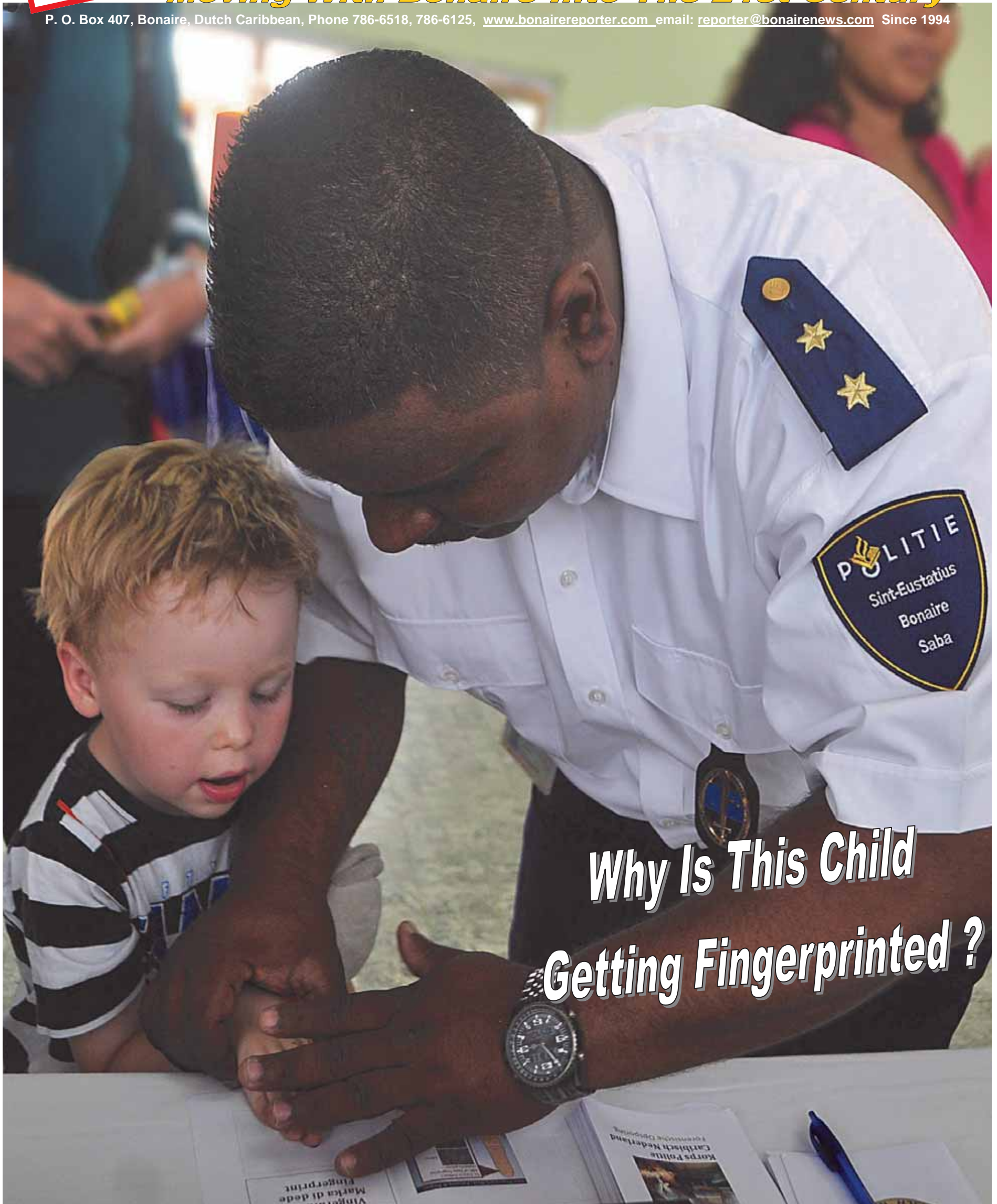


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**Why Is This Child
Getting Fingerprinted ?**

Young Vincent Verhoef gets fingerprinted. See page 10

BONHATA (the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association) reports that their occupancy statistics showed lackluster performance for the tourism sector in the first half of 2012. **In a press release they reported an occupancy rate of 65.62% for the period compared to 64.09% in 2011.** The figures show a modest increase in occupancy rates in the first quarter and a marginal growth in the second quarter: 1.53% and 0.51% respectively.

BONHATA says Bonaire has fallen behind the growth in the Caribbean region for the same period. However, this information is based on reports from just 12 properties (including non-BONHATA accommodations) and sketchy revenue information. A web search done by *The Reporter* shows that Bonaire has about 120 accommodation providers.

BONHATA would like all accommodation providers to provide statistics so a more comprehensive comparison can be made between their business, the island as a whole and beyond. BONHATA says this data is needed to tell a complete story in a way that occupancy rates cannot do alone. If you would like more information or would like find out how you can contribute, contact the BONHATA office.

► **The Bonaire Island Government said fuel prices will go down very soon.** The Government assured opposition leader Robby Beukenboom of *Partido Demokratiko Boneriano* (PDB) following his public complaint.

Beukenboom had accused government of keeping fuel prices artificially high on Bonaire. According to the local authorities, there is an agreement with fuel distributor Curoil to have the rates on Bonaire follow those in Curaçao. That **this has not shown up in the prices on Bonaire yet** is because before the last adjustment was made these had been kept lower than the actual price which should have been for a year. On Friday it will be two weeks since the promise was made.

► **WILLEMSTAD-- Curaçao politics are in turmoil.** The Schotte cabinet resigned after MFK Party-fraction leader in Parliament Dean Rozier failed to reach agreement with his party, leaving the MFK/PS/MAN coalition with the backing of only nine of the 21 seats in the legislature. Governor Frits Goedgedrag has no choice but to dissolve Parliament and call early elections on October 19, despite receiving a document signed by PAR (8), PNP (1), FOL (1) and independent member Eugene Cleopa (ex-MAN) stating their willingness to form a new majority of 11 seats, with Rozier likely to join later.

► Stories have reached *The Reporter* telling that it has become **more difficult for individuals to borrow money on Bonaire.** That may be because since July 1st new laws have come into force and the Dutch Financial Markets Authority (AFM) is checking whether money lenders observe the new rules regarding lending money to individuals. They do this to protect the public.

In order for banks and other financial businesses to secure their depositors' money they need to stay financially sound and honest. For the BES Islands it is the responsibility of De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) to check whether the finance companies are healthy and can continue to be.

The finance companies that want to lend money must make sure that people will not end up with financial problems if they borrow money or add to the amount already owed. The institution should ask for information about a person's financial situation before deciding whether to lend money. It is for the public's protection that banks, loan companies and other lenders are cautious.

Financial companies must also ensure that they do business fairly and that they are not used for money laundering, fraud or corruption. Furthermore, banks and other financial institutions must be licensed by the AFM or DNB to be active in the Dutch Caribbean. Without a license they are illegal and should not accept savings or lend money.

For more information check out: <http://www.afm.nl> and <http://www.cn.dnb.nl/nl>

The new Parliament to be elected will take office on November 2.

► Last week's gloomy windless day was a reminder that hurricane season is here again. While Bonaire has not been hit by a major hurricane in living memory it suffers weather effects like wind reversals, storm swells and calms when they pass the island. Last week the **Colorado State University (CSU) Hurricane Forecast Team increased its overall seasonal forecast slightly last Friday**, while still calling for a slightly below average remainder of the season due to the likely development of El Niño.

The Team is now predicting a total of 14 named storms with six becoming hurricanes and two becoming major hurricanes (Saffir/Simpson category 3, 4 or 5) with sustained winds of 111 miles per hour or greater.

► **MIDDELBURG—The European Netherlands' only variety of coral, "Dead man's thumb," has reappeared** in the Oosterschelde in Zeeland province, having appeared to have died out in 2011. *Alcyonium digitatum* likes strongly flowing, cold sea water and seemed



to have died out in 2010 and early 2011. Scientists said this could be because of the warming of the seas. It is also sea warming that is stressing the Caribbean Netherlands corals.

Divers reported seeing an increasing number of them, press reports stated. Dead man's thumb is so called because it is white and shaped like a thumb.

► **Last Monday morning 24 students from Bonaire, eight from St. Eustatius and three from Saba arrived in Holland** to begin their advanced studies. Approximately 25 other BES Island students chose to study elsewhere: about half in Curaçao, the remainder in the US, Aruba and South America.

► **Historian and archivist, Boi Antoin, is asking for volunteers to help with his Bonaire Historical Foundation.** Boi has an incredible library of books, photos, videos and other memorabilia of the island from the earliest times and he needs help in sorting and archiving. It would be a fascinating job. Volunteers do not have to speak Dutch or Papiamentu. Call him at 786-6818 or email b.antoine@telbonet.an The foundation is located in the same building as *Extra* newspaper in Playa.

► In Wilhelmina Park, between the Protestant Church and the arts and crafts market is a beautiful old historical building. It was once a school but it's been abandoned for years. **His-**

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

torian Boi Antoin says it's a perfect place for the Bonaire Museum since the old museum building is no longer appropriate. But, Antoin warns, there is a good chance that this stunning old relic might be sold and turned into a bar-restaurant as we speak. Newspaper *Extra* editor Antoin has written about this in his newspaper to gain support before it's too late.

► **A new addition to Kaya Grandi is what one might call "An Art Gallery within a Gallery."** In the shopping gallery behind Digicel and next to the restaurant Boudoir several artists are showing their talents, creating a warm, artistic ambiance inspired by the "magical tree," which is bright and bold – just like the art around it! These are the artists and their company's names:

- **Elements:** Artist Charlene Bosch designs dichroic glass jewelry
- **Bondia Bonaire** with Mylene and Waldo offering kids paintings and furniture

• **Two of Us** with Ans Klein Heer-enbrink who shows her watercolor paintings and postcards

• **Roots'** Stephanie does Raku Ceramic jewelry and gifts

• **The Art Delivery:** Eric and Like create fine sculptures and bowls from paper.

