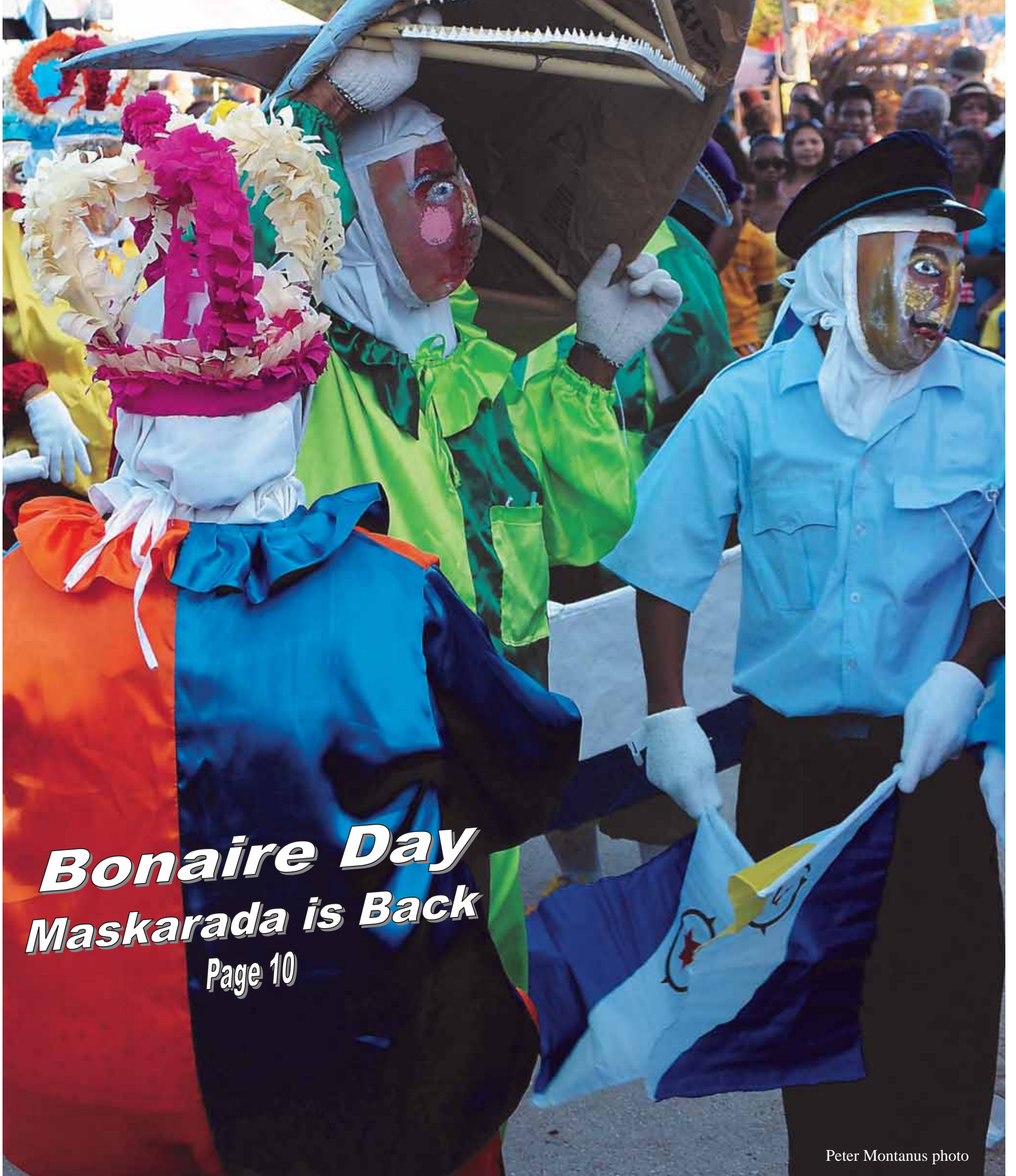


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***Bonaire Day  
Maskarada is Back***  
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**A**n indication of the Bonaire business climate is the report that more companies registered with Bonaire's Chamber of Commerce (COC) in the second quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2011. The Chamber registered 77 new businesses in the past six months. The slight increase in the first quarter of this year continued in the next three months. See related story on page 8.

Furthermore, fewer companies closed down in the second quarter compared to the previous year. Twenty-four were removed from the register compared to 43 a year before. The number of company registrations at the Chamber from January through June 2012 rose by 66% compared to the same period last year.

► **The Chamber of Commerce and Industry announced changes in their schedule:**

Opening Hours: Cashier: Monday to Thursday 08.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 16.00. On Friday non-stop 08.00 - 16.00. Visiting hours for business advice: Tuesday, walk in, no appointment needed- 8.00 - 11.30; Wednesday by appointment 13.00 - 16.30; Thursday by appointment 08.00 - 11.30. The consultants can spend up to 40 minutes per client. For more information or an appointment please e-mail to the company advisors, Shendrich Obispo (shendrich@kvkbonaire.com) and Patricia Rojas (patriciarojas@kvkbonaire.com). You may also pass by the Chamber Office on Kaya Grandi 67 or call 717-5595 and ask for one of the business advisors

► **A "cleaning action to combat the dengue mosquito" last month near Antriol was a success.**

Residents had the opportunity to collect waste from gardens and surroundings that pose potential breeding grounds for dengue mosquitoes, and deposit it free in the designated SELIBON rubbish bins. Another action started Monday, September 3, near Nikiboko North and South, and will continue until the end of the month. The dengue mosquito lays its eggs in clear fresh water, such as buckets, barrels, tires, bottles, food containers and cups, caps, old fridges, stoves, washing machines, etc. To explain the action inspectors of the Yellow Fever Mosquito Control Section (GKMB) explain the process two days before the debris bins are placed near the houses. In addition, each household gets an information



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**OPINION:**  
What Choices Do We Have?

**O**n the 12th of September all residents of Bonaire with Dutch citizenship are for the first time entitled to vote to elect members of the Second Chamber of Parliament (*Tweede Kamer*) of the Netherlands. Efforts are in motion to prepare Bonaire for this event. Bonaire is included in election district 20 (the smallest district in The Netherlands).

As can be gathered from the media a real information campaign is part of the package.

I have seen an advertisement encouraging people to vote featuring a photograph of the Dutch *penshonado* Ruud Vermeulen and an Antillean youngster. A fleeting image of the old fashioned image of the planter explaining something to his personnel flashed before me. I quickly tucked it away because those times are far behind us.

Such are the ways in which The Netherlands seeks to inform us of an entitlement that the inhabitants of our island have had since 10-10-2010: the right to vote. A right which comes at a relatively low cost compared to some of the other equalitarian principles. Such a low-cost democratic right is being powerfully promoted by the Dutch government. It is part of good governance and befitting of The Netherlands.

But what choices can the residents of Bonaire make for themselves on the 12th of September?

We should manage the expectation of our influence. The Netherlands does not have a district system based on constituencies as for instance France. Apart from that the number of voters of the island is simply too small to swing the election of a representative of their own preference. And what Dutch political party is really interested in the ins-and-outs of daily life on Bonaire and is motivated to make an effort for its people?

The website of *Ban Boneiru Bek* provides interesting and revealing details. Out of 22 political parties there are five which mention the BES islands in their party program. Of these there is one, 50PLUS -listed as number 16 in Bonaire- which has addressed a specific issue: "Inhabitants of Bonaire should not only have the obligations, but also the entitlements of all other inhabitants of The Netherlands." It's up to you to estimate what benefits we might reap here and to judge how far this is a realistic wish. The other parties are narrating trite platitudes. *De party Van De Dieren* (Animal Rights Party) stands up and champions the environment. PvdA, D66 and CDA promote the need for improving the process started on 10-10-2010, a situation that we are all too aware of on Bonaire, thank you very much. As if representatives have anything to do with this process. On Bonaire such affairs are managed by the officials of individual ministries in consultation with the Bonaire island administration. The Minister of Internal Affairs, (presently Mrs. Liesbeth Spies) is ultimately accountable.

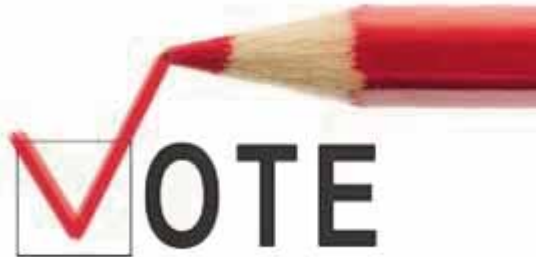
Should we be glad to be able to vote on the 12th of September?

What arguments should I present to you in order to motivate you to set course to the ballot box? Should you vote on behalf of your island for parties which are indifferent to daily life on Bonaire? I do not know.

For lack of a better choice I can offer an idea you might entertain. Should you wish to protect the donkeys on the island you should vote for list 10. Who knows if we might not persuade Mariannne Thieme to book a return flight to Bonaire in order to fix this problem for once and for all? It would personally make me happy because I am fond of these sorry animals and would love to see the repugnant plan by delegate James Kroon be scrapped forthwith.

And there is an alternative: go to the ballot when there are choices to be made. Between green, yellow and other colors. In spite of the fact that one can wonder whether these parties will have any bearing on our future wellbeing. Keep the courage up islanders, there is a long future ahead of us. ■ *Guus Gerritsen*

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*Flotsam and Jetsam* (Conti. from pg. 2) letter. Call GKMB at 717-8323 for more information.

► **Budget Marine Regatta Ship to Shore Boat Party on Saturday the 13th of October** will not only include the fun of music, food drink, boats, sea and sun, but this year there will also be a self built boat race. The rules are simple. You must have fun. Maximum length 3.5m (11.5 feet), no limit on the width or height. You may use any materials as long as they do not pollute. No motors are allowed, but sails, paddles, feet or any other non-motorized power is OK. Must be self-built and sup-

port a crew of two or more people (must be able to swim!) for 500m. The prizes will be for the fastest, most creative and for the most professionally built boats. Start building now and compete or just come watch. It should be entertaining! For more info stop in at Budget Marine, at Kaya Carlos A. Nicolaas#4, next to Napa.

► **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.



► TCB made a presentation last Friday at Captain Don's Habitat to inform tour operators, taxis and any groups wanting to provide services for the cruise ship season on the rules, conditions and sanctions that were going to apply for the 2012 - 2013 season for those who wish to work with passengers in the central area of Kralendijk.

TCB have statistics from previous cruise liners showing the profile of an average cruise ship passenger and their likes and dislikes during their visit to Bonaire. The aim of the set of rules is to show the passengers what a beautiful, well organized, fair and unique island Bonaire is as well as ensuring all local businesses get a fair slice of the income. TCB are also holding meetings with DROB, DEZA and the Police to ensure the season runs smoothly with minimal disruption.

**Key rules that will apply:**

All personnel will have to visibly carry a **photographic ID badge**

There will be **no parking** allowed in town for the operators

Nobody will be allowed to call themselves "Tourist Information" other than, of course, the TCB.

All vehicles used will have to be certified as safe and all drivers will have to undergo a **medical as well as a drug test.**

All new **tour guides** will have to take the "Bonaire in Brief" course which starts next week and those who have guided previously will have to have taken the "Bonaire in Depth and Guiding Skills" course.

Should anybody be found in breach of the rules then the relevant authority will be able to remove their operators' license for that day. A second breach could result in not being allowed to operate for the rest of the cruise ship season.

