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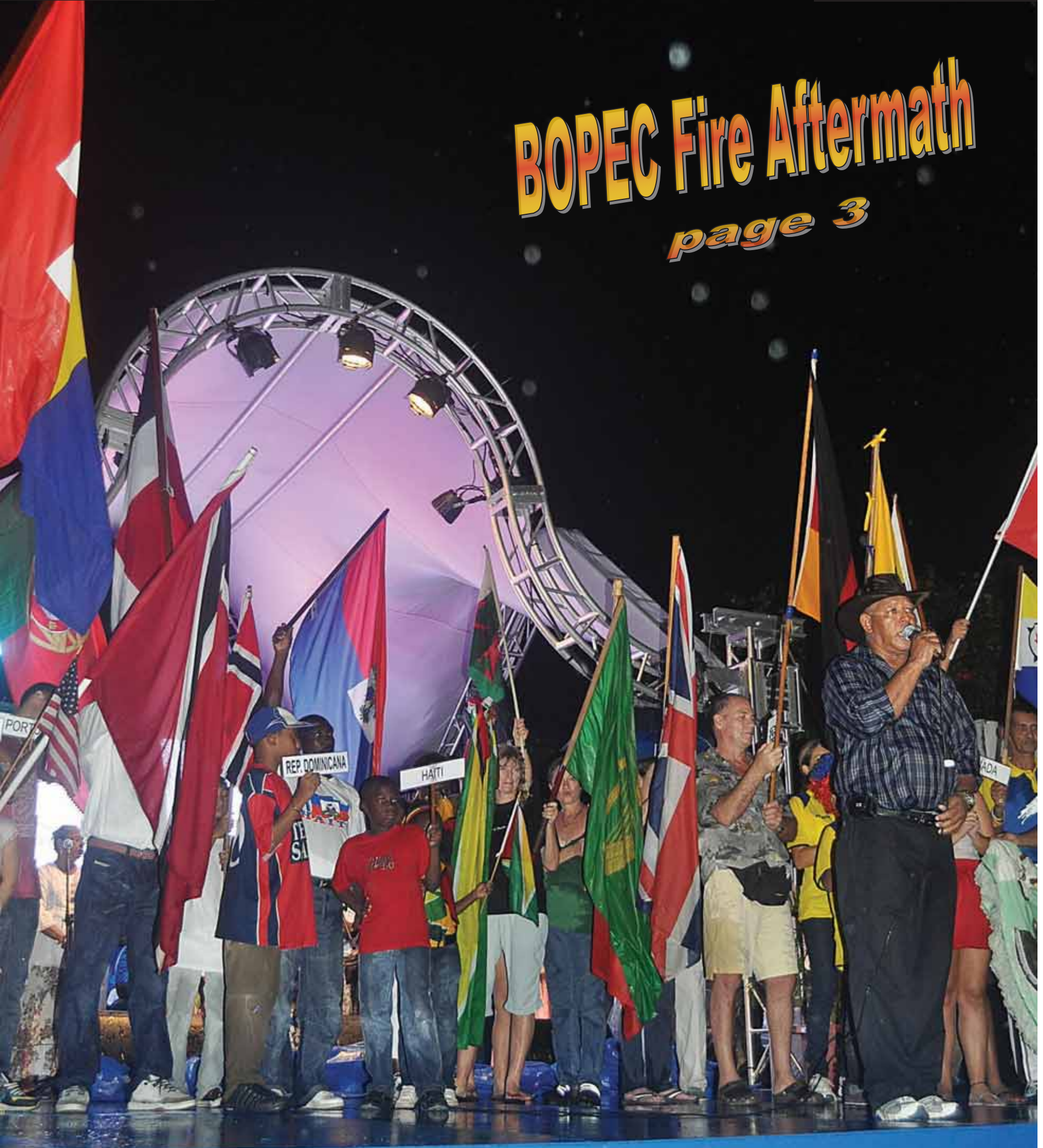
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New identification cards (*sedulas*) will be introduced on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba after October 10 because the islands will become municipalities of The Netherlands. However, ID cards issued in Bonaire before October 10, will maintain their validity until expiration. Cards issued in Statia and Saba before October 10 will become invalid effective July 1, 2011. An ID card is issued typically valid for five years.

For foreigners the card will contain information regarding the legal status of residency, and the ID card will function as an immigration document, according to the Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service.

► Unless changes are made soon, after 10/10/10 residents of Curaçao and St. Maarten will no longer be able to move freely between their homes and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. Unless rules are changed they can stay only six months as visitors. The reason given is concern that people of "the nearby islands" would see the improved facilities on the BES islands in areas such as education and health care as an incentive to move to there. Additionally, if the incoming center-right Dutch Cabinet imposes "admittance and expulsion regulations" in The Netherlands for Antilleans it will extend as well to Aruba and European Dutchmen. Critics of the plans say the idea of "protecting" one part of the Kingdom from the others is outdated and does not fit in with being united in the Kingdom under one Queen.

► Part of the preparation for the introduction of the US dollar as new currency on Bonaire on January 1, 2011, is the introduction of the Fair Pricing Code supervised by the Bonaire Fair Pricing Code Committee. Bonaire's Fair Pricing Code started on October 1st 2010, the same day that businesses had to start listing prices in both guilders and dollars. The two-currency pricing will remain compulsory until July 31st 2011.

The Fair Pricing Code is one of the methods used to prevent price inflation due to the introduction of the dollar. Participating businesses promise to price goods and services correctly in two currencies (on the basis of the official exchange rate) and not to increase prices unfairly. In return, they are allowed to use the Fair Price logo. If a business does not comply, they will lose the right to carry the Fair Price logo and this will be published in the media. This naming and shaming policy means that the public knows which traders' businesses are sticking to the rules and which aren't.

Businesses can participate by simply filling in and signing the contract in the Fair Pricing Code leaflet. This contract can be sent to the Bonaire Fair Pricing Code Committee c/o Chamber of Commerce, Kaya Korona 3, Kralendijk.

► Ex-commissioner for UPB (Green party) and former Head of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEZA), Jeffrey Levenstone, (41) was arrested and held in jail as part of the ongoing "Fiji-Zambezi" probe into corruption and money laundering that was started in September 2009. His home and office were searched. It is the same investigation in which UPB leader Ramonito Booi and former commissioner Burney Elhage are also suspects.

► A person died of dengue fever in Curaçao, highlighting the need to remain vigilant when it comes to this potentially deadly disease that is now prevalent throughout the Caribbean especially considering the intensive movement of people within the Netherlands between the ABC islands. The victim appeared to have had hemorrhagic dengue in combination with "Dengue Shock Syndrome," said the local health authority.

► The Rijkdienst Caribisch Nederland (RCN) was successful in employing 41 persons over the course of the summer, according to a recent RCN press release. Of the 41 new staffers, 38 are Antilleans; 22 are from Bonaire. Six



The last Prime Minister of The Netherlands Antilles, Emily de Jongh-Elhage, folds the Antilles flag with the help of Bonaire's Governor, Glenn Thodé at the BC.

► On 10 October 2010, the Dutch Antilles will be replaced as a country by three governments. Curaçao and St Maarten will become separate countries within the Kingdom of The Netherlands, while Bonaire, Saba and St Eustatius, the BES Islands, will become special Dutch municipalities. Aruba already had a separate status. The process which has taken five years is supposed to give the larger islands more autonomy and improve the quality of life on the three smaller islands.

In the ceremony pictured above Prime Minister de Jongh-Elhage expressed her appreciation for what Bonaireans had done for The Netherlands Antilles.

persons are returning from the Netherlands. The remaining persons are: five from Curaçao, three from The Netherlands, two from St. Eustatius and Aruba and one from Saba.

A spokesperson said, "RCN believes it is important that the Dutch government on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba is represented by the local community. There were 415 responses to advertisements of vacancies at the RCN.

► People on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba with questions about the RCN or changes after the constitutional changes on 10/10/10 can call 08008-101010 on weekdays from 1:30 pm to 5pm. People can ask questions in four languages: Papiamentu, English, Spanish and Dutch.

► The new Royal Navy's station ship for the Dutch Caribbean Hr.Ms. *Zuiderkruis* (Southern Cross) tied up at town pier last week. The ship with 182 crew has started its six-month tour in the islands, during which



it will conduct counter-drug operations for the Navy and the local Coast Guard. It is 170 meters long, 20.3 meters wide with an 8.4 meters draft. It is a supply vessel with a maximum speed of 21 knots. For operations outside territorial waters there will be a Law Enforcement Detachment of the US Coast Guard on board the warship, which is equipped with two machine guns, a quick-fire anti-aircraft cannon and a Westland Lynx helicopter.

► All existing debts of the country of The Netherlands

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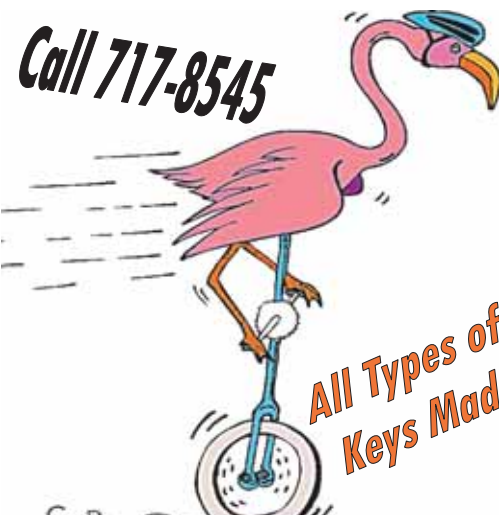
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BOPEC Aftermath



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On Thursday, September 9, lightning was suspected to have ignited a fire in a naphtha storage tank at Bonaire Petroleum Company's tank farm on Bonaire's northwest coast.

The fire burned for three days.

The wind was almost calm which allowed the smoke clouds to concentrate and drift eastward over Bonaire's Washington National Park and adjacent green areas. The full impact of the environmental damage is still being assessed. The following story is from a Bonaire resident living closest downwind from the fire.

