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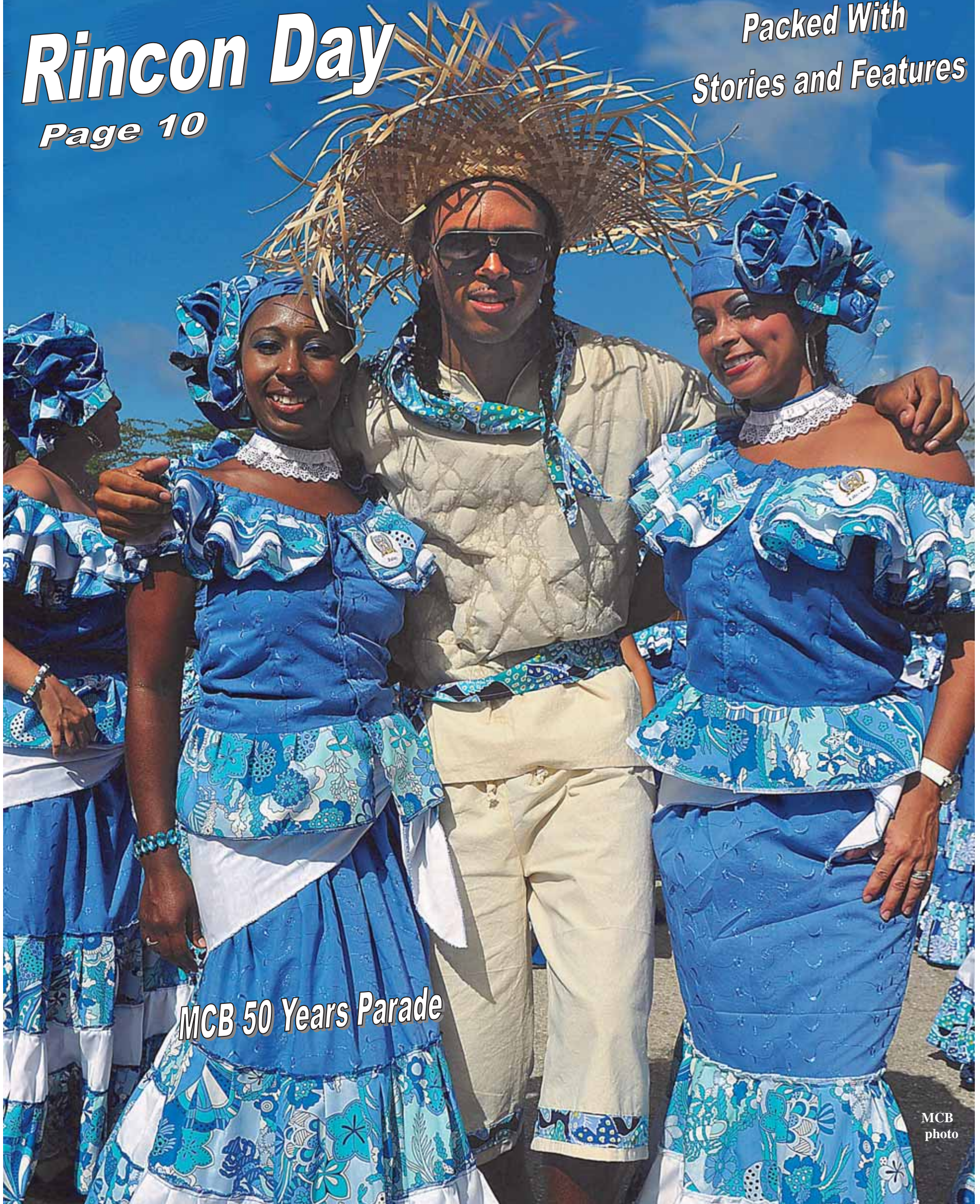
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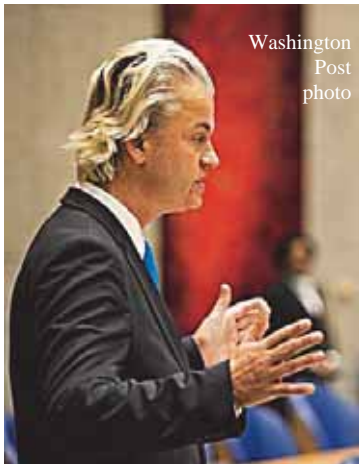
Bonaire to Vote in Dutch Parliamentary Elections

Prime Minister Mark Rutte tendered the resignation of his cabinet to Queen Beatrix on Monday afternoon, 26 April, following the collapse of talks aimed at restoring order to government finances.

Party for Freedom (PVV) leader Geert Wilders pulled out of the negotiations earlier, saying the impact of the spending cuts "ordered by Brussels" was too great. The decision meant the minority cabinet of People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) and Christian Democrat (CDA) no longer has enough support in the Dutch Parliament, making parliamentary elections inevitable.

The Dutch Second Chamber elections will take place on September 12, 2012. Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will take part in the elections for the first time since they became part of The Netherlands on October 10, 2010. Member of the Second Chamber Ortega-Martijn asked Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Liesbeth Spies whether she had taken note of the recent concerns expressed by the Governors of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba about the costs of organizing the elections on the islands. On September 20 the first meeting of the newly elected Second Chamber will take place. Candidate lists must be in by July 31. New political parties have until June 18 to register their name at the Voting Council. We expect local parties may align with one or more of the Dutch parties for this election.

Recent visitor to Bonaire, Liesbeth Spies, declared her candidacy in the Christian Democrat (CDA) party's contest to find a new leader ahead of the general election of September 12. Candidates may register until May 4. A selection committee will be announcing the candidates for the election on May 7.



Washington Post photo

Geert Wilders recently brought down the Dutch Government. He last visited Bonaire around Karnaval time.

Wilders is controversial. He lives in a government safe house fitted with a panic room and is guarded round the clock, travels by bulletproof car and rarely talks with journalists — choosing instead to funnel messages directly to supporters via Twitter and a personal blog.

But when Geert Wilders — dubbed "Mozart" for his bleached-blond bouffant hair — brought down the Dutch government last week in an extraordinary show of force by Europe's resurgent far right, it wasn't over his high-profile rhetorical war on Islam. Instead, the clash was over his emphasis on another belief that he and his Freedom Party now see as almost equally dangerous: an integrated Europe. In the Netherlands, Wilders, 48, rose from political obscurity during the past decade to become one of the most influential far-right politicians in Europe.

Wilders — who spent time in his youth on an Israeli kibbutz — is pro-Israel and staunchly anti-Islam. Describing Islam as a religion of violence and hate that wants to "enslave" the West, he has called for the closure of Muslim schools, made a high-profile anti-Muslim film and wants forced registration of all Dutch citizens holding two passports. - *Michael Birnbaum and Marit Van Kooij*

THE HAGUE—The Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) is making an **additional \$6,265,890 available in the next four years so schools in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba** can pay incentives to attract teachers from abroad. Labor conditions on the islands are unattractive for teachers from The Netherlands. Teachers are faced with the cost of moving, and the move has an adverse effect on their pension build-up. **Education Minister Van Bijsterveldt-Vliegthart** is willing to provide compensation for travel and moving costs, pension premium, old age pension AOW, study debt and double living expenses.

For travel and moving costs, the Minister suggests a one-time contribution of **\$2,070** per teacher. Teachers will receive compensation of **\$552** per month to cover their ABP pension premium and **\$414** per month to continue the build-up of their AOW (retirement) in The Netherlands. Younger teachers who have just completed their studies also can receive a monthly contribution of **\$345** to pay off their study debt, and if they have to pay a mortgage on their house in The Netherlands they may further receive a contribution of **\$690** per month to cover their double living expenses. The incentives package is applicable to contract periods of three years. Schools also can use the additional funds to maintain their own teachers.

►THE HAGUE--Women from Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be able to get a legal abortion soon. That is if the Mariadal Foundation, which runs Bonaire's San Francisco hospital, is granted the license, which is likely. **Dutch Minister of Public Health, Wellbeing and Sports, Edith Schippers,** announced this following the opening of the kidney dialysis unit in Bonaire. Although abortions are routinely done on Bonaire, Mariadal is the first to request a license to legally

carry out abortions. Without this license abortions are technically "illegal." Terminating a pregnancy became legal in October 2011, but until now, no one had applied for a permit. The Minister pointed out that in the former Netherlands Antilles, some 50% of pregnancies were terminated, usually by medical professionals.

►Dutch Party for Freedom (PVV) leader Geert Wilders has called on Muslims throughout the world to leave Islam. He made his call in a speech in New York, to promote his English-language book *Marked for Death.* Wilders claimed that his book explains that Islam is a "totalitarian ideology" and is an encouragement to freedom-loving Muslims to turn their back on Islam. Wilders joins another former Dutch MP, former VVD Member of Parliament **Ayaan Hirsi Ali,** as a fighter against Islam. Hirsi Ali moved to the US in 2005, and was subsequently named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential persons.

