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Francis and Julia at the Kriabon Farmers' Market

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Flotsam and Jetsam

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WEB, Bonaire's water and electricity company responsible for the power cables along Kaya Statius van Eps that flamingoes have been hitting and dying may install "flight diverters" on the wires soon. They reportedly have the devices on-hand. Two issues ago *The Reporter* first printed the story about multiple flamingo bodies under the wires.



WEB director Ibi di Palm said he regretted the incidents and management is taking the matter very seriously.

He explained that flight diverters have been installed on some cables already, but not everywhere because they are very expensive.

WEB recently asked STINAPA to further research the flight pattern of the flamingos. The company will start installing more flight diverters once it has received the study results.

► **THE HAGUE—People who cannot speak Dutch and are not taking a Dutch language course will no longer be eligible for basic benefit payments.** The new policy will apply both to European Union (EU) and non-EU citizens.

If this requirement is not met, the benefit payment will be cut or halted, under a package of measures presented by Social Affairs Minister Henk Kamp.

To make the measure legally feasible, Kamp has to get around the constitutional ban on discrimination. The measure will apply to everyone, including Dutch nationals. Will this apply to the BES Islands people are asking?

► **Dutch Antilles Express (DAE) held a press conference**

on Curaçao to report that the airline is in financial trouble. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Arnold Leonora, who took over the company on December 9th, said the huge debts were making things difficult. The search is on for a strategic partner **since local financial institutions or government won't lend money because of the lack of accounting information**, Leonora said that both the due diligence report and feasibility study done at the end of last year is viable. Leonora said he had invested \$10 million, but an additional cash injection was needed to safeguard the future of the airline.

► **The 2011 hurricane season will be above average in activity** Colorado State University (CSU) forecasters predicted early this month. The 2011 forecast from the respected CSU team followed an active season last year, which saw high levels of storm and hurricane activity. Slightly reducing an early December forecast, the CSU team said the June 1-November 30 season would spawn 16 named storms. Of these, nine were expected to turn into hurricanes, with five developing into major hurricanes of Category 3 or higher on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale. The CSU forecast was generally in line with predictions made for the 2011 season by other private forecasters.

The 2010 season spawned 19 named storms, tying for the third-most-active season with 1887 and 1995, according to the US National Hurricane Center.

► **The Curaçao postal company Nieuwe Post, which provides mail service to our island, must show considerable improvement in services** provided to Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba by December 2011, otherwise the Dutch Government will start the procedure to seek a new concession holder.

For one thing it's been impossible to buy a stamp to mail a letter. There are no stamps available and the postage must be affixed by a machine in the post office.

THE HAGUE--Wilbert J. Stolte has been appointed Kingdom Representative -Rijksvertegenwoordiger -for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The Dutch Council of Ministers approved a proposal of Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Piet Hein Donner to appoint Stolte as representative of the Dutch Government for the three islands.

Stolte's appointment is effective May 1. He will succeed Henk Kamp who became Minister of Social Affairs in the current cabinet. Hans Geritsen temporarily filled the void after Kamp's departure in October last year.

Not everyone is happy with Stolte's appointment. In Bonaire and St. Eustatius several politicians voiced their objections to Stolte. They were bothered by supposed distortions in Stolte's Curriculum Vitae.

However, Stolte has first-hand experience with the islands and their administrations since he was an advisor to the Island Councils of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba from 2006 to 2009, during the drawing up of the constitutional changes that changed the BES Islands from members of the Netherlands Antilles into a Dutch special municipality.

Stolte served as a "go-between" to link people, governments, companies and organizations in The Netherlands and the BES islands on request of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations

Stolte is a prominent member of the Christian Democratic Party (CDA), of which Minister Donner is also a member. Stolte served as a Commissioner in the municipality of The Hague. At present he is treasurer of the *Stichting Ontwikkeling Nederlandse Antillen* (SONA, Development Foundation of the Netherlands Antilles).



► **THE HAGUE—Education in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba can count on more money from the Dutch Government,** promised Minister of Education, Science and Culture, Marja van Bijsterveldt-Vliegthart, in a recent letter to the First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament,

► **THE HAGUE--This year the Dutch General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD) wants to analyze which functions within government and other sectors in the BES Islands give persons access to state secrets and other sensitive information.**

► **Want to enjoy a special Indonesian Rijsttafel ("rice**

table") multi-dish meal, freshly prepared just for you? From 6 pm Norca's Deli Café will serve a Rijsttafel for two to 12 people, on a reservation only basis. Come as a couple or bring a group for a savory taste experience. Make a reservation at Norca's Deli Café at 717-4376. See her ad on page 6.

► **If you are concerned about the state of our oceans and seas see the movie, "Sea the Truth,"** also available on DVD. For the documentary the producers filmed in Newfoundland, Bonaire, the North Sea, the Azores and at various locations in The

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New Bonaire Government

The new Executive Council of Bonaire has taken office after the leaders of the Democratic Party (DP), *Movementu Boneiru Liber* (MBL), and *Pro Hustitia i Union* (PHU) confirmed **178 policy points in the Governing Accord** of New Amsterdam that was ratified early this month by Island Council members Robby Beukenboom, Clark Abraham and Reynolds "Nolly" Oleana who signed the agreement on behalf of DP, while Michiel Bijkerk signed for PHU, and Benito Dirksz, for MBL.

According to the politicians, the document contains viewpoints describing the main direction of the coalition's plans. Many of the 178 points are general and practical in nature, such as a "pro-business policy" to stimulate economic activity. Emphasis is also placed on transparency, understanding each other's opinion, seeking realistic solutions, introduction of good corporate governance, and implementation of Social Economic Initiative (SEI) projects.

The agreement also mentioned improving the quality of life for all people on Bonaire, as well as raising the performance and productivity of employees.

One of the issues with which PHU campaigned is mentioned explicitly, namely working on legal security and equality for immigrants, as described in the Unit Treaty of the United Nations (UN).

The coalition will work in harmony with the Caribbean Netherlands Ministry and this cooperation will be based on mutual respect, according to the agreement.



The New Executive Council: Commissioner Peter van Mosselaar; Nery Gonzales, Island Secretary; Commissioner Mirelva Cicilia; and Governor Glenn Thodé. Inset- Commissioner Delno Tromp who was not present for the photo .

(Bonaire Government photos)

Furthermore, the parties want to give more attention to eco-balance and the advancement of human rights.

In the education field, the three parties, (which joined hands to send "Union Patriotiko Boneriano" (UPB) to the opposition benches despite remaining the biggest party with four out of a total of the nine seats) want to evaluate and improve the current situation, while studying whether the island could offer more secondary or academic education.

The coalition has drawn up a list of viewpoints in the fields of education,

sports and recreation, culture, agriculture, cattle breeding and fisheries, nature conservation and the environment, economy, infrastructure, public health and housing, public and government services, and political affairs.

Some noteworthy points are the advancement of Papiamentu as the official language, the introduction of bicycle paths on the island, and nation building. In the field of culture, the coalition wants to give more attention to culture and sports in schools.

In the economic field, the coalition, in consultation with the Netherlands, intends



Peter Silberie will become the new alternate Lt. Governor.

to lower the excise on gasoline. Other points include stimulating the use of e-commerce and supporting business initiatives in general on the island.

Lieutenant Governor Glenn Thodé swore the new commissioners, Mirelva Cicilia (selected by the MBL) and Peter van Mosselaar (selected by the PHU), into office. Cicilia is the new commissioner in charge of Society and Care, which includes Education and Culture. Van Mosselaar will be entrusted with Finance, among other things. Delno Tromp (selected by the DP) will be in charge of Economic Development. ■ *Press release/G.D.*



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On the Island Since... November 2007 - Claudia Critelli and Marco Di Gianvito

“We were living in Rome before we moved here. I was working in economic statistics and Marco was an engineer. In the three years Marco and I were together, we traveled frequently, mostly to islands. And all our trips were about surfing and Salsa and the islands in the Caribbean could provide us with both. I took Marco to Bonaire because I’d been here before I met him and I wanted him to see it. Bonaire was pristine and unspoiled but not so isolated from the world. There’s a good balance because here you still have all the comforts; you can be far out, all alone, but your cell phone is working! It was my idea to come and live in the Caribbean – a wish I had since I was 20 – but... it wasn’t his dream and so I didn’t want to press him.

When we arrived here, I didn’t ask him anything – I was waiting. After four days of windsurfing at Sorobon, Marco looked at

me, almost crying with joy, and he said: ‘Okay! We can live here!’

Marco says, “So, after 40 years in Rome with all the big city issues, the office life and commuting, we decided to change and not to wait for retirement to do this. Also, we thought we’d reinvent ourselves on a professional basis and we thought we had something to offer to the island.

In a large community you play a certain role and you keep living and working in that pattern, but in a community like Bonaire you can choose different parts to play. Having more time and being in a different environment we could also dedicate ourselves to our passions. So, we did it! And after three months we looked at each other and said, ‘Why didn’t we do this before?’

It was easy for us to get used to this kind of quiet life, because it fits the way we are. We love the clean air and the rhythm of life.

