

This nest on Te Amo Beach was a hawksbill sea turtle nest that was laid on 20th July and hatched on 19^{8h} September. Hawksbills are "critically endangered" (so more at risk of extinction than tigers or polar bears!).

Hawksbills lay their nests in the sand and cover them well so normally they are not visible to anyone on the beach. We have had 23 nests on Bonaire's west and south beaches this year so far and the majority have not had barriers erected. However, because Te Amo and Donkey beaches are so popular with visitors and locals alike, we were concerned that something sharp might be pushed into the sand (such as a beach umbrella or tent pole) and this would kill the hatchlings.Or a car might drive over the nest and crush the developing eggs. For that reason we placed a barrier around the nest from day one. Additionally, as

hatching time approached, we placed a cage over the nest. This is because the lights from the airport disorientate the hatchlings when they leave the nest and we wanted to stop the baby turtles from heading towards the road and be run over by cars. Fortunately, when the nest started to hatch at 18.40 a large crowd had gathered and they were able to help the hatchlings go to the sea by forming a human shield around the nest organized by the STCB staff and volunteer Beachkeepers that were present. This cut out the airport lights and so the hatchlings headed straight towards the sea, witnessed by over 200 people.

There were 76 hatchlings that went to the sea, 2 dead hatchlings in the nest and 42 dead eggs, so the clutch size was 120 which is reasonably typical for a hawksbill sea turtle nest.

■ STCB Press release



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Expect some changes involving cash and check transactions. De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) who is responsible for the payment system in the Dutch Caribbean has suggested modifications. DNB Bonaire has established a payment system workgroup for the Dutch Caribbean to consult with all market participants to achieve a more efficient payment system. The agreements reached in the

group are designed to encourage the public to choose the most efficient method of payment.

Often it will be electronic; having a checking account is therefore encouraged. The banks already offer accounts from \$2 per month. On the other hand, the rates of less efficient payment methods such as cash and checks will be put more into line with the actual costs.

- To transfer money or to withdraw money at the counter, the banks may charge a fee.
- Checks will only be available from October 1st for businesses and each will cost \$ 2.50.
- Coins will be supplied in standard packaging
- To make payments easier and less costly for both retailers and banks, the shops can make use of the option of rounding off the prices at the checkout to 5 cents. All prices in the shops remain in cents. Only the amount that is paid in cash at the checkout is rounded off. The rounding off rule is such that the average cost for the customers remains the same
- At all banks a **brochure** will be available for the public with a more detailed explanation.
- ▶ There are no longer non-stop flights from Bonaire to Miami. Insel air will route all flights through Curaçao where there will be a 2 ½ hour layover. The Miami-Bonaire flight on Saturday, however, will be non-stop ONLY TO Bonaire.
- ► KLM and Curaçao's InselAir will soon sign a code sharing agreement for ABC

island flights. Expectations are that the negotiations will be completed in early October, according to area management of KLM Caribbean, Suriname and Guyana. Code-sharing means there's one flight code and one price. InselAir has also adjusted its flight times to the KLM schedule, while the two companies already had an inter-airline and pro-rate agreement on various destinations.



► Another Dutch court, this time in St. Maarten, affirmed the applicability of the Dutch-American Friendship Treaty. It means that citizens of the United States are subject to the same rules as European Dutchmen, including where residence permits are concerned. In different cases, the Court in Aruba, as well as the Court in The Hague and the High Council had all ruled in favor of the treaty's applicability. The 1956 Treaty of Friendship, Trade and Shipping between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States stipulates that Americans are to be subject to the same rules as European

Article 2 (i) of the US-Dutch Friendship Treaty states that nationals of either party are permitted to enter the territories of the other party and to remain therein for the purpose of trade between the territories and to engage in related commercial activities, as well as for the purposes of developing and leading the operations of a company in which they have invested a substantial amount, and for other purposes subject to the laws in connection with the admission and residence of foreigners.

In Article 3 of the treaty it is specifically mentioned that, **in**

NAME THE PRISON WINNER

The winner of *The Reporter's* "Name the Prison" contest is a member of the Royal Marechaussee. **Ms Victoria Cranston** hopes that the detention facilities on Bonaire adopt the name she chose:

Horizon

Victoria feels, "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."

Are you listening RCN and JICN officials? With the expanded BES Island detention budget recently announced in The Netherlands perhaps it would be a good time to rename the facilities.

any part of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, US nationals should receive the same treatment as Dutch nationals who are not born in that part of the Kingdom.

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► The historic-cultural foundation in Bonaire *The Fundashon Históriko Kultural Boneriano* (FuHiKuBo) and the "Arubiana" section of the National Library of Aruba will exchange historic-cultural in-

formation and for that reason recently signed a cooperation agreement on Aruba.

Reporter Editor Laura DeSalvo pre-

sents the award to Victoria Cranston,

a large pizza from Pasa Bon Pizza.

- ▶ Despite rumors to the contrary Warehouse Bonaire has not been sold. According to Warehouse Bonaire owner, Jan Hup, the supermarket is still under the same management. In fact improvements are still going on with the addition of a gigantic storage area and loading dock in the back, freeing up the parking lot in the front. Hup said the steel structure used is from the now-defunct Amstel Brewery in Curaçao.
- ▶ RIJSWIJK--The life expectancy for males born in the Netherlands in 2012 is now over 79 years, having gone up 3.5 years since 2000, the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) said. The life expectancy for women born now is almost 83, having gone up 2.3 years between 2000 and 2011, CBS said.