►EINDHOVEN—The Dutch advice and engineering bureau, DHV, will be guiding several construction and renovation projects to **improve health and medical care in Bonaire.** DHV will guide the extensive renovation and expansion of the San Francisco Hospital and the adjacent nursing home, *Kas di Kuido.* Both facilities are operated by the Mariadal Foundation. Total cost of the construction, expected to take three years, is \$30 million. The project will be built according to sustainable, environmentally friendly standards. San Francisco is Bonaire's only hospital and has 36 beds. The hospital provides internal medicine, emergency care, general surgery, orthopedics, ENT specialties and eye care.

►As David Feehan, an expert in the field of developing and managing city centers says, Some-

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thing must be done soon to make the city centre of Kralendijk attractive and healthy.” He visited the island at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce on a one-week fact-finding mission.



de Geus and Feehan

Liliane de Geus of Link Development coordinated the visit. She was the director of Downtown Management Organization (DMO) in Curaçao before her return to Bonaire. Feehan spoke with public and private sector representatives and held presentations for the Executive Council and others. He concluded that the center of Kralendijk and the street scene aren't attractive. There are too many infrastructural problems, cars are parked haphazardly due to insufficient parking facilities, the town center is unsafe because of sidewalks under repair and clinkers lying all over the place. The available waste containers are often overfilled and there are insufficient public toilets, while the existing

ones are not attractive to use. There's overdue maintenance and a good management plan for the open spaces is lacking. Feehan advised the Chamber of Commerce to assume the leading role and produce an action plan.

► **Joran van der Sloot, suspected in the disappearance of Natalee Holloway almost seven years ago,** is to serve out his 28-year sentence in Peru. Dutch citizen Van de Sloot was found guilty earlier this year of the murder of 21-year-old Stephany Flores Ramirez on May 30, 2010, in a hotel room in Lima. Now the US has requested his extradition to face charges of fraud and extortion of the mother of Natalee Holloway. In the US case, Van der Sloot is accused of asking Natalee Holloway's mother for €190,000 for information about what happened to her daughter's body. He is said to have received the money from her.

Peruvian Minister San Martín explained that Van der Sloot might be able to attend his trial in the US, but that he would have to return to Peru after the verdict to serve the rest of his 28-year sentence.

► Bonaire may not have a formal movie theater but it does have a **new Movie Bus that runs Friday and Saturday nights** at 7:30 from the road in front of the Divi Flamingo. It offers a two-hour plus cruise in the largest bus on the island, a 53-passenger air condi-

tioned former Greyhound with reclining seats. Viewing is on two flat screen TVs playing DVD movies, with complimentary soft drinks and popcorn. Great entertainment for \$12.50 per person! For more specific info, please contact John at Voyager Events 700-4123. -JP

► **Antriol's Flamingo Garden Estate is a new housing project** on Kaminda Djabou. Construction will begin with a first stone laying ceremony on Friday, May 11. The Estate plans show beautiful landscaping, superb infrastructure, 24-hour security, a central recreation area with a deluxe swimming pool and a fitness center. Prices start at \$170,000.

Potential home buyers are invited to attend the first stone-laying ceremony. The reception begins at 16.30. For registration and additional information please contact Flamingo Garden Estate at 5999 525-6053, or by email tofge.sales@yahoo.com before 10 May 2012.

► **Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is looking for volunteer beach keepers** to help them protect the nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings. Can you spare a little time each week to walk the beach looking for sea turtle crawls? You will receive full training. Please register now or email program.assistant@bonaireturtles.org or call 717-2225 or 701-0433. The STCB

Royal Honors



Emma Sint Jago, Franklin Scherptong, 'Emmy' Schermer and Governor Lydia Emerencia.

Last month the three Bonaireans pictured above were recognized for their selfless dedication to improving the lives of others and inducted into the Royal Order of Oranje-Nassau by her Majesty, Queen Beatrix. The awards were presented by Bonaire's Governor, Lydia Emerencia. Criteria for membership in the Order of Oranje include voluntarily contributing significant knowledge, talents and time to improving the community. ■ G.D.

emergency hotline is 780-0433. **An STCB Training Workshop for volunteers will be given on Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 8 pm at the DCNA office** at 10A Kaya Finlandia, opposite the City Shop entrance. Call the numbers above to say you're coming.

► **Mike Gaynor** writes: "After 10 years in



the same place, **Chat 'n' Browse, has moved!** Finding the new spot is quite simple. Facing the former location look left and proceed 20 feet. You will be able to enjoy the same great service and smiling faces. Nothing much has changed but they are toying with the idea of serving hot coffee and maybe a snack. How does Chat, Browse, Chew 'n' Brew Sound? In any event, they provide free local calls and real cheap ones to the states and Europe!" ■ G./L.D.

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On the Island Since...2006 - Néthanja Bendt

“I was born in Surinam in 1991 in the district of Nickerie. My early childhood was wonderful. Both my parents had been the youngest child in their family and had therefore been very spoiled. When they got me, they automatically spoiled me the same way! My mother, who is a music teacher, had a gospel choir of about 30 people. My dad also sang in the choir and during all the rehearsals and performances I was always present, standing on a chair in the front row, clapping! Naturally I started singing at an early age. The last time I was in Surinam for vacation my mom and I listened to some tapes from when I was two and three years old.

Nickerie was quiet and we were a close-knit family who did everything together – swimming in the creek, playing with marbles and always, always, there was music. My grandparents lived close by and my uncle had his farm a little further. We danced and sang every day, and in the afternoon my grandma’s sisters who also lived close, dropped by and then we went fishing in the creek.

When I was about four, my brother was born and a year later my sister. We moved to the capital, Paramaribo, when I was six. My mom had gotten a job as a music teacher there, but every weekend we went back to Nickerie.

Our family got involved in a terrible car accident when I was nine. My little brother was five and he took the biggest hit and his skull split. He should have been dead, but he survived and they called

him the ‘miracle child’ and that’s what he is. He was operated on by a neurologist who tried to close leaks to the brain and they also fixed his face. But after six months my parents had to fly quickly with him to Holland, and it appeared that the operations had done no good at all. My brother still lives in Holland and when you see him you wouldn’t think something was wrong with him. But he needed to be operated on again and there are many issues we have to take into account considering him.

My sister and I stayed with my grandparents in Nickerie, but after a while I got sick with stress and had to go to Paramaribo for treatment every other week. My sister suffered from nightmares and I don’t know how we got through it, but if it wasn’t for God, we wouldn’t have managed.

Somehow I finished elementary school, and as I like technology I wanted to go to Polytechnic School, but my mom didn’t

“To me music is a word with a very powerful meaning. It’s my whole life and it takes me into a different world. Music also means love – a very strong and profound love. I couldn’t live without it. It literally means everything to me.”



Nethanja with some of her trophies. “But,” she says, “I’ve got many more in Surinam.”

agree. She wanted to send me to a school where I would learn how to sew a skirt – but I’m not so much the skirt-sewing type! That’s not my style! Well, to make a long story short: My mom’s sister lived on Bonaire and she and I had a special bond. When I was a baby, my aunt wanted me and asked my mom for me, but my mother always said, ‘I didn’t get any babies to give them away like they were puppies!’

The first time I came to Bonaire I was three years old and I still remember how

that was. My grandparents (my mom’s parents) came with us. And before I came to live here I had been here at least six times, so, when I was 14 my aunt said, ‘Come here!’ and I went to live with her on Bonaire.

I went to SGB and did Mavo – technical – and then I did Havo and now I’m following management training. My aunt and her family moved to Holland and I’m living with friends of my aunt. Currently I am

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working for RCN in the archives. It's a good job and I have great colleagues, but it's got nothing to do with technology. I would love to study aviation maintenance technician and some day I will.

To be young and living on Bonaire... well, I am not the average person. I'm not an internet freak. I do have a Blackberry, but I can't work it very well and when I want to say something to someone I prefer a phone call. So, I am different from most people of my age. I am a quiet person. Silence and tranquility don't bother me, and I have no problems keeping myself busy here. I play dominos with my friends, we watch movies, we go for a swim, drive around or we jam in a studio – that's what we do most of the time! And of course I go out now and then. However, reason number one why I won't stay here is because I don't have family here and then, I still want to study more – because I am smart. Here you stay at a certain level and that's a pity, especially when it comes to my music.

From the time when I was very young I've been singing in public. I am part of a girl's band here: Lucy, Amanda, Mary, Sylvia and me. We play everything- Salsa and Reggae and we do a lot of R&B and I write my own songs and we play everywhere: Little Havana, Wilhelmina Plaza, Sorobon, Plaza Hotel. We're good, you know! However, one of us is in her final school year and I got a contract with RCN – so, it's a bit less. I also sing solo and I accompany myself on my keyboard and every Sunday I sing at my church, the Ministry Di Kristu Hesus." *She looks pensive.* "To me music is a word with a very

powerful meaning. It's my whole life and it takes me into a different world. Music also means love – a very strong and profound love. I couldn't live without it. It literally means everything to me. I think that someone who doesn't care for music must have a dead soul."

Nethanja is very talented. She has an extraordinary pure voice – but also she's bright and she will get there. "Sometimes I feel lonely. I shouldn't say that, because too many people care for me. But I miss my family. If I'd go somewhere now it would be Holland where I'd like to do conservatory and music theatre. For one year I haven't studied anything except for my management course. My aunt would like me to study electronics and do my music later so I will have a more solid basis. In a way she's right because if you want to do something in music you have to be really good! Still, I'm looking for what's closest to my heart and in the end, it's always music.