• **Bon Photo:** Underwater photography and macro photography.

The shop is open from 10am to 6pm, Monday through Thursday; Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

► **Information for cruising yachts:**

A note from the Seven Seas Cruising Association reports that the crews of all foreign boats visiting Curaçao need to be aware that immigration rules are being "tightened up." What was once a relatively straightforward exten-



► **The Caribbean Netherlands Police Force presented its new uniform last week.**

Under the new structure the regional police force and fire department fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Security and Justice as of January 1, 2013. It will consist of both the Police Corps in Holland and the Caribbean Netherlands Corps.

There are several identifiers on the uniform. The **white shirts** give recognition and visibility to the police officer. For the white shirts to keep white the police are making arrangements for laundry services.

The second component on the Caribbean Netherlands' police uniform is the **new sleeve emblem** with the names of the three islands -Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba- embroidered in white.

The third identifier is the **emblem design**. The **sword of justice** is symbolically represented together with **three stars** representing the islands. The stars are on the emblem shield rendering their relative geographic location. The **background is blue** representing the sea and ocean around the three islands.



Press release photo

New badges on display

sion of time permitted in the country is now being denied and many cruisers are confused and concerned, changing their cruising plans to avoid Curaçao.

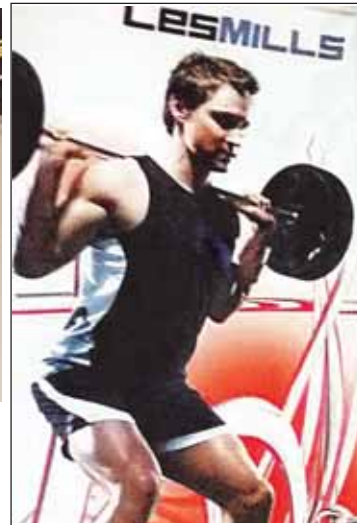
► **Restaurant Heroes:** In these times of economic turmoil and restaurants and bars opening and closing there are some "Heroes" that stand out. A vote was given to "**Mi Banana**" by a reader for a number of reasons. In the six years they've been open they've offered a wide variety of delicious dishes – some Latino, others international. Check out their roast chicken, soups, homemade desserts –all at surprisingly low prices.

Another vote goes to Patrice Ranou's new restaurant and bar at Harbour Village Marina – "**Bistro de Paris**" and "**Zazu**" bar. They've maintained the same level of quality, prices are not sky high, the ambiance is heavenly, and the Zazu offers a great bar menu.

If you have a "Restaurant Hero," let us know and we'll put it in this column.

► **PASADENA, California-**NASA's newly landed Mars science rover, "**Curiosity**," snapped the first color image of its surroundings while an orbiting sister probe photographed litter left behind during the rover's daring do-or-die descent to the surface, scientists said last Tuesday. The successful landing of the minivan sized robot is an important precursor to man's first visits to the red planet. See story "Clogs on Mars" in the July 6, 2012 edition of *The Reporter*.

► **Don't forget to enter The Reporter's "Name the Prison" contest.** Bonaire's Prison Tourism is increasing as the government grows its confinement accommodations drastically. A more appropriate name is needed for the JICN



► **In the near future the Bon Bida Spa and Gym will announce its affiliation with Les Mills,** the world leader in group fitness programs. Pass by the gym opposite Sand Dollar to find out more.

facilities. See the story on page 17 to learn more about the prison. Send your idea for a new name to reporter@bonairenews.com. Winner gets a large Pasa Bon pizza.

► **Two new features** begin in this edition of *The Reporter*.

"**Why Yoga?**" by *Desiree Seaver*. Desiree and Don Seaver have been inspired by many teachers through their travels in Europe, Australia and America. Their experience in Ashtanga Yoga was with David Swenson and Beryl Bender Birch. They are also certified Kripalu Yoga Teachers and are members of the Yoga Alliance. Column on page 4.

"**Home Cookin**" by *Pauline Kayes*— Professor Kayes turns her attention from the island's natural environment to its kitchens. Page 14.

► **Readers!** Remember to remind the places where you shop that they should advertise in *The Reporter* because **English is the language of bargains and business and will help them get more customers. Advertising pays for printing The Reporter.** ■G./L. D.



Correction in the last edition:

Quote: "*Spice (across from Plaza entrance) is closed.*" We made a mistake.

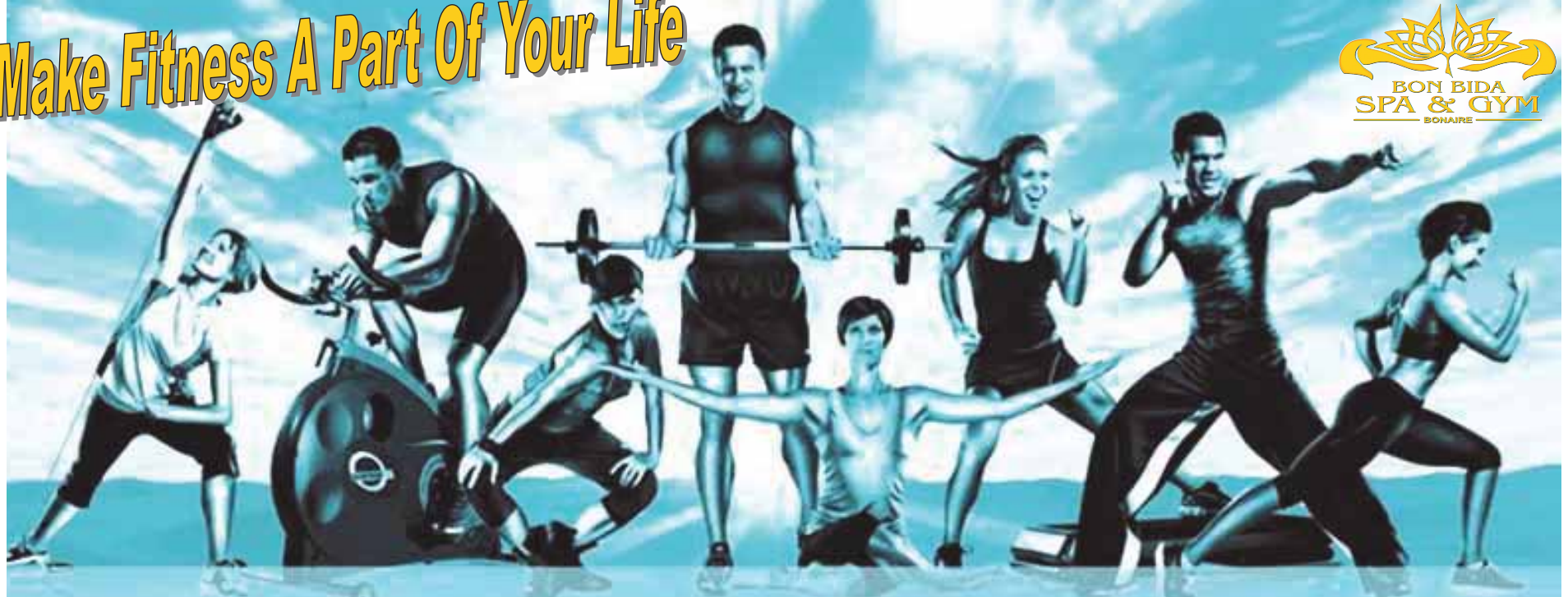
The place that is closed is the restaurant SENSE! Not SPICE. Spice is Spice Beach Club located at the Eden Beach Resort, open just a year. It has a friendly beach, bar, restaurant and is already known for the great Happy Hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also they have regular live events! They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner on the beach and in September the doors will be open for Spice Boutique Cuisine, fabulous breakfast, lunch and dinner in a brand new building, with one of the most beautiful views. So Spice is ALIVE AND KICKING!

RECTIFICATION:



In the last issue of *The Reporter*, in the article, "New Waterfront Park Disappoints," the statement, "Even the designer says it's not what was in her drawings," were not the words of Streefkerk architects + consultants.

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Why Yoga?

Yoga makes you feel good. It's strengthening. It's energizing. It's relaxing. You feel better at the end of a practice than before you began and life runs more smoothly when you maintain a regular practice.

Yoga is a combination of a series of postures and controlled breathing exercises. It brings together both the physical and the mental aspects of the body to find peacefulness and help your body relax.

Research has shown that yoga helps you manage or control anxiety and reduces stress and tension as well as helping to reduce depression. It helps you draw your focus away from the stresses of life and makes you more aware of your movements and your breathing.

There are many physical benefits from a regular yoga practice. The three most obvious are the immediate increase in your balance, strength, and flexibility.

It has also shown to lower blood pressure and help physical ailments such as carpal tunnel syndrome, back pain, multiple sclerosis, scoliosis, arthritis and even asthma and epilepsy.

Yoga postures combine well with sports, cycling, running, dancing, windsurfing, kiting, to name a few.

The key to yoga is combining movement with breath. The postures are a series of movements that were created to increase your strength and flexibility. The postures range from simple and relaxing to more challenging. Don't be intimidated by the postures; anyone can practice yoga. There are



specific classes for children / teens, pregnant women, elderly, beginners, and advanced. Maintaining attention to the breath is vital to practicing yoga.

The breath nourishes and guides the yoga practice. It takes time to relearn how to breathe and to master the postures, but your efforts will be rewarded. Your mind and your body will be stronger, you will stand a little taller and you will have a calmness about you that you didn't even know you could achieve. ■ *Desiree Seaver*

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Author Desiree Seaver has just completed a prenatal teacher training course.

