

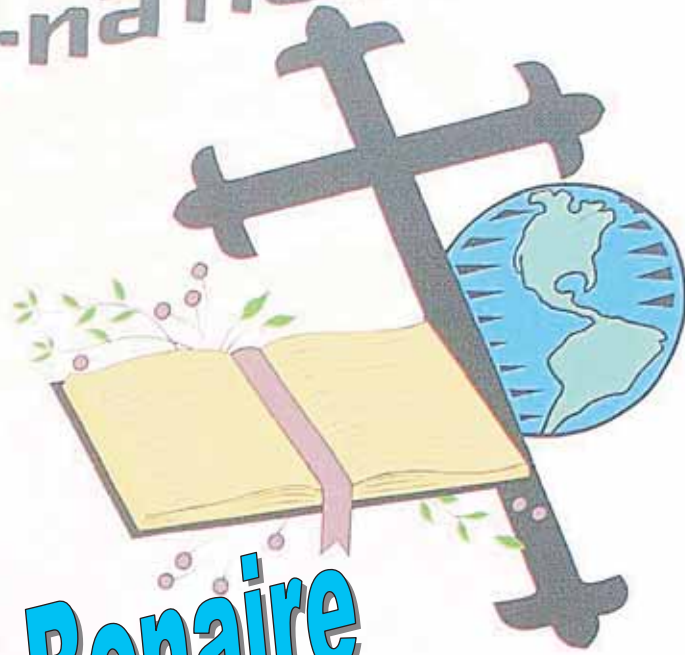
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At the dedication of the new church:  
Felicia Emerenciana Baran, Pastor Toto Baran,  
with Kaylee Barker holding the flag.

Brad Swanson photo

# Flotsam and Jetsam

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as soon as you finish reading this. The police are now conducting checks on Bonaire's roads. If your tag is not up-to-date you'll get a ticket and a \$84 fine. If you get caught three times your vehicle will be confiscated.

► According to freelance journalist and writer Anouska Kock, who currently lives in Aruba, **only 8% of the population of Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao speak Dutch.** Most residents of the ABC Islands speak Papiamentu, while the population of St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius predominantly speak English.

Yet for centuries the Dutch Caribbean has collectively maintained Dutch as its official language.

As a result of the 10-10-10 changes there are now three official languages in the special municipalities of Bonaire, Statia and Saba, namely: **Dutch, English and Papiamentu.** Even though this is good, legislation pertaining to the three public entities is written solely in Dutch and if translated, only the Dutch language version is official.

► **On Friday, August 12, Bonaire will welcome the Wounded Warriors for the sixth consecutive year.** As part of the program, the **Bonaire Restaurant Association and the Tourism Corporation Bonaire will be sponsoring a "Taste of Bonaire" in Wilhelmina Park on that same Friday.** Be there to greet these heroes.

► **Once again the American-Dutch Friendship Treaty has been judged applicable in a court of law,** this time in St. Maarten. It means that citizens of the US are subject to the same rules as European Dutchmen, at least where residence permits are concerned. A judge in the Court of First Instance established last Monday in a case filed by US national Ricardo Perez. Perez, his wife and two children had appealed a decision that turned down their requests for a "Declaration of Admission by Law, a *Van Rechtswege Verklaring*."

► **The RCN is striving to staff with local people as much as possible,** according to a recent press release. For example, the Fire Department, Royal Marechaussee, Court

of Guardianship, and Central Bureau for Statistics are 100% local. At the Police, it's 90%; at the Immigration and Naturalization Department, 87%; and at the prison, 70%. Locals represent 87% of personnel at the Social and Labor Affairs Ministry; 80% at the Health Care Insurance Department; 75% at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science; and 78% at the RCN office itself. Only at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment are none of the three employees local.

The total at the governments of the three islands, including the RCN, stands close to 630 full-time employees. At the start of 2011, 482 employees were on board.

There are still some job vacancies. Of the 71 job vacancies made available by the RCN since October 10, 2010, when the islands became part of The Netherlands, 48 have been filled with personnel from the islands of the former Netherlands Antilles or Aruba.

► Curacao fisherman Edwin "Makamba" Flameling thinks a fishing trip from The Netherlands to Greece, for example, would be less complicated than **the new rules that Bonaire applies to fishermen from Curaçao.** Fishermen now have to adhere to a Dutch Customs and Immigration procedure before they can fish in Bonaire's 12-mile territorial waters. **Traditionally, Curaçao and Bonaire anglers fished in the same waters without formalities.** "I think this rule has been drawn up by people who are unfamiliar with the local situation and tradition," said Flameling. He understands one has to regulate the movement of vessels but believes this should apply more to commercial traffic.

"Recently when we went to Bonaire to go fishing there we first had to wait until the Immigration office opened at 8 o'clock in the morning before we could moor to go through Customs. We had to show our passports at the Immigration Service. Most of the 20 or 30 fishermen do not have a passport but possess a 'sedula' (ID-card)."

► **This year 37 students from Bonaire left to study in The Netherlands.** On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner of Education Mirelva Cicilia bid the students farewell.

► **St. Eustatius and Saba now have a helicopter for medical transport.** The helicopter arrived last week on St. Eustatius and made a successful test flight. The helicopter will soon be stationed on St. Maarten, used for emergency transports from both St.

Eustatius and Saba. Bonaire currently uses a fixed-wing aircraft as an air ambulance, but a helicopter would make a useful addition.

► **The RCN and the Bonaire Economic Affairs department are to investigate safety conditions at the Albert Heijn supermarket construction site after a complaint by subcontractor, L&C Hart.** The prime contractor, Construction Company Bonaire, said it terminated its contract with L&C Hart because its budget for putting up the steel construction is almost exhausted. However, Hart claims the decision was actually taken because of its complaints about unsafe conditions. No injuries have been reported.

The supermarket is scheduled to open in November, a delay of several months from the original announced plan.

► It was announced during the weekly press conference of the Bonaire Executive Council that it is currently looking into the **possibility of having Surinam Airways, SLM, fly to Bonaire.** A delegation had a positive meeting with the national airline's management in Surinam.

► Looking for ultra fresh vegetables and fruits, grown organically, without pesticides? **More for Less Supermarket** carries a wide selection of these, flown in from the mountains of Ecuador every week. There are different kinds of lettuce, tomatoes, spinach, green onions, broccoli, peppers and more as the season allows. Bouquets of Ecuadorian flowers – roses, mixed bouquets – are flown in every week too. And these flowers last after you get them home! **More for Less** is open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 6:30 pm, and on Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm.