One thing I regret is that I never paid attention when my mother was giving music lessons because I still can't read music! I am too lazy, I prefer to play by ear. My mom is very good at it, however, she doesn't play any instrument and that's what I'm good at: piano, guitar, flute, bass. When I touch it, it starts playing and that's why I should do something with it because I realize that's a gift. Another thing is, since I am here, I do what I want with my voice – something I wouldn't dare to do when I am around my mom! No way! I miss her because she's strict and she knows I can do much more with my voice and...she's right!



February in Rincon: Nethanja jamming with classical pianist-pediatrician Christiaan van Woerden and rapper Gerald.

I wouldn't go back to Surinam though. It's beautiful and therefore inspiring to write songs, but both my grandmothers passed away and what's left are my grandfathers, my parents and my sister. Everybody else is living in other places around the world – amazing when you think of it. I even have relatives in China!

Bonaire has had a big impact on me. I've learned how to express myself and to say what I feel and I don't get stressed so fast anymore. I've become more social and open, but I am still sweet and that's also important. It wouldn't be good otherwise!

I also learned to lose on Bonaire because I participated in the 'Voice of Bonaire' and I didn't win, but that's part of the game too. I had to learn it. And last year at

the Caribbean gospel festival on Curacao I didn't win the solo, but I did win in the duo and also I've won other festivals and contests.

So far, I've spent my best years on Bonaire and it was also the first place I went on vacation and part of my heart will always be here. I am 21; I started in Surinam and then I came here; from here I will go to Holland and when I am more mature and a producer offers me a contract, then it's going to be the US. Yes," *she laughs*, "you have to think big!"

■ *Story & photos by Greta Kooistra*



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Letters to the Editor



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Te Amo Beach- Does this look like the best spot for a cargo pier?

happened. Mr. de Leon only attended one meeting of the committee which had to advise the Executive Council in choosing the location for the new container pier. That was the only meeting he went to and the only time they asked him something. The committee showed Mr. de Leon two Google air photos: one of Te Amo Beach and one of the WEB location. And, as the reef of Te Amo Beach is in much worse condition than the reef at the Web location, Mr. de Leon said, "Te Amo Beach." Mr. de Leon was never offered any other option or location nor did he attend any other meeting considering this issue.

I am happy with Mr. de Leon's reaction because it means that he does care, and on the contrary to what I was led to believe, he was never offered another, more suitable location. To me, it seems that it's all about money again – as always – as I remember the wife of the Chairman of the Committee saying, "Te Amo Beach was chosen because it's the cheapest." So far – so sad.

Greta Kooistra

CHEAPEST CHOICE?

Dear Editor:

Some weeks ago I wrote how sorry I felt when I heard Te Amo Beach had been designated to become the new location for the container pier. I also wrote

that I couldn't understand why Stinapa and TCB had voted for this beautiful location to be destroyed.

However, some days ago I was approached by Ramon de Leon, Marine Park Manager for Stinapa, and he specifically explained to me what really had

Editor's note: Recent developments surrounding the choice of a site for the new cargo port have turned away from Te Amo Beach. We will keep you posted.

REPORTER ABSOLVED



Bruno and Laura in Panama. "We are having a great time here."

In our last edition we reported that Laura Dekker (16), the world's youngest singlehanded circumnavigator, departed Bonaire in company with Bruno Ottens, a Bonaire resident of Dutch descent.

Via Facebook the website [Zeilmeisje Laura Dekker](#) was critical of this: "Do you really think it's a good idea to bring Laura's private affairs in the news?"

The Reporter replied that this was NOT private information since Laura mentioned Bruno, not by name, in her blog herself. In addition Bruno is well liked in Bonaire. Many are interested in his journey as well.

Last week Bruno Ottens replied via Facebook:

Dear Reporter,

"OK, Bruno here guys, I think its great that the *Bonaire Reporter* like wrote an article about me and yes, many people like to know what's going on in my life ...the *Bonaire Reporter* is a great newspaper in Bonaire, so I support them . We're having a great time here , and I hope the *Zeilmeisje Laura Dekker* organization can just drop it. she doesn't even like to be called that name, hahahaha !

-Bruno Ottens

PS: give everyone on Bonaire my thanks !!!



This is a little beach at EEG Boulevard #14 in Belnem. The left photo was made at the end of the 1980s, the other one in April 2012. Not only is there some rubble and rocks from various piers that disappeared during various storms, but look at the sea level. Isn't that amazing?

-Greta Kooistra

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Danilo Christiaan, manager of Mangazina di Rei, welcomed me warmly at the cultural park and the floor manager, Izain Mercera, gave me a tour of the premises.

Mangazina di Rei was a warehouse for the government slaves; it was where they went to pick up their provisions. Nowadays, Mangazina di Rei is a key element in Bonaire's cultural preservation which is managed by youngsters (in training) and community groups. Under the guidance of a group of passionate seniors, professionals and volunteers, the youngsters are being challenged into taking more entrepreneurial responsibilities and using their talents at their utmost best while also working on their cultural and social development. **"The challenge for all of us together is to deliver to our visitors a unique experience of seeing, tasting and feeling the culture of Bonaire,"** said **Danilo Christiaan**.

Mangazina di Rei is going to host a two-day event this month. "On May 18, International Museum Day is taking place at

the Mangazina di Rei Culture Park with an open house, from 10 am to 4 pm. This means that our doors are open to everyone in order for each one of our visitors to see, feel and taste the culture of Bonaire!" announced Danilo. He continued: "The theme for this two-day event will be sustainability, which is also the goal of Mangazina di Rei. We would like to show the tourists **and** the Bonairean population the power of culture and its effect on the sustainable development of Bonaire. It would mean a world to us if in the year 2024, when celebrating its 200 years of existence, all that we created today will still be present and in good condition."

"The following day, May 19, is what we called *Mi Zjilea Day*. *Mi Zjilea* in Papiamentu means 'when one feels good doing something one likes very much.' Or, as they say in English, 'when one feels like a fish in water.' On this day we offer a full diverse agenda starting from 6:30 am until 2 am on May 20, with a lot of different activities during the day such as how to bake bread. In the evening numerous local

Picture Yourself In Marsa Alam, Egypt

Jolanda Smakman sent us this photo of herself taken at Brayka Bay Resort in Marsa Alam, Egypt, where she and her husband were recently on vacation.

They are from the Netherlands and last October were on their paradise island of Bonaire. They hope to return this year for the sixth time. ■



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bands like Foyan Boyz, for example, will be performing until late at night. For the early birds, Mangazina di Rei will be open on this day for breakfast. There will be a buffet and tickets are available for presale. Prior to the breakfast buffet there will be a walking tour guided by Mr Bòi Antoin."

Besides hosting cultural events, Mangazina di Rei is also a study center acknowledged by many international institutions such as the Dutch Organization CALIBRIS which specializes in health care, social care, welfare and sport studies. At Mangazina di Rei youngsters and (high) school drop outs get a second chance to prepare themselves for re-integrating into the society and the labor market, but this time they will be better prepared.

Danilo elaborated: "What we would like to achieve during this two-day event is to inform people about the Mangazina di Rei. This project is composed of various parts, such as the restoration of the old warehouse while maintaining it as a historic building, to give the heritage of Bonaire a fixed and timeless spot inside the cultural park, creating a food hotspot for the birds in the neighborhood, offering youngsters the chance to practice how to become entrepreneurs so that they may be more understanding and enthusiastic while at the same time cherishing the value of doing business."

Danilo cheerfully continued: "Another

pending project is the eco museum concept of 'Rinconsito.' We would like to create a miniature version of Rincon. An eco museum is a dynamic way in which communities preserve, interpret and manage their heritage for a sustainable development and it is based on a community agreement."

I think that Mangazina di Rei is a great place to visit, actually a must see, feel and taste experience as their slogan states. The museum at the entrance is embellished with so many details and gives you a detailed photographic view of how things were done in the past on Bonaire. When I was in there it truly touched me and left me in a complete state of awe. It was like I was taken back in time and that I was part of the scene I saw in those pictures.

And for you trainees I advise you to learn as much as possible and do make the most of the learning experience Mangazina di Rei offers you. It will benefit you in many ways for your bright future.

So, remember, folks, there are many roads to Rome, but one only gets there IF there's a will... Because as you all know, where there is a will, there is way, always... ■

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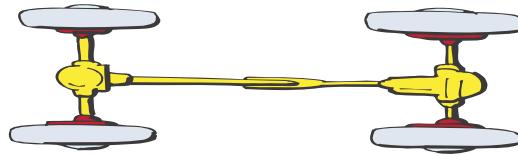
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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

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THE HAPPY CADUSHY FAMILY ON WHEELS



Eric, Rianne and Jolande mounted up

Bonaire/Rincon – As long as Eric Gietman can remember he has been interested in off road riding. Those days, way back in the former century, he lived in the southern part of Holland and he really liked to ride his bike over unpaved roads and through the still existing outback of The Netherlands. Every now and then he fell off his bike but he never got seriously injured and he always wore a safety helmet. One of his last bikes was a Yamaha XT500, the first of a new generation of reliable single-cylinder, four-stroke off-road machines. Then he decided to sell the motorcycle and buy two mountain bikes for Jolanda, his partner, and himself. So they were still off road but now the vehicles were powered by human energy instead of by an engine powered by fossil fuel.