TCB encouraged input from attendees to make suggestions for improvement. One major issue raised was the provision of public toilets. Please feel free to contact TCB with your sensible suggestions. Tel. 717-8322



► The Bonaire Sailing School (BSSA) held the traditional **Dia di Boneiru Race** last week. For the competition all the Sunfishes and Lasers went around Klein Bonaire. The Optimist fleet stayed in front of the Kas di Regatta. It was good training for the young ones and the old gang for the upcoming big Bonaire Regatta.

Winners Sunfish A- **Ton**; Sunfish B- **Nils** and **Constantijn**; Winner Laser- **Braijn** and the winner of all the Optimist- **Jonathan** (photo) with his prize, a nice wave board, getting a kiss from organizer-promoter Agnes.



► On August 18th Bonaire welcomed the Wounded Warriors, disabled military veterans from the US. They came to Bonaire for a vacation and to scuba dive as guests of the island and its businesses. The Warriors were:

<b>Brian Riley</b>	<b>U.S. Marines</b>
<b>Dave Guzman</b>	<b>U.S. Army</b>
<b>Jeff Shearer</b>	<b>U.S. Army</b>
<b>John Stanz</b>	<b>U.S. Marines</b>
<b>Jorge Ortiz</b>	<b>U.S. Marines</b>
<b>Leander Hines</b>	<b>U.S. Army</b>
<b>Michael Spivey</b>	<b>U.S. Marines</b>
<b>Redmond Ramos</b>	<b>U.S. Marines</b>
<b>Robert (Rich) Christensen</b>	<b>U.S. Army</b>



► The island's adult education center, "Forma," is drawing specific attention to the literacy issue on Bonaire as part of the **International Day against Illiteracy**. One example is the bumper sticker above. Forma activities from September 8 through September 14 include various activities and workshops to make the community aware of the problem and recruit students for Forma's literacy courses. The community must become more conscious that being able to read is important and be aware of the possibilities available, said a Forma representative.

For more information e-mail Marie Craane at [mariecraane@fundashonforma.com](mailto:mariecraane@fundashonforma.com) or by calling tel. 717-6949. Forma's office is at Kaya L.D. Gerharts 15.

# NAME THE PRISON CONTEST



**We have a winner!**

Since Bonaire's state-owned federal prison, the JICN, *Justitiële Inrichting Caribisch Nederland* (Correctional Institution Dutch Caribbean), has a very boring, non-inspirational name *The Reporter* held a competition for the public to rename the prison.

Contenders included: Pasa Bon Prison, Flamingo Correctional, A Room With No View, The In & Out Bed And Breakfast, Bon Suerte (Good luck), KIKP (Keda i Kome Pornada, Stay and Eat for Free), PUDA (Pasa un Dushi Ana), Have a nice year, PADL (Pasa Algu Dushi Lunanan, Have some nice months).

As you read we had many, many clever entries but **Victoria Cranston's** seemed the most appropriate:

## Horizon

Victoria wrote: "The word horizon is practically the same in all languages used on the islands (*Horizonte, Orizon*) and it puts the future of every offender in their own hands; they themselves choose to make their horizon bright by staying on the good path after being incarcerated, or dark by repeating criminal activity."

Thanks to all the entrants and congratulations to Victoria. We hope the powers that be accept the name and change JICN to **Horizon Prison.** ■ G.D.

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# More and Better Recycling

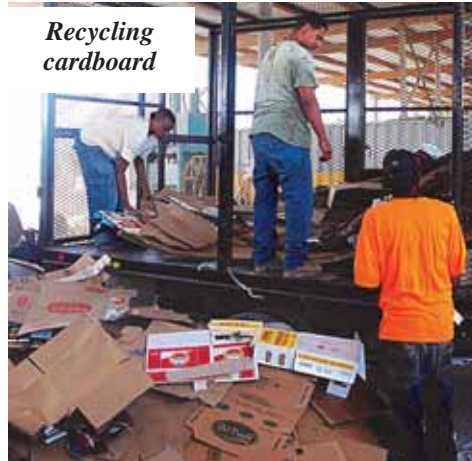
SELIBON N.V. and Bon Recycling BV have signed a cooperation agreement for the collection and treatment of waste. It includes paper and cardboard, batteries, plastics, glass, cans, scrap tires, cooking oil, waste oil, debris and old refrigerators, washing machines, televisions and computers. A year ago **Herbert de Jongh, Jr. and Edison Rijna** started **Bon Recycling** as a new Bonairean company to collect waste then separate and processes it for reuse / recycling.

At their premises in Santa Clara it's clear that the operations have increased. The first thing you notice are baled cardboard piled high. "A hundred thousand pounds," said Edison proudly. "Since last March, we have doubled the amount exported. The cardboard we pick up at supermarkets and plastics—those materials are processed in another country and reused."

Hidden behind the bales of cardboard is a new baler that has a much larger capacity than the original. "The old baler/press we now use for old tires. For those we have found a buyer abroad," said Edison. "It is important that old car tires be removed because they are breeding sites for the dengue mosquito and they take lots of landfill space."

Rudsel Leito, who runs SELIBON, Bonaire's waste management company, explains: "We have a separate contract with Bon Recycling. It's annoying that mostly worn out tires are imported from The Netherlands. They are sold to motorists here inexpensively, but after a short time they are worn out and then they are discarded. This makes for even more waste."

Bon Recycling also collects car wrecks. On site is a mountain sized pile. "The wrecks are



Recycling cardboard

shredded," says Edison, "and sorted into material types. Sorted materials are worth more."

There is also 10,000 liters of used cooking oil in containers ready for shipment. It is a raw material for the production of biodiesel.

Once every two weeks Bon Recycling's waste motor oil tank truck is shipped to Curaçao to unload. There is a feeling that not all garages and other companies are properly collecting their waste oil.

Currently three men work the business and that number will soon be increased.

Empty glass bottles and jars, which are collected on the island in the now familiar yellow glass bulbs, also arrive at Bon Recycling. The glass is sorted by color: white, green and brown. Sorted glass has a greater value. We export the glass now, but hopefully in the future we will be able to grind it here and reuse it in road construction. The government should make it a requirement to include glass in all its road building. ■ PR



## Conflict of Interest

(Konflikto di Intere's; Conflictio del Interes; Belangenconflict)

Dear Editor:

Whatever the language you speak, it only spells difficulties for the people of Bonaire. Serving on a board of directors should be a selfless, uncompensated job and demands that one is completely unbiased and has the intentions to improve the board's function to meet the mission and goals of the entity it serves. Case in point...Tourism Corporation Bonaire shares two board members with the Chamber of Commerce. Now in some situations where the population is large it may go unnoticed and not be a problem. However, that is not the case on Bonaire.

To serve on a board such as the Chamber of Commerce one reads of a vacancy in the paper and applies after completing some requirements. Once the application is submitted the candidate is presented and some unknown entity says yay or nay.

Now to the issue of conflict of interest. The Chamber has two board members who should step down since they serve of the TCB board in very visible positions. I don't know what the statutes for either board are, but common sense should dictate and the conflict is very dangerous for both of the entities to say

nothing of the power to influence should not lie in the hands of individuals who control much of the commerce in the tourism industry. I have been informed that there are two positions opening on the board in the fall. If those stepping down are the redundant persons then the problem is solved. If not, then I am calling for public pressure to be applied to correct this oversight. *Michael Gaynor*



## Power Problems, Price—Naah!

Dear Editor:

I see no reason the electricity rates cannot increase as much as 100%.

Along with that increase we all would expect a 100% disclosure of how much ANY and ALL management employees are paid whether they are directly or indirectly related to WEB, or consultants to WEB or just on the payroll because they have friends on the board.

We would expect 100% electric service all the time with no failures and electricity at our walls that is within the parameters and not so high or so low as to ruin equipment.

In addition to that 100% increase, any electrical devices ruined by WEB would be fully paid for by WEB. I will turn in my bill for 7 aircos, 3 fridges and 2 computers at this time.

*Shocked resident of Bonaire*




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# On The Island Since... January 19th, 1994 - Rosalie and Frank Bierings



Rosalie and Frank Bierings at home

“I always wanted to emigrate and when I finished high school I went to Paris. Frank and I knew each other already and his mom told him, ‘Look what Rosalie did! Do something with your life! You’re so boring!’ Well, to make a long story short, there was a long list of people involved and then Frank ended up talking for 15 minutes to a guy who had a painting company on Curacao. He was hired for three months to supervise the renovation of the SGB high school on Bonaire. I came back from Paris and within six weeks we were here.” “Rosalie was 20 and I was 23,” Frank says. “I’d done Polytechnic School and I’d joined the Air Force where I – amongst other things – spray painted F16, Fighting Falcons. When I left the service I worked for a maintenance painters company.

very good party!”

“In 1999/2000,” Frank continues, “I started doing maintenance on pools. There was a lot of demand for it and many things I needed to know about the chemistry fitted in with what I’d learned about paint and concrete. It was fun and it became another source of income. Things had already slowed down in 2001 and we were forced to downsize the staff, but after 9/11 everything came to a standstill. I went to see Martien van der Valk who had just bought Buddy Dive. He needed painters and took over my personnel. I promised them I would take them back the moment things were better. That year I painted in the mornings and did pools in the afternoon. I was back to a one-man business, but two years later everyone was back at work again.

“Not to do it at all because you’re afraid for how it works out.... that’s not an option for me!”

After we’d landed on Bonaire, Adrie, my boss, came from Curacao to show us the apartment on Kaya Craane - oceanfront – our car and where SGB high school was. Then he told us, ‘Have fun!’ and off he went, back to Curacao! Within two years Adrie asked us if we were interested in taking over the company, BSC Painting, and that’s what we did, little by little.”

Rosalie says, “... and then we bought land and Tony Marchena built our house. Well, we also did a lot ourselves because there wasn’t really any money. Along the way we got a mortgage and it became easier but it took us two years all in all.

Life on Bonaire was quiet. You could leave your car key in the ignition and nothing would happen. There weren’t many expats our age and I still remember the day that Mega FM came on the air. From 1997 we had a great group of friends, lots of barbecues at the beach, happy hours at City and Bongo’s and playing dominos at Lac. After 2002 almost everybody had left.

In 2001 we got married on Bonaire. We had more than 40 people from Holland and 100 from here. It was a great mix and a

During that period of time, around 2002, somebody asked us to housesit in Sabadeco. First thing we did was finish and paint our own house completely. Then we rented it out; that was our profit. We lived for free in a guesthouse of a huge mansion and we did that for three years.”

“In 2003,” Rosalie says, “we got news that my mom was hospitalized. I immediately flew to Holland and an hour and a half after my arrival my mother passed away. Then you suddenly realize what it means to live here. I stayed two weeks with my father and it was tough because I felt I had missed out on so many things. I didn’t want to live here anymore. I wanted to go back to Holland. But at the funeral my aunt told me that in times of emotional stress you should wait a year before you make a life changing decision.

So I waited a year. It was a hard time and it became tougher because then I wanted children. Until that time I’d never felt like having any, unlike Frank. But all of a sudden I wanted them... badly. After a year I didn’t want to leave the island anymore, but I still wanted children. In 2004 we came back to live at our own

house and it was great to be back home but we didn’t get pregnant.’

Frank says, “I quit smoking January 1st, 2007 and I felt like Superman. I could work all day long without getting tired, without sweating. I had no digestion and when I had to think about something I immediately fell asleep. My body wasn’t telling me anything anymore. I was totally focused on a particular symbol that I saw in everything and also I could hear colors and I would give money to everybody and my head was all swollen. I was totally tripping!”