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Police Report Progress

n Monday 10th September the Korps Politie Caribish Nederland released their crime statistics for the first six months of 2012 for the BES islands.



The press conference was given by Head of Police J. Rooijakker and departmental heads J. A. Rosales and L. Vrutaal. The statistics focused on crimes committed under the headings: violent crimes, youth crimes and burglaries. The half yearly crime stats will be released every six months from now on.

There were **378 thefts** during the first half of 2012, a significant reduction from 2011 (597 during the first half). There were **133 violent incidents** in comparison to 127 and 22 crimes committed by young people as opposed to 16. **Seventy percent** (**70%**) **of the violent crimes had been solved**. The statistics don't show the nationality of the offenders.

Unfortunately, an accurate comparison can't be made between the first six months of 2012 and 2011 as there were various reporting systems in place. However, it was promised that at the end of 2012 accurate comparison with the first six months of 2012 will be able to be made.

During the first six months of 2012 there were 472 traffic incidents: 409 related to damage to vehicles, 53 involved minor injury, 7 serious injury and there were 3 deaths. There weren't any statistics to show what day or what time of day these incidents occurred or by whom they were committed. There are currently around 7,000 vehicles on Bonaire roads.

At present the BES islands have 138 police officers in comparison to 135 in 2011 and the aim is to increase the number to 151 by the end of 2012. New recruits are currently in training and Antillean police officers working in The Netherlands are being encouraged to return home. In order to currently cover the shortfall, police get assistance from the Royal

Marechaussee

Chief Rooijakker wanted to make clear that now that the Police had sorted out its systems and procedures it would be able to increase its activities such as visits to schools to encourage crime prevention. He stressed that the police needed and wanted help from members of the community to be observant and prepared to report suspicious events/ sightings.

The police are still expanding their database of DNA, finger and foot prints, and as this grows more crimes will be detected a lot quicker. The statistics at present do not show how many crimes have been solved on Bonaire although those figures are available for Saba and St Eustatius. This was something that would be added to future statistics.

A new system in place is that all current serving officers will receive continued educational training to keep them up to date with methods of policing. Current serving police officers are already undergoing this training. Currently there are **46 police officers on front line duty** on Bonaire alone responding to 911 calls. Crimes that need further investigation are then passed on to the research team. **The control center is manned 24 hours a day so a 911 call** should receive an immediate answer. How long it takes for a unit to call out will depend on what other matters are being dealt with and how urgent everything is.

The prison is currently full since all detainees from Saba and St Eustatius are now there. The police have 10 separate cells available to them to deal with short term investigation of incidents.

The police hope to be back in their usual Police Station by July 2013. Their offices are now scattered around Playa.

Head of Police J. Rooijakker asked the public to contact him with complaints and compliments about the services they provide. He asked that the police be given a chance to do their job, be allowed to move on, for the public to stop dredging up the past and to stop exaggerating when making complaints. He closed the conference by saying that the police will be "Alert to serve, be decisive and professional."

Carla Hay

Bonaire Ballots 406 **INVALID OR** 2152 **BLANK VOTES FOR PARTIES** 2,558 PERSONS CAST OFFICIAL BALLOTS (25%) OF 10,336 ELIGIBLE BONAIRE VOTERS THE NOS KE BONEIRU BEK (WE WANT BONAIRE BACK) **G**ROUP CLAIMS 1732 PEOPLE DEPOSITED VOTONG PASSES IN THEIR UNOFFICIAL "BALLOT BOX FOR LIBERTY" 600 500 **BONAIRE RESULTS:** 400 **TOP 10 DUTCH PARTIES-**PARLIAMENT 2012 300 200 100 200 20 Or 060 30 07 22 500 102

Back By Popular Demand For the past two ber 17, where all participants will hold a presentation of

For the past two years Bonaire's Kaminda di Arte, aka The Art Tour, was a great success. Hundreds of islanders and visitors enjoyed "a peek in the kitchen" of local artists. Every

third Sunday of the month the artists opened their houses and studios to the public. To art lovers this offered a nice free cultural trip.

The 2012-2013 season runs from November to March on every third Sunday of the month from 11 am to 4 pm. Prior to the first Kaminda di Arte on November 18, an opening will take place on Novem-

ber 17, where all participants will hold a presentation of their work. Place, time and location will be published later.

So far eight of the participating artists from last season will join again: Wolmoet Jansen, Alejandra Riquelme, Janis Huckaby Baillie, Ans Klein Heerenbrink, Fred v.d. Broek, Luz Aida Franco-Wesselius, Jose Smit and Henk Roozendaal. And a new young artist has signed up: Alexandra Jansen. But there is still place for more! Artists are wanted. So you artists out there, if you think it's fun to show your artwork and workplace and answer questions from interested people you can sign up. Call at Fred v.d.Broek tel. 788-2536 or Henk Roozendaal tel. 717-6938. Or email: fredvdbroek48@hotmail.com or henkroozendaal@live.com. Press release

SUMMARY:

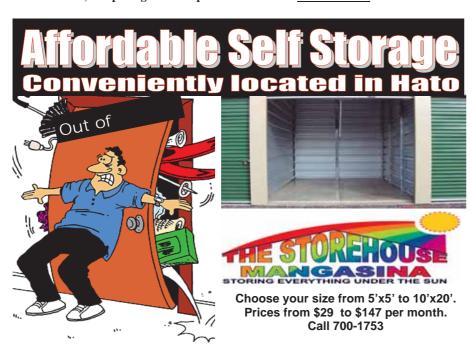
In the election the number of eligible voters was 10,336, of which 2,974 cast ballots

Turnout was very low - 25%. For comparison, Island Council elections are around 80%.

