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Local Crime Inside This Issue*



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At the St. James Medical School free health screening last Saturday dentist (and now a medical student) Eric Lessard is assisted by student Jun Zhi Lin

Now that Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba are municipalities of The Netherlands the new Dutch Law (Admittance and Expulsion law, the WTU) dealing with who can live on Bonaire and for how long became effective.

It means that Dutch citizens living elsewhere than Bonaire, St. Eustatius, or Saba have free entry up to a **maximum of six months per year to these BES Islands**, but will have to apply for a Declaration by Right if they wish to remain longer and work and live on the islands. That applies for the Dutch citizens who originate from Holland, Curaçao, St. Maarten, or Aruba.

Dutch citizens who themselves or their parents were born on Bonaire, St. Eustatius, or Saba do not fall under the law, nor do Dutch citizens who were living on Bonaire, St. Eustatius, or Saba since October 10, 2009 (one year before 10-10-10) and are currently recorded in the civil registry.

Everyone who registers after October 10, 2009, must apply for a residence permit.

From now on, non-Dutch foreigners (tourists) may stay on Bonaire, St. Eustatius, or Saba for a maximum of three months per period of six months.

► Following a request from *The Reporter* the RCN (Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland-Royal Service of the Netherlands Caribbean) replied that the Dutch-American Friendship treaty is applicable. In 1956, when the US and the Netherlands signed the Treaty of Friendship, it gave citizens and businesses in each country reciprocal rights in both countries. The idea was to encourage economic and cultural relations between the US, the Netherlands and its territories.

It has been interpreted by Antilles courts to grant the same admittance rights to Americans as the Dutch.

However, according to the recent communication from the RCN, speaking in behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Justice, the WTU-BES (*Wet Uitreding en Toelating- BES*), the way the treaty is applied and interpreted is de-

scribed in the "Circulaire toelating en uitzetting BES" which gives **Americans three months fewer residency on the BES Islands than Dutch citizens.**

The Netherlands does not agree with the decision by the Sint Maarten Court granting equivalent admission rights and is appealing.

The position of The Netherlands concerning equal treatment will be published in the "Circulaire" and will be finalized when the appeal is being heard.

► **The long-postponed Bonaire Referendum is set for this December.** However, so far, no definition of the question(s) or specific guidance has been provided. Last week the newest Government Coalition passed a motion to have a referendum to find out from the people if they support the recent constitutional arrangements agreed on with Holland. A previous iteration of the Referendum was budgeted at NAf 500 thousand. The referendum cannot change the present situation but may provide a "feeling" for the current arrangement with The Netherlands. Opposition is focused on Holland's acceptance of abortion, euthanasia and same-sex marriage.

► **Like in the "old days" you can now fly to Curaçao by jet for just NAf 100 thanks to Insel Air's new offer.** And you may even win a weekend getaway. Check their ad on page 6 for details.

► **THE NETHERLANDS-- Queen Beatrix should no longer be officially part of the government,** PVV Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders said during the debate on the new government last Tuesday. Wilders, whose party has agreed to back the minority government in a number of policy areas, says he will introduce legislation in an effort to get the Queen officially removed as head of state.

According to the Dutch constitution, the monarch is officially head of the government, but in practice, it is the Prime Minister (Minister-President in Dutch) who actually does the leading.

► *An excellent summary of the new status of Bonaire was provided by Bonaire's Tourism Office head Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes. It's reprinted here with permission.*

10 October, 2010 was an exceptional day. The country of the Netherlands Antilles, consisting of the islands of Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and St. Maarten, ceased to exist. Curaçao and St. Maarten became autonomous countries within the Dutch Kingdom; Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba became special municipalities of the Netherlands. **The area now officially referred to as the "Dutch Caribbean."**

Although Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba are now special municipalities of the Netherlands, and thus assume Dutch nationality, **their identity and culture will remain.** Their flags will remain and **Papiamentu and English will remain legitimate languages.** The change most evident to tourists and other visitors is that **effective January 1, 2011 the American dollar will be the legal currency on the islands.**

The island government will retain jurisdiction and the islanders will deal primarily on this administrative level. The Lieutenant Governor will remain—as is the case now—responsible for public order and disaster relief. What does change is that **with the Dutch nationality, islanders will obtain the right to vote for the members of the House of Representatives, the Parliament's Second Chamber of The Netherlands in The Hague.** A Kingdom representative—somewhat comparable to the Governor of old—will also be appointed. The Kingdom representative is the Chief of Police, coordinates Dutch policy in the Caribbean area, and is responsible for the proper administration of the Island governments.

The Netherlands will assume the tasks of the former Netherlands Antilles. Police and fire departments, and the customs and tax offices will be under their control. In agreement with the three islands, the Netherlands has also agreed to assume the tasks of social security, old-age pension, welfare benefits, public health, youth care, and education. **As of 1 January, everyone will have health insurance and a great deal will be invested in education.** For example, schoolbooks will become free of charge for secondary education, new teaching methods will be introduced, and school buildings will be improved.

A new investment friendly tax system has been introduced and other measures to improve the investment climate will also be added to the mix. To this extent several initiatives focused specifically on the tourism industry are also being pursued. These new changes will mean for the future of the island should start to become evident once all the departments are in place and folks have a chance become accustomed to them. With the seamless integration of the governing body that has been gradually introduced over the past few months and continuing on into next year, the transition should be accomplished with few problems. May GOD bless our new island constellation and our closer ties with the Netherlands!

Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes

► **Bonaire took the first step towards participating in sustainable management of the Dutch Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), an area twice as large as The Netherlands.** (100,000 km²). On behalf of the island of Bonaire Commissioner Elvis Tjin Asjoe signed the

agreement for cooperation with Kingdom Partners Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Saba, Sint Eustatius and The Netherlands. The collaboration focuses on sustainable management of the EEZ with regard to both nature

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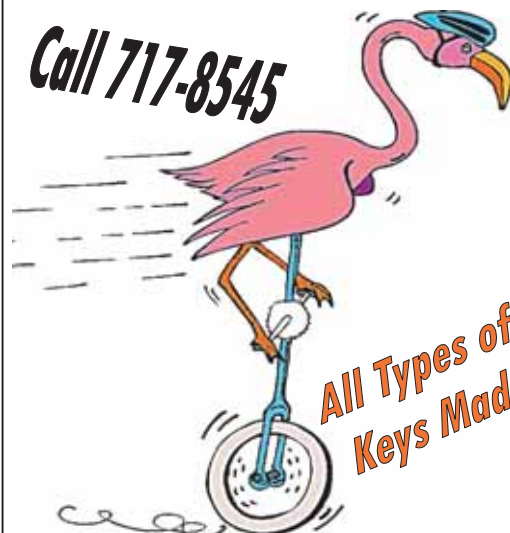
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Official Complaint Department BES Tax Haven?

Now that Bonaire is integrated into The Netherlands, Bonaireans can take advantage of a service that's available to all Dutchmen.— **the office of the Ombudsman**

For those unfamiliar with the term, an **Ombudsman** (at least for the Dutch political system) is a government appointee who investigates complaints by private persons against the government. The Dutch ombudsman will serve Bonaire, Saba and Statia.

So, who do you call if you feel you are not being served as stated by law/rules/regulations? **Alex Brenninkmeijer**, the Ombudsman of the Netherlands.

Alex Brenninkmeijer has been the Dutch national ombudsman since 1 October 2005. He studied Dutch Law at the University of Groningen where he got his degree in 1976. In 1987, he obtained his doctorate from Tilburg University for research on the importance of independent jurisdiction in democratic constitutional states. Until his appointment as the national ombudsman, Brenninkmeijer was a judge on social security matters, civil service law and tax law at various courts. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Leiden as a professor of constitutional and administrative law. In 2003 he started as a professor at the *Albeda-leerstoel* of employment relationship at the government and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Brenninkmeijer is a pioneer in conflict arbitration and mediation. He is specialized in relations between citizens and the



Alex Brenninkmeijer,
National Ombudsman

Alex Brenninkmeijer will be on our island, to speak about his role on November 2 (the day *The Reporter* should begin to be distributed) at the Divi Flamingo Resort at 7:30 pm.

government, conflict analysis and methods of conflict solutions.

He has often described what his job is about: "The government is there for you *Maar soms ervaart u dat niet zo. But sometimes you do not experience it. Bijvoorbeeld wanneer de procedures en regels te ingewikkeld zijn.* For example, if the procedures and rules are too complicated. *En als u er dan over klaagt bij de overheid, krijgt u geen gehoor.* And if you then complain to the government, you get no answer. *In zo'n situatie kunt u terecht bij mij.* In this situation, please contact me. *Ik sta met 170 medewerkers voor u klaar als het misgaat tussen u en de overheid.* I stand

ready with 170 employees who will be happy to help when things go wrong between you and the government."

You can begin the process by using the "complaint/suggestion box" already in place at the RCN building. Or go to the website: www.nationaleombudsman.nl/

The National Ombudsman can handle complaints about the National Caribbean Netherlands police and fire departments, the Tax Department and the RCN itself on the islands of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The procedure is useful for those residents who feel improperly treated by the national government and have been unable to get a response otherwise.

The way the Ombudsman will handle complaints about the government in the Netherlands Caribbean is essentially no different from the way he investigates complaints in the European Netherlands. There is a brochure about the procedure and how someone can lodge a complaint available at the RCN office. ■ *G.D.*



AMSTERDAM--Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be tax havens just like the Netherlands, said the Dutch tax consultant firm *Haags Juristen College* in the Dutch newspaper *De Pers*.

