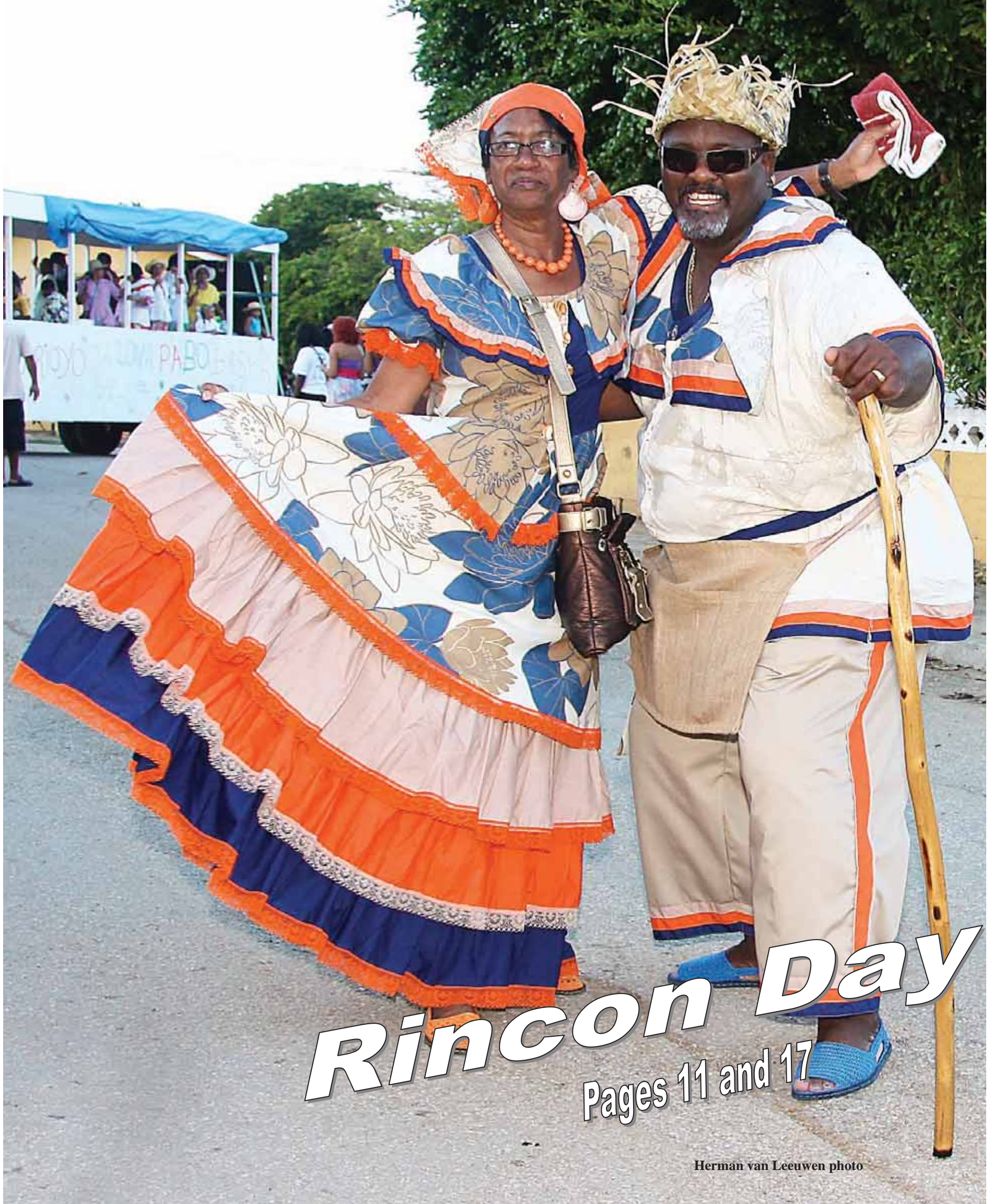


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# Flotsam and Jetsam

## BOINAIRE The REPORTER

**B**onaire's electric power problems have gotten attention in The Hague. Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, Maxime Verhagen, is considering drafting a regulating framework to guarantee the supply of electricity in Bonaire.

Member of Parliament, Ineke van Gent of the green left party (GroenLinks) had inquired about media reports that the supply of electricity in Bonaire might be in jeopardy.

Verhagen explained that the main cause of the problem was "the interpretation of differences" between WEB and Ecopower about agreements that they have. As a result, the revenues of Ecopower are lower than the company's expenditures. The higher expenditures are due to the increased fuel prices.

Ecopower has a backlog in payments to the fuel supplier, which in turn stopped the supply of fuel. To make matters worse, Ecopower's mother company is bankrupt. Ecopower's new wind and diesel installation is the sole supplier of the island's electrical energy. WEB distributes the power and bills the consumer.

Ecopower, WEB, the bankruptcy conservator and Rabo Bank are exploring a structural solution for this situation. According to Verhagen, parties had a "constructive" meeting. Verhagen said he trusted that parties would assume their responsibilities to secure the supply of electricity. "Currently I am considering whether to and how to draft a regulating framework."

► **The "Ban Boneiru Bèk" (BBB) foundation** has been promoting the return of Dutch Caribbean people living in The Netherlands to the islands. Founder and chairwoman of BBB, Celia Fernandes Pedra, hopes to **increase the foundations effectiveness by adding young, energetic people to the organization.**

A new board was appointed last week and the group of volunteers

was expanded with an office director on Bonaire as well as coordinators on other Dutch Caribbean islands and in The Netherlands. The new board adds members from Aruba, Bonaire and St. Maarten.

The foundation's website, [www.banboneirubek.com](http://www.banboneirubek.com) has had over 425,000 page visits in the past 12 months.

The number of CVs on the website has increased to over 250. During the next few years *Ban Boneiru Bek* will focus on subjects: moving expenses arrangement, housing and the increase of incomes on Bonaire.

► **The new Representative of the Dutch National Government, Wilbert Stolte, conducted introductory visits to the three BES islands.** On all three islands he became acquainted with the Executive Council and Island Council. He held discussions with representatives of different social organizations and met with the press. He also met with the workers of *Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland* (RCN).

Mr. Stolte would like very much to informally meet with island's people. **For Bonaire the meeting is set for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 18.00 – 19.30 PM in the Rincon Community Center.**

The Representative of the National Government forms an administrative link between the National Government and the Caribbean Netherlands. He promotes cooperation between the National Government and the governments of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. He has various legal tasks in regard to higher supervision. He is tasked with reviewing decisions of the Public Entities in view of good governance. Also some island ordinances must be approved by the Representative of the National Government before they can go into effect.

► **AMSTERDAM--Some 57% of the Dutch think the Queen should remain in government, according to a poll for RTL**

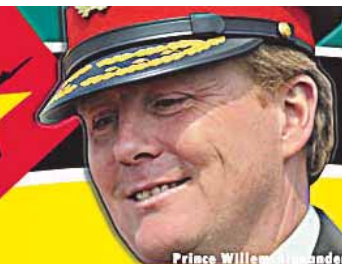
► **Figures published last week by the Statistics Department of The Netherlands showed that for Bonaire:**

- Unemployment is 6.6%
- Trade, transport and the catering businesses are the leading industries
- Employment is higher for men than for women
- Youth unemployment is higher than for other ages

**In 2010, 10,700 people 15 years or older lived on Bonaire.** Of these 7,100 had jobs. Just over 500 Bonaireans were unemployed; 2,200 workers were active in trade, transport and catering. This is more than three in 10 workers. The second largest industry in Bonaire is the government and social services, totaling nearly 1,700 workers.

The employment rate was higher among males than among females, 71.8 and 61.2 % respectively. Of the unemployed 6.5% were men and 6.7% were women. Unemployment for 15 to 25-year-olds was 12.8 % (100 youngsters) There were 3,100 people who were not active on the labor market. Young people are relatively more inactive, mainly because they haven't sufficient education. More than 4 in 10 young people already participate in the labor market.

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**television news.**

A majority in parliament wants the Queen's role reduced to that of a purely ceremonial monarch, the *Telegraaf* newspaper reported. Almost two-thirds of the 1,018 people polled do not feel the Queen has too much political influence.

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# Two Named to the Order of Oranje Nassau



Roxanne Joan Timp named a Lady (Knight) in the Order of Oranje Nassau



Honors went to two of the most community-minded individuals on our island. Roxanne makes life better for the disabled, Elvis for bettering youngsters lives



Elvis Modesto Martinus named a Knight in the Order of Oranje Nassau

Roxanne Timp is one of the nicest people you will ever meet on Bonaire. Her quiet demeanor hides a dynamo of action in behalf of Bonaire's less fortunate. Over the years she's been a key player in these and other charitable organizations: 'Stichting Rolstoelbus Bonaire' (Wheelchair Bus Foundation), 'Fundashon pa Kuido Bista i Oido' (The Foundation for Sight and Hearing), 'Plataforma di Pashèntnan' (Patients Platform), 'Plataforma di Inovashon den Enseñansa i Edukashon' (Platform for Innovation in Teaching and Education), 'Fundashon pa Kuido di Personanan Desabilitá' (The Foundation for Care of Disabled Persons) as well as many activities that assist the aged.

In recognition of these deed and many other things not listed she has been recognized by the Queen with the title of Ridder in de Orde van Oranje Nassau.