► Some newspapers' publication strategy is to keep advertising prices low by using Internet stories, large print and crowded ad space, which can be viewed as a common-sense approach in economically hard times. You pay for what you get, and what you get meets minimum expectations.

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**Cover Story**

# The IBC Has A New Home

After three years and three months of holding weekly services at the SGB High School, the congregation of the International Bible Church (IBC) Bonaire realized their dream. A brand new church was dedicated on Sunday, July 10. The church is located just a few feet north of the new MCB office building on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Use the sand road on the right just before the Bon Bida Spa & Gym.



Brad Swanson photo  
*Captain Don is greeted by Mike Gaynor on Sunday.*

International Bible church of Bonaire is an independent, non-denominational evangelical, multi-cultural church under the leadership of Pastor Totoram Baran. While services are conducted in English, the church lives up to its international billing with a friendly congregation from all over the Antilles, the Caribbean and the rest of the world

Pastor Rev. Baran was born and raised in Guyana, South America. He graduated from Guyana Bible College and Biblical Theological Seminary of Hatfield, Pennsylvania. He has been an evangelist, church planter, pastor, and principal. He came to Bonaire after directing a multi-faceted inner city ministry in Newark, New Jersey.

His wife, Felicia Emerenciana, was born and grew up in Bonaire. She graduated from the Jamaica Bible College and has had a successful ministry with children.

The church began as the "Trans World Radio (TWR) Fellowship" in the 1960s, serving the TWR missionaries. Over the years, the "Fellowship" broadened to the English-speaking community on Bonaire.

In 1999, the congregation became an independent, legal entity.

The Church now ministers to the full and part-time residents of Bonaire, vacationers, international students, "yachties," and other visitors.

"Phase one of the building is complete," Pastor Baran said. "Now on to the next phase. We still need some cosmetics to complete the main sanctuary and one of the big projects is the tile for the floor. Most important, however, are the classrooms for the youth for Sunday School and Bible Class."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the building fund can contact the church through web site [www.bonaireibc.org](http://www.bonaireibc.org) or visit on Sundays at 9 am. It is a come-as-you-are-congregation so even though you did not bring long pants and penny loafers, you are most welcome (of course with the exception of wet suits or bikinis and halter tops). Be sure to join for coffee and cookies after the service. If you need a ride, call 717-8322. ■ *Mike Gaynor*

# Kim and Rick's New Restaurant at sea



## At Sea Restaurant - Kaya Hellmund 25, Rating- ☆☆☆ out of 3

**A**t Sea, a new dining spot that opened on July 1, has hit the Bonaire restaurant scene. Owners Kim and Rick van den Broek, who were the hosts at the Yacht Club Restaurant, have transformed the former Donna and Giorgio's restaurant into an international-feeling dining spot with a hip and attractive ambiance. The restaurant is in town on the waterfront near the Divi Hotel.

I immediately felt welcome as I arrived. There are splendid views of the sea. The furnishings are attractive and comfortable. Linen napkins, lovely sconces and modern plates set the stage for the dining experience. Sander Nolan mans the bar and is ready to concoct a cold beverage. I ordered a margarita which was cold and perfect. The bar is a great spot to watch the sunset and have cocktails. It is roomy and comfortable. In front of the bar are a few high top tables for informal dining as well.

Rick has created an interesting menu with popular items from his former restaurant and some new treats. I enjoyed the goat cheese and spinach spring rolls for a starter and my dinner companion loved the fish soup. There was a plump shrimp swimming in the midst of the lovely broth. Both were artfully prepared and quite delicious.

I don't eat meat so chose the seared rare local tuna. It was cooked to perfection. Accompanying the fish was sliced pickled cucumbers and a lovely homemade potato salad. My companion chose a lovely fresh piece of barracuda with a *Stampopot* (Eng. "mash pot"), a traditional Dutch dish made from a combination of potatoes mashed with one or several other vegetables as well as more veggies. Each meal was artfully prepared and truly pleasing to the palate.

If you seek a special leisurely dining experience, look no more. At Sea is a truly amazing culinary experience. Reservations are essential; call 701-0134, website [www.atseabonaire.com](http://www.atseabonaire.com). ■ *Louise Mann*



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# On the Island Since... 1980 Monica Shirley 'Sholy' Peters

“Sholy is my nickname, my *'nomber di karino.'* My father's mother always called me by that name. It may be Patois for Shirley, and if you write the article about Monica Shirley Peters without mentioning 'Sholy' nobody here will know who you are talking about!

I was born on Aruba, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1951. My mother, Flora Peters-Marchena, is from Bonaire. My dad, Luis Peters, was from Aruba. My dad was working for Lago oil refinery on Aruba and my mom was a stay-at-home mom. She was and still is a sweet mother and we, the children, were also good kids because in the 50s life was different!

When I was seven, my father took me to the States, to Queens, New York, to undergo surgery because I was born with a harelip and a cleft pallet. Every five or six months I had surgery. Over

the years I was operated on 22 times. My dad stayed with me the first six months and then he had to go back. I stayed with my aunt who lived in Queens.

I was just a little girl and America was paradise to me because there was so much to see and so much to do! When I was 11, my parents and my siblings all moved to Queens. My dad bought a house and got a job in the TV studios where he worked for Bill Cosby and the Sesame Street program. Life was good!

In America they taught me not to be afraid of anybody and to stand up for myself; that's New York! Many times when I was little, people would ask me, 'What are you saying?' I don't mind having to repeat it. I'm used to the fact that people have difficulties understanding me, but that's the way I was born and I think that everybody who has a handicap is special to God – a

special child of his.

After I finished high school, I got a job at a school. I had to check the list of the students, to see if everyone was present and if not I had to contact the parents – if you could find them - or talk to the children together with a special police officer. Children could only skip school twice and then they were sent to a special school. They should apply those rules here too! Oh yeah!

When I was 19, my baby girl Monique was born and I stayed with my parents because I loved my family and the house was big enough. When I was 25 I got a job at Jamaica Hospital where I worked with little children who were in rehabilitation after an operation. It was a fine job and my little girl, Monique, went to school.

I played baseball – I was a pitcher – and we had a great group of friends. We often went

to the YMCA to play sports and on Saturdays we went to Central Park, Coney Island or Chinatown. My friends and I also went on several trips to Washington DC, Connecticut, South Carolina and Boston. I love to travel!