In 1997 Eric and his wife spent their honeymoon on Bonaire and they immediately fell in love with the hardy spoiled island. Of all places, they really loved the small and independent village of Rincon with its proud citizens in the northern part of the tropical island. All kinds of fantasies popped up and plans were created to start a business or something to be able to live on this wonderful island. It took them years and years to create a business plan and when everything was organized and thought over again and again the economic recession changed all plans. Several times Eric visited the Diver's Paradise to find out how to create a job and a living on Bon-

aire. Then, in March 2009, Eric, Jolande and their lovely daughter, Rianne, made a giant stride. They moved to Bonaire to live their dream. One year later they bought the former Cinelandia complex in Rincon and started cleaning it. They put a lot of energy and money in restoring the house next to the cinema and they started the Cadushy Distillery, an artisan and traditional factory where they produce their Bonaire liqueur, made of the Kadushi cactus.

Eric: "We love the island of Bonaire, especially the village of Rincon. This is the best kept secret. Rincon is a fine example of the original Bonaire. We bought the ruins of the cinema and the house next to it and we are really into restoring it the way it was in history. The house is over 110 years old and the cinema was built in 1957. It is a Rinconeran copy of Cinelandia in Curacao and it also has those typical art deco style features. We are working on the house and the cinema will be restored too. The roof collapsed as the white ants ate the wooden structure. It took us months to clean everything up and transport the material to the landfill. Some Rinconeros did not even know the cinema had a floor! We also created the Bonaire Heritage Foundation and web site for Rincon: www.Rincon.nl as we think it is important to keep Bonaire's history and traditions alive."

As Bonaire has the perfect climate for motor riding Eric bought a second hand

Honda TransAlp 700 cc V-twin. The engine itself has always been very reliable but the electronics suffered from time and temperature. Eric took several sealed electronic units apart and started measuring, soldering and replacing. Unfortunately he had very little success. Then he bought some aftermarket replacement parts, and after installing the new electronics the machine gained a lot of power. The first time Eric turned the throttle he immediately fell off his bike because he did not expect that amount of extra power!

In March 2010 Jolande passed the exam and received her motorcycle driver's license. Until now she only had experience with a very small single-cylinder two-stroke Solex moped made in France. Eric and Jolande found a second hand Honda 125 cc single-cylinder TransCity. Jolande enjoyed the motorbike and gained a lot of experience. Finally they found out that the difference in power between the 700 cc TransAlp and the 125 cc TransCity was too big so they found a very nice 250 cc single cylinder Honda. Now, they form the happy Cadushy family. Especially during the weekends they get their gear and run the bikes. Eric: "The three of us, we all love riding the motorcycles on this lovely island. It is fun but it is not without a risk. Think of the donkeys and goats crossing the road and think of the other participants in the everyday traffic. They are not really used to bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles. Most roads are narrow and the edges are not smooth. So Jolande, Rianne and I always protect ourselves with helmets, long trousers and sturdy boots. Especially helmets are a very important part of our protection. They protect our heads and our brains. A human being has just one head and it is impossible to replace it!"

Now the Gietmans are looking for a small motorcycle for their daughter Rianne. Rianne also likes enjoying open air fun on a motorcycle and they are looking for a handy small single cylinder. As the twig is bent, so grows the tree. ■ Story & Photos by J@n Brouwer



Extend Your Life, Wear a Helmet!



Happiness Is A Good helmet

This is the first of a series of Bonaire Reporter short articles by J@n Brouwer, about helmets and helmet awareness.

Bonaire/Hato -

Wearing a helmet is the single, most effective way of reducing head injuries and fatalities resulting from motorcycle, moped, bicycle and skate board crashes. Wearing a helmet has been shown to decrease the risk and severity of injuries among motorcyclists by about 70%, the likelihood of death by almost 40%, and to substantially reduce the costs of health care associated with such crashes.

Most people on motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles and skate boards don't use safety helmets on Bonaire. The climate is too hot and helmets are not cool. Last week I did a tour around a lot of shops on Bonaire looking for helmets as I really got fed up with all the people getting seriously injured. Last year several persons even passed away because of injuries. In the earlier days speed was as fast as the top speed of a horse or donkey. Nowadays speed easily reaches 60 miles or so. We have to protect ourselves because of these increased speeds. And yes, a baseball cap or a stainless steel strainer does help a little but there are better solutions. On our own island I found at least four shops where they have helmets for sale: bicycle helmets, mountain bike helmets, ski helmets and motorcycle helmets. Prices vary from \$25 to \$110. Send me an email or give me a call and I'll inform you about the variety of helmets available on our island. A lot of helmets nowadays ARE cool!

Have a look at this cool clip about Danny Macaskill's street trial: [Industrial Revolutions](http://www.flixxy.com/danny-macaskill-industrial-revolutions-street-trials.htm):<http://www.flixxy.com/danny-macaskill-industrial-revolutions-street-trials.htm>

The next article will be about the endurance test of an affordable tuff ski helmet. ■

Story & Photos by J@n Brouwer

Dive Friends 10,000th PADI Certification Goes To Amber Sills

Dive Friends Bonaire has issued their 10,000th PADI certification. The lucky student diver completed a continuing education program that is unique to Dive Friends Bonaire: the PADI Shore Diver Distinctive Specialty. Amber Sills from Colorado visited Bonaire to enjoy a dive vacation. She was already a certified PADI open water diver but was looking for an opportunity to refresh her skills and become familiar with Bonaire's shore diving sites. The PADI shore diver distinctive specialty was the perfect course for Amber and her fiancé to sign up for. This two-dive specialty teaches divers to plan and conduct independent shore dives. They learn how to pick their dive sites, plan their dives, choose entry and exit points, navigate and problem-solve. To celebrate this landmark achievement, a commemorative plaque was issued by PADI and Amber was awarded a new Litehawk BCD and a regulator system, compliments of Scubapro. ■ Story & Photo by J@n Brouwer



Why are these people staring in horror?

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An Unforgettable Day At Bonaire's 'Piedra So' (Only Rocks) Golf Course



There was a great spirit of fun. Benjamin Lloyd shows off his 'troetelprijs,' a genuine golf glove.

This year we decided to enjoy Bonaire from mid March until mid April, the Easter weekend included. A good choice it was proven!

Through an old (golf) friend, **Jos Zuidam**, who happens to be the secretary of the Bonairean golf club, 'Piedra So,' we were invited to join the Easter Golf tournament on April 9th. Since we already knew some of the members from earlier games we played and because we were familiar with the (renewed) course, we gladly accepted the invitation of the 26-member Bonairean club (the golf club so well known for its unconventional course (hard surface, lots of wind and donkeys) and thereto adapted local rules.

Invitees from the UK, Germany, The Netherlands and other parts of the Dutch Antilles accepted the "Easter Golf Challenge" as well. Not just the relaxed and easy going atmosphere but also the good preparations and care (including an Easter breakfast, on-course refreshments/bite and drinks afterwards) of chairman **Theo van der Veen** and his partner, **Welmoed van der Wal**, supported by **Jos Zuidam** (club secretary), made the day another "Pearl of Bonaire!"

Some had taken their own golf clubs but many of the guests made use of the club's equipment to enjoy the nine-hole tournament. Even 11-year-old **Benjamin Lloyd** from the UK, youngest player ever at Piedra So, was provided with a tailor-made golf bag and suitable clubs.

For the tournament the organizing committee used the first nine holes (of 18). They all are challenging with donkeys, goats and other 'wild' animals crossing the course and the east(er) stiff sea breeze that makes it both pleasant and adventurous to play. Of course all animals always have the right of way! Players are 'allowed' to make use of their droplets to tee up to compensate for the hard surface and preventing serious injury of arm or back.

After the nine-hole golf course and the typical local Bonairean hardships that go with that, all players (23) were invited for drinks and a very pleasant and informal get together to evaluate the results presented by the chairman.

For his good behavior, tough competition and fair play **Benjamin Lloyd** was rewarded with the 'troetelprijs,' a genuine golf glove with a perfect fit (photo).



Liesbeth Bleeker enjoys her prize: Dinner for two at Fishes

Hugo Leter (member of Piedra So) and **Tom Barnsley** (UK) shared the third place and had to do play offs (nearest to 125 yards marker) to make their final decision. Hugo, playing first with his shot, did not represent his overall performance that day, ... @#. Unfortunately for Tom, and to the great hilarity of all spectators his 'air burst' did not bring this sportsman the challenged third place. So the final results of the Easter tournament were:

1st **Liesbeth Bleeker** (NI), first female winner ever at Piedra So (!) will enjoy a complete dinner for two, including drinks, at 'It Rains Fishes' (courtesy restaurant 'It Rains Fishes')

2nd **Dieke Smit** (Bonaire) will enjoy a complete lunch for two, including drinks at 'It Rains Fishes' (courtesy restaurant 'It Rains Fishes')

3rd **Hugo Leter** (Bonaire) was rewarded with a Piedra So golf cap

The variety of guests (insurance agent, administrator, public prosecutor, lawyer, real estate agent, gynecologist, veterinarian, several managers and so on together with some Dutch *pensionados*) and the typical Bonairean golf course was a splendid mix to result in an unforgettable golf tournament at Piedra So.

