his passing took on a whole new meaning for life.

'Food For Words,' my little mission and ministry to help hungry and needy children, has partnered with 'Feed The Children Network' to help with donations from each book purchased. Hoping to bring awareness, my illustrated adventure includes Buddy the Butterfly, wild goats and best friends, Chase and Parker, Ms. Grace, the graceful flamingo, Iggy the Iguana, Williamstoren Lighthouse, old salt flats, your flag honoring land and people, as well other related history. I named my favorite spot in Bonaire in the book. You must read it to find out where it is. Your ocean is great and mighty, but your people and the future of your island, the children, are an example to the entire

My dream, to introduce your oldest village, Rincon, completed its journey on July 11, 2010. God Bless." ■

Sandie Covey

The Road To Rincon © Written and Illustrated by SK Covey ISBN#978-1-4489-4929-8. Soon to be available at Books & Toys and other island locations.



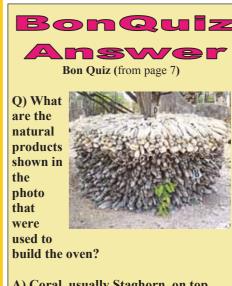
Miss Bonaire Competition Continues

n Sunday, August 1, the Miss Bonaire Organization arranged a Fashion Show and After Party at City Cafe. The MC for the evening was Abigail Arends from Aruba. The models, Miss Bonaire contestants, wore fashions from Hippie Chic and Image. Miss Ana Maciel, took the title of Miss Jogging and a surprise award for best hairstyle. Miss Benazir B. Charles was named Miss Popular and also Miss City Cafe. Contestant Sharitee Rosalia was not able to participate because of sickness. The final Miss Bonaire event will be on September 4 at the Plaza Resort when Miss Bonaire will be crowned. ■ Press release



Miss Bonaire contestants, Benazir B. Charles and Ana Maciel, flank Rosita Paiman, one of the event's organizers

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Pet of the Week

ere's "Terra" cuddling up with visitor Colton Reed, 9. Colton, who lives in Cobb, California, was here on a visit to his Bonaire family and of course wouldn't miss a trip to the Animal Shelter. He's shown with Terra, one of the most outstanding dogs at the Shelter right now. Although she isn't a striking beauty, her inner character shines through and makes us fall in love with her. She comes highly rated by the Shelter staff and gets along well with kids, other dogs and even cats. She's about a year and a half old



Terra and Colton

with frizzy fur and short but efficient legs. She's sterilized and healthy and very social And she's enjoying being hugged by Colton.

Colton remarked that he thought it was great that the animals get to be together here at the Shelter and that he could actually go in and play with them. The Shelter he visited in the States wouldn't allow that, he said. They are all kept in separate cages. Another kudo for our Shelter.

The Shelter is on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and from 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com. It's an amazing website and is kept up to date with all the latest Shelter news, including the Bonny, Superdog Sterilization Program.

Don't forget - The Big Flea Market at the Animal Shelter on the Lagun Road on Saturday, August 14, 11 am to 5 pm. All sorts of stuff – books, games, clothes, kitchen items, carpets, bric-a-brac, and more! Drinks and snacks during the market. All proceeds go towards keeping the Bonaire Animal Shelter open for homeless dogs and cats. You may contribute by dropping off your unused and/or unwanted items now until Friday, August 13.

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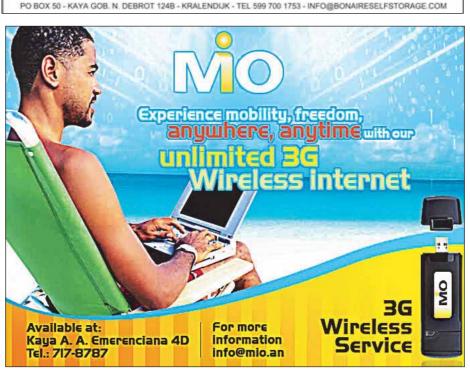
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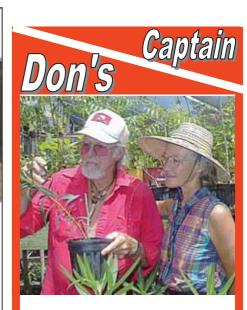


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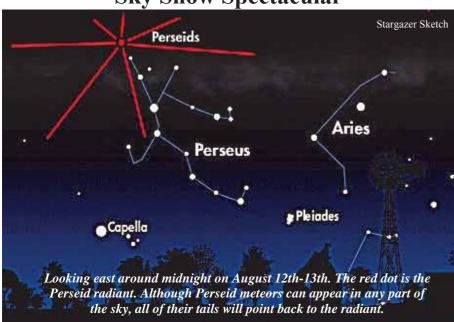
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Sky Show Spectacular



hursday, August 12th, is a very spe-L cial night for stargazing. Hopefully, The Reporter will be "on the street" by then. But even if it's not, you can see almost as good a show on the following nights.