The Dutch Investigation Council for Safety will review details of the disaster said Lt. Governor Glenn Thodé. He deems the action justified in view of the impact of the fire. "I decided to call in the council, as it is independent and operates according to procedures determined in advance. It is crucial that nobody can meddle with the findings of the investigation," according to Thodé. Until the investigation is complete

BOPEC will remain closed to preserve evidence. The investigation will have to determine for sure if the cause of the fire was a lightning strike as presumed. Thodé also wants an analysis on the performance of the responding parties concerned and recommendations for the future. The signal "fire under control" was only given 55 hours after the blaze had started.

Downwind from the BOPEC Fire
Special to the Bonaire Reporter
by Don M. Ricks

"Never leave home without it," my friend Michael advises. A camera, he means. His words came to mind as, at 2 am, I stared down into the caldron. Standing only 500 meters directly uphill from the BOPEC fire, I was witnessing perhaps the most spectacular sight of my life. And I had left home without my camera.

At that time the fire had been burning for 12 hours and was still roaring like a blast furnace, despite a futile stream of water arching through the air and disappearing into the blaze. Later there would be speculation about bringing in foam and helicopters and other fire fighting equipment. But one thing would have been obvious to anyone standing where I was at that time. This fire had to burn itself out. Nothing would be able to get near enough, with sufficient impact, to extinguish it.

Rain was coming down steadily, a fact far more important to the island than it seemed

at the time. A day later, after the skies cleared and we watched the heavy plume of smoke rise high in the air, everyone was relieved to see it drift off to the west to disperse elsewhere. But that first night and the next day the rain poured, driving down an oily soot with it. I've heard that soot has shown up at many sites on Bonaire. Where we live near Playa Frans, directly downwind from BOPEC, it coated everything.

What seemed to be the short term impact on the environment? Well, the local donkeys turned from sort of white to distinctly grey. Now the iguanas that skitter across the road near the BOPEC gate are black. Pools of dark water still span the road immediately above BOPEC. A person touching any vegetation—when pulling weeds for instance—ends up with smudged hands. The rainwater that streamed over the cliff into the sea was coal black, with who knows what effect on the marine environment.

On the other hand, we've observed no signs of death. The birds are still signing. The native trees, shrubs and weeds, responding to the heavy recent rains, are thriving. Mushrooms of various shapes, sizes and colors are colonizing the bush. Whatever the longer term effects may be, none are presently apparent to us laypersons.

Regarding our "personal environment,"



Huub Marsman photo

The fire still burns on Friday

we're still living with results of the smoke. We can now pet our cats without having to wash our hands afterward, but the floor under our feet still feels gritty, even after repeated cleanings. A light coat of soot still coats the bottom of the cistern, despite two drainings and scrubbing. Streaks run down the walls of the buildings where the dirty water drained off the roof. A washer load of clothes that was hanging on the line at the time is of no further use except for one dress. It was black when Barbara bought it.

■ Don M. Ricks



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On the Island Since... 2000 – Rhonda Bennett

“I came here to dive and I stayed for the people. My husband and I sold our house, a log home at 8,000 feet in the Colorado mountains: a beautiful place – a Christmas card – as soon as we came back from Bonaire. It wasn’t even for sale! But somebody offered us this ridiculous sum of money and we looked at each other and said ‘Let’s go! – Let’s go to Bonaire!’”

Once we were here we went to a porch sale to buy some furniture. Karen van Dijk was leaving (she came back after a couple of years). She said, ‘My business is for sale too, Sign Studio Signal.’ So, I bought a business at a porch sale... It’s been the same name and phone number for at least 20 years now. Sign Studio had always been an extra income as my husband worked. But after the divorce it became my only income.

A week after my husband left – it was a mutual break-up – I was giving guitar lessons to my first

two students, Derek and Louise, when a man came to the gate... He was very dark, wearing dark clothes. It was Christmas time, December, and my garden was an awful mud pool, full of weeds taller than me and I had to use my machete to get in and out of the garden. The man was at the front gate and he said, ‘Can I clean your garden? I would like to make some extra money for Christmas.’ So, I showed him around and the kids are banging on their guitars and I have bed sheets blowing in the wind and not only did I show him my garden but I also told him, ‘This window doesn’t close and this door doesn’t lock...’ Then I thought, ‘Oh my God, what am I doing? I am showing a perfect stranger all my vulnerabilities.’

At that moment my sheets were blowing off the line and I had to run and catch them. The guy says it would be Naf 350 to clean the garden. I said, ‘I’m sorry, but right now I don’t have

the money. I gave the cell phone to the kids to put down his name and number and got my sheets. The man leaves and I start worrying about everything I told him. Four hours later I hear the dog barking outside. I see this guy’s face and think, ‘Oh God, I am all alone.’ Then he says, ‘Lady, you don’t understand. I am not a criminal. I am a father; my kids are with me here in the car and I came back to help you. I got the money I needed, because down the street they gave me a job and now I’ve come back to help you.’ He stuck out his hand and said ‘I am Angel.’”

Rhonda smiles: ‘That made me stay – it was the day I officially decided to stay on the island. I was 50 years old.’

Honestly... I’d never even dreamed of running my own business. I am a hippie musician type – a starving artist, ha! Responsibility has never been my cup of tea - I don’t have kids so I never had to. Now all of a sudden I am thousands of miles from home and crazy days are here.” She laughs. “I am a reluctant business owner. I do as much as it takes to keep



Rhonda Bennett in her greenhouse

the debtors off my back, ha! ha! ha! That’s terrible!

My clients - they just totally come word of mouth. In nine years I haven’t done Naf 500 of advertising.

I am good, but I am not fast. I was born to shoot pictures of faces – faces of people and animals. For the last two years I did (amongst other things) the Buki di Telefon – the phonebook – all the shiny pages and the covers. But I also do weddings, babies, christenings and parties.” Rhonda and her Bonairean family, her

friends, her students, her dogs, her house, her garden – it’s for real; a full life. She’s wise and whole and charismatic and she has a great talent for life.

‘If you have the right attitude on Bonaire, everybody becomes your friend. You have two choices – you can complain and bitch and moan about things or you can take the time and focus on all the beauty. I find it impossible to do both at the same time. Hey, that’s a good quote! You

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know, my mother was a human rights activist. When other kids were going to the zoo, we were having a sit-in at the state capitol with our mother so... I learned from her. Right now I am the happiest and most content in my life; I've learned that the quickest way to get over yourself is to help someone else.

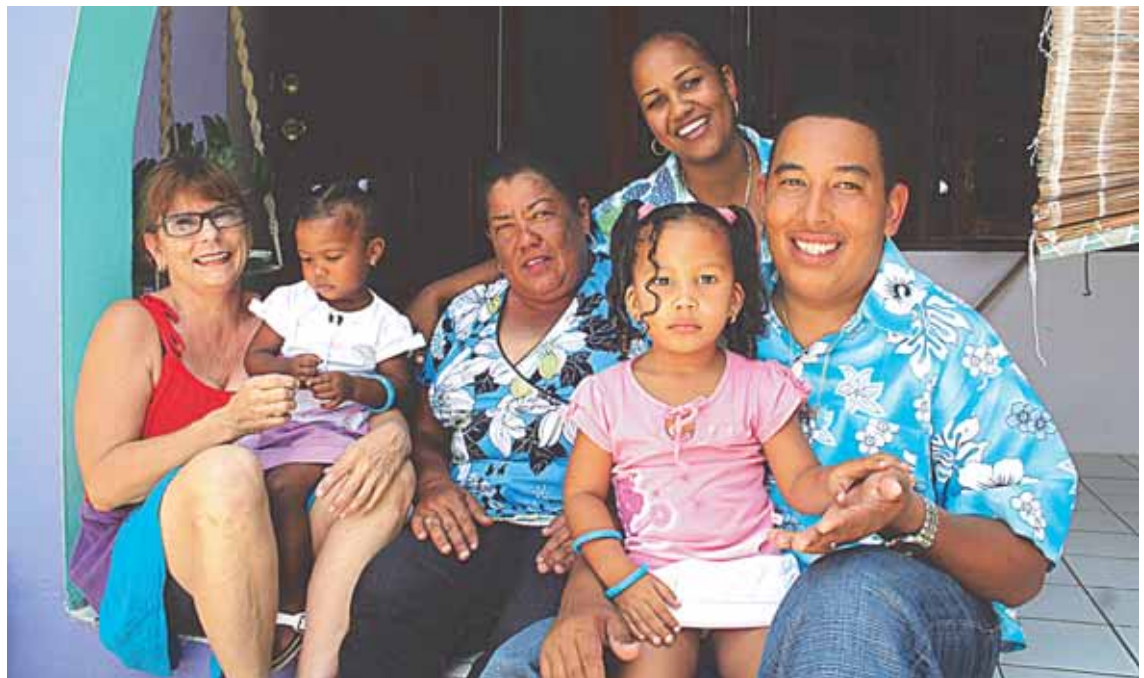
I have all this diversity of people in my life – all of these kids and all of these students and Tony Angila and his family. He was a customer of mine and our friendship just grew and he would talk to me about things: girls and stuff. One day he stopped and said, 'Hi, Rhonda. I have somebody in the car I want you to meet,' and I said, 'Really, who's that?' He said, 'It's the one!' That was the first time I met Nataly. So, then they asked me to be the witness at their wedding and it went on from there. I could not be more part of a family if they came out of my own... well... I am the godmother of both their children. I am so grateful that Joyce, Tony's mom, has let me 'adopt' her son. When she introduces me to people she says 'this is Tony's other mother' and that's gracious. Joyce has been kind enough to share her family with me.