According to them, the discussion in the Dutch Parliament about whether three BES Islands would become tax havens under the new fiscal regime was "hypocritical." The firm said The Netherlands was already a tax haven for foreign companies. "There are some 200 trust companies in The Netherlands, which together represent some 10,000 foreign companies, involving a flow of money that is nine times bigger than our total national income," they said. The foreign companies register in The Netherlands because the Netherlands doesn't levy source tax on interest and royalties. "That is good for the economy and government's coffers." He said it would be "hypocritical" if the Dutch government didn't allow the BES Islands "earn a good income" as tax havens. ■ *Press release*

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On the Island Since... January 3d, 2003 - Annemiek Le Noble

"I came with Mark, my husband at the time, and our little son Rowan who was one year and four months old. It was the start of what was supposed to be 'our trip around the world.' Amongst other things we had packed a Swiss army knife, foldable cups, medicines and special food for at least three months for Rowan who was suffering from a terrible eczema. In Holland we'd seen three different specialists, but there had been no treatment available and so we decided to go. After being on Bonaire for two weeks our son had fully recovered. No more medicines or special food or soy-milk. We felt so good!

Bonaire was supposed to be our first stop. We had sold our house in Holland and going low budget we would be able to last a year, money wise. However, we had told each other, 'If we like it, we'll stay longer.

In Holland I'd become a dive master and Mark said, 'Let's go to Bonaire because the diving is

beautiful there.' I didn't have enough dives on my record yet so I thought it would be a good idea because I was planning to work as a dive master during our trip to make some extra money.

Driving from the airport to Eden Beach I thought, 'My God, do I have to stay here for two weeks?' Everything looked so poor. So many unfinished houses and Sunset Beach was a ruin.

But... then I saw the gorgeous colors of the sea, the palm trees waving in the wind and our baby was cured two weeks later. I had come from a grey country: grey people, buildings and clothes - Holland in January. Here the people said hello, the colors were fascinating. It brought me back to life! From that moment on everything started to move in so many ways.

In Holland I'd been a physio-therapist at a leading rehab centre, a spine and joint centre in Rotterdam. The second day of our stay, when I was out on the beach, I met Dos Winkel who

was examining someone's knee. He told me to go and see Simone Sweets at Bon Fysio and that's what I did. Simone told me that in a month's time I could fill in for someone.

Mark and I talked it over and it appeared that at one of the dive schools they were going to give an instructor's training. So we decided to stay, long enough for me to finish the course and during that time I would work at Bon Fysio.

You know," she smiles. "Sometimes I think Bonaire is all or nothing - either you don't care for it and you leave or you get hooked. I got hooked!

But, four months later we left for the US to continue our trip around the world." She laughs.

"I remember something really funny. In Holland, when we left, several of our relatives hung up a map of the world and next to it a box full of pins. So far, only one shitty little pin had been stuck on a place which was almost impossible to find on the map. Next to it the box with pins - waiting.

Well, we went to a trailer park in Indiana - of all places. It was grey, endless



Rowan and Annemiek by the sea

cornfields and the average age of the people at the park was 93. I went to see a client of mine whom I had treated in Holland. We bought a French built motor home. We were in the States and one shouldn't do those things! We tried to get away four times and four times the motor home broke down. Then our visas were about to expire, so we flew to Toronto, Canada. The moment we arrived at the airport, power

failure struck the whole East Coast. We got stuck at the airport for two days with a toddler and one diaper. We traveled through Canada for three months and it was wonderful - so well organized, friendly people, beautiful nature. We had a great time and everybody loved Rowan. He was our happy camper. Then the money was gone. We had our return ticket for Bonaire - so

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"My true passion is to offer Non Violent Communication to all children and people who work with children"

							
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Born on Bonaire (Continued from pg. 4) either we would go back to Holland or stay on Bonaire bit longer. When we got here Anita had arranged a house and Mark found a job on the dive bus. I could work for a couple of hours a week at Bon Fysio where I also set up the supervised fitness at night.

Before I came here I had worked for two years at CSA – Centre Self Awareness. I have always been interested in awareness training – how to get the best out of yourself – and I missed that here, especially the group, the sharing. A friend of mine who was organizing courses in Holland said, ‘I’ll come over to give training.’ It was a success; people were very enthusiastic. Then my plan to open a centre, a place where you can go to share, to learn and to grow, started to take shape.

In the meantime I went on organizing trainings and I started to develop and educate myself in Marshall Rosenberg’s Non Violent Communication. Communication is something that comes naturally. One learns how to communicate by talking, listening and thinking, and we use our feelings and our needs. We all have the same universal needs: safety, recognition, appreciation, attention, respect and trust. And the only reason we communicate is to make a connection with

ourselves and the other. Non Violent Communication connects you in a very simple way with your own needs and lets you hear and it shows you what the real needs of the other person are and... there and then the connection takes place. Non Violent Communication is a language which brings us back to our natural ability to enjoy giving and receiving from the heart and to enrich each other’s lives.

I got my training in the US with Marshall Rosenberg and in Holland as well. Also, I did courses in Holland, Germany and the US based on ‘The Work’ by Byron Kathie. Meanwhile life went on. Mark was working for Yellow Submarine, Rowan went to Hardin di Chikitin and everybody was living their own life more or less. And then the day came that it was done – for both of us – at the same moment. Nowadays our relationship is much stronger than it was when we were married. Mark and I are now best friends.”

Annemiek has a good sense of humor and she’s smart and spontaneous. She’s also well educated and idealistic and thorough in a friendly, laid back manner.

“Together with my new partner I found the location for Bonaire Basics at Kaya Korona, between Krusada and Fingos. It was an enormous renovation and without Simone’s help I could have never

accomplished this project.

In 2008 we started with physiotherapy and Inge Berben from FORMA helped us by renting the two spacious and tasteful auditoriums we have in the building for FORMA. January 2009 the official opening of Bonaire Basics – ‘Centre for Self Awareness and Well Being’ took place. I give training in Non Violent Communication, we organize creative activities, there are yoga classes and we will have meditation classes very soon. There’s physiotherapy and massage and body stress release by Bjorn van der Ree. We are also renting out our two auditoriums for conferences and other gatherings. What we really want to accomplish is to create a meeting point. We want to organize movie nights, set up a spiritual library and open a small lunchroom so that everyone can stay after the activities and chill a bit longer.

This, however, is not the only thing I’m doing. My true passion is to offer Non Violent Communication to all children and people who work with children. Because I feel that if every child gets the chance to learn at an



Annemiek in front of Bonaire Basics

early age how to communicate with respect for itself and others, there will be no screaming, no beating, no shooting, no stabbing, no drugs or alcohol – because it gives you the tools to make a different choice. So far, I’ve done Non Violent Communication training for the Pelikaan School’s teachers, parents and children, for the whole staff and free lance teachers at FORMA, for the neighborhood moms of SEBIKI, and a group of teachers of SGB and private groups. I also give Non Violent Communication training on Curaçao. It’s just wonderful that I am getting the chance to introduce this here on Bonaire.

I love Bonaire. It is a very special place; it’s THE place to get to know yourself. Besides the fact that it’s well known as a diver’s paradise, this island has a quality – an energy – which helps people to find out who they are and why they are here – and to find what they’ve lost on the way.”

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Since 1924 Toastmasters International has been a non-profit organization to develop public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback. In Bonaire we have four clubs: the Wayaca, Sentibibu, Flamingo and Culture. The founder of the Toastmasters Clubs in Bonaire is Mr. Sherwin Pourier, RBTT branch manager, a very dynamic and outspoken person. Mr. Pourier works hard for the Bonairean community and exercises leadership skills to improve people's quality of life.



tion, I need to communicate with individual volunteers. Communication is very necessary and e-mails fly back and forth between all involved. The result is that everyone understands exactly what is happening and can see the progress we are making. Regular and consistent communication among everyone concerned is a crucial activity that supports anyone in a leadership position. As far as e-mail is concerned it should not be depended upon as the sole means of communication. If you aren't getting the response you need, pick up the phone and call. Sometimes computers go down or messages float around the Internet for days before landing in an inbox, or people just aren't reading their e-mails.

Members of Toastmasters also learn how to be effective evaluators. As a Distinguished Toastmaster who served on the Arizona Board of Directors from 1994-1996 in the US, Mrs. Dee Dees says, "Leadership is one of those concepts that is discussed, analyzed and taught endlessly, for good reason. It's critical to getting things done.

The three keys to effective leadership are delegation, communication and appreciation. That's what is needed to accomplish a mission with 300 volunteers during a convention. Delegation doesn't always come easily to leaders, but it's learned through experience." Mrs. Dees continues, "I delegate but also empower those committee chairs to lead their own way. By choosing capable people to help, I found it easy later on to trust them to do their jobs effectively. Also I learned to accept offers of help and even those who don't offer are usually more than willing to help if you ask them.

An effective leader needs to be an effective communicator. In planning a conven-

The easiest and most enjoyable leadership responsibility is showing appreciation for everyone. Saying the word, thanks, to all those attending the meetings and for all their hard work makes people feel they are appreciated. I try to provide snacks for every meeting because I discovered long ago that if you want good attendance, food works. Appreciation goes a long way toward keeping a team motivated and happy. Everyone likes to be appreciated. Even if it's not the reason we do what we do, we love it just the same.

There are many other qualities a good leader needs: integrity, kindness, listening skills, fairness, having a vision, the ability to motivate. The list goes on. But if you're leading a team and can delegate the tasks so that the workload is shared, if you can communicate what the end result needs to be and how to get there, and if you show appreciation for your team members at every opportunity, you will be an effective leader."

So as Mrs. Dee Dees evaluates the skills of a true leader, how do you evaluate your-

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He leaves behind his mother Helen E. Sargent; sisters Laurie, Christie and Donna Arra; nephews Douglas J. Abraham, Dustin C. Abraham, and niece Francesca Arra, in Bonaire; father Rudolph Joseph Dovale and Jacqueline M Graafland, in Curaçao and partner Jennifer Best in The Netherlands.

A cremation service was held Monday October 25, 2010, in Almere-Stad (Kruidenwijk-West)

Funeral & Burial Services will take place at El Tributo in Curaçao on Friday, November 12th from 4-6pm

Please note: you may contact Christie Dovale at christiedovale@hotmail.com

DO YOU SUDOKU?

