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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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The top Dutch official for the BES Islands, *Rijksvertegenwoordiger* Wilbert



Stolte (right) supports an increase in the "free allowance (*vrije uitkering*)" for the islands. The free allowance is essentially a subsidy from the Dutch Government that does not require repayment by local governments. The subsidy is considered essential to cover the tasks that are the responsibility of the local governments as well as to pay for the "highly necessary" backlog in maintenance of public facilities such as roads, government buildings and utilities, he said in his second progress report to the Dutch Parliament. The free allowance for Bonaire for 2012 has been set at \$20.4 million. Bonaire's total budget for 2012 is \$52 million. In his report Stolte speaks of "deep holes" in roads in Bonaire and St. Eustatius. "The island budgets provide (almost) no opportunity to catch up with overdue maintenance. Unlike in the European part of The Netherlands, the islands do not have, and never had, financial reserves. This makes the islands vulnerable to financial setbacks," according to Stolte. The comprehensive and candid report lists, in addition to the holes in the roads, the state-of-the-art school books, the mismatch between the housing of Dutch ministries on the islands and the local government departments. The offices of the Dutch ministries are "modern and adequate," while the island governments' civil servants have to rely on "outdated and often inadequate" offices. The progress report of the *Rijksvertegenwoordiger* is a public document. *The Reporter* gives it high marks for its listing of the challenges facing the islands. It is available in Dutch, Papiamentu and English at the offices of the

*Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland* (RCN) on the three islands and it can also be downloaded from the RCN Website.

►The Bonaire Executive Council of Bonaire and STINAPA, the island Parks Authority, have met twice on the intended revision of the Spatial Development Plan Bonaire (ROB). **The local government is proposing to allow several new piers, some even with buildings.** STINAPA had protested against these intentions and lodged objections with both the Bonaire government and the relevant ministry in The Hague.



At Town Pier

►The small freighter, *Heir Majesti*, en-route from Jamaica to Guyana experienced engine failure north of Bonaire. It was only after a week of drifting without power that the captain was able to reach the local Coast Guard. The Royal Navy's *Hr. Ms. Amsterdam* located the vessel with its crew of six. The *Heir Majesti* was then towed to Bonaire where the occupants received water, food and a medical evaluation.

►Hundreds of residents of St. Eustatius took to the streets in protest against a plan to expand the giant NuStar oil terminal on their island. The 3,500 people of St. Eustatius face the specter of 31 new storage tanks, each 35 meters high, in full view, less than 500 meters from Oranjestad, the capital. For more information please contact Kenneth Cuvalay, coordinator of SEAD (Statia Roots and Foundation Safe and Sound), phone (+599) 318 4975, Email sead.network@gmail.com

►More Bonaire lighthouses will be renovated. They are: Wecua, Seru Bentana and Klein Bonaire. The renovation will be completed in August 2012. There will be a celebration after completion of all



Bon Kousa photo

►The **Kolegio San Luis Bertran elementary school** was the winner in the finals of the Telekompetensia "1001 Proverbio" (1001 Proverbs) competition. The final, aired on NOS TV, channel 24, on Saturday, March 17, pitted Kolegio San Luis Bertran of Rincon against Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador from Nikiboko. The verbal battle between the schools' teams demonstrated their exhaustive knowledge of traditional Bonairean proverbs.

The show was hugely popular and expertly presented and moderated. The theme was based on Jong Bonaire's 2012 Proverbio calendar and the Bon Kousa Foundation's book of the same name. The awards were presented by Commissioner of Education, Silvana Serfilia. Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador received \$250 for second place and Kolegio San Luis Bertran took home \$750.



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the lighthouses. The Bonaire island government is the owner of the buildings and construction. After the construction is completed the public entity of Bonaire will also have the responsibility for the maintenance of the buildings. The Dutch *Rijkswaterstaat* ministry has the responsibility for keeping the lights burning in the lighthouses (the electro-technical maintenance). This technical maintenance is delegated to Radio Holland. During the maintenance of the lighthouses, the lights will remain operational, so vessels will not be hindered.

► If you have information about a crime you can call the police tip line anonymously at 717-7251



►Bonaire Destination Services wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank Interim Governor Silberie for rapidly responding to and approving their request to allow service animals on Bonaire Marine Park Beaches. A recent cruise ship visitor who was blind requested access to No Name Beach for himself and his service dog. The Governor and his staff promptly issued a ruling allowing service animals on the beach.



►MiVaBo, the organization for handicapped citizens and visitors is kicking off a public awareness campaign. "It is our goal to make Bonaire 100% Accessible" according to Hett Burgos, Foundation President. Stickers are available at no charge at Chat 'n' Browse in Hato as long as supply lasts.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Cont. from page 2)

► **The eighth edition of the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival is coming to the beach at Plaza Resort Bonaire.** This year there will be a number of changes that should improve the festival. First, the date is shifted from late May to late July, the festival now covers three days.



The festival takes place on **27, 28 and 29 July**. The opening on Friday will focus on Jazz & Poetry in the intimate atmosphere of Fort Orjanje. For the main program on Saturday evening at Plaza Resort, there are three big shows in the pipeline including **Monty Alexander & Harlem Kingston Express from Jamaica and Dominican bachata singer with the band**. For questions or more information, go to [www.bonairejazz.com](http://www.bonairejazz.com) or Facebook .

► **The We Dare to Care Park** was built with the goal of solving some social problems that affect Bonaire's children. But although government funds are available for recreation facilities for older children and young adults, there is no money for the park that is frequented by toddlers. Last week the WDTC Park Foundation requested the public to sign a petition to ask the local and/or

national government to provide financial support for the Park so that it remains open and free of charge to all.

**If you want to add your name to a petition to support this request contact Vicky Bissessar at 717-4992 or 786-4576**

E-mail address: [info@bonairesunshinehomes.com](mailto:info@bonairesunshinehomes.com). Be ready to provide your name, date of birth and sedula number

► At the 16th Conference on Financial Cryptography & Data Security held at the Divi earlier this month a team of researchers from the University of Michigan **revealed they had hacked a US pilot project for online voting and changed all of the ballots in less than 48 hours**. Washington, DC election officials did not detect the intrusion for nearly two business days—and might have remained unaware for far longer if the team hadn't deliberately left a prominent clue. The report is titled "Attacking the Washington, DC Internet Voting System." - *Max Smolaks*

► In the March 2-16 issue of *The Reporter* in the "**Coney Island on Bonaire**" article there was a plea for donations to give underprivileged children the opportunity to spend an evening at the Coney Island amusement park, riding the rides, eating cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs, having drinks – the works! It would cost \$25 per child.

Bonaire responded and the donations poured in to the Youth and Family services department and **70 very thrilled and excited children were able to go. Thank you, very kind and generous donors!**

► **The waterfront public park** along the promenade near Kas di Arte will be officially named after **Arthur Gerardus (Tului) Domacassé**. The park is nearing completion and will soon be officially opened.

► This coming May, the Health Department is **planning a tobacco-free day**. Watch for notices.

► **Want the ultimate Bonaire visitor experience?** Take a flight over the island. Read more about sightseeing flights on page 14. For three people it costs about the same price as a two-tank dive.

► **We have heard lots of good reports about the Top Supermarket** which recently opened in the Cultimara location. It combines the wide range of hard-to-find products usually associated with the island's Chinese-owned markets with the usual US and Dutch brands that the Cultimara carried. Right now the shelves are full and checkout lines short.

► Many people consider the village's women the power behind the scenes to get things done in Rincon. **This coming weekend**



► It took a while, but the moment finally arrived last Friday when the retired long-time leader of the Democratic Party, **Johan Evert (Jopi) Abraham, received royal recognition as a Knight in the order of "Oranje Nassau" Nassau** by Her Majesty. His award was pinned on by Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia, in the conference room of the Island Council in the presence of his family members and friends. He was knighted for his many years as representative of the people in the Island Council and in the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles and as administrator. During his active political career he held the position of deputy and of minister.

The award followed a controversy about a long delay in the conferring of the royal decoration which led to angry e-mails from Abraham, who accused former Lt. Governor Glenn Thodé of withholding the appointment.

He is shown in the above photo with three of his sons: Clark, Dante and Douglas

**RINFA, the Rincon Women's Club, is putting on Rincon's first annual International Food Festival. Look on page 10 for details.**

the island. Although born in China she was raised in Bonaire and educated here and in Holland. See her first story on page 7.