Starting in September she will offer prenatal yoga classes to those who wish to learn how to breathe, stretch and relax during the nine months of challenging changes. Call 786-6416 or 786-2692 for more information. ■

First Bonaire Vote

On September 12th people on Bonaire will get their first chance to vote in Dutch Parliamentary elections as a result of the 2010 integration with The Netherlands.

According to RCN Head of the Communications, Lucia Beck, a Parliamentary information campaign already underway will focus on four themes. The people will be informed of the tasks and role of the Second Chamber, the ballots, voting by proxy, when to vote and the list of candidates.

Although RCN is charged with informing the public, the campaign was coordinated with the island governments. The three island governors met several times before the plan was drawn up. They charted which data are important for the people and these wishes were taken into consideration. RCN is not responsible for the organization of the elections, said Beck.

This article is to provide an overview of the Dutch political system. The next edition of *The Reporter* will have details of how and where to vote.

Dutch politics have some overlap with Belgian, German and Scandinavian politics, however, the Dutch political system is unique and has features not seen anywhere else. The Dutch elect only their legislative bodies; all executives are nominated by the Crown.*

Dutch elections are based on proportional representation. A party that gets 7% of the national vote gets 7% of the seats in the national parliament. It does not matter where these votes were cast; there are no electoral districts.

Proportional representation allows small parties to be represented in parliament, which is considered a Good Thing.



An RCN publicity photo = part of the campaign explaining the election

Parliament and The Three Large Parties

The Dutch parliament has 150 seats, and 76 are necessary for a majority (and a viable government coalition).

A government coalition consists of two of the three large parties. Until 1994 that was enough; thereafter the two large parties had to invite a third, smaller coalition party to obtain a majority.

The three large parties are:

- left-wing PvdA (labour; social-democrat)
- centrist CDA (Christian-democrat)
- right-wing VVD (liberal)

Government Formation

After elections, the largest party takes the initiative and selects another large party (as well as, nowadays, a smaller one). If they can reach an agreement, a new government is formed. If, after protracted negotiations, the largest party is unable to form a government, the second-largest can have a try.

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On The Island Since... March 2001 - Aniek Schouten



Aniek Schouten, Bonaire's first female Notary... and the only one in the BES Islands

"In 2000 I graduated with a degree in Dutch Law from the University of Tilburg, Holland, but right then I didn't feel like working a steady job and everything that came with it. I thought it would be a good idea to go abroad for a year. I was planning on backpacking through Australia – like everybody else, ha! But when I came to Bonaire in September 2000 for a week, I thought 'No way, Australia. I'm going to stay here for a year!' I'd fallen in love with Bonaire instantly!

Back in Holland I applied for a job with Maarten Maartense's notary's office in Bonaire, but he had no vacancy. How-

it was just my books and me, except for my girlfriends' card club on Tuesday nights. That was my only break. Self-directed learning. I find it still amazing that I had so much perseverance, but yeah, it was the only way to become a notary! For two years I flew up and down to Holland eight times to do exams. I started in 2006 and in August 2008 I graduated. But all in all, this study was easier because I'd already worked in the field and many cases were very familiar. Nevertheless, it was a milestone when I was qualified and became a notary.

The fun part about this office is that it's

"...in spite of the fact that so many things have changed, I am still in love with the island and its people."

ever, soon after, I found a job in the personnel department of Plaza Resort and I came to Bonaire. I was 26 years old. When the plane landed it felt like coming home and when I called my mom I told her so. Much later she told me, 'That was the moment I knew I'd lost you.' Well in a way she was right, because fairly soon after I came here I knew that this stay wasn't going to be a short intermezzo...

I worked for one year at the Plaza and I had a nice time there, but I missed working in my professional field. So again I applied to the notary's office and this time Maarten did have a job for me. It was meant to be because he had put an ad in a Dutch newspaper but didn't get any serious responses. It was March 2002 and I started working as a notary lawyer.

I liked my work, I really enjoyed it and in 2005, after working at the notary's office for three years, I was authorized to deputize for the notary. That was an extra step. But then I was confronted with a problem I'd pushed aside for quite some time: I'd done the wrong study. I'd done Dutch Law, but for this job it should have been Notary Law, so I picked up the right study this time – also a university study.

Fortunately I had many credits because of my first study, but I still had to do 18 subjects... at home, by myself. My social life stopped completely and for two years

the only one on the island and everything passes through here. In Holland there are very large offices and many of them are specialized. But here you get everything: from an old local lady who comes in to make her last will and testament to a developer who's going to erect an entire residential neighborhood and everybody and everything in between. Most of the time people come for a happy occasion: they buy their first house or they are finally realizing their dream of starting up their own business. Of course there are sad cases as well, but that's also part of the job.

Here we work with seven people, including myself and an eighth person will be joining us soon. It's a great team. I have wonderful colleagues! Law on the island is for the greatest part the same as in Holland and the things that are different from Holland, the typical Antillean things, I've learned through practical experience.

Also, Maarten was an excellent mentor and teacher. I've learned much from him as well. In the back of my mind there was always this vague idea that I would succeed him when he would retire but when he was diagnosed with lung cancer we never really discussed it although I think he had faith in me. A couple of months after he passed away my company took

over his company – which means that the personnel stayed with me and that I bought the inventory. I didn't have any guarantees though because I wasn't sworn in by the Queen yet and to be appointed I had to apply for the job like everyone else. It was a gamble because if I hadn't gotten the job the company would have been useless. In total there were nine candidates. I have to mention that they sought a successor to Maarten and... I was appointed, but at the same time they were also looking for a second notary. The fact is that before 10-10-10, the Antilles was one country and people could use any notary who was established within the Antilles, but after 10-10-10, I became the only notary for the BES islands and there is no choice and no competition – not a favorable situation according to The Hague, and so a second

something they've been waiting for, for a long time.

My next challenge and I think that it's quite bold of me," she laughs, "is that I'm going to build a new office across from RCN and the *kadaster* (land registry office) on the same side of the road. I am the first female notary on Bonaire and of course I'm proud of it. I really think it's fun!

When I don't work, I read or I go to the sea. I've got four dogs, two land turtles and a great group of girlfriends. I love to be at home; it's something I simply enjoy. I don't go out very often. Bonaire has become very busy, especially during the years the island was booming many more houses have been built and there are also many more cars and... there's a lot of anxiety among the people and I find that



Aniek and her crew: from the left to the right: Judella Ogenia, Roderick Groenman, Jamilia Charles, Milena Frans and Maira Frans and Aniek. Missing is Marlon Bermudes, who got stuck at WEB.

notary's office needed to be established and it's coming.

Since the economic crisis there's less work, especially when it comes to real estate. Of course there are other deeds which are still being executed, but it has become much quieter. In spite of this situation, The Hague has decided to make an exception for Saba and Statia and they are not allowed to use our office. They have to go to St. Martin. It's a bit strange because people from here cannot execute a deed on Curaçao anymore like they could before 10-10-10 and neither can someone from Curaçao execute a deed here like they could before."

Aniek Schouten is a wise and kind person. She's thoughtful but she also has a natural flair and charm. She has the appearance of a model – she's very tall and very slim and elegant - but you feel she's solid and serious and absolutely dedicated to what she's doing.

"The best thing about this job is the diversity," she smiles. "You meet all kinds of people from all walks of life, not only people buying houses, but for instance also people who finally get a lot of long-lease land from the government,

very sad. I know Bonaire from before the big economic boost and in spite of the fact that so many things have changed, I am still in love with the island and its people. I've travelled frequently since I moved here and I still have a long list of places that I want to see and for that Bonaire is perfectly situated. From here it's easy to travel to North and South America and all of the Caribbean. But," she smiles, "for the time being I can't go. We're starting to build in a couple of months and I've just been sworn in so I have to prioritize!

After being here for 11 years, I think I will go for another 11, *Ku Dios ke* (God willing). You know, something I still enjoy every morning when I get up is the balmy temperature, the birds that are singing, the fact that the sun is already up. I still don't take it for granted.

It's something I enjoy and appreciate every day." ■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Pro Kids Bonaire Freestyle & Slalom Championship



The Venue



ProKids photos

Bonaire hosted the International ProKids Windsurfing Competition from August 2-5. It may have been the most popular annual event of the summer. Together with the windsurfing competition there were other sports on the beach such as soccer, volleyball, bolas, domino and board games.

The event introduced a new sport, Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP). The SUP board is similar to a windsurf board with a 'pagai'. The sport started a long time ago in the Pacific islands but was introduced commercially a couple of years ago and has grown in becoming a very popular sport around the world.

The ProKids competition began with the Freestyle competition, followed by Slalom, Stand Up paddleboard. Freestyle for baby kids, bolas, football and the Telbo Mini Splash. Winners of the Windsurfing Competitions (U= "Under the age of"):

Freestyle

U-7- 1st Jeankarl Mayer, 2nd Everson Frans 3rd Lodaishka Thode, all from Bonaire.

U-9- 1st Koleta Abrahamasz, 2nd Ismar de Palm and 3rd Ethan Thielman all from Bonaire.

U-11- 1st Daviton Janga, 2nd Luzdesy Catherin Zambraro, all from Bonaire.

U-13- 1st Sil Romeijn di Boneiru, 2nd Wave Antonia of Curaçao, 3rd Mitchell de Palm of Curaçao.

U-15- 1st Jürgen Saragoza, of Bonaire, 2nd Shepherd Gustowski of Bonaire, 3rd Aron Etmon of Curaçao.

U-17- 1st Amado Vrieswijk of Bonaire, 2nd Ethan Westera of Aruba

Men- 1st Demenson "Kiri" Thode, 2nd Elton "Taty", 3rd "Choco" Frans, all from Bonaire.

Slalom

U-9- 1st Ethan Thielman, 2nd Ismar de Palm, both from Bonaire.