406 ballots (14%) were **officially*** blank votes, perhaps submitted as a protest. Citizens were advised to submit blank ballots if they opposed the present form of integration with The Netherlands.

*An additional **1,732 voting <u>passes</u>** were offered by the *Nos Ke Boneiru Bek* (We Want Bonaire Back) group. If they would have been valid ballots, that meant that **72%** (!) of the total voters supported the group's goals. However, according to official government sources, some of those forms may have been obtained by illegal coercion.

The Dutch Labor Party received the most votes on Bonaire The new 50 plus party on Bonaire also scored with 50 votes, but was topped by the PVD, Party For Animals, with 60. \blacksquare *G.D.*





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Budget Marine Ship to Shore Boat Party

What Ebo Domacassé and Captain Don started 45 years ago has grown and developed into a great event here on Bonaire. The 45th Bonaire International Sailing Regatta is the oldest in the Caribbean and has grown past sailing alone. There are domino, soft ball and youth football (soccer) tournaments, bicycle tours, walks, runs and a swim to Klein Bonaire. There is a flag parade and a boat parade, festivals, food from around the world, art, knick knacks, toys and games in the streets and of course bands, dance groups and more! Don't get me wrong, we still take the sailing seriously with categories for all sizes of boats and for all ages. The competition is tough! This year, to close out the Regatta, **Budget Marine is presenting the Ship to** Shore Boat Party on Saturday the 13th to relax after all the racing,

For the past several years the boat party has been a lot of fun along the waterfront in town where boats raft up along the shore and people come to swim and listen to music and just have fun. This year we are moving it from Kas di Regatta all the way to Kas di Arte where there is more room. The name is changing to the Ship to Shore party to signify the participation from both the people on boats enjoying the shore and the people on shore enjoying the boats. There will of course be live music, food, drinks, sun and fun, but we are adding more events by the day. There will be Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) races, beach tennis, bouncers, and a self-built boat race just to name a few.

If you have a boat of any size and would like to participate in the boat party, you can stop by Budget Marine and register to get a



free captain's bag at the event. All boats are welcome, large or small, row, power or sail!

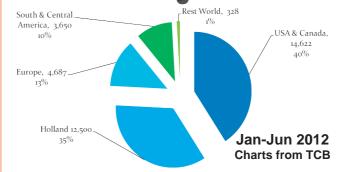
If you would like to join the "Build a Boat Race", here are the rules:

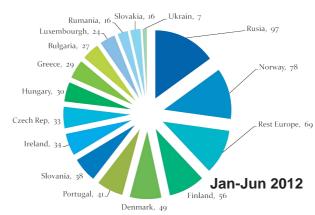
- 1. You must have fun
- 2. Max. Length 3.5m (11.5 feet)
- 3. No limit on the width or height
- 4. You may use any materials as long as they are not polluting. No plastic bags for example
- 5. No motors are allowed. Sails, paddles, feet or any other non-motorized power is OK.
- 6. Must be self-built.
- 7. Must support a crew of two or more people (no age or size restrictions) must be able to swim!

There will be a race of 500 meters. The prizes will be for the fastest, most creative and for the most professionally built boats. The races are being organized by SGB and rumor has it that SGB, Jong Bonaire and Forma are already working on entries You can pre-register at Budget Marine to receive a Captains bag at the event as well. Start building now and compete or just come watch. It should be entertaining!

Pam Werdath

Discovering Bonaire's Tourists





- Holland 25,000
 - 15,000 depart on KLM & Arke
 - 10,000 fly in- & out via Curacao
- USA & Canada 26,000
- Europe 9,000
- South- & Central America 7,000
- Rest World 1,000

2011 Arrival Best Estimates

Total 68,000 (43,000 excl Holland)

Determining the number, nationality, visit patterns and durations of Bonaire's stayover visitors has been a problem since the Bonaire TCB entry/exit form was abolished because of privacy considerations after the October 2010 integration with The Netherlands.

Last week the TCB presented the results of its review of past years arrivals (excluding cruise ships).

As best as can be observed from available sources 2012 should show moderate gains:

USA & Canada 29,000 (+10%) Europe 34,500 (+6%) (incl. NL)

South- & Central America 7,500 (+9%)

Rest World 1,000 Total 47,000 (+9%). The TCB is continuing to study replacement data collection methods and how to best use the information. ■*G.D.*



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On The Island Since... September 2010 – Suzel Baraton

he first time I came here was in 2004 to escape from my life in Paris. I used to travel a lot and I like to travel alone. Also I have a PHD in anthropology and philosophy and I chose that study because of my love for travelling! My parents were hippies. They grew their own food and they didn't buy stuff, they reused things. I'm originally from Bretagne in France, the province of the fishermen and sailors.