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

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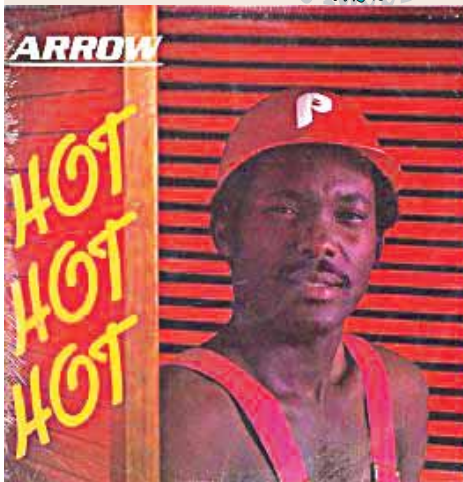
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Latin Music Classics



Last month Soca musician Arrow from Montserrat died at the age of 60.

The name Arrow is unknown to most people, but his enormous hit, "Hot Hot Hot," is famous all over the world. Written by Arrow himself in 1982, the original version became an instant dance floor hit and was later covered by various artists, most notably in 1987 by American singer Buster Poindexter. His version garnered extensive airplay through radio, MTV, and other television channels. The song became the biggest selling Soca hit of all time and still has an enormous popularity at karaoke parties.

Jody's Music Quiz

This week's question:
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Please send your answer to: info@jodysbonaire.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*.

Last week's answer: The story goes that Harry Belafonte wrote the song, "Island In The Sun," as he was looking from Belnem over to Klein Bonaire. Last week's winner is Veronika Kolbe. She can pick up a free CD at Jody's on Lagoen Hill #18. ■ *Jo Bux*

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BonQuiz #40



WWII Monument

Many countries in the world dedicate a monument, site or plaque to WWII victims. And Bonaire has a monument also. It is located downtown Kralendijk, right in front of the entrance of the North pier. A tall white column and a bronze plaque stands in memory of those fallen during the Second World War. Thirty-four names of Bonaire families are engraved on the plaque.

Bonaire lost more sailors than any of the other Dutch Island during WWII. Even though these men were not soldiers in that war, they are imbedded in the memory of their families left behind, as fallen during that period.

Q) How did these men die during the war?

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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Mega Hotel At Sunset Beach?

Last month 80% of Bonaireans and 90% of visitors surveyed said that they do NOT want a large hotel built at the Sunset Beach location. The Fundashon Playa Publico surveyed 1,600 people to find out what they wanted to do with the island-owned property at Sunset Beach, known to locals as Playa Lechi. The response was conclusive.

The survey (offered in Papiamentu and English) was conducted because the area just north of the Eden Beach Resort, originally built as the Bonaire Beach Hotel and later the Sunset Beach Hotel, has become the focus for islanders who want a free access public beach.

When Divi Resorts recently abandoned their three-year effort to develop an all-inclusive hotel at Sunset Beach, it captured the attention of other resort developers. Some locals, like Johan Visser of the Zeezicht Restaurant, would like to see a boutique hotel from a major hotel chain built at the site along with, perhaps, a golf course. Others have expressed a desire to have a large resort hotel from a major chain like Marriott or Ritz Carlton take over Sunset. **What cannot be ignored at this stage is the voice of the people of Bonaire who expressed overwhelmingly that they disapprove of a major hotel at Playa Lechi. When island elections are held in March 2011, the future of Sunset Beach/Playa Lechi will be a prime issue.**

Proponents for a luxury resort argue that a mega, 500-bed hotel would bring more visitors to Bonaire. But that may not be as easy as it might appear. "If you all of a sudden open up a 500-bed hotel and you didn't take care of the proper airlift arrangements, where do all these people come from?" asks Bous Scholts, former marketing manager of Plaza Resort and past president of BONHATA. "If there is not sufficient airlift, the new hotel might attract business, but it comes from the other hotels on the island. So, bottom line, that is not sustainable growth."

Bringing a large hotel to a small island like Bonaire is a formidable challenge. What comes first? Do you first build the hotel? Or does a major chain somehow initially secure the commitment from a major airline or two based on a set of plans? In considering this 'chicken or the egg' scenario, it is best to look at the numbers. "Here's a quick calculation," continues Scholts. "A healthy hotel occupancy rate in the Caribbean is 70%. That means 350 beds-700 people per week times 52 weeks. That's 40,000 more visitors per year. It would take at least two additional airplanes per week to handle this load. A new mega hotel will damage all the other existing hotels when there is no im-



Hotel plan for Playa Lechi by award-winning architect Peter Bohlin

provement in airlift because then it's just a re-allocation of the present market share. Growth can only happen when we also secure airlift and that is not an easy task."

Only a major hotel chain has a chance of securing that kind of substantial airlift commitment, and according to Scholts, a corporation would have to invest big money to accomplish the task. "Unless you have a very wealthy chain of hotels that has a proven track record that can guarantee to the government that they have a half billion dollars to build a project and open it up, I don't believe in it."

In order to expand their market and avoid intensive capital investment, most large hotel chains resort to establishing franchise operations. A franchise is the right or license granted by the hotel company to an individual or group to use its brand name to market its products or services in a specific territory. Often in these deals, franchise developers, who are local or regional business people, are granted use of local land and offered tax breaks by local government officials in hopes of luring more tourists to the island. In the case of a Ritz Carlton or Marriott, a franchise would only cost developers \$50,000. This is less than the cost of a single lot for a middle-income house on Bonaire. In turn, the franchiser would receive the rights to develop a location like Sunset Beach plus other financial incentives.

Bonaire has experienced several failed, large-hotel projects in the past decades. For example, huge structures built for a hotel at Sorobon Beach had to be demolished once the project was abandoned. The Flamingo Paradise project dug canals, but the buildings that later became Caribbean Court were not constructed until 10 years later. Harbour Village began as a Sonesta franchise years ago, but it never secured the necessary airlift to bring in large numbers of tourists. Then there was The Point or the "Parker Project," where the Plaza Resort now exists. It sat unfinished for years after the developer left town with the government's money. Then, the people of Bonaire were strapped with a 5% sales tax to pay off the debt.

One additional detail on franchises should be considered.

Many of the new Ritz Carlton franchise resorts are now based on 'residence' hotels and time-shares. **Bonaire presently has a glut of vacation properties for sale or rent. Additional units would only further dilute the existing market.**

One can simply look to Aruba to see how luxury resort development can ignore the needs of local residents. The government there decided decades ago that mass tourism was the key to their economic future. Big, wide beaches, casinos and luxury hotels now dominate the leeward side of the island. The only sizable beach along that coast that is still remains unspoiled, according to Aruban Jimmy Mijer, is Arashi Beach. "I grew up in Aruba and have seen our beach choices dwindle over the years. We still have Dos Playa in Arikok National Park on the windward side. But on the leeward coast, Arashi is our only recreational choice. It's a great beach and we love it, but I've heard rumors that it too may be developed for tourism."

While Bonaire also offers fewer public beach choices than years ago, the island differs greatly from Aruba. **Bonaire is fortunate to have a sound, loyal tourist base -- around 30% are frequent visitors, which is high in the tourism industry.** If the island government decides go against the wishes of these loyal visitors as expressed in the recent Fundashon Playa Publico survey, Bonaire runs the risk of ruining what makes this island a unique destination.

Part of that uniqueness is Sunset Beach. With responsible development, the beach can become a gathering place to be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. If government officials are determined to bring a large chain hotel to the island, there are other locations much more suitable. Two alternatives to be considered are the unfinished Esmeralda property across from the Trans World Radio transmitters near Punt Vierkant or the seaside location where the WEB facility now exists.

So what is the future for Playa Lechi/Sunset Beach if it is not a place for a major resort? That grand vision will be explored in the next article. ■ Patrick Holian

Body Talk

VITAMIN C- ARE YOU GETTING TOO MUCH

I do not think there is anything new I can add to the excellent qualities of Vitamin C that has not already been done. Yes, it is a powerful anti-oxidant, it plays an important part in wound healing and it aids in the formation of liver bile. The list is endless!



Depending on who you listen to, amounts of between 500-1,000 mg per day is recommended, and I have seen people take a few thousand mg a day. All this on top of eating fruit every day! This is exactly where problems can occur. Most people are under the impression that 'what the body does not need it will eliminate,' but that is exactly where they go wrong. Yes, up to a point the body will eliminate any excess, but on a short term basis this could cause various aches and pains throughout the body. Vitamin C toxicity over a long period of use is very common, and as soon as the intake stops, so do all those aches and pains. I see more people with high (to excessive) levels of Vitamin C, than people needing any. And guess where I see the high levels of vitamin C? Yes, in those who supplement. These are the same people with those 'phantom' aches and pains, and the diarrhea (from too much).

But the aches and pains and diarrhea are just some of the 'nuisance' problems. On a longer term too much Vitamin C reduces levels of copper in the body and should not be taken if you have a history of kidney stones or kidney disease or have an iron overload. Bonaire has a huge number of people with kidney disease of some kind. So many of our food and drinks are Vitamin C and Calcium fortified which can con-

tribute to stone formation.

Excessive amounts of Vitamin C in pregnant mothers could also cause rebound scurvy due to the sudden drop in daily intake after birth. Quite a sobering thought.

Another 'joke' being played on smokers is the fact that they need more Vitamin C than the average person, or the non-smoker. I am convinced this was another ploy by BIG PHARMA to boost sales of Vitamin C. I decided to test this theory by testing hundreds of smokers and non-smokers. Guess what? The number of smokers versus non-smokers that were Vitamin C deficient was totally insignificant. In fact, very few people are Vitamin C deficient even though they do not supplement. One good helping of fruit a day is usually enough to keep the levels up.