► In this edition **Rose Feng begins her In The Spotlight column**. In this and future issues she will focus on significant developments on

► **Please remember to tell shopkeepers "The Reporter Sent Me." Their ads in The Reporter keep it "still free."** ■ *G./L.D.*

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# On the Island Since... August 2007 *Asko Zuidam*

“I started traveling when I was 19. First I went to Switzerland where I studied hotel management. Then I went to London to work as a barman at the Langham Hilton. In Holland I was supposed to go into the military service so I had myself written out of the country and moved to England. When I had saved some money I went to the US, Guyana, Mexico and Guatemala. The trip took about a year, then I started working for a cruise line as a waiter. During that time I discovered the Caribbean and in 1995/1996 I lived and worked on Bonaire for six months. I went back to the cruise ships to work and went to Thailand. In 2002 I became a dive instructor at Koh-Tao Island, Thailand, and I liked the area so much that I decided to travel through Asia for awhile. I went to India, Nepal, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It took me two years, then my savings were cleaned out in spite of the fact I had been living on \$10 dollars a day.

I had to go back to Holland and stayed for one year but it wasn't my thing. Life was too fast, there were too many rules and it was cold! I went to Statia and became a restaurant

manager, just for a while because after six months I went to Saba where I lived for another six months. Then I became a volunteer at the Donkey Sanctuary on Bonaire for a month while I was looking for a job and I got one as a dive instructor at Dive Friends Bonaire.

I liked it here and I liked the job, so after a while I bought a lot of land and started building my own house. It's a slow process, but I am already living there and it's the most beautiful spot in Belnem! I love nature and I think many people underestimate Bonaire's nature. I often hear them say, 'Oh, it's nothing but dust and cacti,' but there is a lot to see here. It's just that people don't take the trouble to look really well. There are the caves, the Loras, the hummingbirds, the iguanas, the flamingos and the amazing white owls at night. There is so much and to see all this I don't even have to leave my garden. It's all there, right around my house! I sleep with my windows open at night and the cool breeze blows through my bedroom. I don't need air-conditioning. I sleep under a blanket because it's cold at night!

When I'm free I look for old glass

bottles here in the bay of Kralendijk. I've found about 50 bottles so far, among others, two square *jenever* (Dutch gin) bottles and an onion-shaped, free-blown glass bottle. Those were made about 300 years ago so when the Dutch first came here, around 1726, somebody must have thrown them overboard.

There is still a lot to be found there and when I am looking for my treasures, I pick up all the old fishing lines and the plastic trash I find – so it's a clean up dive at the same time. With Dive Friends we organize a clean up dive four times a year and every time a great amount of people show up to join us. It's fun to do and it does make a difference I'd say because the last time we picked up 2,000 pieces of trash and about 1,100 beer bottles at Karel's pier.

I love it here. Dive Friends is a growing company. Its share holders live in Holland, Pascal de Meyer is the general manager and I am the operational manager. In the five years since I've been here

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Asko Zuidam and Kees

**“I am going for a swim and I stop the car and walk into the sea. Easy island. That's the magic and the strength of Bonaire I think.”**

			
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I've seen more and more tourists coming to dive. Compared to other years there aren't that many cruise ships anymore, but they are still the icing on the cake! For instance, on a busy day when a Princess cruise ship is in, we have 36 divers on the boat and 24 DSDs (Discover Scuba Divers) and about 100 people on the beach of Te Amo Beach – mostly snorkelers. Business is doing well, also I think because we don't have to fill up any rooms and the people can do whatever they like.

We have four locations now: one at Port Bonaire, across from the airport, two on the boulevard - Yellow Submarine and Dive Inn - and one at Hamlet.

To me, work is always very challenging because every day I want to give the people a good time! I guess that's what I've done all my life. At the moment we have a great team – all together - volunteers and the shop assistants - we are about 40 people and it's one big family!

I haven't met Miss Right yet," *he grins*, "but my companions in life are Kees, my dog, who jumped out of the blue into my car one day and that was it! Then there's Arie, the cat that was meowing like crazy here at the door and after one bowl of food he wanted more and he never left!" *He laughs*. "He must have thought, 'Excellent choice of food!' I am a gourmet myself; I love good food, preferably at Capriccio or At Sea.

What I like about Bonaire is that I can go to the beach and I don't see anybody there and when I walk through Kaya Grandi somebody suddenly waves at me – everybody knows everybody – small town

feeling – it's a good feeling! For me this island is the perfect mix. You can walk into your friend's house and they ask, 'Would you like to stay for dinner?' In Asia people are very hospitable, but after six months you start craving licorice, Nutella hazelnut paste on your sandwich, herring, mussels and *rookworst* (a type of sausage) – and you can buy all that here! The supermarkets are well stocked, the people are friendly. To me it feels like home, it's familiar.

Sometimes I drive home at night and I think 'I am going for a swim' and I stop the car and walk into the sea. Easy island. That's the magic and the strength of Bonaire I think. You also see that they are working on the island. I am happy about the sewage system, but you also see improvement at the hospital, the schools and the police force. It might not be perfect yet, but they are working on it. And yes, it has become more expensive - the guilder is a dollar now and the dollar doesn't roll far - but nevertheless I find the island is doing well. You have to see it like this: There's nothing Bonaire can do about the economic recession – but there comes a time when the world will do better and I go for that – and when that happens we already have a head start on the other Caribbean islands."

*Asko Zuidam is very laid-back and at the same time very alert. It must be the remains of his traveler's existence. He is a man who is very good at living in the present time and he's a nice guy as well.*

"In April I am going to be 40. My mom will come from Holland especially for me and my dad is always here because he



*Asko filling dive tanks*

lives here. He came after I moved here and on Thursdays we always go together for dinner. Yeah...40. I feel I'm lucky. I'm building a beautiful house and I've got a wonderful job; can't do any better and I can't wish for more. I am a material guy, a real Taurus. I own about 3500 vinyl records, jazz, Frank Zappa, blues, and I have three record players. Once I saw an English telephone booth and I had to have it! I am a collector of things that are not so valuable, but to me they are. You couldn't please me with a Ferrari or a Rolex, but when I find an old glass bottle from a couple of hundred years ago I am ever so happy! I am a bit of a hoarder; I take Kees to Baby Beach to look for lucky beans and driftwood and everything I find

I take home to keep. But I am building an extra large garage. I take life as it comes. Easy life it is; every day I put on my flip-flops and my shorts and 90% of the time the weather is gorgeous and there is always something going on – a barbecue or a party. And there are other things as well. You see, in a little while the sun will set – many people don't see it anymore – but I see it every day and if you could put that image on a freeway in Holland at rush time, all traffic would stop." ■

*Story & photos by Greta Kooistra-*





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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter ... Antofagasta, Chile



Bonaire visitor Michael Stanfield and his wife show a copy of *The Reporter* at Antofagasta, Chile, at the bivouac during the 2012 Dakar cross country rally. Michael rode his KTM 450motorcycle in the Rally. The Dakar is an annual off road rally race for motorcycles, cars and trucks and covers a distance of approximately 5,500 miles. It started in Mar Del Plata which is south of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and ended in Lima, Peru. More information is available at [http://www.dakar.com/index\\_DAKus.html](http://www.dakar.com/index_DAKus.html)

Editor's note: Taking on the Dakar is already quite a challenge so just imagine what it must like when you're 65 years of age and riding a bike. That certainly didn't prevent Michael Stanfield from living his dream. The father of two and grandfather of four hopes that he'll have one of his sons at his side for the 2013 event. ■

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## 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.

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

Tica Giel is lately 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 performed extensively on tour. She has played important roles in operas such as *La Sonnambula* (Bellini) and *Die Zauberflote* and *Die Schauspieldirektor* (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](http://www.classicalmusicbonaire.com). Tickets at the door are \$ 25; \$10 for children. ■ *CMBB Press Release/ Bob Gilmour*



Tica Giel



Wim Status Muller





**“Tur Mucha ta Konta”** (or in English, “Every Kid Counts”) is the motto of the EOZ *Expertisecenter Onderwijs Zorg* (Caring Education Expertise Center). This specialty education center emphasizes care for students. The EOZ works with students who need special tutoring and guidance before going back into a conventional classroom environment.

Mr. Wilco Harbers is the director of the EOZ. The EOZ was established on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and just celebrated its official opening in the refurbished office wing at the TransWorld Radio site on March 15 with a nice happening, including speeches, singing performances and presentations.

The EOZ was made possible thanks to the collaboration of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the *Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire* (the island government), all the subsidized schools and the FORMA Foundation.

“The objective of the EOZ is to make sure every single youngster receives a proper education based on their ability and skills,” says Harbers. “Every Kid Counts” emphasizes the **right education** offered to the youngster despite the problems he or she might have, such as home related issues, behavioral problems, study difficulties, a handicap or lack of motivation. “There is an obligatory education law on Bonaire, but what we try to do is to make sure all youngsters get an adequate education at the level that they can actually learn from,” stated Harber.

Before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, a significant group of kids with “problems” simply got expelled while the “quiet” kids were ignored. In other words, the education was not suitable for these kids.