When he was single, Tony was 150% into cars and now he's 150% into kids. Whenever Tony and Nataly do anything they give

it their all. Tony is doing the 'Panchito Club,' a children's program on channel 24, every Saturday from 10 till 11:30 am. Besides the TV-show, the 'Panchito Club' has a website www.panchitobonaire.com with all sorts of games, pictures of all the parties, events and birthdays involving children on Bonaire which gets about 15,000 hits per month. Tony goes to all these parties and he takes the photos and he e-mails the photos to me right away. Then I print them and he picks them up and takes them back to the party. And people, who come from everywhere to attend such a party, are oh so happy to get the photos. I am the creative and arts side and Tony is doing the educational and entertainment part. We went to the notary and now we are 'Foundation Panchito Club.'

We're going to get a bank number this week. We do free movie nights and free music nights – for everybody. And Tony reminded me to tell you we could use donations of old musical instruments, working or not. The Foundation Panchito Club is not out to change the world. We just want to encourage children to be all they can be and to make them aware of their choices and opportunities. You got to keep telling kids, 'You Can!'

I think the answer to peace and love is blending... integration. People don't really know Bonaire unless they get off the main



From the left to the right: Nana Rhonda with Nishantely, Joyce (Tony's mom), Nataly and Nayelhe and Tony (Panchito creator)

streets and into the barios – until they've attended a christening, a wedding, a funeral or a girl's 15th birthday party. Until they've done all those things they don't know where they are...

I started music when my dad put money in the jukebox and let me sing and dance for his friends. My mom played the piano, my dad the guitar. I was in children's choirs and played the guitar when I was nine and I played and sang all my life. About six years ago I started here with two kids and it just grew. I give private lessons – voice, guitar, bass and piano – but I've got

the heart of a rocker. I play anything. So, it's just natural that all the rocking kids have just congregated here with their amplifiers and speakers. And thank God for my neighbors! Soon we're going to be starting groups, and private lessons are always available through Panchito. We will never turn down a child who wants to do something artistic – we will always find a sponsor for that child.

It's because from the day I was little, my mom pounded into my head that everybody on this planet is equal – no matter what. Isn't it a joy to be surrounded by

people from all different walks of life, all different colors, races and religions? Isn't it wonderful to get along and embrace the differences in each other? I think life would be so boring just sitting around with a bunch of people like me!"

For more information go to: info@panchitobonaire.com ■

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Teduki 10-10-10 Quilt Project

In June a few “quilting ladies” on Bonaire were asked to participate in a unique quilt project in connection with the 10-10-10 event: *Teduki na kaminda*. The project - an initiative of a group of quilting ladies in Curaçao - starts at a large exhibition at Gallery Alma Blou. The exhibition reviews the road from the past until today for the “Land of Curaçao” and Bonaire as part of the new Dutch Caribbean. A Teduki (tea-towel) is the tropical “light” version of a quilt. Quilting is done by joining layers of material together in any shape to make a thicker padded material. Quilting is done by hand or by sewing machine and some of the creations may be considered an art, because they look like beautiful paintings.



Marijke Pool, Marjan Veen, Anita Vader and Edith Foks with the Teduki

Over 40 ladies - including four on Bonaire - participated as “The Teduki Ladies” in the project. Together they created a large quilt from hundreds of pieces of fabric, including real tedukis. Each one of them made a colorful personal message about the future of the islands. But the quilt also shows important events from the past, starting in 1499 when Amerigo Vespucci discovered Bonaire. The four ladies on Bonaire - Marijke Pool, Marjan Veen, Anita Vader and Edith Foks- have been working on this project for eight weeks during their weekly quilting meetings. They assem-

bled all the parts from Curaçao, added the year labels and their own creations and finally made a original Bonairean Teduki quilt.

After being introduced in the Gallery Alma Blou until October 18, the Teduki Na Kaminda will be exhibited in the MCB Atrium, Plaza Jojo Correa in Punda, Curaçao until October 25. Next exhibition locations will be published later.

But after all exhibitions the Teduki will finally return to Bonaire. The Teduki Ladies will then present the quilt to the Bestuurscollege of Bonaire, hoping it will be saved for the future and all Bonaireans to see. ■ Story & photo by

Edith Foks

Picture Yourself With The Reporter... On Top of Cowles Mountain San Diego, California, USA



At 1592 feet, **Cowles Mountain** is the highest point within the City of **San Diego**. It's twice as high as Bonaire's Mt. Brandaris. **Matt Sellars** took this photo at the top looking toward his house below. The top photo shows the mountain as it looks from his backyard.

Matt has a special affection for Bonaire having visited his family here numerous times and was the maker of the Save Klein Bonaire movie. As news director for CBS-TV in that city, he recently screened video of the burning BOPEC depot on the 11 o'clock news. ■

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Antilles and the Island Territory of Curaçao will become debts of the Netherlands on October 10. The other islands were not authorized to take out loans.

► **State Secretary of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten's trip to Curaçao this week will be her last official visit to the islands** in her current capacity, as the final formation of the new Dutch cabinet is expected to take place this weekend. Together with Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima, she will attend the last meeting of the Antillean Parliament on Saturday, October 9, and festivities that same evening.

At the beginning of next year she will take the job of the Commissioner of the Queen in her home province of Overijssel. Bijleveld-Schouten (48) guided the restructuring of the Antilles since February 2007.

► **From the initial results of the opinion poll in the survey of the Central Bureau for the Statistics (CBS) in June 2010, it appears that on Bonaire fewer companies than formerly expect to make a profit this year.** Moreover, a fifth of the interviewed entrepreneurs experience the investment climate as 'bad' (21%). That was 17% just six months ago.

► **Zsuzsana (Suz) Hoogenboom, together with her husband, Leo, will be producing the tracking maps and stories about the journey of those turtles being tracked from Bonaire this year. See their story on page 10.**

Suz also writes, "On September 3rd, we placed the first transmitter of the 2010 nesting season on a female hawksbill turtle named Valley. She returned to shore on September 16th and laid her fourth nest of the season at No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire. Current signals position her again resting on the reef very close to where she

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Just when everyone thought the new BES Island tax structure was clear everything is up in the air because Curaçao and St Maarten are concerned that the rules as agreed on by the islands and by Dutch Caretaker Minister of Finance (De Jager) will hurt their revenues.

In addition the new coalition government partner, the PVV, wants higher taxes in the islands as well.

It is probable that the tax structures will include a 15% profit tax and add an extra income tax scale for the higher incomes.

This is the tax plan as it currently stands. Be advised that they may change if Holland bows to the wishes of Curaçao and the PVV Party:

- **Abolishment of Capital Gains taxes**
- **A "deductible" of \$5000 on interest and dividend income.** Above that the tax rate is 5%.
- **Shareholder-Directors will be included in the withholding wage tax** at a level of \$20,000/year
- **The pensionadoregeling (Pensionado Regulation) is abolished.**

There will be a 5-year transition until it disappears. The transition plan hasn't been defined.

- **The wage and income tax is a flat rate of 30.4%.** The premiums of the BES general old age insurance, the Insurance Act, general widows and orphans and BES health insurance are included as income.
- **The inheritance tax expires.** In its place are three schemes based on special circumstances.
- **Foundations or charitable organizations are exempt from income tax.**
- **The current sales tax on Bonaire and the tax on company turnover on Saba and St. Eustatius will be replaced** by a general use tax as described below (in Dutch *Algemene Bestedings Belasting, ABB*).
 - Services are charged at the time of the (local) delivery of the service.
 - The general use 8% tax (ABB) is divided into three parts: 1) the tax on imported goods; 2) the charge on the (domestic) delivery of services and 3) the tax on supplies of locally produced goods.
- **For very efficient passenger cars zero import tax applies. For other cars a rate of 25% applies.**
- **Import duties for Bonaire will be nil.**
- There is a unilateral scheme for the BES islands resembling the Dutch Decree on avoidance of double taxation in 2001 (compared to third countries).
- The stamp tax, registration tax and the sales tax will be abolished.

Provided by Bonaire Law

DO YOU SUDOKU?

To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region. **Answer on page 17.**

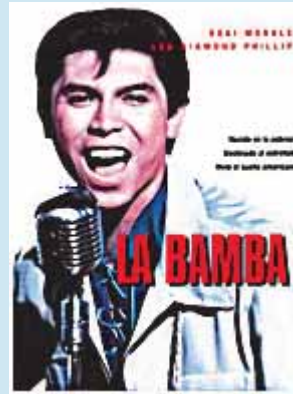
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Latin Music Classics

A New Reporter Feature

"L

a Bamba" is an old Mexican folksong that is often played during weddings in Mexico, where the bride and groom perform the accompanying dance. The "arriba" part of the song suggests the nature of the dance, in which the footwork is done faster and faster as the music tempo accelerates. The traditional song inspired Ritchie Valens to make his version of "La Bamba" in 1958. He infused the traditional tune with a rock & roll drive, which made the song acceptable to a wider audience and so it became one of the all time best Latin Classics.



Latin Music Classics Quiz

Last week there was no winner of the CD.

This week's question:

Who performed the song "La Bamba" in the movie "La Bamba"?

Please send your answer to: info@jodysonaire.com and be entered in a drawing to win a CD of your own choice in Jody's shop at Lagoen Hill #18. The winner of this week's contest will be announced in the next edition of *The Reporter*. ■ *Jo Bux/ Jody's F & M* Jody's Fashion & Music is the well-



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BonQuiz

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The Waterfront Market



This quaint structure, built in 1935, has a special place in the hearts of many Bonaireans. For years it was a place of social gathering in addition to its true purpose within the community. It is named after the woman who sold her products there for years, Machi Mimi.

A sign with her name hangs above. It was placed there a few years ago by the Government to honor her dedication and hard work. At the present day it is used as a fruit and vegetable market. The Venezuelan fruit boats, 'barkjes' which were not permitted to sell their goods from the pier after security measures, now man the tiny market.

If you take a look at the west side of the market you will notice steps leading into the ocean.

Q) What are the steps for, and what was originally sold from this market?

Answer on page 17

■ Christie Dovale

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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Letters to the Editor

EYESORE REMOVAL

Dear Editor,

As I have yet to receive a response from Divi Resort - I would like to redirect the question through you.