U-11- 1st Iosu Balzaretti from Mexico, 2nd Mikki de Man of Bonaire, 3rd Enzo Balzaretti from Mexico

U-13- 1st Jim van Someren from The Netherlands, 2nd Sil Romeijn of Bonaire, 3rd Delano Moreno from Curaçao

U-15- 1st Jürgen Saragoza of Bonaire, 2nd Lars van Someren of The Netherlands, 3rd Jean P da Silva de Goes of Curaçao

U-17- 1st Aron Etmon of Curaçao 2nd Milan de Jonge of Aruba, 3rd Ezri Heymans of Bonaire

Men- 1st Ethan Westera of Aruba, 2nd Juvannie Agostien of Bonaire, 3rd Amado Vrieswijk of Bonaire.

Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) Winners:

U-11 Gerrald Victorina Jr; U-13 Sil Romeijn; U-15 Jürgen Saragoza; U-17 Ezri Heymans; 'Men' Archuendro Finies all from Bonaire. ■ G.D./Press release

More about the weekend events on page 8

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Bonairean Humor

From the Papiamentu language newspaper Extra, translated by Jane Madden Disko

A traffic cop stops a drunk driver, asks him for his driver's license, and says: Don't tell me you lost it. The driver says, How can you ask me for it? You took it away from me last week?



Young Buchi comes home from school and asks his father: Papi, were you ever in love with a teacher? Papi says: Oh yes, Buchi. There was a teacher who was the love of my life. Buchi asks: That's so romantic. What happened? Papi says: Your mother moved you to a different school.

Two little guys steal a bunch of mangos from their neighbors. They decide to go into the cemetery to divide them up. As they jump over the front gate, they drop two. A drunk guy walking home past the cemetery wall hears voices: "One for you, one for me...one for you, one for me". He is scared out of his wits and runs to the pastor's house. He tells the pastor: "God and the devil are in the cemetery dividing up the souls!" The pastor goes with him to the cemetery and hears the same voices. Then the pastor hears: "What do we do with the two at the front gate?" The pastor ran so fast not even Churandy Martina* could catch him.

* Churandy Martina is an Olympic track athlete from Curaçao running for The Netherlands team.

Buchi was in jail and got a letter from his wife: "Sweetheart. I want you to tell me when I can dig in the garden so I can plant a few potatoes." Buchi answered: "Don't go making any holes in the garden, because all the guns I stole are buried there." After three days, Buchi wrote another letter to his wife: "Sweetheart. I suppose by now the police have already gone to your house to look for the hidden guns and dug up the entire garden. Now you can start to plant your potatoes."

Two nuns are riding on a scooter. They take a sharp curve at a very high speed where normally people would fall. A policeman saw them and said: How come you didn't fall off the scooter? They answered: God is with us. The policemen said: Well, then I am going to give you a ticket, because there are three people on one scooter.

Two detectives arrive at a murder site. One of them asked: What was the cause of death? The response: Natural cause. The other detective said: Natural cause!!!!??? But look they stabbed him with a knife like 15 times. The first detective said: That's so, no? Naturally he had to die!

Two fish, a parrotfish and a graysby, met each other under the sea. The parrotfish was scared when he saw a fish hook stuck in the lip of the graysby. The parrotfish screamed and said: Look at that, they caught you! The graysby looked at him and said: Silly idiot! Don't you see that I put in a piercing? ■ More in the next edition

Picture Yourself In Front of the Liberty Bell

Alan and Joan Zale, who had just returned from their 32nd trip to Bonaire, always bring back a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* and take it where ever they go. Just after returning from their last trip to Bonaire Alan had a business trip that brought them through Camden, NJ where they posed in front of the Battleship USS New Jersey. They then crossed over the Delaware River to Philadelphia, PA where they posed with *The Bonaire Reporter* in front of the Liberty Bell, which is an iconic symbol of American freedom. ■



Picture Yourself Skiing at Lake Tahoe

Anne Shrake teaches skiing at Mt. Rose Ski Area, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and took time out to read *The Bonaire Reporter*, along with her daughter, Katie. "Our family has been visiting Bonaire for 16 years," she says. "We want to encourage our friends at Bonaire Windsurf Place to come ski with us next season!"



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BONAIREAN VOICES

THE SPIRIT OF THE SPORTS



Kirsten Marsman photo

AC Milan Soccer Camp kids Kevin, Duncan, Kydan, Swen and below Adriano



ProKids photo

The Telbo Big Splash at Sorobon drew large crowds

This July was a great month for sports. First there were two football professionals from Holland, then from Italy the AC Milan football team came to give the children some techniques in football. The children had a great experience indeed, but the spirit behind these events is not only the participants but also the organization itself.

August started off with another big sports event from the 2nd until the 5th. Sorobon was converted into a sports arena. The 8th Telbo edition of PROKIDS BONAIRE 2012 freestyle and slalom windsurfing championship was a hit. Sixty-one participants from different countries participated. Besides the windsurfing event there were other sports on the beach: dominos, bolas, beach soccer and the Telbo big splash.

Behind all these sporting events there is a big organization which had been preparing for these events for months. To make the PROKIDS BONAIRE 2012 event a success the main key is the sponsors. This is not always an easy task. During the years the number of sponsors has dropped because of the economic depression, but still we had to manage competitions like this for the windsurfers. It's a way to develop them. You can't compete in the outside world when you haven't competed in your own country. Aquaspeed Foundation has honored the children by organizing windsurfing competitions annually so they can gain experience in how to compete in the outside world. But this year, because of a lack of funds because so many sponsors dropped out Aquaspeed couldn't organize the PWA professional competitions. In order for the professionals to participate they have to be paid from the minute they leave their country. We're hoping that the government will take the sport of windsurfing into consideration since we have Bo-

nairean competitors who are competing on a professional level. They put Bonaire on a high scale.

The spirits behind this organization are the people who make this event possible by working for months for the kids. Indeed the sponsors are very important, but then you have the set-up itself: cleaning the whole area, setting up the game sites, the bar, the kitchen, the stage, the guest area and of course the office where every detail of the event was recorded and from where photos and press releases were sent out. The race results were handled by the race director Nathaniel McFarlene from Aruba and his helpers. The trophies and certificates were handled by another team. Every section had its own group of people to help, even the night event. The Saint James Medical School was present to offer first aid from the event start.

What I can say is that a good spirit of helping the kids can make an organization be successful. The children got their bags of goodies, their T-shirts and three days of food. The spirit to succeed, the spirit to achieve and the spirit to accomplish makes everything possible. Aquaspeed foundation had its hard times but it's accomplished a goal of 25 years of hard work and is still looking forward to doing more. For the upcoming year 2013 PWA is our focus with the 9th edition of the PROKIDS BONAIRE 2013. And you are invited. Watch for the date. Please remember voluntary spirits can make your organization grow and it brings positive attitudes to others. ■

Siomara Albertus



Happy Hour With the Artists

Every Friday from 5-9pm: arts and crafts, affordable drinks and good music

If you're looking for something else to do besides drink and chat at a happy hour on Fridays, try the Happy Hour Arts and Crafts Market next to El Mundo restaurant on Kaya Grandi. From 5 to 9 pm the artists and their stands with locally made art, jewelry, photography, paintings, music and much more are there to give town an extra fun boost during low season. It's a cozy little market - the hard core of the much bigger cruise ship market - and worth a visit. All the artists are more than happy and willing to inform you about their work, to chat about the island and to share their love of Bonaire with you. Whether you're a local or a tourist it's fun to mix and mingle, to take your friends and family or to buy a last minute souvenir.



Marco - Photo Artist



Bas and his electric jitney

Over the last couple of months *The Bonaire Reporter* has introduced many of the artists present at the market to you and so far they were all women. This time it's two men.

We start with **Marco**: "I came here in November 2007. I'd been a part time photographer before, but I am an engineer by profession. I've had many exhibitions in art galleries in Italy, but this is the first time I'm selling at a market. This is also my first season at the market and it's a lot of fun. You meet so many people and everybody has a story to tell and people are also interested in my story. So, they ask me, and then they tell their own. We share, it's an exchange.

In November 2011 I started at the big cruise ship market and the way I see this Happy Hour Market is that it's a social event for the people who live here and the tourists and... it's the only market on the island! And I want to support an activity that was missing on Bonaire, and of course I am also here to sell my prints, ha! The nature, the sea and the landscape of Bonaire are my subject because nature photography is my passion. It's what I like most. My product is the photographic print. Some of them are open editions and some limited editions.

You can never take enough photos. I love to go around and take pictures and that's what I do about four days a week, mostly during the 'golden hours' - at sunrise or at sunset - when you get the

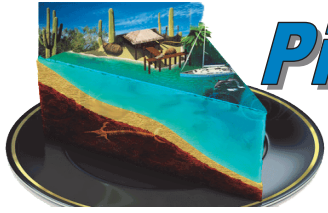
best light of the day. The beauty of Bonaire is simple. It's a desert island and there are few elements: the sand, the corals, the sea, the salt, the cactus, the light and the colors. And Bonaire is unspoiled - a four-minute drive and you are alone at a beach and that's not common..."

Bas: "I'm not an artist and I don't sell art. And when the cruise ships are in I'm not at the market because then I'm doing city tours with my eco friendly electric car called Bon Tuk. Off season I'm here at the Happy Hour Market to promote and inform people about our product.

I came to Bonaire in 2011. In Holland I was working in youth care and I came here with the idea of working with youngsters in prison. When that plan didn't go through I came up with plan B. We've got two Tuk Tuks. They are made in Thailand and the electro engine is of Dutch origin. It's my full-time job and we're doing okay. Around the corner of this Plaza there's a pole to charge the cars. Another one is planned at Jibe City and one more in Rincon. Two people have a key to those poles: Rolf from Bike Rental Bonaire and me. I think it's a great product for Bonaire because it's green and it's fun and open and quiet and you're always 'in touch' with everything around you because we are not making any noise!

