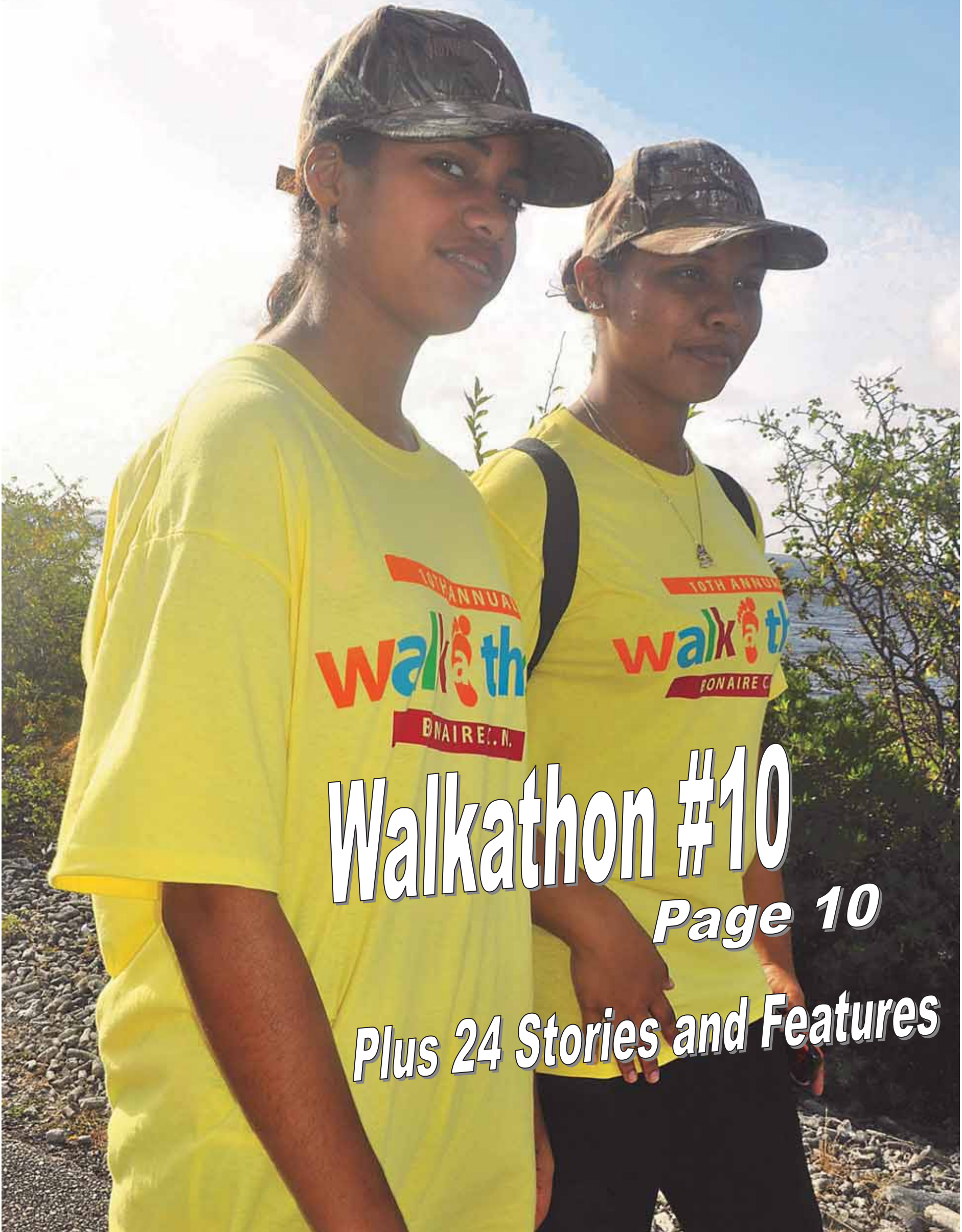


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Crown Representative Wilbert Stolte called Bonaire's new governor, Lydia Emerencia, "Mama di Pueblo" (Mother of the People) when he swore her in. **Lt. Governor Emerencia is the first woman to be named to that post in Bonaire history.**



Governor Lydia Emerencia

The ceremony took place in the Island Council chamber in Pasanggrahan. Curaçao Governor Frits Goedgedrag, Emerencia family members and many friends were present. Interim Governor Peter Silberie presented Emerencia with the official pendant of office, the Island Council chairwoman's gavel and a copy of the Rules of Order.

► **The Second Chamber of Parliament in The Hague endorsed a motion to pursue free movement of people and goods within the Dutch Caribbean.** The kingdom reorganization of 10-10-10 imposed restrictions that disrupted the strong cultural, family, business and governmental ties that traditionally existed between the islands. The motion of Member of Parliament André Bosman of the liberal democratic VVD party called for the **elimination of double taxation on in-transit goods**, the installation of a **joint Customs service**, the **harmonization of airport tax** for flights between the islands, **priority handling for Dutch passport holders** at airports, the possibility to **travel between the islands with an ID card** or a pre-clearance, and the possibility of a **ferry connection** between Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao.

► **THE HAGUE--Schools in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will soon have to offer sexual diversity classes for primary and secondary schools to create a greater acceptance of homosexuality.** Dutch Minister of Education, Culture and Science Marja van Bijsterveldt-Vliegthart recently sent a General Measure of Government (*Algemene Maatregel van Bestuur*) to the Council of State for advice.

► **On Monday, March 12, police began checking for 2012 stickers on license plates.** Drivers of cars without stickers can be fined. If you don't have a 2012 sticker when you read this you might get caught and have to pay up.

► **Bonaire needs a new seaport.** The bottlenecks experienced at the present piers will only multiply as Bonaire's population grows. The present population of about 15,000 is forecast to double in about 15 years. Everyone can agree on that, but little else about the new port, especially its location.

A blue ribbon panel evaluated the seven possibilities presented by consultants Royal Haskoning and presented the Bonaire government with two top choices: Next to the airport fuel pier, commonly called "Te Amo" beach. It is not in the area under the runway approach commonly called Donkey Beach/Playa Mangel. The other is at the present **WEB water plant in Hato**. Each has strengths and weakness for the environment, traffic, safety, protection, etc. For example the Marine Park advises that the reef near WEB is more extensive than the one at the airport which the Park says can be relocated. However, the airport site must observe height restrictions to conform to air traffic regulations. The WEB site has no height restrictions but it is in the heart of a resort and residential area. If the airport site is chosen the present beach will be reduced to just 30 meters of waterfront. Few swim from shore near WEB.

As of this writing no decision has been made. The government seems to be endorsing the airport location while waiting for advice from air transportation experts. The opposition Democrats have a laundry list of concerns with the site as well as fundamental issues with the port's financing.

When Bonaire gets a new port as it must to grow economically it is argued, it will not be a hub. But it should have a **large crane** capable of unloading sea-going container vessels, eliminating the island's dependence on just roll-on/roll-off shipments, adequate parking for shipping containers, clear road access, good security and more. *G.D.*

► **THE HAGUE--The Dutch Council of Ministers wants stricter rules for naturalization for both The Netherlands and the Dutch Caribbean.** Persons who want to obtain Dutch citizenship in the future will need to have sufficient income and education. The Council of Ministers approved a law proposal on Friday last week to make the Law on Dutch Citizenship more stringent. The proposal was submitted by Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Liesbeth Spies. The law proposal sets the income and educational requirements for a person to qualify to apply for Dutch citizenship. **Persons must earn at least the minimum wage, prove that they have completed tertiary level study of at least two years, or that they have working experience of two years.** Applicants further will have to pass a **Dutch language test**. Married couples or those with a registered partnership can only acquire Dutch citizenship after a five-year stay in the Dutch Kingdom. Adults and youngsters ages 12-15 may not have a criminal record.



► **The 2012 Atlantic hurricane season probably will see average storm activity** with sea surface temperatures forecast to be cooler than last year, the director of the US National Hurricane Center said last Monday.

► This week, four of the five visible planets—**Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Mars**—pop out first thing at dusk. All should be easy to see. As darkness falls, Venus and Jupiter blaze away in the western sky, while fainter Mercury lurks beneath them near the horizon glow of the setting sun. Mars shines at its greatest brilliance for the year "opposition" at the opposite eastern end. **Venus and Jupiter come together for a stunning conjunction in mid-March.** Catch Mercury about an hour after sunset. Binoculars help. Has there ever been a better month for watching planets? Hard to imagine. March 2012 ranks among the best.

► **The Portuguese man-of-war ⇔ (Physalia physalis) jellyfish continues to be seen ashore and**



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Volunteer for a Better Bonaire



Some of the volunteers and organizers and others: James, Taina, Margie, Chio, Anne-marie, Gianni, Poppy, Eddy, Max, Olivia, Gielbert, Daniello, Boy. In foreground: Roosje

Always wanted to become a volunteer but never knew where to start? This coming weekend is your opportunity! Register and become a volunteer for a day by being part of **BON DOET**. On March 16th and 17th the NGO Platform of Bonaire in cooperation with Oranje Fonds will organize BON DOET, a celebration of the volunteerism so prevalent on Bonaire.

BON DOET brings social organizations and volunteers like you together to do a chore or a job or an activity together.

Everyone on Bonaire is invited to participate in BON DOET.

If you have a club or business your organization gets a chance to present itself during the BON DOET days to a larger audience and simultaneously get the opportunity to help our community.

BON DOET takes place on two days; however, you decide whether you want to participate one day, part of a day or two days. This way you can choose what suits you best and it remains fun and feasible.

During BON DOET, its slogan "*Hasi bon, pasa bon!*" (loosely translated- Do well, have a good time) remains central. It is the intention for you to have a good time while doing something good for the community as well.

If you want to participate, you can register via telephone, e-mail or their website. You can also send a text message with your name, number and e-mail and they will contact you. If you prefer a personal visit, you are most welcome to come by!

What kind of chores/jobs are there? There are more than 40 chores/jobs listed for BON DOET! There are chores, for example, to clean the yard at Kas di Arte and the beaches, repair items or plant trees.

Find your chore/job on www.nldoet.nl/bonaire

You are also welcome to pass by the office of NGO Platform Bonaire and/or Coffee & van der Hoek BV to look into their "Chores folder" for more information about the jobs.

You can also claim a chore for yourself and your group. When you register to complete a chore with your group, you will get

the opportunity to place a picture and a message on the website as the "owner" of that chore.

Contact Information:

Coffee & van der Hoek, Kaya Sabana 5A., T: 717-2834. M: 7017994. Email: bondoet@evdhbv.com

NGO Platform Bonaire, A: Kaya Grandi 52C, T: 717-2366

A (very) Partial list of Job and Activities already planned during BON DOET days:

Clean up of the cemetery, two days of beach clean up at Lac, painting / repair / improvement and planting in numerous locations, walking, entertain people with limited visibility / blind/ limited hearing at Rum Runners restaurant. Party at Kas di Kuido -New shelves for books, Outside painting of the Sporthall, Outside painting of the building of Oubaas repair / improvement, Make a bolas field, painting / repair / improvement of the field and building. Fence building at the kunuku for parrots, painting / repair / improvement of the Lourdes Grotto, Outside painting of the building of Antriol Avanti, Racks for boats at Kas di Regatta, Football games for youngsters, Mangazina di Rei maintenance-Painting of the Center Tutturutu, repair of the roof for Cinelandia in Rincon, clean-up at Parke Publico and many more.