Do not misunderstand me - Vitamin C is extremely important, but the body needs it in its natural state, as in fruit, broccoli, red peppers, strawberries etc. Should you come down with a cold or are in recovery from an illness or operation, by all means, increase your daily intake of fruit - not supplements.

And for those of you that are 'over-supplementing' - GOOD LUCK! ■ Stephanie Bennett

Next issue: Calcium: Curse or Cure

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 the UK and now researches Bonaire health issues. She is the owner of the Essence Nutritional Center



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How Can We Avoid Taking The Law In Our Own Hands And Let The Police To Their Job?

These last few months we've been hearing so much about burglary in people's homes and stores. There was a time when one could even sleep with the doors open. The keys could remain the whole night in the car and no one even thought about joy-riding or stealing your vehicle(s).

You may ask yourself why I decided to write about this. Well, it is very simple. I did not go through such a nightmare myself. The only thing I went through is that on a certain night someone came uninvited into our garden and stole two batteries out of my cars. I am not saying that this made me happy. Not at all. The point is that, if I compare this to other cases, it might sound a little bit funny. Anyway, I really feel sadness and compassion for those who became victims of theft of their vehicle(s). It must be very painful if you work very hard to achieve your things and someone just takes them from you. The pain becomes heavier, especially when the authorities are not capable of solving many of these cases.



Yesterday, after my Wednesday evening radio program, I decided to go for a cold beer at a local bar, which is located along the Kaya Corona, closed to the Catholic Church. There is a guy I know, who works for the local news paper. He came to pick up the food he had ordered before. As soon as I greeted him, he started casting out the "steam" he had inside. He wasn't angry. He

was furious. He told me that his scooter had been stolen. He went to the police. According to the police, it was very difficult to trace the thief, as they did not have any clue. He asked the police: "if I manage to find out who stole it and I find my scooter back, would it then be easier for your guys to prosecute this person"? The police said: "yes". As he lives in a village where everyone knows each other, he started an investigation all by himself. And yes: he found out who stole his scooter and he also found his stolen scooter back. Despite the fact that they tried to transform his scooter, in order to make it unrecognizable, he did recognize it. According to him, there is a big criminal organization operating. He said that they steal scooters, take one engine here and put it there, change the color, the frame and so on. In one word: a professional youth criminal organization, the so called P.Y.C.O. He went back to the police station with these two facts. To his surprise the police told him that they could not do anything in this case,

as no other owner of a stolen scooter came to the station to report it. He continued telling me that what really makes him feel frustrated humiliated, is when he and the thief meet and he notices how the thief makes fun of him by giving him a huge mocking smile.

My conclusion: we can fight the crime together by increasing our social control. We do need police on the street. Absolutely! However, if we keep an eye on each other, like the way it was in the time of our grandparents, a person will think a lot of times before he or she decides to commit a crime. If all of us keep our mouth shut due to fear, the crime will surely keep on increasing day by day. ■

Norwin E. Leito

Norwin also has a radio program in Papiamentu, "Ekspreshon Sin Miedo," (Expression without Fear) on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm on 91.1, Radio Digital

Seventh Study & Career Fair

On Saturday, November 13, the 7th edition of the Study & Career Fair of Bonaire (SBM) will be held in the Sports Hall on Kaya Amsterdam.



The Fair will be officially opened at 3 pm and from 3:30 to 8 pm will be open to visitors. Workshops will be conducted by the University of Aruba,

the Office of Education from Holland. For visitors from Rincon transport has been arranged. The bus will drive the same route as the regular bus. The bus leaves at 3:30 pm from Rincon and will return at 7:30 pm. The committee encourages all to visit. For more information click: Study & Career Fair on the website www.banboneirubek.com

The motto of this year's SBM is: "Hoben, bin informá bo mes, ta bo ta futuro!" ("Youngsters, Come to find out for

yourself. You are the future!") There are 32 participants registered so far: 16 companies and 16 education-related institutions, including: University of Aruba, Fire Bonaire, NGO Platform, Trusteeship Council, Bonaire, Aviation Course and Maintenance SA, BONHATA, Ennia, FKPD, Fundashon Pa Kwido di Personanan Desabilita, Fundashon Fineb, Fundashon Forma, Fundashon Mangazina di Rei, RBTT Bank NV. SGB, GFS, STINAPA, Tourism Corporation Bonaire, Tempo, WEB SA. British American Books, FPI (Fundashon Planifikashon di Idioma), IFE- (Instituto Formashon Enfermería), Dutch

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Contact for the Study & Career Fair 2010 is Lilian Paula Crestian at email: sbm@banboneirubek.com. ■ Press release

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“Instant Classical Composing”



Bonaire's Hans Faassen treats local concert goers to "Instant Classical Composing." The quilts on the wall by Edith Foks provided a dramatic backdrop.

Hans Odin Faassen turned a new page for most in attendance at his October 23rd recital at Plaza Resort's Cacicque Hall, introducing them to "instant classical composing" for piano. Here was classical music of the composer-performer

himself, of the moment and on the spot. As Faassen explained it, "This is a classical composition that doesn't exist, made instantly for the mood of the performance in the manner of a jazz improvisation."

Beginning with bright and flawless piano

renditions from Johan Sebastian Bach's "Well Tempered Clavier," and selections from Joseph Hayden's Sonata No. 3 in E sharp and Stefan Helen's etudes, Faassen moved on to the drawing card of the evening, his own unique, freshly minted and instantly released compositions for this evening and audience alone.

To do this Faassen said, "One has to have a kind of internal music library and, where you're missing compositions of the masters, the ability to simplify and to use everything for your inspiration, including the piano itself. And even that will vary," he said, "because the 'touch' of the piano varies with the humidity. This is a 'good touch' day," he said.

Faassen's first improvisation seemed to draw upon a deeply Spanish atmosphere, perhaps a hidden tango, then lightening, becoming more melodic, even whimsical. From there inspiration moved to the spirit of a Chopin ballad, which was then tempered and changed by the style of a traditional jazz band (possibly summoned up from Faassen's many years as a jazz band pianist).

Then the mood changed again with a series of short pieces, each a different improvisation bringing to mind multiple classical themes that you could almost but not quite place as the pace changed to include

even old-time piano themes, reminiscent of American Western movies of the 1950s.

Faassen then entertained requests from audience members to participate by offering specific themes to inspire his compositions: "a dedication to the children of the island learning to windsurf from Bonaire's world-class masters," and "the sound of a Bonairean rainbow forming at the proverbial pot of gold at its end." The results were vibrant, stunning and warmly received.

Perhaps the high moment of the recital came at the finale with Faassen's own take on work of the modern jazz musician, Jacques Louissier as if influenced by J. S. Bach, followed by his improvisation in honor of "10-10-10," a fusion of the Bonaire and Netherlands national anthems.

Hans Faassen disclaims any pretense of being "a professional musician," but as Bonaire's Classical Music Board President Raymundo Saleh quickly pointed out in his closing remarks, "That may be so, but he certainly knows his way around the piano."

The Hans Odin Faassen recital was organized by the Classical Music Board Bonaire, which has announced its next concert for Saturday, November 20, 2010, also to be held at Plaza Resort Bonaire, featuring "La Cuadra Venezolano." ■ Robert Gilmour

X B t i k r e R m a c e



Arno van Aalst photo

Bonaire's first ever Xtreme Mountain Bike Duo Race, organized by Bonaire Wellness Connexions, was held on Sunday, October 24, and had more than 100 participants in 50 teams, with entrants from Bonaire, Aruba, Curaçao, Venezuela and Canada.

The top finishers were an Aruban team with the Men's Team second place taken by Bonaire's Floris

Dullart and DJ Methorst.

Weather for the event was excellent with partly cloudy skies and low winds. Rain earlier in the week kept the route challenging, but fortunately there were no accidents. The 75-kilometer ride was primarily single track and went through Washington National Park, along the east coast by the windmills, to the Lagoen area, and finished with the tough ride up Seru Largu and then down rough goat

trails through Republiek to the finish.

It was a great and very tough race. Mountain bikers from Curaçao, Aruba, Venezuela, Canada and Bonaire struggled with each other for the title. With a **first place** at the mixed teams and a **second place** at the elite teams, it was for Bonaire a very good event. Bonaire has a lot of good mountain bikers. Next month there will be another race on Aruba and in December on Curaçao.

■ Ann Johnson



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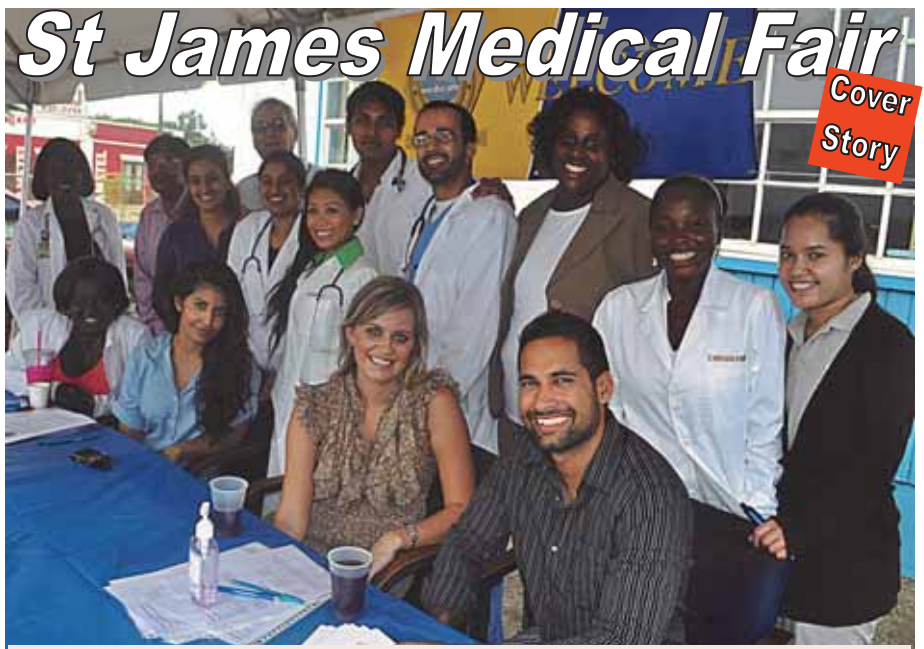


“Mi Hofiti” visits the garden of Captain Don and Janet at their kunuku on the Lagoen Road.