In 1980 the whole family moved to Bonaire for good. As I told you, my mom is from here and she felt it was time to build her house on Bonaire. It was paradise! My dad retired and after he had open heart surgery he became involved in little league and senior league baseball. Every day he would go for three hours to pick up the kids, coach them and take them home again. He became 'The Man of the Year' in 2000 and passed away in 2002. My mom is



Monica Shirley "Sholy" Peters

very creative. For a long time she made concrete statues of lions, dogs, Buddhas and cats, but not anymore as she's 81 now.

I started working at Fundashon Arte, making souvenirs out of wood and leather. All of us children bought land and we built our houses around my mom's house in Tera Kora. Then I got

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**“We should have stayed with the guilder. The basic things like water, electricity, gas and food are almost unaffordable and the wages are way too low.”**

									
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*On the Island Since (continued from page 4)*

married and had three more children: Jose Luis, Kenneth and Jessica. My husband was working and I stayed at home with the kids.

Bonaire was good – I love this island – I felt free and everyone was friendly. When I got divorced, I got a job at Hotel Bonaire/Sunset Beach Hotel as a room maid and later I became a supervisor. The hotel closed in 1999 and I went to work at Plaza Resort, then to Goddard Catering where I worked for eight years as a shift leader of dish washing and sanitation.

Nowadays I am not working anymore. In November I will get my pension. I'm going to be 60!" *She laughs.* "I don't feel like it though. I feel like I'm 30 or 40! All my children have grown up and I have six grandchildren: four girls and two boys."

*Shirley is a wonderful person; she's bright, friendly and accurate and she's always there for her loved ones – a lady with a mellow attitude and good common sense, but she's also confident and she stands up for herself and her people.*

"I feel Bonaire has changed a lot, especially after 10-10-10. The changes came too fast. It should have been a slow process as people need time to get used

to new things and you have to help them to understand what's happening. In my opinion the quality of medical care has gone down. For instance, my daughter has a serious medical condition and her specialist wants her to go to Holland to see a specialist there. We have applied three times, but RCN says 'No! She has to go to Colombia.' I think that if a specialist says something, RCN should listen to the specialist, because the people at RCN are not medical doctors. Now we are going to Colombia, but if they can't give us any answers there, I will fight for my child until we get the permission to go to Holland. I won't give up, she's my daughter...!"

For many people life has become so expensive that they can't make it anymore and a lot of people I know are leaving for Holland. We should have stayed with the guild. The basic things like water, electricity, gas and food are almost unaffordable and the wages are way too low. People who live alone have barely money left to buy food and the elderly suffer. Last year I could still go with my kids to Kentucky (fried chicken) or buy an ice cream, but today we can't do it anymore." *She grins.* "I make my own Kentucky now and to tell you the truth, it tastes much better!"

But seriously, we need more jobs and more recreation and sports possibilities, especially for the youngsters who are bored stiff most of the time and try to get their thrill from drugs or other bad behavior.

There is a *sentro di bario* in every neighborhood, but they're always closed and if you want to use the space you have to pay for it. I think they should always be open in the afternoon, at night and during vacations and provide activities for children of every age so they can meet and mingle, be creative, dance, do theatre, make music and play sports... just like they do at the YMCA. Now I see little kids of 10, 12 years old late in the evening on the streets. The young girls get pregnant and the boys get involved in drugs. Why? They should be in bed at a decent time and the parents should watch over them!

Personally I still have some wishes. My partner, Gibi Bomba, and I would love to have a kunuku. We applied for one in 2008 and we're still waiting... Why? I don't know! At home I have chickens, six dogs, three cats, goats and peacocks." *She*



*Gibi Bomba and Sholy*

*laughs.* "It's already a kunuku, but we don't have land and the tranquility. Gibi wants to teach children how to play the guitar. He's a musician. He's already teaching, but we would like to do it on a bigger scale. We are together for five years now and we're getting along beautifully; we do a lot of fun things, we never fight and we're happy with each other. He is a very sweet man. Music, especially reggae, is a big part of our lives, because the words of all the Bob Marley songs are positive. At night Gibi's friends come over and they play and I sit and listen or I read.

I see our future at the kunuku. Soon I'm going to be 60+ and I want to relax with my children and grandchildren and Gibi in the midst of nature. I've had a great childhood and a wonderful life and I really would like all children to experience the same. All I ask for is to stay healthy and happy together with my family and Gibi and I wish the same for everybody else." ■

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# BONAIRE ON WHEELS

The 91<sup>st</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels." On course for 100+

## Ramiro Carolina and the Ford Mustang 1973 Muscle Car

Bonaire/Sabana –  
So there might be some five Ford Mustangs on the island of Bonaire. And most of them are in good running condition. Once I wrote an article about a red and black Mustang convertible, those days living in the barrio of Hato, and the second Mustang about which an article was published lives in Lagoen Hill. This turquoise metallic colored 1966 Ford Mustang Coupé is owned by Bert Poyck. Now it is time for the third Mustang: a screaming orange and black sprayed 1973 muscle car.

About one year ago I peeped over the fence of Stephen's body shop in North Saliña. In Stephen's garden, a Ford Mustang was parked next to a Crown Victoria. The car was under construction. Some parts were missing but the vehicle definitely had potential! Then, after months and months the orange and black sprayed Ford Mustang every now and then popped up in the Bonairean traffic.

After a long period of time the car showed up every now and then, in running condition or parked in the parking lot in front of NAPA in Playa. So I entered the NAPA shop and got in touch with Ramiro Carolina. Ramiro appeared not to be the owner of the vehicle but the caretaker. This 1973 Mustang belongs to Dion Muller. Mister Muller lives in Surinam now and he has the intention of shipping it to Latin America but this is not easy, considering import rules and taxes. So in the meantime Ramiro Carolina takes care of and maintains the car.

Ramiro explains, "It was Stephen from North Saliña who did the body work and the paint job. Josepha Hanley, a well known mechanic, installed a lot of new and special parts on this Boss 302. A special 347 block stroker kit was installed and the fuel and air are mixed by a huge Edelbrock carburetor. Electronic ignition is produced by a Multispark Discharge Unit. The car has a three-speed Streetfighter automatic transmission and a Curry Enterprise 31 splints differential to distribute the immense amount of horse power to the two leaf-sprung rear wheels. Fat soft rubber 15-inch tubeless Eldorado Legend tires are mounted around the light alloy four hole rims to more or less control the spinning."

Then Ramiro Carolina unlocks the cockpit of the vehicle. Nice sports seats, a sporty steering wheel, an impressive sound system behind the seats, a huge multi gauge Summir rev counter mounted on top of the original dash board.