My goal is to train local kids to become tour guides and chauffeurs on the Bon Tuk and at the same time I hope many more people on Bonaire will be going to drive 'green' and I think I'm proving it's possible!" ■

Story & Photos by Greta Kooistra



Piece of Paradise

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CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET WHEN YOU ARE SELLING YOUR HOME? AND HOW DO YOU UNRAVEL THEM WHEN YOU ARE BUYING A HOME?

Some of us by nature trust everyone, and then there are some of us who believe there is a conspiracy behind every statement made. And then there is the rest of us, the 'normal' ones. Although generally in life you will have greater peace of mind if your attitude is less suspicious, but when you are purchasing a piece of property it might be wise to ask some questions and not always accept the first answer that you get. Please allow me to explain why.

Under the current law on Bonaire when you are putting a property up for sale the seller has the duty to disclose any information about the property that might not be visible by normal inspection. For example, if there are some cracks in the outside walls that are clearly visible, that information does not have to be volunteered by the seller. However, if the seller replaced his tile floor last year and saw that these cracks go all through the floor, and just retiled over the cracks, then he should voluntarily divulge that information.

Other information that the seller needs to disclose are matters such as what type of sewage system the property has (septic tank, cesspit, the flowering banana tree under the kitchen window), or any issues with piping, plumbing and wiring and the

presence of white ants (termites). Known leaks that are not visible during the dry season need to be pointed out as well. This list goes on and on; anything not visible by normal inspection of which the owner is aware of needs to be disclosed. A good realtor will always have already gone through this exercise with his or her clients before listing the property and will divulge all information voluntarily, or at least upon the first request.

Oh well, that is easy, the less suspiciously minded amongst us might say: "I do not have to ask any questions, all relevant information will be presented to me, because of this legal obligation." Well, that is where the policy makers have drawn a line because it is going to be very difficult to prove in hindsight what a property owner knew and what not. Therefore in the same law the obligation for the buyer to actively seek information about the property is included.

As a buyer it is easy to ask: "Are there any issues with leaks? Where is the septic tank located? Are there any issues with the plumbing, wiring or piping?" However, even when you get a seemingly honest answer, there is still no assurance that the seller is not withholding information.

Therefore it is wise to hire a professional to do a proper home inspection, and include the results of his or her inspection as a contingency in your offer on a property. The home inspector should know what he or she is doing and know where to look for common and less common issues with properties on Bonaire.

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Based on his or her report, you have a much better understanding of the state of the property that you are buying, and you need to worry less about whether or not you have been given all the information.

So, when the seller provides all necessary information and the buyer does his homework as well, both parties will end up with a deal that they will feel good about. And when you are living on Bonaire, that feeling will be doubly good! ■
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First Bonaire Vote (Continued from page 4)

The party leader of the largest party becomes prime minister. His government is known by his name.

Small Parties

In addition to the three large parties there are many smaller ones. Some small parties skip the reasonable moderation and concentrate on the differences. They get to play in parliament, but not in government. Above by Peter-Paul Koch

Five new small parties from the Netherlands have successfully registered in Bonaire to participate in the Lower Chamber Elections: Anti-Europe Party, Nederland Local, 50Plus Party, Libertarian Party and Democratic Politics Turning Point. The Anti-Europe Party and Nederland Local also submitted a list of candidates on Bonaire.

*The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy whose crown is hereditary in the House of Orange-Nassau. Current head of state is Queen Beatrix. (The Netherlands has had female Heads of State since 1890)

Formally the Queen appoints the prime minister and the government, but since the 1880s or so it has been custom that this government has a majority in parliament. In practice the Queen wields little power. How much her personal opinions matter is not known; in fact, how much influence she has is one of the few remaining palace secrets.

She only participates actively in politics just after the elections, when a new government is being formed. She appoints the politicians who take the lead in this process, and she replaces them by others if that becomes necessary. ■G.D.



RENEWED FAITH IN MAN

Dear Editor:
Last Saturday night something happened that renewed my faith in humanity! Here is a short version of a long story: 2-3 weeks ago we had a large group of Venezuelans come to the restaurant. They paid with a counterfeit \$100. Since they left the money on the table we were stuck with it. Tonight, the group leader came in with \$100 dollars for us!!! He said his guest returned to Venezuela and discovered that much of his \$\$ was fake and he knew he had paid us with one of those counterfeit hundreds and wanted to be sure that he paid us properly!!!
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-Lisa & Joe



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"Safety" Market

A "Safety Market" was held at Jong Bonaire last Saturday to acquaint the people of Bonaire with public and private safety services. They could also learn what they themselves can do to contribute. The theme was "We Do Safety Together."

Various organizations and companies that deal with safety put up displays and demonstrations for the market. Information was offered by enthusiastic personnel of the various services. Demonstrations and a workshop added to the effectiveness

Participating were:

Bonaire Island Government, Kmar, Customs Dutch Caribbean, Police Force Dutch Caribbean, Judicial Institute Dutch Caribbean (JICN), Centre for Youth and Families Bonaire, Coast Guard Dutch Caribbean, Fire Department Dutch Caribbean, Ambulance Service Fundashon Mariadal, Special Security Services (SSS), Bonaire Safety Force (BSF), Total Home, and Alubon.

Shortly after 10am the market was officially opened by Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia. Afterwards visitors toured the various information booths. At the Total Home and Alubon booths, for example, the emphasis was on safety in and around the home; in the Centre for Youth and Families it was on safety with children; and with the Fire Department on fire prevention. There were also prizes to win.

There were demonstrations in the parking lot in front of Jong Bonaire. The Kmar, the Police Department and the Fire department had great displays. The intervention team of JICN put on a scary, dramatic demonstration to put down a prison break. The Ambulance service gave a simulation of aid at a traffic accident. Customs even showed how they detect narcotics. ■ Press release/G.D.



Ambulance Corps medico Aart Vlijm checks young Maxim Verhof held by Giselle Pomper



Girls like Amalie Melaan and boys (see cover) enjoyed getting their fingerprints taken by the Police officer Marc Abdul. They were given their prints to take home in a small folder.



The Special Security Services (SSS) team drew lots of interest with their alarm systems and services.



The Royal Marechaussee had loads of information and mementos



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Sunday, July 29th, the first 'Wild for Life' party, organized by the nature and environmental education department of STINAPA, took place at the Wilhelmina Park. Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia opened the party by inviting all the children to become nature and environmental ambassadors for Bonaire. Together with NME STINAPA's Desiree Croes and Tio Ali she made the children promise that they would learn as much as possible about Bonaire's nature, that they would do everything within their power to conserve and protect nature on land as well as under water and that they would teach their friends and family to do the same.

Also, the children promised to organize and participate in events related to nature and environment, that they would visit natural areas as much as possible accompanied by family and friends, that they should take account of animals and plants and respect the nature and environmental laws, to plant local trees and plants and not to cut old trees, to keep Bonaire clean and recycle garbage and, last but not least, to participate in volunteer work.

Then the party broke loose with a vengeance! Led by Tio Ali, Desiree Croes, Diana St. Jago (the Rare Pride coordinator and NME's Karko awareness person) and STINAPA's Junior Rangers

the children danced the conga for what seemed like hours to the music of the Kara Kora band who gave a rousing performance.

The kids who didn't dance got rid of their energy in Magic Ed's bouncers, cotton candy was devoured and free meals were available at Gibi's. Other restaurants and eateries were also represented, and of course the *Woodwind* had their own stand.

There were many familiar faces and everybody had lots of fun. As long as the party lasted, from 3 until 6 pm, two lovely and very patient ladies painted at least 100 children's faces with the most magical designs. Every child got a book, written in Papiamentu and Dutch, called 'The Big Trip Of Little Lobatus', about the adventures of a little Karko (conch), and a free 'Wild 4 Life' T-shirt. At the end of the day Desiree Croes thanked the audience and everybody involved for making the event a great success and she told the steaming kids the party would return next year! ■

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Madelif gets face-painted



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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 17	New Moon	08:20 0.02 ft	13:34 0.27 ft	17:53 0.21 ft		6:24	18:54
Sat 18		00:30 0.69 ft	08:48 0.04 ft	14:22 0.38 ft	19:46 0.24 ft	6:24	18:53
Sun 19		01:28 0.60 ft	09:14 0.05 ft	15:06 0.51 ft	21:35 0.21 ft	6:24	18:53
Mon 20		02:33 0.51 ft	09:42 0.05 ft	15:48 0.65 ft	23:03 0.14 ft	6:24	18:52
Tue 21		03:41 0.43 ft	10:15 0.04 ft	16:31 0.79 ft		6:24	18:52
Wed 22			00:14 0.05 ft	04:46 0.37 ft	10:52 0.02 ft	17:16 0.92 ft	6:24 18:51
Thu 23			01:13 -0.03 ft	05:45 0.32 ft	11:32 -0.00 ft	18:02 1.03 ft	6:25 18:51
Fri 24	First Quarter	02:07 -0.10 ft	06:40 0.30 ft	12:16 -0.02 ft	18:49 1.10 ft	6:25	18:50
Sat 25		02:58 -0.14 ft	07:33 0.28 ft	13:03 -0.03 ft	19:37 1.13 ft	6:25	18:50
Sun 26		03:48 -0.15 ft	08:25 0.28 ft	13:52 -0.02 ft	20:26 1.12 ft	6:25	18:49
Mon 27		04:37 -0.14 ft	09:18 0.29 ft	14:45 0.00 ft	21:16 1.07 ft	6:25	18:48
Tue 28		05:27 -0.11 ft	10:14 0.32 ft	15:42 0.05 ft	22:08 0.98 ft	6:25	18:48
Wed 29		06:15 -0.07 ft	11:14 0.36 ft	16:47 0.10 ft	23:03 0.86 ft	6:25	18:47
Thu 30		07:03 -0.02 ft	12:17 0.41 ft	18:04 0.15 ft		6:25	18:46
Fri 31	Blue Moon	00:02 0.74 ft	07:49 0.03 ft	13:19 0.48 ft	19:34 0.18 ft	6:25	18:46

Note: On August 31 there will be a “Blue Moon.” A Blue Moon is the second Full
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Can we Save our Monuments?