From conversations we've had with him over the past 20 years we know that it was Elvis (Piskechi) Martinus' goal to make Bonaire's children world famous in the sport of windsurfing. That he succeeded big-time is without doubt. There have been and continue to be many Bonaireans that are very familiar in the windsurfing world: Frans, Thode, Petrisie and Saragoza to name a few.

He himself was a windsurfing pioneer and champion who worked untiringly to "put Bonaire on the map." He organized and formalized Pro Kids events, a whole new windsurfing concept, he hosted the "First IFCA Slalom World Championship," he promoted Bonaire in the windsurfing press, he founded a windsurfing school, he mentors youngsters and much more.

For his positive effect on the island's youngsters and overall sports leadership he has been recognized with the title of Ridder in de Orde van Oranje Nassau.

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# Born on Bonaire... September 22d, 1941 - Erica Antoin

When I arrive at the appointed address I can't find the house. Erica's car is parked in front of a green zone, a lush and shady tropical jungle bathing in the smell of honey. Then I find the gate and become aware of a fine little house hidden in all shades of green. Erica comes out and when she sees how amazed I am she laughs "I love plants!" She gives me a tour through her own, personally and passionately created rain forest and then we start talking.

"I was born in Antriol, in the old house next to the Coromoto Church. We were eight children: three boys, five girls, a close-knit family. Alas, two of them have passed away, but we're still very attached to each other, especially we sisters.

When I was 12 I left for Curaçao to study at Saint Martinus Boarding School as there was no high school here. I stayed there for five years, finished Mulo and

came back to Bonaire.

One month later I started working for Bonaire Trading as a ticket officer for KLM and ALM (the Antillean Airline). I traveled frequently on many familiarization trips. When there was an inaugural flight we were on the plane as well! I went on the first KLM flight to Amsterdam and the first ALM flights to Cuba, Atlanta and Miami. With KLM I also went to Guatemala, St. Martin, Aruba and Venezuela. With TAP, the Portuguese Airline we worked with in those days, I went to Lisbon.

Our office was located where Cultimara sits now, but we also went to the airport to take care of the dispatching ourselves. Our team took many courses, mostly provided by KLM. Sometimes they were held on Curaçao or Aruba, but also in Amsterdam.

In 1968 I married a Dutch man from Amsterdam and we went to live on Aruba where my husband

got a job in the hotel industry. My eldest daughter, Sueyenne, was born in 1969. I'd quit working and had become a homemaker. I really liked Aruba; I made a lot of friends and I played tennis, something I had started with on Bonaire in 1960. I never had any lessons, but Pachicho Thode helped me and yes, I've been Champion of Bonaire several times! I also played in many tournaments on Aruba, Curaçao and Santo Domingo. In 1983, I was chosen Sports Lady of the Year - the first one on Bonaire! In 1998 I participated in an international veteran tournament on Curaçao with participants from the US, Holland and Venezuela, but... I won. And in 1999 I was chosen - together with Robby Domacassé - Tennis Player of the Century!" *She smiles.*

"When I play tennis I feel good! When I get home I am a completely different person - fit! And when I don't go, I feel like something is missing in my life. Nowadays I play two to three times a week to stay in shape.

Well, let's go back to my children." *She laughs.* "If I forget one, they will get jealous. My second daughter, Lisandra, was born in August 1973, also on Aruba. Six years later we moved



Erica Antoin

to Bonaire because my husband was offered a job at Flamingo Beach Hotel. It felt good to be back on Bonaire - my parents were still alive- but I liked Aruba as well... I still do.

When LD Gerharts, the owner of Bonaire Trading, heard I was back on the island, he immediately asked if I wanted to work for them again, and that's what I did, until. I worked for all three of the Gerharts' - for LD, for his son Hugo, and for Larry, his grandson.

My third daughter, Kimberley, was born on Bonaire in 1981. I was working, so she went to

crèche (nursery school) when she was six weeks old. We were quite modern!

Bonaire had changed a little bit, but not much. The office moved across from where the old hospital sat. So, three kids, a husband and a full-time job: it was doable, not too busy! I still played tennis and I was always doing something, just like now. I rake the garden, I take care of my plants. I do everything myself. Sometimes I don't even eat because I like to go on with what I am doing! I've got hundreds of plants - you know, when I am taking care of

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**"...life is good the way it is. As long as my children, my grandchildren, my family and myself are in good health I am happy."**

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them I feel happy. I prefer people to give me a one guilder plant than a whole bouquet of flowers! I always name a plant after the person who gave it to me and I talk to my plants and I tell them like for instance," she laughs. "Greta! You're not doing anything! Why don't you want to grow? What's wrong with you! Hahaha! Ayayay! I am a person who loves nature – it makes me happy."

I am also a certified tour guide. Sometimes I go on the bus, but most of the time I'm an auxiliary driver. When a ship arrives with more than 3,000 people we help the taxis. It's arranged by the tourist office. The first thing the tourists always ask me is 'Are you born here?' But I'm not doing it that often because I also work at the airport.

In 1982 my husband and I separated but we stayed good friends. I am sorry to say he died of a heart attack years later. So, then it was me and the kids and the job, the tennis and the plants – a full life. Life goes on and that's what I did. I worked very hard and I am very happy my kids did well because that's the main thing. They've always helped me; they were sweet little kids. None of them is living on Bonaire. Lisa and Kimmy are on Aruba, both of them wedding planners but each one is at a different hotel. Sueyenne is in Curaçao. She and her partner are the owners of Easy Air, the only Bonairean Airline registered here at the Chamber of Commerce. They also are the owners of Medic Air, the ambulance

flight. It's one company.

In 2007 I stopped working; I was 65 and I felt it was enough. The girls were all grownup and done with their studies and so, financially, I could retire. I went on a bus trip all through Europe, which had been my dream for a very long time and I enjoyed it to the fullest. Then my daughter and her partner started Easy Air three years ago and they asked me if I wanted to help them out as a handling agent. I have to say I wasn't very eager to do it. I wanted to do my own things! I had been approached by so many people when I retired who'd asked me if I wanted to work for them, however, for my daughter I made an exception. I'm doing it voluntarily, but they are helping me as well. Every day I go to the airport, but I'm only doing the 7 am plane. After that I go home where I take all the reservations by phone. When I leave, my other colleagues who work full time take over..

I don't travel much anymore. Two years ago I went with Bòì, my brother, for Christmas to Ecuador and I really enjoyed the beauty of its nature. But if I travel nowadays it's to see my children and my grandchildren. I have four grandchildren: Seline, Tarrick, Theron and Kiziah, very lovely kids whom I enjoy so much. It's a pity I don't see them as much as I would like. My daughters have asked me to come and live on Aruba, but you see I've gotten so used to being here and then... I would have to say goodbye to everything – my garden, my little house. Yeah... maybe later, but not yet, not at this moment, although you never know...



Erica on the court

I feel happy when I am at home. I like to watch sports and news on TV and I got rid of my computer the moment I stopped working! I like classical music and when there is a concert, I go. I did the Walk-a-thon for five years in a row, great fun, but I'm getting older and I have to make sure I stay well and not overdo things. I am also a member of the walking club 'Pia pia Kunuku Bieu,' but I'm not very active as I prefer to play tennis.

This year I am going to be 70 years old and I don't have a lot of wishes left – life is good the way it is. As long as my children, my grandchildren, my family and myself are in good health I am happy.

Every morning when I get up I thank God for giving me another day."

■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Due to a print production problem we did not include the websites that accompanied the last edition's On The Island Since– Claudia Critelli and Marco DiGianvito. Our apologies and here are the addresses:

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# Kiting At The Watapana School

The week of April 11 was kiting week at the Watapana school, the school for children in need of special care in Rincon.

Well motivated, active and dedicated children let their creativity go its way and created kites in all forms, colors and sizes. They demonstrated an attitude of helping and creating not always shown in ordinary lessons.

Wednesday 20 was kite day. Children and personnel were busy helping each other to get the kites flying.

At first the pupils from the lower grades tried their best to get their kites in the air. Later it was the higher grade students' turn. It was inspiring to see the happiness on the faces of these children and the sadness on those who did not succeed in getting their kite in the air. Those who demonstrated more efforts were awarded with small, but very appreciated gifts. And the lucky ones were:

- For the biggest kite: **Fergen Theodora**
- For the smallest kite: **Sharino**
- For the nicest kite: **Richmend**
- For the most original kite: **Carolina Matthew**

The kites which stayed longest in the air were from Oscarino Craane, Darrin Winklaar, Sigmon and Gulderick Molina.

Despite the burning sun and light winds, the pupils of the Watapana School can look back to a successful kite day! ■ *Geraldine Dammers*



Watapana.School photo

# School Design Competition



RCN photo

On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, Island Governor Glenn Thodé, opened an exposition for the design contest for the Multi-functional School at the North Saliña Community Center. Approximately 650 students from Kolegio Papa Cornes and the De Pelikaan primary school will use the new multi-purpose building. The school will offer accommodation for child daycare, sports and more. The new building will be constructed on the Rudy Boezem sport field.

At the North Saliña Community Center everyone may visit the exposition of more than 40, three-dimensional artist impressions which were submitted. The exposition can be visited until Saturday, May 14. ■ *Carla de Konink-Sira*



# New Services and Giveaway

Flamingo TV, Bonaire's first cable TV provider, celebrated its 25th Anniversary last week with announcements and fireworks. Beginning with between 10 and 20 channels in 1968 the system has grown to a fiber-optic network that offers up to 60 TV channels, high-speed Internet and, just announced by manager Patrick Dowling, Voice over IP telephony.