The members of the club and its sponsor (bar / restaurant 'It Rains Fishes') presented an unforgettable day to all. It goes without saying that I, Liesbeth's partner, enjoyed it doubly because of the dinner for two prize! (photo)

On behalf of all participants thank you golf club, Piedra So for all that! ■

Photo & story by Willem van Heerde


World Tai Chi Day In Bonaire



Eva, Cindy, Astrid, Instructor Ron Sewell, Leonardo, Alex and Marjolein




On the last Saturday of April, World Tai Chi Day, Tai Chi and Qigong clubs as well as individual practitioners worldwide practiced their exercises from 8 am until noon local time. This was said to create a global wave of energy that flowed around the world from one time zone to another. Bonaire participated with a demonstration in Wilhelmina Plaza. Tai Chi and Qigong exercises lower the blood pressure and help create good posture with a harmonic sense of balance. Moreover, reaction times are speeded up while the body and the mind get a smooth and gentle workout. Commissioner of Health Sylvana Serfilia officially endorsed World Tai Chi Day.


In the photo: Eva, Cindy, Astrid, instructor Ron Sewell, Leonardo, Alex and Marjolein. ■ Photo & story by Rose Feng



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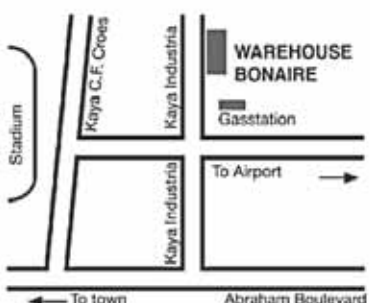
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May 1 Bike Parade



Police Officer Statie with bicycle parade director Anthony



These youngsters ran in relays all the way from Kralendijk to Rincon: Suzanne, Jasmine, Caren, Bonnie, Julianna, Julia, Ruby, Annabelle, Shainy, Knut & Nikolai.

Rincon Day

Can it get any better? That's the Dia di Rincon, considered one of the best parties on the island when Rinconeros go all out to celebrate with food, drink, music, entertainment, and warm hospitality. And everyone is invited. Costumed visitors come from Curacao and Aruba to entertain and march in the harvest parade. From the photos you can see that everyone is having a wonderful time.

A special treat this year was the MCB group of 60 employees and their families in matching traditional costumes who joined the parade to celebrate the bank's 50 years. They were accompanied by a group of Bonaireans living in Curacao, Grupo Komper. Special thanks to MCB director Sr. Evert Piar who made it happen. By the following day, Tuesday, May 1, the streets of Rincon had been swept clean. Unbelievable. Thank you, SELIBON!
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Great musicians: Ludo Nicolaas and Papachi Salsbach



Governor Emerencia with Silvio Emerencia from Aruba, youngest brother of her late father



A reminder of Rincon's slave heritage: father, mother and son



Siomara Albertus with her mother and sister at their stand in front of their home



Food For Body And Soul



Nayeli Lugo performed that night with the dance group, Young Nawati

It's Friday evening, the 27th of April, and two main events take place next to each other. At the Wilhelmina Plaza there is the Taste of Bonaire and at the little square where the time capsule is, the Happy Hour Crafts Market is set up and... it is just the perfect combination! Jan Art stayed open, people are walking back and forth and El Mundo is taking care of the drinks and at the plaza people are selling their arts and crafts—from all different types of jewelry to perfect little wooden slave huts filled with salt, driftwood art, paintings and photographs. It's original and artistic and there is good music and people are having fun. The whole atmosphere is just happy and sizzling. Ans Klein Heerenbrink, one of the artists, tells me, "This is a good start for the Happy Hour Crafts Market because the Taste of Bonaire is attracting a lot of people. The whole purpose of this market is to tide us over the period when there are no cruise ships in town, but at the same time we also want to entertain the local people and the ones who are not going on vacation. I think it's an upgrade for Playa, to have a

market like this on Friday nights. It makes town so much livelier! During the cruise ship season we got a lot of compliments from the tourists because people just adore this neat and clean little place and they tell me they prefer it over all the other islands. So, we are very proud and enthusiastic and that's why we want it to work! For now, we will give it a try for one month and then the Bonaire Art and Craft Association will evaluate whether we can go on."

Jo Bux, who is standing next to Ans, selling his CDs, says, "Not only is the town a favorite amongst the tourists. People also love our market! They think it's one of the best in the Caribbean. They really feel our art is unique in its type and variety and we're trying hard to keep it that way!"

From the Arts and Crafts market I walk to the Taste of Bonaire and I am swept away by the amount of people who have shown up. It's a happening! And it's powerful because many times if you ask a foreigner what the beauty of Bonaire is, he will say 'It's the people.' Well, here's all the people of Bonaire- kids and adults, from very young to very old, all nationalities and everyone is having a good time - together.

There's plenty of food and drinks. China Nobo is represented and so is Giby's local food, there are *poffertjes* (little Dutch pancakes), there is Surinamese food and fish fried the Dutch way (*kibbeling*). Cadushi liquors and Tekibon tequila are there. The Mivabo Foundation that wants to make Bonaire 100% accessible for people with a handicap is represented, so is the Woodwind and RCN who is recruiting people for jobs.

I spot Marie Rosa, from TCB USA sharing her food with a pretty brown dog, and she tells me that the Wounded Warriors will

be coming August 18th through August 25th and then I see Lara Chirino, head of TCB together with Nick Lucey, who appears to be the host of an American TV show called "Into the Drink." Nick is very interested in Cadushi liquors and in Tekibon tequila, which, by the way, is not made of agave but of the Yatu cactus.

"Into the Drink" is shown on HD Net, Tuff TV and National Geographic International and for people who are interested in seeing Bonaire's episode, go to www.intothedrink.tv - promise you it will be fun!

Then what seems to be a SWAT team pushes through the crowd. It's the IBT, *Interne Bijstand Team* (Intern Assistance Team) of the prison. They begin to demonstrate how they suppress uproars in jail in a very graphic and quite shocking manner and everybody, including myself, is sort of startled. Later I talk to Jean-Marc Landskind, one of the prison wardens, who 'played' the inmate. He tells me that all of this is part of a campaign to get more people to work at the prison.

After this harsh demonstration, 'Young Nawati,' a dance group from Nort di Salina, consisting of sweet young girls starts dancing some waltzes and I see precious Nayeli



Dancing the ever-popular Simadan harvest dance



People stared in horror at the IBT from the prison... until they realized it was just a demonstration

Lugo dancing her dance, fragile and beautiful. What a contrast.

Then people start dancing the Simadan harvest dance, more drinks are drunk, the food is almost gone, everybody is talking to everybody else. It couldn't have been more animated.

It's Bonaire the way it used to be. There are no words for that, it's just a feeling - an overwhelming feeling of happiness - *Hopi ambiente!* ■

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An Antillean "Tour d'Azul" With a "Bag of Music"



May 26 on Bonaire—Tjako van Schie and Henk van Twillert

It's been nearly three years since saxophonist Henk van Twillert began his successful in-concert tours to the ABC Islands, accompanied by his friend Tjako van Schie at the piano. Since then they have played at locations throughout the world, leading up to their recently released CD, "A Bag of Music." Here is an eclectic "trunk full" of music, ranging from European classical pieces to tangos, from contemporary Jazz to classical Antillean compositions. This CD forms the basis of their musical "Tour d'Azul," coming to Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao and St. Maarten from May 24 through June 2, 2012.

Henk van Twillert is a gifted musician who demonstrates superb technique combined with a special emotional interpretation which carries away his fellow musicians as well as his audience. He is truly a musical world citizen, inspired by the various places he has lived but not easily pigeonholed by either place or type.

These days Van Twillert's hometown is Aveiro, Portugal, near where he teaches in Porto, and where he is inevitably influenced by the "fado." In his native Netherlands, he grew up with the European classics, studying at the Amsterdam Conservatory, and he continues to pass on his knowledge of classical musical literature. In Venezuela, where he is a guest lecturer at "El Sistema" of The National Youth Orchestra of Venezuela, he has become especially attuned to the great South American composers. And in New York, where he has spent two years pursuing doctoral studies, he has become deeply involved in Jazz composition.

During previous tours in the Dutch Antilles, Van Twillert discovered the classical Antillean music of Livio Hermans, Wim Stadius Muller, Padu Lampe, Jan Gerard Palm, Rufo Wever and others. His love for what he's found there is easily understood in his renditions of these works in the CD, "A Bag of Music."

The influences from every aspect of this musical Odyssey can all be heard in this three-part CD compilation, which was launched September 2011 in the Amstel

Church in Amsterdam. Since that time this music of Henk van Twillert and Tjako van Schie in concert has continued to draw enthusiastic full halls in the Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal.

Following Henk van Twillert's second successful appearance in the Antillean islands in 2011 (this time with a 10-member-strong saxophone youth orchestra, "Vento do Norte"), Van Twillert and Van Schie return again, now augmented by two additional guests, Ines Soares, a fado singer of great class, and "all round" percussionist Marlon Conradus of Curacao.