The show begins at sundown, August 12, when Venus, Saturn, Mars and the crescent Moon pop out of the western twilight in tight conjunction. All four heavenly objects will fit within a circle about 10 degrees in diameter, beaming together through the dusky colors of sunset. No telescope is required to enjoy this nakedeye event.

The planets will hang together in the western sky until 10 pm or so. When they leave, following the Sun below the horizon, you should stay, because that is when the Perseid meteor shower begins. From 10 pm until dawn, meteors will flit across the starry sky in a display that's even more exciting than a planetary gettogether.

The Perseid meteor shower is caused by debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle. Every 133 years the huge comet swings through the inner solar system and leaves behind a trail of dust and gravel. When Earth passes through the debris, specks of

comet-stuff hit the atmosphere at 140,000 mph and disintegrate in flashes of light. These meteors are called Perseids because they fly out of the Constellation Perseus.

Swift-Tuttle's debris zone is so wide, Earth spends weeks inside it. Indeed, we are in the outskirts now, and sky watchers are already reporting a trickle of latenight Perseids. The trickle could turn into a torrent between August 11th and 13th when Earth passes through the heart of

the debris trail. 2010 is a good year for Perseids because the Moon won't be up during the midnight-to-dawn, hours of greatest activity. Lunar glare can wipe out a good meteor shower, but that won't be the case

As Perseus rises and the night deepens, meteor rates will increase. For sheer numbers, the best time to look is dur-

ing the darkest hours before dawn on Friday morning, August 13th, when most observers will see dozens of Perseids per hour.

Jack Horkheimer





By Derek **Parker**



July (end)-2010

ARIES (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) Aries, an over flow of stamina is needed now. The planets indicate that this is a month of major changes in all aspects of your life. Take bold action but you must also try to turn your thoughts to love. It is possible that you have taken love for granted

TAURUS (Apr. 21- August 21)

Sometimes there is a gap between our understanding of a situation and the actuality of those things. In the middle of this month you have to make sure the to resolve communication problems with a loved one. Nothing can dampen your optimism though.

GEMINI (August 22-June 21) August is all about inner harmony for you. You are in need of warm lights, that of feeling at home with your family. It is important that you let your guard down emotionally now. Do not take any financial risks this

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Travel is very much on your mind now and it would do you the world of good to have an extended break this month. Someone close to you feels that you are sure they are behaving. You get news of a friend you may be jealous of, but they know that ously consider taking a vacation, even if you are happy for them.

LEO July 23-Aug 22) Emotional Leo, this is a frustrating month. It seems that someone close to you is being deliberately difficult no matter what. On the plus side there will be is a lot of luck for you when it comes to business and finance. Be ready to take an opportunity now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Financially, this is the highpoint of the year for you and it is important that you have time to give when the hard work begins again in September. Treat friends well. This would be an ideal time to consider improving your home

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You know where you are in life now and where you

want to go. It is important that you stick to that plan. It is easy to reach your goals through the invitations you get in the last half of the month . Discipline and dedication, however, are the keys to success for

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Scorpio, planetary influences promote your communication skills now. You can use this to advantage when it comes to resolving a debate between family members. They feel romantic at the end of the month. You will have enough money to act on impulse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec.

21) Sagittarius, you are now excited about a pet project, but there is a danger that you will break a promise to someone, therefore, be committed. This is not a great month for business deals. Ensure that you keep your word. The last week of the month brings unexpected luck.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Capricorn, you relaxed at the start of the month but now feel there may be a risk within a new relationship. Think twice, as all may not be what it seems. Finance is favorable this month. You should serithe idea seems illogical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Now is the time to put a new plan in action, especially when it relates to your professional aspirations or desires. You will recover from stumbles over relationships made early in the month. If you are prepared to take second place for a while, troublesome matters will quickly disappear.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will feel the need for a change of scene this month. This restlessness is best satisfied by taking a short vacation. It should give an opportunity to show off your creative skills. Bring along a friend to explore your surroundings. Money matters now and you must consider a savings plan.

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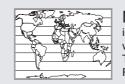
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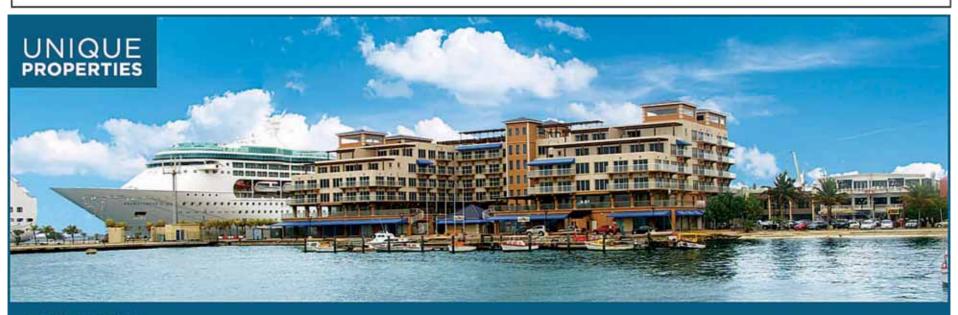
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