When I was 16 I went hitchhiking through Europe because it was for free. Of course my parents didn't know. Later in my life I spent a really long time in India and Madagascar and I also travelled to North Africa. I love the Arab countries, maybe because in Paris I lived in the 18th arrondissement, near Montmartre – the poorest area – but the best one - a mix of cultures where I learned the Arab language on the street. I worked there with an organization that was helping the illegal immigrants from Africa. My whole life I am fighting against injustice. I did that in Madagascar with 'Doctors without Borders' and in Paris I fought against police behavior towards the young immigrants and I would hide them from the police.

I came here in 2004 because my best friend in Paris was Dutch and her uncle



Suzel Baraton

are not very nice. Here it's completely the opposite. Bonairean people are wonderful. Guadeloupe is French – it's France – the island is one big garden. You just throw some seeds and it all grows, and the salaries of the people are the same as in France. People are rich compared to here, but they always complain – while people here are poor and you don't hear them. I think people here should stand up for themselves and fight a little bit more. Yeah – I am from France and we speak up and fight!

After eight months I had to go back to France. It was May and Terence came in June to Paris for two months. Then he went back to Bonaire and I was pregnant. Terence arranged everything and

"The island (French Guadeloupe) is one big garden . You just throw some seeds and it all grows, and the salaries of the people are the same as in France. People are rich compared to here, but they always complain – while people here are poor and you don't hear them."

owned Sorobon Beach Resort on Bonaire. I just wanted to be under the sun, and she said, 'go to my uncle!' I did not know about Bonaire. I'd never heard of it and I also didn't know the resort was a nudist resort (at that time).

At first I didn't like Bonaire at all; I thought it was ugly and dry. I was disappointed because I'd expected a lush tropical island like for instance Guadeloupe where my mother lived. However, Sorobon - the lagoon - was a beautiful place. The first day at Sorobon I met my boyfriend, Terence. It was a chemical explosion and it had to be! You can't fight against that! Hahaha! Terence was the chef at the resort, and I stayed for eight months. First I worked at the front desk and then I moved to the kitchen to be closer to Terence. It was a big love story and it still is nine years later, so, that's good!

I met very nice people and it changed my way of thinking about Bonaire because compared to Guadeloupe where they have a beautiful place, the people

sold what he had and he came back to Paris just before the birth – which was good because I liked to be pregnant alone and I took good care of myself. My son Ylian was born in April 2006. It was my most beautiful journey. I was 30 and I was so ready." She smiles. "Then we had a normal life in France. Terence found a job, we paid the rent, we had a dog and a car and we went on vacation a normal life, for the first time in my life.

I went back to school – cooking school for adults, because I love food. I am a food addict. I got my diploma and I worked in a gastronomic restaurant where the chef was terrible – a real diva. So it wasn't for me. A kitchen is not the military – it's love. I prefer to cook like my mom! For me food is like... okay...

I travelled a lot and I spend time with women because I am so interested in their life, their conditions, their fight. Women are brave – they are the true he-

I was in Kashmir, India, for a very long



Terence, Ylian and Suzel

time when there was a war going on. I spent time with gypsy people and I lived in the capital with a traditional family, very Muslim. Once they are married women stay inside the house. They have to cook and take care of a lot of children. They are not allowed to read. I came from France with my big mouth and I discovered women so strong. I could not do what they do.

The marriage is arranged; the women are young and beautiful and the men are old and disgusting and they don't know what love is. They rape their wives every night. When the men are gone the women spend their day in the kitchen and they are laughing and dancing and they are so happy. These women were like a mother and sisters to me and they cooked and I cooked with them. I have to say that with me the husbands were respectful – they treated me as a guest. Sometimes I think these men are also trapped in their culture."

Suzel is precious; she is a responsible and concerned citizen of this world and she's smart and wise and funny.

"Whatever country I visited, I never went to a hotel. I always met people and I stayed with them. And I've been lucky, because I've always met good people, that's my karma. Then you realize, the first thing you share with people if you don't speak the language – is food.

On Bonaire, the Chinese food is a massacre and the Bonairean children eat all the wrong stuff: the greasy food and the lemonades. I cook with my nose more than anything and my son is the same. We make everything fresh here, even our yoghurt is home made.

I would love to have a place to teach the kids how to cook - for free - it's fun! against all this. It's so unfair - you can-It's like painting – you're working with colors and tastes and smells, but it's also a journey. The cook is the tour guide and you travel sitting in front of a plate and you can go everywhere, to every culture and to every time in the past or present.

When we came here in 2010 our dream aire and I feel was to open our own restaurant and we still hope it will come true some day. It was very difficult for me and my son who's half Bonairean – to get a permit. When Terence came to France – being Dutch Antillean made him a member of

the European community so he could work and do what he wanted. When I finally got my papers I was told I don't have the right to work.

Terence is the chef at Bistro de Paris and I am making jams which I am selling at the Farmer's Market.

Oh, by the way, maybe you can ask people to save their empty glass jars (not too big) and bottles for me. They need a metal lid so I can sterilize them. They can bring them or mail me suzelbaraton@yahoo.comand then I'll pick them up. And in exchange, if you help me a lot, I can give you a jam! I only use fruit and sugar from here and they're only \$4. That's my philosophy. I still can have a little bit of money and everybody can

We have a connection in Guadeloupe and from there I get the vanilla, the cacao, the rum, the spices, the manioc flower and the banana flower and from here I use sweet potatoes, papaya, pumpkin, all kinds of fruits I can get my hands on! It's fun - it all goes together and people are curious and they like it. My clientele are mostly Bonaireans.