Their touring performance, "Tour d'Azul," inspired by the CD, "Bag of Music," begins on Curacao on May 24th, arriving on Bonaire May 26th, continuing to St. Maarten on May 30th, and closing out on Aruba, June 2nd. On each of these islands, their public concerts will be supplemented with additional concerts for local school children and workshops for aspiring musicians.

The programs for each of the concerts will include works by Bach, Rachmaninoff and Faure, tangos by Piazzolla, brilliant fados by Jesus Sing and Mario Martin Guia (featuring Ines Soares), Jazz pieces by Gershwin and Sidney Bechet and Antillean compositions by Livio Hermans, Wim Stadius Muller, Jan Gerard Palm and Padu Lampe.

For a complete listing of all of these concerts in the Antilles and on the many CDs featuring Henk van Twillert, please refer to www.saxunlimited.co. Information on the just-released triple CD, "Bag of Music," and on other recently-released CDs by Henk Van Twillert, including those with Jaap van Sweden, fado singer Carlos do Carmo (Henk joined him in concert this March in Amsterdam, capturing a rousing "capella" rendition of "Titi"), another with the Amsterdam Saxophone Quartet, a solo-saxophone interpretation of cello suites by Bach, and still another by Van Twillert's own Saxophone Youth Orchestra, "Vento do Norte," will be found there. ■

Bob Gilmour

BONAIREAN VOICES

COCARI BEFORE AND AFTER



In 2010 I wrote an article about Cocari (Comision Cuido pa Grandinan di Rincon), an elderly care foundation existing in Rincon since 1982. The need for this special care was very important in Rincon at that time as well as the need to expand and reorganize. With the help of the government, Cocari finally got the special care they really needed. Last year, in 2011, under the direction of Mr. Boy Clarendra as president of the foundation, different caring programs were reestablished.

The board consists of specialized nurses from the hospital's Fundashon Mariadal to make sure the "visitors" of Cocari are being taken good care of. A volunteer worker from the foundation, Nurse Jolanda Domacassé, tells us, "Volunteers are diminishing and the cost of living is getting higher. Volunteers cannot fill the working hours between 8:30 am and 2 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays any more because life expenses make them need to have a paying job. They can't afford to work without getting paid because they have a family to take care of. And what they earn from donations is not enough for all the care that's needed."

This has completely changed. Now they are being well taken care of by the hospital's Fundashon Mariadal. The nurses will be at Cocari three times a week, supplying this day care center with different help. There are more activities for the visitors and more special care. Due to these activities the visitors at Cocari have increased. But there is more that needs attention.

As one of the visitors said, a new building and a new bus is necessary. As she, Mrs. Maria Albertus (74), explains, "Now, under the care of Holland, we are going to get a

new building soon. It's getting crowded where we are now.

Thanks to the Rotary Club, in 2010 we received 35 wheel chairs, 10 hospital beds and 15 mattresses from Holland. In 2011 we came under the special care of Fundashon Mariadal and on March 20th this year during the Volunteer weekend, BON DOET, the Cocari yard got cleaned and a greenhouse was built. Because of this greenhouse Cocari can now grow its own veggies and the visitors can take care of it.

On April 28th Cocari had its first Simadan parade, taken care of by the Fundashon Mariadal, the first in all of Cocari's 30 years of existence. Participants from the elderly homes in Playa came to join us with pre-celebrations of Rincon Day. It was a great experience for all the people in Rincon."

We can see that Cocari has progressed from a few years ago. Now we have specialized care, and in the future because of the increasing demand for care of the visitors we will have five days of Cocari instead of just three days. Soon the old school yard will be rebuilt for a new elderly home for Rincon people.

On Sunday May 6, Fundashon Cocari celebrated a fashion show for the elderly entitled "Machi Modelo."

So you can't imagine how much has been changing at Cocari. If you wish you can visit and see for yourself. Call Josephine Trinidad (717-8900), the nurse in charge of Cocari activities.

■ Story & photo by Siomara Albertus.



Sudoku Puzzle

4	9							
			1	6				9
					6		7	
9	8	7				4	5	
1	7	5						
		3				7	1	
			8	9				
				3	1		6	
2	8							

Sudoku Solution

8	1	2	7	5	3	4	6	9
6	3	4	9	1	8	5	2	7
7	5	9	4	2	6	1	3	8
2	4	3	1	9	7	8	6	5
5	9	8	3	6	2	7	1	4
1	7	6	8	4	5	3	9	2
3	2	7	6	8	9	4	5	1
9	8	1	5	3	4	2	7	6
4	6	5	2	7	1	9	8	3

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 11	05:01 0.90 ft	13:11 -0.41 ft	19:07 0.46 ft			6:12	18:51
Sat 12	L Quarter moon	00:32 0.15 ft	05:54 0.78 ft	13:49 -0.36 ft	19:50 0.54 ft	6:12	18:52
Sun 13		01:47 0.14 ft	06:46 0.65 ft	14:24 -0.29 ft	20:31 0.62 ft	6:11	18:52
Mon 14		03:02 0.12 ft	07:38 0.51 ft	14:54 -0.21 ft	21:10 0.69 ft	6:11	18:52
Tue 15		04:18 0.09 ft	08:33 0.36 ft	15:20 -0.12 ft	21:48 0.74 ft	6:11	18:52
Wed 16		05:36 0.04 ft	09:34 0.23 ft	15:40 -0.04 ft	22:25 0.78 ft	6:11	18:53
Thu 17		06:53 -0.02 ft	10:51 0.13 ft	15:49 0.02 ft	23:00 0.80 ft	6:11	18:53
Fri 18		08:05 -0.08 ft	12:51 0.07 ft	15:27 0.07 ft	23:35 0.81 ft	6:10	18:53
Sat 19		09:07 -0.14 ft				6:10	18:53
Sun 20	00:10 0.82 ft	09:57 -0.19 ft		New moon		6:10	18:54
Mon 21	00:46 0.83 ft	10:39 -0.23 ft				6:10	18:54
Tue 22	01:24 0.83 ft	11:14 -0.25 ft				6:10	18:54
Wed 23	02:02 0.83 ft	11:44 -0.27 ft				6:10	18:55
Thu 24	02:41 0.81 ft	12:09 -0.27 ft				6:10	18:55
Fri 25	03:21 0.79 ft	12:29 -0.26 ft				6:10	18:55

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Rincon Day (Continued from page 10)

BICYCLE PARADE

Rincoñeros never stop with celebrations it seems. The day after Dia di Rincon was the Bicycle Parade and there were still stands selling local food and drinks. Around 100 bikes of all kinds gathered at the Centro di Bario: two wheelers, three wheelers, even a multi-wheeler that toted a big ice chest. They were decorated with flowers, *maishi* (sorghum), strips of newspapers and were ridden by proud owners with big smiles. The organizer, Rishie Anthony, did a fantastic job. All ages participated and the excitement level was high as the crowd of bikes took off after the leading police car, sounding its siren, driven by Ibi Statie ■ L.D.



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A Medley of Tunes

"From Vienna to Broadway"



“Art Marshall and Friends” performed a medley of classical operatic arias and instrumental selections, including popular ballads, a vibrant Piazzolla tango and even some Jazz and Hollywood tunes at Plaza Resort Bonaire’s Cacique Hall on Saturday evening, April 21. Billed as, “From Vienna to Broadway,” this program covered more ground musically than ordinarily would three or four concerts organized by Bonaire’s Classical Music Board.

Dutch arranger and clarinetist Art Marshall (stage name for Hein van Maarschalkerwaart) was joined in the evening’s performance by pianist Ilja Huang and oboist Andrew Solomon, both of Curacao, and soloist singer Monique Anderson. All have studied and performed extensively in the Netherlands as well as in the Netherlands Antilles.

In the mix of musical styles this “potential quartet” of performers typically performed variably as a duo or trio. Wolfgang Mozart’s “Minuet” and Allegretto con Variazioni,” for example, was performed as a sprightly clarinet piece with piano accompaniment, as was the piano-accompanied clarinet solo from Giuseppe Verdi’s opera “La Forza del Destino,” and Giacomo Puccini’s “E Lucevan di Stelle” from the opera “Tosca.” Similarly, arias from Amilcare Ponchielli’s opera, “La Gioconda” and Georges Bizet’s “Carmen” were sung by Monique Anderson with piano accompaniment.

After the intermission, the mood shifted to more contemporary songs performed as trios:

Eubie Blake’s “Memories of You” and Sidney Bechet’s “Petite Fleur” (both arranged by Art Marshall), or as quartets for: “Kurt Weill’s “Mack the Knife” and Gordon Jenkins’ “Good-bye” (both arranged by Art Marshall).

In trio performance of Piazzolla’s “Oblivion” (arranged by Bragoto), Andrew Solomon took the lead role on oboe, accompanied by piano and clarinet, expressing the overwhelming melancholy of the piece with perfect pitch in a marvelous rendition.

Ms. Anderson’s vocal range had to have been severely tested throughout the performance with demands varying from the (mezzo) soprano highs required by the operatic arias to the lower, more earthy registers of the Jazz-oriented numbers, where she seemed more at home.

The name of Benny Goodman, a friend of Marshall’s when Goodman was a seasonal visitor on St. Maarten, was invoked various times as formative influence on both Marshall’s style of clarinet play and his arrangements as well.