While I believe this little island to be a better place now that the Divi group has given up their plan to ruin what should be a public beach, it seems their eagerness to erect the huge Quonset "thing" at Sunset is not matched by their responsibility to remove the eye sore.

Surely there must be some concern within the ranks of Divi that their monument to greed and over development, if left in place, will not present the message to this community that would favor Divi, a partner in preserving what is left of Bonaire. It would be refreshing if they would now step forward and remove their trash from the beach.

Brian McCarley

Letter to Divi:
Shucks, just call me lame. Seems as though if I drop a coke can on the beach somehow, somehow, somebody says I need to remove the trash.
Gosh, I haven't seen any effort by Divi to pick up their trash from the beach at Sunset.
From everything I've learned, they have given up the hold they had on the last strand of beach property on the west side. Now can we expect they leave their litter on the sand as so many disrespectful, non-thinking people have before.
Can we look forward to another couple of years with a symbol of blight, another symbol of greed, all the while professing to represent Bonaire diving at its finest? Shame on the Divi group and shame on the authorities for allowing the eye sore to persist.
You folks don't have a clue, do you?
Having trouble trying to figure out the responsibility of this abortion?
Divi should spare no time in removing the trash from the beach.

Brian McCarley

911 NEEDED FOR DIALING 911

Dear Editor,

Recently there have been a lot of complaints from people living on a kunuku who are suffering from frequent theft. Unfortunately, I can add one story about this too.



Last week we had a burglar trying to break in at our kunuku. Our dogs went for him and started barking big time. This is what my wife heard and she started looking for the problem. Then she saw the man (throwing rocks at the dogs). She was all alone with our 10-month old baby and she just thought about one thing: get out of here and keep the baby safe. So she went to the nearest neighbor (by car) and called 911. They did not pick up !!

She tried again later and then somebody answered the phone. This operator did not know how to communicate properly in those kind of circumstances with a victim (as we found out later). The neighbor could help by explaining to the operator in Papiamentu where the address was.

In the meantime I had hurried home myself to find a very distressed spouse and baby and a very helpful neighbor. The burglar was gone, thanks to the dogs probably.

To calm down we decided to go to town and have a coffee as there were still no police to be seen. Although it was already 1 hour later!

On the way to town I placed a call to the police to complain about the 911 service. I never got any feedback from them. After 3½ hours later we were home and we heard somebody at the gate. Surprise: the police.

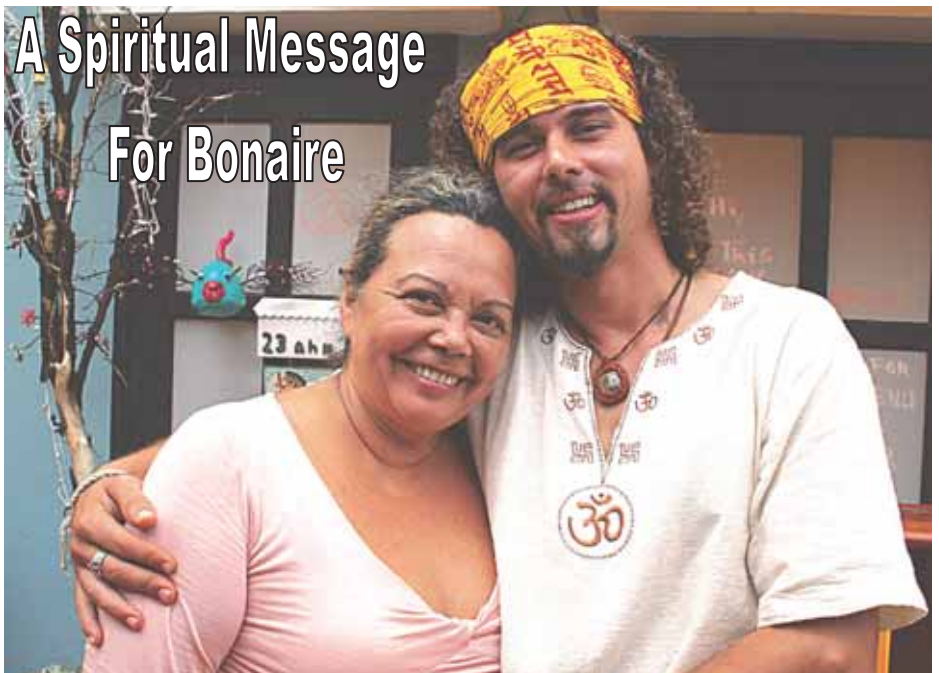
They explained to me that the 911 operator failed to mention that the burglar was still at the kunuku at the moment of the call. And.....they could not find the kunuku!

I can understand they cannot find every kunuku, but why not call back?

I sincerely hope the 911 operators read this and get the message. It is a very responsible job not to be taken lightly and a lot of people expect a lot of it.

Hans Voreman

A Spiritual Message For Bonaire



Last month Michel Steiner, son of Norca Loff (above), came to Bonaire on a mission. He organized several guided meditations and balancing of the chakras on various locations on the island. Michel's presence on Bonaire has everything to do with the transformation the island is going through as from the 10th of this month. The essence of his message is as follows:

"Dear brothers and sisters, you are loved and blessed by the Council of the ancestors of the light. We bring you a message to the awakening of humanity in united consciousness. The union made between Bonaire and Holland is not worthwhile if you in your hearts do not accept it. The union between Bonaire and Holland is a step of consciousness but for it to take shape you must accept and forgive the qualities and the defects. Create a union from heart to heart and the transformation will come true." (Channeled by Michel Steiner). Michel will be back on Bonaire in November. ■ Story & photo by Greta Kooistra

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 7) has been nesting. This usually indicates that she will nest at least one more time."

revolution on Bonaire with Joe's Gym, will be on hand for the opening.

► **CARACAS, Venezuela — Supporters of President Hugo Chávez won a majority in legislative elections held last week,** but the opposition secured at least one-third of the seats, giving it the ability to block critical legislation and top federal appointments. The results revealed a popular vote across the country that was about evenly split. The National Assembly had been tightly controlled by Mr. Chávez's allies since 2005, when the opposition tactically erred by boycotting legislative elections that year.

Mr. Chávez's United Socialist Party won at least 90 of the legislature's 165 seats, while a coalition of opposition parties won at least 59 seats, said Tibisay Lucena, the president of the electoral council. She said several other seats went to a small unaligned leftist party and to indigenous groups, while the winners of some seats were yet to be determined because of close races in parts of the country. *Jorge Silva/Reuters*

► **Champion bodybuilder and trainer Tina Woodley will open her new shop, the GoGreen Natural & Organic Shop on Sunday 10/10/10 at 11 am.** It's across from the St. James Medical School near the big St. Bernardus church downtown. Her brother Joe, who helped start the fitness

► **If you are interesting in mountain bike training, see the time schedule below.**

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► **Cover story: Bonaire Regatta Week got off to a wet start Sunday night with the Parade of Nations.** Bonaire residents from 18 countries participated.

The last month in Bonaire has been notable for the lack of wind and plenty of rain. The lack of wind is badly timed as Bonaire's wind turbines are operational but not producing and the Regatta's sailing races began on Monday as we go to press.

This Regatta Festival is the most comprehensive and elaborate in the event's history. Look for a report on the Regatta in the next edition of *The Reporter*.

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BONAIREAN VOICES

CONCERN AT COCARI

First of all you'll want to know what the name COCARI stands for. In 1982 a group of nurses - Lelia Booi, Gladys Seraus, Marita Djojopawiro and Jolanda Domacassé - came up with the name (in Papiamentu) *Comision Cuido pa Grandinan di Rincon* (Commission for Elderly Care in Rincon).

One of the founding nurses, Jolanda Domacassé (69), has had 25 years of nursing experience. She's worked nine long years in the hospital and then in the different neighborhoods assisting the elderly, especially in Rincon. It became obvious that that the once-a-week visits to these elderly people in Rincon was not enough for their care. A group of nurses saw the need to get all the elderly together in one location, an old school with facilities for them. Thanks to the then pastor of the Rincon Catholic church, Pastor Vasquez, and under the authorization of the late Bishop Ellis, they were able to get this location.

The place was opened on 25th of January 1982, thanks to the donations of businesses in Bonaire - Playa and Rincon areas. The commission was made up of Pastor Vasques, Dr. Bielde (a doctor at that time), Nurses Nico Sint Jago, Carmen Goeloe, Elsa Molina, Regina Janga and lots of volunteers. All the work was done voluntarily, and until today, without pay. The only ones paid by the Island Government are the cleaning lady and the bus driver. The rest are volunteers.

What are the concerns of this foundation today? Nurse Jolanda Domacassé tells us.

"The number of volunteers is diminishing and the cost of living is getting higher. Volunteers cannot fill the working hours between 8:30 am and 2 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday anymore because the cost of living forces them to look for paying jobs. They can't afford to work without getting paid because they have a family to take care of. Besides this they had to charge the elderly "visitors" NAf10 a month, but today it is NAf 50. And the amount of donations isn't enough for all the care. The 'visitors' are served three meals a day: breakfast, brunch and lunch. People to do the cooking are very scarce, and those cooks who usually do the cooking can't come on a regular basis. Sometimes even the President of the Foundation, Edilio Jansen, has to get into the kitchen to give a helping hand to cook for almost 40 people. What we really need is a regular cook, nurses to help and to guide the visitors and of course, volunteers. What is also needed are lots of donations to help the elderly in Cocari to get their own bus and repair or rebuild the buildings. One of the buildings needs to be rebuilt completely. These buildings were donated to Cocari as a visiting center where they have different activities. We also have trips outside Cocari.

We need the buses for transportation. Those members who don't have the means to come to the center can be picked up from home and returned. A small bus is also needed to help those Cocari members who cannot come to the center by delivering their meals. Cocari can provide them with this



Nurse Jolanda Domacassé (at rear) with eldest visitor, 97 year old Tavio Sint Jago



Some clients of Cocari. Siomara's mother at right.

service but sometimes the volunteers have to use their own cars.