In conjunction with the announcements Flamingo TV kicked off a give-away backed by partners City Shop, Cecilia Mitsubishi/Kia, and More-For-Less supermarket. Prizes like TVs, appliances, a minute of free shopping and more will be given away in drawings through the end of the year. ■ *G.D.*

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## Vento do Norte's Passionate Saxophones Bring Bonaire a "Colorful Bouquet of Music"



Classical Music Board photo

**Vento do Norte**, an extraordinary saxophone ensemble, will perform at Plaza Resort Bonaire's Caribbean Point Terrace on Sunday, May 29, at 7:30 pm, presented by the Classical Music Board Bonaire. The group consists of 10 young and talented Portuguese musicians who combine a contemporary vision of chamber music with compelling modern interpretations. The group plays unique adaptations of Bach, Beethoven and Mendelssohn, transforms melancholic Fado music, stirs up rousing tangos by Piazzolla, and renders anew the burdened soul of James Brown – all played from memory.

This group is both a musical revelation and a rapturous experience that touches one's inner core one moment and brings down the house the next. As far as *Vento do Norte* is concerned, playing the saxophone is all about bonding emotions with airs of classical music, world music, jazz and Antillean musical traditions, sounding like a large symphony orchestra.

The group was formed in 2005 by Henk van Twillert, internationally renowned saxophone player, guest teacher at the Amsterdam Academy of Music and tutor teacher at the College for Music and Performing Arts in Porto, Portugal (Escola Superior de Música e das Artes do Espectáculo). The Portugal-based ensemble is rapidly capturing the hearts of music lovers around the world: from festivals and theatres in Europe to stages in Caracas, Venezuela. In early 2007, *Vento do Norte* was invited to play a series of concerts in Brussels and Antwerp, Belgium, to

celebrate the 50th anniversary of the European Union. The group also performed during the Liberation Day celebrations in Amsterdam the same year. These highly talented musicians are all taught by Henk van Twillert, and many of them won international competitions on their own.

Even as new students take the places of those who complete their courses of musical study, the group continues to win one prize after another. In 2007, and again, in 2009, they were awarded first prizes at the prestigious *Concorso Internazionale di musica da camera "Città di Chieri"* in Italy, arguably the ensemble's greatest achievements to date. In 2009, *Vento do Norte* produced its first CD, "Adagio for Saxophones." Versatile, competent and passionate, *Vento do Norte* brings together a new generation of musicians who produce their own unique sound, leaving an indelible impression. Expect the kind of musical party you won't want to miss. To use *Vento do Norte's* words: "Vive la música!"

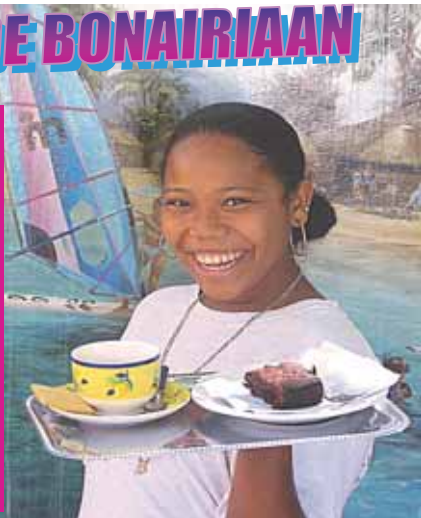
Tickets for *Vento do Norte's* May 29th performance are available at Flamingo Bookstore and Addo's Books & Toys on Kaya Grandi, at Plaza Resort Bonaire's reception desk and at [www.classicalmusicbonaire.com](http://www.classicalmusicbonaire.com) (\$20 each in advance; \$25 at the event). On Bonaire, *Vento do Norte* will give a school concert on May 31, and perform in a street parade on June 1st, ending at City Cafe for "happy-hour" entertainment. The group will also contribute to the Jazz & Poetry Night of the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival on June 2nd. ■ *Bob Gilmour*

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## Lionfish Eradication Continues

Attempts to eradicate the invasive Lionfish (*Pterois volitans* and *Pterois miles*) is intensifying on Bonaire but some people think it should be stopped.

With hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people SCUBA diving every day, the proliferation of lionfish is in plain view of all divers and snorkelers. The predatory Lionfish are decimating Bonaire indigenous fish in front of their eyes.

It's been documented that Lionfish were introduced to the southwest Florida waters in the 1990s. By 2004 they had spread to the Caribbean and the first sighting in Bonaire was on October 26, 2009 at the Nukove dive site. Now lionfish are easily seen on nearly every dive or snorkel. They are getting bigger and more numerous.

According to experts, Lionfish are a major threat to native fish species because they have no natural predators in local waters. They are eating local fish at a high rate. That's been proven by dissection and examination of Lionfish stomach contents by CIEE. It's feared Lionfish will disrupt local fisheries and dive tourism. To help control their spread a special spear gun has been



Marine Park Manager deLeon demonstrates spearing a lionfish

developed and training classes organized for its use. STINAPA is stepping up its training/awareness programs and a PADI "Lionfish" Specialty Course has been developed. Recently STINAPA, the island's Park Authority led an expedition of 25 volunteers who killed 197 lionfish at the Karpata dive site.

However, not everyone thinks that spearing lionfish is a good thing. Dominique Serafini, a frequent Bonaire visitor and former member of Jacques Cousteau expeditions is one. In response to a request for an interview in *The Reporter* Serafini emailed, "... I (will) prepare something else but in a dive magazine and maybe with a TV channel, so the message will have a bigger impact... I need to keep quiet ... before I leave the island with enough photos and info..." ■ *G.D. based on a STINAPA press release.*

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## BonQuiz #50



Kalbas (*Crescentia Cujete*)

Where on earth do you ever come across a tree that carries its fruit on the trunk. This species immediately catches your eye when out and about. It sheds its leaves during dry periods, unless there happens to be an abundance of water nearby. This species appears from Mexico, including the Caribbean islands, on to South America. Leaves and fruit are often used as curatives

Q) But aside from that, what is this gourd used for?

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:

IslandToursBonaire.com Phone 717-4435 or 795-3456





# Cruise Ship Season 2010-11 Ends



**They serve the ships-Front row: Chaleco Cicilia, David Salim, Corine Gerharts Back Row: Daniela Gustowski, Yamile Martijn, Magnolia Martijn, Jeanette Trenidad, Marilou Winklaar, Amina Kromodimedjo, Leila Hofsted, Frits Gielen.**

This 2010-2011 cruise ship season was very busy for Bonaire with 220,136 passengers and 102 cruise ship calls. That's slightly down from the 222,582 passengers and 106 calls of the previous season. There were four fewer calls but only 1% fewer passenger arrivals.

Preliminary figures indicate that next year Bonaire will receive 197,526 passengers, a 10% drop in arrivals. There can, there will be, many changes to the schedule before it is a firm schedule. The island will welcome back all the usual cruise lines: Princess Cruises, Holland America, Aida Cruises as well as Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.

Even those opposed to cruise ship visits have to admit that street traffic flowed more smoothly this year and the economic impact of the many cruise visitors was noticeable. A cruise ship visit is the first time most of the passengers get an impression of the island and it's usually very positive, perhaps encouraging a future visit.

The many islanders who serve cruise ship passengers gathered at El Mundo Restaurant

last week to celebrate the closing of the cruise season. It was apparent that they are dedicated to providing a quality product every time they serve a ship. They understand that customer satisfaction, service and safety are of the utmost importance.

Bonaire Tour and Vacations head, Corine Gerharts, said three years ago, at the same party, "After years of efforts to position Bonaire in cruise tourism, Bonaire has finally reached the starting gate. The following two-three years will be important years for the island's future in cruise tourism as well as 'stay-over' tourism. Our cruise ship visitors are getting a taste of what we have to offer in their short stay in port."

She continued, "Today, Bonaire is a name that the cruise industry recognizes. They not only recognize us, they appreciate us. The industry understands our destination much better today than it did just five years ago and that is thanks to a lot of effort from all of us here today. We are the Bonaire product!"

■ Corine Gerharts Speech notes/ G.D.



**The staff: Giovanni, Ed's mother, Lourdes, Magic Ed himself and his brother Luis**

On May 4, 2001, Ed Janga appeared on the SGB High School stage and performed four magic tricks in the 10 minutes he was allowed. From then on he was known to his classmates as Magic Ed.

Magic Ed impressed American magicians visiting Bonaire, was invited to visit them and was inducted into the International Brotherhood of Magicians. It set a pattern for his future although in the meantime he became a Dive Instructor under Jong Bonaire's sponsorship and studied architecture in Aruba.

In 2007 he launched Magic Ed Entertainment and offers everything needed for exciting Children's parties including a stage, entertainment several "bouncers," decoration, catering and more. Now he's opened an office at Kaya Dialma #1 where party materials can be seen. His services are unique and special.