When we were living in Rome we used to escape to nature and quietness, now we visit big cities to shop and see family and friends, but after two days we are longing to come back.”

Claudia adds, “Our container arrived two months late and in the meantime we discovered how little we really needed.

We bought this house in Belnem and we started renovating it to turn it into a lodge, a small place, to provide us with an income. The name of our lodge is ‘Sea Element’ because the sea is one of the elements which connects Marco and me. I love to be in the water – swimming, floating; I love diving but I prefer snorkel-

ing, much better even with just goggles – the less equipment, the more I enjoy it!”

“I love the sea,” Marco says, “There are no limits, no borders – it is space. I like to slide on the water; I did a lot of sailing and sailing races in Italy, but I also love surfing and windsurfing.”

He goes to get some refreshments and Claudia says, “In the beginning we went exploring the island when we were not supervising the construction. We discovered it was really, really easy to make friends! It started with the construction workers, then the Kooyman people and the Playa

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At home with Marco and Claudia

“Bonaire is really special – you love it or you hate it and when you come to live here you’ll find out within the year.”

							
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Trading people and from there it went on... We got used to the pace of the island when one day Kooyman had a sign put up 'No tin Cement' – so we learned how to wait peacefully, but it all came out fine and in October 2008 our first guests arrived.

Bonaire is really special – you love it or you hate it and when you come to live here you'll find out within the year. Visitors do it faster; after three days it's big love or they are bored!

We are here for four years now and life is sometimes busier than in Rome, but we're doing the things we love to do and for me that's dancing and graphic design. I love to dance, I love Latin Jazz and here on Bonaire I plan and organize dance parties. I realized I had to do it myself as there weren't that many opportunities. Two years ago I met Undine Nahorst when there was a 'Salsa after Work' event and we were the only ones who showed up. So we decided to set up something together, and so it happened we were the first ones teaching Zumba classes on Bonaire at Jong Bonaire. Salsa lessons are given by me and Undine; she's the technical person and I am the creative one. We are the perfect match – brought together by the love for the dance. Last year at the Regatta we gave a show called 'Salsa history from Cuba to Bonaire' with nine couples, and the participants were from Bonaire, Curacao, Cuba, Holland, Iran and Venezuela; a big dance group called 'Baila Bonaire.' We had live music – Carlos Jimenez, Gaby Mercera, Boy Janga and Andreina Marcano who was singing

and dancing. It was a huge success and we were so happy because we succeeded in doing something with live music and with the music we love! Another big Zumba event was the Waka Waka event at Klein Bonaire. Shakira had asked on YouTube everybody in the world to dance the same song and we made a video as an answer to her video and we decided to do it on Klein Bonaire with 50 people!" *Claudia and Marco make a wonderful couple; they are an asset to the island – people who really love Bonaire for what it is. They are positive, creative and talented and willing to share all those qualities with others.*

"I am not a very social guy," Marco grins, "Maybe not at all! I go surfing on my own, mountain biking on my own and I take photos on my own... Last thing I did was the Jazz Festival. I like mingling with people at big events and take photos, but it's nice to have the camera in between. I don't like photos of people posing – I just like the candid; I want to capture the moment." *Claudia laughs:* "He loves to say he's not social, but it's not as bad as it sounds – otherwise we couldn't get along! We are different but we compliment each other.

Well, another thing we got into was when Monique and Marlies from the Animal Shelter saw a video we made about our dogs and cats – from the moment we adopted them at the Shelter, until now. They asked us to make 12 videos to promote the activities of the Shelter. So far we've made two. The first one has been viewed by 1,500 people already on the Shelter's own YouTube channel – animal-



Claudia, Marco and their family

shelterbonaire - and the second one just came out and has been viewed by a couple of hundred people so far. It's fun to make those videos and we love animals – so, another perfect project!

We got married 07-7-07 and our house is nr. 7. So, we named our first dog 7 (in Italian) and then we found our second dog whom we called 8. When I was driving on the road by the airport, I drove over what I thought was a coral rock, but the moment I looked I saw it was a little white kitten, all rolled up. I pulled the car over and ran to the kitten and she seemed to be unharmed. To make sure we went to the vet to check. Then we took her home and named her 2, because it was the 22d of June last year. The last one we found during a Salsa class at Jong Bonaire. He looked inside through the window and he was screaming. I couldn't hear it because of the music, but I saw his mouth wide open. I went outside and caught him and I bought a can of food and he swallowed it. He was six weeks old. I took him to the

Shelter thinking he belonged to someone, but nobody came for him and so... I couldn't resist! He's the youngest of the family and I found him on the 11th of February and we named him 1.

The way it is now we will stay here. In the beginning we were afraid of getting bored – coming from Rome – but on the contrary, we need more hours in a day to do what we love to do. On Bonaire it's like this: If you are a person who waits for something to happen... you will die! But, if you have ideas to make things happen and you work on it, you will find a lot of things to do and you will need more hours in a day. On Bonaire you have to make the movie – not sit down and be the audience." ■



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New Band: *Back On Track*



Theo te Brinke, Peter van Baalen and Bert Poyck—Back On Track

There's a new band on Bonaire and the members are all Baby Boomers. And you should be at their first appearance on **Saturday evening, May 7, in Lee's Bar** (aka C'est La Vie) if you like Rock 'n' Roll.

It's "**Back on Track**" and you can listen and enjoy their **Rock 'n' Roll, Blues, Country, Folk and instrumentals**. The band began rehearsing in February 2011 and is ready for "prime time."

The band members are:

Theo te Brinke (Band leader, Lead Guitar, Bass Guitar and Vocals) learned his first guitar chords from a baker during the time the bread was in the oven. Playing bass and lead guitar was a self-taught process. Theo started his first band called "Les Artistiques." It was a mix of "Pretty Things" and Q 65. Theo joined a pop group called "Puddingh" and they played a kind of Jefferson Airplane style. They often made tours in Belgium, Germany and Luxemburg. Theo never played as a full professional; he always had another job besides playing music. He was a salesman and worked in The Netherlands, Belgium and in Germany, selling plastic packaging products for chemical plants, salt, fertilizer and potting soil. Theo came to Bonaire in 2010 as a *penshonado* and placed an advertisement for musicians on the island. "Back on Track" is the result.

Peter van Baalen (Percussion, Drums and Vocals) is a descendant of a musical working class family with six children. Everyone made music except his mother.

When he was seven his father brought him into his band where he got an education as a drummer. In 1969 he went to the preparatory training for the academy of music in the music school in Eindhoven. After that he went to The Hague in 1971 to the academy of music for classical percussion. But things turned out differently and so he continued his percussion career as an amateur. He played in several bands as a percussionist. The last five years he's played in a big band, the "Klezmer Band," and an early jazz combo. He's lived on Bonaire since April 2009 and is very happy to again make music in "Back On Track."

Bert Poyck (Rhythm Guitar and Vocals) grew up in the south of Holland, and as a teenager he was captured by

Rock'n' Roll music. In his early 20s he started his own band, "The Gemini Brothers," with his younger brother. In the mid 60s they won a big song contest in Germany but missed the promised recording contract because they did not sing in German. In the late 60s Bert changed to Dixieland music and played upright bass and four-string tenor banjo in the "Funky Butt Jazz Band." After some years he went back to his roots and played in several Rock'n'Roll bands as a guest player. In the mid 70s he became good friends with Don and Phil Everly (of the Everly Brothers) and was always privileged with a "back stage pass" when they toured Europe. Bert has written between 25 and 30 songs, recorded in Holland and released on CD by several bands. Since 1999 Bert's lived on Bonaire where he sometimes was a guest player in the Flamingo Rockers. ■ *Press release*

Back On Track can be booked for: a "Happy Hour" set of 60 minutes, or a "Two-Party" set of 45 minutes each. Back On Track bookings info: Theo te Brinke: Telephone 786.01.50 or email: backontrack6@gmail.com

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Go Green Relocates



Tina and Charlotte with some fresh produce

Tina Woodley's Go Green Healthy Food Supermarket has moved to the old Dewpoint building, across the street and north from Telbo. The new shop is airy and light, a perfect place to show off the fresh and healthy products.

Tina, a Certified Personal trainer, was the 1985 international Female Body Building Champion. With her background as a nutrition coach Tina decided to open a shop (on 10-10-10) to offer healthful and tasty products, many of them from Tree of life: milk-free products, soya yogurt and cheeses, vegan mozzarella, many flours and cereals, organic soups and dressings, teas, protein powder. Try the fresh fruit smoothies; you pick your own combination. There are tasty salads, many based on the Quinoa grain, and a range of sandwiches—all for take out. Open Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am—4 pm. Stop in and see for yourself.

Tina started the new monthly Farmers' Markets on the island. Thanks, Tina, for something we are all now enjoying. ■ *L.D.*



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Three Reef Musketeers

"Three Musketeers" have launched a campaign, hoping to repopulate our reefs with more and larger fish. They placed a Saving Reef Fish poster at Flamingo Airport. The contributors are Captain Don (his image and words), Dominique Serafini (artwork), and Brad Smart (sponsor). Dive shops are selling (at close to cost) t-shirts. Scientists have suggested that if we stop eating reef fish (except for Lionfish), there is a good chance groupers, snappers, barracuda, and other reef fish would come back. With Bonaire known for increasing fish on the reef, tourism would increase and fishermen would sell more fish -- wahoo, tuna, and dorado, just not reef fish. ■

Press release

Happy Trails

Because of the heavy rainfall we had in the last couple of months lots of hiking and mountain bike trails on our island have become overgrown to the extent of being almost inaccessible.