“Because again, after being away one and a half years, I have seen that more (historical) homes have been torn down, especially along the coastline...”-W.G.

On the 27 of July a symposium about the Monuments of Bonaire, financed by The Netherland's Architecture Fund, was held in the Government Executive Office. The main topic was the question: **“Where are we today with the monuments of Bonaire?”** (Reporter Aug.3-17, 2012). There was a follow-up on the 2nd of August, again in the government office, but this time with the Lt. Governor, Lydia Emerencia in the leading role.

The Governor invited Willem van Hees (*Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire*, Director *Bedrijfsvoering en Ondersteuning*), Jonathan Jukema (director R&O) and myself, Wilna Groenenboom, for a follow-up: **“What steps do we need to take to save the monuments of Bonaire as soon as possible?”**

A lot of work has been done already, all by a few people, mostly in their spare time: people like Alca Sint Jago (R&O), Bert Nijland (head of Legal Affairs) and Hans Rietveld of *Stichting Monumentenzorg Bonaire*. Hans has walked almost every street of Bonaire to make an investigation of all the potential monuments of Bonaire. This investigation led to a list of more than 600 buildings which we can find on the governmental site, (*Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire*, List of R.O.B.-*Ruimtelijke Ontwikkelingsplan Bonaire*, established on 8 October 2010, annex 3 “Concept list of the protected monuments of Bonaire”). And with the right laws we can really protect and save the history and culture of these monumental building on Bonaire.

The Monument Symposium was intended to involve people and let them become more aware of present state of affairs and that especially those houses no longer being lived in are in great danger and can't wait very much longer to be preserved. And some of them show us that they, like Pueblo Novo, built in 1885 (see photo below), more or less have given up the fight, and are in decay! Can we restore it? It is time for action!

The meeting with the Lt. Governor was very constructive. It was the first time that I witnessed the Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia in action. This was an amazing experience for me. In a short and very effective way she informed herself about the present situation by asking questions, analyzing the answers, and at the same time taking notes about possibilities to set the roadmap for the future. And to have it all make sense for herself and us, she started to write it down on a flipchart with the wordsm “Once a teacher always a teacher!” (see photo above)

The roadmap that seems to be the one to follow has been applied to 15 houses and is:

Investigation - as soon as possible. The monument symposium and the follow up made us realize that more than 600 potential monuments are probably too many for a small island like Bonaire. A short time ago 15 houses were added to the monument list, mostly governmental buildings. Most of the 600 houses have private owners. Must we make a shorter list?

A group of specialists from different backgrounds should look at the list of 600 and decide whether the age, history, culture, quality and ensemble value (grouped with neighboring buildings) can give it the status of a monument.

Description - to reach the official status of “Monument” a description must be made of the house, done by an expert.

Followed by **designating, contacting the**



Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia “Once a Teacher, Always a Teacher!”

owner(s) and then finally starting with the conservation, and if there is money, **restoration**.

The two meetings in the government offices made us all realize that there is a lot of work to do and that we must hasten the process that's already started if we want to save the last monuments of Bonaire for the future. Because again, after one and a half years, I have seen that more old houses have been torn down, especially along the coastline.

In this whole process manpower and money are the main bottlenecks. By walking, biking and driving over the island last month I found out that the second main problem is **awareness**. Some owners don't realize or don't want to realize the value of their house. I am not just talking about the financial side, but the historical and cultural value for all the residents of Bonaire and also for the tourists who enjoy Bonaire.

Communication - to take notice and listen to each other for all parties concerned (Government, house owners and specialists) - are in my opinion the key to success! I have a good feeling about this because we all want the same thing. The blueprint is already there. Now we must work on the foundation. Quite some bricks have been already carried to the construction site. But now we need more construction workers and more stones, beams and in the end, beautiful tills to “finish the house.” The first new steps have been taken in this process. I hope and think the will is there to finish this very important masterpiece of historical and cultural value. ■

Story & photos by Wilna Groenenboom



The beauty, Pueblo Novo, built in 1885, subject of photographs and artists' renderings

Home Cookin'

Warung Baro
Kaya Chippewa #20, Nort di Salina



This begins a regular feature in The Reporter about Bonaire cooks who dish up tasty treats and culinary history from their own kitchens. Selling food from their back yards, at “The Taste of Bonaire, or at the crafts market, many also do catering for individuals, organizations, and groups. We hope you decide to pay them a visit to experience the multicultural cuisine of Bonaire.

For 15 years on Bonaire, **Lize Singosemito-Amattabri**, (photo above) has been preparing the distinct dishes of her native Suriname that she learned from watching her mother cook: “My mother loved cooking and I loved watching her cook. I watched her and I learned.” t age 13, Lize and her younger sister finally begged their mother to be allowed to cook so they could gain her approval. Their first attempt was a vegetable soup that looked easy enough to make--water, vegetables, salt, sugar, some chicken. Her mother's review? “Not bad,” she exclaimed after tasting and allowed them to move on to their next culinary adventure--fried fish with hot peppers—but she soon limited their cooking, saying, “You have to go to school; there will be plenty of time to learn to cook one you are married and have your own family.”

Lize's mother would be proud of her daughter's cooking business, Warung Baro, started 15 years ago after her husband died when she needed to find a way to support her family. With the help of her three adult children, Lize manages the business without the assistance of any employees, which keeps costs manageable. Her schedule is a hectic one, though, with cooking and selling food on the weekend, shopping and looking for bargains on ingredients during the week (“Everything is so expensive now,” she complains), and taking orders for catering all week long.

As for the food, it is ample, spicy, and delicious for a reasonable price. One of

the most popular items on the menu is nasi-rames, a combination of noodles, fried rice, crispy potatoes, vegetables, chicken, with a home-made sate sauce. Lize fries her own peanuts and flavors the sate with her “secret” ingredient: prawn-flavored paste that she gets from Curaçao. Another scrumptious treat is chicken livers with peppers (that I frankly could not get enough of). Roti is another special from Lize's kitchen; however, these must be made to order because they are fairly labor-intensive. In fact, often Lize must ask a friend down the street to make the “roti” (pancake) while she makes the fillings, especially when many are ordered. The Indonesian version of the egg roll is loempia for which Lize makes her own dough and sweet and sour sauce. To complete the meal is pisang-goreng, batter-fried plantain with just a hint of spice. Essential to all of Lize's dishes are spices that can't be easily found in large quantities on Bonaire (like turmeric), so Lize either makes shopping trips to Curaçao or has visiting family members bring them from Suriname.

For Lize, every day is one of preparation: “It's a lot of hard work, but I love cooking..it's in my heart.” But don't look for her to open a restaurant in town anytime soon because there are too many expenses for rent, power, water, employees, etc., which is one of the reasons she thinks a number of restaurants have closed recently. Besides she prefers to cook in her own kitchen where “it's a good living because we are all helping one another.” ■ *Story & photo by Pauline Kayes*

***To sample Lize's cuisine, call 795-0677 or 717-5632 to order for pick up from 11:30am -2pm on the weekend, or visit her at the market.*



Saving Bonaire Forests

Bonaire's forests are struggling. Historic felling and the introduction of goats and donkeys have left our island with few large trees. This is a problem for Bonaire's Yellow-shouldered Amazon Parrot (Lora) which relies on large trees for food and nest sites. Large trees also trap water and hold soil. Without trees these flow out of the system and young trees find it even harder to grow.

Saving and restoring Bonaire's forests means discovering what we have left. Echo Foundation, in collaboration with local youth groups, including STINAPA's Junior Rangers, are beginning by mapping eight parrot-important tree species. Having been taught to recognize these eight species, teams head out armed with GPS units and Android phones. They photograph each tree, record their positions, their size and any signs of animals. Then back in town, the data that was collected using the phones is uploaded to a dynamic online map, letting other people see the trees Bonaire has left.

The map shows where trees are, and where they are lacking. Using this information we can direct habitat restoration to the areas that need it most and have the best chance of restoring Bonaire.

The map so far can be found on Echo's homepage (www.echobonaire.org). Bonaire's forests need as much help as they can get. Come out and join us or map trees using your own phone. Visit the website to find out details and get involved. ■ *Michaela Roberts*



Jr. Rangers take a GPS fix

Parrot Success

Over the past months, 111 parrot (Lora) chicks and native parakeets (Prikichis) that were confiscated on Bonaire as a result of a tip to STINAPA and the police last year were successfully set free.

Bonaire's Echo Foundation organized this, the world's first large scale release of Yellow-shoulder Amazon Parrots and parakeets. The chicks, some barely one week old, were found in a sorry state but only one chick died thanks to a massive outpouring of material assistance and round the clock volunteer labor.

In September 2011, the illegal dealer was given a suspended sentence of 10 months, 180 hours of volunteer work and a \$2000 fine. Since 1952 it's been against the law to steal, kill, or sell the protected parrots and their eggs or to have these birds as a pet on Bonaire (unless they have



Poached loras were found in this shed

been registered and have an ankle ring).

The illegal trade in parrot chicks is a huge problem worldwide and Bonaire is not an exception. The chicks are taken from the nest before they can fly and usually shipped to neighboring islands to be sold to unethical pet dealers. Echo-director Sam Williams said that during the time he was studying the Loras, one out of three parrot chicks was illegally taken from the nest. Echo Foundation works for the protection of Bonaire's endangered Lora species among other things. ■

G.D./Press release

Massive Turn Out for Dive Friends Bonaire Clean Up Dive



On Saturday, July 21, an army of volunteers gathered at Dive Friends Bonaire at Dive Inn to clean up underneath Bonaire's South Pier. Even though the weather was a bit rainy, the Dive Inn was filled to capacity with local and visiting volunteer divers overflowing out into the parking area.