“So the person you married, Rosalie says, “ becomes a completely different person. He’s hallucinating day and night but he’s perfectly happy! Well, Dr. Lont sent him to the lab to have his thyroid tested. When the lab got the results, the hospital called that he had to come immediately. His whole system was already shutting down. At the hospital he got this hormone right away. He had almost died.

everybody has found their balance again in our little family. Am I afraid to lose them? You know, it takes a lot before these children are taken away from their family and it will take a whole lot before they can go back. We’ll deal with it when the time comes. I can’t think about it now. Not to do it at all because you’re afraid for how it works out.... that’s not an option for me!”

“People are still getting married,” Frank laughs, “and that’s proven to be not a very secure base for the future. ‘Our’ children see their own mother once a week and the blood bond will always be there and that’s a very strong thing. Every child wants to know where he or she comes from.” “And if the child does go back,” Rosalie says, “then you helped to make it happen and knowing the child is happy again should be enough.

We’re happy and we’re busy, very busy people.” Rosalie laughs. “Since 1998 I’ve had my job with HBN Law and I have my own company, BES Accounting – a one



Frank and his crew at BSC

The total recovery took a year and a half. During that process we went to the Galapagos Islands, something that had been on our list for so long and it was all worth it. If you love nature and animals it’s a must!”

Rosalie and Frank are extremely hard working people, but at home there is so much love and patience and openness that it makes them a very special family.

“Back on Bonaire we tried a hormone therapy to get pregnant,” Rosalie explains, “but it put a strain on our relationship and the hormones didn’t do me any good either. One day I decided I wanted to lose some weight and six months later I’d lost 25 kilos! So that was it, but we still wanted children. We were the first Dutch couple to enter the GVI – the Family Guardianship Institution – and they were absolutely desperate for foster parents. On November 13th, 2009, we got Tayri, who was two and a half then, a very brave little man. He spoke only Papiamentu and I speak Papiamentu, but Frank very little, however, Tayri learned Dutch in no time and he did very well. He’s fast in everything.

On January 29th, 2011, Heily was placed with us. She was three and a half. With her it has been very difficult, because she had so much catching up to do, but the last couple of months we’re getting there and

woman show!” “BSC Pool and Spa is thriving,” Frank says. “In 2011 we started with Magna Pools and now we have 75 installations running. The advantage of a Magna Pool is that the water is much clearer, it’s better for the skin and health in general and the water you backwash is a fine fertilizer for plants. But... there is not so much water to backwash and you use little electricity as this system uses 20% of what a normal salt system uses. Lately I installed the first one on Curacao and we’re ready for the other islands. But,” he laughs, “we also sell artificial grass and Galanz air conditioners. With the painting company we have a lot of maintenance work all over the island. We can’t complain although the costs have risen tremendously.

I still like Bonaire as much as when I first arrived here. We don’t feel Dutch anymore; we’re somewhere in the middle. We’re living the life and it’s always something and you know what: Bonaire is never boring. That’s the best kept secret!”

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra





# Taste of Bonaire Action



Miss Teen Bonaire and Mr. Bonaire contestants at the Taste of Bonaire



Not only feast for the belly, but feast for the eyes: Dianir with her hand made jewelry

Taste of Bonaire is one of the island's most popular events, sponsored by the TCB (Tourist Corporation Bonaire) and the Restaurant Association. This time, at the Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park on Friday, August 31, there was a wide variety of foods offered – from Chinese to Lebanese to Suriname and everything in between. And it was only \$5 a plate. The crafts and art market vendors were there and the Park was livened with music and entertainment and people meeting people. One of the features was the presentation of a galaxy of beauties: competitors for the Miss Teen Bonaire and Mr. Bonaire 2012. The competition is sponsored by Angelo Domacasse's AD Productions. The next Taste will be announced in *The Reporter*. Don't miss it! ■ Laura DeSalvo

# 2012 Jong Bonaire Triathlon

On Sunday September 2 Jong Bonaire held its 9<sup>th</sup> Mini Fun Triathlon which included events: Swim, Run, Bike. There were three classes:  
**Sprint Class:** Swim-750M., Bike-18.2K, Run-5K

**Olympic Class:** Swim1500M, Bike-36.4K, Run-10K  
**Kids to 14 Class:** Swim-200M, Bike-8K, Run-3K  
 Unfortunately, official results were not available at press time. G.D.



The top men winners: Dennis, DJ, Patrick, Peter and Frank.



Two fast women, Eva and Annemieke

No electricity at City Café so organizer Paco Veeris had to compile the results in the sun using a long, long cord





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# Bonaire Coral Puzzle 2: Not Light!

An intriguing observation was described in the last issue of *The Bonaire Reporter* ("Bonaire Coral Puzzle: A Shore Effect?"). Twice as much coral has developed on vertical faces of "inshore" mooring blocks along the shore of Kralendijk compared to these of the "offshore" ones. This result is counter-intuitive: rainwater, polluted water, and untreated sewage pouring from the shore suggest a stronger detrimental effect on corals near the shore.

I received several different suggestions from readers trying to explain this paradox. The most common idea theorizes that there are more corals on the "inshore" blocks because these blocks receive more light. This thought makes sense. Much of corals' food is photosynthesized by unicellular algae that symbiotically live in their tissues; this process depends on light availability. The "inshore" blocks receive more light because they are shallower than the "offshore" blocks, and because they are surrounded by light-reflecting sand. Is light the culprit? How can we test this suggestion?

I have measured light reaching the "inshore" and the "offshore" blocks with sensors borrowed from the Light and Motion Sensors Project (see photo). Light coming from above was measured by the sensors facing up - the upper sensor on the photo. Light coming to the vertical faces of mooring blocks was measured by sensors facing north, east, west, and south, like the lower sensor in the photo. Vertical faces of the "inshore" blocks indeed received 50% more light than those of the "offshore" ones. About 30% of light reaching a vertical face indeed was a reflection from the sandy bottom. However, the data showed that the light did not cause differences in the coral coverage. Here is how.



Light and Motion Sensors

The "inshore" block faces which face north received only 65% of the amount of light reaching east-, south-, or west-oriented faces. If the light were behind the differences in coral growth, the northern faces would have significantly less coral. But, they do not. There is no difference in amount of corals on faces in different directions - regardless of large differences in the amount of light these faces received. Northern faces of the "inshore" blocks also received less light than southern faces of the "offshore" blocks. In spite of this, northern faces of the "inshore" blocks have twice as much coral as southern faces of the "offshore" blocks.

Clearly, coral growth on the block faces does not correspond to the amount of light they received. The question remains open: why there is so much more coral on the "inshore" blocks than on the "offshore" ones? The curious intrigue of our Bonairian coral continues! ■

Genady Filkovsky

*If you are interested in discussing this puzzle and the solution or to get more information, write to Genady Filkovsky, e-mail: [lagoenhill20@yahoo.com](mailto:lagoenhill20@yahoo.com).*

# Picture Yourself At A Graduation in Sweden

When Daniel Ahlstedt graduated from high school in June in Malmö, Sweden, his grandparents, Ake and Lyn who live in Bonaire, were there with *The Reporter* to help commemorate the occasion,



To help catch up with the backlog of Picture Yourself entries we are publishing two submissions per edition

# Picture Yourself In A Panama Rainforest

Franklin Neal took this photo with his wife Cassandra at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort in Panama. They are condo owners at the Sand Dollar Resort. They had already taken a tram up into the rainforest. Then they visited a natural area where they had on display species of orchids, butterflies, fish and reptiles. The butterfly species number in the thousands. Finally they toured the Miraflores locks and watched two container ships go through the locks. The museum explained the history behind the building of the canal which was started by the French in the late 1800s. Walter Reed from the US Army was instrumental in cleaning up the area and found ways to help get rid of the mosquitoes.



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**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (COC /KvK/ BBB) WHERE ENTREPRENEURIAL DREAMS CAN COME TRUE**

Are you planning to open a new business on Bonaire? Are you aware of all the required documents and registration that have to be carried out before opening a corporate bank account or requesting a tax ID number? Well, a visit to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Bonaire (COC Bonaire) could answer many if not all your questions related to establishing a business on Bonaire.

Ms. Lorraine de Souza was appointed Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry earlier this year. She is from Aruba and was Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce there for many years.

Here on Bonaire she is supported by the staff and now additionally, the personnel of the *Centrum Kleinbedrijf Bonaire* (CKB). Ms. Patricia Rojas and Mr. Shendrich Obispo, COC's Business and Policy Advisors, used to work at the CKB prior to their integration at the COC. Mr. Obispo joined the COC team November 2011 while Ms. Rojas started at the Chamber recently in August 2012.

Besides Director, de Souza, the COC has a board consisting of business people who have been elected to represent the Bonaire business community.

Registering businesses is the most well-known activity of the Chamber. "You can say it is the 'Senso Office' for businesses on Bonaire," said de Souza. "The business registry is a tool to make doing business more reliable. If you wish to establish that a particular business is legal and based upon bona fide law, you can check our online registry. This instrument helps you see the guaranteed liability and that it is a transparent company."

The COC not only registers new businesses, it also provides the government with advice regarding the economy and the investment climate. Furthermore, the COC also promotes entrepreneurial activity on behalf of the Bonaire business community.

Mr. Shendrich Obispo has been developing training for entrepreneurs on Bonaire who need preparation while starting up their (new) businesses. Obispo and Rojas give those future entrepreneurs workshops and guidance advice in order to get them well prepared for their adventures in the business world. This year the COC gave a few workshops with a high attendance rate followed by a significant demand for an encore. There have been two in 2012 so far and nearly 40 participants have attended.

Moreover, Obispo will visit schools in the near future to promote entrepreneurship amongst students and youngsters. The purpose of those visits is to awaken their interest and stimulate them to become their own bosses in the (near) future. Besides, being an entrepreneur does not always include



Patricia Rojas, Lorraine de Souza and Shendrich Obispo

owning an office, shop, restaurant or company. "There are so many options and numerous market sectors to be explored and exploited," he said. "Self-employment comes in many shapes, forms and legal responsibilities. You have to find which one is your perfect fit."

Upon fulfilling the course, the students receive a certificate from the Chamber acknowledging their participation. Obispo states, "We would like everyone to know that having one's own company is a dream that can be realized as long as there is perseverance."

Bonaire is in an expanding phase and is developing fast. It would be great if more locals would come back in the future to contribute to making Bonaire a more sustainable developed island. Obispo explains, "After graduating from the local high school SGB, but prior to leaving for The Netherlands to continue studying, the students get a preparatory course. It would be great if we could keep a database on those kids. We could interact with them throughout their academic studies abroad and even offer them internship opportunities on Bonaire. The website Ban Boneiru Bek posts job offers on Bonaire and stimulates students from Bonaire into returning home."

Director de Souza has plans for the COC. "I intend to strengthen the organization by ensuring that we can fulfill all responsibilities and meet the demand of the entrepreneurs. We want to do more than just inform the entrepreneurs. We also offer them training and coaching in order to make them more competent and competitive in their field."

As of August 1st, 2012, the activities of CKB *Centrum Kleinbedrijf Bonaire* (Small Enterprises Center Bonaire) are integrated into the Chamber of Commerce. The CKB will continue to solicit and administer funding for entrepreneurial programs under the name BBB (*Beheer Bedrijfsfondsen Bonaire*, Company Funds Administration Bonaire). The BBB is also domiciled at Kaya Grandi 67, within the COC building.