Our 'emergency list' of things that really need full attention are: more volunteers to guide and set priorities for the elderly in Rincon, a bus for wheelchair visitors and a bus for home service which can be the property of Cocari itself. The bus that we are using now has been lent to us by another foundation. We really need Rincon people to help three times a week in their spare time, because most of the volunteers who have been helping Cocari are over 60 now! Remember, some of them started 28 years ago with Cocari!

If there are businesses that would like to invest money in this Foundation to help the Elderly in Rincon, they can contact the

President Edilio Jansen at 717-6392 or 786-5357. For a long time we've been striving to meet our needs. So we hope we can get a helping hand."

So many of us are concerned with our future - our pension and how much we have to pay for the cost of living. The 1st of October 2010, was the International Day of the Elderly, but we have to remember every day is the elderly day. As long as they are alive they have to be able to eat, drink and be active. ■

Story & photos by Siomara Albertus

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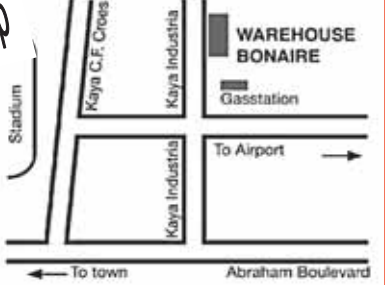
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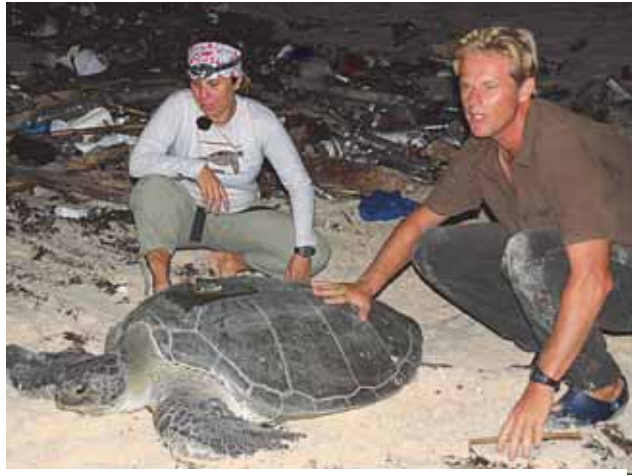


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Second Turtle Tracked This Season - "Carice"

Working in teams, staff and volunteers from Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) attached a small transmitter to the carapace of a large female green turtle on Monday, 20 September 2010 at Playa Chikitu in Washington Slaagbai National Park. The turtle came ashore at 19:45 and spent the next two hours digging her nest and filling it with eggs. Once she finished carefully covering the nest with sand and began to head back to sea, the STCB team intercepted her. Then, working under beautiful moonlight, the team attached the satellite transmitter and "Carice" was released back into the sea at 11pm. This is the second turtle to be tracked this nesting season.



Mabel Nava and Robert van Dam releasing "Carice" after transmitter deployment

"Carice" was named after well-known Dutch actress, Carice van Houten, who was on the island last week in her role as an ambassador of the international conservation organization World Wide Fund (WWF). Ms van Houten and a WWF film crew spent five days filming a documentary featuring Bonaire's world-renowned natural resources and the work of WWF-supported projects. WWF provides substantial operating support to STCB and is the official sponsor of green turtle "Carice." To learn more about WWF's support of sea turtle conservation on Bonaire, go to www.bonaireturtles.org.

"Carice" measures 101 centimeters along the curved length of her carapace and her weight is estimated to be in excess of 100 kg (220 lb). Typically it takes anywhere from 15 to 30 years for a sea turtle to reach maturity and be able to reproduce. Sea turtles can live to be 80 years old or more.

Signals position "Carice" in the neighborhood of Playa Chikitu. It is anticipated that she will lay one or more nests before she leaves the area to return to her home foraging grounds. Now that a transmitter has been placed, STCB will monitor the turtle's movements to discover her migratory route, how far she travels and, if all goes well, where in the Caribbean Sea her home ground is. Updates will be reported in the local news. To sign up for email updates of STCB's 2010 sea turtle tracking season, go to www.bonaireturtles.org. ■ STCB Release

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is a non-governmental research and conservation organization that has been protecting sea turtles since 1991.



Carice van Houten of the WWF, Holland, explores a Hawksbill turtle nest under the guidance of Funchi Egrechts of STCB.

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80% of Bonaireans Do Not Want A Large Hotel At Sunset Beach

There is a grass roots movement underway in Bonaire to ensure that the property at Sunset, fallow for almost a decade, is put to good use... and that that use includes a proper beach accessible and free to all Bonaire residents. The first of several surveys was launched in *The Reporter's* last edition. This is a follow-up.

Results from three recent surveys show that 80% of Bonaireans and 90% of all visitors do NOT want a large hotel built at the Sunset Beach location.

Two of the surveys were accessible on-line via the Internet, one in Papiamentu and one in English, and the third was printed and circulated in the community in Papiamentu only.

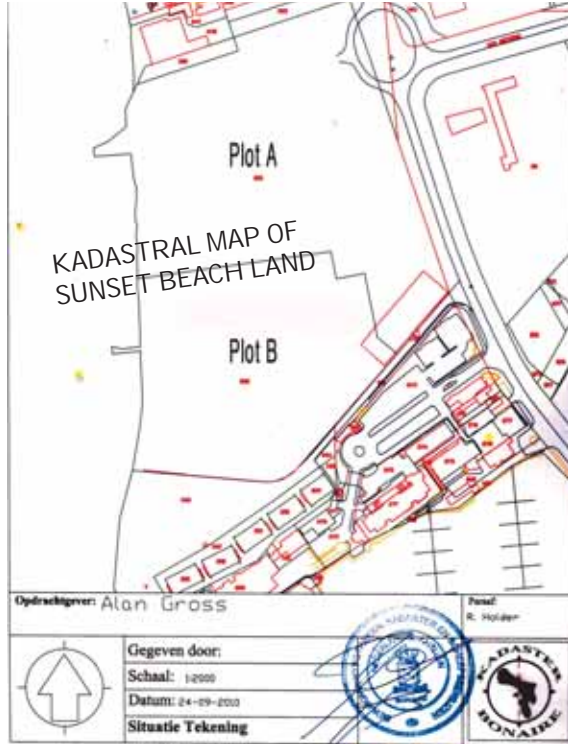
More than 1,600 people responded to the surveys in just two weeks and 75% of the responses were from island residents.

"After *The Bonaire Reporter* survey started we wanted to know what the local people think so we set up the same questions in a Papiamentu survey," says Alan Gross, who has experience in doing market research and who helped launch the survey project.

"The response was immediate and very clear," said Alan Gross. "There was fast response on the Internet and also immediate response to the printed Papiamentu survey that was handed out in various locations. People wanted their voices to be heard."

In the words of one Bonairean: "This can be a magnificent recreational area for the people of Bonaire that will attract tourists, too. After we lost Pink Beach we don't have any other sites like this." [Esaki lo por ta un area rekreatshonal magnifiko pa ku e pueblo boneriano, kua alabes lo atraé turistanan. Despues di a perdè Pink Beach no a keda otro sitio asina]

Another respondent commented: "Let's hope that more Bonaireans choose to preserve and renovate this site as a public beach and give Bonaireans a chance for some small stands that sell local food or art. And also make a park where families can sit and enjoy the sunset on a public beach without restrictions on access." [Óhala mas Boneireano skohe pa preservá i renobá e sitio aki komo bich públiko i duna yu nan di tera pues Boneireano e chèns di por tin



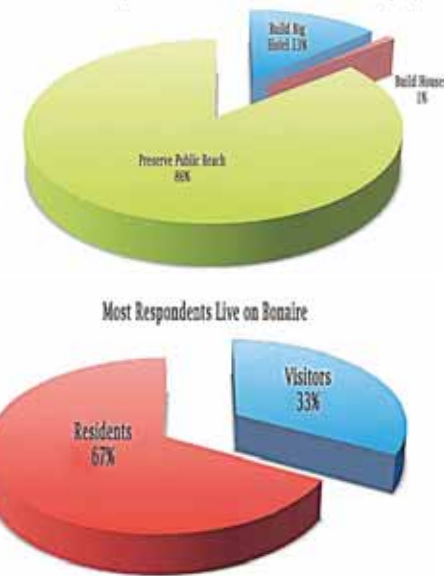
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The research on what the community wants to happen with Sunset Beach was fielded two weeks ago after there were reports that a large hotel chain was interested in the site now that Divi Properties will not be developing it. "The people want to be listened to this time," said Sherwin Pourier, one of the members of the research group.

"Sunset Beach could be a very valuable tourism asset and provide many jobs for local people," said Bous Scholts, former marketing manager at Plaza Resort and now a tourism consultant on the island (Carbo Trade Trust Consultancy NV). "There are all sorts of jobs that a well developed park could provide without walling the area off like large hotels usually do.

"Bonaireans could still get the construction jobs for developing the site with boardwalks, concession stands, maybe even a maritime museum or aquarium. And then Bonairean people could also own and work in the small concession businesses that the site could support. There would probably be more jobs for Bonaireans in this sort of development than in a large, foreign-owned hotel," said Scholts.

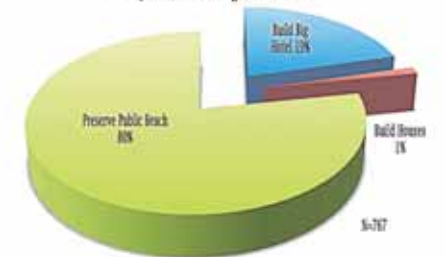
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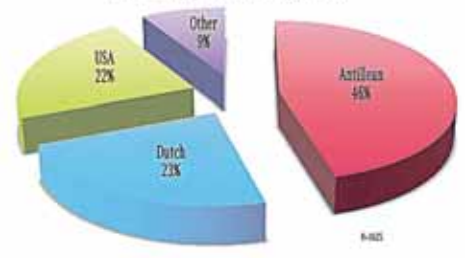
Most Respondents Live on Bonaire



Survey Results Among Antilleans



Ethnicity of Participants



The group that fielded the research is called "Salba nos Sunset" and is working toward a profitable but also sustainable mixed-use project that could become the crown jewel of the Caribbean if it is well planned.