Asko Zuidam of Dive Friends Bonaire addressed the group of 115 divers and explained what trash should be recovered and what should be left behind, as well as how to keep from damaging any marine animals. Sue Willis from the Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) program gave an explanation of how to safely remove fishing line and announced the launch of a new

project to help Bonaire's sea turtles. The Fishing Line Project is running with sponsorship from the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) and aims to reduce the amount of fishing line, hooks, nets and other debris found on Bonaire's reefs; items which pose a great threat to Bonaire's endangered sea turtle population.

After the briefing, the divers entered the water, at Playa Cha Cha Cha and swam over to South Pier. A snorkel team of children, guided by local volunteer Walt Bentzen, participated by picking up debris in the shallows along the shoreline. When collection bags were brought to the surface, Dive Friends crew and volunteers checked once again to be sure no marine creatures would be removed from the water. ■ *Press release*

Turtles & People Share Te Amo



Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire fenced-off this nest of Hawksbill sea turtle eggs at popular Te Amo beach so that people would not drive over them, put in tent pegs, or walk on them. It is estimated that the nest was laid 2-3 weeks ago and will hatch in another 4-5 weeks. Since other nests are not protected by fences, people need to be vigilant about those as well. ■ *Story & Photo by Pauline Kayes*



The 2012 Bonaire Regatta logo was released last week along with reports that this Regatta is shaping up to be one of the best yet. Vendors who need stands and space were advised to submit their applications as soon as possible. Submit them at the downtown TCB office of fax to 717-8408. Hygiene cards will be required for all food workers. ■ *Press release*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Friday, August 17—New Moon

August 18-25—Wounded Warriors in Bonaire. More on page 17

Saturday, August 25—Farmers' Market, at Pakus di Pruga, across from Brandaris Café, 8am-5pm

Friday, August 31—Taste of Bonaire, 6-10 pm, Wilhelmina Park. Food, Music and Fun

Saturday, September 1—Farmers' Market at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #44, next to Aquamarin School, 8am-noon.

September 1, 2- First International Yoga and Ayurveda Convention on Bonaire. Presented by Vivek Yogi from Rishilesh, India. At Landhouse Wanapa More details next edition.

Thursday, September 6—Bonaire Day—Celebrations all day. Special appearance of Maskarada.

Wednesday, September 12—Bonaire's first opportunity to vote in Dutch Parliamentary Elections. More on page 4.

Saturday, September 22- Dive Friends Bonaire underwater cleanup



October 7-13—45th Bonaire Regatta, School holiday all week



Sunday, October 21—Xtreme Mountain Bike Race- 81 km new long Xtreme-route or the 51 km shorter Xtreme-route. Start training now.

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 hrs 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm entrance fee 1.00 per child & 1.50 per adult. Saturdays open for free. Closed on Sundays.

Saturdays

- **We Dare To Care Playground Bazaar**, Flea market tables are \$10.00 except first Saturday of the month when they are free. Open 9 am - 2 pm. - Call Marissa - 701 1103 Everything for sale, old & new: household items, plants, baby things, clothes & shoes. Food riot, BBQ. All funds go toward maintaining the Park.
- **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. 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 Koeks for more information—796-7870.

- **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.

- **Girls Night Out at Bistro de Paris Restaurant** at Harbour Village Marina. 3-course menu \$25, 1/2 price martinis and house wine bottle

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

Fridays

- **Happy Hour Crafts Market at Wilhelmina Park**, sponsored by Bonaire Arts and Crafts Association. 5-9 pm.

Happy Hour party at Bistro Di Paris. Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6 - 9pm

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)

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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-

9446.

Toastmasters Club meets every two weeks. For more information call Cruscita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

International Bible Church, Kaya Pajago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. De brot. 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 bonairejbc@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.

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THE SPOTLIGHT
IS ON
JICN AND OICN

Guilty as charged or innocent until proven guilty? What happens when one IS proven guilty and is sentenced to jail on Bonaire?

The answer is incarceration for the bad guys in the state-owned prison named **JICN Justitiele Inrichting Caribisch Nederland (Correctional Institution Dutch Caribbean, Bonaire location).**

According to the RCN website, the Correctional Institution Dutch Caribbean, Location Bonaire (JICN) performs penalties and custodial measures on behalf of the Minister of Justice after the verdict of a judge is imposed. The house of detention on Bonaire was refurbished and expanded with more cells in order to keep up with the need.

I have been talking to the head of the department at JICN and I came to understand that on Bonaire the prison has four departments: **Care, Youngsters, Females and Externals.**

Those in the Care Department require extra care and attention while the Youngsters are a blend of late adolescents and young adults. The Females are housed together, segregated from the male inmates. The Department of Externals hosts all the remaining prisoners who do not belong to either of the groups mentioned before.

JICN considers the Care and Youngsters as special departments because they need to be handled in a special way and therefore also have their own specific programs which are different from the other departments.

This spring 2012, JICN and OICN **Onderwijs Instituut Caribisch Nederland (Education Institute Dutch Caribbean)** have teamed up with an educational program for the inmates.

A Department Head at JICN, Ms D. Raphaela, stated, "We here at JICN find it is necessary to invest in the independency of our inmates. We would like to teach them and show them how to deal with their issues so that when they get out, the reintegration process will not be so hard on them."

She continued, "They have been given support, insight and basic linguistic knowledge in order to enhance their opportunities in getting a (better) job and increase their



Gilberto "Junny" Vos, Director of OICN

chances while going back into the society after being in JICN."

JICN also informed me that their students have also learned to survive and focus on their self-reliance in a new positive way rather than in a usually negative way as they were used to.

Ms. Raphaela elaborated: "We would like to contribute by investing where we clearly see a need and hunger for education by our students."

I also spoke to **Mr Gilberto "Junny" Vos, director of OICN,** who shared his view on this collaboration with JICN.

Mr. Vos said, "We have been teaching the students of JICN some essential basic knowledge of Social Skills, English, Dutch, Papiamentu and Computer Skills."

He elaborated, "I've composed this program because nowadays we cannot get a job if we do not know some basics about how to use a computer. And as for the languages, Bonaire has Dutch as an official language next to two important other languages which are Papiamentu for the local market and English which has become the trade language."

The educational program started in March 2012 and was completed in August 2012.



The intimidating JICN entrance door

During this period, OICN held educational sessions three times a week at JICN. There were two groups and most of the students attended class regularly. The students will receive their certificates soon.

JICN was pleased to see how the inmates changed for the better and that they really learned new things that could be very useful in their near future. Ms. Raphaela specified, "It surprised me that they were open to education and actually actively participated in the classes provided by OICN with enthusi-

asm. We could see that they have wanted this educational program and we are proud to announce that it has been a success because the students were truly motivated."

As for Mr Vos of OICN, he shared his opinion. "This program has come to a successful end and I will feel honored to hand them their certificates shortly personally." And he added, "Although this program ends, I would like to continue to help the students of JICN by offering them the new program entitled 'Explore New Horizons' where more classes will be taught."

The certificate that the students of JICN will receive shortly proves their goodwill, motivation, studiousness, and will to change for the better.

Both JICN and OICN think that the students earned their certificates by working hard, attending classes, actively participating and they truly merit this recognition.

When these students get out of JICN, they will feel less frightened upon taking a second chance educational program because they have already fulfilled a similar course. This will decrease their reluctance while wanting to learn more but still hesitant in asking for help or acknowledging its essence for a better future.

I personally believe that everyone deserves a second chance in life. Even though I agree that one must have done something really bad to end up in jail, I also have faith that that same person would have had time to rethink his/her actions while sitting out the imposed sentence. Furthermore, education is power and knowledge is priceless, so why not make the most of it while staying at the JICN facilities. If one is willing to learn new things, the sky is the limit and no one ever stops learning. Each and every one of us learns new things every single day. Thus, felon or saint, keep up the good work and make sure you WILL be prepared for today's tough labor market when you are a free citizen again. ■

Story & photos by
Rose Feng



Wounded Warriors On the Way

On August 18th Bonaire will once again welcome the Wounded Warriors, disabled military veterans from the US. They are on island to complete their PADI open water dive certifications. For a number of years Capt. Don's Habitat and the whole island have welcomed them for a week of enjoying the warm hospitality that is Bonaire. This year each soldier will receive a telephone for their use while on island. Through the generosity of many folks from all over the US and that of UTS/Chippie we are able to offer these phones to the warriors who in turn will pass them on to the 60 plussers!