Patricia Rojas explains the purpose of the BBB within the Chamber. "The BBB was the first visit an aspiring entrepreneur pays when considering opening a new business. The COC is now a one-stop shop with two

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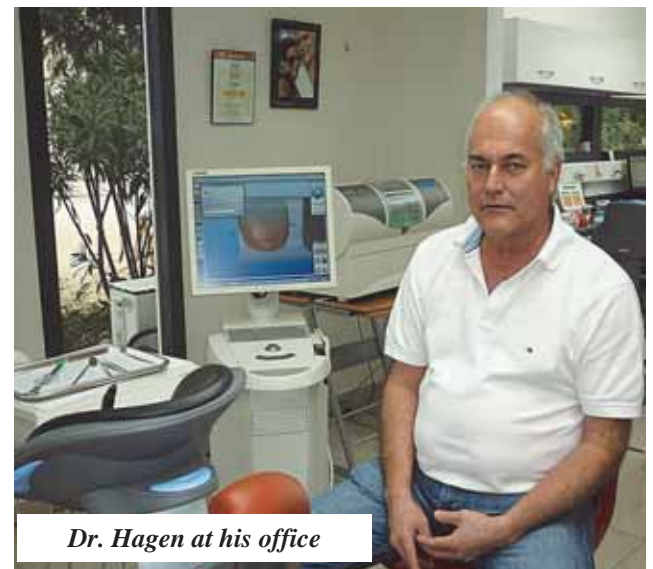


## BONAIREAN VOICES

DENTAL CARE: WHY SO IMPORTANT

Most attractive people have a beautiful smile and very healthy teeth. But why are healthy teeth and gums so important? Did you know that teeth in bad shape can lead to overall health issues like heart disease and kidney problems?

I had an interview with Dr. Eric G. Hagens (55), a highly experienced dentist who for 25 years has been a certified CEREC trainer. Hagens, who has worked in Aruba and is now established on Bonaire, tells us why it's so important to have healthy teeth.



Dr. Hagen at his office

"At first it wasn't easy for everybody to get free dentist care. Since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011, everyone can now get free total dental care at the first stage. The ZVK (*Zorgverkering*) insurance for those 18 years and older covers cleaning the teeth and gums, extracting bad ones or filling and fixing the teeth. The second stage is up to the patient to take care of what the dentist has done. Children up to 18 years can still have completely free dental care, just like in Holland. This is very important because you alert the child to the importance of taking good care of the teeth and gums for the future. Unfortunately, many don't appreciate the ZVK dental insurance package. They come for the first stage to do everything that needs to be done, but they neglect the twice-a-year aftercare. But when they start feeling pain or have an abscess you see their face again. By then they are in an advanced stage of tooth decay or gum disease or both.

Here in the Caribbean, people often think that they should go to the dentist only when they have a toothache, but that idea needs to change. It costs only \$30 to \$50 twice a year to have a dental check up and cleaning. The poor people care more for their teeth, but those who can afford to pay that money hardly visit the dentist. After the first stage you see them no more. Sometimes they prefer to waste their money on drinks with friends instead of on dental care for themselves and their children.

People are not aware that diseases can be related to the teeth and gums. The human mouth harbors different types of bacteria, researchers say, and unhealthy teeth and gums can allow these bacteria to enter the bloodstream. Once there, bacteria are able to attach themselves to platelets and help cause clots that can block blood vessels and cause heart attacks. Because of this, researchers say people who have bleeding gums from poor dental hygiene, not brushing their teeth regularly, could be increasing their risk of heart disease. The most common diseases are caused by cavities, gingivitis and periodontitis.

Tooth decay occurs when foods containing carbohydrates (sugars and starches) such as breads, cereals, milk, soda, fruits, cakes, or candy are left on the teeth. Bacteria that live in the mouth digest these foods, turning them into acids. The bacteria, acid, food debris, and saliva combine to form plaque, which clings to the teeth. The acids in plaque dissolve the enamel surface of the teeth, creating holes in the teeth called **cavities, or caries**.

Gum disease starts when plaque accumu-

lates and hardens over time. This hardened plaque is called tartar which settles at the gum line and can make the gums sensitive and irritated. If your gums bleed after brushing your teeth, this is a symptom of **gingivitis**, an early stage of gum disease. Left untreated, tartar can build up to the point where the gums pull away from your teeth. This gap forms pockets that let in food and bacteria, which can cause infections. This stage of gum disease is called **periodontitis**. The inflammation caused by periodontal disease is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. For years there have been hints that heart disease and periodontal (gum) disease are associated factors. So there is a relationship between a healthy mouth and a healthy heart.

People with kidney disease are more likely to have periodontal disease and other oral health problems than the general population. Buildup of bacteria in the mouth can cause infection because they have weakened immune systems.

Regular visits to the dentist can cut the risk of infection and periodontal disease. Both gum disease and tooth decay are treatable and preventable. Following the dentist's recommendations regarding brushing, flossing, exams twice a year and professional teeth cleaning can help teeth and gums stay healthy. My advice: drink fewer alcoholic beverages and spend more on healthy teeth and gums." ■

Siomara Albertus

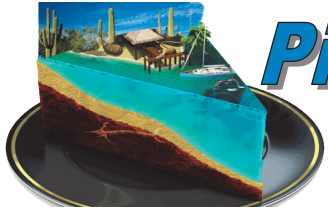


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All listings have a price. When the price is fixed, there is no negotiation possible on the price. In those cases you may be able to negotiate when the date of transfer will take place and any other details you would like to be included. When the price is marked as an asking price, it means that you are invited to make an offer on the property, **however, the seller is not obligated to accept your offer, even when you offer the asking price.**

An offer usually contains the following items: the price, the date on which you would like to take possession of the property, a specification of what is included (inventory wise), the currency in which you would like to pay and any contingencies that you would like to include, such as financing and results of a technical inspection.

A contingency for financing will have to include a definite maximum amount that you would need to borrow and any other conditions that are important to you. These parameters need to be in there so that you can proof beyond doubt that you were unable to obtain the financing, so that you have the right to receive back your deposit on the property. The proof will have to be written and signed by a renowned financial institution, stating that they were unable to provide you with the financing for this amount under these conditions.

A contingency for the results of a technical inspection will also need to be defined precisely. This should be in terms of only when major structural problems will be found by the inspector, you will have the right to dissolve the agreement without a penalty.

**Under the law of the BES islands this whole process can take place verbally:** nothing has to be in writing. Once the



*Knowing the process beforehand makes the purchase a pleasure*

seller has accepted your offer, or you have accepted the seller's offer, there is a deal that is binding for both parties. The real estate agent will then draw up the purchase agreement, which will reflect the price and other details and contingencies that were agreed upon. Furthermore the rights and obligations of both buyer and seller will be laid down in this agreement. This document will be signed by both seller and buyer and the buyer will need to wire a down payment of usually 15% within 10 to 14 days of signing this agreement to the escrow account of the notaris here on Bonaire.

The notaris will then prepare everything for the actual transfer of ownership. All

outstanding government fees and taxes for the property will be gathered and the notaris will perform a title search to make sure there are no liens on the property.

**You will receive notification from the notaris of how much exactly you will need to pay before the date of transfer.** On the date of transfer you will be invited to the notaris' office to sign the official date. If you are unable to be present yourself, you can sign a power of attorney for the notaris or one of her coworkers. ■

Corine van der Hout © Sunbelt Realty



## A Good Helmet Fits Everybody



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

Bonaire/Hato –


On our island more and more persons are becoming aware of the importance of wearing a helmet. Amado Vrieswijk and Kim Sprenger wear full face helmets. Stanley Reina from Nikiboko wears a white safety helmet, and Rob from Nort di Salina gave a helmet to his beloved Catharina. They all want to protect their property.

Of course there is a difference in helmets - a difference in protection, in lay out, in style, in weight, in price. Even the most expensive helmet is not as useful as possible if it does not fit properly. But then, even the cheapest helmet is better than wearing no helmet at all. A proper helmet should fit. It should fit your head tight. No play, hardly any movement. On the other hand, the helmet should not create pressure on your skull. If you intend to buy a helmet, just put it on and try it for a couple of minutes. Just walk around with it. You are not silly; you are smart! Between the top of your eyebrows and the upholstery or soft furnishing of the inside of your helmet there should be space

for the thickness of about two fingers. Always tighten the strap of your helmet. Not too tight. (First ride on the island with my new helmet I really forgot to connect and tighten the strap as my new cross helmet had a very snug fit. I just was too excited because of the combination of my nail polished lady, the bike and the helmet!) After some miles my fiancée informed me about a strap from my helmet, blowing in the wind and bouncing in her face...) Wearing a helmet should add safety and comfort. Finally you will get used to wearing a helmet and you will even feel kind of naked without it!


I feel naked when I am not wearing my helmet. I've been wearing helmets for more than 40 years now, and as I like accelerating my motorcycle, and as I like to explore all Bonairean unpaved roads and all tracks in our huge outback, I always wear a helmet, leather shoes or boots with steel soles and noses, sturdy trousers, leather gloves and a pair of sunglasses (or clear safety glasses


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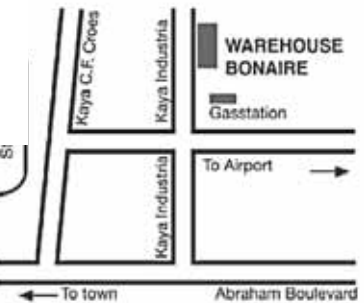
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# An Event Filled Bonaire Day



Citizens of honor receive their awards. Pictured-Miss Bonaire, honorees Monica Clarinda, Angelo Domacasse, Felix Nicolaas and Commissioner Silvana Serafilia



There's always been a close association between the people of Rincon and those of Tera Cora as many of the early Rinconeros settled in Tera Kora. You'll notice a lot of the family names are the same. Enjoying the day are: Rimi Anthony (Rincon), Marris LaCroer (Tera Kora), Rendy Piar (Rincon), Dino Anthony (Rincon) and Juby from Curacao.

Bonaire Day, held last Thursday in Tera Cora, was a verification of Bonaireans' affection for their home island. The conviviality, music, dancing, performances, food and drink stands, vendors, games and more made for a good time.

The day began with a religious invocation, ceremonial formalities an inspiring keynote speech by Cultural Commissioner Silvana Serafilia, recognition of Bonaireans whose works make a positive difference to the community and the resurrection of the Maskarada group.

During the formalities Bonaire's opposition parties, "Partido Demokratiko Boneriano" (PDB) and "Movimentu Boneiru Liber" (MBL), joined activist groups inspired by James Fines' call to change the island's constitutional relationship with The Netherlands in a peaceful march and ballot box action. The group had been denied permission to state their case from the podium, so instead walked across the front of the speaker's stage, visibly annoying some of the watching officials, then stuffed a ballot box with voided ballots to express their discontent. They said the voided ballots for the elections for the Dutch Second Chamber of Parliament on September 12 would send a strong signal of the people's discontent.

The large police presence, with most of the officers armed with holstered handguns, were intimidating to some of the people on hand for the usual Bonaire Day festivities.