Soldachi Tours organized a visit by the members of “Mi Hofito,” the horticulture club in Rincon, to the kunuku and garden center of Captain Don Stewart and Janet on Wednesday, October 20. It was nice to do a walking tour and get information from Janet, while Don also accompanied the group in his motorized wheelchair. Of course it was a highlight to meet and listen to Don who is the person who introduced the dive industry that has made Bonaire famous as a divers’ paradise. The “Mi Hofito” group tries to plant their

own vegetables in their greenhouses at home. The group was also motivated to see how nice our island can be with so many plants. This tour was a very social event, like being a kind of tourist on your own island. Our Dutch friends who visit us six times a year, Co and Ellen Kers, were also part of this tour, and they enjoy learning a little bit more about Bonaire on every visit. We want to thank Don and Janet for sharing their knowledge, ideas and their hospitality with us, and we hope to motivate more visitors to take nice trips with *Soldachi Tours* to interesting places like this one. During the walking tour we took time for a group photo in the garden. ■

Story & photo by Maria Koeks Sintjago



Cover Story

Some of the staff & students on screening day (seated, L to R): Daisy Tahsah, Dania Siddigui, Maria Monaco, Adesh Vohora; Standing: Antonia Ngafor, Dr. Ravinder Kenue, Anet Ayyazyan, Dr. Bruce Davidson, Inderae Kaur, Thai Nguyen, Azmi Jahan, Ahson Shahid, Lakeysa Peoples, Mirielle Nkongho, Tiffany Phandone

Last Sunday on the premises of the St. James Medical School 113 persons came to have free medical testing and advice during the 2nd annual St. James Medical Fair. (Last year there were 74 visitors.) The school’s aim is to offer useful and hopefully reassuring information about how the insides of the visitors’ bodies are functioning. Should any problems be found the analysts will give advice on how to best address the problem. The screening tests covered a wide range of medical conditions, including blood pressure; % fat; oral, eye, and ear exams, blood tests for glucose, urine tests for ketones, protein and more. Information was available on diabetes, cholesterol,

obesity, hypertension and nutrition. The senior medical students carried out the testing under the direction of the clinically qualified faculty. Visitors were welcomed warmly, asked to fill out a registration and consent form, then directed to the rooms where the individual tests would be performed. Everyone was offered a snack and drink (frozen and regular fruit drinks were from the newly opened, nearby Go Green Natural and Organic Shop). Kudos to the St. James Medical School for offering this very valuable service, for the second year, free of charge, to the community of Bonaire. ■

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Friday	Nov. 5	<i>Sea Princess</i>	0800-1800	2016
Friday	Nov. 5	<i>Star Flyer</i>	1400-2000	?
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Tuesday	Nov. 9	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1000
Wednesday	Nov. 10	<i>Caribbean Princess</i>	0700-1400	3100
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Friday	Nov. 12	<i>Oceana</i>	0800-1800	1950
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Tuesday	Nov. 16	<i>Ocean Dream</i>	0800-1600	1000
Thursday	Nov. 18	<i>Noordam</i>	0800-1700	1918
Thursday	Nov. 18	<i>Sea Princess</i>	0800-1800	2016

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Thursday, November 4 – CIEE Lecture "Imaging the Twilight Zone: The Morphology and Distribution of Deep Reef Features, a Case Study from Bonaire" by Bryan M. Keller of the University of Delaware 7 pm Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 26

Friday, November 5 – Presentation of Magreet Faassen-Pijpers Bonairean art and children's book, "How Castor Gets Lost" (In Papiamentu, Dutch, English), Addo's Books & Toys, 5 – 6 pm. More on page 17

Saturday, November 6 - Book Fair and Flea Market at the Animal Shelter Bonaire Hundreds of books in English, Dutch, only NAf 2 each, 11am - 5pm, at the Shelter on Kaminda Lagun 26. More information call 717-4989.

Sunday, November 7 – Opening of Ronald Verhoeven's exhibit, Kas di Arte, "10 Years of Kas di Arte" 5—8pm. Exhibit until December 5. See page 20 for details

Saturday, November 13- 7th edition of the Study & Career Fair Bonaire. Organized by the foundation Ban Boneiru Bek. See page 9.

Sunday, November 14- Dia di Gracia—10th Annual Thanksgiving Free Give-away— donations being accepted now at Termotek, Kaya Korona tel. 717-4658, Meredith 786-2024, Jella 510-7412 or Mamita Fox 717-2953/ 796-1919

Saturday, November 20- La Cuadra Venezolano's Concert. European, Venezuelan classical/traditional music & more. 8 pm at Plaza Resort. See page 13

November 21—Tree Planting Festival

Saturday, November 27 – Arrival of Sanikolas (aka Sinterklaas), 10 am, Wilhelmina Park. Activities for children begin earlier.

REGULAR EVENTS

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 05		04:38 / 0.10 ft	11:45 / 1.18 ft	20:37 / 0.11 ft		6:29	18:08
Sat 06	01:32 / 0.21 ft	05:12 / 0.16 ft	12:37 / 1.21 ft	21:39 / 0.19 ft	New Moon	6:29	18:08
Sun 07	03:26 / 0.23 ft	05:52 / 0.22 ft	13:31 / 1.21 ft	22:34 / 0.24 ft		6:30	18:08
Mon 08	04:57 / 0.28 ft	06:50 / 0.28 ft	14:24 / 1.18 ft	23:23 / 0.26 ft		6:30	18:08
Tue 09	05:47 / 0.34 ft	08:14 / 0.33 ft	15:17 / 1.13 ft			6:30	18:08
Wed 10		00:07 / 0.25 ft	06:25 / 0.40 ft	09:38 / 0.36 ft	16:06 / 1.06 ft	6:31	18:07
Thu 11		00:46 / 0.23 ft	07:00 / 0.46 ft	10:54 / 0.39 ft	16:52 / 0.98 ft	6:31	18:07
Fri 12		01:20 / 0.18 ft	07:32 / 0.52 ft	12:06 / 0.39 ft	17:35 / 0.88 ft	6:32	18:07
Sat 13	First Quarter	01:50 / 0.13 ft	08:03 / 0.58 ft	13:17 / 0.39 ft	18:16 / 0.76 ft	6:32	18:07
Sun 14		02:15 / 0.08 ft	08:32 / 0.65 ft	14:28 / 0.38 ft	18:57 / 0.65 ft	6:32	18:07
Mon 15		02:36 / 0.02 ft	08:59 / 0.72 ft	15:42 / 0.34 ft	19:39 / 0.52 ft	6:33	18:07
Tue 16		02:53 / 0.04 ft	09:26 / 0.78 ft	16:59 / 0.29 ft	20:27 / 0.40 ft	6:33	18:07
Wed 17		03:04 / 0.09 ft	09:54 / 0.85 ft	18:17 / 0.21 ft	21:28 / 0.29 ft	6:34	18:07
Thu 18		03:08 / 0.14 ft	10:23 / 0.91 ft	19:31 / 0.12 ft	23:00 / 0.20 ft	6:34	18:07
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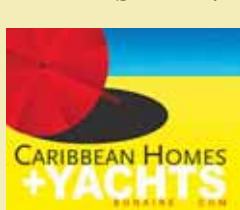
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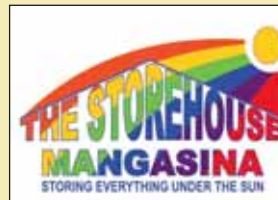
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Yamaha Virago 535 V-Twin

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Bonaire/Tera Korá –

When, on another sunny afternoon, Eric from the Caribbean Chillout turns the ignition key of his Yamaha Virago, first there is the almost silent whispering sound of the electric fuel pump delivering liquid energy to the carburetors. Then another click of the key follows. The starter engine makes the crankshaft go round, the pistons move slowly, sloping up and down. The sparks from the plugs ignite the fuel. "Blah, blah, blah, blah!" The deep and down rudimental sounds escape from the two almost completely open exhaust pipes. The shutters in the doors and windows of the house along the Kaya Monsigneur Niewindt start to tremble. This is the real sound of a V-twin!

Eric and Marloes are the proud owners of a customized and slightly pimped Yamaha Virago 535 twin, built somewhere in the late 80s, registered: 1015 - MF. They bought the motorcycle a couple of years ago from Clemens, a dive instructor who in those days had a job at Dive Friends of Bonaire. One day Clemens left the island of Bonaire and Eric and Marloes became the new owners of the Yamaha Virago and Clemens' red polyester Kodiak Jeep.

Although the color of the Caribbean Chillout is blue, the vehicles are red: a red anonymous double cabin pick up truck, the red Kodiak soft top Jeep and the red V-twin Yamaha Virago motorcycle.

The Yamaha is modified. The bike is painted red, dark red. The mudguards and rims and spokes are painted black, dark black. Striping is red/white/black. An impressive stayer* type of handle bar is mounted on extensions. There is a sleek shaped after market LePera twin seat. The rear fender has a customized tail light with chrome. Highway pegs are mounted and a crash bar is fit to protect the rider. For some reason the front disk brake is removed and, evidently, the interiors of the mufflers are missing. This bike does not really need a horn!