These are some of the non-profit organizations you will help: ADRA, STINAPA, FKPD Rincon, Special Olympics FKPIO, Fundashon Mariadal, Watapana school, Scouting, FKPD Playa, The Echo Foundation, Stichting Project, Cocari, Kas di Arte, Parokia Rincon, Antriol Avanti, BONAL, BSSA, NGO Platform, Mangazina di Rei, Flor di orkidia We Dare To Care, Federashon Bolas, Strea di Oro, Mi Mes Hofito, Fundashon Nawati, SGB, SV Vitesse, Goldfinch Bolas Kresh Bon Kwido, Knuki Sur, Saka Man Yuda Nos. Pro Hubentut, Kalor di Hogar, JIWIRI, Villa Antonia, Stichting Kunst en Cultuu, Stichting Aquaspeed, Balornan Boneriano, and the Animal Shelter. ■ G.D.



Last year at Villa Antonia

The up-surge of volunteerism on Bonaire is significant on several levels. Consider the recent Walkathon for Special Olympics, The successes of Sea Turtle Conservation and next weekend's BON DOET to name a few. There's the obvious benefit of assisting those in need either financially, by actions, and even by just showing support. But there's another benefit that might not spring to mind; it's the spirit of good deeds that may be one of the most effective antidotes to crime and antisocial misconduct.

Volunteer-ism can be an Antidote



Police reports of the past two weeks told of a new aspect to island crime: drive-by shootings. That was in addition to the usual litany of robberies, thefts, morals offenses and abuse. There are bad, harmful, cruel and misguided people in all societies and ours is no exception.

Effective police offer some protection. But the essential element that makes someplace pleasant to live is the attitude and behavior of the majority of the people who live there. Good example and peer-pressure can discourage persons from criminal actions.

For many the hard economic times on Bonaire create temptations to steal from others, a chaotic family life can create stress resulting in disruptive behavior.

We believe that "good deeds" as exemplified by kind person-to-person acts or volunteering to help others can discourage antisocial acts. Be a volunteer, help your neighbors or contribute to worthy causes. You will be helping yourself and the community too. ■ G.D.

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On the Island Since... July 2001 *Yvette Patricia Gorrin-Molina and Luis Gorrin*

"In 1981 when I was studying biology at the university," *Luis says*, "I came from Venezuela to Bonaire with a group of friends and we went snorkeling and explored the whole island. In 1992 I returned with a camera crew and all the girls for a commercial for Pepsi Cola. And in 1997 Patricia and I came on a sailboat with some friends just for a weekend." "At night there was a huge party at Karel's," *Patricia says*, "and from the boat it looked really nice!"

"In 1998," *Luis continues*, "we decided to move away from Venezuela. We started looking for a place in Chile, the US or somewhere else. I'd worked in television for 15 years doing documentaries for RCTV and Venevisión, and at that moment – it was 2000 – we got a special request from the Bonaire tourist office in Venezuela to do a translation of the Bonaire promotion video into Spanish. We did the

work in Caracas, then we said 'Let's see the island with the kids!' When we were here we looked at each other and said, 'What about moving to Bonaire?'"

"It was really easy," *Patricia says*, "like it was meant to be. Everything went so fast. In four months we had all our paperwork formalized and everyone had been extremely helpful. When the kids, who were five and seven at the time, had finished their school year, we left and arrived on July 27th. On August 13 the boys had to go back to school, for the first time here on Bonaire and," *she smiles*, "I remember them saying 'We had no vacation!'"

But Bonaire is not an easy island when you arrive, because you really, really need to love Bonaire – it's not for everybody. My professional life had been very successful and I had had a great job: a live TV program every day. It was all about action,

stress, excitement and adrenaline. Then you move to Bonaire, take the kids to school in the morning, run some errands and at 9am you say, 'Now What?'"

Luis explains. "I had worked as a biologist, my specialty is systematics – evolution in a group of fish - in tourism and for TV and I also did nature photography. I was always moving around throughout Venezuela. We wanted to do educational documentaries on Bonaire, but we found out the island wasn't ready yet so we sold a lot of the professional equipment.

Our company did and still does T-shirts, multimedia, photography, signs, videos and posters. It was designed for advertising and everything that comes with it. Every year we introduce something new.

When you are an immigrant the beginning is always difficult. You are in a place that you don't know and the people don't know you and then you have to start



Patricia and Luis Gorrin

offering your services and the people have to trust you." *Patricia continues*. "The first time I saw the island it was from the sea and I thought it was one happy island, but then, once you live here, it is really hard and you think 'how can people live here?' but... if you wait you will discover all the beauty of the island and its people. We visit Venezuela every two years or our family comes here, but we live here and this is our home, definitely!" *She laughs*. "I am a Molina, so I am from Rincon!"

"I met an Antillean guy," *Luis says*, "and he told me 'If you can survive on Bonaire, you can survive anywhere!' And the people who come to visit us from Caracas suffer the same shock we suffered in the beginning: they liked the island very much for vacation, but they also said 'Oh my God, how can you live here?' And one of them looked at me suspiciously and asked, 'Are you a hippy?' Ha! Well, you know, here life is simple in a good way and when you know the people

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"Life is a long trip but your destiny doesn't matter. It's the trip that matters and the people you meet and the ones who stay with you through the years."

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On the Island Since (continued from page 4) and you have your friends here, the relationships go deeper and that's something I really like."

"For our elder son, Luis Ignacio who was seven when we came here, it was easy," Patricia says. "He immediately learned Papiamentu and then Dutch and he made a lot of friends. For Jorge, who was five, it was very difficult. One day, the kindergarten teacher asked me, 'What happened to him? He never talks!' When I asked Jorge why he didn't speak at school he answered 'Well mom, she doesn't understand what I am saying!' So, he waited and he took his time until he figured he could speak and understand Papiamentu and then he started talking. By that time he also spoke English thanks to Cartoon Network!"

"They are 18 and 16 now," Luis says, "and they think Bonaire is boring and that's logical at this age. They are going to study in Holland so they will get to know the dynamic side of life. But maybe when they are there, their memories of their life on Bonaire will be a refuge – a treasure to think of and to come back to when life is difficult. Luis Ignacio is going to study music production technology and Jorge wants to become a stand up comedian. He won the contest last year so yeah... let's see! He has to go two more years here, but if he really wants it, he has to follow his dreams, his passion, and then I would say 'make it your profession, and find the tools to make it the best!' And if they want to... there is always the business. It's always here and maybe they have better ideas than we have. If the is-

land grows enough the kids might want to come back. Now they need a big city like I did when I was young. But when I moved here I was 44 and I didn't want to waste any more time being caught in traffic jams.

We have a successful company; both of us have put everything we know professionally into the company and it's the best!" Patricia adds, "We're doing the same thing here as we would do in New York or any other place. It's all about quality, service, professionalism and passion. Our clientele are artists, companies, small businesses, STINAPA, TCB, the government and individual people. Before they would have the work done outside of Bonaire, but they say it's much better this way because now they can make certain changes and if they don't like it, we can make it again – no problem! We also do the stretching of the print and the framing as well." Patricia and Luis are philosophical and artistic, but also hard working and successful people. They are hospitable and easy going.

"Bonaire has changed a lot in 30 years," Luis says. "Some things are an improvement, others weren't. It's a consequence; it always comes together, there is no other way. I feel Bonaire is quite stable and nobody is a number here. Somehow we always survive and that's because of the people. There is one thing though that really strikes me as odd the last couple of years: it's too hot! I never felt this heat before, like a fist hitting you!"

Since September 11th, I try not to forecast more than three or four months. I am 54 and I remember when I was a kid and



Luis and Patricia in their shop

there was only black and white television, and look what you have now! Over the last 20 years the changes came faster and faster and this might have been a small island once, but now it's connected to the whole world. I have my company and my house here and Bonaire will always be headquarters, but when the children are somewhere else we might do other projects and finish them here. And for a long time I have had this wish to walk the 700-kilometer pilgrim route from France to Spain, Santiago de Compostela. It will take a month but I know I can do it.

I am grateful we could raise our boys here, because we had breakfast, lunch and dinner together and we've never missed out on anything in their life. We've seen our children growing up without missing a day. When I was 35 and you would have

asked me, 'Will you leave your country someday?' I would have said 'Never! Never!' And now I have a new country, so what does one know about the future... Life is a long trip but your destiny doesn't matter. It's the trip that matters and the people you meet and the ones who stay with you through the years. Life's too fast." He looks at his wife and she says, "Enjoy what you have and take the time to see the sun set. Don't miss it because it's different every day. Look at the sky, read a book, see your friends and live day by day because every new day is your future."

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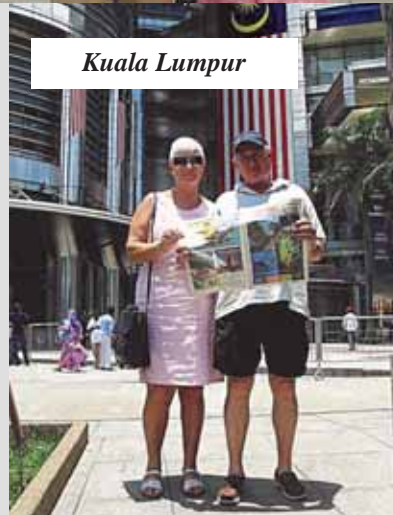
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Jan and Margreth Kloos have been traveling. And when they do it seems *The Bonaire Reporter* goes along with them. Margreth said she never got around to sending them right after each trip, but she did send us a few now, a *Bonaire Reporter* record, five photos. The well-known Bonaire residents are environmentalists and businesspeople. They have been active in the STCB, Aliansa naturalesa, Dive Friends and others. Recently Jan wrote about circumnavigator Laura Dekker's trip for *The Reporter*. ■

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Vocational Education Campaign

Last weekend the SGB High School had its annual Open House which included the kick off for a campaign to boost the image of vocational education on the island. This campaign is an initiative of RCN/OCW in co-operation with the SGB, Forma and the ROA. The ROA, founded last February, is the *Raad Onderwijs en Arbeid*, which means Council for Education and Labor.



The campaign has a slogan, *Krea bo Futuro* (Make Your Future), and includes among others things posters, radio jingles and a Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/Kreabofuturo>.

Commissioner Sylvana Serfilia, Councilman Nolly Oleana and student ambassadors unveiled the billboard for the campaign (photo). Vocational education trains people to practice specific trades and is often referred to as the engine of the economy. RCN representative Fleur Lagcher commented on behalf of Dutch Minister van Bijsterveldt that "for a healthy economy it is of great importance that people be not only trained for office jobs. Prosperity, for a great part, is owed to trade persons who work with their hands."