"If you look at how most large hotels develop their beachfront properties you see that they make it very difficult and inaccessible for local people, even though their agreement says that the beach remains public," said Kris Kats a member of the Sunset preservation group. "People have to walk long distances and must often pass through guard stations to reach the beach at most hotels.

"Usually if local people do try to go to the big hotel beach they do not have access to facilities and do not feel welcome," Kats said. "Today there are very smart and exciting things happening in the area of public beach preservation and development," he added.

According to a frequent Bonaire visitor who responded to the survey: "A public beach would provide locals with access to their waterfront, making up for the development of other parts of the island limiting access to the water by ordinary Bonaireans. It would also be a draw for tourists like me and a place where locals and visitors can intermingle and enjoy Bonaire's environmental riches."

"This is just like the response to preserving Klein Bonaire," said Laura DeSalvo, editor of *The Bonaire Reporter* and a member of the group who fielded the survey.

"Even in *The Bonaire Reporter* survey, half of the people who responded were Bonaire residents. And both groups want to create some sort of public beach facility.

"The people know the value of public lands and they know that today there is very little public access to local beaches. The results are very clear that the people of Bonaire do not see the need for a large hotel at the Sunset site and neither do the tourists," DeSalvo added.

Some respondents in favor of the public beach idea said that it might be possible to allow a small hotel toward the back of the property if it did not wall off the beach from public view and public access. "I could definitely see a sensible project that might include a small hotel facility if the majority of the space is dedicated to parkland and public beach facilities and if it did not block the beach view from the road," said Alan Gross.

"What we need is a world class architect who has a good imagination and vision to help the community make the best development. Our group has made contact with such an expert who is willing to work on the project," Gross continued. "He is a frequent visitor to Bonaire and loves this island. We just hope the government will allow the voice of the people to be heard and allow our group to play a role in the development process. It can be just a good if not better for the people and for the island finances to develop the area sensibly and sustainably."

■ Jane Townsend

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Saturday, October 16 - Big 35th anniversary celebration of Glenn and Friends, Rincon 7:30 pm until dawn.

Bonaire Regatta Events October 3-9—see website www.bonairegatta.org for race schedule and festival program: A unique 10/10/10 ceremony featuring the transition of BES islands into Holland is planned for midnight on the last day of Regatta, October 9.

Sunday, October 10 - Several events commemorating the new status of Bonaire as a Dutch municipality are planned. Multi-artist Exposition at Kas di Arte see below: As part of an artistic interchange program for 10/10/10 beginning on October 8 and concluding on October 15 Kas di Arte on the Promenade will feature the following artists:

- From Bonaire: Johannes Boekhoudt, Manuela Winklaar, Nochi Coffie and Frans Booi
- From Aruba: Elvis Tromp, Edmund Tuyeehut and Frank Croes
- From Curaçao: Ruben La Cruz, Karolien Helweg and Yubi Kirindongo
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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 08	01:04 0.37 ft	06:32 0.14 ft	13:07 1.04 ft	21:35 - 0.08 ft		6:25	18:21
Sat 09	02:42 0.33 ft	07:22 0.19 ft	14:04 1.10 ft	22:41 - 0.17 ft		6:25	18:20
Sun 10	04:08 0.33 ft	08:21 0.23 ft	15:00 1.13 ft	23:37 - 0.22 ft		6:25	18:20
Mon 11	05:16 0.36 ft	09:25 0.26 ft	15:54 1.13 ft			6:25	18:19
Tue 12		00:27 - 0.24 ft	06:10 0.39 ft	10:28 0.27 ft	16:46 1.11 ft	6:25	18:18
Wed 13		01:13 - 0.23 ft	06:55 0.42 ft	11:29 0.28 ft	17:35 1.06 ft	6:25	18:18
Thu 14	First Quarter	01:55 - 0.19 ft	07:37 0.46 ft	12:26 0.28 ft	18:22 0.99 ft	6:25	18:17
Fri 15		02:34 - 0.14 ft	08:16 0.49 ft	13:21 0.29 ft	19:05 0.90 ft	6:25	18:17
Sat 16		03:08 - 0.08 ft	08:53 0.53 ft	14:18 0.30 ft	19:47 0.80 ft	6:25	18:16
Sun 17		03:39 - 0.01 ft	09:29 0.57 ft	15:20 0.31 ft	20:29 0.68 ft	6:25	18:16
Mon 18		04:05 0.06 ft	10:03 0.62 ft	16:30 0.31 ft	21:13 0.56 ft	6:25	18:15
Tue 19		04:25 0.13 ft	10:36 0.67 ft	17:50 0.28 ft	22:06 0.45 ft	6:25	18:15
Wed 20		04:38 0.19 ft	11:08 0.72 ft	19:18 0.23 ft	23:24 0.35 ft	6:26	18:14
Thu 21		04:40 0.25 ft	11:40 0.78 ft	20:39 0.15 ft		6:26	18:14
Fri 22	01:42 0.28 ft	04:09 0.27 ft	12:14 0.83 ft	21:44 0.06 ft	Full Moon	6:26	18:13

Welcome Newborn Neighbor

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Story & photo by Siomara Albertus

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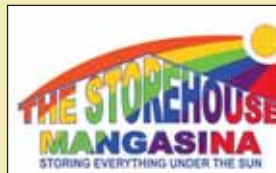
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Dutch Media Meet Caribbean Nature



Reporters from the Netherlands and the Caribbean gather at the rim of the Quill, a dormant volcano on the Dutch island of Sint Eustatius. Author Patrick Holihan at left. photo by- Robert Jan van Oosten.

A press corps of environmental writers and photographers from The Netherlands recently visited the Dutch islands of Saba and Sint Eustatius on September 20-26. The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) sponsored and organized the trip. "The purpose of this visit was raise public awareness in The Netherlands of the biological wealth we have here in the Dutch Caribbean," explains DCNA director, Kalli de Meyer. "To that end, we brought over some of the top journalists from The Netherlands."

Media representatives from two major Dutch newspapers, *De Telegraaf* and *Trouw*, attended as well as a journalist from *Grasduinen*, the Netherlands's number one nature magazine. Correspondents from regional media also joined the group including Curaçao's Paradise FM and the newspaper, *Amigoe*, plus reporters from *Sint Maarten's Daily Herald*. "The timing of this important media event could not have been better," explains de Meyer. "Not only is this the IUCN International Year of Biodiversity, but with the new political reorganization due on 10/10/10, it was a timely opportunity for the Dutch public to learn more about their Caribbean islands."

Saba

The first part of the media tour was spent on Saba, often called "the unspoiled queen." The group hiked many of the island's nature trails managed by the Saba Conservation Foundation, the highlight being a trek to the top of 3,000-foot Mount Scenery. The trail winds through a lush cloud forest of elephant ear plants, mosses, bromeliads and mountain mahogany. This was a rare treat for the Dutch journalists, not only to see the peak's stellar natural beauty, but to scale what is soon to be the highest point in The Netherlands. The group also hiked to an overlook with a grand view of Green Island. Both red billed and white tailed tropicbirds displayed their amazing aerial maneuvers, soaring above the craggy, rock pinnacle. Green Island is a critical nesting ground for tropicbirds and other Caribbean water birds such as boobies, noddies, sooty terns and bridled terns.

Statia

The neighboring island of Sint Eustatius was the next stop where the group snorkeled a dazzling reef at Jenkins Bay, visited the turtle nesting grounds of Zeelandia Beach and toured the Miriam C. Schmidt Botanical Garden. STENAPA,



Saba trail guide James Johnson prepares to apply a "fern tattoo" to the arm of Daily Herald reporter, Patrick Geans.



Once the fern is slapped on the arm, it leaves a white impression.

the Sint Eustatius National Park Association, then led the group to the Quill, a classic, dormant volcanic cone that last erupted in 400AD. The journalists trekked to the rim and peered down in the now silent caldera. STENAPA ranger Hannah Madden led the more adventurous of the media to the bottom of the volcano, which proved to be an arduous hike. A landslide caused by September's Hurricane Earl made hiking challenging, but the group arrived safely at the bottom. There they witnessed behemoth strangler fig and silk wood trees towering to heights of over 100 feet. "For me, this is the highlight of the trip," declared Hans Marijnissen, journalist for the Dutch newspaper, *Trouw*. "Of course, we have nothing like this in Holland. But it is nice to know that this beautiful place is part of the Kingdom."

Bonaire, along with Sint Eustatius and Saba, now form the BES islands of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, and after October 10, 2010, will share the same political status as *openbaar lichaam*, a special municipality. The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance will continue to serve the national parks of the BES, along with Curaçao, Sint Maarten and Aruba. DCNA plans on hosting more media tours to the Dutch Caribbean in the future. ■ Text & tattoo photos by Patrick Holihan

Klein Swim



Getting Ready to go

On Sunday the 3rd of October 3, for the 10th time, Jong Bonaire held its annual fundraising *Swim to Klein Bonaire* event. In commemoration of its 10th year mementos were awarded to participants and sponsors over the decade. Special recognition was given to Mabel Nava who ran the first swim. This sport and social event brings together families and individuals of all ages to support the children of Jong Bonaire. Statistics on number of swimmers, ages, etc. were not available at press time. ■ G.D.