Pictured are Joan Zale and Irwin and



Jackie Spector, Bonaire ambassadors, as they present the first of the phones to Michael Gaynor, at Chat 'n Browse. Thank you to all the BTers and other friends who made this possible. ■ *Michael Gaynor*

Sudoku Puzzle

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Sudoku Solution

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

Pet of the Week

If you've never quite understood what a "people cat" is, then you need to meet "Irma." This beautiful, classic calico cat loves nothing more than to be next to, near, around, in close proximity, on, under or above people (see photo for evidence)! She is virtually invisible when only her cat roommates are in the compound, but the moment a human enters her "people radar" goes off and she is there to meet and greet you. But Irma also understands people, she isn't annoying or pestering with her desire for human companionship. If you don't want a cuddling, lap cat then she quietly sits next to you or at your feet with a paw delicately placed to keep contact. If you want a lap cat that you can hug and kiss, she will gratefully sit in your lap for as long as you like, purring like a well tuned engine. When a visitor happens to leave a bag on the floor while they visit with the other cats, Irma will quietly slip into or on top of the bag, hoping the owner is willing to take a loving, devoted companion into an equally loving and devoted human home. Irma is about two years old, healthy, sterilized and desperately seeking a human family that she can love. You can visit Irma and her feline companions at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. You'll know who she is the minute you walk through the door! ■ *Jane Madden Disko*



"Irma" and Hanny

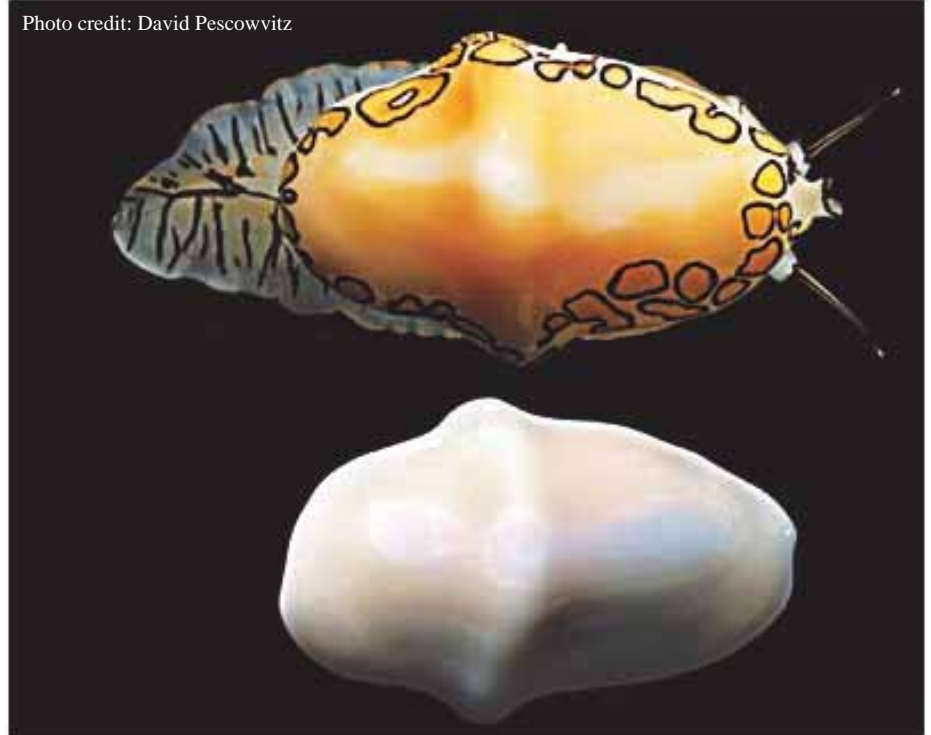
human who would appreciate her because she is a "people dog" (just like a "people cat") and was not all that happy being caged with "only dogs." But she's found just the right mistress, a lady who is a grandmother and who loves to spend time with her. We understand that Viola is being treated just like a princess. Congratulations to both. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

SHELTER NEWS:

Very good news. We just heard recently that our "Special Alert" Pet of the Week, "Viola," (*Reporter* June 8-22, 2012) was adopted. This darling black and white long haired spaniel needed to find the perfect

Did You Know...

Photo credit: David Pescowitz



That intricately spotted Flamingo Tongue Snails actually have all-white shells?

Flamingo Tongue Snails *Cyphoma gibbosum* are common in Bonaire and feed primarily on gorgonians (sea rods, sea whips, etc.). These small critters are often collected by scuba divers due to their beautiful and alluring pattern. What looks to be an intricately colored shell of yellow-orange painted with irregularly shaped spots outlined in black, is actually the mantle or soft skin layer of the snail!

The intriguing coloration of the mantle that envelops the all-white/apricot colored shell is used not only to make the shell, but also for nutrient exchange as well as a defense mechanism to warn predators of toxic chemicals acquired from munching on gorgonians. While the shells are still pretty, many divers unknowingly gather these living organisms in hopes of a spotted memento only to

find that, once the living snail has died, they are left with a plain colored shell.

Next time you see this pretty snail by itself or with a buddy, meandering and munching on gorgonians, don't pluck him away for the pretty colored "shell"! Snap a picture and appreciate the Flamingo Tongue Snail for its significantly exposed internal beauty that we are so lucky to have displayed to us in nature! ■ *Julianne Pilla, edited by Caren Eckrich*

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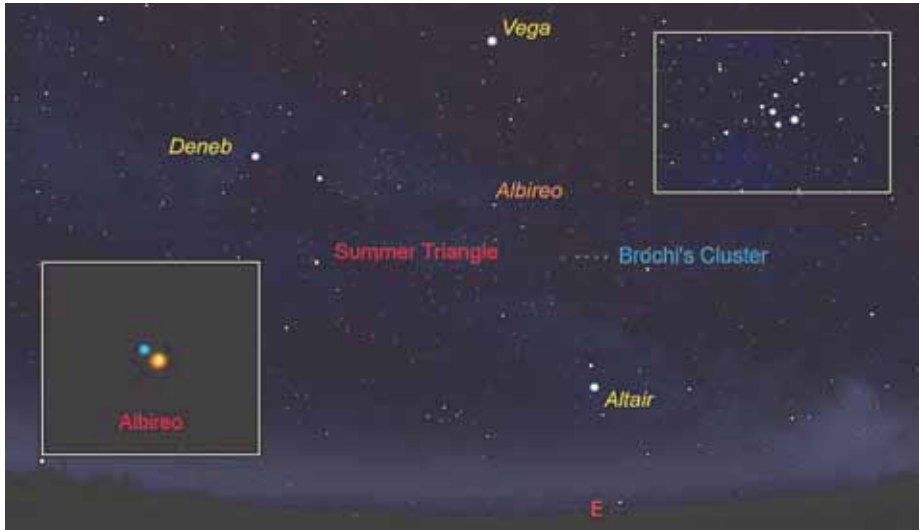
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There are some hard to spot items in August skies as well as the easiest. First the tough ones.

Around 10 pm this month you may be able to spot **Brochi's Cluster** and the double star, **Albireo**, in **Cygnus**.

By that time, 10 pm, the constellations, **Cygnus, Lyra and Aquila**, will have risen well up into the south-east. Their three brightest stars - **Deneb, Vega and Altair** respectively—make up the "**Summer Triangle**." If you sweep with binoculars one third of the way from Altair towards Vega, you should spot Brochi's Cluster - usually called "**The Coathanger**" as this is exactly what it looks like, but seen upside down. It's not thought to be a real cluster but an "**asterism**" which is a chance grouping of stars. Not far to the upper left of Brochi's cluster is, perhaps, the most beautiful double star to observe in a small telescope. It is the star Albireo which forms the head of the swan. At magnitude 3 it is the least bright of the stars that make up a part of Cygnus called the **Northern Cross**. However, when seen through a small telescope, it is seen to be made up of two stars showing a beautiful color contrast. The brighter 3.1 magnitude component (which is itself a double star) is amber in color whilst the 5.1 magnitude companion star is blue-green in color. With a separation of 35 arc seconds the

pair can be easily split even under poor seeing conditions.

Also in mid August you may be able to spot the planet **Neptune**. The planet Neptune is closest to the **Earth** on the 24th of August, so it's a very good time to look for it. Around **New Moon** on the 17th of August will be best as the skies will be darkest. Neptune lies in the constellation **Aquarius**, not the easiest to find this year. At magnitude 7.8, you should be able to spot it with binoculars and a telescope might even show a bluish disk just 2.4 arc seconds across.

Perhaps the easiest body to spot in the night sky is the **Moon**. This month we have **two full Moons** and the second is often called a **Blue Moon**. It is not totally obvious why. One thought is that in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the primary Farmer's Almanac listed the third full moon as a Blue Moon when there were four full moons in a quarter (normally three) and may have highlighted these using the color blue. For example, in the three-month summer season, the first full Moon would be called the early summer Moon, the second the midsummer Moon and the third the late summer Moon. So that the final full Moon could still be called the late summer Moon, if there were four full Moons, the third was called a Blue Moon. ■

Dean Regas



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

August 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Opportunities to get together with people in powerful positions could help you get ahead. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. Put your efforts into job advancement. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) First find out if they're married. Knowledge can be acquired if you listen. Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself and you won't get dragged into an unsavory debate. Don't use the roads as a race-track. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Helping children may be rewarding and challenging. You can make excellent investments if you are in the right place at the right time. Travel will initiate new friendships or love connections. Go out with friends or family. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can make amends by taking them somewhere special. You will have a tendency to put on pounds. Your personal life will be disrupted if you have been too busy with business. You may be offered opportunities that will result in a higher earning potential. Your lucky day will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home. Plan a trip to the country or take a drive to the beach. Trips will be exciting. You may be tired of working for someone else. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Children will keep you busy. Social gatherings will be conducive to meeting new potential mates. You will meet a person who may turn out to be more than just a friend. Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may have the energy to clear up that mound of paperwork facing you. You need to chal-

lenge yourself. Consider selling your homemade crafts at the flea market. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You will be appreciated for the competence you exhibit and for taking on responsibilities. You may have been trying to do too much, leaving yourself exhausted and open to colds and infections. Go out with friends and avoid the situation on the home front. You can solidify your relationship if you plan a special evening with your mate. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Abstain from getting involved with married individuals. A passionate party for two might be just the remedy. Your boss won't be too thrilled if you leave things unfinished. Use your energy wisely. Your lucky day this month will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your changing philosophies may lead you into new circles and open doors that will give you a unique outlook on life. Remain calm and you'll shine. Passion should be your goal. You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. You must be sure not to be frivolous, because as the saying goes, easy come, easy go. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Make sure that you get legal matters checked out thoroughly. Opportunities to upgrade your living standards will come through your lover or through joint financial investments. Don't reveal anything about your personal life that could be used adversely. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Problems with ear, nose, or the throat are likely. Relationships will be emotional this month. Evasion is likely if you aren't direct about your feelings. You will need to do a lot of research if you wish to get to the bottom of things. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday. ■

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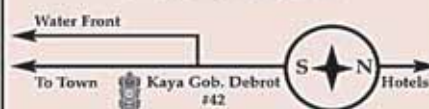
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