From March until June, posters of students who are attending vocational training will be on display around the island. The students will explain their choices and what their plans are. Also a few professionals will say how they came into their professions. These young people will also communicate their message via a series of newspaper ads. Several radio and television programs are planned to deal with vocational education and its importance for Bonaire. For more information contact Lucia Beck (795-9050) or Alida Francis (318-4989). ■ *Press release/Johannetta Gordijn; Johannetta Gordijn photo*

On The Beach

Bonaire's Sorobon Beach Resort is one of the most unique vacation destinations in the Caribbean. While originally founded as a naturist resort many years ago, last year it morphed into a conventional resort appealing to a broader clientele with renovated rooms and a picturesque beach restaurant..

It's still located directly on one of the most beautiful stretches of natural sand on the east side of Bonaire—the only one situated directly on scenic Lac Bay. It has a powdery sand private beach (cruise ship tourists discouraged) with shaded cabanas and lounge chairs. The bay is protected by a coral reef and is ideal for swimmers, snorkelers and windsurfers. The 30 comfortable cottages offer splendid panoramic views of the bay.

The resort has beautiful and lush gardens (below) with a variety of plants rarely seen on the island. You can see all kinds of hum-



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mingbirds, sea birds and parrots right on the premises.

The resort is perfect for the active vacationer who wants to go diving, windsurfing, kayaking, kite surfing or snorkeling as facilities for most of these sports are within walking distance.

The beachfront restaurant, built into an open space between the cottages, is very popular with island residents and guests of other resorts. The weekly Lobster Night got rave reviews from several recent visitors.

The excellent website at <http://www.sorobonbeachresort.com/en/> has far more details and photos than we can include here so check it out. Contact the resort directly at PO Box 14, Kralendijk, Bonaire, CN. Call +599 717 8080. ■ G.D.



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Tourist TV -100% Bonaire



The Dream Team: Hendrik Wuyts, Eva Bos, Michiel van Bokhorst and Eduard de Vries

A couple of weeks ago I watched the new Tourist TV for the first time and it was a revelation. Never before I'd seen such an interesting, entertaining, beautiful and, above all, professional product about the island. It shows Bonaire in all its glory, from land and sea to culture and history. And it's filmed in such a clear, tender and loving way, with much attention for detail and utterly professional use of the unequalled light of the Caribbean. So it was time to meet the team.

On camera there is magician Hendrik Wuyts. Then there is Michiel van Bokhorst, multi media man, specialized in sound and owner of advertising agency Lamédia Bonaire. Eva Bos is mainly responsible for the script, and Eduard de Vries, who besides his involvement in the product, is also the sales person, selling commercials for Tourist TV.

Hendrik explains. "Michiel contacted me. It was his idea and we started immediately. Our first broadcast was November 21st, 2011. I've known Michiel for years because he always does the sound for my documentaries and films, so I knew him professionally, and both of us knew what the other was capable of. Michiel created the concept, but it wasn't something unknown because the majority of the islands have Tourist TV."

Eva, Eduard and Michiel say: "In August 2010 we started with Lamédia Bonaire. We wanted a medium of our own and besides that we wanted to start an advertising agency on Bonaire. In short, that's how Tourist TV was born. It's a joint project; we're all working on it. The tourists are our most important target group. When we did the market research more than 60% of the tourists said they would certainly watch Tourist TV if such a thing was available. So we started thinking of the format and the outcome was short documentaries of 12-15 minutes about nature under water, nature on land, the rich history and the Bonairean culture. We currently have two-hour package consisting of an underwater documentary about grazers and two episodes of the sea turtles. Above water we have an episode about the Loras, and one about the cacti and the cadushi soup. The historical episodes are about the native Americans, the symbols and the culture and the Second World War."

Michiel: "So now we have two hours, but what we are going for is seven times one hour, each hour consisting of four documentaries of 15 minutes each, so that every day of the week a new program will be shown. Because there are a lot returning tourists we want to change the content after one year and see what we can do with the old documentaries. All is high definition, so the possibilities

are endless. I want to make it clear that we could have never done this without Hendrik and his enormous library of material. We don't have the money to send Hendrik out for three months with the assignment to 'shoot' a mating frogfish!

So, what we're using now is a lot of material from Hendrik's archives and *extra's* Bòï Antoin gave us permission to use his archives as well.

We are making the program for tourists so they get a broader perspective of what Bonaire has to offer. We are getting a lot of positive feedback from them, but... surprisingly, – or maybe not -- it's the local people who are also reacting with great enthusiasm! They tell me that the island and its underwater world is filmed so beautifully that it makes them feel proud to be a Bonairean and now it's also easier for them to understand why the tourists come here. They don't teach this stuff at the local schools - and I think that's cool!"

Hendrik adds: "At the moment we are completely self-supporting. All the material comes from here, all the rights are ours and that makes it easier to use it later on. Now we are busy with four new documentaries: one about the lionfish, one about Captain Don, one about the aloe and another about Washington Slagbaai, so that's going to be the material for the third day."

Eduard says: "Our target group are tourists and this group renews itself every week or two. During their vacation they watch a lot of TV so we reach 70% of the tourists on the island. Commercials vary from \$180 to \$530 per four weeks. It would be great if the government and the tourist office could support us because we're not at a break-even point."

Michiel: "Each one of us has many other talents and other jobs, but Tourist TV is a combined effort of the four of us. It's a perfect team! You can find us on Mi TV on channel 1 and on Flamingo TV on channel 60."

We've just had 3000 "pyramids" made to put on the night tables at tourist accommodations. We will take them to the hotels and resorts and other tourist spots, and everybody who is renting to tourists can pick them up too. The whole concept of Tourist TV is to make the tourists aware of all that Bonaire has to offer and so we say, 'Explore the island's rich culture, history and nature – Watch Tourist TV Bonaire – There's more to see!' For more info email: info@lamediabonaire.com or phone 717-8067 and leave your message. ■

Story & photo by Greta Kooistra

Tica Giel and Wim Status Muller in Concert on Bonaire: A Vocal Recital for Opera and Folksong Lovers

Aruba's acclaimed operatic soprano, Tica Giel, accompanied by Antillean maestro Wim Status Muller on the grand piano, will perform in concert at Plaza Resort Bonaire's Cacique Hall on Saturday, March 31, at 8 pm.



Giel



Muller

Organized by Bonaire's Classical Music Board, the duo will perform a recital in two parts: the first includes classical operatic works and arias from Vincenzo Bellini's Gounod; Enrique Granados's Carlo Gondini; works of Catharina van Rennes and others. After the intermission they will offer traditional Antillean and Dutch folk songs.

Lately Tica Giel is back on her native Aruba after a long and successful career in Europe where she received her musical education from, among others, Cora Canne Meier, and where she has performed extensively on tour. She has played important roles in operas such as La Sonnambula (Bellini) and Die Zauberflöte and Die Schauspieldirector (Mozart).

Ms. Giel has also made three superb

CDs, including one with Wim Status Muller, performing Antillean songs.


Wim Status Muller is well known on our island as the outstanding classical pianist in the Caribbean region. The concert will also feature an "Afterparty" with Jasper Blokzijl on the piano.

Enjoy yourself in a wonderful evening with "la diva" Tica Giel and "maestro" Wim Status Muller!

Tickets to the concert will go on sale shortly (\$ 20 pre-concert price at Addo's Books & Toys and Flamingo Bookstore on Kaya Grandi, Chat 'n' Browse at the Sand Dollar Mall and Plaza Resort reception desk, or by reservation at the CMBB web site:




www.classicalmusicbonaire.com. Tickets at the door are \$ 25; \$10 for children.


■ CMBB Press Release/Bob Gilmore



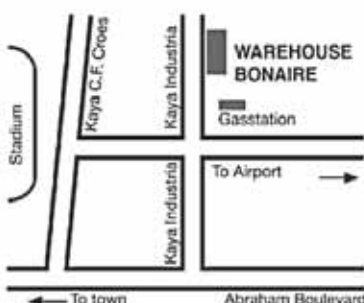
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BONAIREAN VOICES

THE TWO FACES OF LIONS CLUB BONAIRE



The "Presidential Group" with the Island Governor

The Bonaire Lions Club celebrated its golden anniversary on March 3rd. For 50 years the Lions Club has served the Bonairean community. The club has reached a prominent place in the community over the years because, as the recent president of the club Mr. Randolph Luciano said, "We serve better when we serve together." He continued, "Our club can look back with great satisfaction on how our lions and lionesses have had a great interest in voluntarily helping people in our community, and today it is the same. Only in this way can we realize our goals."

With the help of the Curaçao Lions Club, the Bonaire Lions founded our club 50 years ago, precisely on February 2nd 1962. We have achieved great deeds in the community in the past that we can be proud of today. As a social club our main focus today is on our youth and elderly people in the community. There are two faces of our symbolic Lion. The one that looks back is to remind us of what we have achieved and gives us the strength to continue. The other face that looks forward is to encourage us to do more for the community."

The MC of that celebratory night, Mrs. Marisela Chirino-Boekhoudt, spoke of all the work that Lions Club Bonaire has done in the

elderly home at the hospital. As well, they've helped children with health problems receive better

treatment. The Lions sponsor a Health Day, promote wheelchairs at the airport for special travelers, contribute to the FKPD (special day care for mentally and physical disabled persons), pay attention to the day care centers for children and help complete small operations in the Bonaire Hospital.

In the sports field the Lions have helped the Bonaire Little League with uniforms, to travel and they've organized baseball tournaments on the island. In times of need the Lions have helped people in the community to repair their houses and with food. In addition the Lions Club helps schools, contributes to Regatta, and encourages people to love animals on Animal Day. "So we can mention a

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Person of the year 2011, Albert Diego Antonius Crestian and family

Open Letter to the Youth of Bonaire

Let me tell you a little story. A few years ago, a young lad of 18, let's call him Boí, left Bonaire to study in Holland. When the holiday season came, his family sent him a homemade Christmas bread. He was excited and vowed to keep it to savor on Christmas day.

Boí lived in house with a half a dozen roommates who were aware of his gift which he kept wrapped in a container under his bed. Each day after class he would notice a few crumbs on the floor near his bed. And each day, a small piece of his bread had been broken off and apparently eaten. The missing piece was tiny and really not enough to fight over so he let it go without comment.

This scenario continued day after day and he did not see the need to raise a ruckus. After all, the small pieces were insignificant and still not big enough to fight over. Christmas day arrived and Boí removed his prize from the container under his bed to enjoy with his dinner. Lo and behold, a tiny heel of bread remained... there was almost nothing left! Not enough really to fight over!

Okay, Kids. Think about it. The parable of the Christmas Bread is exactly what has been happening to Bonaire. Little by little, meter by meter, the land is being doled out to special interest groups of people who really don't consider those who are left to fend for themselves when trying to find a



Bonaire Gets Picked Away

Diminishing Bonaire

small piece of shoreline to enjoy an afternoon with family on their home island! Just stop and think about what is being planned for Te Amo beach. The idea is to put the container port there and close it off to the public. Our original port has been relegated to become a shopping mall for cruise ship visitors. Let's face it! We are seeing a reduction in arrivals and once the government starts to charge a decent port fee for passengers (presently it is only \$2 per head) some of the ships may choose other designations.