What the EOZ and the schools are trying to do is to provide all the youngsters suitable education from which they can benefit, preferably at the same school they are now. If possible, school transfers would be unnecessary, even for the “troubled” kids.

This implies that the teachers need proper training on how to handle this situation.

Questions like:

- How to do it?
- How to teach them?
- How to make sure that the kids get suitable education according to their individual needs?

At that moment the EOZ steps in by providing support and advice to the schools and the teachers. The challenge here will be:

**How can I, as his or her teacher, keep this youngster in my classroom while still offering a customized education for his or her abilities?**

“This is the concern of the teachers involved. It is a challenge because it will definitely affect the teaching method. As the world keeps turning and evolving, we will have to deal with new ‘obstacles’ and do our best to overcome them. At the end of the day, ‘every kid counts’ and the kids are the future; and that is just nature doing its magic endlessly over and over again.”

Roughly speaking, between 80 to 90% of all kids face a ‘problem.’ It could be anything, but the fact that they have one hinders



Wilco Harber, a key man at the EOZ

their motivation and study abilities. For this group of affected kids, the EOZ advises the following:

Each school will appoint its own care coordinator (*zorg coordinator*) or internal supervisor/guide (*interne begeleider*). This person will be the contact person and will also be responsible for the whole process from beginning to end by providing support within the school and to the teachers. Together they will draw up a detailed action plan, or as the EOZ calls it, ‘individual action plan,’ for the youngster in question. The EOZ supports and guides the schools while setting up and executing these plans.

The EOZ will assist the schools in building the internal “care” infrastructure. There are two cases.

Unfortunately there is a small group, **10 to 15% of the youngsters, who need extra care and attention.** For these kids, the EOZ offers a more “hands-on” approach by removing them from their current environment (school) and putting them in one of the EOZ centers where they will get individual attention with extra care in order to work on their issues, mostly behavioral related, or due to learning difficulties. For this small group requiring special care, the EOZ offers two locations: the *Schakelklas* (Switchclass) and the *Reboundklas* (Reboundclass). The Switchclass is at the EOZ itself and consists of nine pupils but can accommodate up to a maximum of 12. The Reboundclass is in the *Stichting Project* building, located next to the RBC Royal Bank. There are now 15 teenagers attending at the moment but there could be a maximum of 24.

The **Switchclass is dedicated to those with trouble transferring from elementary to high school.** They will receive extra care where needed in order to be able to integrate into the high school system. Each youngster will get personalized attention and education customized to his or her abilities and at his or her own pace. Mostly these are kids who face learning difficulties with the language, writing, reading and calculation subjects.

The **Reboundclass is focused on the pupils with serious behavioral problems and lack of motivation.** It comes to a point where the school cannot ‘handle’ them anymore because they are:

- Disturbing the discipline and order at school
- Provoking delays in classes
- Manifesting serious behavioral issues

The Reboundclass will have fewer classes than at school but there will be an extra focus on training about the behavioral issues in order to be able to re-integrate them back into their school.

Harbers described it very nicely by com-

paring it to the health system. “Let’s say that the school is the doctors’ practice; the care coordinator is the doctor and the EOZ employee is the specialist.”

The EOZ offers 3 main services:

**‘Ambulant begeleiders’ or field supervisors specialized in the educational and learning process.** They deal with learning disability issues.

**‘Maatschappelijk werkers’ or social workers who are experts in the social, home and environmental circumstances around the school.**

**‘Gedragsdeskundigen’ or behavioral experts who are the child and youth psychologists and the ‘orthopedagoog’ or medical educator.** While the psychologist tackles the interior or the mental side, the medical educator focuses on the upbringing and behavior, the exterior or physical part. Usually the interior and the exterior aspects are intertwined. The body expresses the mind set and the mind evolves from the behavior.

Harbers is very excited about this new project and discloses two major missions “in the process” at the moment. One is destined for those youngsters with a low IQ (less than 55) and the other one is targeted at a medium IQ group (55 to 80) of kids. These kids are in need of additional care and help so that they may face a better future.

Like we stated, *Tur Mucha ta Konta* (Every kid counts), with no exception whatsoever, or in this case, no matter how ‘smart’ one is or isn’t. Harbers hopes to launch these projects in close cooperation with the Watapana School and the institution for handicaps (FKPD) in the second half of this year.

I must agree with Wilco Harbers on the statement, ‘Every Kid Counts,’ because



Flag raising at the opening of the EOZ Expertisecenter Onderwijs Zorg

sadly, but true, sometimes adults tend to forget the priceless value of our kids or of kids in general. They are the future of mankind, no matter what race, religion or other criteria you might use to measure them. The fact remains that after us, the current “adults,” pass away, the “new” adults are the kids of today.

So, before saying goodbye to you, I’d like to point out the proverb in Papiamentu being *‘lei pa un, lei pa tur’* (in English: what’s sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander) it could be interpreted as equal rights for everyone. Thus, whether you are a genius, a smart ass, a nerd, a geek, a dumb bunny, a weasel, retarded or any other intelligent or less intelligent person, we all are special in our own way. And **that** makes each and every one of us “unique.”

Therefore, all and each one of us deserves the right to get a proper, adequate, customized education that suits us perfectly. ■

Rose Feng



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# BONAIREAN VOICES

## DANGEROUS MATERIALS



When you see these signs what comes to your mind? Sure, **safety**. But are we always aware of these signs? Of course when we see wet floor we understand we have to watch our step, and in some toxic areas we need to wear proper protection or avoid exposure. There are other signs we don't understand and even do not see.

To know more about what is going on we interviewed Mr. Albert Crestian, head of the Hygiene and Environment department, who explains himself very well. As he says, "In 2009 the Minister of IVW (*Inspectie voor Verkeer en Waterstaat*, Inspection of Transportation and Water system), after investigating the rules for transportation via water, air and land on the Caribbean island, came to the conclusion that the laws need to be updated, especially the laws for transportation over land. The use of signs needed to be improved. Holland has a lot of laws that are very important in its transportation system and they apply them very strictly. The IVW Minister said that these laws need to be applied to the BES islands (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), Curaçao and Sint Maarten for the safety of their people.

To apply these laws and make them work you need people in charge. Between 2010 and 2011 training facilities were set up for governmental employees and the private sector. There were six courses and one big exam. Thirty-four participants passed their exams and got a recognized international diploma that entitles them to work anywhere in the world. Every participant had to study the ADR (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road). It's the Bible itself, you can say. Without it you are lost. The laws still need to be introduced for road transportation here in Bonaire.

After the courses the governmental system was reorganized in a more direct system, where a **director**, appointed by the government, has more control over his or her department - like the Hygiene department and others. Under this system is the **platform** (a board of people from the field) who are in charge of pointing out and advising the direc-



tor of the dangers ahead. The government needs to make its people aware of the dangers and the use of dangerous materials. All of this is to protect the people, the environment and the animals. As we can see the government has a big responsibility:

- To organize courses for their workers and others so they can obtain more knowledge.
- To register and analyze accidents that occur.
- To take measures to fix or repair the problem.
- The platform has a link between Holland and the Dutch Caribbean (CN) Islands.
- There should be a review to make sure the laws are being put into practice.

The platform and the government have to work very closely together to accomplish a long-lived and safe environment.

The persons who passed their course successfully will be having a refresher course every year. The platform consists of five continuous people from different sectors (like Department of Hygiene, Rocargo, Don Andres, BonFM, etc.) who come together to give advice and to make an annual report.

We have other laws too: the IMDG (International Maritime Dangerous Goods) and the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)."

Soon the government along with this platform will be handing out brochures about dangerous materials and introducing laws to protect the people, environment and animals.

For more information call the Department of Hygiene at 717-8323 during office hours for any questions or requests. ■ *Story & photo by Siomara Albertus.*



### ROUGH ROADS

Dear Editor:

While driving my car from Kaya Statius von Eps I started counting excavation cuts in the road. From EEG Boulevard to the roundabout at Lisa Gas, I counted **35 excavation cuts**. These cuts go completely across the width

of the road. **35! That's a lot.** But it is also a challenge for other people. Maybe they can count more than 35 in such a short space of time (2 minutes?). Maybe it can become a new game for children: count all the cuts in the roads. Or.... maybe we can collect all the cuts in the roads of Bonaire and offer this to the government?

Wilma B.

# Guest Editorial



The opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of *The Bonaire Reporter*

## It Is A Sad Day For Bonaire!

Two of our island's most ardent fans (with more than 20 years of visits) became victims of a home robbery recently. Laptop and jewelry were taken but worse than that was that their feelings of comfort and safety were also stolen. To compound the deep disappointment they felt was made worse by the crass behavior of the rental agent blaming them because they are used to entertaining local friends without regard to race, religion, creed or lifestyle. The agent said it was probably one of them! Rather than offering any comfort he told them they should be more careful in choosing their guests/friends. To add insult to injury, the visitors did tell the agent about security issues of the property and were told they would be fixed after they left!