Contact him at 785-9802, email [mageded@hotmail.com](mailto:mageded@hotmail.com) to arrange your party. His website is [www.magededbonaire.com](http://www.magededbonaire.com)

# Tennis Anyone?



There's a tennis tourney this coming weekend, May 14, 15, that counts for 2011 championship rankings. Categories include Men's singles and doubles as well as Women's singles and doubles. Games will be played at Harbour Village and Sand Dollar courts. The opening will take place at 7 pm on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Eddy's Sunrise Restaurant at Sand Dollar. All Bonaire players are invited to sign up by via e-mail to [elisabeth@telbonet.an](mailto:elisabeth@telbonet.an) or at either tennis court. Sign up fee is \$20 which covers membership in the Bonaire Lawn Tennis Bond.

This event follows the April 21 through April 25 Easter weekend competition where more than 140 participants from 7 different countries and islands flew to Bonaire for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the "MCB Open 2011." Aruba, Curaçao, Venezuela, US, The Netherlands, Colombia and Bonaire players all got on the courts

The final results of the 9<sup>th</sup> MCB Open are (winners named first):

### Men Singles:

- A David Conquet- Kawish Missier - 60 63
- B1 Egbert Faro- Julian Chung - 62 62
- B2 Siardus Witteveen - Teun Nuijten 63 62

- C Leonard Coffie- Maurice Korver.61 63
- C40+ Lambert Dohmen -Mark Smith 64 62
- Ladies Singles:**
- C Marrit Koopman -Kalli de Meyer 63 60
- C2 Janis ten Hoop – Yke Constandse 64 63
- Men Doubles:**
- A Neil van Wilgen/Paco Veeris – Gary Geerman/Renzo Hirschfelt 6-3;6-2
- B1 Burney elHage/Leonard Domacassé – James Finies/Elvis Tjin a Sjoe 64 76
- B2 Naldi Tromp/RigoTromp Ibi de Palm/Wolter de Palm 64 64
- C Jarillo Christiaan/Leonard Coffie – John Kock/MochiGomes 64 63
- C50+ Carlos Hirschfeld/Cachi Hirschfeld – Evert Piar/Francis da Costa Gomez 75 ret.
- Ladies Doubles:**
- B Kaile Finies/Thammy Albertsz – Marijke Maas/Trudy VBerhallen 63 64
- C Elsje Lacle/Rixt Kramer Juliette van de Bree/Lupita St Jago –60 62
- C2 Yke Constandse/Marissa Jansen – Antje Blumenthal/Virginia Knight 63 30 ret
- Mixed Doubles:**
- GDB1 Thammy Albertsz/David Conquet – Sandra Joubert/Paco Veeris 64 62
- GDB2 Rixt Kramer/Jose Marin – Ibi de Palm/Rosalie Bierings 64 76
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► **WILLEMSTAD**--During a Curaçao television interview on Monday, May 2, **US Consul General to the Dutch Caribbean, Valerie Belon**, gave her reaction to the news of the American military operation against Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, by saying that justice had been done.

"Bin Laden was a sworn enemy of the United States and a danger to all humanity. He was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocents on 9-11 and through attacks on men, women and children of many nationalities and faiths – including many Muslims. He was committed to killing many more in the United States, Pakistan and around the world," she commented.

"As President Obama said, 'It was nearly 10 years ago that a bright September day was darkened by the worst attack on the American people in our history. The images of 9-11 are seared into our national memory.'" "The US Consulate General in Curaçao

US Consulate photo



Valerie Belon with President Obama at an earlier time

continues to maintain a heightened security posture, the details of which are not public information for security reasons," the consul commented.

**Flotsam and Jetsam** (Continued from page 2) Insel Air partner), has approximately 650 flights per day.

There is a special introductory price of Naf. 597 (\$334) per round-trip ticket. Bookings will be accepted up to June 22.

The flights will depart from Curaçao every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:10am and arrive in Charlotte at 1:25pm. The departure time from Charlotte is 2:25pm, arriving back in Curaçao at 6:40pm.

Passengers can transfer to 58 US Airways destinations without extra check-in.

► **Dutch Antilles Express (DAE) remains in financial difficulty.** Former owner Niek Sandmann got a loan of 6.9 million guilders from the Curaçao development financing foundation, Korpodeko, a few months before the airline was taken over by its current owner, Arnold Leonora, in December of last year. Leonora said local financial institutions were no longer forthcoming because of the lack of reliable and accountant-approved real figures left behind by the former management. Korpodeko, which also lent money to DAE's competitor, Insel Air, wants solid accounting information before it will lend more to DAE.

DAE is looking for a strategic partner because the company needs a financial boost. DAE Chief Operating Officer (COO) Stanley Betrian severely criticized the financial institutions that are not prepared to help.

Since the takeover on December 9 it was clear that DAE had debts running into millions. Betrian and Leonora pointed out that DAE had been almost dead at the takeover and that it is difficult to get financing without figures approved by accountants.

**DAE hadn't produced annual figures approved by accountants for years.**

► **HILVERSUM**--Websites run by **Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW)** were offline for almost a day, following

a cyber attack launched on Tuesday. The so-called DDoS (Denial of Service) attack meant tens of thousands of users around the world were unable to access the station's Internet news and feature services.

It is not clear who was behind the attack, which occurred only days after Dutch Rabobank had been crippled by a similar assault. A DDoS attack floods a website with bogus visits, making it unreachable for bona-fide visitors.



Digicel photo

► **Christie Quarton (left) takes over from Petra Petra Kruis** as marketing executive for Digicel Bonaire. Christie is Bonairean with a BA degree from the USA and worked for Verizon Wireless. Petra is taking the job as Marketing Manager for Digicel Aruba. We wish success to both.

► **Marissa Jansen (Tel: 701-1103) has taken over running the We Dare To Care Playground** flea market that is held on every first Saturday of the month from 2 – 6 pm. If you want to sell something the rental price is \$10 per table. Proceeds from the rent of the tables will be used to maintain and renovate the playground.

Always check *The Reporter's* "Happenings" page for news of this and other island events

► **Please remember to visit the businesses that advertise in *The Reporter*.** They keep it "Still Free." ■ *G./L.D.*



► **The Caribbean Netherlands celebrated Holland's Liberation Day on May 5 for the first time as well as Memorial Day on May 4.** The ceremonies commemorated the soldiers killed in action and war fatalities in general. This year for the first time local veterans laid a wreath at Plaza Wilhelmina.

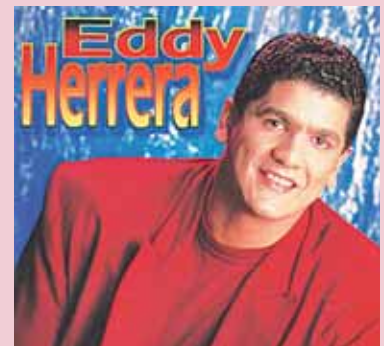
A group of former military personnel of the Dutch Kingdom recently founded the Veterans Association of Bonaire. It was one of the last actions of deceased notary

Maarten Maartense. The new veterans association is a focus for former soldiers residing in Bonaire to become a close and like-minded group. They plan to support each other in all possible ways, beginning with the development of the "**Bonaire Veterans Café.**" Chairperson of the association is **Theo Knevel.** Former soldiers, with or without combat experience are welcome to register via e-mail address: [veteranenvereniging-bonaire@veteranen.nl](mailto:veteranenvereniging-bonaire@veteranen.nl)

## Latin Music Classics

**Eddy Jose Herrera de los Rios**, also known as **Eddy Herrera**, is a Merengue singer and winner of more than seven Casandra Awards. He was born on 30 April 1964 in the Dominican Republic, in the city of Santiago de Los Caballeros.

He got his start in music at the age of nine, when he began to play the guitar and take classes from a music teacher. Herrera developed his talent and began to participate in various music contests. His first international success was titled *El Jardinero*, which was launched three months after his having joined the Wilfrido Vargas's musical group. He stayed in that group from 1984 to 1990, when he was launched as a soloist under the MP Records label. His song, *Carolina*, was a tremendous success in Latin America and Eddy Herrera immediately became one of the leading Merengue artists of his generation.



## Jody's Music Quiz

Last week's answer: "Eddy Herrera" was the singer of *Carolina*. Unfortunately there is no winner this week.

**This week's question:** Which Salsa artist is the husband of Jennifer Lopez? Please send your answer to: [info@jodysbonaire.com](mailto: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*. ■ *Jo Bux*

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# Fat Sally's Maiden Flight



Fat Sally between two charismatic admirers

Like many of the new arrivals to the LVV aviary Sally had been carrying a little extra weight. She hadn't really noticed it before because her weight gain had been slow and gradual. She had been taken from her family as a young chick and when she started to find it hard to climb on the wire of her cage she had told herself it was because she was growing up and that she had "big bones." But now she was meeting other Loras Sally noticed it wasn't just her bones.

Sally noticed that the birds that had been in her new home the longest had lost the worst of their love handles and could fly. Her newly arrived friends, like her didn't really fancy any of that though and were quite content to sit for most of the day. A wild Lora can sit for many hours too, but equally a wild Lora is capable of incredible activity and can fly tens of kilometres. The sad reality of Sally's slothful situation was that neither her excess weight nor her lack of enthusiasm for movement was her fault. Like so many Loras in captivity Sally was only given seeds to eat and she had had no way of exercising so she had grown accustomed to doing nothing.

Dear reader you are no doubt aware that captive Loras are prone to obesity and so this situation is a vicious cycle: "Oh I am so bored being here alone, I'm going to eat as that will make me feel better." "Oh I'm so full (and fat and heavy) I can't be bothered to do anything" and so on and so on.