What about using the old WEB property for a container port? It has been mentioned time and time again only to fall on deaf ears. The ground is already fouled with chemicals, etc.

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March 26th is Purple Day - The Global Day of Epilepsy Awareness

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide.

On March 26th every year, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. **In 2012, people in dozens of countries on all continents INCLUDING Antarctica will be participating in Purple Day!**

The statistics are stark and sobering—and for the uninitiated (which is to say most of us), startling. Epilepsy in most developed countries is as common as breast cancer and takes as many lives. A mysterious and widely misunderstood affliction, epilepsy is a disorder in which the brain produces sudden bursts of electrical energy that can interfere with a person's consciousness, movements or sensations. Thousands die each year from seizures and related causes, including drowning and other accidents. One in 10 people will suffer a seizure in their lifetime. By some estimates, the mortality rate for people with epilepsy is two to three times higher—and the risk of sudden death is 24 times greater—than that of the general population. There are 200,000 new cases worldwide each year, and some Bonaire-

What To Do If Someone Has A Non-Convulsive Seizure (staring blankly, confused, not responding, movements are purposeless)

- 1 Stay with the person. Let the seizure take its course. Speak calmly and explain to others what is happening.
- 2 Move dangerous objects out of the way.
- 3 DO NOT restrain the person.
- 4 Gently guide the person away from danger or block access to hazards.
- 5 After the seizure, talk reassuringly to the person. Stay with the person until complete awareness returns.

ans are affected by it—more than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease combined.

Epilepsy is NOT contagious. Epilepsy is NOT a disease. Epilepsy is NOT a psychological disorder.

Because so many of those who must endure it do so valiantly, and with grace and grit, it is more difficult for those not directly affected by it to grasp that epilepsy can kill. Put harshly, we need more of a cancer-like sensibility around epilepsy. We cannot usually see our friends' cancer, but we do not hesitate to invest the search for a cure for different cancers with the utmost cultural and political importance. We must now do the same with epilepsy. "We want complete freedom from seizures," says a spokeswoman. "We want future families to be spared what so many other families, for so many years, have endured. Lives should not be defined by diseases." No, they should not—which is why all of us must focus on understanding epilepsy. And then we must defeat it.

Source: Newsweek Magazine

Enjoy Our Reef Fishes
Let's Not Eat Them

A message from Caribbean reef pioneer **CAPTAIN DON STEWART**

Captain Don

Remember, reef fishes include barracudas, snappers and groupers

Artwork by Dominique Serafini

Body Talk

THE HIDDEN DANGER OF POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

There are 3 mechanisms by which omega 6 fatty acid affects the body. Two are inherent in the fatty acid itself and one is derived from the way they are processed by the food industry.

Firstly, they are extremely subject to per-oxidation. It is impossible to consume enough anti-oxidants to protect us from the oxidative free radical damage caused by the PUFA (Polyunsaturated fatty acids) in today's diet! **With even occasional participation in the fast food frenzy, or spicing up a salad with dressing, we are begging for migraines, menstrual cramps, arthritis, and eventually cardiovascular disease or cancer.**

The second means by which the so-called "essential" PUFA fats make us miserable is by direct conversion into pro-inflammatory prostaglandins. Allergies? Asthma? Migraines? Arthritis? Yes, all these could be yours, but only if you ingest the oils that are essential to create these problems.

The third consideration is heat. The heat of cooking/frying causes the double bonds in the PUFAs to migrate along the carbon chain, creating bizarre unnatural fatty acids that are entirely pathological in their effects.

The truth is, omega 3 oils are even more damaging than omega 6 oil! The only reason we do not see more damage associated with omega 3 fatty acids is that quantitatively they exist in our diet in only a tiny fraction of the omega 6 fatty acids we consume.

Fish oils not only rapidly destroy vitamin E in the body, but they spontaneously oxidize with incredible speed, even before they reach the blood stream. In undergoing such rapid oxidation, they form strange and ultra-pathological fatty acids, much as the omega 6 fatty acids in direct response to heat.

Some of the Damaging Effects of Omega 3 and 6

- The formation of "age pigment" or "liver

spots" resulting from oxidative free radical damage, particularly when accompanied by insufficient vitamin E. Lipofuscin does not just form on the skin, it forms simultaneously in the brain.

- DHA is now also added to baby formula, even though research shows that PUFAs impair infant brain development and increases the incidence of allergies in infants.
- Fish oil supplementation is alleged to benefit cardiovascular disease (CVD). High serum cholesterol is not a primary risk factor for CVD and the eating of cholesterol has absolutely no connection with CVD. It is only oxidized cholesterol that damages the arteries! Ironically, fish oil will increase the risk of CVD because it dramatically accelerates oxidative damage to the vascular system.
- Omega 3 PUFAs damage pancreatic beta cell function leading to the development of diabetes.
- PUFAs actually increase the incidence and severity of cancer.
- Omega 3 is also immune suppressive, making a person far more susceptible to infections. T cells are a critical part of the immune system, yet immunological activation tends to kill T cells that contain PUFAs.

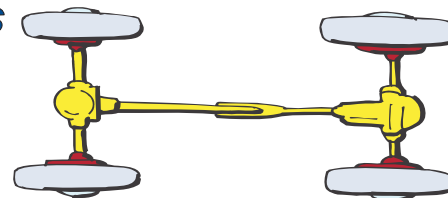
The tragedy in the propaganda about omega 3 is that they do "work". They will most definitely relieve inflammatory symptoms associated with an excess of omega 6 fatty acids. That is why fish oil is such an easy sell for the health food industry – so many people get symptomatic relief from taking them! ■ *Stephanie Bennett*

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.



BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 102nd of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles and persons that are "on wheels." Up to at least 200 articles!



BOBBEJAN AND HIS OPEN AIR 1956 JEEP NEKAF

Bonaire/Rincon –

So for years and years I knew a drab green painted Jeep lived along one of the smallest streets of Playa/Kralendijk. And I met the friendly owner of this rural four-wheel drive several times. Still it took a very long time to make an appointment for an interview. Last week my wife and I ran into him again in a popular Chinese supermarket along the Kaya Korona in Antriol. I wrote down a telephone number on my carton box filled with potatoes, fruit and Guinness beer, and we went home to enjoy our siesta.

Last Thursday I dialed the written down number and Robert was at home. And yes he was in for an interview. Half an hour would be sufficient, I thought. Later on it occurred we had lots of experiences and friends and history in common. So it took an hour or two or so. I started my huge Bonairean blue thumper, opened the throttle and shifted gear, heading for Robert and his all-original Jeep Nekaf.

I thought the guy was from Brabant, the Netherlands, or may be another district in the South of Holland. But he appeared to be from Curacao and he's lived on our beloved island of Bonaire since 1998. He is happily married to Maggie and they are the owners of a 1956 Jeep Nekaf. Nekaf? Nekaf! Nekaf stands for *Nederlandse Kaiser Fabrieken* (Dutch Kaiser Industries).

So Robert de Haseth was born in Curacao where he spent his childhood. Then he went to Europe. Finally he and Maggie returned to the tropics and there is not a single trace of regret.

In the Netherlands, more than 14 years ago, Robert, nicknamed in Curacao as Bobbejan, bought his Jeep Nekaf from Jan Timmerman. In fact Robert never really drove the Jeep in Europe. Too cold, too wet, too windy. He bought the Jeep to bring her with him to the island of Bonaire.

As far as Robert and I know this is the only Jeep Nekaf on the island. The vehicle was produced in 1956 in the Netherlands under the Jeep America license, one of the many results of the Marshall Plan to try to recover the old world after World War II.

This Jeep has the traditional grille with seven slots. So it is a real Jeep. The chassis consists of a traditional ladder frame of slightly flexible open U-bars. The top is cold bolted on the chassis. In those days they used rubber only to produce tubes and tires and prophylactics and silence rubbers. Counter weights were for sissies. This car is a 100 plus rural and functional. This means: no power steering, no adjustable seats, no heating, no doors, no independent suspension, no air conditioning, no safety belts, no nothing. This car is fitted with loads of hooks, handles and grab bars. That is all. And those grab bars you really need on bumpy roads as the car is equipped with leaf springs which result in a goat-like style of driving. The only "extra" is a power brake unit.

The power is produced by a traditional and reliable four-in-line push rod gasoline engine. One small carburetor. A three-speed gearbox delivers the power to the front and/or rear wheels as there is a second transmission box. Pick your choice and use the three



The Jeep... and handbrake (inset)

gearbox sticks! Solid axles and sturdy leaf springs all around. Drum brakes and a handbrake behind the gearbox. Just honest metal. Not a single plastic part to be found...

The Jeep Nekaf is covered by a thin layer of dust because of all the road digging activities all over Kralendijk. It takes some time to start the engine but the battery is well filled and the starter motor is patient. Then, finally, the gasoline is pumped into the carburetor by a mechanical fuel pump and the engine runs. Idling is immediately o.k. (O.k. stands for "oll korrekt" used by the Dutch immigrants in the later US around 1600./jb) Starting the vehicle is something you really have to know. In the first place there is no ignition key. There is an ignition switch. Then there is a separate knob on the dashboard. Finally you have to press a button with your hand or foot to get the starter motor engaged. So Robert shifts the gearbox into reverse and drives the Jeep out of her covered hiding place. He parks the car next to the road for a photo shot.

This Nekaf is original. There are two hoist shackles mounted on the front bumper. Special flag pole holders are welded on the front. The seven slot grille is surrounded by no less than nine lights and two reflectors. There is a split window and, while the engine is idling, a hissing sound tells me that the two front window wipers are air powered! The two wipers can be operated from the inside too, by hand!

The fuel tank cap on the right hand side of the 4X4 appears to be not a fuel cap but a 12-pole contra plug of the 24-Volt system. Under a special lid in between the hood and the front windows two 12-Volt batteries are located. On the rear there are five lights and two reflectors. This car has two separate light systems. One set is produced by the "Industrial Lamp Organization" of the US, providing a thin ray of light coming out of a small slot. On the rear we also find the spare wheel and tire and a hitch ball and hitch hook, produced by Dixon Batechester. And another 12-pole 24-Volt contra plug.

The "interior" is basic and primitive. Just metal and two non-adjustable canvas covered seats. Apart from the power-assisted brake unit there is another after-market accessory made of wood! Next to the driver's seat Robert mounted a wedge-shaped lump of solid wood to be occasionally positioned in front or behind one of the four wheels, functioning as an effective "parking or hand brake." Robert's invention really fits into the Jeep philosophy. The fuel tank appears to be right under the driver's seat and Robert explains how the tank and seat combination can be used as a launching device in case of an

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Lions Club (Continued from page 8)

lot more that the Lions Club has done for Bonaire, but 50 years is a long time," Marisela says.

The Lions Club district governor from Venezuela, Mr. Manuel E. Morales Baez, addressed the audience with great satisfaction, he says, recognizing the great bond that there is between Bonaire and Venezuela. In his speech he said, "We believe in humanitarian services and the Bonaire Lions Club has fulfilled its mission."