Ramiro takes his place behind the steering wheel, pushes the throttle pedal, turns the ignition key and starts the engine. A twin exhaust and muffler system produces the sound of a nervous high output V8. He revs the engine a few times and shifts the automatic box into first gear. "Gloh, gloh, gloh, gloh." Then he revs up a little. The oil is not that warm yet. We are pressed into the back of our seats. He drives the car to a desolate part of the island. No other vehicles, no human beings, no animals. Just a strip of tarmac in



1973 Ford Mustang

front of us. Oil temperature is working temperature. Idling is still a bit irregular. Then the Mustang is launched. We are sitting in a screaming full metal bullet, trying to break the sound barrier. We turn around and give the Boss 302 a second chance to break through the sound barrier. Then it is time to slow back down and go home again. I think we used a gallon or two of super gasoline. Ramiro parks the car and turns off the engine. The whole body of the Mustang shakes. Smoke comes out of the double tailpipes.

Way back in the 60s you were able to buy a kind of sporty American-made car like the Ford Falcon, the Mercury Comet, the Chevrolet Corvair and the Chrysler Valiant. The factories tried to make these models a little sportier by adding all kinds of speed accessories, but the cars were not that fast and they became even heavier. In those days British-made sports cars like the Austin Healy, the MG As and Bs and the Jaguar XKs and E types were lighter, faster and relatively cheap. In 1961 Ford decided to develop an all-American sporty car with good looks for an affordable price. In 1964, April 17<sup>th</sup>, they presented the new Ford Mustang. The car was available as a coupé, a convertible and a fastback. The car was a success immediately. During the intro-

duction weekend some 22,000 new Ford Mustangs were sold. Within four months 100,000 sold and from the first generation type of Mustang (1964-1966) 1,288,577 examples were sold! Ford started with a six-cylinder-in-line engine. Later on the mounted engines became bigger and bigger and V8-power plants were installed under the bonnet. In the 70s the fast and powerful Mach I, the Boss 302 and the Shelby Mustangs were produced. The oil crisis in the 70s stopped the popularity of the muscle cars. The Mustangs were remodeled, redesigned as the

Ford Mustang II: smaller engines, less power, more wiring and hoses and a lot of emission control...

The Ford Mustang is still in production. The 2010 models belong to the so-called ninth generation. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2009, 45 years of production of the Mustang were celebrated in Birmingham, Alabama. Some 3,500 Ford Mustangs showed up. ■ Jan Brouwer



## BonQuiz #56

### DOLL MAKER



What a lovely way to pass the time—making dolls. This lady adorns the entrance of the artist's home and welcomes you to enter. Many people go by and take photos. The artist has been creating these dolls for many years.

And it started out with two special dolls that are brought to those who turn 50 years of age—a Dutch tradition.

If you're a woman, you may get a visit from Sarah (pictured) when you turn 50. If you are a man you may get a visit from Abraham on your 50th birthday.

Q) What is the name of this artist who makes the dolls?

Answer on page 14

Bonquiz is written and photographed by Christie Dovale

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While many people worldwide have increased concerns about health care and medical attention, we should get to the root of our problems. Someone involved is of course your house doctor, which shouldn't be a problem at all if both doctor and patient are truthful with each other. What should you know about your doctor? Do you have the answer, yet? In an interview with Dr. Ester Bernabela (56) she gives us an answer to this question. Dr. Bernabela is a real Bonairean, born in Bonaire, in Antriol, to be exact. When she returned to Bonaire in 2002, she started working at the doctor's office in Antriol, in her hometown neighborhood. Let's read some of Dr. Bernabela duties. She is:



Dr. Ester Bernabela pleasantly enjoying some time off

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-President of the Foundation for Addictions

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If ever I have seen a misleading statement, cleverly designed to deceive consumers, this is it! Have a look at the front label. 'Complete, balanced nutrition to help stay healthy, active and energetic' AND (wait for it!) **No 1 Doctor Recommended!**

So what exactly is this product that comes so highly recommended, used by millions of people worldwide, and certainly by many people here in Bonaire. Look at the label! What are the first 4 ingredients? Water, sugar, corn syrup and maltodextrin. These top four ingredients make up the vast majority of this product.

Apart from the water, the next three items are all sugar! Whether it is called sugar, sucrose, corn syrup or Maltodextrin, the bottom line is – it is all sugar! And what is the world number one contributor, if not the cause of many illnesses and disease? SUGAR! So essentially, what you have with ENSURE is predominantly sugar-water, fortified with a few vitamins and minerals.

Because in the food industry, the word 'energy' is typically associated with sugar, the only thing ENSURE lives up to is the energy part. But wait, we not only deceive the elderly and the ill, we can also deceive diabetics and children!

One particular ingredient, found in Ensure, Glucerna and PediaSure, is Carrageenan. Carrageenan is about as wholesome as monosodium glutamate (MSG), which is extracted from rice, and can equally be considered natural. There is absolutely nothing good or safe about this product, yet it is found in every one of the above products. (That it is also found in just about everything else, is for another day!)

The Joint FAO/WHO expert committee on food additives clearly states that "based on the information available, it is inadvisable to use Carrageenan in infant formulas." Why is it present in these products? How many bribes were paid to get this product passed, especially PediaSure? Research has shown that apart from Carrageenan causing stomach upsets and diarrhea in adults, the harm it will cause goes far deeper than we can imagine. Can you imagine what it could do to a baby or young child? And what about all that sugar? PediaSure has the same amount of sugar (18g) as Ensure!

If you research PediaSure, it very clearly states that **It Could Be Used As The Sole Source Of Nutrition** or as a supplement. I know hardworking mothers giving their young children PediaSure in the morning before school, instead of breakfast! We know our ill and old people in the hospital are given Ensure to drink. What has happened to good wholesome food and drinks? This strengthens my belief that the world today is not about making people better or keeping them healthy, but creating more illness. The sooner we can get someone on medication, the more profits for everyone all round!

If you are currently taking or giving anyone any of these products, please stop immediately! If you need help with a replacing this product, I would gladly help.

However, if you are a dietitian, health care worker, nutritionist or a doctor – shame on you for recommending a product designed to make people ill! A few minutes of research would have opened your eyes to what this product really is – **Very Expensive Sugar Water!**

<http://www.notmilk.com/Carrageenan.html>

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Stephanie Bennett was born in Cape Town, South Africa, where she studied herbs, minerals and nutrition. Before moving to Bonaire she continued her studies in the UK and now researches Bonaire health issues.



## Latin Music Classics

The pan pipe or pan flute is an ancient musical instrument based on the principle of the closed tube, consisting usually of five or more pipes of gradually increasing length. The pan pipe is named for its association with the rustic Greek god Pan. The pipes of the pan flute are typically made from bamboo or giant cane. Other materials used include wood, plastic, and metal.