During my travels I've seen very ugly things: eight year olds who were pregnant and foreign pedophiles giving a bottle of rum to some parents so they could sleep with a child. I have injured myself by seeing that and not being able to change it. I feel sad for a lot of things that are happening in the world, for all the things human beings are doing to

Once I swam with a whale and her baby and it was the most amazing experience. That's why I am with the Sea Shepherd. We have to keep on fighting not close your eyes.

I think I will stay here longer. I like the people and I like it that many come from different coun-

tries. I am proud to be part of Bonlucky."■

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The apeldam tree with its namesake, The Apeldam Grill.

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

B arbeque, barbeque! We love our barbeque. Everyone has a favorite and a secret recipe. For 10 years, Enchy and Nana Balentin have been dishing up their variety of barbeque out of Nana's mother's house in Nikkiboko, otherwise known as Apeldam Grill. You can't miss their bright green house under the Apeldam tree because of all the cars lined up in the street and the succulent smell of grilled ribs, chicken, and conch wafting through the air. Even the neighborhood dogs sit at attention once the grill gets fired up.

A former auto mechanic with Toyota, Enchy was persuaded by his wife, Nana, to sell food as a way of making money to pay for their daughter's medical bills. He remembers she told him, "When I cook, everyone wants to eat it, so let's sell it!" Up until that time, Enchy never cooked anything, "not even my own tea." But his father had made a reputation and a living selling barbeque out of his truck on Curaçao, so Enchy and Nana both decided to specialize in grilled meats.

Like any barbeque chef, Enchy claims his sauce is the "real thing," and will only hint at some key ingredients without giving away the recipe: lots of garlic, black pepper, and hot, orange pepper but no tomato sauce. The beef, pork, chicken, and even the conch are marinated in the sauce for hours before being grilled over charcoal from the apeldam and palu di kwi trees. According to Enchy, "local charcoal gives a special taste different from imported charcoal." Once the meat is on the grill, it is an art to cook it perfectly: there is no basting but constant turning to ensure a crispy outside and a

tender, juicy inside. A dedicated grill master, Enchy describes his methods: "You've got to feel the meat" and "Stay on the grill—don't get distracted."

Besides the common barbeque menu of steak, chicken, short ribs, and spare ribs, Apeldam Grill specializes in grilled conch, which is shipped in from conch farms in Colombia, the Turks and Caicos, and Trinidad and Tobago. Marinated and then grilled, the conch is served with garlic butter to make it even more memorable. In fact, Apeldam Grill has become known both on Aruba and Curação ever since television personality Monique Felyda visited Bonaire and raved about Apeldam's grilled conch on the air.

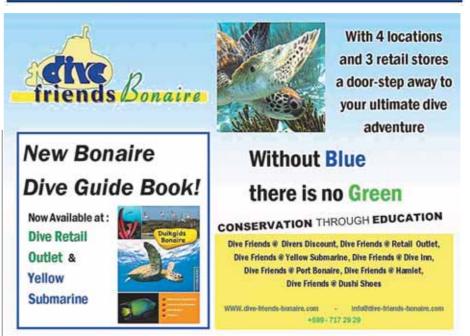
The Apeldam kitchen is a family affair, with help from mother-in-law, Criselda, who is "really proud of us cooking out of her house," father-in-law, Julio, sister-inlaw, Lela, and daughters, Titjana and **Nakisha**. Everyone pitches in to peel and cut kilos of potatoes for their signature, fresh, never-frozen French fries as well to hand-slice and chop ("like the old days") the ingredients for the home-made cole slaw and peanut sauce that accompany the main course. Without a doubt, their recipe for barbeque is a recipe for success as customers can number up to a hundred on any given day.

When Enchy reflects on his long career supervising the grill, he realizes that "working over the hot grill was tough at first but now I miss it when I am not cooking." In fact, if he and his wife see a new dish being prepared by idol Bobby Flay on the Food Network, they can't wait to experiment: "When we're free, we're always in the kitchen." Lucky us! ■ Story & photos by Pauline Kayes

Apeldam Hours: 7 pm to 11 pm daily; 12 to 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday; closed on Tuesday. To order call 786-6171, 525-8182, 717-8925 or 796-6171.









Salina di VIII To Be Developed Bon Bida Spa & Gym has enhanced their class schedule. They offer classes in Tai Chi, Aerobics, Ab class, plus six Les Mills fith



Harbour Village Development NV has published a plan to develop the land around Salina di Vlijt, the salt pan opposite the Harbour Village Marina.

Up until recently development was blocked because of environmental concerns, but the block has been removed by the court.

The plan is to build north and south around the Salina with a mixed development that includes houses, recreation, sports, retail stores and services.

Public comment on the plan closed September 15.

Environmental conservation advocates are expected to focus on section 3.4.2. of the plan: Conditions -The Executive Council may grant authorization only if the ecological and scientific values of the neighboring Salina are not affected.

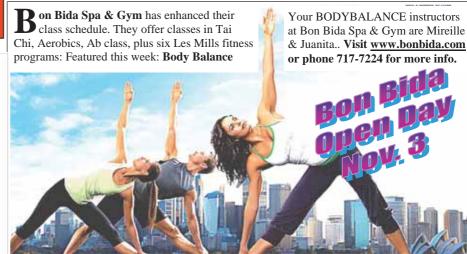
The developers previously had destroyed seabird nests and wetland areas



Sole surviving least tern chick following the destruction of nests

when they bulldozed the area.