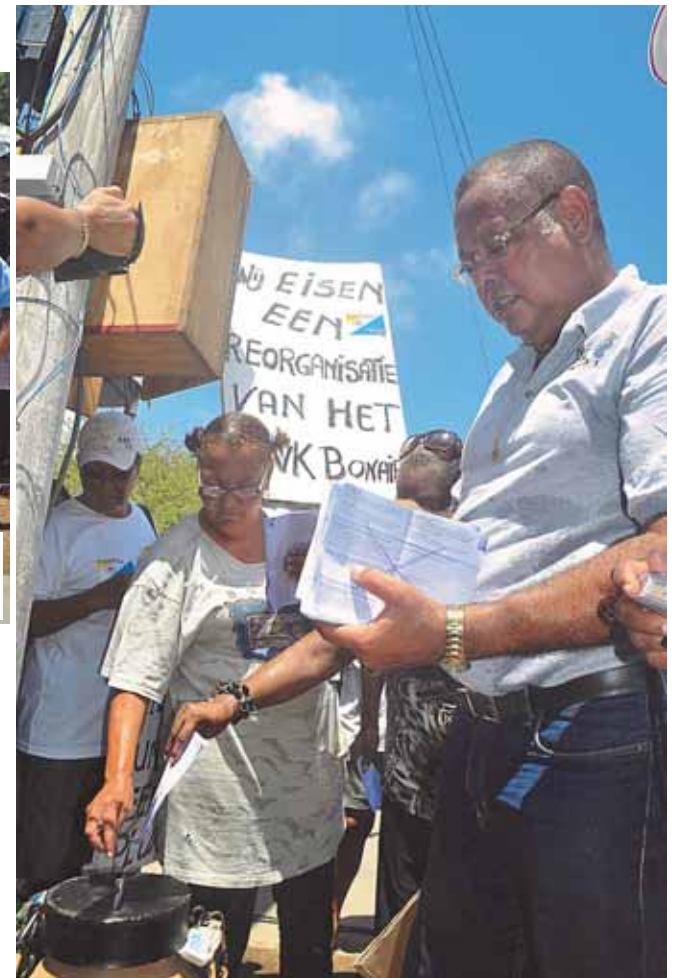
The drop in people's purchasing power, one reason for the dissatisfaction of the demonstrators, was apparent in the prices for food and drink. It seemed the prices in dollars were about what the prices were in Antillean guilders on Bonaire Day 2010, before the 10/10/10 integration and the island's switch from Antillean guilders to US dollars. ■G.D.



The significant police presence during the citizen's demonstration diminished later in the day.



Bonairean Angelique Salsbach, working in Aruba, returned to Bonaire for Bonaire Day with her boyfriend, motorcyclist Izaak van der Linde.



Dozens of people filled a ballot box with voided voting slips (see X on slip) as a statement of their dissatisfaction with the current form of government on Bonaire

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Bonaire lora on branch

Patrick Holian photo

# From Parrots To Eagles



Rhian observing loras in Bonaire

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Rhian with a white-tailed eagle in Scotland



Patrick Holian photo

White-tailed eagle in flight with fish over Scotland

In June of this year Rhian Evans found herself far from the tropical shores of Bonaire. She was on a hunt along the fiords of Norway searching for chicks of white-tailed eagles, the fourth largest eagle in the world with an incredible wingspan of nine feet.

Evans works as a sea eagle officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and is responsible for reintroducing the eagles back to the east coast of Scotland. Livestock owners heavily persecuted these magnificent birds in the 19th century in Great Britain. The last was killed by a reverend in 1918. RSPB began reintroducing Norwegian white-tailed eagles to Scotland in 1975. Now Evans has the privilege of

completing this landmark species reintroduction project.

"If it wasn't for the work I did on Bonaire with loras, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing now," says Evans. "That set me up really well. I learned how to organize people and myself, and how to go about doing fieldwork."

Evans worked for three nesting seasons on Bonaire with loras, our endangered yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots. In 2009, she served as fieldwork coordinator and gained valuable conservation experience and left the island in 2010. "I love the loras for their personalities, their colors, their calls—even

their wickedness! They've got an attitude. I think the parrots hurt much more when they bite and they are far more sneaky than the white-tailed eagles I work with now."

But Evans is quick to point out some of the similarities of the two birds. "On Bonaire, you've got mango munchers (loras love eating mangos) whereas here in Scotland, you've got sheep munchers (white-tailed eagles have been known to eat lambs). In a way it's the same issue, you are dealing with people who work on the land except here it is on a slightly different scale. It is a little bit more serious in the UK."

Having recently spent a week with Evans in Scotland, I can attest to the seriousness of her work. She was responsible for gathering, transporting and processing six white-tailed eagle chicks from Norway through British customs. The birds were then transported to an aviary in an undisclosed location in Fife, Scotland. There, Evans and her assistant cared for the chicks, feeding them venison and salmon in hopes for them to quickly reach the required six-kilo weight for their impending release. She also fitted the birds with tracking transmitters and identification tags for easy spotting in the wild. Then there was work to be done coordinating with BBC television and other media as well as environmental stakeholders and private funders of the project to be present for the releases.

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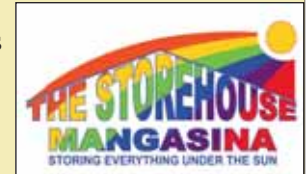
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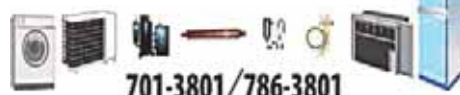
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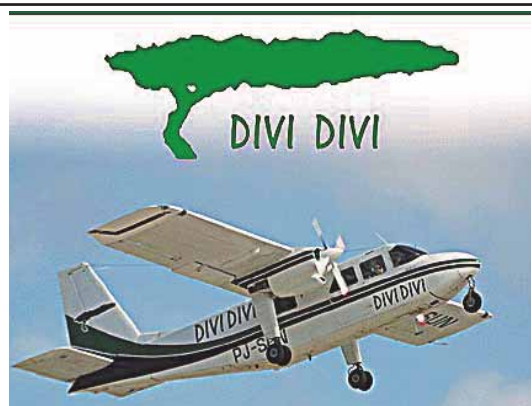
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*Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time*

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
<b>14-Oct</b>		06:02 0.10 ft	11:20 0.47 ft	17:31 0.21 ft	23:10 0.62 ft	6:25	18:36
<b>Sat 15</b>		06:32 0.13 ft	12:11 0.56 ft	19:03 0.20 ft	New Moon	6:25	18:36
<b>Sun 16</b>	00:14 0.52 ft	07:05 0.15 ft	13:04 0.67 ft	20:37 0.14 ft		6:24	18:35
<b>Mon 17</b>	01:31 0.44 ft	07:43 0.16 ft	13:58 0.79 ft	21:59 0.06 ft		6:24	18:34
<b>Tue 18</b>	02:52 0.38 ft	08:27 0.16 ft	14:51 0.90 ft	23:05 -0.03 ft		6:24	18:34
<b>Wed 19</b>	04:06 0.35 ft	09:17 0.16 ft	15:44 1.00 ft			6:24	18:33
<b>Thu 20</b>		00:02 -0.11 ft	05:08 0.35 ft	10:12 0.14 ft	16:36 1.07 ft	6:24	18:32
<b>Fri 21</b>		00:53 -0.17 ft	06:02 0.36 ft	11:08 0.13 ft	17:28 1.12 ft	6:24	18:31
<b>Sat 22</b>		01:41 -0.20 ft	06:51 0.39 ft	12:05 0.12 ft	18:19 1.12 ft	6:24	18:31
<b>Sun 23</b>		02:28 -0.20 ft	07:39 0.42 ft	13:02 0.11 ft	19:10 1.09 ft	6:24	18:30
<b>Mon 24</b>		03:12 -0.17 ft	08:26 0.46 ft	14:01 0.12 ft	20:02 1.01 ft	6:24	18:29
<b>Tue 25</b>		03:56 -0.12 ft	09:15 0.51 ft	15:04 0.14 ft	20:54 0.90 ft	6:24	18:29
<b>Wed 26</b>		04:38 -0.05 ft	10:04 0.56 ft	16:12 0.16 ft	21:49 0.77 ft	6:24	18:28
<b>Thu 27</b>		05:18 0.02 ft	10:54 0.61 ft	17:29 0.18 ft	22:49 0.64 ft	6:24	18:28
<b>Fri 28</b>		05:57 0.10 ft	11:45 0.66 ft	18:54 0.17 ft		6:24	18:27

*Chamber of Commerce (Continued from page 8)*  
business consultants providing a full range of  
services for those entrepreneurs." She elab-  
orated cheerfully. "After receiving guidance,  
advice and all the information about initiating  
one's very own dream enterprise, the client  
will be guided, followed and assisted  
throughout the whole process every step of  
the way: preparing a business plan and re-  
questing financing, getting the business and  
other required licenses and filing with the  
business registry."

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Lorraine for future entrepreneurs were:  
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tropical island. When you do, contact the  
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Bonaire  
to consider how you could have your own  
business on your 'home' island.

If you are still a student on Bonaire and are  
planning to go abroad, go, fly away like a free  
bird but absorb like a sponge all the different  
things outside the island. Bring back home all  
your acquired outstanding experience and  
share with us so that we,  
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next emerging economic  
force in the Caribbean.

■ *Story & photo by*  
*Rose Feng*



### Helmets (Continued from page 9)

during night time.) Did you ever try to kill a  
bug with your eyeball? Most of the time you  
will be successful, but it hurts too much!

The last helmet I bought had a price tag of  
\$100. Expensive! I bought it in an off road  
shop in The Netherlands. I also bought a pair  
of brown full leather safety boots with steel  
soles and noses. The boots are made in China  
and they were sold by a well-known farmers'  
supply shop so I think the quality is all right.  
Price of the boots was around \$100. A coinci-  
dence? I paid a hundred bucks to protect my  
feet so why should not I pay more or less the  
same amount of money to protect my head?  
They supply artificial feet and legs made of  
the finest light alloy and chirurgical stainless  
steel joints nowadays, but they still are not  
able to produce artificial heads. So I just buy  
a helmet. I do not need a law to buy a helmet.

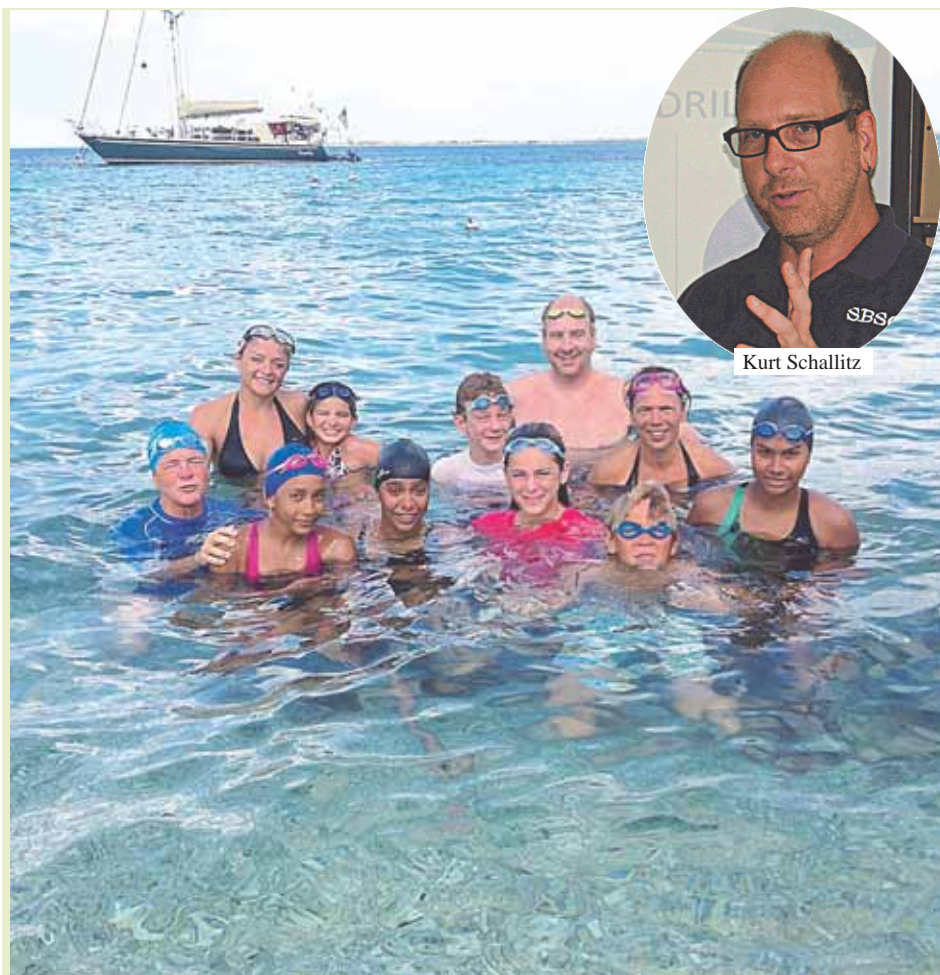
The helmet I bought this time is a so called

cross helmet. In my opinion it is the best hel-  
met to serve the goal. It protects my head  
including my chin. Compared to a full face  
helmet it has more ventilation holes and no  
visor. As far as I know, apart from Sam Wil-  
liams, the parrot man, I am the only person  
on the island using a cross helmet. It took me  
a lot of time to find it. A helmet like this is  
not for sale on Bonaire yet. You have to ask  
people to bring it for you from the States or  
from Europe. I am happy with my utility  
boots and my cross helmet. Youngsters on  
our island said it is a "transformer helmet!"