To make sure that we can keep on enjoying our trails, a group of volunteers have started to work on weekly trail maintenance. **Every Saturday at 3pm the group meets to clean a section of trail.** All of our trails run through beautiful parts of Bonaire, away from development and traffic.

Joining us on Saturdays is a great way to get to know some of our trails or to just have a nice afternoon in the middle of Bonaire's nature.

Currently we are clearing the trail that runs from the east to the west side of the island, from the land sailing area to the upper part of Kaya Broertje Janga. We meet on the east side of the trail. If you have tools that could be useful on the trails (heavy rakes, pick axe, tree trimmers) please bring them. Make sure to bring plenty of water. For any questions please contact info@bonphotobonaire.com or call 788-4636. ■ *Photo & story by Leo Hogenboom*

Enjoy Our Reef Fishes

Let's Not Eat Them

A message from
Caribbean reef pioneer
CAPTAIN DON STEWART

Remember, reef fishes include
○ barracudas, ○ snappers
and ○ groupers

Artwork by Dominique Serafini

Super Cleanup Dive

Bonaire/Kralendijk – On Saturday April 9th another clean up dive was organized by Dive Friends Bonaire and Net Tech. Over 100 volunteers helped to make it a very successful event.

Volunteers got together at Yellow Submarine at 12:30. The dive location this time was the underwater world in front of It Rains Fishes/ Club Nautico. Air tanks were supplied for free. As always, the main sponsors of this event were Dive Friends Bonaire and Net Tech. The clean up dive was also sponsored by It Rains Fishes, Mondrian, Selibon, Obersi group, Reef, Deep Blue, Dive Shades, Ouray Sportswear, Water taxi *Kantika di Amor* and the Bonaire Marine Park

This time almost 500 empty bottles were collected, some 200 plastic cups, about 100 cans and 100 pieces of building material. Weird collected treasures were floor mats and a collection of hardly used underwear. Frank, the dive master, recovered a tricolored Dutch flag. A guest diver found a female condom...

After the diving part of the event, there was some time reserved for a clean up of the divers and other volunteers.

At 5 pm all volunteers gathered together at the Yellow Submarine – location of Dive Friends Bonaire to enjoy food and drinks. The raffle



Daniel DeAnda helps transfer the trash

was organized by Ask Zuidam (36 and not single anymore) and General Manager Pascal de Meyer.

Again, durable and re-usable plates, cups and utensils were used. Thank you volunteers! Thank you employees of Dive Friends Bonaire! "Without blue there is no green..." Pictures of the event will be published on the Dive Friends Bonaire website, Facebook, Hyves and Twitter. ■ *Photo & story by Jan Brouwer*

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BonQuiz #49

Years ago when Bonaire had no electricity or gas much of the cooking was done on a *konfó*. This was usually a small grill welded together and used outside the home for cooking, using charcoal (*karbón*). Mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*) branches were used to fuel the *konfó*, a sustainable process that was explained in a previous issue. Today on rare occasions a traditional oven is used to bake bread and *arepas* (sorghum pancakes).

Q) What is this oven called?
Answer on page 17
Christie Dovale

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Classical Piano Soloist Ana Karina Alamo Overwhelms Audience

What happens when a former “wunderkind” (child prodigy) pianist comes to Bonaire to perform as an adult? One can never predict with certainty, but when Ms. Ana Karina Alamo came to perform at Plaza Resort Saturday, April 16, the outcome was a resounding tour de force, an overwhelming surge of musical sophistication and power, a stark contrast to the normal notes of honking flamingos, braying donkeys and squawking parrots on our dusty island.

Petite and slender, Ms. Alamo, now twenty years older than at her first large-audience debut as a 6-year-old solo pianist, smiled sweetly on introduction to crowd at Cacique Hall, seated herself demurely before the Classical Music Board’s Yamaha grand piano, then like a woman physically possessed by the spirit of Robert Schumann, almost literally blasted into the integrated, multi-part piece, “Kresileriana” with a passion, depth and sensitivity rarely heard on any concert stage anywhere.

Forget the parrots! This was the big-time concert stage – Carnegie Hall, Amsterdam Concert Gebouw, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

As Bonaire’s own master pianist, Hans Faassen, writes of Ms. Alamo’s performance, this was a “bullying” of the instru-

ment resembling “two grand pianos simultaneously commanded at peak power.” Yet the changes in mood during Schumann’s 30-minute ode to his wife ranged from savage power to airy remembrance, then to deep melancholy – all captured by Ms. Alamo in a way that forced tears from the eyes, collapsed time and drained energy from the audience if not (seemingly) from the performer.

Ms. Alamo brought the same passion and intense -- literally physical -- dominance of the grand piano in her rendition of two exceptionally dense yet subtle etudes of Alexander Scriabin, with a precision and sensitivity that made these pieces accessible to an audience largely unfamiliar with Scriabin’s work. The beauty and clarity in the interpretation of these structurally complex pieces brought the audience to its feet as she left the hall for intermission.

Ms. Alamo’s interpretation of Ludwig von Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” was an experience to remember. The deep pathos expressed in the first part of this masterpiece requires a performer with the maturity of feeling and deeply-lived experience that is almost inconceivable to expect from one of Ms. Alamo’s still-tender age. Yet she has that. Then the slow romanticism, moving with great passion and power to its crescendo, was again captured



Photo by Sherry Ferrante

with great sophistication by this young master soloist.

Similarly, Ms. Alamo performed the sonata by Russian composer Alexander Medtner, “Reminiscenza,” a remembrance of the homeland to which he could never return, with both amazing power and deeply moving and penetrating melancholy.

The evening concluded with a somewhat lighter touch, as Ms. Alamo played several short pieces by Cuban-Spanish composer Lecouana, known for his works of sweetness and unmistakable Spanish temperament. The works, “A la Antigua,” “La Comparsa” and “Malagueña,” were performed with wit and still unrelenting power, capped by thunderous applause.

Brought back by sustained clapping and cries of “Bravo,” Ms. Alamo completed the evening with a bonus composition from her native country, “a piece of Venezuelan soil,” as Hans Faassen expressed it, to a rousing reception and farewell.

“Come back! Please come back!” were called repeatedly. Well, let us hope so, and who knows. ■ Bob Gilmour

The next concert offered by the Classical Music Board Bonaire will feature “Vento do Norte,” an international group of premier saxophonists, led by Henk van Twillert -- sounding like a full symphony orchestra -- to perform at Plaza Resort Bonaire on Sunday evening, May 29.

Master Class for Bonaire Piano Students

After performing a splendid but surely exhausting concert Saturday evening, piano soloist Ana Karina Alamo rebounded just hours later to offer a “master class” the following morning, Sunday, April 17, in Plaza Resort’s Cacique Hall. There, each of eight students had the opportunity to perform on the Classical Music Board’s Yamaha grand piano with individualized, one-on-one instruction from an internationally acclaimed pianist.

Beginning with the youngest of these aspirants and moving in 15-to-20 minute mini-classes to the oldest of them, Ms. Alamo treated each student to concentrated constructive criticism and instruction for improvement in each of the pieces performed.

Narrowing in on different critical aspects of each recitation where, as she described it afterwards, she “could be most relevant and helpful to the improvement of each student,” her comments focused here on posture (seating – height, distance from the piano and position of

the arms, hands and fingers); there on the mood of the composition (“How does this piece make you feel?”); then on the intention of the composer (“What is he trying to say?”); or on the identity of the different musical voices (“Who is speaking in these stanzas?” “What is she telling us?”). The idea was to alert the performer to the varied intentions and voices of each composer so that the pianist’s interpretation can be meaningful and complete, filled with the mood and passion latent in the score.

For each student, Ms. Alamo pointed the way with clear recommendations for practice to bring the eventual level of performance of each piece to a higher and more articulate level of expression. For the students themselves and for the assembled audience of family members and friends, Ms. Alamo offered a learning experience not just in how each composition could better be played but, as well for the non-pianists in the hall, a demonstration in how a world-class talent such as Ms. Alamo’s is likely to be nurtured and developed. ■ Bob Gilmour



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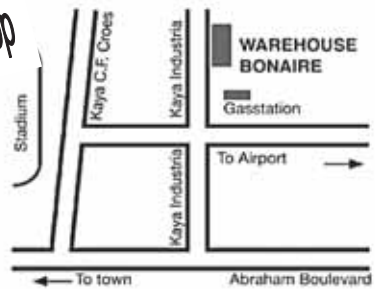
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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

Netherlands. Former Bonaire resident and photographer Dos Winkel filmed the beauty of marine life and the enormous threats to which it is exposed.



Leading scientists such as Daniel Pauly suggest that if we continue to catch and eat fish at the current rate, the oceans and seas will be empty within 40 years.