Fellow Lion, Mr. Luis Modesto from Aruba, in his speech said we have to motivate our youngsters to become leaders and serve their community. The president of the Curacao Lions Club, Mr. Don Domhoff, in his speech said you can produce more with harmony.

After a nice buffet and the delightful music of Cabaco, the Bonaire Lions Club recognized important persons in our commu-

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Walkathon #10



Families and friends walked together



Maryann Lensink with her children, Tom and Amber



Green Label staff with the palm tree that has been in the Walk-a-Thon for 4 years!



Aura Englehart and staff served lunch



FKPD members hike the coast



Motorcycle Club every year has a stand at Karpata



Walk-a-Thon Founder, Elizabeth Wigny, gets thank you award

It was a banner year for the 10th Special Olympics Bonaire (SOB) Walk-a-thon. **Seven hundred tickets were sold and 537 people of all ages and abilities took part,*** walking or riding bikes or both. There were groups of friends, families and staffs of companies walking together. The morning was cool and cloudy with no rain – perfect for the trek. Along the 34 kilometer route very kind volunteers had set up 11 different stands with water, oranges, watermelon and sweet rolls.

An added attraction this year was the presence of Walk-a-Thon founder, Elizabeth Wigny, who resides in Europe but came here for the 10th anniversary. Special Olympics National Director Arlene Marselia-Englehart, said, "It was an honor for Special Olympics Bonaire to have Elizabeth here with us. We were, and are, very thankful to her. We wouldn't have been able to do the 10th Walk-a-Thon with-

out her." Elizabeth was awarded a stunning engraved glass vase filled with a colorful, elegant bouquet of flowers and a painting by Joanie.

Because of such an outpouring of community support Bonaire's team has been able to participate in the Caribbean qualifying games and all the Special Olympic international games so far: Ireland (2003), China (2007), Greece (2011), and in 2015, Los Angeles, California. Bonaire may be a small island, but it has a big heart!

The SOB organization wants to thank all its supporters: the participants, volunteers, main sponsors: Digicel, Hites, Fatum, MCB Bank. Also Total Car Rental, Toshiba, Bonaire Motorcycle Shop and Hotel Rocheline. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

*First Walk-a-Thon (2003): 209 tickets sold, 200 participants

Last year's Walk-a-Thon (2011): 630 tickets sold, 300 participants



MNO employees biked the route together

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Parrot Watch Update *Biscuit's Great Escape - The Conclusion*



Biscuit launches himself

Biscuit was alive. It was incredible because breaking his leg at such a young age would have normally resulted in his very own personal extinction. Back then he couldn't even feed himself, but despite his many and malicious protests the parrot team persevered and Biscuit as a result had not died a slow and painful death. Hurrah for the Echo team!

It was not all rosy though and Biscuit's not-dying had come at a heavy cost. He was a prisoner. Biscuit was an optimist, however, and he knew his situation wasn't as bad as that of some of the other parrots he had met. Bruce, Bob, Mad Max and Thatcher all had broken wings, which Biscuit, being a vastly intelligent parrot, knew was a bad thing for a bird. Billy the Kid had been shot through his wing in the part equivalent to the human hand and that too could be considered a bad thing. Worst of all it hadn't been their fault.

It was of course the goats and donkeys that had caused these broken wings! Because Bonaire is so green, you, Dear Reader, would be forgiven for thinking this is a wild accusation and that the habitat is in great shape. But those introduced mammalian herbivores have caused such a reduction in the variety of parrot feeding plants on Biscuit's island home that great gaps in food availability result. It is in these times of hardship when the parrots come to town. This of course is when they bounce off cars, fly into telegraph wires or ironically get shot for eating the mangoes of a goat farmer. Dear Reader, you

must have noticed that the island is covered with thorny, goat resistant (!) plants.

There was no sign of a limp as Biscuit moved along the branch on the morning of his great escape. One of the other parrots was whistling their Great Escape ditty and there were just the right number of clouds in the sky. The flock had done its homework meticulously and concluded that they had to make their bid for freedom on a "branches" day. On those days the door, through which the humans entered the aviary, opened more often and for longer. It was exactly in one of those moments that Biscuit would lead the others in a terrifying drop from the high perch and out of the door. The humans would not see what had happened until Biscuit was already free.

After the intensive weeks of studying the human's routine it came as quite a shock when the humans put the feeding bowls in the wrong place. Biscuit and his friends could not understand why on that sunny morning the food bowls were sitting on a shelf outside the aviary. Wild parrots flew over the aviary and up and down the valley of Parrotopia and Biscuit feared they might eat his breakfast. Biscuit was concerned. They had everything planned out. They were ready to escape and the humans were screwing it up.

Perry looked puzzled and he leaned over to Biscuit. Just as he was about to say something a strange little door, which Biscuit realised he had not noticed before, slowly and mysteriously opened. What a

coincidence that this door would open next to the feeding bowls.

After exchanging more puzzled looks Biscuit and his friend Perry flew to the branch nearest the food bowl and open door. The others were right behind them. Biscuit stepped out on to the shelf. Twiggy, who had very nearly starved to death before joining the Echo flock, flew over. She saw the food and in that moment the significance of what was happening was lost on her. As Twiggy gorged, Biscuit tried to make sense of it. He had stepped closer to the edge of the shelf and a tingle of excitement and fear raced through his body. He couldn't make sense of it, nor could he wait any longer. So with his wings fully stretched Biscuit launched himself from the shelf and reclaimed his freedom. Hurrah for Biscuit!

It was an explosion of joy. Biscuit screamed euphorically for all he was worth. The others, Perry, Twiggy, Isla and Johan, and the two juveniles instantly felt the tingle as well. Perry almost knocked Twiggy from her food bowl as he scrambled to launch himself. Biscuit was now flying around making arcing turns and moving up and down. Perry too seized his chance and dove into the endless open sky. Hurrah for Perry!

Even the food could not keep Twiggy and so for the first time in her life she flew in a world without boundaries. Hurrah for Twiggy! All the while each of the parrots called out, and then called out some more. The excitement and fear in

that moment was indescribable.

The young parrots flew like fledglings. Their rapid and shallow wing beats and their calls brought tears to the eyes of even the most hardened Echo team member. In that instant everything had changed. Biscuit now had 30, 40 maybe 50 years of freedom ahead of him.

Biscuit was just one of over 100 parrots and parakeets that the Echo team have been caring for. Dear Reader, do please take a moment to consider what Biscuit's great escape will mean for him, just as it will for each of these 100 birds. Rather than living a life in prison Biscuit will now be able to fly wherever he chooses across Bonaire. Biscuit will taste Shimaruku cherries straight off the branch. He will be free to choose his mate and one day he will get to make love in the treetops. Hurrah for Biscuit making love in the treetops!

Facebook page www.facebook.com/echobonaire.org ■ Dr. Sam Williams

Dr. Sam Williams has been studying Bonaire parrots since 2003. He founded the the Echo Foundation dedicated to conserving Bonaire's natural environment. is supported by contributions. Special thank to Storehouse Mangazina.



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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

in the shallows around Bonaire.

Its sting is painful and for some people can cause shock, breathing problems, fever and infrequently, complete muscular paralysis. Don't touch it with bare hands. If you get stung get out of the water immediately.

A proven and effective treatment is to saturate the sting area with water as hot as you can stand without scalding or allow a small stream of hot water to pour over the affected skin for at least 20 minutes. **Heat will neutralize the venom.** Urine or alcohol are not effective at all. You can soak the area with household vinegar AFTER the heat therapy, but the vinegar is usually less effective than heat therapy. Over the last 16 years Curacao Sunchild Foundation has treated over 400 locals and tourists successfully with the heat therapy without complications. If you experience shortness of breath or vertigo DO seek medical help quickly.

►DCNA and the Bonaire Marine Park are working in a restoration project at Lac Bay.

One of the aspects of this project is the restoration of the Queen Conch population. For the Conch Restoration Project the Park needs divers to help locate tagged conch: two people in the boat handle the "receiver" that usually pinpoints the location of the tagged conch within 30 m. When the conch is located, a dive flag is placed and two divers go in the water to search for the conch and put the marker next to it. While the divers search for the conch the boat-people can try to locate the next conch. "Almost as nice as looking for Easter eggs," says Marine Park Manager Ramon Deleon! This has to be done every two weeks (on either a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) and takes several hours. Interested? Please email Sabine at lacbay.conch@gmail.com

►The *Rijkswaterstaat* (The Dutch water authority) has completed the renovation of the first of the **five lighthouses on Bonaire.** The Willemstoren Lighthouse was officially completed this past week and because of this renovation the Willemstoren can now be safely entered by maintenance staff. The renovation of the five lighthouses on Bonaire started in October 2011. The renovation of the other lighthouses will be completed in August 2012.

►The **video production team of "Fundashon Históricu Kultural Boneriano"** (Bonaire cultural-historic foundation), consisting of Bòi Antoin (producer) and Ivan Wilson (cameraman), has made 10 new recordings for the TV program "Herensia" (Heritage) in The Netherlands.

Herensia is a long-running TV interview show where Bòi Antoin discusses past events in the lives of the people he interviews. **The resulting dialog provides a glimpse into the island's culture of years gone by and is a significant historical contribution.**

The shows will be broadcast on local CBA Television starting in April.

"There is a wealth of Antillean memories in The Netherlands," said journalist and historian Antoin. The 10 programs are based on retired Antilleans in Holland who are all well over 70 and most likely will never return to their native island.



Gemar Bernabela receives his "wheels" from Clea deKoning as Jong Bonaire staffers Bilha Thomas and Ilona Bergers look on.

► Co deKoning, the Dutchman who set in motion KLM flights that help spark the Bonaire economy back into life 10 years ago, passed away last year. In his last year living on Bonaire his handicap required the use of a motorized electric wheelchair. **Last week his daughter, Clea, presented the chair to Gemar Bernabela in a brief ceremony at Jong Bonaire. Gemar was surprised and thrilled by the gift.** He was applauded by his fellow members of Jong Bonaire as he spun around his friends at the canteen.

►Over 100 people showed up at the Tera Cora Ranch to witness the opening of the new stage and the unveiling of the **"Rock and Roll Wall Of Fame."**

Trio Pica Krioyo opened the evening with local music and after the unveiling of the "Wall," Back On Track created the real Rock'n'Roll feeling by playing the old songs from the 50s and 60s for several hours.

Tera Cora Ranch served good food and cold drinks, and together with all the people who showed up an evening with a great musical atmosphere was created. *-Bert Poyck*

► Last week contractor MNO accidentally destroyed two important mains for the water distribution on Bonaire,

leaving Kralendijk, Belnem, Tera Cora and Niki-boko without water from the afternoon until repairs were made later that night. Around 3:30pm Water and Electricity Bonaire (WEB) received the first report that the main in Kaya Dialma, which provides most of the water supply to the districts mentioned, had been broken.