Post Scriptum. A used blue full face helmet  
was given to me. **So if you are in the need of  
a helmet, just pass by or send an email to**  
**[digitalis1956@hotmail.com](mailto:digitalis1956@hotmail.com).** You can have  
the helmet for free. Just get in touch and pick  
it up. The helmet is not new, but at least it  
protects your skull a little! ■ *Story & photos*  
*by J@n Brouwer*



# Creating Faster Swimmers



Kurt Schallitz

**T**he Barracuda Swim club completed the First Swim Clinic for this year. Trainer Kurt Schallitz, flew in from the US to train our swimmers with a Science Based Approach. Kurt is considered one of the top technique trainers in the US and trains at many levels, including Olympic athletes. Following two long and hard days of building skills and knowledge to achieve a new stroke, our swimmers showed huge improvements. Kurt's classroom lessons and drills showed how important balance, length and force affect you in the water.

This clinic would not have been possible without the great sponsors who assisted us. **Captain Don's Habitat** provided room and board at a great value. With tropical storm Isaac passing by and the sea conditions worsening, we had visions of trying to learn new techniques in one of the many pools that provide only space for a few people to take a few strokes per lap amid frolicking tourists. After our running around looking for a large enough pool that would allow us to train, **Harbour Village** donated time in one of their pools. Bonaire is conspicuously missing a suitable pool for swim training. This great investment of bringing in a coach would have been for nothing without a proper location to train. Luckily, after the first morning, everything calmed back down to normal so we could return to the sea. In over 20 years of training throughout the world, this was the first time that Kurt gave a program in the sea!

As this program was science based, we also had a classroom component to learn why the exercises we were doing worked and to learn what was next. **Pelican school** kindly supplied us with a classroom to conduct our program. Kurt videoed each swimmer at the start and again at the end of the clinic, from above and below the water. He could then analyze the strokes individually and give personal tips. This was also made possible by

**Bonaire Basics** who loaned us a beamer to project these slides and videos. **Budget Marine** provided for the organization and the snacks. **Sport Bonaire**, located at Harbour Village tennis courts, provided lunch and refreshments. **Budget Rent a Car** made a great offer for a car, but as our logistics did not require it, we hope they will save that offer for a future program!

The swim club collects a small contribution from the members monthly which also covered many of the costs, so we asked only a nominal fee from the swimmers. The contributions to the club are used exclusively for member benefits such as this clinic. The trainers and board are all volunteers.

Fourteen swimmers participated and showed an average improvement in efficiency of 24%, and a combined speed and efficiency score improved by over 12%. Our coach, **Simone Sweers**, participated in the clinic and has the materials so that this valuable training is not lost. Simone will continue to train using the sciences learned in the clinic.

If you would like to join the club, you must be at least 6 years old and hold an "A" certificate or higher in swimming. Adults are also welcome. Please stop by at Budget Marine or by the waterfront by Kas di Arte at the end of the training hours for more information. Training is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30. On Wednesday a combined Swimming and Water Pool training from 4:30 – 6:00. This is not a-learn-to-swim program. We look to refine technique for speed and efficiency so that we can train for fitness and competition. We look forward to the resurrection of the school learn-to-swim program and improved infrastructure so that we can have more qualified swimmers entering our programs and provide better training. ■ *Story & photo by Pam Werdath*

# BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 109<sup>th</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n –wear a helmet-Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles and persons that are "on wheels." Up to at least 200 articles!

## Harry and His Torino LX Retro-scooter

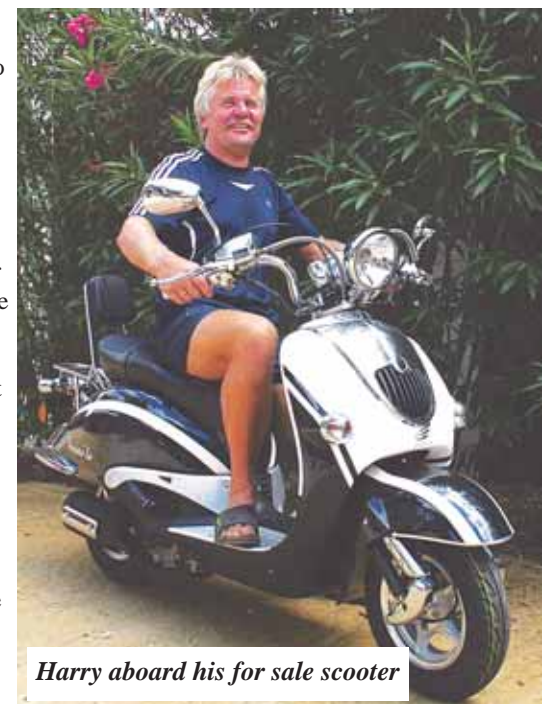
Bonaire/Belnem –

**F**rom the neighborhood of Hato to the barrio of Belnem it is just a couple of miles. The weather conditions are OK and the roads are in a reasonable condition according to Bonairean standards. It does not matter which type of vehicle you use, but on a motorized two wheeler it is so much more fun! This time the goal is Belnem, Kaya Uranus. (In the earlier days: Kaya Uranus. /jb) This is where Harry van den Tillaart and Yvonne live. A red spacious house, a real garage in the back of the garden and loads of palm trees. Easy to find! I am attracted by little announcements in the supermarkets saying: "Scooter for sale."

Harry and Yvonne have lived here for about a year. They stopped the tuff working in Europe - Harry was a professional diver – and landed on Bonaire to enjoy the easy and quiet life here: the sea and the tropical climate. Harry has a reputation with two-wheel motorized transport. Decades ago he started with a Honda CB500 traverse four-cylinder, followed by one of the first rural Yamaha XT 500s, the one with the white tank and the aluminum rims—a real kidney shaker and a bone breaker because of the kick starter. Harry really liked the old 500 cc single and he traded it in for a brand new one. The one with the glossy aluminum tank and the "golden" rims. Harry: "I should never have sold that machine. The bike was very reliable and easy to maintain. It would have functioned perfectly here—a very basic bike which likes the unpaved roads and the outback. But the job as a professional diver took more and more time and I also four-wheel transport." Now Harry and Yvonne are kind of retired. No real job, no kids, no loan. Just a nice house in a quiet neighborhood, two dogs and some two wheelers to play with.

Their scooter is brand new and is for sale. Harry imported it and it has only a mile on the odometer. The scooter is produced by Baotian in China. The Baotian Motor Company produces 80 varieties of motorcycles, scooters and electric bikes. Sizes are 49, 125 and 150 cc. All of them are modern and low maintenance one-cylinder four-stroke overhead cam engines. Harry's scooter is a 49 cc Torino LX, inspired by the Italians scooters, built in the 50s.

The scooter has very nice looks: two tone black and white paint, striping, loads of chromed parts, a wide handlebar, a separate headlamp with a halogen bulb and a stylish rear bumper. A bright tail light. This two seater looks very comfortable. The Torino is equipped with light alloy wheels, 3.50 X 10 tires, a hydraulic operated disk in the front, a cable operated drum in the rear. Reinforced cables. Electric start and kick start. Center prop and jiffy stand. A maintenance-free i belt from the four-stroke engine to the rear wheel. Space for luggage under the duo seat. A sissy bar. A wheelie is not advised. The fuel tank is also under the seat. The machine takes ordinary petrol -no mixing with two-stroke oil since the engine is an environment friendly four-stroke. The view from the driver over the cockpit is excellent: a chrome headlamp,



Harry aboard his for sale scooter

chrome handle bars, three gauges, reading indicator lights, speed and fuel level. Comfortable levers and a chrome container for the brake fluid. Front brake is on the right; rear brake is on the left. The buddy seat is as comfortable as a chair.

Then we start the engine. Electric start. Luxury! Helmet on. Off we go. The dogs stay home. Acceleration is fine. Handling is o.k.. It takes some skills to cope with the unpaved road of Kaya Uranus. Then there is the tarmac. Cornering is good. The sea on the right and the salt on the left. I have to lean a little bit to the left because of the trade wind. This is fun. The chrome parts shine in the sun and the engine produces a sophisticated sound by the muffler on the right. Top speed is almost 50 kilometers per hour and braking is good. The hydraulic disk brake in the front does some 75% of the job. 25% of the braking is done by the rear mounted drum brake. I stop at the Fisherman's Hut in the south to say hello to the fishermen. Pebbles, rocks and corals are a bit of a problem for the small 10-inch wheels. The wide handle bar is of a great help but you have to remain alert. It is fun to drive this Chinese made scooter. Looks are very good and driving is comfortable. It would take a long time to drive it to Rincon but in and around town and the "suburbs" the vehicle seems to be very handy. No parking problems and no parking fee to pay. The Torino has an extra lock in the steering column. I would buy a serious chain lock to connect the scooter to a tree or a metal pole, since scooters are very popular nowadays. There is enough space for a lock under the dual seat. It is nicely designed. All parts are firmly mounted. No play or moving items. Nice machine. I turn the ignition on and start the little four-stroke using my right hand for the kick start. It runs! Then I drive "home" again. Taking advantage of the wind the scooter does over 50 kilometers per hour. Stability is still OK and brakes are accurate. Beware of potholes in the road. This thing has small wheels. Thanks for the test drive, Harry! ■

*Story & photo by Jan Brouwer*







## Green Fingers Rooi Lamoenchi

*Green Fingers is a new Reporter feature brought to you by Carla Hay and guest writers whose aim it is to write about people on Bonaire growing things for whatever reason: to make their own medicines, to just admire the beauty of the flowers, to eat themselves or to feed to their live stock, experimental agriculture or about people who just want a beautiful garden.*

Driving for five kilometers along a dirt track towards the East Coast of Bonaire, I wondered just where Ellen was actually taking me when right at the end of the track a large white gate and sign announced our arrival at Rooi Lamoenchi. Beyond the gate I could see even more dirt track and then we came to a further gate beyond which a sign read: "For the true discovery we do not need new landscapes but new eyes." We had finally arrived.