Unlike a clean burning balanced diet with fruits and greens the effect of Fat Sally's seed based diet on her health was equivalent a worn out engine that burns oil, it had poor performance. Sally's feathers were in terri-

ble condition, her fat was so extensive that a lump waddled between her legs. Worst of all she was, at times, grumpy!

When she was unexpectedly moved from the holding aviary at LVV to the release aviary out in the wilderness of Bonaire, Fat Sally only complained about the rough ride in the car. Although by this point she had lost quite a bit of weight, she was not overcome with joy like the other Loras when surrounded by green trees and nature.

Fat Sally was not interested in flying or physical exertion per se and so she remained a peaceful keystone bringing calm to the young and often over excited group that found themselves in the release aviary. Around them were many birds whom they all knew. There was Monty there and he and the other birds had already been released. Despite the prospect of freedom Fat Sally remained calm at all times and carried on with her day to day life because in truth she knew she could not fly from tree top to tree top like they did. Unlike the other Loras Fat Sally just accepted the wilderness surrounding them and the human that brought them food each day.

And so it was with some surprise when the afore mentioned human arrived one morning with the "Pillow case of doom." The other birds went completely radio rental (mental) on that morning and leapt from their perches with fear and anxiety. They flew from perch to perch and from end to end of the aviary. Having never experienced fear or for that matter having never been in a group of scared parrots, Fat Sally was quite unsure as to what to do. The human chased the other birds but Sally

seemed to escape unnoticed for some time. Then her luck was up and the human waved the dreaded "Pillow case of doom" in her general direction.

Fat Sally felt fear like she had never felt before. She didn't really know what was the appropriate response but then her instincts overcame her reason and she leapt from her perch in a bid to escape from the "Pillowcase of Doom." Never before had Fat Sally flown, and for good reason. In that moment, as brief as it was, Fat Sally was airborne! So brief was the moment and so vertical was the trajectory of Sally's plummeting orbit that it was almost missed. She hit the ground with a tremendous and sickening thud and in that moment the chaos within the aviary stopped and everyone, bird and human, looked at her. Inside Sally was embarrassed but being strong and courageous she didn't show it. She had made her maiden flight and it was something to build upon. Her poor feathers had barely held the air beneath them and her lack of muscle couldn't be any worse so "build upon" she would.

Others, of course doubted whether she would ever be able to be released. Bets were even placed against her. But although Sally was certainly in no shape right there and then she knew that with a little care and attention she would be able to make it, one day. She made a pact with herself to join Monty and the other free flying Loras.

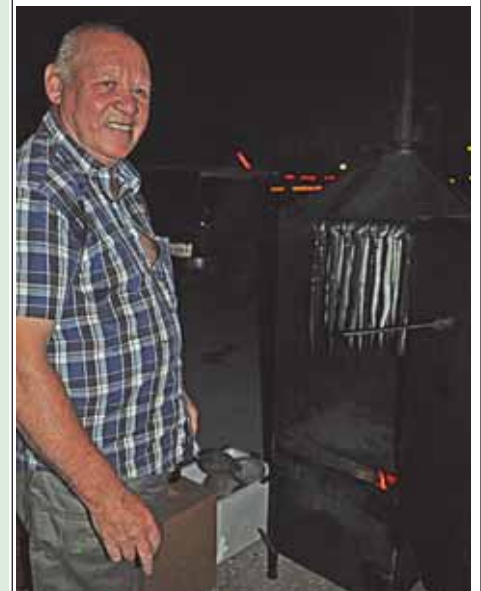
And so Dear Reader you will have to wait as patiently as a bored captive Lora to find out whether Fat Sally, bless her, does make it. In the mean time there will be other stories of Lora adventures to be found here in *The Reporter*. If, however, you wish to have the very latest news of the parrot shenanigans please visit [www.facebook.com/echobonaire.org](http://www.facebook.com/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](http://www.echobonaire.org)



# New Band Debut "Back On Track"



Fresh Dutch eel (paling), smoked on Bonaire, was offered for sale

Lee's Bar was standing room only for the debut of the Baby Boomer rock band trio, "Back On Track," last Saturday night. Whether the people were there for the music or the succulent smoked eel we may never know. But we do know the band was great and the crowd enthusiastic. "Back On Track" is already booked for more shows on Bonaire so keep watch and don't miss their next show.

Info: Call Theo te Brinke: 786-0150. ■G.D.

Peter



Theo



Bert



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# Rincon Day-2011



The Wanga women-Natalie, Helena and Valerie



Paola Pourier and Rosalba Figaroa (who designed the dresses. Marvis Fines sewed the dresses)

More Rincon Day on Pg. 17.

The Rincon/Queen's Day celebration remains the biggest party on the island. It's a time when the pride of the Rinconeros in their culture is shown in their music, dance, food and party organization.

There are crowds, smiling faces, people greeting people, taking photos, marching in the parades, enjoying the music, the *krioyo* food-best on the island-the whole ambiance. You could join the crowds or you could relax for awhile out of the sun in one of these little spots and have a chance to visit, snack, drink and even dance.

And Rincon was clean, clean: the gardens, the roads, the houses. A total pleasure. ■ L./G. D.



Two marching bands added excitement to the march



Sign of the times: A Jumbotron in the line of the Simadan march.



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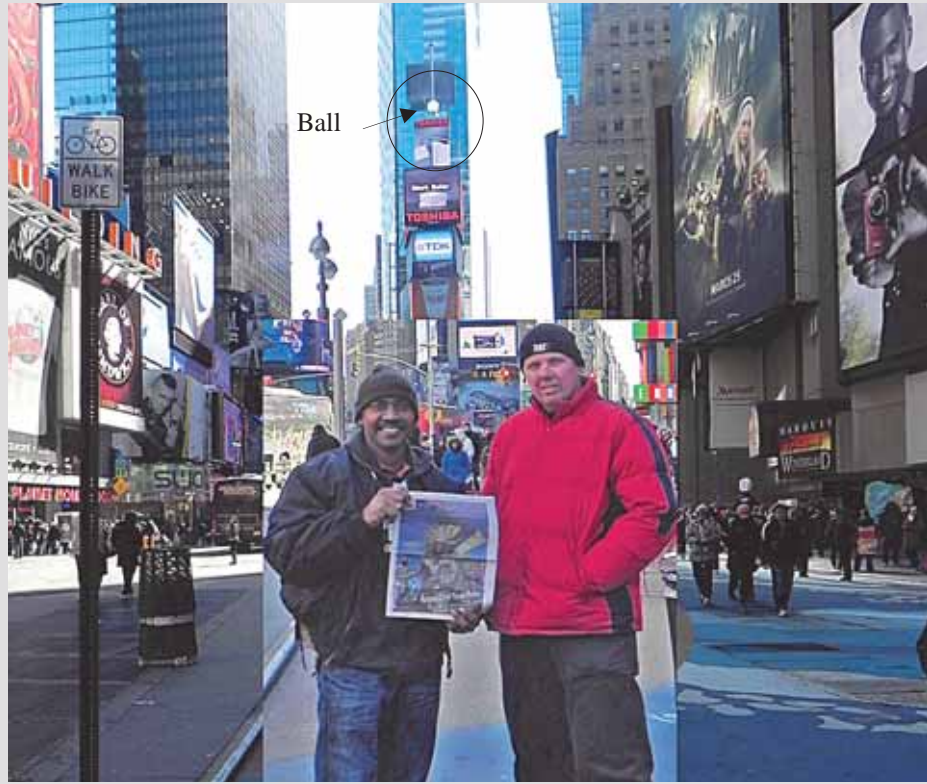
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Times Square. This is the site of the annual new year's ball drop. (Right behind us you can see it)." Note the sign at the top left: "Walk/Bike" ■

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• Local Act, Bonaire 07:30 pm  
• Pablo Gil Jazz Ensemble with guest Dave Samuels, USA 08:30 pm  
• Conrad Herwig's Latin Side All-Star Band, USA 10:00 pm

**Sunday June 5th, Lazy Sunday Jazz Afternoon - 4:00 pm**  
Divi Flamingo Resort - Free entrance. BBQ available for US\$ 17.50  
• Madeline Bell & Frits Landesbergen, USA/Netherlands 04:00 pm

**Thursday June 2nd, Jazz & Poetry - 7:00 pm**  
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• Pali Wiri, Bonaire 07:30 pm  
• Nina Strnad & Trio, Slovenia/Curaçao 08:30 pm  
• Henk van Twillert & Vento do Norte, Netherlands/Portugal 10:00 pm

**Friday June 3rd, Main Concert - 7:00 pm**  
Plaza Resort Bonaire - Price US\$ 30 (US\$ 45 for both main concerts)  
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• Kenia, USA/Brazil 08:30 pm  
• Merietza Haakmat & Jazz 2 Soul, Curaçao 10:00 pm

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# Bonaire Real Estate Reflections

## THE NOTARY



In America a notary validates signatures on legal documents. On Bonaire and in the EU the Notary (Notaris in Dutch) does more and is very important in real estate transactions.

On Bonaire the Notaris is the Queen's official representative for all matters concerning real estate. Prior to 10-10-10 the Notaris was appointed via the office of the Governor of the islands. Since 10-10-10 the Minister of Justice from Holland will appoint the Notaris.