Does this make sense? Crime is killing us and not slowly. The disregard for personal property will soon spill over into disregard for personal safety. Then the killing will be for real! So much is being said and promised but nothing is happening to stop the flow of drugs and crimes to get the money for them. What is happening to all the stuff being stolen? It has to be stored somewhere in someone's home or a container. How is it leaving the island? Why is it that I can watch drugs being sold openly on Kaya Grandi and the dealers are not being arrested? Where is the forensic investigation of crime scenes leading to? Nice to have fingerprints and DNA but are they actually using a data base to compare the samples?

It is really great that we want to make a program to comfort and aid those who have been victimized after the fact, but we need to address the issues before the fact to prevent crime before it happens. Building a bigger prison will just warehouse the problems out of sight for a few years until criminals do their time and emerge as hardcore felons with better skills than what they had when they were first incarcerated.

Just who is to take the responsibility for being examples for the youth of Bonaire? Most certainly we should start with the parents! But now with the difficult times they both have to work to put food on the table. Single parent homes have it even tougher and it is a problem not only here but worldwide. Next would be the teachers. They are the role models for our youth but it seems that we do not start early enough to instill the values that make for leaders. Respect for property, our elders, ourselves.... And what about the church? It is no longer the norm or cool to go to church. No one wants to get up on Sunday morning to sit and listen to some singing and a preacher trying save us from sin. Perhaps the sermons should be directed at being good citizens and respect for others' property...does thou shalt not steal ring any bells?

If not the parents, preachers or teachers then who will step up to lead and instruct our kids? Government used to meet the problem head on. TCB worked hard to educate and teach the youth the values of our parents. *Tene Boneiru Limp* was a

huge effort which started with the young kids and worked in the schools to let them know the results, both economic and health wise, of keeping a clean environment. The Hello Tourist program was another winner in that it directly involved the youth in the economy with hands on experience in HORECA. The TAP program was another great effort. WHAT HAPPENED? No new initiatives, no continuity of any program from any Government entity thus far have come forth to bring the tools of how to succeed in life.

One of the exceptions is Jong Bonaire which has become a beacon for many of our youth. Almost 300 kids each year (more than 2,000 to date) from the island attend after school programs including doing homework, being tutored, learning to cook and participating in sports activities. With more than 10 years of success behind them, JB is opening more opportunities for youth by extending hours and embracing programs that include entrepreneurship and in general, ways to live and thrive in a small economy such as Bonaire. We need to recognize that not all of our youth has the chance to study abroad, but that does not mean they can't receive the same opportunities as their peers. FESBO is another after school program that works with kids in the Centro di Barrios.

Another bright light on the horizon is the Chamber of Commerce. With a new director and a well trained and equipped staff, they are well positioned to pick up the slack and begin to provide meaningful programs that will address the need for training the youth to become better equipped to work, prosper and live on Bonaire. Since the timing of the rejuvenated Chamber and the expansion of the programs at Jong Bonaire coincide, we should be on target for a launch of the new initiatives to be ready for the coming school year.

As for the crime issue, we will continue to suffer the negative consequences until a practical and workable solution is found. Sting operations, video cameras, communality watches are all part of the options. Instead of throwing money at marketing to combat the negative image, BONHATA, BHG, TCB KVB and all the other letters of the alphabet, **-put your collective heads together and do something. Stop talking and act!** ■ *M.G.*





## MORE ABOUT OMEGA ACIDS AND HEALTH

Dear Editor:

Having read both of the two columns relating to omega fatty acids (Omega 3 & 6 - Revisited, March 2-16; The Hidden Dangers of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids, March 16-30) I feel I must write to address the glaring errors in both articles. I can say errors as I have been involved in research in the field of polyunsaturate biochemistry for more than forty years, and taught the subject to medical students for the last twenty eight.

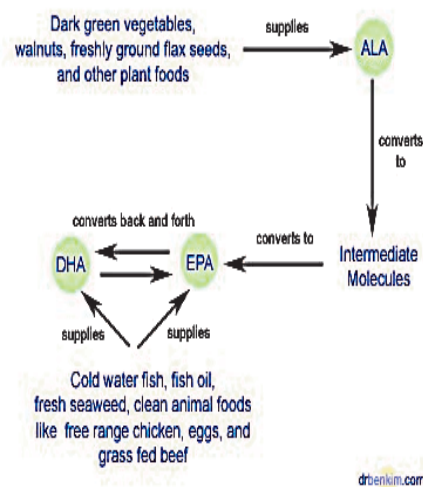
The assertion that polyunsaturates are the root cause of all the pathologies that were mentioned in Body Talk is totally absurd, and flies in the face of all the proven scientific facts. Indeed, at least three health-related Nobel prizes have gone to scientists involved in characterizing the roles and importance of both polyunsaturates and the eicosanoids, so they can't be all bad can they?

Back in 1930 Burr and Burr proved that both linoleic and alpha-linolenic acids were essential components of the dietary intake of all vertebrates, including humans. Uncountable studies since then have reconfirmed this and further expanded on the vital roles played by polyunsaturates in health.

As correctly indicated by column author Stephanie Bennett, the polyunsaturates we need have double bonds in the molecule, with the first one from the 'methyl' end being either in the n6 (omega 6) or n3 (omega 3) position. Now, double bonds in these positions cannot be either put in or taken out by animals, but are required for survival and so have to ultimately be got from the plants that make them, so they are essential fatty acids (EFAs). To get these EFAs we have to eat the plants that make them, or eat the animals that have eaten the plants.

Why do we need them? Well, at a very basic level, all of the membranes of every single cell of our bodies are dependent on a mixture of fatty acids, saturates, monounsaturates and polyunsaturates, as part of their structure, along with cholesterol and proteins. So any deficiency can be a serious threat to the stability of our cells, especially the highly sensitive ones that make up our nerves and brain. Apart from this, they have specialized functions within our bodies other than in membranes, eg. as part of the waterproofing layer in our skin, which prevents us from losing too much water and becoming dehydrated. In fact EFA deficiency is a well characterized condition, with a progressively worsening set of symptoms, that may even be fatal if untreated.

However, it is not just the plant EFAs we need. They also get converted into longer chain polyunsaturates with more double bonds from the EFAs, so there are two families of polyunsaturates, the omega 6 (n-6) and omega 3 (n-3). Of these, arachidonic acid (AA, an omega 6) has been shown to crucial in the brain for memory, while docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, an omega 3) has also been shown to be important in memory as well as in the actual transmission of signals between brain nerves. Its precursor, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, another omega 3), is one of the more common marine fatty acids, hence both of them are the 'omega 3' you see in fish oils. And all 3 of them are crucial for normal brain development in children.



It's true to point finger at AA as being a precursor for prostaglandins, etc. and that these AA derivatives are implicated in many pathologies, but they also are vital for normal health, as inflammatory processes, to mention one of many, are a critically important part of our bodies ability to fight toxins and infections. Indeed, it's a balance between 2 AA products, that stops your blood from clotting on its own. In parallel, both EPA and another n6, dihomogammalinolenic acid (DGLA), are made into other prostaglandins that usually have the opposite effect to those from AA, ensuring a balance in a normal, healthy person.

Getting around to vitamin E, its primary function is to be oxidized to mop up any excess reactive oxygen. That's why it's called an antioxidant because it stops damage to the polyunsaturates in your cell membranes by being oxidized instead!

As to serum cholesterol, if it was so damaging why would our liver produce grams of the stuff everyday? The crucial thing is the balance between high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL) and low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL). LDL takes cholesterol from the liver to be used in the rest of the body, while HDL takes excess cholesterol back to the liver for clearance. This is completely normal; it's only when there is a pathology, like atherosclerosis, that the difference becomes significant. And dietary cholesterol is not important as we only take in tiny amounts per day compared to what our liver is making. In contrast, dietary saturates do matter. Too much of them and our liver is stimulated to make more cholesterol, so if we have an artery problem they can make it worse. But guess what? Our liver doesn't use polyunsaturates for making cholesterol, only saturates, so the higher the polyunsaturates in our diet the less saturates, and therefore the lower the cholesterol from our liver.

There is even one group of humans, the Inuit, (Eskimos) who have extremely high omega 3 intakes, because their diet consists of fish and seals that have eaten the fish. Before the 'West' stuck its nose in the Inuit had lived for thousands of years on a diet almost devoid of plant materials, and they had no more health problems than anyone else, in fact probably fewer. It was only when they were settled into formal townships and became exposed to 'Western' foods that their health profile deteriorated to its generally poor state now.