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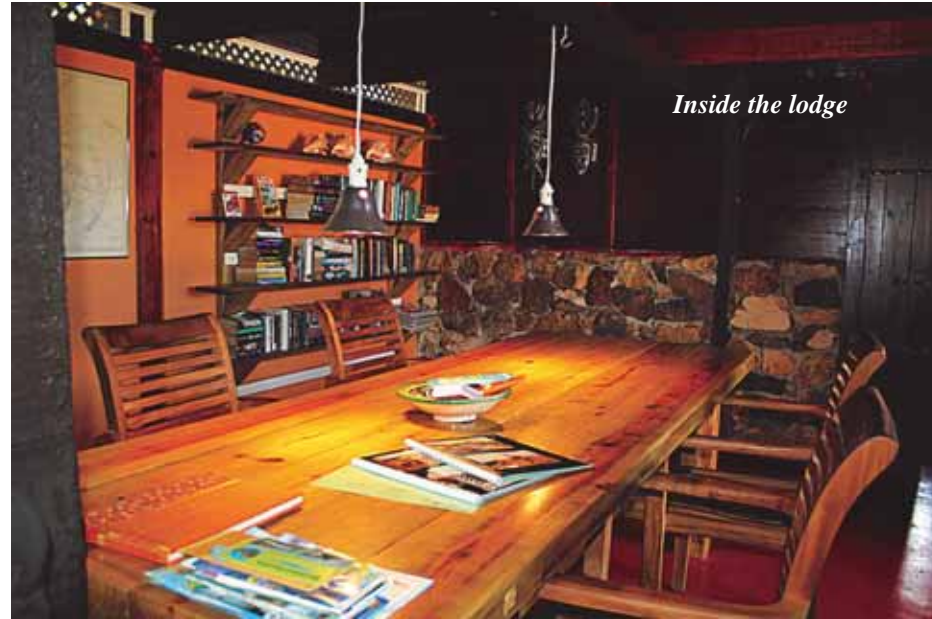
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Inside the lodge

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Story & photos by Greta Kooistra

Bonaire and The Netherlands Governments Form

THE NETHERLANDS--

Nearly four months since the general election, The Netherlands is poised to have a minority right wing government with the anti-Islam PVV party as a silent partner.

VVD leader Mark Rutte, expected to become the prime minister, said on public television that his parliamentary group had unanimously approved the deal of VVD, Christian Democrats CDA and Party for Freedom PVV. The centerpiece of center-right Rutte-Verhagen government is €8 billion in spending cuts. Additionally immigration policies will be tightened and law and order will be improved. A national police force will be introduced and several thousand extra police officers hired. Teachers' pay will be linked to performance. There will be fewer politicians, as the members of the Upper and Lower Houses of parliament in The Netherlands will be reduced and ministries will merge.

Conformity was reached on two agreements on Tuesday, a coalition agreement between the conservative VVD and the Christian Democrats as well as a second agreement between all three parties in which the Freedom Party pledges its parliamentary support. The new government's motto is "Freedom and Responsibility."

D66 party leader Alexander Pechtold has warned the three parties on the verge of forming a new cabinet to beware of the risk of polarization in Dutch society. "Those who want to govern with one-half plus one can go their own godly way," Pechtold said, referring to the fact that the right-wing coalition will control 76 of the 150 seats in the Dutch Parliament.

KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE--

The Bonaire Government flipped on the eve of the 10-10 integration of the island into Holland. The switch of control from the red party to the green was triggered by the same elected official, Anthony Nicolaas, who caused the previous government to fall. The change was forced when the Bonaire Island Council's ADB/Nicolaas coalition broke up, leaving Bonaire's Executive Council without a majority in the Island Council. Nicolaas abandoned the UPB in May 2009, withdrawing his support for the then-all UPB (Green) Executive Council, leaving it without the needed majority. He then joined a new Executive Council with the Democratic (ADB- Red) party, led by Jopie Abraham. He has now withdrawn his support from that Executive Council.

This development comes shortly after the departure of UPB leader Ramonsito Booi from the Island Council. Party stalwart Onny Emerenciana will take his position on the Island Council. New Island Council elections are set for March 2011. ■ G.D.



Bonaire Government photo

ADB leader Jopie Abraham signs the integration agreement with Holland. Ironically, shortly afterwards his party was ousted from power. UPB member Jonchie Dortalina looks on.

Last Saturday Wil Dijkstra opened her wonderful exhibition at the Plaza Resort. She has been painting quite a lot since she returned to Bonaire in March after being away for three years.

She returned aboard a very basic 32' (9 meter)- long boat, *Constante*, sailing with her husband all the way from The Netherlands, and taking seven months to do it. During this dream trip she mentioned several times that if they made it alive she would paint and organize an exhibition. And she has.

Before returning to Holland Wil taught at the SGB high school: health care, hospitality and tourism.

Now the artist is working at Mangazina di Rei, teaching students from Forma, SBO and SOSA in hospitality and tourism.

The exhibit will continue at Plaza until April 1. Two of the paintings were sold at the opening, one to an owner of a Dutch art gallery. ■ L./G/D.

Adverturous Artist



Johannetta Gordijn photo

Artist Wil Dijkstra chats with Governor Glenn Thodé in front of one of her works

Rover Dullaart and His Giant Roaring Mouse

The 77th 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+

Kralendijk-Flamingo Airport Bonaire – The sound of a screaming two-stroke single-cylinder engine. A flash just about two feet above the tarmac. Then: nothing to see. The alien disappeared. Then: the sound of a screaming two-stroke single-cylinder engine. Again a flash. This appears to be a youngster racing up and down a remote road. I manage to stop the pilot. His name is Rover Dullaart and he speaks English as fluently as Dutch. We convert from English to Dutch because this is his and my native language. Rover is 11 years old, he is a student at the Aquamarin School along the Kaya Nikiboko North and he is a member of group eight of that school. Rover has been on the island since 2006.

He is the brand new owner of a real mini bike or pocket bike. It takes a huge pocket to fit the bike but I understand the meaning of the word. Bikes like this are also known as "origami bikes." Rover just bought the bike from a female friend. She hardly used it. Now Rover is testing the little racing machine, flashing up and down the road. It takes some guts to control a machine like this. The engine is quite powerful, the wheels are small and there is no real suspension on a bike like this. However, Roland knows exactly what he is doing. He is reasonably well protected, wearing a jacket with long sleeves, jeans and shoes. A helmet and a pair of gloves are still missing. Kissing the tarmac is always a risk. He explains about the racing monster to me: "I just bought the machine from a friend of mine. She almost never drove it. The machine is imported from Europe. In Europe

they even organize competitions with bikes like this. It is a 49cc single-cylinder two-stroke engine. There are no gears. In fact it has one gear. I have to start it by hand, like you have to start some lawn mowers or snow scooters. The cooling system is an open air forced air system with a ventilator powered by the crankshaft. Perfect for this climate. There is a drive chain to connect the engine to the rear wheel. The alloy wheels are mounted with 90/65X6.5 tires. Those tires are way smaller than the tires of a traditional wheelbarrow! There is no front or rear suspension. I can only adjust the pressure of the tires a little to increase the comfort. As long as I am able to find a flat track of tarmac without holes (which is becoming more and more difficult on Bonaire./jb) I prefer to ride the bike with high pressure air in the tires. This makes it more direct, more sporty!" Rover's two-tone colored bike, black and off white, is equipped with a light weight full top or fairing. The bike can also be converted into a naked bike. The full top makes the bike good looking, but it only gives some protection to a dwarf type of driver. Rover, 11 years, some five feet, just fits the bike. (In Europe races on origami bikes are organized for adult drivers!./jb) The bike is equipped with two disk brakes, operated by cables, not by hydraulics. According to Rover the top speed is around 50 kilometers per hour. A speedometer is not fitted. If you drive a bike as low as this, riding the bike feels as fast as flying an airplane. In Europe these mini bikes are hyper tuned and they can reach a speed of over 75 kilometers per hour! A complete racing outfit and a helmet



Rover Dullaart, the 11 year old good looking young owner of a real pocket bike, smiling from ear to ear, sitting on his two-stroke high performance racing bike.

are obligatory.

Then, after I have taken some photographs, for Rover it is time to hit the road again. We exchange email addresses and we say thanks to each other. Then Rover firmly pulls the starter rope. Just a little bit of smoke. The typical sound of a high per-

formance engine and an expansion exhaust and off he goes. Faster than his shadow! Good luck Rover! And be careful! ■

Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



Cleaning Klein

Teenagers from Jong Bonaire accompanied by three youth leaders were the stars of Saturday, September 25, beach clean up conducted at No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire. The clean up was organized by STCB and STINAPA and is part of the annual International Coastal Clean-up effort sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy. In total, 38 people participated in the cleanup and 42 bags of trash were collected. No Name Beach is Bonaire's primary hawksbill and loggerhead nesting beach. ■ Mabel Nava/STCB



Sudoku Solution

Puzzle on page 7

6	3	4	7	2	5	9	8	1
9	1	2	8	4	3	6	7	5
7	5	8	1	6	9	2	4	3
4	2	1	6	5	8	3	9	7
5	6	7	9	3	4	1	2	8
3	8	9	2	1	7	4	5	6
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BonQuiz Answer



Bon Quiz (from page 7)

Q) What are the steps for, and what was originally sold from this Market?

A) The steps were designed so the fisherman could bring their boats right up to the market and sell their fresh fish.

Pet of the Week

Merle Marsman, a student at the Aquamarin School, got a nice surprise as part of her 8th birthday celebration: a trip to the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Meeting all the pets was a special treat as her own two cats at home came from the Shelter. Here's Merle enjoying a cuddle with "Edward."

Thanks to Jane Madden for the following biography of Edward. "Edward, affectionately known to the Shelter staff as Prince Edward, is a delightful four-month old kitten who is a classic Tuxedo Cat. As the name implies, the white paws, chest and belly of his coat resembles a tuxedo. They are also sometimes called "Jellicle Cats" which comes from T.S. Eliot's poem made popularly famous in the musical play "Cats." Many people claim that Tuxedo Cats are significantly smarter than an average cat, and Edward certainly lives up to that reputation. Many of the Shelter staff spend a lot of time just watching Edward play as he obviously has a vivid imagination that sparks laughter in any onlooker. A leaf becomes a giant monster that Edward attacks by puffing up his fur and jumping at it sideways. A hanging stuffed toy must be approached on his two back legs and embraced in a giant hug. And the list goes on. Edward is a good candidate for someone who is looking to have only one cat as he can certainly entertain himself, but he also loves to play with others and so will fit right into a multi-cat home. After his play sessions, he's ready to be held and loved and purrs like a fine-tuned engine. Edward has long legs and will be a tall, slim and handsome adult. Whoever adopts the lovable Prince Edward will join the ranks of Sir Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare and Beethoven....all Tuxedo Cat lovers and owners."