►The 34th annual *Kontest di Fli (Kite Contest)* will be on **Sunday, April 1,** starting at 9 am at the field behind Kooyman's. It's sponsored by Flamingo Bookstore, Sabadeco, WEB, Bonaire Gift Shop and MCB. This year the contest will be dedicated to J. C. Herrera N.V. Participants are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible at Flamingo Book Store on Kaya Grandi 19. Children pay \$2; adults, \$4. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting event where there is heavy competition between the kites of



► **NOS TV, Channel 24, broadcast the first two "1001 Proverbio" television shows produced by the "Bon Kousa," Foundation, last week on Saturday.** The show proved very popular to viewers. In the first semi-final, students of the elementary schools Kristu Bon Wardador, Reina Beatrix and Papa Cornes (above) competed against each other in the knowledge quiz. Kathleen Thielman was the moderator. Judges were Sedney Marten, Yvette Anthony and Celia Fernandes Pedra. Kristu Bon Wardador school was the winner of this semi-final. The students answered questions about proverbs ("proverbio") that they studied from the 1001 Proverbio book, published in August 2011. The quiz was recorded live on January 14 and 15, in the temporary TV studio in the Sporthall (see previous *Bonaire Reporter* issue) in cooperation with *Akademia Papiamentu* and Flamingo TV. NOS TV will broadcast the finals on March 17 at the same time. For more information contact Geraldine Dammers at 786-7681.

Bonaire and Curacao. It's fun for the whole family. There will be food and drink served at the stands and music will be provided by HB disco.

►The doors are open at the **new Top Supermarket,** on the site of the old **Cultimara** in Playa. A resort would call it a "soft opening" as things aren't totally complete. Many of the shelves are stocked with can and package goods; there is a meat department,

fruits and vegetables, cheeses, frozen food and an active bakery. One of the customers commented that it seems cleaner with new coats of paint and the new arrangement of shelves. She said that some of the old employees were happy to be back at work and were giving service with a smile.

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Sudoku Solution

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5	3	1	6	9	2	8	4	7
2	8	9	4	5	7	6	1	3
9	7	8	1	4	5	3	6	2
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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
March Fri 16		01:32 -0.05 ft	07:44 0.94 ft	15:46 -0.28 ft	20:53 0.29 ft	6:42	18:46
Sat 17		02:28 -0.03 ft	08:35 0.86 ft	16:32 -0.23 ft	21:44 0.32 ft	6:41	18:46
Sun 18		03:27 -0.00 ft	09:26 0.76 ft	17:16 -0.16 ft	22:35 0.35 ft	6:40	18:46
Mon 19		04:32 0.03 ft	10:19 0.63 ft	17:58 -0.09 ft	23:27 0.39 ft	6:40	18:46
Tue 20		05:46 0.06 ft	11:18 0.51 ft	18:39 -0.02 ft		6:39	18:46
Wed 21	00:19 0.43 ft	07:11 0.07 ft	12:25 0.39 ft	19:16 0.04 ft		6:38	18:46
Thu 22	01:09 0.48 ft	08:40 0.04 ft	13:46 0.30 ft	19:51 0.10 ft	New Moon	6:38	18:46
Fri 23	01:56 0.53 ft	09:59 -0.01 ft	15:14 0.25 ft	20:24 0.14 ft		6:37	18:46
Sat 24	02:39 0.57 ft	11:02 -0.06 ft	16:34 0.23 ft	20:55 0.16 ft		6:36	18:46
Sun 25	03:18 0.61 ft	11:51 -0.11 ft	17:34 0.22 ft	21:27 0.17 ft		6:36	18:46
Mon 26	03:56 0.65 ft	12:31 -0.14 ft	18:16 0.21 ft	22:01 0.17 ft		6:35	18:46
Tue 27	04:32 0.69 ft	13:07 -0.17 ft	18:46 0.20 ft	22:38 0.15 ft		6:35	18:46
Wed 28	05:08 0.72 ft	13:40 -0.18 ft	19:10 0.20 ft	23:16 0.13 ft		6:34	18:46
Thu 29	05:45 0.74 ft	14:12 -0.18 ft	19:32 0.20 ft	23:58 0.10 ft		6:33	18:46
Fri 30	06:22 0.75 ft	14:42 -0.18 ft	19:56 0.22 ft		First Quarter	6:33	18:46

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Open Letter to Youth (Continued from page 8)

I know there were studies made by foreign consulting companies on how to "develop" the island. They really don't take into consideration the sensitivities of the people nor the long-term damage that a container port would do to the environment. I assume these are the same people who would continue to build piers and jetties that will line our coast until we will be able to go from the Salt Pier to Bopec just merely by hopping from one dock to the next without even getting wet!

Also the foundation Playa Publika has been trying to get government to pay attention to a solid plan to develop Sunset Beach into an enterprise zone. The proposal would allow locals to have businesses and provide an area that has unrestricted access for everyone, visitors and residents alike. So far it has been very difficult to get their message across to the proper channels but the hope is they will keep trying to make it so the Bonaireans will not be squeezed out again.

So, to the youth of Bonaire... I ask you! What are you prepared to do to stop this nibbling away of your heritage? Do you want to wake up one Christmas day to find that your island is gone? What will it take to mobilize you, the youth of Bonaire, to stand up for the future of your homeland? Who will lead the youth? What you (the youth) need to do is talk it over with your parents and enlist their support to stop the carnage that is taking place on our shores. They are the ones who can empower you to start an awareness campaign among your peers to start the ball rolling. Petitions, peaceful demonstrations, beach sit-ins, round table discussions, etc. The insidious dismantling and violation of your island's culture and natural beauty is at stake. The youth, who own the future, must act now.

You can help by saying yes to the movement, "Save our Island" ("Salbe Boneiru") Just send an email to info@chatnbrowse.com and let us know who you are and if you are willing to step up to protect your rights. You will be contacted with further suggestions. All comments, pro and con, are appreciated. ■ *Mike Gaynor*

Bonaire Real Estate Reflections

PROTECT BONAIRE AND YOUR PROPERTY VALUES! SPEAK UP!

The last issue of *The Bonaire Reporter* contained very important information for all property owners and lovers of Bonaire. Bonaire will have a new cargo port.

Initially four areas were considered: the old WEB plant in the heart of Hato; the Car-gill salt pier in the heart of spectacular reefs; Point Vierkant, both a residential area and a pristine dive area; and Te Amo Beach, one of the most popular beaches and the gateway to the Belnam residential area.

The Cargo Harbor Commission has recommended as **finalists the old WEB site and the Te Amo Beach site**. The Island Council will make the final decision. Rumor has it that Te Amo is the front-runner at this moment.

Whether you agree with the decision to sell part of the present cargo pier is no longer relevant. Whether you believe the present pier could have served Bonaire well for many more years is no longer relevant.

A new cargo port is going to be built and it will have very significant impacts on property values throughout the island and especially in the general immediate neighborhood.

One of the fundamental assumptions and calculations in the size of the port is that Bonaire's 2025 population will be 30,000 people. That is double our current population!

The "goal" of a 30,000 population has been discussed for several years. Generally the discussions have been one sided. People and businesses that profit from growth are thrilled by the prospect of increasing our long-term population by 1,000+ people a year for 13 consecutive years. That is 6%+ growth initially and declining to 4% annual growth. In terms of percent Bonaire would grow faster than China or India!

On the other side of the discussion are people concerned about environmental degradation above and below the sea, preserving the culture, customs and language of Bonaire, and worried about the current poor condition of our infrastructure.

A population of 30,000 will more than double the current use of the pier. More

cargo means more goods and even services will be available to all. This is a good thing.

A population of 30,000 will also mean the traffic around the pier and throughout the island will more than double. If you live on a kunuku the impact on you may be very small.

If you live on one of the already busy, pothole (unfilled) streets more than doubling the traffic will be disastrous. You will suffer a privacy loss and the value of your property will decline. If you live close to the "new" port your property values may be significantly impacted.

In more than 40 years of helping people buy homes I have never had a buyer say, "Please I want to buy on a noisy, busy, dusty, pot holed street with heavy truck traffic!"

The new port is going to be built. The first issue is where. The second issue is for "which" Bonaire. These are very important issues that will have consequences both good and bad for Bonaire for generations to come.

Silence may be golden most of the time but not all of the time. You can choose to remain silent now or you can choose to be heard. If you remain silent others will seal your personal and property fate. That is a choice.

You also have the choice to make your voice heard. There is no guarantee that your voices will be heard and respected. There is a guarantee that your silence will be seen as approval of any and all decisions made by others. ■

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Lions Club (Continued from page 9)

nity. One of the founders present, Mr. Hugo Gerharts, started the club in 1962 with Ray-mundo Saleh and Henk Gevers, the eldest members in the Bonaire Lions Club. Mr. Shon Ma Carolina has been a member for 43 years and Mr. Henry Tore, a member for 39 years. The youngest members are Sharitza Fermi and Gregoria Garcia. The courageous values of the Lionesses Club, Mrs. Blanca Flor Nicolaas, Mrs. Carmen Beck and Mrs. Inge Rossen, were just a few to mention.

That night the Bonaire Lions Club donations were handed out: to the commission for elderly people council and second, to the high school exam class that every year organizes a trip to Holland so the students may understand the Dutch system and schools before they graduate. The person of the year was Mr. Albert Diego Antonius Crestian for

the year 2011. Mr. Crestian was selected because of his achievements in life and his great ability to work with children. He founded the Krioyo musical group *Kaia Brabu* in 1997. In 2008 he organized the *kwarta* lessons for children and the gospel group, "Sound of Praise," for the Protestant church. In 2010 he founded the krioyo musical group, *Kara Kora*, for children. And he is the football coach for children. So Bonaire Lions called Mr. Albert Crestian "Poti" of the year 2011.

In closing Riency Holder said with great pleasure he is part of the Bonaire Lions Club. They have accomplished much precious work on Bonaire and neighboring countries, like the disaster in Haiti. Lt. Governor Mrs. Lidia Emerenciana commented on the great labors of Bonaire Lions Club that consists of men and women who have

Easy Trading Bonaire

STARTING TO SOUND FAMILAR

Nort Saalinja -

Last summer the almost-18-year-old Tom Sira came to live on Bonaire and one month later he launched his website www.easytrading-bonaire.com. Now, six months later, Easy Trading Bonaire is starting to be well known on the island and more and more people visit to sell or look for a second hand car, some furniture or a place to rent.

Tom, living in Nort Salinja, was born and raised in Holland and decided to come to Bonaire when his parents moved here. "It would be a nice adventure. Chances like this aren't always easy, and I'd really miss my friends in Holland, but I would grow from it no matter what," he says. He was still in school in Holland and now attends the second year of electro technics at SGB.

When he had just arrived here Tom was wondering how he could make an extra buck. In Holland he had worked as a pizza delivery guy and in a supermarket for a long time. However, he saw his parents and other new arrivals looking on the internet for all sorts of home equipment to sort out their homes. They were complaining about the forest of websites to find it on and the adverts they found were often outdated. So then he came to the idea to make a site where all people can put free ads to sell or buy stuff. Tom's idea was to gain as many ads and visitors as possible within a few months' time and after that selling bigger commercial ads. So, it was an investment of especially time and a little bit of money.