In contrast, I agree entirely with the position of Body Talk that the industry has pushed and pushed and pushed, but that is true of all vested interests throughout the health and nutrition business, indeed any business, and doesn't detract from the importance of the EFAs and their derivatives, both omega 6 and omega 3, in human health. ■ Professor Bruce Davidson.

Dr. Davidson is the Dean of Students at Bonaire's St. James Medical School.

## Hooked On Fishing Line

Bonaire/Barkadera –

On Saturday, January 21, the first Clean Up dive was organized by Dive Friends of Bonaire. Over 100 volunteers made it a great success. During the Clean Up Dive captains' meeting attention was also paid to the Fishing Line Project, organized by the STCB (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire) in partnership with DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance).

So after the Clean Up dive and the pot luck barbecue (a typical Yellow Submarine tradition/*jb*) the members of the unofficial Gentlemen's Club, women more than welcome, located at the Dive Inn location of Dive Friends of Bonaire decided to recover some fishing line, some hooks and a few ounces of lead.

Sue Willis from STCB supplied some turtle-shaped pieces of plywood to wind up the found fishing line. The members of the club discussed the dive plan.

So with giant strides we jumped into the ocean at Barkadera and started collecting the lines. Immense huge surprise: just one little piece of fishing line is mostly connected to a spider web of nylon, lead and hooks. It took us more than 80 minutes to empty our tanks and we recovered loads and loads of fishing debris from the bottom of the sea. We really were surprised and astonished! We do not think we recovered something like half a percent of all the line polluting our beloved sea and endangering our fish and turtles.

Of course in most cases there is nothing wrong with fishing. Mankind has fished for centuries and centuries. But the population of our delicate island gets bigger and bigger and the demand of private persons and some




Two members of the rebellious Gentlemen's League. Dick de Jong photo

restaurants gets bigger and bigger. And our beloved fishes get smaller and smaller.

(You know, once at the age of 30 or something I got a spear gun for my anniversary and I started shooting lobsters. Then, finally, I found out that I shot a female carrying loads of eggs. Then I stopped shooting...)




Be responsible and take care of the future and the future of our kids and visit the website: [bonaireturtles.org](http://bonaireturtles.org) and get informed by Sue Willis from the Fishing Line Project. Gloves and knives are forbidden in the underwater world around Bonaire but a pair of pliers or ordinary scissors to cut the fishing lines are very efficient! Let's add a pair of pliers or scissors to our equipment! ■


J@n Brouwer



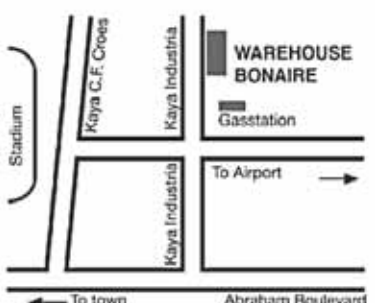
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# Action At Bon Bida Spa



Last week students from group 7 of "De Pelikaan" school visited BonFysio & BonBida Spa for a project about leisure time and sports.

The visit consisted of an interview with owner Robert Smaal, after which they enjoyed a fun and energetic group training session. You can see the sports group in the pictures. ■

Press release



Bon Bida photos

Bon Bida gym and Spa continues to improve what it offers for its members. New instructors and courses have already begun, new machines are on order and in the summer it will begin using the world-famous Les Mills method in its classes. Les Mills began in New Zealand, and Les' son, Philip Mills, has developed a series of 10 choreographed, fitness-to-music programs, which are distributed worldwide. Its dynamic group fitness programs offer something for everyone. The repertoire includes:

- Pre-choreographed routines to ensure consistency and quality - every time.
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G.D.



**The Bon Bida Spa welcomed Henk Broekhuizen to its staff last week. He is Dutch, educated in Sports-Leadership, a masseur and fitness instructor. Until recently he was employed by the Bonaire prison. After special training in Les Mills RPM/Spinning and Body Combat, they will be his specific classes.**

## ACTIVITY FOCUS

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# Bon Doet - Did It !

Volunteers came equipped with rakes, shovels, cutters, plastic garbage bags, games and music, and most of all, lots of enthusiasm. It was the 2nd Bon Doet – Bonaire’s biggest volunteer event. This year 1,030 volunteers showed up – 30% more than last year. Volunteers were individuals, members of associations, foundations, schools, government and businesses (like the group on the



Over 100 schoolchildren cleaned the shoreline with STINAPA



Bonaire Government photo  
Government workers helped clean up the Cocari seniors center



Political foes working together

cover from WEB).

Even Queen Beatrix, her sister, Princess Margriet, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and his wife, Princess Máxima, as well as other members of the Dutch royal family, helped to clean out kennels and look after dogs and puppies at a foundation in the south of The Netherlands as part of NL DOET.

Bon Doet is organized by the NGO Platform along with the Oranje Funds in Holland. During the two days, Friday and Saturday March 16 and 17, the foundations and associations from Bonaire offered different chores for new volunteers. These chores could all be done in a couple of hours or up to one day. This year 41 different organizations offered 48 jobs from cleaning gardens to painting to entertaining the elders to cleaning beaches. The idea is



Some of the trash proved quite interesting

for people to get a chance to take a look at the organization of their choice and to try out volunteering. Volunteers say the number



The Rocargo team scored the shoreline at Lagoen

one reason to volunteer is because they enjoy it, it feels good to spend their time on something positive, a way to show their involvement in their community and connect with those around them.

A big thank you and appreciation go to Coffie & Van der Hoek BV for their incredible assistance with publicity, communication and public relations! ■

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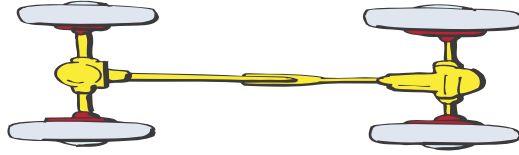
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## FRED KIP TUKKIE AND THE WOODEN LAND-ROVER



Party Time at the Plaza



Now that's a horn!

Bonaire/Kralendijk –

So for years and years I thought this Fred, living on a peninsula between Kralendijk and the airport, was the owner of the wood pattern, repainted Land-Rover 109. Then, one day, I noticed a more or less permanent wooden structure in the bed and at the rear of the vehicle. For some reason a huge Omaha grill was mounted, and on the right hand side front mudguard I noticed an immense air horn, made of copper, power supplied by an aluminum air tank!

So I shut off the engine of my motorcycle and I shot some photographs. Then I entered Fred's private property and we shook hands. It appeared that Fred was not the owner of the long-bed Land-Rover but his high heeled friend and partner Barry. And there was Daan, the guy from Hole.nl, inventor and producer of the t-shirts with five holes... Daan, who also loves classics, being the owner of a Karmann Ghia Coupé. And yes, I was more than welcome but no they had no spare time left because they had to drive the Land-Rover and the Ford F150 V8 (owned by Fred/jb), built in 1967, both loaded with huge smoke barrels and a load of food and real oak

wood to the Plaza beach because of one of Fred's new projects: "Fred Kip Tukkie." They were a vital part of a buffet, organized on the beach for the guests of Plaza. Buffet would start at half past six pm.

So at six I parked the bike and noticed the smell of smoking oak chips and sawdust. I only had to follow my nose to find the Land-Rover and the classic Ford F150 parked on the sandy beach. Fred, Barry and Daan were in a very good mood. Fred was even more excited and in high spirits because of the scoop: for the first time in his life – and probably for the first time on Bonaire – chickens were prepared in smoke barrels, using real oak chips and sawdust from Spakenburg, the Netherlands, from "Scheepswerf (shipyard/jb) Nieuwboer," the shipyard where Fred's former VD 17, a flat bottom boat made of oak wood, baptized Kwak was built.

Then it was time for dishing up the smoked chickens. So Fred, still over active and excited, walked to the series III Land-Rover, opened the valve of the air-tank and the ship's horn started blowing, trying to supply all guests and employees of Plaza with permanent ear damage. People were surprised as it was not the right time

for the cruise ship to leave. Then they understood. This was the start signal for the hot and cold buffet!

Fred and his chicks got more and more smoked. First food was ready and Fred professionally cut the chickens into pieces. Barry, Daan and I tasted the first specimen. Then we served the smoked and delicious meat to the guests. We enjoyed the job and the guests were enthusiastic about the taste of the food.

The old Land-Rover, an ex-army model, produced somewhere in the early 70s of the last century, enjoyed the party too. She is equipped with a converted 2286 cc diesel straight inline engine, so she likes smoke. She likes the air horn on the right hand side mudguard and she likes the help of the air tank since her lungs are over 35 years old.