"Rooi" stands for fast flowing water and a Lamoenchi is a lime fruit. At this time of year there wasn't any water in sight other than the powerful ocean crashing along the coast line which I could see from the hill top where the farm house is situated. Neither did I see limes growing anywhere, but around 125 years ago when Ellen's great grandfather acquired the land from the Dutch Government, they found evidence of a dwelling house and boundary wall so it must have been a working plantation during the slavery period when limes could have been grown.

Ellen's great grandfather raised goats and cultivated sorghum (a type of wheat), water



*The beautifully restored main house*



*Ellen Herera welcomes you to Rooi Lamoenchi*

melons and aloes. About 25 years ago the farm had gone to rack and ruin and Ellen had a dream to restore the farm house to its original glory. At present nothing is farmed there and it is purely a skillfully controlled park of natural vegetation and a historical building. A phoenix has indeed risen from the ashes, and finally after 25 years her dream has been realized.

The first thing that struck me when I got out of the truck was the silence; far away from the distraction of the noise of traffic, barking dogs, building work and other hu-

man created noise you can just enjoy it and become aware of the noise of nature. There is a general calmness about the whole place.

The house has been completely restored to how it would have been 125 years ago, and the old aloe processing buildings have been converted to seating areas. Where the aloe furnace was is now a raised shaded viewing platform strategically placed to benefit from the cool breeze from the East Side and provides a wonderful view over most of the land to the sea. The buildings

are painted in the traditional Bonairean ochre color. Many years ago the traditional color to paint a house was red. At that time Brasilwood trees were exported to Holland where a substance could be extracted from their wood that would dye paint red. The walls are made in the traditional way by taking coral rocks and filling in with smaller rocks and then coating with a mixture of sand and lime. These walls are therefore very thick and ensure that a house is cooler than a house built using more modern materials like breeze blocks. The downside is, however, that the salt leaches out of the walls damaging the internal paint and requiring regular painting.

An annex has been created which has been tastefully blended in to match the main building in style, size and color. This building has beautiful internal murals and is open to three sides to benefit from the breeze. It is intended to be used as a place for people to come together to enjoy the peaceful surroundings, a conference facility, a meeting place, wedding venue, workshop space or day centre serving the spiritual needs and purposes of the Christian community.

The house has four bedrooms, two living rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom and is a quaint blend of modern living and carefully displayed historical artifacts. There are beautiful pictures of Ellen's great grandparents, her grandparents and her father. The house can be lived in and there are all the items and facilities needed to live simply.

A herd of goats was resting under a large shady tree which had been planted by Ellen's husband about 25 years ago.

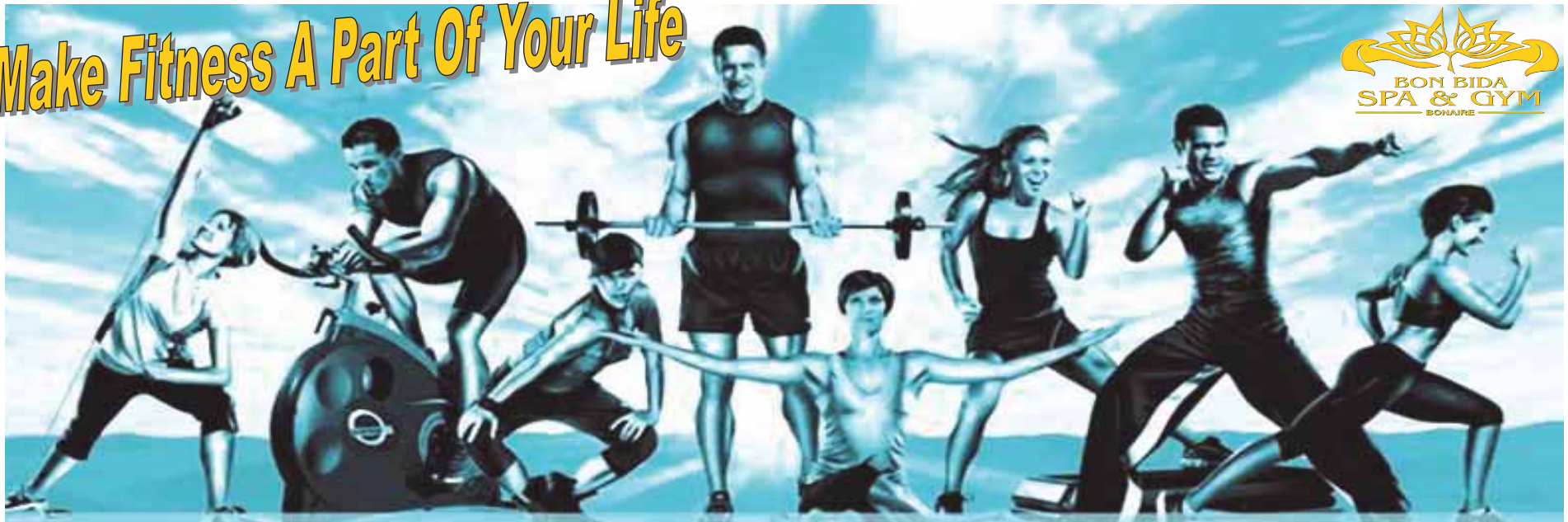
There are well maintained foot paths around the 105-acre estate and you can walk to the coast.

If you would like a guided walking tour by Ellen in this historical cultural plantation please contact her on +599 540 9800 or ellenherrera@cochrane@yahoo.ca. Ellen is a most delightful, gracious and humble lady who gives you the desire to want to be grateful for all the good things you have. I have faith that you will be able to get a sense of the natural peace and beauty that is Rooi Lamoenchi.

■ Carla Hay



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Wednesday, September 12**—  
Bonaire's first opportunity to  
vote in Dutch Parliamentary  
Elections. More on page 2.

**Saturday, September 22**  
- Dive Friends Bonaire underwa-  
ter cleanup

-Autumnal Equinox

**Saturday, September 29**—  
Farmers' Market, at Pakus di  
Pruga (Animal Shelter's Garage  
sale) across from Brandaris Café,  
8am-noon

**Saturday, October 6**-Farmers'  
Market at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu  
Baco #55, next to Aquamarin  
School, 8am-noon.



**October 7-13**—45th Bonaire Re-  
gatta, School holiday all week



**Saturday, October 13**—Ship to  
Shore Boat Party, from Kas di Re-  
gatta to Kas di Arte. Build your  
own boat and compete. More infor-  
mation at Budget Marine. Pages 3  
& 11



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

## 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.
- **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.
- Open House at Semper Kontentu milk goat farm. **Second Saturday of the month** 8 am to 12 noon.
- **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 Wilhel-**

**mina 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)

**BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS**  
**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018  
**Bonaire Museum** on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

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

**CLUBS and MEETINGS**  
**AA meetings** - every Wednesday at 7pm. Phone: 790-7001 and 796-4931  
**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 Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

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

**Lions Club** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

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

welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

**Toastmasters Club** meets every two weeks. For more information call Cruxita 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 Daisycofie@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Preserving Bonaire's Past



*Bòl Antoin speaks at the opening of the FuHiKuBo Center*

The archive of "Fundashon Historiko Kultural Boneiru" (FuHiKuBo) now has a permanent home in the remodeled half of the (Bonaire Communication Services N.V.) building in Kralendijk. The collection is the work of local historian, author and *extra* newspaper journalist Bòl Antoin. It includes over 1,500 books on Bonaire and the other islands of the former Netherlands Antilles, hundreds of thousands of pictures from local

photographers over the years, many videos and television programs, recordings and back issue newspapers (including *The Bonaire Reporter* and its predecessor *Port Call*). The archive is testimony to the work of Antoin and his supporters. It is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to explore the cultural heritage of the island. ■ G.D.

# MCB Celebrates Press Day with Bonaire's Press Corps

As has become an annual tradition, MCB Bonaire gave a big party for Bonaire's press corps in appreciation for their work during the year. This year it was at Bistro de Paris with Patrice's magnificent hors d'oeuvres and dinner and an unending parade of drinks served by charming and efficient waiters and waitresses.

New MCB Bonaire Managing Director Leonard Domacasse (pictured) and the other board members welcomed the press.

The festivities also marked other MCB milestones: soon-to-be-retired MCB Managing Director Evert Piar's 45 years with MCB and MCB's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There was a drawing for lucky reporters to win an MCB "Money Card." All press guests were given bubbly gifts and more.

MCB will offer cash awards to its clients on its anniversary day, Wednesday, September 12. Visit a bank branch for more details, ■ L.D.

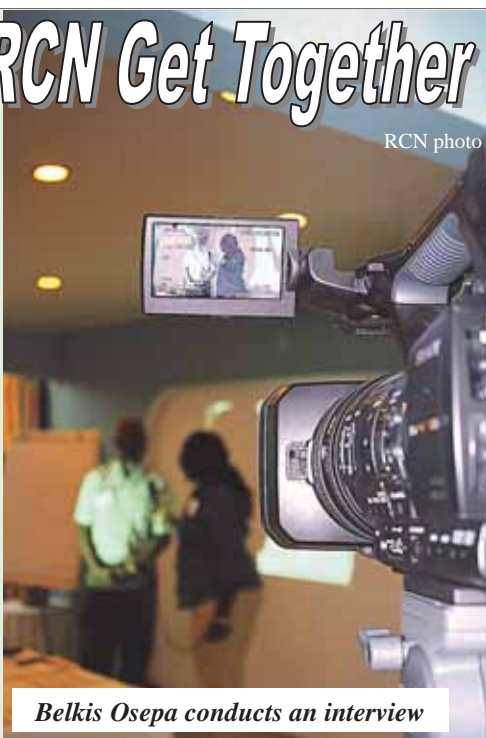


# BES Press and RCN Get Together

The Rijkdienst Caribisch Nederland (Kingdom Services/RCN) held two days of workshops and a brainstorming session for members of the press, RCN, and communication workers of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba on August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> as part of celebration of the Day of the Press. Media trainer Bob Harms and Belkis Osepa (from Radio Netherlands) and experienced journalist Oscar van Dam led the sessions. At the same time the press sessions were underway, separate media training was conducted for department heads of the RCN. The scheduled press conference between the press corps and the RCN department heads was cancelled, to the disappointment of many participants.

Subjects covered included: "The Press and the Government, Why We Need Each Other;" "The Difference Between Journalism in the Caribbean and European Netherlands;" and "The Role of the Media From 10-10-10 Until Now and Beyond."

There was good interaction among the participants and agreements were made about listening to sides, integrity, cooperation and exchange of information among the various islands and the role of the media. The trainers presented both the fundamentals of journalism and the forces



*Belkis Osepa conducts an interview*

of change being brought by technology. The possibility of forming an information council to include communication advisors of the islands and the RCN will be reviewed. The press also indicated that they need far more cooperation and exchange of information between the three islands.

The two-day event was a successful, bold and groundbreaking initiative for the BES Islands. ■ G.D.

## Parrots to Eagles (Continued from page 11)

By the time this article is published, all six white-tailed eagle chicks will have been released into the Scottish skies. Evans will then change from caregiver to data gatherer and follow the fledglings as they adjust to their new environment. It is very different work than what she did on Bonaire over three seasons. "Once the eagles are out of their cages, I won't see them often. They cover such a massive area. That is why we need to track them with transmitters. With the lorans, I got to know individual pairs. I got to observe their behavior. I like them both immensely, but they are obviously very different birds."