The European curved-style pan flute was popularized by the Romanian musician Gheorghe Zamfir, who recorded many albums of pan flute music in the 1970s. Today there are thousands of devoted players across Europe, Asia and the Americas. Both the curved and traditional South American variations are also very popular in Peruvian traditional groups, like Los Incas.

### Jody's Music Quiz

Last week's answer: "El Condor Pasa and The Lonely Shepherd" are the most famous Pan pipe hits of all time.

This week's winner is Carin Zengerink. She can pick up the free CD at Jody's on Lagoen Hill #18.



Pan Pipe

### This week's question:

"Danza Kuduro" is also a big hit in Holland. Who is the singer of this song?

Please send your answer to: [info@jodysonaire.com](mailto:info@jodysonaire.com) and be entered in a drawing to win a CD of your own choice in Jody's shop at Lagoen Hill #18. The winner of this week's contest will be announced in the next edition of *The Reporter*. ■ Jo Bux



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# Loras and Prikichis Grow Up



Volunteer Phoebe Linden at work.

The parrot rescue is moving forward at a relentless pace. Even Sid the smallest parrot (Lora), and cover star from the last edition of *The Bonaire Reporter*, has beautiful bright green feathers on his wings. Many of the parrot team have been heard uttering classic lines like "Gosh they grow up fast" and "I can remember when he was just a tiny pink bundle of joy." Observing this rapid development is a wonderful privilege and a fantastic return for dedicated people helping the rescue effort.

Parrot parents work extremely hard to raise their chicks and the challenge of trying to rear 80+ un-weaned babies is monumental. With so many birds arriving stressed and malnourished it is incredible that only one

poor chick from the rescue has died in Echo's care (on day 2). Two parakeet (Prikichi) chicks are currently under observation following some weight loss but with parrot hand-rearing expert **Phoebe Linden** (who flew down from California to help Echo) they are in good hands.

Even after wild parrot chicks leave the nest they remain dependant for weeks or even months on the food their parents regurgitate. With the birds growing up they need more room to stretch their wings even though they are still being fed by hand. Yes! The parrot team are still feeding most of the chicks by hand at least twice a day. To give these "fledglings" the space they need we quickly put together three aviaries in the Jong Bonaire classroom. We were a little nervous about what Elona the director might think, but we needn't have worried. Elona has been incredibly supportive of the rescue effort and when she saw the new cages, which take up half the room, she thought it was brilliant!

There are now five parrot chicks that have fledged and are flying around in their new aviary and over 40 of the parakeets are in aviaries too. This makes the hand feeding exciting but also very messy and the whole operation is going through lots of food, newspapers, fruits and veggies.

We've also been building aviaries in the kunuku where in the not too distant future we hope to release these illegally captured birds. This pre-release aviary is necessary because of the sheer number of birds we have to house. It will also give weaned birds

arriving from Jong Bonaire the chance to improve their flying and foraging skills and generally become a bit more streetwise prior to being released into the wild.

The older birds that have been in the release aviary since they were confiscated (and some of whom are now in the larger pre-release aviary) have attracted the attention of wild parakeets. This is great to see. The parakeets are really social birds and we're confident they will do really well once released.

All this work has only been made possible because of the tremendous help of dedicated individuals. **Phoebe Linden** has given a month of her time to come to Bonaire for these birds. **Tineke, Hanny, Hettie, Melody and Mieke** deserve mention for their continued dedication with the hand feeding. **Dianne and her two girls, Kelsey and Sanda**, have worked day and night since the confiscation. **Dianne's husband Joe** has been a great source of laughs and has spent much of his two-week holiday building aviaries. **Maine, Brian, Barbel, Dennis, Tamara and Sarah** have also been building aviaries and feeding the older birds.

What has been really great to experience is the help that Echo has received from individuals from other conservation organizations. **Mabel from Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire; Nat, Emeray, Annemarie and Devenny from Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance; and Elsmarie from STINAPA** have all come and helped at feeding time. **Orlando at Rento Fun** must also be mentioned as he has provided a great deal of help for the rescue by making two rental cars available despite knowing they would be used on the rough kunuku tracks.

Although the rescue has taken the lime-light the wild and released parrots continue to do their thing and so it only seem fair to give a brief roundup of other parrot news:

Al and Sue's remarkable romance quickly

led to eggs and then babies but so all consuming has the rescue been that the parrot team barely saw the little wonders before they all fledged.

Released parrots, Isla and Johan, have been foraging further afield but still make frequent visits back to the release aviary. Monty too has passed by on a couple of occasions to visit the rescue birds, which is always nice!

Released parrot Harry doesn't tend to roam too far from the release site and has been seen passing amorous looks at one of the older confiscated Loras in the aviary.

Failed release parrots, Fat Sally, who flies like a penguin, and the ever-charming Darling were plucked from the release aviary to make room for the confiscated birds. They are currently living in a large temporary cage. Although we still hope that one day Sally's flying skills will improve, for the time being they have become parrot ambassadors and as such we have been teaching them to say "Please donate." If you'd like to support the rescue effort and do as Fat Sally (almost) says, or for more information about the rescue please visit:

[http://www.echobonaire.org/Parrot\\_rescue](http://www.echobonaire.org/Parrot_rescue)  
Sam Williams

The Echo Foundation is supported by contributions from Jong Bonaire, the Storehouse Mangazina and Rent O Fun Drive



After 8 years on the island, **Maria Ines Jaur-arche**, (also known by friends as "Maine") insists she hardly knows anyone on Bonaire. Her friends Alejandra and Andrea strongly disagree with her.

Imagine sitting along the boulevard and seeing almost all cars (and I mean almost all cars) stop by and say hello to her, or simply go for a walk with her and you will hear from all different corners of the supermarket, store, restaurant or street: "Maine, Maine!"

The truth is that it is difficult not to like Maine. She is the most caring and giving person you can meet. Tell Maine you have a problem and she will connect you with the right person (of course, since she knows everyone), take you there and won't leave you till your problem is solved. Meet Maine and she will remember your name, your story, no matter your background, your age, the language you speak or if you are resident or not. Maine will remember everything about you! And every time she meets you, she will meet you with a big smile and if you are lucky like us with a big hug.

That is why, when Maine gave us the news that she was leaving Bonaire, Alejandra and I felt hopelessly sad. How do you stop someone you love from leaving? You simply cannot. All you can do is to be grateful for all the wonderful moments you shared and keep that friendship alive in spite of the distance.