If you are interested in what's going to happen with Harbour Village East just Google: <u>Uitwerkingsplan voor Harbour Village East - Ban Boneiru Bek</u>. On that page you click <u>'Plankkaart'</u>, underneath <u>BestemmingsPlan Harbourvillage</u> and then you will see this map. In detail and can review other elements. ■ *G.D.*



The Les Mills BODYBALANCE class is the Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates combination workout that builds flexibility and strength and leaves you feeling centered and calm. Controlled breathing, concentration and a carefully structured series of stretches, moves and poses to music create a holistic workout that brings the body into a state of harmony and balance.

You will begin with easy, flowing Tai Chi moves to leave your day behind, center yourself and warm your body. The instructor will then take you through various yoga and Pilates sequences to strengthen and tone your key muscle groups. Poses and stretches are used to create suppleness and flexibility. The final 10 minutes are set aside for the widely acknowledged mental and physiological benefits of meditation which also enhances the effects of the exercise.

G.D./Press release



Surprisingly more corals have grown on the vertical faces of inshore mooring blocks than on the offshore ones, along the shore of Kralendijk ("Bonaire Coral Puzzle: A Shore Effect?" *Bonaire Reporter* August 31 - September 14, 2012). This paradoxical fact contradicts a detrimental effect on corals by pollution coming from shore. It cannot be explained by a difference in the amount of light reaching inshore blocks compared to the offshore ones ("Bonaire Coral Puzzle 2: Not Light!" *Bonaire Reporter* September 14 - 28, 2012).

I received two groups of suggestions from readers trying to explain this paradox by a difference in the inshore and the offshore currents. One group assumed that currents closer to shore are weaker than the ones farther from it. The stronger offshore currents could dislodge coral larvae trying to attach to the block faces, making it more difficult for corals to settle on the offshore mooring blocks. The other group assumed just the contrary – that currents closer to shore are stronger. The stronger currents could enhance gas and nutrient exchange between corals and water, help to clean sediments off corals, bring food particles to corals, and even cool overheated corals. What is the case here? Is it a weaker current facilitating coral settlement or rather a stronger current facilitating coral growth on the inshore blocks?

To answer this, the currents needed to be measured. I did it by hovering motionlessly above the bottom and drifting by the current for a while, like in the photo by my daughter Yana. During this passive motion, I dropped two small weights one minute apart. A distance between the weights and their relative position provided measurement of the current's velocity and direction. I have made over 150 such measurements in the vicinity of inshore and offshore moorings on random days at random times of day. Two parts of these data answered the currents question.

Firstly, our currents are quite weak in general. Average velocities of the inshore and of the offshore currents are about 5 cm/sec, which is about one tenth of a knot. This is much slower than currents capable of dislodging attaching larvae – those are known to be a few knots at least. Our currents are also too slow to make a difference in coral growth. Such currents are known to be half a knot or more. In other words, our currents' velocity does not seem to affect coral settlement and growth. Secondly, I did not find any difference in the inshore and the offshore currents' velocity, beyond the random differences due to randomness of the measurements.

The verdict: No, current differences are not a culprit behind the differences in coral coverage on the inshore and the offshore moorings. What is the culprit? What helped the corals on the inshore moorings? Or, what bothered the corals on the offshore moorings? The curious intrigue of our Bonairean 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.

Consumers To Take Action

e are fed up and won't take it anymore," might be the slogan of Bonaire's new consumer action group. Saturday, September 29, at 10am at Jong Bonaire the founding meeting of the *Union di Konsumidó Boneiru* (Unkobon) will be held. The Union already has more than 1,000 members on Facebook.

Its founders want better comprehension of local prices and transparency concerning price rises. They see the need for a watchdog or-



ganization and to make residents more price-conscious.

The union will work closely with the *Fundashon Tienda pa Konsumido Boneiru* that does price checks and comparisons. Their initial investigations revealed that prices for food and other products are too high, because the market mechanism does not function adequately, innovation is low and service often leaves much to be desired.

For example, the energy rates are already the highest in the Caribbean and the recent announcement of even more increases caused much unrest.

Banking costs are often obscure and the lines at the tellers' windows too long, so changes are needed in the handling of monetary affairs. Many residents have trouble with the new rules that being part of The Netherlands brings and are not used to communication by letter so that a public information counter is desirable.

It appears that few Dutch authorities actively protect the interests of consumers in the BES islands' interests. The ConsuWijzer of the Consumer Authority and the Dutch Competition Authority (NMa) do not work on Bonaire.

Press release

Guest Editorial

Eet Smakelijk! (Enjoy your meal!)

hen you are looking for a place to eat on Bonaire www.tripadvisor.com gives you a list of 52 (!) restaurants with reviews and recommendations. This number does not include the little snacks in the barios.

Fifty-two restaurants on Bonaire implies that the combined restaurants can roughly serve 1,500 meals in an eve-

ning. If they would all be full, of course. As we can all observe every day that is hardly

A calculation based on the number of the residing visitors on the island and the island's residents and their spending pattern informs us that there are approximately 500 individuals looking to eat out every evening, which is in a nutshell the problem of the Bonairean restaurant industry. There is a surplus of restaurants and/or a shortage of visitors. And that in turns means that in our catering industry one must put one's best foot forward, work hard for little money and distinguish one restaurant from the rest (unfortunately there is a lot of copy-catting

Those aspiring to do their best and stand out from the rest must first make the most out of the basics of the restaurant business.