Under the guidance of Dutch MP Marianne Thieme, two young marine biologists search worldwide for scientific information about the condition of our biggest ecosystems, which cover more than two thirds of our planet. Authorities offer the solution of sustainable fisheries projects while leading scientists say that every fish that is taken now, is one too many. This documentary shows that unfortunately, there is no such thing as sustainable fishing. *Carla van Viegen*



► For two years youth and adult sailors at the **Bonaire Sailing School Association (BSSA)** have been training fanatically to enter the **Sunfish World's Curacao 2011 in June**. Sipke Stapert, an eight time Sunfish Worlds participant, has been coaching. Four youths will participate in the Sunfish World's Youth Races (June 9-11); three adults and the best youth member will enter the Sunfish Worlds 2011 (to begin June 12).

The Club has been holding fundraisers to send our team to Curacao, but they still need sponsors and donors. After the Worlds, the participants have the opportunity to buy the Sunfish they used at a reasonable price. The BSSA would like to buy three or four of the race boats. Then, in the coming years, all members will be using good boats and they will have boats to rent out. Up to now they have invested \$6,000 in this World Championship project. Most of this money was used to buy a good Sunfish race boat. The aim is to collect \$6,800 for plane tickets, accommodations, inscription fees, etc.

Thanks to a generous sponsor, some boys from the Maria Höppner Foundation had the chance to learn how to sail. One of these boys started in 2007 and he is very proud that he is going to represent Bonaire at the Worlds Youth. His presentation is already worth gold! **Please give a hand:**
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► **Marjolein Akkerman, therapist and sports trainer, will begin teaching a**

strength, coordination, mobility, posture and fun fitness class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning May 3 from 8-9am at Bon Bida Spa & Gym, Bulevar Gob. Nicolaas Debrot 74. The cost is \$50/month. Bring comfortable clothes, indoor shoes and a floor mat for class exercises. Call: 786-4833 or email to akkervrouw@gmail.com for more information



► On April 6th the SBO school organized a special **Star lunch** which was cooked by Andre Gerrits (above), the youngest Dutch chef with a Michelin star, and SBO Horeca students. Andre's wife, Genevieve Paulina, hosted the event with the SBO host and hostess students. There were some 25 guests who enjoyed a lovely three-course meal with a wine accompaniment.

Profits were used to buy materials such as wine glasses for the SBO unit. SBO is planning to organize more events like this in the near future. ■ *Story & photo by Herman van Leeuwen*

► It's been reported that there is a **plague of rats on Kaya Raspa in Nikiboko**.



Residents are in such fear of the multitudes of rats that they have all their windows and doors shut tight and avoid going out in their gardens. People are catching six to 12 rats a day. The desperate residents have asked the government for help but none has been forthcoming.

► **The 7th annual Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival** is scheduled for June 2 to 5. Besides "straight jazz," several other styles including danceable Latin Jazz, Blues and Funk will be included.

The festival will begin with the "Jazz and Poetry Night" at Fort Oranje.

Tipsy Seagull at the Plaza Resort will once again host both main concerts on Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday, organizers will offer a "Lazy Sunday Jazz" presentation from 4 pm with a BBQ at the Divi Flamingo Resort.

In addition to international stars local performers such as Benji Schaub and the Island Music All Stars will play. The after-party will take place on Thursday evening at Little Havana and at Sense on Friday and Saturday.

A ticket for Jazz and Poetry Night costs US\$15. A single admission ticket for one of the main concerts is US\$30 or US\$25 in advance. **There's a special price of US\$45 for a ticket to both main concerts.** For more information, check www.bonaire-jazz.com.

► **A new thing to do on Bonaire: High Tea at GoGreen.** Included are your choice of teas and a selection of Tea Sandwiches and Petite Desserts. Price \$8.50. Mon, Wed, Fri, from 4:30 to 6pm. ■ *G./L. D.*

Letters to the Editor

DOLPHIN EXCITEMENT ON BONAIRE

Dear Editor:

Over the last few weeks we have seen and heard unusual reports of a playful group of dolphins interacting with divers. Since 2001 when I started to monitor the passage of bottlenose dolphins in full time residence here, there has never been a report about continuous playful interaction of dolphins with humans underwater.

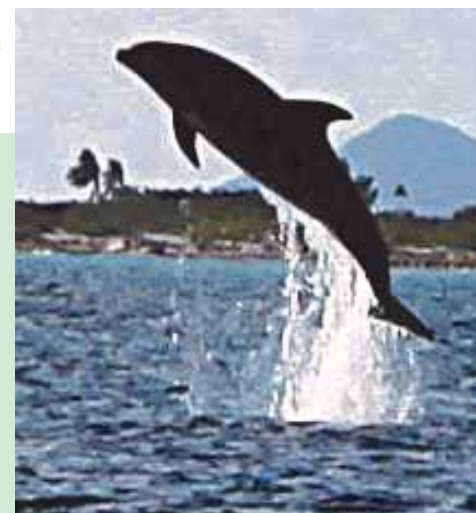
Thanks to our network of dolphin sighters and reporters around Bonaire, I have been fortunate to swim alongside groups of bottlenose dolphins more than 50 times, and although there have been several near approaches, never has any animal attempted to play with me and/or any companions, nor stay in one area near humans, other than when they were feeding.

The other species of dolphins that we commonly see here around Bonaire (the spinner dolphins) will play with the wake of boats, but all reports have suggested that they shy away from contact with humans in the water.

Jaime Bolanis, a biologist based on the coast of Venezuela with a lot of dolphin experience has told us:

"In my opinion, the beak is too long to be bottlenose dolphins. They are also kind of streamlined, not so robust as Tursiops. I have seen some Tursiops wearing a shoulder blaze but, in this case, I would think of young, unspotted *Stenella frontalis*. In my study area I have seen some really big individuals of *S. frontalis* with no spots. Also, in my study area, *S. frontalis* is very playful... ..more playful than bottlenose dolphins."

The *Stenella frontalis* are more generally known as "rough toothed dolphins" and



Dolphin jumping at "Kite Beach"

Photo by Kirsten Marsman

they are commonly seen in Aruba.

There was a group of divers staying at Belmar apartments recently who dived with them, swam with them and played for about an hour, so I would very much like to have a report from one of that group if possible. I've heard of other reports of divers interacting with this group as well.

Would anybody who could add to this story, please contact me with any information so that we can record it and continue to build the picture of Dolphin activity around Bonaire.

This year has been better than last year for bottlenose dolphin sightings, so would you all please continue to contact me when you have any reports of dolphin sightings so that I can investigate and add them to the records as appropriate.

My records are available to anyone who would like to have copies.

Ron Sewell

Email: ron.sewell@diamond-waters.com

Latin Music Classics

Elvis Crespo, born in New York in 1971, was raised in Puerto Rico where he spent his childhood and adolescent years with his mother. He first gained fame in the mid-90s when he joined Grupo Mania, a famous Puerto Rican Merengue band. He left the group after three years to focus on his solo career. His first solo album, "Suavemente," was a tremendous success, both in Latin America and in the US. Crespo's debut received Billboard awards for Latin album of the Year 1998. Elvis Crespo's latest album, "Indestructible" will solidify his status as one of the leading Merengue artists of his generation..

Jody's Music Quiz

This week's question:
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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: "Elvis Crespo" was the singer of "Suavemente."

This week's winner is E. Nicolaas!

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Little Monty's Second Chance

Previously in The Reporter: Monty and his friends are surrounded by nature in their new aviary. They watch wild birds and even meet wild Loras. During their time in the aviary they change from chubby pet birds into fit and flighty release candidates. They are ready for release.



Loras on the move

It was a sunny day at the release aviary and Monty was contentedly doing what Loras in cages, even big cages, do. That is to say he was sitting around waiting for something to happen. There was relatively little stress in the aviary. The Loras were safe from harm, they had shelter and food was delivered punctually. It was not that Monty wanted to be worried about a hedge fund investment or having to fire Janet from marketing. But he realized that Loras, like humans, were actually meant to be busy foraging, avoiding predators and learning about new things in the world around them. Instead Monty, like humans, didn't really have any of these worries. Monty realized this was why so many Loras in cages, like humans in their cozy modern world, go completely mad!

Monty was spared from madness when all of a sudden something happened. This wasn't just a little something either; it was the biggest thing Monty could have imagined. The special Lora doors that looked out to a nearby tree had just opened. If Monty had mammalian lungs he would have lost his breath so shocking was this moment. As you know, dear reader, birds of course have a far more advanced respiratory system, so Monty didn't lose his breath but the moment was quite shocking nonetheless.

At first every birdy was silent. Monty knew this was indeed his second chance. His first chance to live in the wild had been taken from him, but now he could be free. He was fit and lean and ready. It was a monumental milestone on his Long Walk to

Freedom. He was going to see his family again. He was going to be free. From this moment on Monty's life would never be the same again.