Maine, you are the best friend anyone can have. Thank you for the countless joyful times together but most of all thank you for that great Argentinean humor of yours.

Maine will leave Bonaire together with her little ones, Helena and Juquin, on August 7<sup>th</sup> to start a new life in beautiful Brazil. We would like to celebrate her last weekend on the island on Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> at "Little la Havana" from 10 pm.

If you know Maine (which I am sure you do), join us in giving Maine a farewell she will never forget, hoping (still) that she changes her mind.

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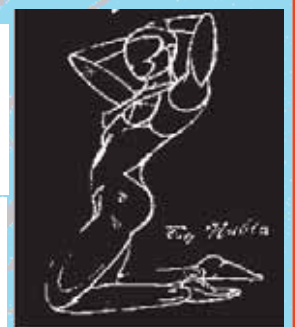
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The wedding was organized by Suze's Weddings Bonaire- [www.suzesweddingsbonaire.com](http://www.suzesweddingsbonaire.com) ■ Press release

Photo: Tim Peters Fish Eye Photo



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Victor Brouwer

## In Memory

Victor Brouwer 14-2-1991 .... 15-7-2011

## Envirowatch

Ad Domnisse reminded us that this car that was driven off a cliff near Boca Onima many months ago was still there.

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**T**ick Tock, Tick Tock, Watching Waiting, Waiting, Watching. That is the state of Bonaire's and most of the world's real estate markets right now.

Tiny Bonaire with 15,000 people, China with a population of 1.2 billion, the EU-27 with 501 million people and of course, America with 311 million people, are waiting to see if their governments can resolve their respective debt, currency, employment, real estate and economic issues.

For 16 months the EU has struggled to resolve the debt crises in Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Italy. During that period the EU economy became more and more uncertain, many national economies slowed, real estate values dropped, capital dried up, lending, especially real estate lending, decreased. The Euro often rose and fell sharply.

The situation in America is very similar as Congress is gripped by gridlock and continues to think it has a "tax" problem when it has a "spending" problem. Until the American Congress says no to spending and as long as it refuses to pay its bills the economy in America will get worse.

A few months ago there was a world belief that the economic miracle of China would pull the world economy out of the doldrums. China is experiencing inflation, ethnic, political and social unrest. Its commercial real estate bubble has burst and even Hong Kong's residential real estate has been losing value for months.

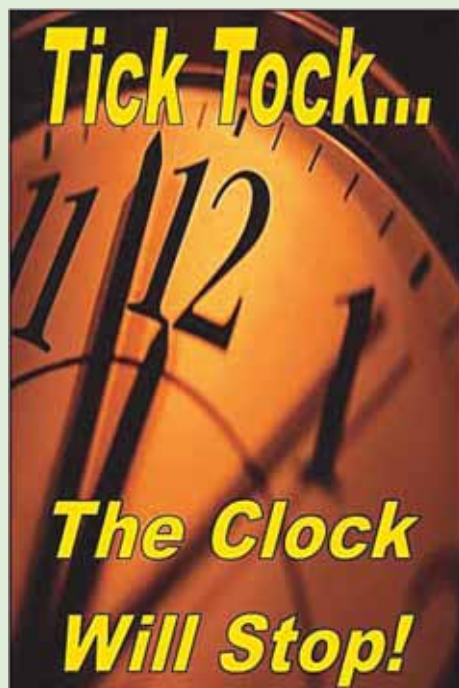
Bonaire's economy is driven by the Dutch/EU and American economies. Like all countries it is also reflective of what is happening in the greater world, China and Japan. When those economies are declining and experiencing economic uncertainty, Bonaire mirrors and magnifies those trends.

Since War World II financial markets have accepted persistent debtor nations because their debt was a relatively small percent of gross domestic product and or sovereign wealth. In recent years the debt ratios have grown to unsustainable levels. The financial markets have shifted dramatically. The markets have cut off "cheap" credit regardless of the size of the debtor.

What does this mean? It means that every debtor country, business, bank and person, everyone in the world, will pay higher interest rates to borrow money. They will need higher credit ratings and more risk equity. Cash will not only be king, it will be Emperor and master of the universe.

Governments will pay more interest in order to sell bonds to pay bills. Banks will pay more to borrow from governments. Businesses and individuals will pay more to borrow from the banks. The cost of everything will go up.

If the cost of government borrowing



goes up only 1% of the cost of consumer borrowing and especially mortgages will rise 1.5-2% because each borrower/lender will add the original 1% plus an added risk/return factor. As costs increase demand for goods and services will decrease.

Each 1% rise in mortgage interest rates causes a 20% decrease in the number of qualified buyers and a larger decrease in overall demand. **Most real estate markets have been buyer's markets the last few years. They are now becoming super buyer's markets. The market on Bonaire is the best buyer's market in 82 years!**

Real estate markets will remain unsettled and uncertain until the world's economies adjust to market realities. Bonaire's real estate market will change direction as the Dutch/EU, American and world economies change direction.

In recent weeks we have seen many super motivated sellers on Bonaire. Those sellers are happy because they sold. Those sellers achieved their goal, money in their pocket. The buyers are happy because they bought at prices that were unimaginable just two years ago. The buyers are in the Bonaire market for the long term. They know the market will turn eventually and today's buyer's market will become a seller's market. ■

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### Picture Yourself With The Reporter at the... The World Table Tennis Championships in Rotterdam, NL



Erik van Veenendaal writes, "Last month the world championships Table Tennis were held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with no fewer than 143 countries participating. It is one of the largest sports events in the world. As part of the team of The Netherlands Antilles, Erik van Veenendaal participated. Erik is living on Bonaire since July last year. After a well-played match against the Indonesian player Agnus, he lost against the top player Szocs from Romania. In the doubles together with Dimitri Leon (champion of Curacao) they were defeated by a strong Serbian side. Erik is also *bestuurslid* of the Bonaire Table Tennis Bond (BTTB)." ■

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**All Denture Lab**—for the best denture care by an experienced professional. Repairs while you wait. Next to Botika Korona on Kaya J. G. Hernandez.

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**Norca's Deli Café**, upstairs above Botika Bonaire on Kaya Grandi offers lunch plus a special "after hours" Rijsttafel dinner if you call ahead: **717-4376**

**Pasa Bon Pizza** is Bonaire's best. Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Very cool jazz music! **780-1111** Call ahead to eat-in or take out, Next to Bistro (above)

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**Carib Inn** is the popular 10-room inn with dive shop and well stocked retail store. Best book trade on Bonaire. Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q.