Whilst trying not to sound patronizing may I venture to mention some suggestions for improvements that can be accomplished with relatively small effort:

On occasion one enters a restaurant and there are candles, wicks and other lanterns burning on the table and one can hardly read the menu, let alone discern a piece of fish from a gob of mashed potato on a plate. Are we to bring a flashlight or illuminate the menu with our cell-phone?

Not easy even with a flashlight. Good lighting with a nice ambience can be achieved by a decent light over your plate. Somewhat higher than eye-level so that one can enjoy his company and still delight in all the marvelous delicious food on the table. This helps to boost the experience of

When we are settled in at our table we are ready to study the menu. "Surprise menus' appear to have a prominent place. Many courses for a modest reimbursement add up to much too much food. The helpings seem to be sized for young athletes and expectant mothers, certainly not for ordinary folks who have to mind their weight. Prudence is hence called for with the surprises, especially if one is not completely familiar with the kitchen. Would it be possible to order half-sized portions?

Food is being served. We plant the knife in a beautiful steak. It is nice and tender but cannot be devoured because the knife is blunt. You produce your Laguiole pocket knife (a product of France, I highly recommend by the way) but the rest of your company keeps on struggling. Their food is now cold because their plate, unfortunately, had not been warmed prior to

These are just a few examples of relatively small things that can be improved.

Independently of the choice of menu or ingredients, it is not that difficult to work based on the correct principles of cooking.



The youngsters who attend the SGB cooking and restaurant course are taught these from day one at school. Pity so many of them leave the island to seek employment elsewhere.

May I humbly offer some advice?

- Assemble a complete and well-designed table setting with contrasts in colors and textures. The eye is a guest at the dinner table too. That is where the anticipation of the lovely taste begins so make sure there is enough light. Preferably no collections of side dishes with apple-sauce, fries and salad parked next to the plates. Serve on a pre-heated plate.
- It is a good thing when there are contrasting bites to be found on a plate; soft fish alongside crispy vegetables. Roast meat versus baked potato and some stir fried vegetables. Harmony does not come from same-ness, unless you are serving "stamppot" which can be a treat too.
- Fish, beef or fowl have to be in consonance with the side dishes. Fish requires a different setting than meat. Alongside fish I am personally very fond of fennel, carrot or spinach and with a nice bit of meat some roasted tomatoes with herbs, some broccoli or some succulent lettuce.
- Steer yourself clear from the readymade articles from jars and freezer. Instead make use what is available fresh. Preferably local specialties like fish, goat meat and papaya to name a few items. There is plenty that can be found, even on an island

Whilst coming to an end I would like to bestow on you an outstanding recipe of local ingredients that can be prepared at home: Carpaccio of wahoo, a creation of my friend Jaap Istha. It is available in two restaurants on Bonaire, (Mona Lisa and It Rains Fishes.

Purchase some fillets of Wahoo: approximately a foot long and two inches in di-

Make a mélange of 1 kilo of white caster (superfine) sugar and 2 kilos of salt and place in an oval bowl. Strew the raw fillets with fresh herbs like parsley and chives, a little mustard, pepper and cover the fillets with the mix. Place in the fridge for three hours. Carefully remove the mix and carve the fish in very thin slices. Dress up a plate, add some lettuce and a dressing of honey, oil, mustard and

vinegar. Enjoy your meal!

PS: You can keep this dish for five days in the refrigerator.

Guus Gerritsen



BONAIREAN VOICES

MUSICAL SCHOOL CENTER TUTURUTU

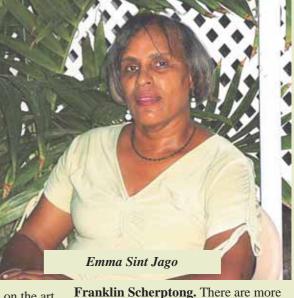
he Tuturutu music school opened its doors in April 2012 under the license of the Foundation for Art and Culture directed by Mrs. Emma Sint Jago (61). Before the opening in April the school had already been busy for more than a year and a half, teaching the children how to sing and play so they can get to know more about the Bonairean Culture. "The Cultural knowledge need to be passed to the youngsters," Emma explains.

She continues, "It's important to promote musical

talents, starting with our youth on the art and cultural levels. Our foundation has already been doing this for more than 20 years. We believe in continuity which is the key factor for success. Creativity is a talent that youngsters can cultivate from the time they are four years old until they are grown up. At four is a good time to start too. All this is given in the school: guitar, percussion and vocal lessons and workshops for different instruments. Coming from Aruba on October 25th-27th is Mrs. Tica Gill, a classical vocalist who will give vocal lessons to 16 year olds and older to perfect their singing abilities. Mrs. Gill will start with a group of 12 in three sessions: from 4:30-5:30 pm, 6-7 pm and 7:30-8:30 pm. Register between 10am-noon every day at the Tuturutu Music School, Kaya Rincon 56 or call 786-6420. Registration fee is \$15 and at the end you will get a certificate. Church choirs in Bonaire also are welcome too improve their singing.

In November as is the custom, the foundation will organize the Duo-Fest festival where everyone can show their talent.