If you are 50 or older and come from one of America's 13 original colonies the idea of the Notaris will be very familiar to you. Before there were title insurance companies the actual search of the title and preparations of the contract, deed, mortgage and relevant closing documents was done by an attorney. The attorney was a specialist in real estate and real estate titles. Art Kleimer was probably one of the last attorneys in the US to be trained to perform title searches.

The Notaris performs those same services. The major difference is that in the American system the parties relied on the personal wealth and integrity of the attorney to remedy any problems.

The Notaris is a member of the civil service and functions only in civil law areas. The government stands behind the acts of the Notaris.

The Notaris concept has a history in the civil law countries going back hundreds of years. The Notaris is an expert's expert. The Notaris always holds a master's degree with a focus on real estate law. Since 1 October 1999 experience may also be a criteria for performing Notaris services. The law was changed then to create more competition. These "junior" notaries have to operate under the guidance of an experienced Notaris.

In most civil law countries the Notaris has an absolute monopoly on preparing certain contracts and documents especially those related to real estate.

The Notaris also serves as the custodian for all-important documents such as deeds. The original deed by law will stay in the office of the Notary for at least 20 years. This assures that the deed may never be tampered with. The buyer and the seller will receive certified true copies of the original deeds and all relevant papers for their personal records. The original deed is in Dutch and English translations will be provided if necessary.

In most situations a contract prepared by a Notaris is capable of automatic execution if the Notaris determines that a party has breached the agreement. Once the Notaris has made a determination of



*The Notaris has a long history in Dutch business.*

Job Adriaensz Berckheyde -

Een notaris in zijn kantoor (1672) - ca. 60 x 80 cm.

brech there is no recourse to the court system.

The Notaris has this power because by law the Notaris is not an advocate of one party or the other. The Notaris as the representative of the Crown is impartial. In this role the authority of the Notaris is akin to that of a judge.

A Notaris owes absolute confidentiality to all the parties. This power is so absolute that in a Court preceding the Notaris has the obligation not to reveal any information of the parties. In this capacity the Notaris is like a judge or doctor.

The appointed Notary for Bonaire, Maarten Maartense, recently passed away. As provided by law his office continues to perform Notaris services. You must select a Notaris from the BES islands. As there is no Notaris on Saba and Statia those residents either come to Bonaire or to St. Maarten.

By custom the fees of the Notaris are the obligation of the buyer. The fees are generally 1% -2% of the purchase price. The Notaris is also required to collect from the buyer the 5% real estate transfer tax due to the government.

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ing...



Wil Dijkstra photo



Artist Wil Dijkstra (left)  
reminds us that Sunday,  
15 May, will feature Bonaire's  
7<sup>th</sup> Kaminda di Arte Event. On  
that Sunday from 11 am till 5  
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**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 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
Sat 14		05:31 -0.03 ft	09:27 0.21 ft	15:35 -0.16 ft	22:24 0.99 ft	6:11	18:52
Sun 15		06:49 -0.14 ft	10:52 0.10 ft	16:09 -0.11 ft	23:14 1.06 ft	6:11	18:52
Mon 16		08:01 -0.24 ft	12:31 0.05 ft	16:46 -0.05 ft		6:11	18:52
Tue 17	00:06 1.10 ft	09:04 -0.32 ft	14:18 0.05 ft	17:31 0.02 ft	Full Moon	6:11	18:53
Wed 18	01:00 1.10 ft	10:01 -0.38 ft	15:52 0.10 ft	18:30 0.09 ft		6:11	18:53
Thu 19	01:55 1.07 ft	10:51 -0.41 ft	16:58 0.17 ft	19:50 0.15 ft		6:10	18:53
Fri 20	02:49 1.02 ft	11:36 -0.42 ft	17:46 0.25 ft	21:17 0.20 ft		6:10	18:54
Sat 21	03:42 0.94 ft	12:18 -0.40 ft	18:27 0.33 ft	22:40 0.23 ft		6:10	18:54
Sun 22	04:31 0.85 ft	12:55 -0.36 ft	19:05 0.41 ft	23:59 0.24 ft		6:10	18:54
Mon 23	05:19 0.73 ft	13:27 -0.30 ft	19:40 0.49 ft			6:10	18:54
Tue 24	Last Q. moon	01:14 0.23 ft	06:04 0.61 ft	13:55 -0.24 ft	20:13 0.57 ft	6:10	18:55
Wed 25		02:29 0.21 ft	06:48 0.48 ft	14:18 -0.18 ft	20:43 0.64 ft	6:10	18:55
Thu 26		03:42 0.17 ft	07:34 0.36 ft	14:37 -0.12 ft	21:13 0.70 ft	6:10	18:55
Fri 27		04:56 0.11 ft	08:24 0.24 ft	14:51 -0.06 ft	21:43 0.76 ft	6:09	18:56

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## HEALTH

**Go Green**—Tina Woodley's new shop, has relocated to the former Dew Point Appliance shop, Kaya Lib. Simon Bolivar 9. It offers wholesome, tasty products and healthy take-away sandwiches, fruit drinks and salads.

**Essentials**—New health center brings together nutrition, health food and massage in a single location downtown.

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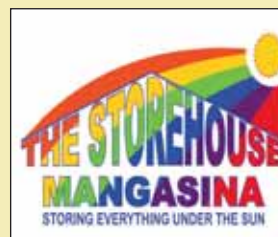
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# "Plastic" Bags Can Be OK...



Julienne, Lisa and Blanca of Pasa Bon Pizza examine one of the new bags.

## Pakus di Tela New Owner



Bebi and Hélène

Pakus di Tela, Bonaire's premier Fabric store- Haberdashery-Sewing Atelier at Kaya Simon Bolivar #6 (next to TELBO) has a new owner: Mrs. Hipolita (Bebi) Benita. Bebi has been shop manager since September 2009 and is well known to the store's customers.

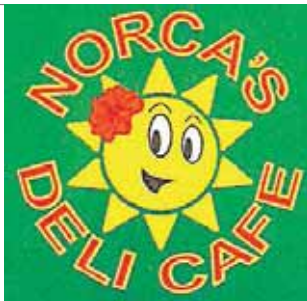
For more than five years Hélène de Wit devoted her energy to establish Pakus di Tela which, she says, "only became successful through my esteemed customers, for which I thank them gratefully. I wish Mrs Benita a lot of success in using her experience about fabrics and sewing as well as increasing the shop's inventory."

■ Press release

Lisa of Pasa Bon Pizza writes that Pasa Bon now uses compostable take away bags. She first noticed them at Bobbi Jan's. They are corn resin, not petroleum based and made from completely sustainable materials. "I think all stores and restaurants should be using these bags," she said. "I'm currently on a 'Why don't we compost kick?' This is something else that I think would help our landfill as well as our soil." The bags are biodegradable, that is, they are compostable like normal organic garbage. And now the Bay West company (717-7471) has these 'plastic bags' available on Bonaire.

Some shops are already providing them to their customers: Bobbi Jans, Pasa Bon Pizza and your favorite shop if you will demand them!" ■ L.D.

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A new health center has opened in the heart of downtown Kralendijk this week under the name of Essentials..

The concept of Essentials is unique on Bonaire, bringing together several complementary health-related businesses under one roof. The premises are conveniently located off Kaya Grandi - in the building immediately behind "Best Buddies and Pearls" and "Atlantis" with easy access from the small road next to Gio's coffee shop & gelateria.

Essentials has been initiated by Stephanie Bennett, well known to readers of The Reporter for her "Body Talk" articles. For the past two years Stephanie has been practicing Clinical Nutrition in Antriol, with particular emphasis on finding the cause of a particular health problem instead of treating the symptoms - and then giving back to the body exactly what it needs to correct these problems. They also offer quick lunch-time blood pressure and glucose checks with information of what it means should it be out of range.

Essentials also contains the health food shop previously known as The Natural Way, known for its selection of natural and organically certified products. This shop now enjoys a more convenient ground floor location.

A third business offers a range of Therapeutic Massages from the well-



known masseuse Ana Mercedes who uses massage to relax both body and mind.

Essentials will also offer a range of healthy foods such as salads, soups, sweet (but healthy) temptations and freshly prepared drinks. They will concentrate on locally grown and organic produce without preservatives or food colorings.

To demonstrate that healthy food does not need to be boring, Essentials will hold a "Nutritional Day" on 14<sup>th</sup> May from 11am - 3pm, where everyone will be welcome to sample these foods and learn about how simple steps can be taken to better health.

As Stephanie says "We are very excited to have the opportunity to bring these businesses together in one place and to be able to offer Bonaire a 'One Stop Health Facility.'" ■ Press release

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Thursday, May 12**— Meet new Kingdom Representative Wilbert Stolte at 7.30 PM in the Rincon Community Center

**Saturday, May 14**  
—Nutritional Day, 11am-3pm, at Essentials, Kaya Grandi 32B, (behind Best Buddies). More on page 15.

—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

**Saturday, Sunday, May 14-15**—Tennis Tourney at Harbour Village and Sand Dollar courts. More on page 8.

**Sunday, May 15**—Kaminda di Arte. Visit artists' homes and studios, from 11am-5pm. More on page 13

**Sunday, May 29**—Classical Music Board Bonaire presents Henk van Twillert and "Vento do Norte"—premier saxophonists, Plaza Hotel. See pgs 6 and 7

**Saturday, June 4**  
—Rincon Big Monthly Marché—Local food, gifts, handicrafts, 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)

**Friday-14th May Nutritional day** at Essentials from 11am-3pm. see pg. 15

**Bonaire Jazz Festival:** June 2,3,4 and 5. More on page 12

## 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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## Tuesdays

- **SGB High School Chez Nous Restaurant**— 6 pm, multi course dinner, \$20. Reservations 700-4628.