Monty flew to the Lora door and landed on the platform that spanned the aviary. With equal parts fear and excitement he stepped out and for the first time in so many months he had a clear view of the world. There were no bars. There were no boundaries. Two other Loras, Silver and Orange (the colors on their fancy leg-rings), now joined him on the platform. They looked at each other with wide eyes in excitement and then Silver lunged at Monty pushing him off the shelf. Monty fell from the shelf but he opened his strong wings and flew. He flew over the aviary and around screaming with joy and then landed in a tree. That had not been how Monty envisioned his release. It was a dirty trick by Silver and was just like what Penguins do when they want to

get in the water but want someone else to get eaten by the Leopard Seal first. Monty however, had already forgotten it because he was free and of course, dear reader, there are no leopard seals in Bonaire's wilderness anyway. Monty screamed and screamed with sheer joy.

Other Loras now flew from the aviary too. In a group they flew in big arcing circles over the trees and over the illegal diabase mines where there weren't any trees any more. Monty and his friends flew towards the distant coast and past over a herd of 16 donkeys. Monty didn't need to use his vast intelligence to observe that such a herd of donkeys, which collectively would eat about 80kgs of Bonaire's native vegetation every single day, were no good for Bonaire's native plants. He could see cactus and distant hills. He could fly up and down, left and right. He could roll and make banked turns, and although he wasn't very good at it just yet, he could dance on the wind. Fast flying wild parakeets screeched and joined them and then flew away again.

Now Monty was flying he was so happy. He had been worried about it because he had heard the stories about the flamingos. He didn't want to fly into something unexpectedly like they do. Even though he was now as fit as anyone who visited Bon Bida, Monty decided to take a moment and land in a tree to reflect on things.

It was incredible to be free and in that moment all the trouble and hard times he had gone through were worth it. Monty had stretched his wings and he was free, but Monty realized that living in such a messed up ecosystem was not going to be easy. The humans had caused such terrible degradation to his heritage. He wondered what freedom would mean. He realized how cozy it had been to have his food brought to him and to be safe. But he also thought about how living in a cage was as uncomfortable

as dealing with real estate agents. At this point, dear reader, it must be mentioned that after having had more than a few complaints, Monty realized he was being unnecessarily unfair on accountants. At his own choice, and for which no Lora conservationist can be held responsible, for we are but the messenger, Monty has decided he will refer to real estate agents in future. This he claims, is because "Nobody will care if they get a hard time"!

Although it was going to be tough, Monty knew there was simply no way to compare life in a cage to this. He was delighted to be free and to be able to go where he wanted when he wanted. He would have to learn new things quickly but he was a Lora and that's why they are so clever. Monty wished that every Lora could be a lucky as he was and have a second chance themselves.

And so, dear reader, this tale must draw to a close. It has taken us five parts of a two-part tale to reach this point and for this inconvenience we must apologize. That apology however is trivial in comparison to the one we owe those birds still living their lives, waiting in cages. Please let Lora chicks live in freedom, in the wild with their families. So as not to end on such a sad note it is with great pleasure that we can inform you, dear reader, that there will be more tales of Monty and Olivia (remember her?) and other Loras in forthcoming editions of *The Reporter*. If you can't wait until then please do check out our website for more news www.echobonaire.org. ■

Story & photo by Sam Williams

Conservationist Sam Williams has been involved with Bonaire's Loras for over seven years and he recently founded Echo. Find out more www.echobonaire.org



On Saturday, April 9, a group of friends organized the first unofficial Bonaire Lionfish Derby. We wanted to have a test run in a relatively small group to see how the logistics would work and to see whether this would be something to repeat on a somewhat larger scale. It was definitely a big success. We have four teams with a total of 11 hunters. All together we managed to catch 122 lionfish. There were prizes for most caught on average per team member (13), Biggest fish caught (13 inches), and smallest fish caught (a little under 2 inches). Luckily the prize for most unfortunate sting did not have to be awarded. Nobody got stung. We had a nice BBQ afterwards and donated the catch to two restaurants. The event was sponsored by sponsored by Belmar, Mona Lisa and VIP Diving ■ Bas Noij

Bonaire Lionfish Derby



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The Sailors Who Never Left

Part Three-

Chris and Yvonne Schultheiss

A tale of two boats shapes the future of a Swiss sailing couple and their life on Bonaire.

Deep in Southeast Asia, an American CIA agent is ordered to document the local boats that ply the tropical waters of coastal Thailand. It is a "fact-finding" mission so to speak. The man, in the process of compiling extensive information, falls in love with the grace and elegance of the Thai vessels. By the end of his clandestine work, he commissions a local boatyard to build him his own teakwood, Siamese junk sailing boat. The boat is christened *Samur*. Eventually, the man sails away, west passing through the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, and makes landfall in the Chesapeake Bay of the United States.

In northern Germany, a young Swiss couple begins a two-year process of crafting a 40-foot catamaran. It is designed after a British coastal cruiser but changes are made in order for the boat to meet the rigors of blue water sailing. The catamaran is named *Hey di Hei*, which means "Hi, At Home" in Swiss German. By 1993, the two sailors depart Kiel, Germany, for a voyage of a lifetime spurred on what they call "the urge to search." They have no itinerary or timeline. Freedom is the operative word for the trip. But they realize they will need to work along the way to extend their adventure.

Destiny eventually brings these two boats

together, but more on that later. The main concern for the Swiss couple by the time they reach the Canary Islands is where to have the baby born. "By the time we reached Portugal, I was pregnant," explains Yvonne Schultheiss, "but we continued sailing south. We were comfortable having the baby during the voyage. I went to the hospital in the Canaries to have our son, Urs. Four hours later, we were back aboard *Hey di Hei*."

"Our next step was to cross the Atlantic," continues Chris Schultheiss. "We wanted Urs to have a safe travel weight before we left so we set up a four kilo goal for him to reach. This gave us plenty of time to prepare for the voyage."

That year the trade winds were not cooperating so when the trio finally departed, they continued south for 10 days. About the time they spotted the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Africa, the winds started blowing from the east and *Hey di Hei* began her trans-Atlantic passage. By February 1996, they landed on the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

For the next two years, the catamaran cruised the eastern Caribbean, sailing up and down the island chain several times. It was on Grenada that they learned about an opportunity to work in Bonaire for two months on a day charter sailboat. The couple pulled anchor and headed west to check out the opportunity.

"Bonaire was heaven for sailors," remem-

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Bonaire Contrast: The Thai junk Samur above and the cat Het di Hei below



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Construction of Academic (HAVO/VWO) High School On Track



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The new building under construction will house approximately 220 students of the most advanced classes of the SGB High School.

The Island Government provided a 10,000 m² building lot. There have been intensive discussions about the design, construction and costs. The result was a contemporary sustainable building design equipped with solar panels on the roof. The school will generate the major part of its own energy needs. A solar energy pro-

ject of this scale is unique for Bonaire. It was developed in close cooperation with WEB Bonaire. The Ministry of Economic Affairs provided extra funds for this solar energy system. Building contractor *Hodes Bouwsystemen* from *Enschede, The Netherlands*, started the project at the beginning of February 2011. Given the requirement for quick completion they chose a semi modular building system (see above photo). Bonaire's *Jacobs Architecten* provides the required advisory work and adaptation to local conditions. The contractor cooperates with numerous local suppliers and subcontractors.

The completion of the building is scheduled on July 15th 2011, so the students can move to the new building for the school year 2011-2012. ■ *Press release*

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In... Telluride, Colorado, USA

Former Bonaire resident **Tim Webb** was up skiing in Telluride and sitting at 12,000 feet sipping on a great flight of wine (yes Lola, super Tuscan) and having some great hot fun at the Alpino Vino at the peak of Telluride, Colorado, when he had this photo taken.

He said, "Of course I just happened to have a recent edition of the paper and was reading it... I figured, even though you cannot tell I am at the top of a ski resort, the image was still worth sending in...."

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It is very easy for foreigners to buy real estate on Bonaire. The process of buying and selling is very similar to the rest of the world. **There are no prohibitions, penalties or restrictions for foreign buyers on Bonaire.**

Sellers and buyers on Bonaire act like sellers and buyers worldwide. The overall process of finding a property, making an offer, negotiating and closing are generally the same as in the rest of the world.

There are several very important differences, however, that you must be aware of in order to maximize your success and enjoyment.

Cash is king on Bonaire. If you are a Bonairean citizen or legal resident you will be able to borrow from the local banks with a low down payment and very attractive interest rates.

If you are not Bonairean or a legal resident you may borrow at rates as much as 3-4% above your own bank's rate and only with large down payments. There are also maximum age requirements imposed on some loans. Some lenders require payment in full prior to age 62 or 65. These criteria mean non-citizens and non-residents must pay cash.

Many people are surprised to learn that their "home" bank is barred from making loans in foreign countries. You may, subject to your home bank's disclosure laws, borrow and secure other assets to use the money for a purchase on Bonaire.

Now you know why cash is KING on Bonaire.

One of Bonaire's great assets is its multicultural diversity. There are four primary cultures: Bonairean, Dutch, North American and South American. Each culture has its own attitudes toward negotiation. A good agent will help you understand and honor the cultures.

There are other important differences. The wise buyer will ask questions of their prospective agent before starting to look at Bonaire real estate.

Did you know the Bonaire real estate agents legally only represent the seller? A few agents will represent buyers but this is the exception not the norm.