All told, the group was warmly received by its Bonaire audience, which responded with numerous standing ovations and “bravos.”

The Classical Music Board Bonaire’s next performance will be offered on Saturday, May 26, at Plaza Resort’s Cacique Hall, featuring the return of saxophonist Henk Van Twillert, accompanied by pianist Tjako Van Schie, and this time augmented by two additional guests, Ines Soares, a fado singer of great class, and “all round” percussionist Marlon Conradus from Curacao. ■

Bob Gilmour

BONHATA At 15

On Sunday, April 22, the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association (BONHATA) celebrated its 15th Annual Awards Party at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino. The annual event recognizes key players in the tourism industry of Bonaire and is also a gathering of BONHATA members, their staff and community at large. During this festive occasion, the Cabaco Trio helped set the tone for the Cuban themed night. The evening was full of music, Cuban hats, cigars, and mojitos.

Recognized were:

Employee and Supervisor of the Year 2011

Cornelia Felida from Air Handling Services, the Insel Air gate and ground services provider on Bonaire, winner of Supervisor of the Year 2011, and Tony Angila from Maduro & Curiel’s Bank Bonaire, winner of Employee of the Year 2011, were present to receive their presents for their great achievements.

Allied Member of the Year 2011 BONHATA awarded its Allied Member of the Year 2011 award to Eric and Jolanda Gietman from Cadushy Bonaire. This is in recognition of their contribution to the tourism industry of Bonaire in the creation of a new authentically Bonairean liquor. Cadushy Bonaire has also embraced the local culture especially in Rincon where the company is located. The company is a great example of entrepreneurship that reflects and respects the local culture.

Accommodation Member of the Year 2011

The award for Accommodation of the Year 2011, went to Sorobon Beach Resort. The resort is recognized for its bold move to reach a new market, embracing a whole new concept and bringing renewed interest to Lac Bay. Annette and Dirk Jan Methorst were present to receive the award.

Industry Award 2011

The Industry Award 2011 went to TUI Netherlands. This worldwide company plays an important role in the tourism industry on Bonaire. The TUI group has embraced Bonaire and through their direct partners on the island, as well as members of their family such as Caradonna Worldwide Dive Adventures, Holland International and Arkefly, benefit all BONHATA



Tony Angila and Cornelia Felida, employee and supervisor of the year



Anja Romeijnder with Jeannette ter Borg from Tropical Travel



Anja Romeijnder with Allied Member winners Eric and Jolanda Gietman

and non-BONHATA members. Present to receive the award was Jeannette ter Borg from Tropical Travel, the local representative of TUI Nederland.

During the evening funds were also raised for the SGB Students’ Culinary Trip to Italy. ■

Press release

Cruise Ship Season End Party

Bonaire Tours & Vacations held a big party at El Mundo restaurant on April 26 to mark the closing of cruise ship season 2011-2012. Attending were the many tour operators and individuals who serve the hundreds of thousands of Bonaire visitors who arrive by ship. Next year about 50,000 fewer cruise visitors (148,000-from Harbormaster figures) are expected. But that number is preliminary.



Photos from the BTV BBQ Party



46 New Dutch Citizens



On April 26, 46 persons were granted Dutch citizenship by interim Governor Peter Silberie. In a brief ceremony following the oath of citizenship the Governor congratulated the new citizens and related their rights and obligations as part of nation of The Netherlands.

These Are Some Of The People Who Bring You The Reporter



What a fantastic group of people! Some, but not all, of the staff of *The Bonaire Reporter*, their family and friends, at the celebration at Norca's Deli Café on April 19. They were treated to Norca's inimitable and delicious snacks and drinks and had a chance to mingle and get to know each other. Starting in 1984 as *Port Call*, *The Bonaire Reporter* is in its 19th year of publication.



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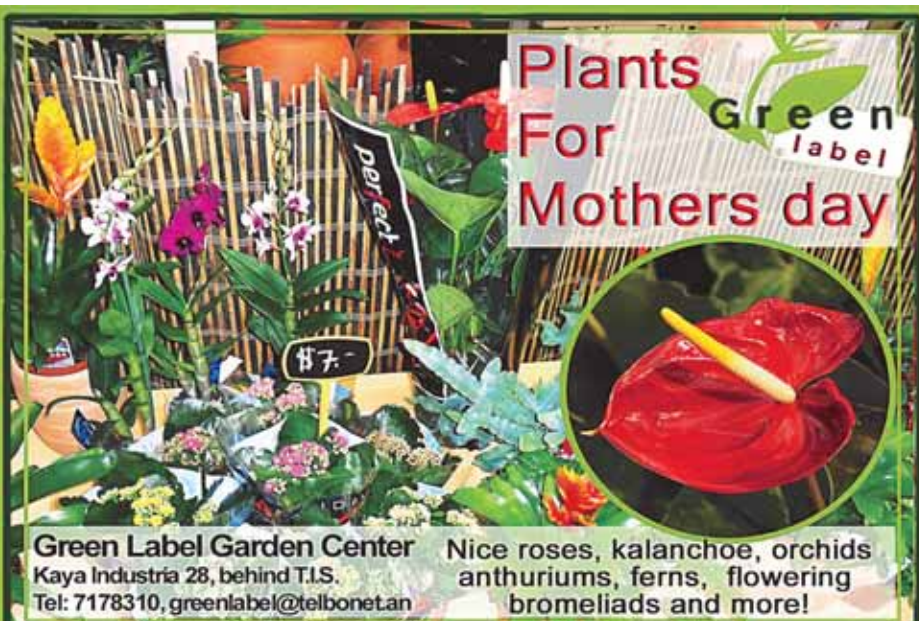
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Friday, May 11 -Flamingo Garden groundbreaking, 4:30 pm, more on page 3.

Surprise Mama on Mothers Day

Sorobon's Fashion Fair

Sunday May 13th 12.30 - 2.30 pm

Sunday, Mother's Day, May 13 - FASHION FAIR at Sorobon Beach Resort 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm. 40% off on selected items.

Thursday, May 17 – Ascension Day – Legal Holiday

Friday, May 18—International Museum Day, free open house at Mangazina di Rei, 10 am-4 pm. More on page 7

Saturday, May 19—“Mi Zjilea Day” - Mangazina di Rei, Activities all day, 6:30 am to 2 am (May 20). More on page 7

Saturday, May 26 – Farmers' Market at Pakus di Pruga, 8 am –noon

Saturday, May 26 –Program of Fados, Tangos & Classical music of ABC islands & St. Martin. See page 12.

Saturday, May 26 -Miss Bonaire Pageant, Rescheduled from April 21.

Rincon Day Road Run/Walk Results April 30, 2012 (photos, pg. 10)

Ladies

Overall winner Eva de Jong 1.18.21

Age Class

16-24	Sarah de Groot	1.35.50
25-29	Eva de Jong	1.18.21
35-39	Diedrie Pedersen	2.18.56
	Gini Ilario	2.35.46
40-49	Macha Le Poole	1.36.35
	Yke Constandse	1.36.35
50+	Paulien Wijnvoord	1.37.09
	Angeliën Jurel	1.46.28

Men

Overall winner Virgil Isenia 1.08.42

Age Class

16-19	Virgil Isenia	1.08.42
	Luigi Eybrecht	1.29.38
25-29	Bienvenido Koffie	1.17.41
30-39	Casius Coffi	1.14.26
	Julio Statie	1.21.33
40-49	Kenneth Abrahams	1.25.12
	Mark Beenhouwers	1.58.33
50+	Herbert Piar	1.29.41
	Hedlich Waarde	1.32.34
60+	Hildo Plaate	1.51.15
	Gerard Treurniet	2.57.05

Speedwalk

Men	Nazario Alberto	1.49.00
	Herman Winklaar	2.01.50
Ladies	Amber Lensink	2.25.15
	Marianne Lensink	2.55.13

Relay

Team 764	Nort di Salinja 1	1.14.54
Team 765	Nort di Salinja 2	1.15.24

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Saturdays

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

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

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

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CHURCH SERVICES

• **Protestant Congregation of Bonaire:** (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plasa Wilhelmina; Sunday service; 10 a.m. in Dutch

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

• **International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 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

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• **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

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Pet of the Week



"Foepie"



Having a ball at Rincon Day are Snowy and Misty. Their owners are Evert Schuurs and Diny van der Drift.

and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. For the latest news of the Shelter and to see all the Pets of the Week you may have missed in the last few weeks go to the website: www.Bonaireanimalshelter.com

"Foepie" looks like he's straight out of the old time movie series, "Our Gang Comedy." He's all white and he even has part of a black patch around his right eye. Hollywood should be calling soon! But actually, Foepie is very happy in Bonaire; it's just that he would prefer to belong to a loving owner. And to make things perfect it would be nice if whoever adopts him can also adopt his best friend, "Nina," a brown and white very cute girl dog who was found with him and brought into the Shelter. Both dogs are full of fun and love to play. They're great with each other and get along well with all the other dogs in the pen. Foepie is about five months old now. Both dogs are in perfect health, have been checked out by the vet. The adoption fee includes all that plus, worming, shots, sterilization, even a microchip. This microchip has a number on it which appears on the data base at the Shelter, giving the name of the owner. If the animal is going to the US or Europe a microchip is mandatory. To meet Foepie and Nina pay a visit to the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

SHELTER NEWS

Good News: Within 24 hours of *The Bonaire Reporter* being "on the streets," last issue's "Pet of the Week," Isaac, the cat, was adopted. Isaac will join a fine group of other pets in his new home. Congratulations to all!