However, it took him a little longer until now. First, he started a job as a dishwasher at Wil's. "The website would surely produce some money, but not right away. I wanted to go out with my new friends, get my drivers license and visit my friends in Holland at Christmas so that's why I looked for this job." Then he had to quit that to do a full time work placement at Telbo for two months. "After that, sadly but understandably, Wil got another helper. But luckily Plaza Resort called me because I had sent them my CV too last summer. A few days later I started to work there as a security guard after school hours from 3 pm until 11 at night."

Well, making some money this way, but not having much time to market his website, it took Tom longer than he intended. Still, Easy Trading Bonaire is doing just fine. "Maybe it will take me a little longer. But soon the website and the number of visitors will be steady enough to be able to go more commercial and I can be proud to have my own business! I know in the past there have been a lot of websites like mine on Bonaire. But a lot of them went downhill after awhile and that will be the difference: I surely don't intend to let go."

put their muscle together to accomplish many projects.

It was definitely a great night where every guest present could learn from the two faces of the Bonaire Lions Club. In closing, president of the Bonaire Lions



Tom Sira, founder of www.easytrading-bonaire.com, an online market place where everyone can put free ads for selling their car, furniture or boat. Also a rental place can be found here. "I started Easy Trading Bonaire because I thought there would be space for a central and current market place on the web."

To get better-known on the island Tom printed hundreds of small flyers to put underneath windshields of the cars in parking lots. Also his parents are driving around in their stickered car with www.easytrading-bonaire.com in big letters on both sides of the car. Underneath it says: "De marktplaats van Bonaire" (The market place of Bonaire). Why in Dutch? "Indeed that's the difficult question," Tom responds. "When you start thinking about a website like this, you first think about your target group. Dutch people? Bonairean? Spanish speaking? Is English a good language to use? It's impossible to put all texts in four languages. So I chose English in general and I'll use some Dutch and Papiamentu too. We'll see how it develops."

Tom is busy spreading the name of the website via the internet. "The population of Bonaire is too small as a sole target group, especially because I realize that a number of people don't have a computer or are not used to using it for purposes like this. But many people from Holland and lots of other countries come to this beautiful island for a few months or years. They are in need of all sorts of preferably second hand things so I think this is a good target group too. The only difficulty is that it changes all the time so I have to keep on making an effort to reach them."

Tom intends to stay on Bonaire for at least two and a half more years. Sadly, he came to the conclusion that electro technician is not what he would like to be. So he will try to get his level 2 diploma this year and then start cooking school, also at SGB. "I can get my level 2 diploma as a cook in two years and then I probably will go to Holland or another country to study more. But wherever I live, I will still be able to continue Easy Trading Bonaire. Of course, I will have to hire people to put the flyers underneath the windshields on the island," he laughs, "but otherwise I think the world wide web will be my working space." ■

Story & photo by Ella van Oostrom

Club, Mr. Randolph Luciano, asked the Lions to stand up and make a big lion roar to close the evening.

Get to know the Lions and Lionesses and learn a lot. ■ Story & photos by Siomara Albertus.

Kaminda di Arte



Ans Klein Heerenbrink with her beautiful aquarelles

Next Sunday, 18 March—fifth and last chance this season to see the work in one day of 14 local artists, participants of the “Kaminda di Arte,” in their own ateliers and homes.

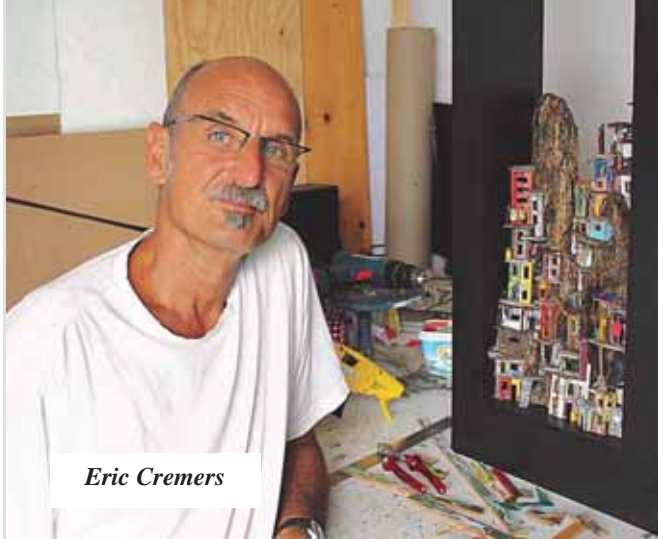
The artists offer paintings, wall decorations, wood art, statues, aquarelle (a water painting technique), and even a fine art like “kantklossen” (lacemaking).

The participating artists are located all over the island. It may be too much to visit all the 14 participants in one day, but you can make a choice and visit just a few. But remember, it’s the last possibility for this season. It is the second year for the *Kaminda di Arte* (art route). After this Sunday there will be an evaluation of its effectiveness.

You can find the ateliers with help of flyers which have the address, map of the route and also a little description of the artist, so it’s easy for you to decide which artists you want to visit this Sunday. In the following list they are organized by neighborhood. Look for additional directions when you get close.

- **Wil Dijkstra.** at Kaya Pauwnee 21 in Hato. (address change)
- **Henk Roozendaal**-Sabadeco,
- **Anne Versteylen**-Sabal Palm
- **Jannie Koning, Alejandra Riquelme**-Lagoen Hill
- **Fred v/d Broek, Luz Franco Wesselius and Jose Smit** -- Republiek
- **Cataharina Tegelaar, Rob Mienis** – Noord Salina
- **Ans Klein Heerenbrink**-Sabana
- **Nochi Coffie**—Rincon
- **Janice Huckaby**—Kralendijk
- **Wolmoet Jansen**-- Nikiboko South ■ *Photo & story by Wil Dijkstra*

Cremers Exhibit at Plaza



Eric Cremers



Last Friday at the Plaza Resort an exhibition opened of three-dimensional art by Eric Cremers. This Dutch artist moved to Bonaire last January. Cremers makes architectural objects that were inspired from his travels in different parts of the world. He works almost exclusively with waste materials. His work is very personal and original. To learn more about the artist [visit www.ericcremers.nl](http://www.ericcremers.nl). ■ *Story & photos by Liek Eijck*

Bonaire On Wheels (Continued from page 9) emergency. The tires read: M.v.O. – Vredestein – Made in Holland – 700X16 - 6 ply. (M.v.O. stands for *Ministerie van Oorlog/Ministry of War/jb*).

Robert really likes his all-iron Jeep. People always ask him whether the classic is for sale. But Mister De Haseth loves his American-designed Dutch-made toy and the pleasure he has with her. Today he will clean the Jeep a little and take her for a goat-like ride

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over the paved and unpaved roads of Bonaire. (Nowadays there sometimes is hardly any difference as there are potholes all over the Bonairean infrastructure. That’s what we need a sturdy vehicle for!)

Enjoy your trip Robert and when you are in hilly terrain do not forget to use your hand brake! ■ *Story & Photo by Jan Brouwer*

Future Chefs Italy Bound



Left to right) Standing: Teacher Vernon Martijn, Chaperone Ezzard Semeleer, Students Deborah Janga, Alminelly Cicilia and Natasha Bernabela, Chaperone Liz Rijna. Kneeling: Students Nick Story, Shahaira Molina and Giovannie Veld. Missing: Mi Hayley Mercera and Angelvis Ramos

Ann Leong photo

Last week at SGB’s Chez Nous restaurant it was announced that the following eight students and two chaperones will be going to Italy for the June 2012 Italy Stage Program. They are:

Natasha Bernabela
Alminelly Cicilia
Deborah Janga
Mi Hayley Mercera
Shahaira Molina
Angelvis Ramos
Nick Story
Giovannie Veld

Chaperons Liz Rijna and Ezy Semeleer, teachers at the SGB Chez Nous, will travel with the students.

With the support of SGB staff, teachers and directors these students will have a life experience for three weeks in Italy. They will see and network with other students from other cultures and have an

opportunity to exchange ideas and dreams.

Bonaire is very fortunate to have the funding by the EU from the Vocational Educational AECA support of the Emilia Romagna region. This program, “Italy Stage,” began 10 years ago in 2002 with the first group. Now with some 75 students later it is still playing a role in shaping and teaching young potential chefs the passion and career of cooking and Horeca. Congratulations to them all.

■ *Sara Matera*

To help raise funds for their air fare, the students are preparing a fabulous evening of Italian cooking with a six-course dinner with wines, on March 31st at Chez Nous. For information or to buy tickets \$75/per person call or e mail :Sara Matera gm@divibonaire.com 717-8285 or Liz Rijna likkie62@gmail.com 700-4639

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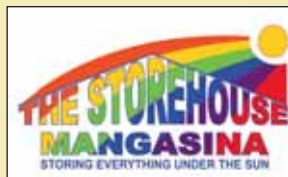
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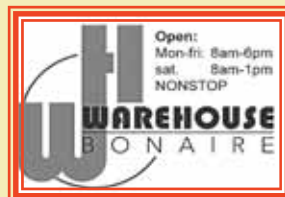


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Day	Date	Ship	Arrive/	PAX Cap	Line
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WED	3/21/	Grandeur of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
THU	3/22/	Westerdam	0800-1700	1918	HAL
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THU	3/29/	Grandeur of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
THU	3/29/	Caribbean Princess	1200-1900	3100	Princess Cruises

Cruise Ship Calls -Information provided by the TCB

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

★ **Friday & Saturday, March 16-17—Bon Doet Volunteer Event.** More on pages 3 & 18.

Tuesday March 20th —CIEE Presentation- “The Bonaire Tourist: Changing Faces With Changing Needs,” 7 pm – 8 pm by Sharon Kegeles, Barry University. A discussion to increase public awareness of how we can help to minimize obstacles and maximize tourists’ desire to return as a repeat visitor.

Wednesdays, March 21 and March 28: Non-Violent Communication, 7pm – 9:30 pm, Bonaire Basics. Language: Dutch (English when requested) info: annemiek@bonairebasics.com

Saturday, March 31 —Wim Statius Muller and Tika Giel, Concert of Classic European and Antillean songs. Organized by Bonaire’s Classical Music Board, Plaza Resort. More on page 7
—**Fund raising dinner at Chez Nous** to send Horeca students to study in Italy. More on page 15

Sunday, April 1—34th Annual Kite Contest. Fabulous and imaginative kites compete from Bonaire and Curacao. Info: Iris at Bonaire Book Store 717-6586. More on page 12.

April 5—9 –10th MCB International Tennis Open, Harbour Village Tennis Center.

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.

• **Kas di Arte—Ongoing exhibit with different artists.** Open Wednesday-Sunday, 9 am-noon, 1-6 pm. On the sea promenade

Saturdays

• **We Dare To Care Playground Bazaar,** 9am - 1pm. Everything for sale: household items, plants, baby things, clothes & shoes, everything old & new. Food riot, BBQ. All funds go toward maintaining the Park. No entrance fee. Rent a table: monthly pass- \$25; weekly-\$10

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers’ Market) 1st Saturday of the month,** at Kriabon, Kaminda Jato Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am to 12 noon.