Did you know there is no multiple listing system on Bonaire? Most agents will only show you their own listings.

Did you know there is no automatic cooperation among agents? If your agent finds you a property listed with another agent he or she will not necessarily be paid by the sellers or their agent. Ask your agent if you will have to pay for their services.

Did you know that oral contracts are legal and binding on Bonaire? The



Cash is king for foreign Bonaire buyers

movie mogul, Sam Goldwyn, founder of MGM studios, once famously said, "Oral contracts aren't worth the paper they are written on." Sam Goldwyn never went to Bonaire.

Did you know that Bonaire uses the Notary system and not title insurance? The Notary is the Queen's representative. The Notary is responsible for making sure the title is transferred from the seller to the buyer, free and clear of debts, taxes and liens. The Notary performs the same functions as the title company, including preparing all the closing documents, deed, translations and closing the title.

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Informed buyers will have a great experience on Bonaire. Make sure you've been informed by an expert. ■ *Anna & Art Kleimer*

Anna and Art Kleimer are founding partners of Bonaire Island Real Estate, B.V. In 1993 they were "America's Outstanding Realtors." Email: Anna@Bonaireislandrealestate.com



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*Marlis Seelos-Schmid was born on July 12,
1944 and passed away on April 7, 2011
following a lingering illness*

you had to let go
but we will never let you leave our hearts
by Greta Kooistra

Marlis Seelos-Schmid was another of those Sailors Who Never Left. She arrived aboard her sailing yacht in the early 90s from Germany and opened up her Sail and Canvas Shop on Kaya Grandi. Marlis was also a local celebrity. She had multiple stories and TV shows about her avocation as a rescuer of injured birds. She nursed many, many flamingoes back to health as well as Loras and other local and migratory birds. Most recently she travelled to exotic destinations for vacation. As she neared the end she was cared for by her friends, especially Agnes Jooste, an exceptional person, a true friend, and a solid rock who took care of everything and always according to Marlis' wishes. ■ *G.D.*

Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 29		05:57 0.09 ft	10:02 0.25 ft	16:14 0.02 ft	22:53 0.64 ft	6:16	18:49
Sat 30		07:18 0.03 ft	11:21 0.15 ft	16:15 0.07 ft	23:26 0.68 ft	6:16	18:49
Sun 01		08:33 -0.04 ft	14:01 0.10 ft	15:20 0.10 ft		6:16	18:49
Mon 02	00:00 0.72 ft	09:34 -0.12 ft				6:15	18:49
Tue 03	00:35 0.76 ft	10:23 -0.18 ft		New Moon		6:15	18:50
Wed 04	01:14 0.79 ft	11:03 -0.23 ft				6:14	18:50
Thu 05	01:55 0.82 ft	11:37 -0.27 ft				6:14	18:50
Fri 06	02:38 0.85 ft	12:07 -0.29 ft				6:14	18:50
Sat 07	03:21 0.86 ft	12:33 -0.30 ft				6:13	18:50
Sun 08	04:05 0.85 ft	12:57 -0.30 ft	19:12 0.25 ft	22:26 0.21 ft		6:13	18:51
Mon 09	04:50 0.81 ft	13:20 -0.29 ft	19:20 0.34 ft	23:58 0.21 ft		6:13	18:51
Tue 10	05:37 0.73 ft	13:43 -0.28 ft	19:43 0.46 ft	First Quar- ter		6:12	18:51
Wed 11		01:22 0.18 ft	06:25 0.63 ft	14:08 -0.26 ft	20:16 0.60 ft	6:12	18:51
Thu 12		02:45 0.13 ft	07:18 0.50 ft	14:34 -0.23 ft	20:54 0.75 ft	6:12	18:51
Fri 13		04:08 0.06 ft	08:17 0.35 ft	15:03 -0.20 ft	21:37 0.88 ft	6:12	18:52

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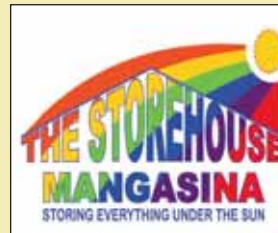
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Cover Story

33rd Annual Kontest di Fli



Sometimes it takes two to fly a kite.

Thank you, Iris Semeleer, the judges, Hitesh and all the participants in this year's annual kite contest. You gave us a magical day! Light and slightly northerly winds made for an exciting contest. Occasional higher winds caused some kites to pull their

handlers clear across the field. Whole families, groups of friends and individuals designed and created the most amazing designs in kites. One wonders how some of them get off the ground. It's always an all-day affair with kite entertainment, music, all kinds of food and drink, awards throughout the day and people socializing with people. A memorable time! The Kontest di Fli is always held the Sunday before Easter. This year there were 116 entrants, many of them coming with their very delicate kites traveling all the way from Curacao.

Winners

- Overall Winner: Junie Paula
- Biggest: Sigfried Paula
- Smallest: Anouska Look
- Nicest: Ashford Frans
- Strangest: Sean Michale Silberie
- Most Original: Marwin Kasper. ■ L.D.



"Islands" by Patrick Thode -Curacao Illustrates Bonaire and Curacao closeness



Member of "Top Fly Kite Fest Team-Curacao" shows his entry.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cruise Ship Calls -Information provided by the Craft Market

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

Day	Date	Ship	Arrive	Leave	PAX Cap	Line
Thu	Apr-28	Caribbean	1100	2000	3100	Princess
Fri	Apr-29	Grandeur of the Seas	0700	1600	2446	Celebrity
Tue	May-03	Emerald Princess	1200	2000	3100	Princess
Wed	May-04	Constellation	0800	1600	2034	Celebrity
Fri	May-06	Friday market continues every Friday	0900	1400	End of cruise season	

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Thursday April 28th. CIEE Student Presentation of the cultural and environmental history of Bonaire. CIEE building Kaya Gob. N. Debroet 26, 5 pm to 6 pm

Saturday, April 30—Rincon Day (Queen's Birthday) - Bonaire's biggest and best party—all day. Stands selling local foods, drinks, more. Music, dancing. Simidan parade in the late afternoon. **Do Not Miss It!**

Saturday, May 7

"Back on Track" band plays Rock 'n' Roll, Country, Folk. Lee's Bar (aka C'est La Vie). More on page 6

Rincon Big Monthly Marché—

Local food, gifts, handcrafts, BBQ, lots of friendly people. 8 am– 4 pm, Rincon town center.

Monthly Flea Market— Dare to Care playground, 2-6 pm. Rent a table for \$10. Information: Marissa Jansen (787-1103), Kim deRaadt (787-1475)

Saturday, May 14—Monthly Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse, Kaya Industria. 7-9 pm. Snacks and tasting of 6 wines, \$10/pp. Tel. 560-7539

Sunday, May 29—Classical Music Board Bonaire presents Henk van Twillert and "Vento do Norte"— premier saxophonists, Plaza Hotel. More in next issue.

Bonaire Jazz Festival: June 2,3,4 and 5. More on page 9

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.
- **We Dare to Care Park children's playground** open every day into the cooler evening hours.

Saturdays

- **Rincon Marshé—**8am-2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop, fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles,

incense, drinks, music. **Big Marché first Saturday of the month—** www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

- **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" every Saturday,** 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989

- **Monthly flea market at "We Dare To Care" Playground, 1st Saturday of the month,** 2- 6 pm. Rent a table for \$10. Information: Marissa Jansen (Tel: 701-1103) or Kim de Raadt (Tel: 787-1475)

- **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's** warehouse on Kaya Industria, **second Saturday of the month,** 7-9 pm. Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person. Tel. 560-7539.

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Wednesdays

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Thursdays

- **SGB High School Chez Nous Restaurant—** 12:30 multi course lunch, about \$12. Reservations 700-4628

- **Bonaire Chess & Draughts (checkers) players get together** on from 19.00 till 21.00 at the SGB-school: Kaya Frater Odulfinuz z/n.

Fridays

- **Jong Bonaire Chess & Draughts players** get together from 17.00 till 19.00 at the SGB-school. Kids can start at age six. Tourists are welcome. Contact Serapio Pop, at 701-9660

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Sunday— Creature Feature— John and Suzie Wall of Buddy's Digital photo center present a multimedia slide presentation about Buddy's House Reef - pool

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Monday -- Touch the Sea -- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, every Monday she's on-island at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

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

Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, every other Tuesday, 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

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Toastmasters Club meets every two weeks. For more information call Crusita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein. In Papiamentu, Dutch, English, Sundays, 10am. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian, in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8:30 am.

Children's club, Saturdays, 5 pm, in Kralendijk

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

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International Bible Church of Bonaire, at SGB High School auditorium (Kaya Frater Odulfinus, off Kaya Korona) Sunday services in English at 9 am; Sunday evening prayer meeting at Por's home, 7 pm. Fridays, 6 to 8 pm, Light & Life Club, children 5 to 12 yrs. Tel. 717-8332.

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(Sailors... Chris and Yvonne Schultheiss, Continued from page 11)
bers Yvonne fondly. "In 1998, the moorings were free. The thing was you had a great anchorage with great water quality right in front of the town for easy shopping. Usually you don't find that combination. The moorings were always full with visiting boats so we had a lot of fun parties aboard and good times at Karl's Bar. You could dock your dingy there for free back then."