The series III 109 Land-Rover is produced in huge quantities for civilians and armies all over the world. This one served in the Dutch army. The vehicle consists of a leaf sprung solid chassis made of steel. The body consists of some 95% aluminum. There is not really a fixed roof, just some bars and a soft top. No luxury at all. A real work horse. No power steering. The spare wheel is mounted on the bonnet. The vehicle is not water tight at all, but by gravity all rain drops finally find their way to earth. And as long as Fred keeps painting the vehicle on a more or less regular base he and Barry can enjoy it for a lifetime. ■ Story & Photos by J@n Brouwer

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7	9	4	8	1	5	2	6	3
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6	8	3	4	2	7	1	5	9
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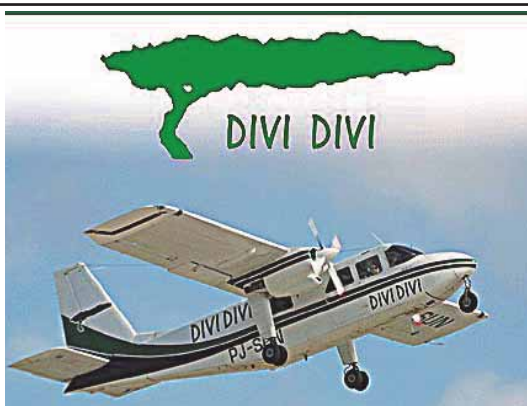
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<b>March Fri 30</b>	06:22 0.75 ft	14:42 -0.18 ft	19:56 0.22 ft		<b>First Quarter</b>	6:33	18:46
<b>Sat 31</b>		00:43 0.08 ft	07:00 0.74 ft	15:10 -0.16 ft	20:23 0.25 ft	6:32	18:47
<b>April Sun 01</b>		01:34 0.07 ft	07:39 0.71 ft	15:38 -0.14 ft	20:55 0.31 ft	6:31	18:47
<b>Mon 02</b>		02:33 0.06 ft	08:22 0.64 ft	16:05 -0.12 ft	21:32 0.39 ft	6:31	18:47
<b>Tue 03</b>		03:41 0.06 ft	09:10 0.55 ft	16:34 -0.09 ft	22:16 0.49 ft	6:30	18:47
<b>Wed 04</b>		05:00 0.04 ft	10:05 0.45 ft	17:04 -0.07 ft	23:04 0.59 ft	6:30	18:47
<b>Thu 05</b>		06:26 0.00 ft	11:14 0.33 ft	17:39 -0.04 ft	23:56 0.70 ft	6:29	18:47
<b>Fri 06</b>		07:53 -0.07 ft	12:36 0.24 ft	18:21 -0.01 ft	<b>Full Moon</b>	6:28	18:47
<b>Sat 07</b>	00:52 0.80 ft	09:11 -0.17 ft	14:06 0.19 ft	19:11 0.01 ft		6:28	18:47
<b>Sun 08</b>	01:49 0.89 ft	10:18 -0.26 ft	15:29 0.18 ft	20:11 0.03 ft		6:27	18:47
<b>Mon 09</b>	02:46 0.95 ft	11:16 -0.34 ft	16:38 0.20 ft	21:16 0.05 ft		6:27	18:47
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Laura DeSalvo



# Bistro de Paris Is Back

Fans of The Bistro de Paris restaurant can breathe a sigh of relief because Patrice and his authentic French fab food are back in a bigger, brighter, new location at dockside at the Harbour Village Marina. The Zazu Bar is the entry point, a place to linger for a drink and a chance to enjoy the comings and goings of sailboats and yachts. It's also the location of Bonaire's first Rum Bar. There are 50 kinds of rum to choose from – 20 are flavored with lavender and honey, pear and bay leaf, or pineapple and cloves to name



The outside terrace is at the water's edge. The air conditioned dining room is just in-board.



The Staff: Terence, Marlin, Claudia, Dillon, Megan, Patrice

just a few. 30 are types of rum from different countries such as Ron Zacappa XO from Guatemala and the very special Clement from French Martinique. They are all available in 1 oz and 2 oz glasses, which could be taken as an invitation to try them all – but over several visits, of course! Another feature of Zazu is the bar menu, a great addition for those who need something yummy for the tummy but not a big meal. From 3 pm until 10:30 pm you can have your choice from a selection of salads, sandwiches, burgers, and tapas which is a nice option if you just want a glass of wine or a beer and a snack.

BUT – if you want to have lunch or dinner you can have a seat in the new airco room or enjoy the breeze on the porch by the water. At lunch the wonderful Bistro soups, L'onion Gratinee and Bouillabaisse Provencale are available as are the salads, sandwiches, and crepes (check this out for a new spin on crepes: tomato mozzarella pesto or red Thai curry chicken) which we enjoyed so much at the old location. Dinner at the Bistro is still as wonderful as always with starters like the soups mentioned above, the Caesar Salad with Crabmeat, or for the more adventurous, waffles topped with duck confit and a cherry griottes dressing. You can follow up with filet of beef with brie and truffle oil or perhaps the always popular and delicious rack of lamb. For the fish lovers there are large portions of grilled fish with sauces such as artichoke and roasted tomatoes or maybe something special created just for that evening. Jumbo shrimp with garlic and truffle oil is another palate pleaser and, for the vegetarians among us, there are several interesting selections made with fresh veggies to choose from.

And now we come to the best part – but how, you may wonder, can there be a best part when all the parts are the best? Well judge for yourself when you try the Bistro desserts. Crème Brulee – WOW! Mousse au Chocolat – what can I say except TRY THIS. And the dessert crepes – again, something very special. As the saying goes, 'Life is short, eat dessert first.' Mais non. At The Bistro de Paris you must start at the top and work your way down through the best of the best in each category – cocktails, rum adventures, tapas, lunch, dinner and ... dessert! Come and enjoy yourself at this great new place; good food, good service, good grief ... let's go! See you there.

Open week days for lunch from 11:30 am and dinner from 6 pm, Zazu bar food, 3 pm to 10:30 pm, dinner only on Saturdays, closed Sunday. For reservations call 717-7070 or email [info@bistrodeparis.com](mailto:info@bistrodeparis.com). ■ Dabney Lassiter

# New Donkey Fence



Maria aan de Stegge photo

Last month the Donkey Sanctuary had a special visitor from Holland. Maria aan de Stegge, a committee member of the foundation, *Bouwstenen voor dierenbescherming*, came to see for herself how Marina Melis and her staff were doing at their new location. Foundation *Bouwstenen voor Dierenbescherming* is a Dutch estate fund that, from the profits of their possessions, support good causes by donating money for special projects with animals.

*Bouwstenen voor Dierenbescherming* decided to support a new, 4,000-meter-long (4 kilometers, 2½ miles!) fence on the sanctuary's new land with a €10,000 donation.

Maria was enthusiastic about the loving and professional way Marina and her staff are managing the 400 donkeys and offering them a sheltered, protected life. The donation of *Bouwstenen voor Dierenbescherming* was the last part of the necessary money to start with the work for the fence.

You can imagine how happy Marina was when Maria, on behalf of the whole committee, presented her and husband, Ed, the check (photo above). ■ Maria aan de Stegge



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## LION HUNTING ON BONAIRE

Dear Editor:

Recently on island I heard various plans, rumors, the usual Caribbean madness, on future projects dealing with the influx of lionfish. Naturally being at the top of the food chain I went out and ordered some. Hey, they are really quite good. So the problem is solved. Basically, just let everyone eat them. They should be an endangered species in a few years. In addition, if planned properly, everyone will make money on the deal. Sound good? Here's the plan.

Instead of arming visiting divers with slings and short gigs and filling the hospital with injured people..there is a better way! First, announce the new PADI Underwater

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But wait...there's more! Think of the spin-offs.....the Bonaire Lionfish Safari Club.....The Bush Bar.....a line of t-shirts and sun hats.....Lionfish Sun Screen.....the Lionfish Grill where the intrepid divers can take their catch and, for a price, watch it turn into an entree.....and so, as the sun sets and everyone is making money...don't stop the circus! ■ Robert Tseng

# Color and Wonder At Wil's Grill



Now on display at Wil's Tropical Grill Restaurant is a new exhibition titled *Koló i Maravia-Paranan na nos Isla* or *Color & Wonder- Birds of our Island*. The photos were taken by local resident, Patrick Holian, and feature a variety of birds that live on Bonaire. "I am attempting to capture more than just a bird on the perch," explains Holian. "I am seeking the kind of shot that tells a story through the animal's beauty, behavior or ideally both. To do that, I have to spend a lot of time in the field trying to get physically close to the birds."

Loras, flamingoes, terns, cara caras and pelicans are just a few of the birds displayed. Other species will be introduced in the upcoming months. "These are digital photos that are transferred to canvas," continues Holian. "It is a captivating medium. The images are a cross between a photograph and a painting. It creates an interesting dynamic."