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## 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

## FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Sunday— Creature Feature**— John and Suzie Wall of Buddy's Digital photo center present a multimedia slide presentation about Buddy's House Reef - pool bar Buddy Dive, 6:30-7 pm, 717-5080

**Monday -- 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.

**Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

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## CLUBS and MEETINGS

**AA meetings** - every **Wednesday** at 7pm. Phone: 790-7001 and 796-4931

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**Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:15 pm**— All levels, NA\$2,50, call Renata at 796-5591 to find out the evening's location.

**Darts Club** plays every other Sunday at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

**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.

**Lions Club** meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

**Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays,** 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 701-1100.

**Toastmasters Club** meets every **two weeks.** For more information call Crisita 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.

**New Apostolic Church:** Centro di Bario Nord Saliña, Sundays, 10 am. Services in Dutch. 700-0379.

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# BONAIREAN BOYZ VOICES

## HARVEST TIME 2011



Axel Hanus photo

Many Rinconeros wore traditional clothes in the Simadan march

My Rincon, your Rincon, our sweet Rincon. Rincon the oldest town in Bonaire—approximately 500 years old, a lovely town with the nicest panoramic views you ever will see, like Gotomeer, Playa Frans, Washington Park and Slagbaai. The different places you can chill out like the Rose Inn, Tropicana Bar and more. This past 25<sup>th</sup> of April, Easter Monday, Rincon celebrated its **Simadan Di Pastor**, an old cultural and folk festival organized by the pastor of the Catholic Church in Rincon together with his followers. For more than 100 years the people of Rincon people have celebrated this festival. The name Simadan (folkloric dance or festival) is a celebration organized by the Catholic pastor. Mrs. Edith Strauss-Marsera (67), coordinator of the festival together with Pastor Ivan Dario Gomez, will tell us all about it. Pastor Ivan is the new pastor for the Rincon Catholic Church and has involved the whole community of Rincon in its mission to join the different groups. Edith explains.

"The origin of "Simadan di Pastor" was to thank God for the rain and the harvest. In the past, 90% of the people in Rincon lived from their plantations or kunukus. The harvest was brought to the Church as part of their offering. After the mass they'd sell the produce to get money to repair the Church and help the poor. Today we don't have so much produce in goods but Rincon does produce so many good people who are intelligent and who have occupied high positions in many functions. As well Rincon has produced talented artists. They come together at this time and bring their offerings. It could be handicrafts, home made cakes, cookies, other food, and beverages to be sold, or money. All this helps the church with funding for its mission.

This year the celebration took place in the yard of the San Luis Bertran Church itself. Part of the money collected from the produce will go for youth activities. In Rincon we have different youth groups who have started to be very active in cultural activities. We have Magazina di Rei, a cultural land house with activities for the young people. Foundation Plataforma Rincon and the schools have a section for children. During the festival the youths have



Siomara Albertus photo

Edith Strauss and Pastor Ivan Dario Gomez.

different activities that are guided by the young people themselves. The mission of Pastor Ivan's mission is for the youth to join together with other groups and do something for themselves. We can say that Simadan di Pastor will continue because our Rincon young people are very interested in their culture.

We have young people who have created their cultural music bands like the Foyan Boyz for instance or the cultural dance group, Rikessa di Rincon.

The elderly people go to Magazina di Rei to tell their stories and give information. Jong Bonaire has a group of teens who often visit Magazina di Rei to learn more about our culture.

We can say that in Rincon we have both the folkloric (the way to dress up) and the cultural (our manners, eating habits, our language, story telling, the roll of a woman, the roll of a man, living with our neighbors, ways of dealing with parents and family and the way to communicate) that are still alive.

My concern is that I hope that the Government can focus with a department for Culture Management. The government must have a goal for our culture, otherwise with all these changes it will fade away.

We don't get any money from the government to organize this festival. Simadan di Pastor is based only on all the fundraising we do to maintain our culture. One other thing that's also important is to introduce our culture back into the schools. If you teach the child from the time it's small about its culture it will grow with it. You must know your past to live your present.

The celebration Simadan di Pastor in Rincon was a success and we will be preparing for the next year, 2012. The celebration began at 9'o clock in the morning with a mass celebration. At 11 am there were sales of Krioyo (local) food and 5'o clock in the afternoon the Simadan dance started in the streets of Rincon and finished in the Catholic Church yard, going on until 11'o clock at night. There were different activities for our children. You are warmly invited to visit Rincon and experience its Simadan, foods and drinks next year." If you want to know more about Rincon culture and folklore call 717-4060 or 796-4643. ■ Siomara Albertus

Send your comments to *The Bonaire Reporter*, P.O. Box 407, Bonaire, or email [reporter@bonairenews.com](mailto:reporter@bonairenews.com).



# Rincon Day Races

The 26th edition of the annual Comcabon 17.5 km. (10.9 miles) run/walk between Kralendijk Stadium and the Rose Inn in Rincon had fast times under mostly sunny skies. The top female and male runners won \$200 each. Sponsors were MCB Bonaire N.V. (prime sponsor) and the Rose Inn, and WEB N.V. ■ G.D.

### Results: Kareda di Rincon

**Male 16-19 years-old**  
1. Charlton Sumter 1.22.01  
**Overall winner**  
2. Marnick Boekhoudt 2.00.20

**Male 30-39 years-old**  
1. Roque Domacasse 1.24.32  
2. Sam Williams 1.30.35  
3. Juny Antony 1.41.04

**Male 40-49 years-old**  
1. Hendrik Wuyts 1.30.58

**Male 50-59 years-old**  
1. Harold Augustin 1.31.14  
2. Mick Smit 1.38.20  
3. Ronald Schleper 2.05.04

**Male 60+ years-old**  
1. Bruce Brabec 1.46.48

**Female 40-49 years-old**  
1. Yke Constandse 1.42.02  
**Female Overall winner**

**Speedwalk Male**  
1. Nazario Alberto 2.03.17  
2. Herman Winklaar 2.03.19

**Speedwalk Female**  
1. Linda Baker 2.06.52  
2. Anke de Jong 2.37.30

**Relay**  
1. Noord Salina Kids team 1 1.27.18  
2. Noord Salina Kids team 2 1.27.30



Yke Constandse and Linda Baker



Marnick Boekhoudt



Nazario Alberto

## 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.

### Sudoku Solution

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2	5	7	8	6	1	9	4	8

## BonQuiz #50 Answer

Q) But aside from that, what is this gourd used for?

A) The Maraka, a percussion instrument



Question on page 7



# Pets of the Week

“Carlos” is such a sweet and affectionate dog that he can’t help having admirers. In this photo, Merle Marsman, a great friend of the Bonaire Animal Shelter, gets a nice kiss from Carlos while Shelter staff member, Greta Kooistra, shows him off. Carlos is about six months old and has already been sterilized. A boy found him in the street with a sore leg. Everyone was very concerned but luckily he was cured. And it turns out he is very smart. He can actually lift the latch on the door to his communal cage! But once the Shelter staff found out they had to tie it closed. But smartness does have its advantages because Carlos can catch on fast when he’s being trained.



Who is the happiest in this photo?

To meet Carlos and the other adoptees stop by the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 – 1 and 3 -5. Tel. 717-4989. [WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com](http://WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com).

Good News: Do you remember “Sammy,” the near death, starved, abused and neglected dog that was brought into the Shelter? There was something about him that made the staff decide not to euthanize him after all. With the love and attention he



Animal Shelter photo

A toast to the opening. There’s a new fund raising activity for the Animal Shelter: a Weekly Garage Sale (Pakus di Pruga) at Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café from 8 am-5pm every Saturday.

They need volunteers - for just a few hours, or all day if you like. Expect to have fun! Call 717-4989 They are still looking for items to sell. So if you would like to donate any items for the Garage Sale you may drop them off at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road. If they are small things, like books, you may bring them to the Pakus di Pruga during opening hours on Saturday. Your support helps pets of Bonaire! ■L.D.

# Bubbles From the Biologist

Did You

**Know...** that the ocean is host to a variety of odd and interesting mating and birthing techniques? One of the oddest, however, is the sibling rivalry that takes place within the mother’s uterus in some species of sharks, such as lemon shark. These sharks lay eggs internally, which then hatch and develop within the uterus. It is often difficult for the young to get enough food, however, so when supplies run low they turn on their siblings for their next meal. The end result is the birth of two sharks, one from each uterine horn, who won the fight for dominance. ■ Christopher Sundby



Tropical Marine Ecology Program would offer the perfect opportunity for both a rewarding and fun study abroad experience.



Christopher Sundby is a junior at Oberlin college -actually a neuroscience major- but scuba diving has always been his dream. He thought CIEE Bonaire’s

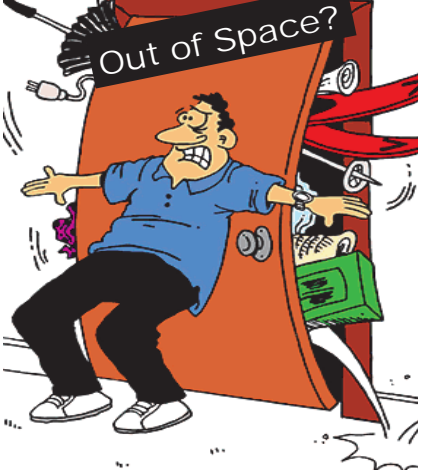
got at the Shelter he turned into a handsome, friendly very special dog. The good news is that Sammy has been adopted. What a life he’s lived already in his short time. Congratulations, Sammy and to your new owners. May you have a long and happy life together!