"Plus, we had a car!" adds Chris. "It was a black, diesel jeep with pink wheels."

"Flamingo wheels! laughs Yvonne.

Chris grins. "Another sailor who had to leave the island gave the jeep to us. He had inherited it earlier from another departing sailor. It had no working lights since the alternator was broken. There were no keys, just a button to push and it would start."

Those pink wheels delivered Chris and Yvonne to Richard Tuke, an American living on Bonaire who was in need of deck hands to help run his charter boat while the regular captain was off delivering a yacht to the Azores. The captain never returned. Tuke's 56-foot sailboat was the teakwood, Siamese junk sailing boat named *Samur*.

The Schultheiss's learned that Tuke was the third owner of *Samur*, having found it in Maryland where the CIA agent apparently had ended his journey. The couple skippered the boat for two years, taking tourists on day charters. The family lived a comfortable life residing on *Hey di Hei*, which was on a Kralendijk mooring. But by 2000, they decided to leave the island. "We still wanted to see more of the world," explains Chris. "We were basically not ready to settle down. We had a great time on Bonaire, but it was time to continue our voyage."

Hey di Hei headed north to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Cuba and Mexico. The crew eventually sailed to Belize and then to the jungle-rich shores of Guatemala's exotic Rio Dulce. Chris and Yvonne became managers of a riverside marina. The new life was ideal for the sailors, and then one day they received a call from Richard Tuke. He asked them to return to Bonaire to operate *Samur* for the upcoming six-month cruise ship season. The family left *Hey di Hei* on dry dock and flew to Bonaire in order to avoid an arduous 1000-mile sail into the wind.

"One season led to three," continues Yvonne. "We would do the cruise ship season during the winter in Bonaire. Then in the summer, we flew back to Guatemala and lived on *Hey di Hei*. It was a nice life, but it was time for Urs to seriously begin school and for the family to lead a more permanent life. We started by enrolling him in the Pelikaan School and then rented a house in Nikiboko."

By 2006, the Schultheiss' had purchased *Samur* from Richard Tuke, becoming the boat's fourth owners. Business went well and the couple finally bought their own home in Hato in 2009. Urs became a talented Optimist dingy sailor, often winning regattas in Bonaire and Curaçao. He also helped his parents aboard *Samur* and could often be seen swinging overboard from one of the long lines tied to the mast



The family on a hilltop in Tobago

top. Captain Chris to this day enjoys sharing Bonaire's underwater beauty with the passengers, especially the older ones.

"We had just taken a group with an 84-year-old man to Klein Bonaire. It was the first snorkel of his life. Afterwards, I saw him sitting on No Name Beach crying. I asked him what was wrong. He said he never saw anything so beautiful in his life and that he was ready to die right there on the beach. Fortunately, he didn't. Sometimes we get caught up in the charter business and forget about how much beauty there is here on the island. That old man reminded me of what surrounds us."

And what about the *Hey di Hei*, left behind in Guatemala? Chris met two Texans years later, owners of a 20-meter motorboat, who offered to tow the catamaran to Bonaire. Chris flew back to Rio Dulce to join them in the journey. The trip took nearly three weeks, but that was only after the boats became separated at sea on two occasions due to chafed lines. The *Hey di Hei* now rests peacefully next to the couple's Hato home.

These veteran sailors, however, may not yet be done with their world voyage. After all, a foot-long model sailboat floats in the couple's patio wading pool. Errant winds have the tiny craft circling the perimeter, desperately looking for a way to escape the concrete pool. Perhaps that is symbolic of something. "Bonaire is our home and we love living here," assures Yvonne. "But we still keep *Hey di Hei*. She is a big part of our life history. And you never know what the future may bring. We may start another phase of our life someday and just sail away. Or maybe we won't. It's just nice to have options."

In the meantime, Chris and Yvonne seem quite comfortable with their two contrasting options: the *Samur*, constructed in Asia and still sailing the waters, and *Hey di Hei*, built in Europe, sitting high and dry on blocks. Both boats have made Bonaire their home. So have three Swiss sailors. ■ Patrick Holian



Patrick Holian is a writer and film journalist living on Bonaire.

Body Talk

THE KILLER OILS: OMEGA 3 AND OMEGA 6

The tragedy in the propaganda about Omega 3s is that they "work". They will most definitely relieve inflammatory symptoms associated with an excess of Omega 6 fatty acids. This is why fish oil is such an easy sell for the health food industry – so many people get symptomatic relief from taking them, since excess Omega 6 oils is a major cause in virtually all cases of arthritis, allergies, migraines, premenstrual and menstrual symptoms etc. Omega 3 fatty acids will make sufferers from these conditions feel better.

On the surface, studies have shown that Omega 3 has the ability to block the conversion of Omega 6 into pro-inflammatory prostaglandins (natural fatty acids that affect many body activities like lowering blood pressure, regulate body temperature, acid secretion from the stomach etc.). These apparently beneficial results are felt very soon, but the oxidative damage manifests more gradually.

Polyunsaturated fats impair fetal and infant brain development (while saturated fats are essential for normal brain development and nerve myelination). Omega 3 is also found in baby formula, increasing the incidence of allergies in infants! Also related to Omega 3 oils and brain function: A significant portion of the advertising hype is a purported beneficial effect on depression, psychosis and dementia. A scientific study of over 29,000 male subjects reported that the use of Omega 3 or consumption of fish had no beneficial effect on depression!

Fish oil supplementation is also alleged to benefit cardiovascular disease! Honest research has established that high serum cholesterol is **not** a primary risk factor for CVD and that eating cholesterol has absolutely no connection with CVD. It is only oxidized cholesterol that damages the arteries. Ironically, fish oil will increase the risk of CVD because it dramatically accelerates

oxidative damage to LDL lipoproteins in the vascular system!

Perhaps the most devastating effects are the immune suppressive damage they do! Omega 3 oils are even more immune-suppressive than the Omega 6 oils. T cells are a critical part of the immune system, yet immunological activation tends to kill T cells that contain poly-unsaturated fatty acids.

Now I know some of you have been supplementing for years with Omega 3 and Omega 6! In proportion, through your food, and NOT SUPPLEMENTS, there is nothing wrong with these oils! If you are aware of my Fundamental Diet, you will also know that I discourage fried foods and mayonnaise and salad dressings made with heat-produced oils! Omega 6 is everywhere in almost everything you could possibly want to eat if you do not prepare your food yourself!

Foods concentrated in Omega 3 fatty acids like flax seeds, walnuts, salmon, soybeans, tofu, tuna, kidney beans etc. should naturally be consumed in moderation only. Why on earth would you want to then also supplement with the Omega 3 and Omega 6?

You may find the following websites helpful – <http://www.whfoods.com/genpage.php> and <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/omega6foods-list.html> ■ Stephanie Bennett

To be continued.....

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a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region.

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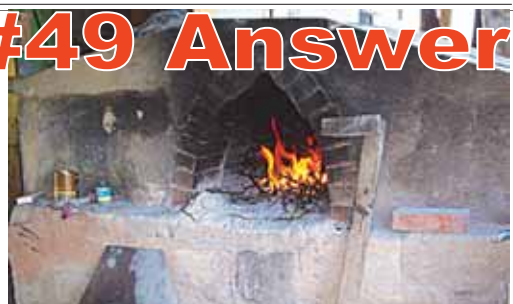
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BonQuiz #49 Answer

Q) what is this oven called?

A) Fornu di pam (bread oven)

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Pets of the Week



It's A Supermarket Of Kittens!

Spring is kitten season and many of the unwanted or discarded kittens have luckily found their refuge at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. If you've been thinking about adopting a kitten or kittens now is the time. The Shelter has a veritable supermarket of kittens! You name it, they've got it! Boys, girls; long hair, short hair; short, tall; tabby, black, black and white, orange, grey, calico, white and black and every color combination in between. The 19 kittens (yes, you read it right, 19!) range from five weeks to five months and all are loving, social and healthy. In addition to the little ones, there are also 14 terrific adult cats that are looking for a loving home. If a kitten is what you are looking for, and you don't have other cats, you should consider adopting two kittens or a kitten and an adult cat.

Young kittens need a lot of attention and activity to help them develop into a good companion, both physically and psychologically. Having a playmate or role model keeps them occupied and entertained. If you are not at home for most of the day, a single new kitten or cat will become lonely and bored which leads to mischievous activity like shredded curtains and furniture. In addition, just as it often happens with humans, lonely, isolated cats tend to become shy and reclusive and don't make for particularly good companions. However, if you have your heart set on a single cat, there are several adult cats at the Shelter that prefer the company of humans to other cats. Just ask the Shelter staff for a suggestion as to which cats would enjoy being a single cat home. If there's a certain cat or kitten you are looking for, now is the time to visit the Shelter and browse the "cat supermarket." ■ *Jane Madden*

To meet the kittens visit the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHELTER: You may make a **General Donation** to the Shelter, MCB Account #102.37800; or **RBT #23.10.139**. To donate to the **Sterilization Fund:** MCB Account #10616410 ("Sterilization Fund"). US citizens may use **Support Bonaire, Inc.** WWW.SupportBonaire.org (Support-Bonaire-News-Newsletter-20031118.html) for on-line credit card donations. And there are always the **Shelter Donation boxes** in shops around town. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

There's a new fund raising activity for the Animal Shelter: a weekly garage sale at Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café from 8 am-5pm. They are still looking for items to sell. So if anyone would like to donate any items for the garage sale please contact the shelter. They also need volunteers that day. Your support helps pets of Bonaire! Call 717-4989.