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

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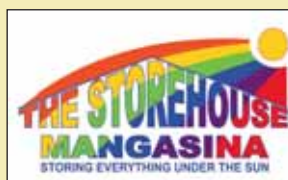
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## Before and After:

# A Bonaire Success Story

## CRUISE SHIP TOURISTS RETURN AS BONAIRE GUESTS



Suzanne and Stephen Chant

Bonaire has been welcoming cruise ship passengers in ever increasing numbers for the past few years. It was hoped that a substantial number of them would return as land based guests. Now that we no longer require airport arrivals to fill in any forms for our statistics, it has been a problem to check our success with this marketing scheme. However, by striking up a conversation and asking a few questions, folks tend to be open and willingly share their Bonaire experiences and visiting history.

By chance, I was lucky enough to meet Suzanne and Stephen Chant from Burlington, Vermont, who were staying at The Sand Dollar Resort on Bonaire. As fellow New Englanders, we chatted a bit and as usual, I peppered them with questions (I am not shy about being nosy when it comes to Bonaire!). The question "how many trips?" was answered. "This is our second; the first was on the Caribbean Princess."

Suzanne is a retired insurance underwriter and Stephen works as a designer in the Digital Graphics department at the University of Vermont. Now that their three children are grown, they have found they have a passion for travel, especially for destinations that celebrate the environment. "When we visited Bonaire by ship, we each went on different tours. I was diagnosed with Huntington's disease in 2010, so Steve elected to do the hard core activities and I went for the island tours. **After a long and wonderful day of touring and biking and hiking, we sat together aboard ship and decided Bonaire was our kind of place!**"

"Since this was our last stop before returning home, we were able to make comparisons. In fact, we had planned on two more cruises after the one that stopped on Bonaire. After these trips it just confirmed our decision to make a land based vacation our next adventure. We waited only a short time before letting our family and friends know our intentions of taking off again. Suffering a bit of disbelief from them or perhaps envy on their part, we planned three glorious weeks on what has become our favorite island!" said Sue.

Sue and Steve really dove into the island life. "We made two trips to Washington/Slagbaai National Park, did lots of snorkeling, sightseeing, and trying out the great restaurants. We also took a cruise on a glass bottom boat, saw the butterfly farm and attended a lecture at CIEE on lion fish.... We did it all!" they said.

Sue has yet to learn to snorkel, but by next trip, she said she would be motivated enough to join Steve on one of his daily forays to the reef. "When we arrived on island, it felt as if we were coming home. So many species of fish, more than 200 birds...to us it is a peaceable kingdom of nature's creations that are happy to be enjoying an idyllic spot in paradise. It really is true. Once a Visitor, Always a Friend." ■ Mike Gaynor



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Day	Date	Ship	Arrive/Depart	PAX Cap	Line
THU	3/29/	Grandeur of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
THU	3/29/	Caribbean Princess	1200-1900	3100	Princess Cruises
SUN	4/1/	Maasdam	0800-1700	1258	HAL
MON	4/2/	Emerald Princess	1200-1900	3100	Princess Cruises
WED	4/4/	Grandeur of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
WED	4/11/	Grandeur of the Seas	0800-1800	2446	Celebrity/RCCL
THU	4/12/	Caribbean Princess	1200-1900	3100	Princess Cruises
FRI	4/13/	Zuiderdam	0800-1700	1918	HAL

## Cruise Ship Calls -Information provided by the TCB

### CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Thurs, Fri., March 29, 30- Salsa Flash Course, 7-8pm** at Sense

**Saturday March 31 -at 8-9pm Salsa class, 9 pm party** at Tropical Rancho. Cost \$30 for three classes, Party is FREE for all! Contact: [info@zumbabonaire.com](mailto:info@zumbabonaire.com) Undine 795-0496/ Claudia 785-0027

**Saturday, March 31 -Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) at Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter's Garage Sale)—across from Brandaris Café, Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, 8 am to noon**

—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 6

—Fund raising dinner at **Chez Nous** to send Horeca students to study in Italy. 6-course dinner with wines \$75. Reservations: Sara Matera 7178285, [gm@divibonaire.com](mailto:gm@divibonaire.com), or Liz Rijna [likie62@gmail.com](mailto:likie62@gmail.com) 700-4639

**Sunday, April 1—34th Annual Kite Contest.** Fabulous and imaginative kites compete from Bonaire and Curacao. Info: Iris at Bonaire Book Store. Phone: 717-6586. More on page 13

**Wednesday April 4- Kids Sport and Health Clinic at Bon Bida Spa and Gym.** For kids ages 7-11. Free. Sports clothes needed. Call 717-7224 or email [sigahoncoop@hotmail.com](mailto:sigahoncoop@hotmail.com)

**April 5 to 9 -10th MCB International Tennis Open, Harbour Village Tennis Center.**

**Saturday, April 7—Farmers' Market at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School 8 am-noon**

**Wednesdays, April 11 and 18 - The Impact of Social Media Workshops 1 and 2: -2-6 pm. \$69\* each incl. snacks & drinks at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47.\*Combination of both Social Media workshops: \$119 when registering before April 4.**

### 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 and sale of work of 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 Jatu 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 Koeke for more information—796-7870.

• **Chess Training - Children & adults.** \$5, 512-9660. Volunteers welcome

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

#### Sundays

• **Kunuku Arawak - Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm.** Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

#### Mondays

• **Soldachi Tours of Rincon,** the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435-best island tour value

• **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar—** Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book Reef Windows.

#### Tuesdays

• **Chez Nous Restaurant—**Multi-course dinner prepared by students, under direction of teachers, \$20. At the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-4628

#### 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.

#### FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

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

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

#### BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

• **Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

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

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

#### CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

• **AI-Anon meetings - every Thursday** evening at 7.30pm. Call 700-7751 or 701-8728

• **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 Jatu 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

• **Rotary** lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 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](mailto:Marytjin@gmail.com) or [Daisycoffie@hotmail.com](mailto:Daisycoffie@hotmail.com)

• **International Bible Church, Kaya Pápago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot.** 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](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Who's Who on The Bonaire Reporter

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## Pets of the Week



"Lola"



"Nelson" and brother "Nathan"

"Spring has sprung, the grass is ris....I wonder where dem kittens is?"...Well, that's not quite how the poem goes but the "kittens is" at the Bonaire Animal Shelter! It's spring and it's kitten season. It's the Spring Kitten Blowout Event! The Shelter has a huge selection of new arrivals. All new makes, models, sizes and colors! Over 15 models to choose from. There are big ones, small ones, striped ones, spotted ones, long haired ones, short haired ones. You name it they've got it! They all come fully equipped with current vaccinations and warranty for future sterilization at the appropriate (mile)age included in the adoption fee. There's no better time to rev up your life and your home with a brand new kitten (or two!). Trade in your uneventful days and nights for months of a top-of-the-line feline entertainment center. Treat yourself to years of luxurious soft fur and unequalled love and companionship from one of these new beauties. Come by the Kitten Showroom at the Bonaire Animal Shelter, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. ...and drive a new kitten(s) home today! ■ Jane Madden Disko

NOTE: Shelter statistics indicate that the number of unwanted cats and kittens on the island is steadily increasing. As a result the Shelter has launched a radio campaign urging island residents to sterilize their cats at no cost through the **Shelter's Free Sterilization fund**. The response has been very positive with a number of recent "mothers" being sterilized in the past two weeks. You can help in this effort by donating to the fund and by making your neighbors and friends aware of the project. **Monetary donations can be made via Bank transfer to Maduro & Curiel's Bank account #102.378.00 or RBTT Bank account #23.10.139.** ■ Jane Madden Disko

### SHELTER NEWS:

Desperately seeking "cat people!" The Bonaire Animal Shelter is in great need of **cat lovers to volunteer** with cleaning and caring for their feline residents. Two of the Shelter's "cat expert" volunteers are retiring after providing over 13 years of love and care for the Shelter's cats. Openings are available on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The duties require about two or three hours work. Training will be provided. If those days are not convenient, it may be possible to rearrange the current schedule. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Marlies at the Shelter, 717-4989. ■ Jane Madden Disko

The Animal Shelter is looking for **volunteers to help in the Pakus di Pruga (flea market)**. It is only for one Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon per month. It would be nice if the volunteers speak some Papiamentu or Spanish. Call Paul at 787-0466.

Keep in mind those volunteers "on site" have first choice of all the goodies that come in for sale! ■ Laura DeSalvo

## Did You Know...

That two deep sea organisms have perfected a cloak of **invisibility!** In the deep sea where there is very little or no light, predators can detect prey either by looking for a prey animal's silhouette created by ambient light from above or by illuminating the prey animal using bioluminescence as a searchlight.

For predators that use ambient light, it's hard to find transparent prey because the light will pass through them without making a silhouette. For predators that use bioluminescence, it's hard to find a dark-pigmented animal because they blend into their background too well. Most deep sea life is either transparent or dark-pigmented which makes them vulnerable to one or the other form of predation.