Eric is on the island since the 5th of January, 2004 and has been familiar with the island since around 2000. Eric originates from

Dordrecht, The Netherlands, where he fulfilled a successful job as an installation engineer, always busy with pipes and wires, connections and currents. Then, one day, he was ready with all those techniques and he flew to Curaçao to start another part of his life. On Curaçao a broker mentioned Bonaire as a suitable place to set up something. Eric did not really know about Bonaire (as a lot of Dutch do not./jb) So Eric went to Bonaire and he immediately fell in love with the hardly spoiled diver's paradise. He looked around for several days and he decided to buy the ruins of a house, three small apartments, a terrain and a lot of wheat, green, three trees and a lot of debris in the barrio of Tera Korá. The ruins consisted only of stone, bricks and cement. All other valuables were used by other persons during the last four or five years that the property had been for sale. Now Eric was the owner of this wreckage in a lovely environment. Eric started creating. A lot of construction he did by himself. It was Richard Duyn who helped him with building the blue wall, the swimming pool and the bar.

Then there was this flamboyant lady. Her name was Marloes. She had been in the fire department of The Hague, The Netherlands for some decades, fighting fire. And she came to the island of Bonaire to look for something else, another job, sport massaging or something... And she got in touch with this hard working lad in Tera Korá, somewhere in the year 2005, and they immediately fell in love, fire again, and they started building and constructing together and they got married on the very top of Seru LARGU, situated in the centre of the tropical island, on the seventh of July 2007. And they bought the sleek maroon bike...

The Yamaha Virago 535 twin became a member of the family. Over the years she appeared to be a very reliable motorcycle and metal friend. The vehicle is powered by a 535 overhead four valve top camshaft two cylinder V-engine. Two carburetors are mounted. There is a modern 12 Volt system supplying energy to the starter engine, the ignition, the French (sic!/jb) Cibie head beam, the red rear light. Things like that. Unfortunately there is no old fashioned reliable kick starter. The frame or chassis is



Eric from the Caribbean Chillout, sitting on the old but reliable Yamaha Virago 535 V-

conventional— the pipes Eric is so familiar with. A telescopic front fork with a 19-inch front wheel and a missing front brake. Engine power is supplied to the fat rear wheel by a modern and almost maintenance free shaft. By the color scheme this bike is a kind of Indian look-a-like. Just by the color of course. Not a single bolt or nut is produced in the US. This technical product is made in Japan. And of course it is not dripping oil.

Eric and Marloes really like their motorcycle. In fact they like a lot in their life. The Caribbean Chillout is one of their other hobbies. Just four apartments, a swimming pool and three old trees. No hurries, no extraordinary luxury. Just a small resort where people can relax, have a little swim, a sip, something to eat. And, every Wednesday, enjoy an actual movie in the open air cinema. Every Wednesday the bar is open from 6 pm and a plate with home made quality food is served for \$10. Movies are always for free. The Yamaha V-twin owners obvious are a happy couple, enjoying their life, enjoying being a member of the Bonairean society, feeling safe and at home in the barrio of Tera Korá. No complaints, no burglary, no nothing. Just the Bonairian life. The way it has to be.

Then I mention the Wurlitzer juke box, positioned dominantly in the living room of the happy couple. Music, especially music on

vinyl, is one of Eric's other hobbies. Every now and then he organizes music events as a disc jockey. "DJ Eric" is his name. On a regular basis he is asked to organize musical events as a disc jockey. Eric does not have to make a living out of it. He just turns the vinyl for fun. Several thousands of singles from the 60s, 70s and 80s he has in stock. Next disco night will be somewhere in November. At home, at the Caribbean Chillout. Eric and Marloes, a real contribution to Bonaire. Real members of the Bonairean society. Keep on turning! ■

Story & photos by J@n Brouwer

For more information about the movie nights you can send an email to nfo@caribbeanchillout.com to get on the mailing list.

*A stayer machine or motorized pacer is a huge and impressive wide motorcycle used in motor paced bicycling races in the old world. The stayer machine and its rider create a slipstream for the cyclist who follows the motorcycle. Paced bicycle races were very popular in Europe. They were only organized once in the US. Paced bicycling races are quite dangerous. Speeds goes up to more than 60 miles per hour./jb)



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MORE HOTEL ROOMS... NOT

Dear Editor:

Since the beginning of tourism on Bonaire, someone has always said we need more rooms. When Hotel Bonaire was the only large facility, it was said that we would not get better airlift unless we had more rooms. Flamingo Beach Hotel increased its size dramatically and soon Sand Dollar opened making more than the number of rooms someone said we needed. But even after that, someone again said we needed more rooms.

No matter how many rooms Bonaire got, we needed more rooms. It reminds me of a movie named "The Money Pit" where, no matter what the project was, when the homeowner asked how long it would take the contractor always answered "two weeks." Now it seems no matter how many rooms Bonaire has the answer is, "more rooms."

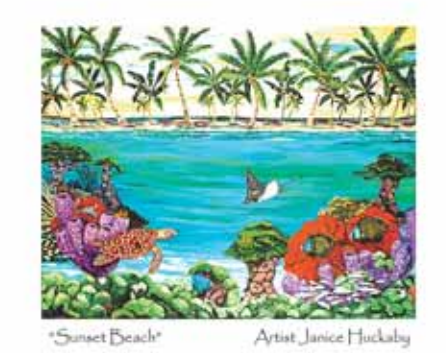
One of the major arguments for more rooms is airlift. It is claimed that the more rooms we get the more flights and airlines we will get. We got the airlines and most have cut back flights. In actuality the airlift was better 35 years ago than it is now. Many laugh at that but when a little thought is given, we had non-stop flights from Newark, Miami, Atlanta and other locations. But we needed "more rooms." According to one well-respected hotel executive on the island, it is a myth that a large hotel will improve the Bonaire airlift situation. A hotel with 250 rooms or 500 beds would need an extra two or three large airplanes landing here each week just to fill its own beds. If it did, it would not help the existing hotels.

Has anyone done any math? Rooms are going up all over the place, but we need more. Are all the rooms now on Bonaire running at 100% occupancy year round? It would be surprising if all the rooms on average were running 60% occupancy year round. So why more rooms?

The other argument for more rooms is more employment. But more employment for whom? The foreign work force is huge. If that many foreigners have had to be brought in, how can anyone claim unemployment? Part of this myth is that a large hotel will create more jobs for local people. History shows the most likely situation is that a new hotel will only steal employees from existing hotels and bring in more foreign workers to fill the key positions and put more pressure on the island's infrastructure.

Most hotels are having a difficult time with occupancy rates and adding another hotel will only weaken the existing hotels. It is interesting to note that the Sunset Beach Hotel finally failed shortly after the opening of the Plaza Resort.

Many long time guests are not returning to Bonaire because it just isn't the place they fell in love with many years ago. It has changed too much. It has become too much like other destinations with more traffic, more building, less beach access and



SUNSET BEACH IDEAS

Dear Editors,

I fully agree with the survey about Sunset Beach and the comments in your article. BUT, as it is now, every Bonairean can use the Beach as it is.

My wife and I often use this wonderful beach. However, for instance last weekend I did not see any locals on this Beach, while Donkey Beach and Bachelors Beach were visited by local and tourist swimmers. Are the Bonaireans really willing to have a Beach?

Nevertheless, it is worthwhile to go into action to make Sunset Beach again a place for everybody.

Yes, it is a good idea to develop it permanently, but in my opinion it should be easy to start with a temporarily devilmint, which can be done fast and without/ or little money.

- My idea in this is:
- There is still a (dirt) road from the traffic circle along the Beach, back to the street along Eden Beach Hotel, with plenty of parking places.
 - With very little effort this road can be filled up and cleaned.
 - The Beach itself is still a sand beach but it is partly covered with coral stones.
 - The stones can easily be put back to the waterfront and the beach can be used (cleaner than Donkey and Bachelor beaches).
 - Ideas can be developed to make somebody or an organization interested to start a, in my idea a mobile, Sneek or Bar to sell and serve refreshments.
 - The same for organizing (Sunday?) parties.
 - The place is ideal, and is now already being used sometimes for BBQ parties.
 - Maybe some permanent BBQ places can be made, like on Klein Bonaire.
 - It is not clear to me at this moment if Divi Flamingo Hotel or the Island is the owner of the land and Beach, but as both are reasonable people it must be possible to come around with them to have the place developed on a temporary basis.
 - Of course this will not block any other development along the road.
- I will say: No longer waiting but: **DONE.**

Rob Taal

Pleasant 30th Bonhata Anniversary

Kralendijk – Bonaire

On Thursday October 28th the 30th Anniversary of the Bonaire Hotel And Tourism Association was held at the Plaza Fontana at the Harbor Village Beach Club. Some 200 persons attended the successful meeting. Hostess of the evening was Sara Matera. The theme of this evening was the past, the present and the future of BONHATA.

Sara related the early days of BONHATA, those days called BHATA, which began on the 16th of July 1980. Key in the organization at its inception were Jack Kirks, Paul Maduro, Elsmarie Beukenboom, Captain Don and last but not least, Niki Tromp.

It was "gezag" (as Sara refers to the gezaghebber, the Bonaire's Governor, /jb) Glenn Thodé who in his speech noted the important role played by BONHATA in the future of Bonaire. Times are changing, tourists are changing. They get better informed by modern media and they become more and more demanding, which is their good right. And Bonaire has to anticipate the wishes of the modern tourist.

Then it was time for the presentation of a group of nominees and award winning



Sara Matera, hostess of the evening (left), and award winners

persons being very active in the Bonairean tourist industry.

After the official part of the evening there was enough time left to socialize, sip a drink and taste the food prepared by the pupils of the Scholengemeenschap Bonaire (SGB).

The whole event was a successful happening, being a pleasant mix of a formal and an informal program. ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) and the economy. EEZs were established to protect a country's maritime resources.

The management of our EEZ is important because of the abundance of marine life and the need for responsible use of it there. Management focuses on developing sustainable fisheries and protection of such coral, sea turtles and whales. The deep water in the area is particularly rich in life and is among the richest in the Caribbean. The Commission is committed to the further development of the fishermen and wildlife management organizations closely involved.