You may meet Edward and the other adoptees at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.bonaireanimalshelter.com.

■ Laura DeSalvo



Merle and "Prince" Edward

Bubbles From the Biologist

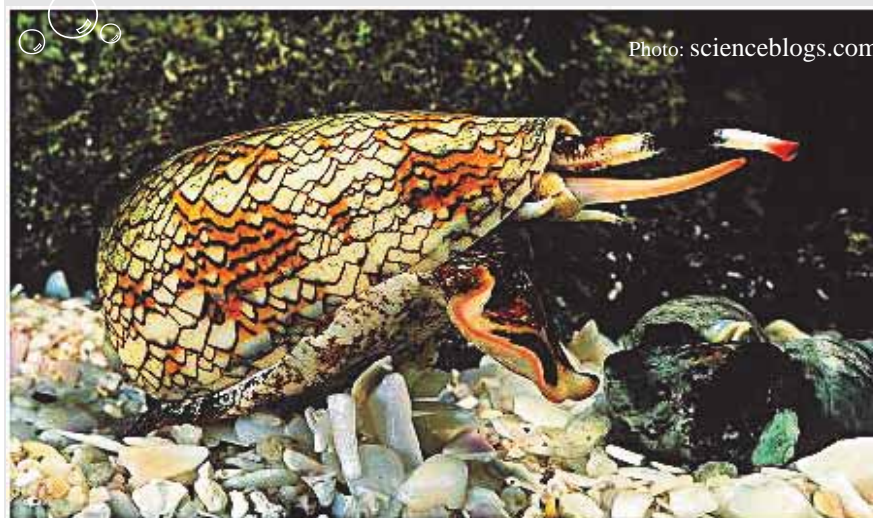
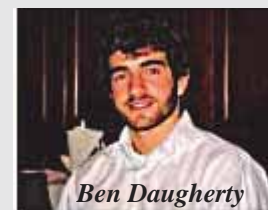


Photo: scienceblogs.com

Did You Know?...

In the time it takes you to drink a cup of coffee, the deadly toxins found in the cone snail would have killed you. This of course is a humorous exaggeration, but it does well to illustrate the harmful effects of such a sting from these animals. Found mainly along the reefs of the Indo-Pacific, the cone snail has developed an amazingly potent venom that is injected by a single harpoon-like tooth from the mouth of the animal. Research has shown that the venom contains some very beneficial attributes to the field of medicine. One compound found, by the name of ziconotide, works by blocking proteins in calcium channels of the nervous system. These channels communicate with cells and are part of the system that tells your brain when you're in pain. By suppressing these channels we can potentially lower the experience of pain, perhaps even one day eliminating the need for morphine. ■ Ben Daugherty

Ben studied abroad this summer at CIEE Research Station Bonaire. He is an undergraduate at Emory & Henry College in the US, pursuing a degree in medicine. He plays on the men's soccer team at the college and enjoys spending his time with friends and family in Chattanooga, TN. Watch out for that sting!



Ben Daugherty

Abuse and Neglect

Sad but true. This poor pathetic dog, "Sammy," was found lying on the street by a kind taxi driver and brought to the Bonaire Animal Shelter. With a dog this far gone, just skin and bone, with seeping wounds and sick, it's normally best, out of kindness, to put it to sleep. But something about him made the Shelter manager stop the process. "It was like he knew his life was in our hands," says Monique. "There's something very special about him. We couldn't euthanize him!"

Sammy is hopefully on the mend right now, and no matter how bad he looks, with his bones sticking out he gets up, wags his tail and greets us as we come into the cage for photos. There's no sign in his personality that he's suffered such abuse, just his attitude of being so happy and appreciative to be alive and taken care of.

This is a true example of animal abuse: someone who owns a pet but gives it no food, no love and attention, no medical care, not thinking of the consequences and allows it to die a slow and painful death. If you see a case like this alert the Shelter (717-4989) or ask the owner to take it to the Shelter where it can either be cared for and put up for adoption or mercifully euthanized. ■ Laura DeSalvo



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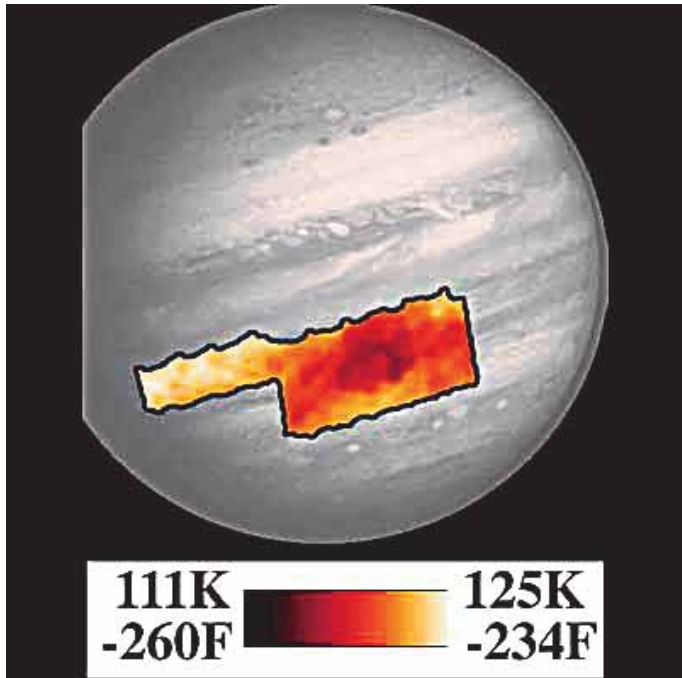
The Hunter's Moon for 2010 and Use the Moon to Hunt for Jupiter

Hey there, Skyparkers. This month the Moon will be doing double duty as it first helps you to make sure you know which bright light in the night sky is Jupiter around October 19. And then it will serve as this year's Hunter's Moon on Friday the 22.

On October 18, at 8:30 pm, face south-east. Now sometimes when star gazers see the Moon it's not always a welcome sight, as the Moon can ruin an evening's star gazing. But this month the Moon

will help you find Jupiter. Monday October 18, the 11-day-old, waxing gibbous Moon will be about 15 degrees to the right of Jupiter. Or think of it this way. Find that big, bright Moon in the east, then look down and to the left of the Moon and that bright white light is the king of the planets, Jupiter. The next night, October 19 the Moon will be a bit bigger and brighter and even closer to Jupiter, only 6 degrees above it.

The Moon will be about 250,000 miles away and its light will take only 1 1/3 seconds to get here. Jupiter will be 1,500 times farther away than the Moon, 380 million miles, and Jupiter's light will take almost 34 minutes to reach us. The next night, October 20, the Moon will have passed on beyond Jupiter but will still be close enough that it can still be used as a sign post for you Jupiter gazers. This October is an especially good time to take a look at Jupiter because it is just past opposition, which means Jupiter is still very close to Earth which makes it even



There's a big temperature variation around Jupiter's Red Spot

brighter and bigger than usual.

Another reason to take a look at Jupiter this October is that Jupiter's Great Red Spot (see photo) is easier to see in a small telescope or even with binoculars because Jupiter has, temporarily at least, lost one of the dark equatorial bands that circle it. The south equatorial band has faded since last year at this time and with this band out of the way the Great Red Spot is easier to see. This fading of the equatorial band has happened before but Jupiteronomers do not fully understand why it happens. And an even better reason to keep watching Jupiter is that this south equatorial band will likely reappear quickly with little or no warning. Again, no one can tell you quite why. Maybe you'll be the astronomer who will figure it out. ■

Chris Trigg

Longtime writer of Sky Park, Jack Horkheimer recently passed away. At least one month of columns will be written by Chris Trigg, a staffer at the Miami Science Museum.



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
For October 2010

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You should put a little extra effort in at work. Don't let your work and your personal life interfere with each other. You can form new partnerships, but don't move too quickly; things may not be as they appear. Get back to basics and reevaluate what is important in life. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You are best to look into investments that will grow in value over an extended period of time. You won't be admired at home if you haven't been taking care of your share of the work. Friends or groups that you're affiliated with may want you to contribute more cash than you can really afford. You will be moody and react poorly to issues concerning your mate. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Pleasure trips will promote new romantic encounters. Sooner or later your partner will have had enough. Home improvement projects will run smoothly. Do not expect others to do your work. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Opportunities to make financial gains will develop through your connections with other people. Try to get out and socialize. You may get upset with peers or relatives. Residential moves should be considered carefully. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Relatives may play an important role in your personal life. Confusion could result when communicating with others. You may have a rather hectic day due to events that children are involved in. Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about possible romance. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You have bent over backward trying to help them and now it's time to let them stand on their own two feet. Get thinking about prolonging longevity. Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group. Your luckiest events this month

will occur on a Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Get busy. Your ability to deal with humanitarian groups will enhance your reputation. Exaggeration or deception coupled with overindulgence might be a problem. Avoid lending money or belongings to friends. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Read some books on self awareness. Travel and communication will be lucrative for you. Think hard before going into business with friends or family. You can stabilize your financial situation if you make property investments. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) An older loved one may be having problems. Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Deal with in-laws this month. Heed the advice given by family or old reliable friends.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Changes to your self-image will be to your benefit as long as you don't over pay. Try to keep your opinions to yourself. Be careful when dealing with investments. Someone close to you will get upset easily if you are insensitive to their needs. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You'd be wise to control your spending so your debts don't get out of hand. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Get involved in groups that are creative in nature. Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts. Social events will be plentiful. Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

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