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**ScubaVision** - Pro video of your Bonaire vacation, above and/or below the water with a custom DVD by Bonaire's top videographer, Hendrik Wuyts

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**Captain Don's Plants, Trees and More** sells genuine acclimated Bonaire plants. Take a 30-minute tour too. Strong plants for strong Bonaire gardens.

**HEALTH and WELLNESS - Also see Spa & Gym Essentials**—New health center brings together nutrition, health food and massage in a single location downtown. Beautiful new courtyard location just off the main street.

## HOME CARE

**Bonaire Second Home Care** can handle all the needs of second home owners on Bonaire including inspection, management and cleaning.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

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*Bonairean Voices (Continued from page 7)*

- Controller to prevent sexual diseases (prostitutes)
- Commissioner for patient claims
- Counselor for the Health and Hygiene department for the Island Governor
- A mother and a grandmother

Dr. Bernabela explains about the relationship that the patient should have with the doctor. She explains:

"Trust is the key point between doctor and patient. The patient needs to be open with the doctor and the doctor has to listen to what the patient has to say. The doctor can't rush the patient, and most importantly there shouldn't be any distance between the doctor and the patient. Commonly, 70% of the patients visiting doctors' clinics are not physically sick but are dealing with psychological and socio-economic problems that can lead to physical problems. Sometimes the problems are so intense that the doctor needs to listen to the patient. The patient must know if his or her house doctor has a listening ear and can really help. Some of these patients are confronting great financial problems, and no doubt the doctor will feel their pain.

A house doctor should be more than a doctor. He or she should be their counselor and especially their family doctor. The doctor has got to know the family, if there are any chronic diseases, or if the family is going through socio-economic problems too. For a good community we should have healthy families, but first we should understand the definition of the word **health**. Being healthy means not only being in good shape physically, eating right and sleeping your 8 to 10 hours a day, but also the person needs to have a psychological and social well being. The WHO (World Health Organization) defines **health** as the following: 'Being healthy is a physical, social, mentally and micro logical environment situation to make possible the proper function of the human being.' The doctor should be available when the patient is in need and if the patient is not happy with the result of the treatment, he or she should request better medical attention. Patients need to stop changing doctors all the time or visiting different doctors for several opinions. If you are going to your doctor with a problem, you have to remember to tell the truth and to give him or her the time to help.

Another aspect you should know about your doctor is whether he or she is morally up to your standard. What is your doctor's opinions about abortion? Doctors are people too, so it's good to know about their ways of dealing with different religions. Know if your doctor doesn't give preference to or is prejudiced to certain groups like lesbians or homosexuals.

Your doctor should be your confidant and your defender. The doctor should not only see you and then give you a prescription, but really needs to listen to you. The official time to help a patient is seven minutes in a doctor's office, but some patients need more than that. It's not a case of taking over somebody else's time but a question of doing the right thing. Patients can expect doctors to be understanding, loyal and straight to the point. They shouldn't beat around the bush by giving the patient false hopes if the patient is really sick. Your doctor need to be honest and not hide the truth. And once and for all, what is most important to expect from your doctor is that he or she is **a good human being.**"

Maybe by taking all these points into consideration you and your doctor can have a good feeling and trust with each other. The result of this entire situation is that your health will improve. ■

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**Saturday, August 6 - August 23— Fourth Annual Fish ID Challenge at Sand Dollar and Bonaire Dive & Adventure .** Team up with Fish ID experts Patti and Scott Chandler

**Saturday, August 6 —Big Rincon Market, 8 am –2 pm,** fresh produce, gifts, crafts, local food, drinks, music. In the town center.

**-Monthly Flea Market at We Dare to Care Park—2—6 pm.** Rent a table for \$10, Call 701-1103 or 787-1475.

**Sunday, August 7 – Feria (Bazaar) at Mangazina di Rei, 3 – 11 pm**

**Friday, August 12—Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park. Try tastes of Bonaire's restaurants.** Sponsored by Bonaire Restaurant Association & TCB. Info: 717-8322, 717-8469

**Thursday-Saturday, August 25-27—Bat Cave Census/Mapping Workshop.** Contact STINAPA 717-8444.

## 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 in the cooler afternoon-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. Lots of free parking. 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.
- **Soldachi Tours—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time.** Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeke for more information—796-7870.

### Mondays

- **Soldachi Tours of Rincon,** the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20- Call Maria, 717-6435-best island tour value
- **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar—** Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book Reef Windows.

### Thursdays

- **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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**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit

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**Bonaire Museum** on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

**Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th. and January 1st. Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681

### CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

**Al-Anon meetings - every Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

**Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:15 pm—** All levels, NAf2,50, 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 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.

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

**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.

**Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk –** Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

*Our Lady of Coromoto in Antrio,* Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

**Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios):** Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at **7:30 pm.** 717-2194

**Ministerio di Kristu Hesus** Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

**Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church** located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held on Sunday mornings from 10am until 11:30am. Bible studies in English are on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20 Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Call 701-9522 for information.

**Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente,** Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 p.m. Preaching in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161

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# Pet of the Week

This face says it all...." Hi! Can I go home with you?" When "Hans" arrived at the Shelter at just eight weeks old the Shelter staff took notice. Cats with his coloring are quite rare in male cats, and especially rare on Bonaire...dark grey striping with just a touch of "coffee with cream." His coloring coupled with his curiosity and love of human affection made him a very special kitten. Hans is now about 3 1/2 months old, still a kitten, and continues to delight both his human and feline friends. He's the first at the compound gate to say "I missed you, can you pet me now?" Hans and his roommates are all healthy, vaccinated and just waiting for you to come and visit and welcome one or more of them into your heart and home. ■ Jane Disko-Madden



Hans

You may meet Hans and the other healthy and social cats and dogs up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am—1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. For all the latest Shelter news and even a new video go to the Website: WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com

## Shelter's Pakus di Pruga – Every Saturday

Have you discovered the Shelter's every Saturday Garage Sale yet? The Pakus di Pruga is housed in the building across the street from Brandaris Café and is manned by volunteers from 8 am to 5 pm. And there's plenty of free parking! On a visit last Saturday we found lots and lots of books, racks and racks of clothes, house wares, a child's bike, appliances, even an old refrigerator (the freezer works but not the fridge!). And the nice thing is that new things come in all the time. You'll most likely find another treasure trove there next Saturday. To donate items you may drop them off at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road during opening hours. Small things (like books) may be brought to the Garage Sale itself. It's a Win-Win-Win situation: people get rid of what they don't want, other people buy what they want, and the Shelter can be kept open for unwanted cats and dogs. ■ Laura DeSalvo



## BonQuiz #55 Answer

Q) What is the name of this artist who makes the dolls?