► **The first payment of social benefits or "onderstand" by the Caribbean Netherlands Kingdom Service (RCN) happened on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba last Friday- 270 Bonaireans received benefits.** The next payment is set for November 12. RCN deposited the benefits into the same bank accounts and in the same manner as was done by the Island Government.

There has been criticism that the "onderstand," a "social safety net," is too low to meet subsistence needs, even in the lower economy of the islands. It does not even have the special relief for the purchase of necessary consumer essentials such as is provided in The Netherlands. An objective of the program is also to encourage people to seek employment.

It is estimated it will cost The Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs about €1.4 million in 2011 for this social aid.

This payment can only be paid through a bank so recipients need an account. Questions: call the toll-free RCN information line 08008-101010.

► On Tuesday, October 26, the Royal Military Police, at the request of the prosecutor in Ecuador, denied admission to Bonaire to 10 people. It is suspected that human trafficking was involved. **The 10, three Pakistanis, six Afghans and a Haitian, upon arrival at the airport were refused admission and returned to Ecuador at the**

expense of KLM. Why they were able to board the flight to Bonaire in the first place is unclear.

► **Want to know if rain is on the way in the next hours?** Then check http://www.meteo.an/Radar/Img_Radar_ABC_Cappi_Loop.asp -the new site of the Curaçao Met Office.

► **Significant rainfall is expected in the last quarter of 2010.** Sea Surface Temperatures (SST) in the tropical Pacific Ocean have decreased to below average values (La Niña conditions) and that has already lead to **above average rainfall in the ABC Islands.** In the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, the sea surface temperatures are already at above average levels and the outlook is for these higher-than-normal temperatures to persist throughout the remainder of 2010.

► **WILLEMSTAD — The US military drug-hunting aircraft on Curaçao and Aruba will remain.** The FOL (Forward Operating Location) Treaty will be extended for five years as of November 2011. The current FOL Treaty had a term of 10 years. Seven-hundred flights were flown from October 2008 up to and including September 2009. The flights led to the interception of 234,000 grams of cocaine, 7,000 kilograms of marijuana, and 36.5 kilograms of heroin.

► In connection with the dollarization that is to go into effect in Bonaire in January, **stores and shops must put stickers at the cash register listing the applicable exchange rate.** Stickers are available at the Department of Economic and Labor Affairs (DEZA). The department will perform inspections regularly to monitor compliance

► **WILLEMSTAD--Curaçao and St. Maarten have formed a monetary union and the Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles has become the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten.** The joint cur-

rency will be the Caribbean guilder CMg. Just like the current Antillean guilder NAf, the exchange rate of the Caribbean guilder will be US\$1 to CMg1.79.

The Central Bank expects to circulate the new bank notes and coins on a date to be determined in 2012.

► After the historic October 10, 2010, restructuring of the Netherlands Antilles **Kas di Arte in association with SKAL Bonaire organized a special exhibition of artworks.** Artists from all parts of the Kingdom displayed artworks in Kas di Arte, Bonaire, with the theme "Kingdom: Unity In Diversity."

On Sunday, 10/10/2010, this exhibition was opened by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bonaire, Mr. Glenn Thode. The exhibition concluded last weekend. We will have a report in the next edition of *The Reporter*.

► This may be a bit early but every December (at least for the past five years anyway) Delno Tromp has organized a **Christmas dinner for the seniors** on Bonaire. Last year 116 guests enjoyed the celebration held at Sunset Restaurant at Den Laman. If anyone would like to become a sponsor, please call **Mike Gaynor at 717-2281 or 701- 2281.** Alternatively you can email **Delno Tromp at delno33@vahoo.com or Mike at info@chatnbrowse.com**



► **Thanks to the cooperation of 19 Bonaire artists there will be an "Art Trail" on Bonaire.** Artists participating will open their homes and studios to tourists and residents of the island. The tour will provide a



► **The Jong Bonaire Kunuku Kids opening day set for November 6 has been rescheduled to December 4** to allow for more growth of the plants. But as the photo shows they have already harvested spinach, warmoes and long beans this week. The kids have divided the vegetables and taken them home. Senaida Janga of Jong Bonaire says, "This is why I do this! I want the kids to eat more vegetables and fruit."

unique peek into the lives of Bonaire's many talented artists. The kick-off of the "Kaminda di Arte" will take place at Mangazina di Rei in Rincon on Sunday, November 14th. A small exhibit will be opened by Gezaghber Glenn Thode at 4 pm and will close at 6.30 pm. On the 3rd Sunday in November, the 21st, and every 3rd Sunday until June 2011, the Art Trail will be open.

Sponsors to date are: MCB, Girobank, A&P. It's hoped that others may follow. For information please contact: Karel de Regt: 717-5785/788-4477 karel@flamingotv.net or Fred v.d. Broek: 788-2536 fredvdbroek48@hotmail.com

► **Correction:** In the last edition of *The Reporter* (Oct. 22-Nov. 5) on page 17 there was an article about the **Kas Krioyo in Rincon closing** because the *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon* can no longer support it financially. **However, at this time there is no contact person.** ■ G./L. D.

Faassen-Pijpers's Art and Children's Book Presentation



art and children's book, "How Castor Gets Lost." The book is written and illustrated with watercolors by Margreet. The story is about a charming cat, Castor, who does a discovery tour on Bonaire, loses his way, then finally finds his way back with the help of some native animals of Bonaire. The book is written in three languages: English, Papiamentu and Dutch. The full-page watercolors show landscapes and animals of Bonaire and of course of Castor. See a pre-

view of the book on her website www.bonbuki.com

About the writer-artist
Margreet Faassen-Pijpers was born in August of 1952 in Curaçao and completed her graphic design education in Utrecht, The Netherlands in 1968. As a graphic designer she created logos for companies. She started painting watercolors around 1980, specializing in Dutch polder landscapes and flowers. In 1996 she had her first solo exhibition.

After years of being active as an artist, Faassen-Pijpers pursued an education in childcare and worked for more than 12 years as a childcare professional. Her love for working with children, her passion for painting and her creative story writing has led to creating books for children. In 2006 she moved to Bonaire, the place where the people, the clean air, the landscapes and animals inspire her intensively. Her dream - making paintings and doing something lasting for the children of Bonaire- has been finally realized. ■

Press release story & photo

This Friday, November 5, at 5 pm at Addo's Books & Toys there will be a presentation of Margreet Faassen-Pijpers's

Sudoku Solution
Puzzle on page 7

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BonQuiz Answer



Bon Quiz (from page 7)
Q) How did these men die during WWII?

A) They worked as crew on board freighters and tankers that were bombarded by the German U boats- submarines that were prowling these waters during that time.

Pet of the Week

Jane Madden, the Lady Cat Guru, knows the Bonaire Animal Shelter's cat cage residents like her own family. So of course it is she who can best describe one of the current favorites, "Guy," who is this edition's "Pet of the Week."

Jane writes:

"Guy arrived with his brothers Gus and Gibi as very young kittens. The boys are now about seven months old and constantly entertaining the Shelter staff. The antics of the G-gang could make a statue laugh! Guy is particularly noteworthy due to his incredibly knowing and intelligent eyes. That's how he got his name....a staff member noted, "He looks like such an intelligent little guy!" And it turned out to be true. Although the smallest of the G-gang he is the boss and he certainly knows how to woo visitors. He simply sits at your feet and stares up at you with those incredible eyes and you can't help but swoop him up and cuddle him...."Mission accomplished" says Guy's eyes!"

As are all of the adoptees at the Shelter Guy has been checked out by the vet, given his shots, worming and sterilization when he's old enough. All this included in the cat adoption fee of NAf 75. Not only are the cats in perfect health but they're "social" as well! See Guy and his colleagues at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.bonaireanimalshelter.com

Important Notice for Traveling Pets: We have been told that dogs coming from the US to Bonaire (since it's now part of The Netherlands) must now have ID chips. Recently an American couple with two dogs were refused boarding on their Delta flight to Bonaire because their dogs didn't have ID chips. For more information check with your vet and the airline.

NEWS: Don't forget – this Saturday,



"Guy"

November 6, the Secondhand Book Fair at the Shelter, from 11 am to 5 pm.

These fairs are always fun- lots of books from which to choose, friends to meet, new friends to make. There will even be snacks and drinks to sustain your book hunting! Books are only NAf 2 each and all the proceeds go towards helping the Shelter remain open to take in homeless dogs and cats. Drop by and tell all your friends and neighbors.

MORE NEWS: There will be an **Animal Shelter Fundraising Auction** at Eddy's at Sand Dollar Resort on Saturday, December 11 at 7 pm. With this auction the Shelter wants to raise money for the renovation of the kennels and fences.

One of the auctioned prizes will be for the winner to have his or her own pet featured in *The Bonaire Reporter's* "Pet of the Week" column, with a story and photo!

Turtle Tracking



Valley -Our female hawksbill Valley slowed her traveling pace to an average speed of 1.12 km per hour and swam 27 Km in the last 24 hours. She has continued swimming in a westerly direction and is approximately 699 km from Bonaire.

Piffie- Our female hawksbill Piffie continues north at a steady pace of 1.16 km per hour. She swam 28 km in the last 24 hours and is now 279 km from Bonaire.