Researchers from Duke University recently found that a deep sea octopus and squid can be both! In ambient light in a Duke laboratory, the squid and the octopus were both transparent. But when the researchers shone a blue light on them, simulating a bioluminescent predator, they turned dark almost instantly.

This predator-dependent camouflage makes both creatures masters of disguise. So, the next time you find yourself below 200m, take a good look around! You could be staring straight at a squid or an octopus and not even know it. ■ Hilary Scherer

Edited by Caren Eckrich



S. Zylinski photo

Hilary is a Biology major at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. She is studying the circadian rhythms of lionfish during her semester at CIEE and her favorite animal is a close tie between dogs and cuttlefish.



## Dealing With Dog Ticks

Sometimes our volunteers come across dogs that suffer terribly from ticks. Apart from being a nuisance for the dog the ticks can cause your dog to die.

A tick is a spiderlike bloodsucking parasite that will, as soon as it lands on the skin of a dog, start digging in its head to suck the blood and fill its body with the blood. If this tick has the so called "tick disease" the dog can get very sick.

Ticks can cause severe anemia, high fever, loss of appetite and weight loss. With these symptoms your dog should be treated with antibiotics.

To get rid of the ticks you can wash your dog with a special lotion or shampoo.

To prevent ticks you can get a product called Frontline from your veterinarian. Once a month this product should be put directly on the skin of the dog. For puppies there is a Frontline spray available. Your vet also sells a product called Tactic which can be diluted with water and used to wash the dog once every three months. There is

also a special collar that will keep away ticks and fleas for up to three to four months.

We recommend you buy these products from your veterinarian. He knows exactly what to use on which dog. And overdoses of these products can cause a lot of trouble. If you think you have ticks in your garden you can have the Hygienic Service (*Hygienische Dienst*) spray the garden. As the ticks on Bonaire don't carry Lime disease they are no threat to human beings.

If your animal is sick or needs injections and you have no transport please let us know. You can call: 788-2949. We'll gladly help out. ■ Marjolijn Eillebrecht for Stichting Dierenhulp



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## LOW LYIN' ORION AND THE HIGH FLYIN' LION

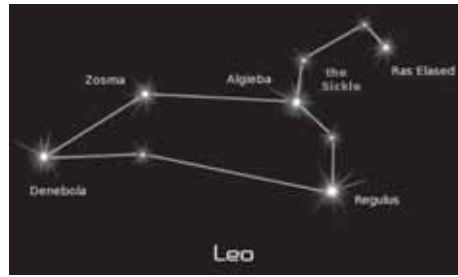
It's that time of year again when the Sky Park night skies almost yell out, "Spring is here!" That's because when Orion is low lyin' and the lion is high flyin', winter is on its way out.

Now most of you know that the constellation **Orion the Hunter** is one of the easiest star patterns to find in the night sky. In fact, if you go outside in early evening during December, Orion will be climbing up the southeastern sky as a celestial announcement of the imminent arrival of winter.

And in January and February when winter is coldest, Orion reaches his highest point in the heavens, due south in early evening almost bragging to the world that he is master of the season. But then, Orion slowly leaves center stage in early evening and by the beginning of April is tipped over on his side in the southwest almost hanging on to the sky for dear life. And it's this placement of Orion in the southwestern sky in early evening that always tells us winter is soon coming to an end.

And although we're always sad to see Orion's bright stars go, nevertheless a less bright but much bigger constellation takes his place almost overhead in early evening announcing that spring is here, the constellation **Leo the Lion**. If you go out any April night in early evening, you'll see Orion slowly sinking in the southwest while Leo is crouched at the very roof of heaven roaring that his season, spring, is here.

Leo's easy to find. He's reclining in kind of a sphinx position. His head and fore-quarters marked by a backward question mark or sickle, with the bright star **Regulus** marking his heart. The triangle of stars to the east marks his rear. In ancient times, lions were often associated with royalty and Leo's brightest star Regulus means "the little king" although you will sometimes still hear Regulus called "*Cor Leonis*" which means, "The Lion's Heart." Regulus is only about 1/2 a degree away from the ecliptic, so you'll often see the **Moon** pass quite close to it. And, occasionally, the Moon will briefly **occlude it, hiding it from view**. And the planets occasionally move very close to Regulus. In fact, on July 7th, 1959, an



extremely rare event occurred when Regulus was actually occulted by **Venus** as Venus passed in front of it, an event which won't happen again for several centuries.

Regulus is about 85 light years away, which means that we see it not as it looks now, but how it looked 85 years ago. So if you're 85 years old when you look at Regulus you actually see the light that left it the year you were born. And thank heavens it's that far away because it's five times the diameter of our **Sun** and 160 times brighter! This means that if Regulus were as close to us as our Sun, we'd all be crispy critters.

What are the planets are doing this week? An hour after sunset any night this week look to the west. You'll see the two brightest planets in the sky, **Venus** and **Jupiter**. If you pay close attention to Venus over the next few nights, you can watch it glide silently closer and closer to the **Seven Daughters of Atlas, the Pleiades**. The exciting part happens next week on April 2nd and 3rd because Venus is going to be in just the right position that we'll see her pass extremely close to the Pleiades. It should look spectacular, especially in a pair of binoculars or a small telescope.

And while you're outside, look high in the eastern sky for the red planet **Mars**. It's just to the left and a little below Regulus. And if you go outside shortly before midnight, when Mars is at its highest, you'll see the ringed planet **Saturn**, high in the southeast, forming a triangle with **Arcturus** and **Spica**.

So get outside after sunset for low lyin' Orion and the high flyin' lion.

Two sure signs that winter's goin' and spring is here.

■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*

# Horoscopes 2012

April 2012

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) High status and position this month. You will see a focus on career and of course higher gains and income due to that. Socially a good period as friendships would be revived and new friendships possible. If you try, you could make friends in high places also this month.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Positive month although returns and gains could be lower than usual You should guard against unnecessary ego in speech and actions. Issues in family life possible this month due to ego hassles. Investments in bonds and securities possible in the second half for you. Facial infections and pains not ruled out.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Month begins with ego in speech and subconscious. You will realize half way into the month that working with others is better than having others work against you. This will bring in growth as well as progress. Your status and public image would look upwards now too.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Progress will continue both on personal as well as professional front. You will find your progress would become more due to non academic knowledge and your instincts. In the second half of the month the action would move towards family matters and some movement in residence and travel would come about too. Avoid unnecessary resentment against family members.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Changes in residences could come about during this month in the first half. You become quite creative and egoistic at the same time in the second half of the month. Ego hassles possible with grown up children, while good news and some developments with regard to children as such possible for the rest.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Career will be high on your priority and bring in a high level of growth in the first half of the month. Authority and confidence would be high. Opposition to your ideas and issues in marriage and relations could come in the second half of the month. Ego should be controlled as that could be the reason for the issues in marriages etc.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Issues could remain in relationships. New developments in love life possible for those unattached. Your ideas could find opposition. Stamina and immune system could dip in the second half and so you need to take care of your health. Avoid very active or new commitments in the second half of the month.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Health and stamina could be low in the first half of the month. You might feel sleepy and low on energy in the first half of the month. Luck and happiness will rise in the second half of the month. You will feel happy in children related members. Travel could come about and would be pleasurable. Positive period in the second half.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Children related developments possible this month. New investments possible, while old investments could bring in gains. Career would pickup very well in the second half of the month. You will find support of your superiors and people in government or authoritative positions. Rise in authority.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) This month will see creative work as well as better luck. Some ego with family members possible. Position and career would move up after the 15th April 2012. Position and status would be high during this month.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) High status and position this month. You will see a focus on career and of course higher gains and income due to that. Socially a good period as friendships would be revived and new friendships possible. If you try, you could make friends in high places also this month.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) The month would begin positively and financial gains and progress would be good. Around mid month you might see a general dip in energy, finances and a sense of detachment and lethargy. The second half would be a slow period and so you should avoid keeping too many professional, financial and social commitments during this time. ■ *Annie*

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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter ... with Flat Stanley

Mary Lovie, a frequent visitor to our island, sent us the story of Flat Stanley and a picture of him with *The Reporter*. Stanley is proud that he became acquainted with *The Reporter* particularly the issue that has the children's carnival on the front cover.

Flat Stanley will explain to the classmates of Mary's granddaughter, Katie Bardwell, how the children of Bonaire are very involved in celebrating Carnival. He will tell them of all the preparations and the fun they have doing it. Katie is seven years old and is in grade two. She chose to send Flat Stanley to Bonaire because Mary always tells her that Bonaire is a fun place to visit.

PS: Stanley is "flat" because he has to be able to travel around via the mail! ■



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