A) Jenny Rijna



## Shelter Animals Are All Smiles Thanks To All Denture Lab!



Thanks, All Denture Lab

The "All Denture Lab" (Tandprotetische Praktijk Bonaire N.V.) in Antriol puts beautiful smiles on the faces of the people living on Bonaire. Now they have also put beautiful smiles on the faces of the animals at the Bonaire Animal Shelter! The Shelter uses a large amount of towels and cloths every day for cleaning kennels and bathing animals. That adds up to a lot of laundry that must be done each day and they had no washing machine. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of All Denture Lab, the Shelter is now the proud owner of a brand new, fully automatic Maytag washing machine. The Bonaire Animal Shelter and its residents sends a huge, smiling THANK YOU to All Denture Lab. Additional thanks also to Bonaire Superstore for a nice discount on the purchase price. ■ Jane Madden Disko .

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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

### Sudoku Solution

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Upstairs Above Botika Bonaire on Kaya Grandi

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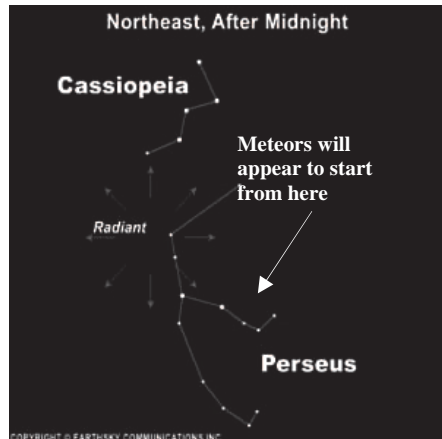
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## The Meteor Shower that Fizzled and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Usually this first week of August I would be telling you to get ready for the **Perseid Meteor Shower** which will peak this year on Friday night, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday morning the 13<sup>th</sup> but this meteor shower will not be very good this year. The meteors will be as plentiful as they usually are, but the sky will be so bright because of the **full Moon** that you won't get to see very many of them.

The Perseid Meteor Shower is one of the most easily observed meteor showers because it occurs during the warm, balmy nights of August. The second best Meteor Shower is in early December. Meteor Showers happen when the **Earth** runs into the stream of debris left in the path of a comet as it orbits the **Sun**. In this case the comet is named **Comet Swift-Tuttle**, after two astronomers, Lewis Swift and Horace Tuttle, who are credited with discovering it. Since the Earth's orbit is pretty regular and repeats much the same way each year we come back to the same spot in space at the same time every year. This is why the Perseid Meteor Shower repeats at the same time each year. It's not that the comet comes back each year at this time. The most recent visit by Comet Swift-Tuttle was in 1992, and we're not expecting it again for 135 years. But next year, August 12, 2012, the Perseid Meteor Shower will happen again because debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle has been spread all long its orbital path and next year the Perseid Meteor Shower should be better since next August 12th the Moon will be a waning crescent and will not rise until after midnight. Now for something we can see next week.

Get out after sunset, any night next week, look west and you'll see several bright points of light, some stars and one non-star. Let's start with the brightest light that you're likely to see first. Twinkle, twinkle, little star. About halfway up from the horizon you'll spot a **very bright star, Arcturus**. Arcturus is not a run of the mill star. It is the third brightest star we can see from Earth and it's over 200 times brighter and about 26 times the diameter of our Sun. An easy way to remember the



name of Arcturus is to look for the Big Dipper in the northwest and extend the arc of its handle and you'll come to Arcturus. Arc to Arcturus, remember? Below Arcturus, closer to the horizon you'll spot a pair of somewhat dimmer lights. The light to the left is the **star Spica** and to its right is the **ringed planet Saturn**. Spica is a hot blue multiple star whose light has taken over 260 years to get here while the light you see from Saturn only needs about 85 minutes to make the trip from Saturn because Spica is nearly 2 million times farther away. This is a great opportunity to see how stars and planets differ in how they look in the sky; **stars will twinkle, while planets won't**.

Stars look like dimensionless points of light since they are so far away while planets actually look bigger because they are so much closer. The twinkling of a star is really caused by movement in the layers of air that the light from the star has to pass through on its way to your eye. Planets don't usually twinkle because their image is not disrupted as much by this movement of the air. You don't hear anybody singing twinkle, twinkle little planet. So take a look at Spica and see if you can see it flash and change color and then compare Spica to Saturn off to its right. Then look at Arcturus, higher in the sky and see if it's twinkling. So remember that the **Perseid Meteor Shower will probably fizzle this year but Spica, Saturn and Arcturus will dazzle in the early evening.** ■ James Aulbury



# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
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**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Put your plans into motion by presenting your intentions to those who should be able to give you financial support. Don't hesitate to sign up for lectures or seminars that will enlighten you. You will need a little competition this month. Get involved in activities that will stretch your stamina. You are best not to confide in anyone right now. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Emotionally, things may not run so smoothly. Be aware that you don't get anything for nothing. Changes to your self image will be to your benefit as long as you don't over pay. You may have major blowups with someone you love if you don't back down. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You can prosper if you invest in property or mutual funds. Try to make amends by planning a nice dinner for two. Limitations at work might set you back. You have the ability to motivate others. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You might want to spend some time by yourself in order to decide exactly how you feel. Take the time to help those less fortunate. You need time to put your house in order and sort out what you are going to do about your personal direction. You will have an interest in foreigners and their cultures. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You can enjoy your involvement in organizations that make charitable contributions. Your professional attitude will not go unnoticed. Travel will also entice you. Someone may be trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts. Travel will be favorable. Find out all the facts before you jump to conclu-

sions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may want to make drastic changes concerning your personal partner. Try to be understanding. You will inspire confidence in others. You will also encounter individuals who can help you further your goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Emotional disputes will only end in sorrow. Don't push your opinions on others this month or you may find yourself in the doghouse. Cutbacks at work will be a cause for worry. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Try to curb your tongue and let others at least get a word in. Your best efforts will come through hard work. You may need to make a few alterations to your living arrangements. Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Try to be as mellow as possible. Try not to hurt your partner's feelings. Don't be shy; show your abilities! Networking will be a necessity. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Love can be yours if you get out and about. Take time to deal with the concerns of children. Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. Your emotional attitude with respect to your status and direction in society may be unrealistic. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Look into ways to make your home more comfortable. Organize your day well if you wish to accomplish all you set out to do. Your leadership qualities will come in handy. A long discussion is in order if you wish to clear the air. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

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