There are many ways that your **donation to the Bonaire Animal Shelter can help.** Here are three:

- \$8.50 helps to microchip a pet
 - \$50 buys a day's worth of pet food – for dogs and cats
 - \$450 spays or neuters 10 dogs
- You may give cash or check or do a bank transfer to **MCB "Foundation Animal Shelter Bonaire MCB 102.378.00"**

Support Bonaire provides a way for Americans to donate to the Animal Shelter Bonaire and claim charitable deductions on their American income tax. The Support Bonaire Web site accepts credit card donations for the Bonaire Animal Shelter. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

Did You Know...

Levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) have been rising not only in the atmosphere but also in the Earth's waters. The ocean is a large carbon sink and studies have shown that the increasing levels of carbon dioxide can cause problems for corals. A recent study by Nilsson et al. 2012 has revealed that high levels of CO₂ can also alter fish behavior by affecting their brain functions. Increased CO₂ concentrations affected the sensory system of baby reef fish, corrupting their sense of smell, causing hearing loss, and affecting their coordination.



Pacific Clown fish

into the atmosphere is limit our use of fossil fuels. ■ *Crystal Wilson*

Edited by Caren Eckrich

Baby reef fish had a corrupted sense of smell and reduced survivorship because they were unable to smell the chemical aromas secreted by their predators. A loss of hearing deterred the fish from the reef during the day, increasing their chances of being seen and preyed upon. The fish most at risk are species that require high amounts of oxygen.

CO₂ levels are increasing at a steady rate, which may give fish enough time to adapt to the changing environment. If, however, the levels of CO₂ become too high or the rate of increase too fast, there is a greater chance of severe neurological issues as seen in this study. The best thing we can do to reduce human CO₂ emissions

Crystal Wilson is a student at the CIEE Research Station Bonaire for spring 2012. Majoring in Marine Biology at the University of New Hampshire, Crystal has been fascinated by the ocean her entire life. Her goal as a marine biologist is to work with sharks and coral reef ecosystems.



Dive Friends of Bonaire Clean-up Dive

Some 90 volunteers made the last clean up dive, organized by Dive Friends of Bonaire into a success. Briefing of the quarterly clean up dive took place at 10 in the morning at the Yellow Submarine location. Cleaning area was in between Club Nautico Pier and It Rains Fishes. This time no water scooters were salvaged but still loads and loads of cups, tins, plates and miles of fishing line.

At around six a pot luck barbecue was

organized. Plenty of tender meat and sufficient drinks were supplied by the sponsors. Side orders were prepared by the divers and other volunteers.

This time sponsors: Selibon, Ouray, BMP, Deep Blue Gear, East Coast Diving, At Sea, Dive Shades, Bon Photo, Tusa, Van den Tweel supermarket, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, Reef Safe Suncare and Your Scuba Store. Thank you all for making Bonaire as clean as possible! ■ *J@n Brouwer*

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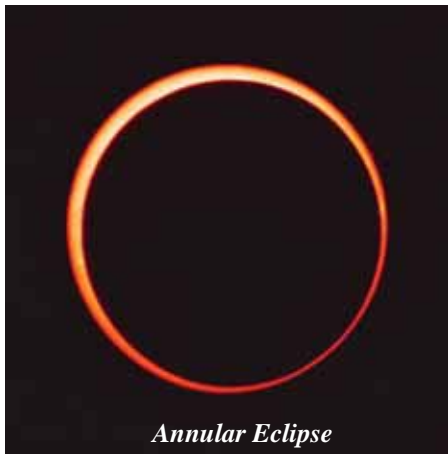
For the last several months there have been great views of the planets in the Sky Park. This will prove to be true throughout the month of May as well. Those of us with telescopes can obtain dramatic views of phase changes in **Venus**, spectacular rings around **Saturn**, and neat surface markings on **Mars**. There will be an "annular" **solar eclipse** in the late afternoon of May 20th. Unfortunately for us east of Mexico the **Sun** will already have set, and we will miss it entirely.

An annular solar eclipse happens when the **Moon** directly on the **Earth-Sun line** also reaches the farthest point from Earth in its orbit around us, and therefore appears a little too small to fully block the Sun. About 90% of the Sun will be blocked in this eclipse, but at mid-point of eclipse, the Sun will appear as a "ring" of light in the sky. The next such event will not happen until 2023.

But let's get back to what we CAN see. Venus will jump out at us early in May as soon as the sky darkens. Look west for this brilliant "evening star." It is at maximum brightness of -4.7. On May 1st it was some 30 degrees above the west horizon and not set until 11:30 pm. But its orbit around the Sun, smaller than ours and inside ours, is bringing it closer to us and "tucking" it between us and the Sun. Indeed by May 31st, Venus will only be about 10 degrees above the horizon, and will set just 40 minutes after the Sun. But look at it on **May 22nd when the crescent Moon will be seen just 5 degrees below and left of it.**

Venus's orbital motion will also cause the telescopic views of it to change as well. It will appear crescent all month, but the crescent will shrink (less lit-surface seen) while the overall size of the planet image will increase by about 40%.

Mars begins May just a little left (east) of Leo's brightest star Regulus, high up in the southern sky. Its orbit will take it away from Regulus through the month, so it will be twice that distance left of it by May 31st. Mars outshines **Regulus** by almost 4 times and its reddish color makes a nice contrast with the blue-white color of this hot star. Telescope views this month will reveal the white north polar cap and some dusky surface markings.



Annular Eclipse

Saturn can be found by shifting your gaze due east. It too is among the stars of a zodiac constellation; in this case, Virgo. And it too is near the brightest star of this constellation, Spica. This month these two will appear to remain about 5 degrees apart; with Saturn to the left of Spica. Saturn is so far away that its orbital motion over a month's time is not as noticeable in reference to background stars as the motion of Mars, which is much closer to us. Telescopes will show Saturn's lovely rings, tilted 13 degrees to our line of sight, and can reveal several of the planet's over 60 moons. ■

Dennis Herrmann

PLANETARY INFORMATION

MERCURY is in the eastern pre-dawn sky during April and May, reaching greatest western elongation on the 18th. It is harder to observe during May, rapidly closing with the Sun and vanishing into its glare before month's end.

VENUS is visible in the W to NW evening sky. It gradually, then more rapidly, closes with the Sun, becoming a larger but narrower crescent in the last weeks of April and the first ones of May. An historic transit of the Sun by Venus occurs on June 5: the last one until 2117! Keep watching this site for a public event to observe it.

MARS is visible in early evening, in Leo. It is fading (magnitude -0.7 at the start of April, to +0.5 at the end of May) and shrinking in apparent size (13" at the start of April, to 8" at the end of May) as its distance from Earth increases again following a March 3 opposition.

SATURN is visible most of the night, in **Virgo** near the bright star **Spica**. ■



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

May 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your depressed mood has been hard to shake. Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. You may jump from the frying pan into the fire if you make a move this month. Don't let your boss make you feel guilty enough to take work home with you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Opportunities to make financial gains through investments look promising. Don't let relatives get the better of you. Any difficulties with peers could be unnerving. Short trips will prove to be more fruitful than you imagined. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't hesitate to come right out and ask for the pertinent information. You may find your mate somewhat perturbed. Don't expect others to live up to their promises and you won't be disappointed or find yourself stuck with delays. Social events will be rewarding. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You are best to work at home if you can. Pay attention to small but important details. Stop telling others about your problems. You may need to make a few alterations to your living arrangements. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Try to curb overindulgence this month. Concentrate on home improvement. Small details will make a difference. Your mate may be distressed if you refuse to make a commitment. Sudden changes regarding colleagues may surprise you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Make arrangements to spend quality time together. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Family outings should include visiting friends or relatives. You should be trying to clear up legal contracts that

have been pending. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Travel should be on your mind. Discrimination will be in order. Control your temper when dealing with your emotional partner. Don't give up what you have until you can be certain just what it is you're getting. Don't ignore any emotional issues that could be causing problems. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Concentrate on work. Anger may cause you grief; control your temper and try to sit back and calm down. Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. Throw yourself into your profession. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Be fair, not colorful. You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you this month. Dinner, theater, or a comedy club may be just the place. Try to visit a country that excites you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20) Hard work will not go unnoticed. Offer consolation, but don't give them any direction. You need to focus on yourself, not on others. Keep tabs on your spending. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Friends and relatives may be hard to take this month. You can avoid hassles by sticking to your work and refusing to get involved in gossip or idle chatter. Try not to be too harsh with your mate. Don't let your partner get away with spending too much of your money. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Before you proceed be sure to talk your plans over with those they will affect. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. Concentrate on work. You might find group functions tiring. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday. ■

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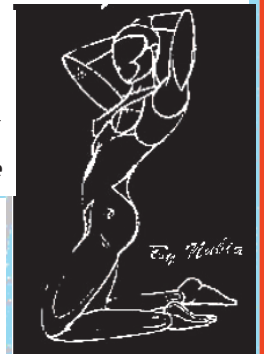
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