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers’ Market) Last Saturday of the month** at Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter’s Garage Sale-see below), 8 am-noon

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter’s “Garage Sale” Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday,** 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Lots of free parking. Tel. 717-4989

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company’s warehouse on Kaya Industria, second Saturday of the month,** 7-9 pm. (Always call to make sure it’s on: Tel. 560-7539.) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **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 Koes for more information—796-7870.

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• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules,** Saturdays 2:30 pm Tera Cora ranch. info: 786-0150

Sundays

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Tuesdays

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Wednesdays

Chez Nous Restaurant—Multi-course lunch, about \$12, at the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-4628.

Ben & Harrie Acoustic Guitar Duo at Spice Beach Club, 6-9 pm, Eden Beach

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.

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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

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

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:15 pm—All levels, cost is \$1, 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 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 2nd and 4th

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. 785-0046.

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: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plasa Wilhelmina; Sunday service; 10 a.m. in Dutch Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service; 8:30 am in Papiamentu/Dutch Children’s club, every Saturday from 4:30 till 6 pm in Kralendijk,(annex of the church.) Contact; Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya Papiago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debot. Sunday 9:00 am Worship service in English; 10:45 am Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm Adult bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride bonaireibc@yahoo.com

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

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Pet of the Week

It's puppy time again at the Bonaire Animal Shelter and one of the cutest is "Emma." She's a true "Bonairean Ridge-back" and such a darling pup. Emma is about three months old and based on her current personality she should grow up to be a perfect companion and watch dog. She's full of fun and loves people. Her short, easy-to-care-for coat gives her a sleek and smart look, showing off that distinctive ridge-back hairstyle. She's a dog to enjoy right now while she's still young and impressionable. As are all the other adoptees at the Shelter Emma has been checked out by the vet, given her shots and will be sterilized when she's old enough. See her at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. Website: WWW.Bonaireanimalshelter.com



Shelter news: Thanks to the newly formed "Iron Order Motorcycle Club Bonaire," the Shelter office now has an extended roof (photo above). The club will be doing at least two charitable activities a year for the Bonairean community. They chose the Shelter as their first project. This beautifully built construction will be a place for the resident dogs to hang out in the heat of the day and during rainy times. They'll share the space with some garden equipment like mowers. Notice that "Inox," one of the resident dogs, is in the process of christening one of the pillars (lower left)! Thank you, IOMC, for your help!

Mange Lives! Yuck!

A very sad case, "Frank," was brought into the Shelter by his owner because he has mange. He looked pretty terrible but the Shelter staff recognized a really terrific dog underneath that mangy skin and shiny body and decided to begin the mange treatment immediately. He was given a shot of Ivomec to start the cure (see photo). He'll get another shot in a week and maybe a third a week later. Starting from the first shot he will be on the way to recovery. This drug has saved many a fine dog from being put down. Stay tuned to Pet of the Week and we'll show you Frank's progress.



Parvo Lives!

The number of pups with the killer disease Parvo has decreased, but it ain't over yet! Parvo usually shows up during rainy seasons but as we're still getting rain, we're still encountering Parvo victims. Be sure and get your dogs vaccinated by six weeks of age to protect them. Puppies under that age should receive immunity through their mother's milk, provided the mother has been vaccinated.

Shelter Needs Help to Fight Ticks and Fleas

The Shelter has an ongoing war against ticks and fleas. It's not easy with all those animals in residence plus the new ones that are dropped off nearly every day. The Shelter's weapon is Ivomec. It's administered orally once a week to each and every dog. Every new dog that comes in gets immediate Ivomec treatment and a tick-flea shampoo as well as hand removing the vermin. You can imagine the amount of Ivomec that gets used on 40 to 50 plus dogs. If you are coming to Bonaire and would like to help, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring some of this product. It may have other brand names but they all contain ivermectin. It's available at veterinarian offices. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

Did You Know...

That while slowly approaching prey fish, lionfish produce jets of water directed toward their prey? These jets may confuse or distract prey and often result in prey fish facing the attacking lionfish, increasing the probability of head-first capture and swallowing.

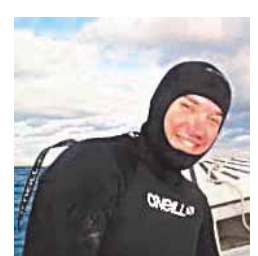
While a variety of fishes are reported to create directed water jets, this is the first report of a fish that does so during the capture of fish prey. This newly reported behavior may confer a high degree of predatory efficiency and thus contribute to the dramatic success of this Pacific invader of tropical Western Atlantic and Caribbean coral reefs. ■ *Mark A. Albins, Patrick J. Lyons* Submitted by *Caren Eckrich*



Patrick Lyons



Mark Albins



Lyons is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook University, NY.

Albins is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Zoology at Oregon State University.

What will you do on March 16th and 17th?

On March 16th and 17th 2012 NGO Platform Bonaire in cooperation with Oranje Fonds will organize BON DOET, the biggest volunteer's event on Bonaire. Form your own group of family, friends, acquaintances or colleagues to participate together and have a good time. There are many chores and activities listed for BON DOET. Choose what you'd like to do best on our website. We are going for it! Are you?

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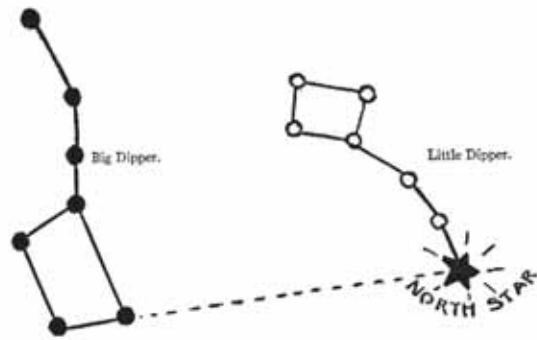
FINDING DIRECTION IN THE NIGHT SKY

Are you seeking direction in your life? The stars can help. Well, at least they can tell you the difference between north and south. This week, we'll focus on the dimmer stars and constellations in the northern sky and contrast them with the blazingly bright stars in the southern sky.

Polaris, the North Star, is the guide of travelers, stargazers, and all-around lovers of the night. It twinkles at the end of the **Little Dipper's** handle or the **Little Bear's** outrageously long tail. Contrary to popular opinion, the North Star is not the brightest star in the sky. That honor belongs to **Sirius, the dog star**. In fact, Polaris ranks about 48th in brightness and very low on the horizon in the Sky Park but still clearly visible. Well, what makes Polaris so darned special?

Polaris resides almost directly over our north pole. So as the **Earth** rotates, causing day and night and the daily motions of all the stars and planets, the North Star barely moves. That means all night this star shines in the northern sky, making it the perfect stellar sentinel. As the world turns and the night goes on, the stars appear to rotate in a counterclockwise motion. This motion gives us the appearance that the sky spins once a day with a pivot point at Polaris. Stars like the **Big Dipper** and **Cassiopeia** circle around the North Star while things farther south rise in the east and set in the west. Of course it's the Earth that's spinning not the sky. Since the Little Dipper has some very faint stars, finding the North Star can be tough. But never fear - the other dipper is here! The Big Dipper is much more distinct and can be seen even from urban areas. You can find the Big Dipper standing on its handle in the early evening. Europeans and some native American groups both call these stars the big bear, **Ursa Major**. Now the Big Dipper is only the rear end and tail of the bear.

At 9:30 at night use the more notable stars of the Big Dipper as pointers. Connect the dots of the two stars at the end of the Big Dipper's spoon. Continue that line down to the left and bingo they'll point



you right to Polaris. We're not done with the Big Dipper's pointer stars yet. If you go from the Big Dipper to the North Star, keep going, because you will run into the bottom of a "w" shaped constellation. This is Cassiopeia the queen. Can you see the beautiful, boastful queen sitting on her throne? Well anyway, I picture these stars as her crown glittering in the northwestern sky. But Cassiopeia is easy to find as you hop across the heavens.

Now let's turn around and face south. Wow, there are the bright stars! You can see the brightest of them all a bit more than half-way above the southern horizon. That's Sirius, the dog star, which marks the nose of **Canis Major, Orion's big dog**. Sirius is about 23 times brighter than the North Star and scorches the winter sky with a stark white light.

Up higher, but not quite as bright is the little dog star, **Procyon**. Procyon is one of two visible stars in **Canis Minor, the little dog**. Only two stars? That's right, this is a real hot dog! Higher still are two equally bright stars of differing colors. These are the heads of the **Gemini twins, Pollux and Castor**. With a good imagination and a dark sky you may be able to make out the bodies and feet of the twins down and to the right of their heads. These four stars, Sirius, Procyon, Pollux and Castor make up the **Sirius curve** of bright stars arcing up from the southern horizon. Don't get confused by the really bright planets, **Venus and Jupiter**, which are beyond overhead and west of the real stars.

Now that you can find the Polaris, and tell the difference between the northern and southern sky you'll never be lost again!

■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
March 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Be careful not to confuse issues when discussing the matters at hand. Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. You may be experiencing emotional turmoil in regard to your mate. Problems with gas, oil, or water in your home may disrupt your routine. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Changes at home might come fast and furious. Be aware of any deception on the part of those you deal with. The talk you have may be eye-opening with regard to your present situation. You need a job with more responsibility and a higher wage. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You can make financial gains through investments and dealing with other people's money. Moves or the possibility of having someone different living with you may be difficult at first. You will have good ideas for home improvement projects. Children may be less than honest with you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You may be confused regarding your love life. You may find out that someone is trying to undermine you. Your love will not be willing to listen to your criticism. You can be sure that any dealing with large institutions should go well. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Be cautious and use your head wisely in situations that deal with the use of machinery or vehicles. Don't let any small misunderstandings get in the way. Try to enlist the support of your coworkers first. You can make sound financial investments if you act fast. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Catch up on your reading and correspondence. Your professional attitude will not go unnoticed. Job changes are in order. Go for interviews or send out resumes. Satisfy your passionate mood. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Stop those bad habits. Erratic behavior may confuse others, and mood swings may result in isolation. Ask others to help, or you may feel that a burden is weighing you down. Do not get upset about situations you cannot change. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be careful not to reveal private information. You may have a hard time relating to children this month. You have been stagnating for some time now and you need a change of pace. Be aware that joint financial ventures could fall apart. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status. Your stubborn nature will backfire if you give your mate an ultimatum. Sign up for tours or courses that will enlighten you. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You need time to make things better. Minor health problems may lower your vitality. Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this month. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Get them to pitch in, if you need help. Leave things as they are for the moment and focus on reaching your highest potential at work. You should sit down with someone you trust and work out a budget that will enable you to save a little extra. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts. You can't help everyone. Don't start a dispute unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results. Don't let anyone take credit for a job you did. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

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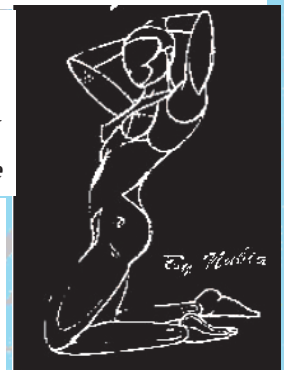
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