This busy life is quite a contrast from the days that Evans spent working with the

parrots. She still reminisces fondly about the island. "I miss the people of Bonaire. I like how relaxed Bonaire is, how happy it is. It's a very calming place to be. The United Kingdom is just busy and stressful in comparison. And I like island time. I can easily operate on island time, all the time, but it doesn't quite go down that well here (laughs)." ■ Patrick Holian

For those who want to follow Rhian's blog about the white-tailed eagles, log on <http://www.rspb.org.uk/community/ourwork/b/eastscotlandeagles/default.aspx>

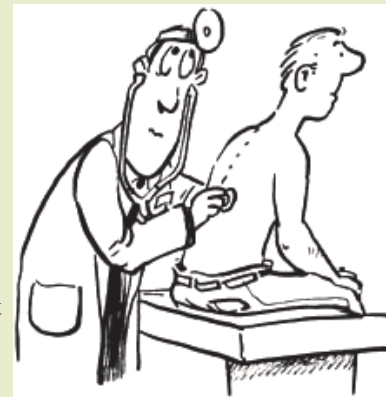


# Bonairean Humor

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

The doctor says: Sir, I am sorry that I have to tell you this terrible news. But you suffer from a disease called "Branigan's Disease." The patient says: So does this disease have a cure? Doctor says: We still don't know of one, Mr. Branigan.

There was a person who was born so ugly that the doctor told his mother: "I'll give it 15 seconds to start crying...if it doesn't cry then this thing is a tumor."



Two buddies are on the street. One says to the other: We don't have any more money, let's go to my house because I have two beers in the fridge. When they get to his house, the friend asks where the toilet is. His friend says: Open that door and go straight. The friend gets mixed up and instead walks into the bedroom. He returns to the kitchen and tells his friend: I ran into your wife in bed with another man. The friend says: Aww well, then don't make a lot of noise, remember I only have two beers.

During a dance party, a guy goes up to a young woman and asks: Do you want to dance? The young girl answers: Oh, yes! The guy says: Great! Then let me borrow your chair!

Chichi hit her husband Bubu in the head with a tile. Bubu: What's going on? Why did you hit me in the head? Chichi: I went to wash your clothes and I found a piece of paper with the name Jenny written on it. Bubu: Ay, woman, yesterday I went to the racetrack and I wrote the name Jenny. It's the name of a horse. Chichi: Sorry, sweetheart. The next day, Chichi hit Bubu in the head with the same tile. Bubu: Why did you hit me again? Chichi: Your horse is on the phone! ■ More in the next edition

## Sudoku Puzzle

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## Sudoku Solution

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# Pets of the Week

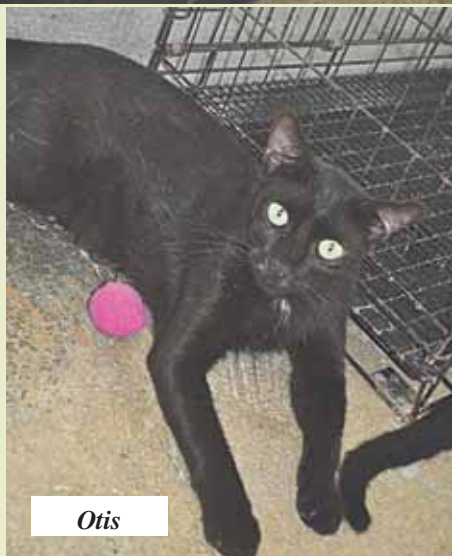


Norman and friends

It's not easy being the "new kid on the block," trying to find your place among all new friends. The same is true for new arrivals to the Bonaire Animal Shelter cat compound. Facing 20 plus pairs of new eyes can be a daunting experience. But the Shelter's feline "Welcoming Committee" is to the rescue!

"Norman" and "Otis" arrived separately at the Shelter about a year ago as youngsters. They teamed up and decided to make every new arrival feel welcome and appreciated. Each new cat or kitten that comes in is treated to a gentle head bump and an ear lick or two from each of these handsome black cats. The very young arrivals are literally taken under their wing as you can see from Norman's photo. This affection for the other cats, both young and old, continues on even after the initial meeting.

And their affection doesn't stop at the species dividing line. They are first at the door when a human arrives for a visit, and while they'll spare you the ear licks, you will get your share of head bumps, rubs and chatter. Otis, with his almost neon green eyes, and Norman, with his sleek coat, are two of the most affectionate, loving and intelligent cats you would ever want to meet. Knowledgeable cat owners will confirm that the "bad rap" that black cats get is totally undeserved, as they are by and large consistently more intelligent and loving than other cats. If you are looking for two devoted, sweet and super intelligent feline companions, drop in and visit Norman and Otis. They'll be there to welcome you with their famous head bumps, and hopefully they will be rewarded with a home that welcomes them in with as much love as they have given



Otis

others. Norman and Otis are healthy, vaccinated, sterilized and are welcoming visitors at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. See the Shelter website for all up-to-date information, photos and videos: [WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com](http://WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com)

Jane Madden-Disko

# SHELTER NEWS



On Saturday, September 1, the Bonaire Animal Shelter organized another big Book and Flea market from 11 am to 5 pm. At 4 pm a new and spacious dog kennel construction was officially opened by Boudewijn (Bous) Scholtz, who was a volunteer during the December 2011 Art Auction. Paul Wichers, chairman of the Animal Shelter board, informed the audience about the amount of money, some \$15,000, that the Shelter collected during the auction. The construction of the new kennel was made possible together with a substantial contribution from the Dutch Stichting Dierenlot.

The kennel will be used as a first reception for incoming dogs. The Animal Shelter is located along the Lagoen Road. Volunteers and donations are always needed and more than welcome. Call them at: 717-4989! ■J@n Brouwer

Last week's Book and Flea Market earned \$1,767—money that will help to keep the Shelter open and operating for homeless dogs and cats. Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who helped at the Market and especially to those big hearted people who contributed their items for sale. They couldn't have done it without all of you! ■ L.D.



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**Don't Thump Your Melon.**

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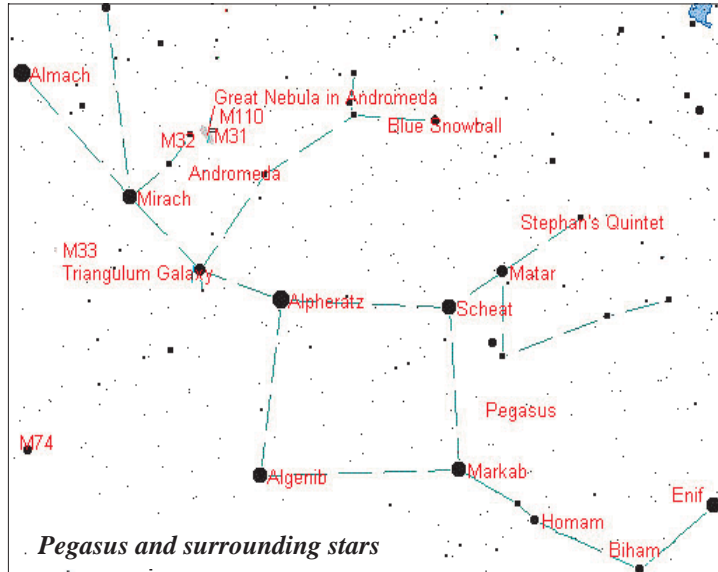
# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## SEPTEMBER CHANGES

The month of September marks many changes in the Sky Park. It means the passing of the season's trademark **Summer Triangle of stars** and the arrival of the **Autumn constellations** in the Sky Park.

Flying high in the autumn sky is the mythical winged horse **Pegasus**.



Pegasus and surrounding stars

Although one of the largest constellations in area, it boasts no bright stars. Its most noticeable star pattern is the **Great Square of Pegasus**: four second magnitude stars marking the body of the horse. Ironically, the brightest of those stars, **Alpheratz**, isn't even an official member of the Pegasus constellation, being part of the neighboring constellation **Andromeda**.

The brightest star in Pegasus isn't part of the Square: it is **Enif**, the Arabic word for "nose." It marks the head of Pegasus, off to the west.

Surrounding Pegasus on three sides is a strange assortment cosmic objects named after mythical sea creatures.

To the west of Enif, half way to the star **Altair** in the constellation **Aquila**, is **Delphinus** the Dolphin one of the few constellations which actually resembles its namesake. Below Pegasus are three of the least prominent members of the zodiac constellations: **Capricornus**, **Aquarius** and **Pisces**.

There's not a bright star in the lot.

As you look further south, you can see **Piscis Austrinus**, the southern fish, with the only bright star in the region: **Fomalhaut**. Fomalhaut, which is 25 light-years from **Earth**, made headlines in 2008 as

one of the first stars observed to have a planet that was directly imaged with telescopes.

To the east of Fomalhaut is another huge dim constellation, **Cetus the Whale**, with the only other brightish star in the area, **Deneb Kaitos**, which means the tail of the whale. Cetus also contains the variable star **Mira**. Currently this star is too faint to be visible with the naked eye, but over the next few months it will start climbing in brightness until it becomes one of the brightest stars in this constellation.

Normally this sea world in the sky is a dim and mysterious place, with only one bright star, **Fomalhaut**. But this year it is enlivened by a visit from the giant planet **Jupiter**, right on the border between **Pisces** and **Aquarius**.

With the aid of binoculars or a small telescope, you may be able to spot two more planets, **Uranus** and **Neptune**. Also located in this area, but far beyond the range of amateur telescopes, is the dwarf planet **Eris**.

Moving slowly through the constellation **Cetus**, **Eris** is a **Kuiper Belt Object**, one of the most recent discoveries in the solar system. It is larger than **Pluto** and farther from the **Sun**. ■ *Jodrell Bank*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

September 2012

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) You need a day to rest and relax with the ones you love. Older family members will make demands on your time. You will have no trouble getting things to fall into place. Don't make any drastic changes or begin new projects this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) This might not be a month for hasty decisions. You will be highly entertaining when in contact with your lover. You need to lie back and enjoy a little rest. You need to mingle with people who can spark enthusiasm and confidence in you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Problems with skin, bones, or teeth may mess up your schedule. You may find that your quick wit and charm will help you in obtaining allies. Use your ingenuity to manipulate things to get what you want. Someone you live with will, be impossible. Sudden changes regarding your circle of friends could prove interesting and stimulating. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Home improvement projects will run smoothly. Be prepared to neutralize any threats. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. Residential moves will be favorable. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Sudden changes could result in estrangement's. Be prepared to meet new lovers through colleagues. You should take good care of your health; get lots of rest. Don't let relatives get the better of you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) New love connections can be made through group associations. Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Deception and confusion regarding your status in society is likely. Be sure not to burn any bridges. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can make changes to your home that will be pleasing to all concerned. Hassles with in-laws could put a damper on your day. Financial limitations will not be as adverse as they appear. Pleasure trips will be a form of healing for your emotional state of mind. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be prepared to take care of the issues at hand. You may meet that special person if you attend fundraising functions. If you're preoccupied, be careful while operating a vehicle or any kind of equipment or machinery. You may find that you're being used. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may exaggerate your emotional situation. Your high enthusiasm will be sure to inspire anybody around you. Take time to help children with projects that may be too hard for them to do on their own. You may have to explain your actions to your family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Plan a day of enjoyment with them. Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself and you won't get dragged into an unsavory debate. Travel should be on your mind. You will communicate with ease this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Realize that you don't have to do everything yourself. Don't let your personal partner hold you back or slow you down. Be aware of any deception on the part of those you deal with. Use your own ideas to further your interests. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Try to get away with your mate. Problems with peers is apparent. Outdoor sports events should entice you. You must be careful not to reveal secrets or get involved in gossip. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday. ■

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