To keep the Bonaire Animal Shelter going it takes a lot of fund raising and

volunteers to do it. At Rincon Day selfless volunteers manned a stand and sold all sorts of things that had been donated by generous donors: household fixtures, clothes, DVDs, books and a windfall of PlayStation items.

And thank you to Joke’s Mini Market for the help they gave to the Shelter just when they needed it! ■ Laura DeSalvo

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# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

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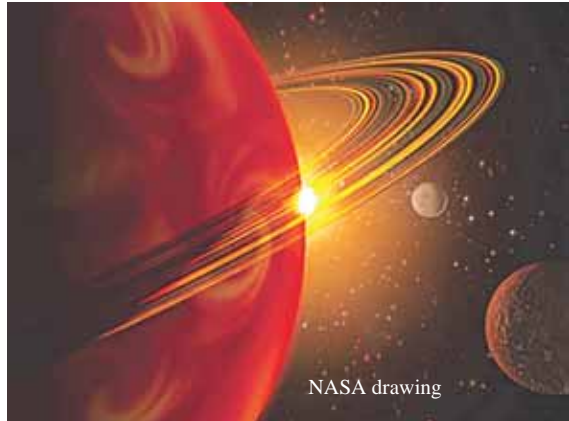
## Moons, Planets and Stars

I know that observing the night sky can be kinda intimidating at first. With so many stars and so many planets where do you begin? This week I want you to get to know three stars, the Moon and the planet of spring. I call it the Sky Park 7-day challenge. I guarantee that if you watch the sky every night for seven days, you'll not only get to know the major stars but some minor workings of the heavens as well. And once you get a foothold in the stars, the sky's the limit! Let's get started.

Okay, On Friday night May 13 look high in the southeast. Let's start with the Moon, which is in its **waxing gibbous phase**. This means that the Moon is almost full. From night to night the Moon will shift ever eastward across the stars. What I mean is that on Friday night the Moon will be just to the right of **Saturn**, but by Saturday night, at the same time, it will have moved closer to the **bright blue star Spica**, each night the Moon shifts closer to the eastern horizon.

In fact the Moon rises about 50 minutes later each night. In other words when you find the Moon tonight, it will take about 24 hours and 50 minutes to return to a similar place in the sky. The stars and planets won't move that fast. And one of the **stars of spring is bright, orange Arcturus**. Arcturus is the brightest star in the **constellation called Bootes**. Take special care when pronouncing Bootes, because he is not amused if you mispronounce his name.

Although Bootes looks more like a really wide necktie, the ancients pictured a guy chasing after a big bear. Well, where's the big bear? You might better recognize it as the **Big Dipper** which stands almost straight overhead. The Big Dipper is the rear end and tail of the **Big Bear, Ursa Major**. In fact the Big Dipper makes a perfect pointer to locate **Arcturus** in the sky. Just use the stars of the Big Dipper's handle to guide you. Follow the arc of the handle to Arcturus.



NASA drawing

We're not done yet. After you follow the 'arc to Arcturus' continue and straighten the line out from Arcturus and you'll come to a **bright blue star called Spica**. Spica is the brightest star in the **constellation Virgo** the maiden. Even though Virgo is one of the largest constellations in the sky, her starry outline is tough to imagine. But Spica makes up for Virgo's obscurity as it twinkles radiantly in the southeast. So to find Spica, start with the Big Dipper again.

Finally let's get back to the planet I mentioned earlier: beautiful, ringed Saturn. Saturn shines with a steady yellow light in the May evenings about 13 degrees higher in the sky than Spica. Saturn and Spica are almost identical in brightness, with Saturn just barely edging out the big blue star. Saturn has to be the most amazing planetary system we know of. With a dynamic surface full of swirling storms and auroras, 61 known moons, and oh, those rings. These pictures were taken by the **Cassini spacecraft** in orbit around Saturn.

Keep an eye on Saturn this month because it will wander near another star in the constellation Virgo - a **dimmer star named Porrima**. The retrograde motion of Saturn will move it to within half of a degree of Porrima in June. You'll be able to see Saturn, some of its **brighter moons like Titan and Rhea** along with Porrima in the same view of a small telescope. You gotta check it out. ■ *Dean Rigas*

## Café Astrology May 2011

**Aries Horoscope (March 21-April 20):** You simply cannot have any more work piled on top of what you're already doing. The situation you're in is one of overwork, being overwrought and overwhelmed. Responsibilities involve detail, order, organization, systemization, placement, sorting, grouping, itemizing and discriminating between work, your daily needs, and your health. Deep breathing is suggested. Having the intention that all you're doing is in service to others will help.

**Taurus Horoscope (April 21-May 21):** Health is your most important issue. It has been for several Months and will continue to be. Therefore, rest is most essential, the more the better. You will possibly struggle with your little will, which is an expression of Spiritual Will. You must be willing to care for yourself primarily. Leave everything else by the wayside.

**Gemini Horoscope (May 23-June 20):** You continue to focus on your biological inheritance transmitted from family. Concerning mother, you must begin to respond to and interact with the Great Mother Principle. This is your Soul. It is the ground you walk upon and the Earth you live within. It is your foundation, your anchor and your Ashram. Begin an affiliation with Her.

**Cancer Horoscope (June 21-July 20):** When you communicate you can either speak only of self or allow others a sense of emotional security and self-control. You are to be the sustained nourishment that others need. You are to bring people and ideas and all the kingdoms of nature together. I hear you already do this. In psychological terms you are therefore the "good-enough mother" which means perfect.

**Leo Horoscope (July 21-Aug. 22):** There are great possibilities being offered within the regions of your mind. You have the potential to harmonize your expressions so they create unity within. Through science and through concrete knowledge gathering, not mysticism, you can anchor the Soul. This creates real perception and expressions of truth. Can you do it?

**Virgo Horoscope (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A new self-identity is imminent. In the meantime, and until this new self emerges, there may be a battle between your personality and Soul, between matter and Spirit, between old psychology and the new (ray psychology), between the lower mind and higher, and between your will and the Will of you Solar Angel. Discrimination will be required.

**Libra Horoscope (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** This is a time when your imagination is allowed to develop and sprout whatever fantasies you've

held onto for much too long. Perhaps you really want to develop the spiritual aspects of yourself. During this time of solitude, this will occur, but only if you allow all levels of the unknown to emerge. Any battles that appear, you will be the victor.

**Scorpio Horoscope (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It's time for you to seriously consider entrance into the New Group of World Servers. When one does, new intentions begin to manifest. The most important are the expressions of the Law of Group Endeavor and the Principle of Unanimity. These are two of the new Aquarian Laws and Principles. You are aware that most groups you have affiliated with up till now no longer serve you. Yes? So what now?

**Sagittarius Horoscope (Nov. 22-Dec. 20):** There are two levels through which you can observe your life at this time. You can assume that you are controlled by authority figures. Or you can begin to communicate with the Hierarchy, who happen to be your spiritual teachers, whether you know it or not. You can look at personality, honor and status. Or you can use this time for advancement on your spiritual path. You can work only for your benefit. Or you can have the intention to serve humanity. Either are OK. One is best.

**Capricorn Horoscope (Dec. 21-Jan. 20):** Could it be that you are somewhat resistant to rules and regulations now? And even more resistant when things seem contrary to your values? Well, it's time to create a position where you are the authority and submit to no one but yourself. Waste no energy on trying to fit in. You don't and can't. Prosperity is around the corner. Go find it.

**Aquarius Horoscope (Jan. 21-Feb. 18):** Are you thinking of change? The kind that takes you from here to there yet you don't know where "there" is? Know that you are going through a transmutation (change in substance) of values. You want to use your resources for safety and security, yet you also want your resources to assist in the cultivation of community. Dream, visualize, draw, communicate, and research. Eventually, through the force of your will, it will manifest.

**Pisces Horoscope (Feb. 18-March 20):** The Dweller on the Threshold seems to have appeared. He can look/feel like a gargoyle framing a Masonic cathedral in olden times. Fear not. Maintain constant integrity and an open Path to the Soul's light. The Dweller turns into the Angel of the Presence and then the door to the Temple opens. You're on the threshold. Hold steady.

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## STCB - STINAPA Klein Bonaire Beach Cleanup

Bruce Schnaak photos



The volunteers

Last Saturday morning 40 volunteers showed up at the Harbor Village Marina to participate in the beach cleanup organized by Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) and STINAPA. They managed to fill many bags with trash from No Name Beach and the east side of Klein Bonaire. Most of what they picked up from the beach is trash that is blown off the main island and brought to Klein Bonaire by the strong easterly trade winds.

No Name Beach is Bonaire's primary hawksbill and loggerhead nesting beach and maintaining unobstructed access to beaches for egg laying females is extremely important to the survival of these endangered animals. ■ STCB release



Coordinator  
Mabel Nava of STCB



All the trash had to be transported to Bonaire for disposal by Selibon.