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Farmers Market-Harvest Festival

Last Saturday, **LVV** (agricultural department), **SKAL** (culture department) **Kriabon** (farmers' cooperative) and **Go Green** (health food supermarket) came together to put on a fantastic, well attended Farmers' Market and Harvest Festival.

The site was at Kriabon, on Kaya Nikiboko North, and action started even before the opening at 9 am. By 10 am much of the fresh produce was gone. There was local food, plants, local fruits and vegetables, even live chickens. People enjoyed the occasion, chatting with new and old friends, relaxing at the tables and chairs, sampling the pancakes and drinks. At 4 pm the Harvest Fest parade began with music and dancing, and food and drink continued to pour out of the stands.

Hopefully, this initiative of a monthly farmers market will continue with all groups involved. But for sure there will be a market every last Saturday of the month, sponsored by Tina Woodley's Go Green Healthy Food Supermarket. More in the next issue of *The Reporter*. ■

Laura DeSalvo



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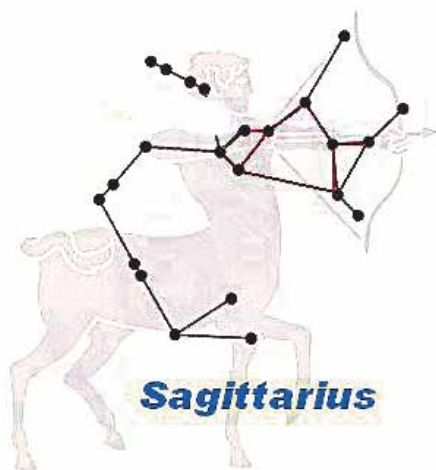
Clash of Constellations in the Night Sky

Over the next few weeks in the evening sky just after sunset you'll get to see an ancient drama played out in the night sky between two great constellations, **Orion the Hunter** and **Scorpius the Scorpion**. You'll also be witness to a tea party of cosmic proportions. Here, let me show you!

Around 9:30 pm any night this week in the southwestern sky you will see the constellation Orion. The three stars of his belt make him easy to spot. These three stars are named **Alnitak**, **Alnilam**, and **Mintaka**. From where we are in the galaxy those stars appear to be in a perfect line, however, space is 3-dimensional and the center star (Alnilam) is a blue supergiant star over 1,300 light years away. The two outer stars, Alnitak and Mintaka, are both multiple star systems and much closer to us, a mere 800 light years away for Alnitak and 900 light years away for Mintaka.

Orion was a fearless hunter and he once boasted that he could hunt and kill all the creatures of the **Earth**. **Gaia**, the goddess of the Earth, was not pleased at his boasting so she sent Scorpius the scorpion to punish him with a deadly sting. So while Orion was out hunting, the scorpion stung Orion and he fell to Earth mortally wounded. So if you watch the night sky, you can see Orion gradually falling toward the western horizon, only to be pursued a few hours later by the dreaded Scorpius the scorpion.

Scorpius will be visible on the southeastern horizon shortly after midnight local time. Its bright star, **Antares**, marks the heart of the fierce creature. Antares (also known as the "rival of Mars") is a red supergiant over 600 light years away. It's one of the largest stars in our part of the galaxy, and if we were to put it in our solar system its outer edge would lie between the orbits of **Mars** and **Jupiter**! So, the legend has it that after Orion sets in the west, the



scorpion is searching for him, starting in the southeast. All night the scorpion looks for him but cannot find him. The next night, however, Orion rises again, restored to full health, and this cosmic chase goes on night after night, year after year.

Now, if you think that's exciting, there's yet another character to add to the mix, **Sagittarius, the Centaur archer**. He's visible just to the left of Scorpius the scorpion, and he was sent to avenge the attack on Orion (his bow and arrow are aimed directly at the heart of the giant scorpion). If you look closely at Sagittarius, you'll see yet another star pattern we affectionately call "**The Teapot**." Three stars mark the lid, three others stars mark the spout, four stars mark the body and four more stars mark the handle. And if you watch the sky long enough you'll see that the teapot is gradually pouring tea on the scorpion's terrible tail. So either way, Sagittarius gets his revenge on that nasty old scorpion.

So the next time you're outside, remember, we have not one, not two, but three constellations involved in a cosmic drama that's played out for centuries. And that brings us just one step closer to being a part of that great universe we call home. ■ *James Albury*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
Month of May 2011 Horoscope

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You are best to deal with those outside your family. You may find that lectures or travel will be highly successful. Put your emotional energy into passion not anxiety Someone you care about may let you down or criticize your methods. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Your temper may erupt if you have allowed others to cost you too much money. Opportunities to get ahead will be evident. Financial gains can be made through wise investments. Catch up on overdue paperwork. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Cutbacks at work will be a cause for worry. It will be important that you have your priorities straight. Be careful not to hurt someone's feelings. Relatives will not agree with the way you are dealing with your personal problems. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You will be able to make financial gains. You can make money through solid investment plans. Be sure to use your charm and diplomacy when dealing with potential new clients. You need to do something that will make you feel better about yourself. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can make a difference if you offer your help at functions that involve children. Colleagues may try to undermine you. Try to keep ahead of the game. Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You have a lot to offer. Depression may result if you don't get to do things your own way. You need to make your lover feel wanted, not like a piece of the furniture. Plan your social events carefully. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may want to take a look at your direction in life. Your ability to work with detail will

bring recognition. Trips will be more than adventurous. Disputes may start because of a lack of honesty. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your dedication and fortitude when dealing with humanitarian groups will enhance your reputation. Don't blame others for your own stubbornness. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Someone you live with is ready to play emotional games. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You can meet potential new mates if you socialize with friends. Your tendency to take on too much will end in fatigue. Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. You will be able to work in fine detail and present the best possible proposal. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Those you care about may oppose your ideas. Don't try to deal with important issues or make changes that will upset the apple cart. Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Be careful signing important contracts this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Stick to travel or do things in conjunction with groups. You will have a problem sorting out your true feelings when it comes to your relationship. Be aggressive and colorful, and you will get your way. It's time to let loose. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Let your boss know your goals. You will not be able to trust someone you work with. Romance can develop; however, it will most probably be short-lived. If you've been really busy, try to schedule some time to spend with loved ones. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. ■

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BES Islands Hit Hard By Climate Change

Continued from a previous edition.....

Increase of salt in groundwater and sedimentation is an expected terrestrial impact to the underground water systems of Bonaire. They have already been described as of generally poor quality in respect to agriculture and drinking. Many important habitats with evergreen vegetation, especially in the low-lying southern part of Bonaire, may get lost or greatly altered, including the RAMSAR and IBA flamingo habitat and the industrial salt works. Beaches in St. Eustatius and Bonaire, ideal for sea turtle nesting, will experience increased erosion and put these endangered species even more at risk.

There is an impact due to an increase in ocean acidity. It is questionable whether the likelihood of coral reef accretion will keep up with sea level rise and continue to protect the shoreline decreases. This is especially important for the mangrove forest in Lac Bay in Bonaire, which now largely depends on a coastal reef for its protection against hurricane damage.

A change in the power, frequency and pattern of hurricanes is also expected. The terrestrial impacts anticipate devastating effects on the elfin forests of Saba and St. Eustatius. The impact on the marine life as a result of an increase in the number and magnitude of hurricanes is especially a risk to the Bonaire reef, which at the mo-

ment is one of the best preserved in the entire Caribbean due to the low frequency of hurricane damage.

Finally there is the impact of increased variability in rainfall and drought. Its terrestrial impacts include a possibility that plants will fruit and flower at the wrong time and thereby waste energy and nutrients on aborted flowers and fruit. Plant and animal mortalities are expected due to droughts and flooding.

Increased fire risk is expected due to drier conditions, where the upward shift of the rain forest zone due to general temperature increases that is expected in Saba and St. Eustatius will probably result in a very significant expansion of the dry zone vulnerable to fires.

The effect on the marine life will see sedimentation impacts on coral reefs, where extreme rainfall, especially in combination with a preceding drought, will cause an intense increase in terrestrial runoff.

The report concludes that while it is the large industrialized countries that drive man-induced climate change, it is the small island developing states and small coastal states that will suffer the most from climate change. In this respect it is suggested that it may be especially valuable for the BES islands to develop and participate in larger efforts to lobby the large



Beach erosion due to loss of shallow reefs leaves historic plantation buildings like those of Washington Slagbaai Park vulnerable. In 1999 waves from distant hurricane Lenny devastated the plantation complex and it had to be rebuilt.

industrialized nations to adopt those changes needed in their industrial and energy policies by which to avert the most disastrous scales of global climate change.

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