Carice— We are keeping an eye on Carice as tropical storm Tomas is approaching the area. See www.nhc.noaa.gov for information about this weather system, which is also expected to bring heavy rains to Bonaire in the next several days. Tomas has turned into a hurricane, but the turtle should be OK! ■ *Press release*

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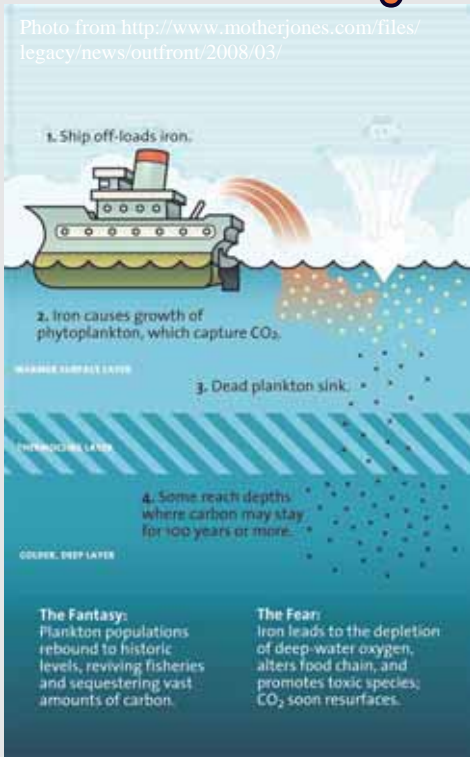
That Iron Fertilization may be the next solution to global warming?

Increasing temperatures and rising sea levels: this is the reality of our planet under global warming. The carbon-based products produced as a consequence of human energy consumption have altered the atmosphere of our planet, causing it to warm at an alarming rate the Earth has never experienced before. In order to reduce this warming, we must decrease the amount of carbon emissions we produce. Surprisingly, one potential answer for doing so may lie in the ocean's smallest plants: **phytoplankton.**

Although we cannot see them, phytoplankton play an important role in the chemistry of our atmosphere. Like plants, phytoplankton use **photosynthesis** to create food. This process combines carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and light from the sun to produce sugars and oxygen. The oxygen these small creatures produce is released into the water and the atmosphere, making it possible for us to breathe. However, what is of more importance to today's scientists and policymakers is phytoplankton's ability to take carbon dioxide from the earth's atmosphere.

Two key things are essential for phytoplankton to live in the ocean: light and nutrients. When the ocean has the right combination of light and nutrients, phytoplankton populations explode, creating a bloom. These blooms of photosynthesizing plankton remove large quantities of carbon dioxide, turning it into sugars that are used to grow and reproduce. One nutrient that is important to this process occurring is **iron.** Recently, scientists have determined that large parts of the ocean do not have enough iron to meet the needs of a phytoplankton bloom. This means that low quantities of iron in the ocean are preventing phytoplankton from taking more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The discovery that **iron limits phytoplankton photosynthesis** has sparked a new idea for reducing our carbon emissions. Scientists have found that by spreading iron into the ocean ("fertilizing") they could create phytoplankton blooms. Given the potential for these blooms to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, this idea has grabbed the attention of policy makers and business companies. While the idea is still in its infancy, companies wanting to reduce carbon emissions have spon-



sored fertilizing our ocean with iron in order to create plankton blooms.

In theory iron fertilization appears that it may be a potential solution to reducing our emissions; however, the consequences of inducing phytoplankton blooms are not well understood. More importantly, iron fertilization does not solve the actions that originally lead to global warming: human energy consumption. If we are going to successfully address global warming, we must not only look to nature, but more importantly towards our actions in order to find a sustainable future for our planet.

■ *AnnaRose Adams*

Adams, a student at the CIEE Research Station in Kralendijk, is studying abroad from Oregon State University in the US where she is pursuing a degree in BioResource Research. Since she was a child, she has loved the ocean. In the future, she plans to combine this love with her strength in science to help discover new ways to keep our ocean clean.



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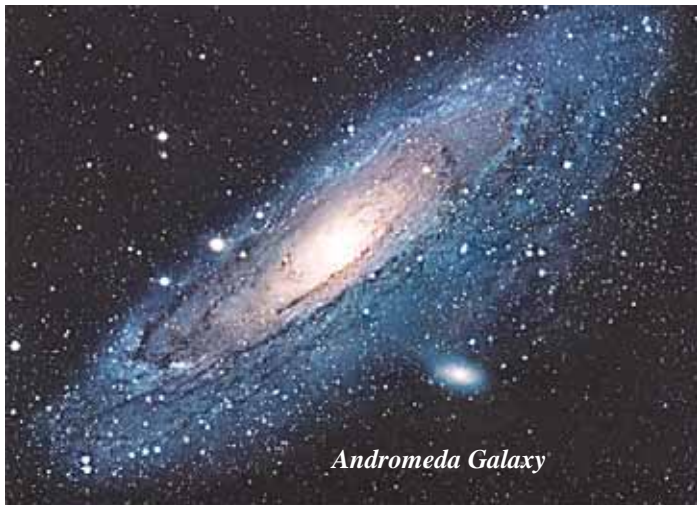
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Time Travel in the Sky Andromeda and Jupiter

Almost everyone is fascinated with the concept of time travel and although actually going back in time is just a thing of science fiction we actually can look back in time and see things as they existed long ago.

On any moonless night in November between 8 and 10 pm, make sure you're some place where it's really dark. First look north, and you'll see four stars which, if you could connect with lines, trace out a square. It's called the **Great Square of Pegasus**, the winged horse, and marks the main part of his body. Next look for five bright stars which, if you connect with lines, will look like a squashed out letter M. This is the constellation **Cassiopeia the Queen**. Finally take the brightest star in **Cassiopeia** and draw a line straight up to the brightest star of Pegasus' square. Then if you look about 2/3rds of the way up that line from Cassiopeia you will see a tiny faint cloud which through binoculars will look even more cloudlike but which isn't a cloud at all. In fact it is the most distant object we can see in the universe with the naked eye. It's the great **Andromeda Galaxy**.



Andromeda Galaxy

Now we all know that light is the fastest moving thing in the universe and that it travels at the speed of 186,000 miles per second. Since our **Moon** is about 240,000 miles away it takes its light about 1 1/3 seconds to reach us. So in reality we always see the Moon not as it exists now but as it existed 1 1/3 seconds ago. The great Andromeda Galaxy, however, is something else. In fact it is so incredibly far away that it takes its light more than 2 1/2 million years to reach us. So when we look at the Andromeda Galaxy we actu-

ally see it not as it exists now but as it existed 2 and 1/2 million years ago. When you look up at this dim cloud any dark night this month you are seeing something as it actually existed about the time that Australopithecus walked on this **Earth**, long before the appearance of modern man, long before any creature on Earth learned how to use fire. And what's equally astonishing is that it is a giant spiral pinwheel of billions of stars, a great galaxy very similar in shape to our own family of stars, the **Milky Way Galaxy**, but over two times larger.

Let's now take a look at something that's a lot brighter than the Andromeda Galaxy because it's a lot closer. **Jupiter** is still shining brightly in our evening skies. Look in the south after observing Andromeda and find the best planet to see in our evening skies. Well Jupiter is so much closer that it is only 36 light minutes away. While you still have those binoculars or that small telescope that you used to look at Andromeda handy turn them to Jupiter and take a look at the family of **moons that circle around Jupiter**. The moons of Jupiter are one of the few things you can see in the night sky that actually move fast enough that you can see changes in only an hour or so. There is no better time to take a look at Jupiter and Andromeda than now. So get out this week and next, far from lights and travel back in time. It's easy, it's fun, it's science, it's real. ■ *Chris Trigg*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
For November 2010

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Travel should be on your mind. Don't allow personal problems to conflict with professional duties. Get involved in groups that can offer intellectual stimulation. You may find yourself changing plans for some form of entertainment. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Someone you live with could be frustrated and upset. It might be best to work on your own; if possible, do your job out of your home this month. Don't expect anyone else to pay your bills for you. It's time to let loose. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Expect to experience a sudden reversal of fortune. Try to keep a low profile. Try to avoid serious discussions with loved ones. Don't let your personal dilemmas interfere with your goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Children will keep you busy. Take time to catch up on gossip and make plans to do a little adventure travel. Travel, although enticing, will cost more than you expect. Re-evaluate your position and make decisions about your future goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Get together with friends and do something entertaining but not too expensive. Visit friends who have not been well. Try to iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail. Try to channel your energy into professional endeavors. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves. Invite people home to discuss your plans for group fundraising events and outings. You can come up with solutions to the problems responsible for inefficiencies at work. Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You will feel so much better about yourself if you can control your addictions. Curb or cut out that bad habit you've been meaning to do something about. You should get out and meet new people this month. Be diplomatic when dealing with in-law. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Losses could occur if you haven't been careful when dealing with joint financial ventures. Before you proceed be sure to talk your plans over with those they will affect. You could easily lose your temper at work. Don't push your opinions or ideas on others. Don't let your boss make you feel guilty enough to take work home with you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't donate more than you can afford in order to impress others. Opportunities to get ahead are evident. Don't let children hold you back from doing things you enjoy. Opportunities for romance may develop through dealing with groups that have a purpose. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) This might not be a day for hasty decisions. Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. Tempers will mount if you're too pushy at work or at home. Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will be able to enlist the help of colleagues who believe in your ideas. Travel could be in order. Your boss may be pushy. Travel will result in new romantic attractions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Unexpected bills will be impossible for you to pay. Sign up for courses that will bring you more skills. Family talks may get a little combative. Be firm when dealing with matters pertaining to your environment. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

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On the hill of Santa Barbara lies this very spacious family home has a very inviting ambiance that makes you never want to leave again. Several terraces provide the best spot to enjoy the views and breezes at any time of day. The separate studio apartment offers ample space for family or friends to sleep in. Lay out: entrance via covered front porch into hallway, living area with French doors to the wide covered porch, adjacent pool and sundeck, equipped open kitchen, pantry/laundry room. Master bedroom (access to porch and pool) with en suite bathroom & built-in closet. Two bedrooms, bathroom. Separate studio apartment with kitchenette and full bathroom. Access to roof terrace with views from the covered porch by way of easy stairs. Living area: 2,959 ft² (275 m²). Lot size: 10,275 ft² (955 m²).



Asking price US\$ 496,000

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