Children from all over Bonaire are taking lessons at the music school in Rincon. Today there are more than 36 students. On Wednesdays there are vocal lessons, Saturdays, guitar and percussion lessons. Tuesdays and Thursdays the children have you have to visit the theory from 4:30-6:30 pm and at 7 pm is for adults. The teachers are musicians who play in different musical bands. They are Richinel Anthony, Genaro Anthony, Injemar Meyer, Francis Domacasse and



Franklin Scherptong. There are more teachers pending on the list to give lessons because the group is getting bigger. Most of the children are practicing for a concert they will have in December.

For continuity the music school has a lesson planner. Music manuals have already been written from Volume I to IV and are ready to be printed. Of course the necessary funds are needed, but it will happen any way." Emma continues, "We are more than thankful for all the cooperation we have gotten, starting in March this year until now. Cooperation and funds are indeed needed otherwise it wouldn't be in existence. Our greatest satisfaction will be if some of these students would become some great musicians of the future and also be head of the Music School and pass their talent to the youngsters. Our slogan is: The more you learn, the more you are.

On September 30th, the historical museum named "Chichi i Tan" will open its doors to show the public the work of great Bonairean musicians like, Shon **Ulita**. She dressed like a man to sing the Simadan (folkloric dance) songs; Mon **Toni** the "sinfonia" player in different celebrations, Augustien Kroon singer and musician. We can keep mentioning very important people who made great history in Bonairean music, but

museum." ■

Story & Photo by Siomara Albertus



Belated

On March 22nd, 2012, beautiful little Niozayni Josephia was born. That means she just completed 6 months! We wish her a happy and healthy life, full of love and blessings.

From her mama Zayanara, oma Ivette and grootoma Ilda and from Greta, Fleurtje and Liefje.



Piece of Paradise

Answers to your Bonaire real estate related questions. Please email your questions to

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Investing in real estate, even in these troubled times, is, in the long run, one of the best investments one can make. However, even though a property is not a living organism, it does need some tender loving care from time to time. This way your property will keep its value.

INVESTMENTS IN YOUR PROPERTY

REALLY PAY OFF?

So, what can I do to increase the value of my property, you might ask. Of course you need to perform regular maintenance, such as painting wood and walls, normal garden maintenance and maintenance of the technical installations on your property. However, doing this is just maintaining the value of your property, not increasing it.

On the other hand, unfortunately, it is not so that just any other investment in your property will result in a one-on-one increase in the value of your property. This may have to do with a specific taste choice you make for your property that may not always be to the liking of a buyer. However, as a rule of thumb, if you do not go totally overboard in relation to the price

category in which your property is, one can safely say that the following investments in your property will definitely pay off with respect to the value of the total.

First impressions are very important in many different aspects of life. In real estate it is no different. Therefore, curb appeal of your property is an important factor to take into consideration. Even though you may love the privacy your lush tropical garden is giving you, it might be worthwhile to consider trimming down these plants and trees. This will allow a much cleaner and more open appearance of your property. And, last but not least, it will not remind the potential buyer right away of all the work there is involved in garden maintenance.

Kitchens and bathrooms need to be up to date. Again, the buyer does not need to be reminded right away after moving in that he or she will have to start remodeling. This does not mean your kitchen and bathrooms have to have every type of novelty and equipment present. However, they should not be damaged and not be outdated. Tiles need to be well attached and tiled in a proper way. Drains should not



Updating a kitchen is usually a good investment

leak and appliances need to have a clean, updated look. If you consider renovating and want to work with color, then consider that it might be better to choose a more neutral tile and porcelain and use colorful accessories.

Walls should not be damaged and have been recently painted, as well as any floor or wall tiles. It is worthwhile repairing those for sure.

In addition if you really want to make a difference, you might want to consider adding a room and/or bathroom to your

chunk is being kept, while other bits and

home. This type of addition, when executed in an architectural and technological perfect way, can really make a difference in the value of your real estate.

So, all in all, it is in most cases very smart to invest further in your property. If you are ever in doubt, ask a real estate professional for advice, so you can make a well informed decision about what to do in these areas.

Corine van der Hout



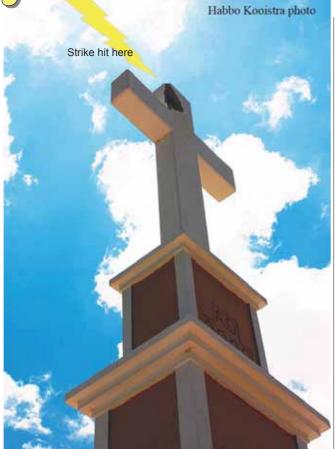
top of the cross. It is said that somewhere in Nikiboko the biggest part of the night not soon to be forgotten! ■

Greta Kooistra

Lightning Strikes The Cross

n the early morning hours of Thursday the 13th of September a raging thunderstorm unexpectedly passed over the island. In Nort Saliña the thunder rattled alongside Seru Largu for hours while lighting hit tirelessly. Then the power went out while people were trembling in their beds and dogs were desperate to get into the house. Meanwhile in Nawati, Republiek, some spots in Nikiboko and Sabadeco Terrace telephone landlines and television connections stopped working and internet modems got burnt - it took almost a week to replace them all.

On top of Seru Largu, one of Bonaire's landmarks got hit: lightning took a big chunk off the

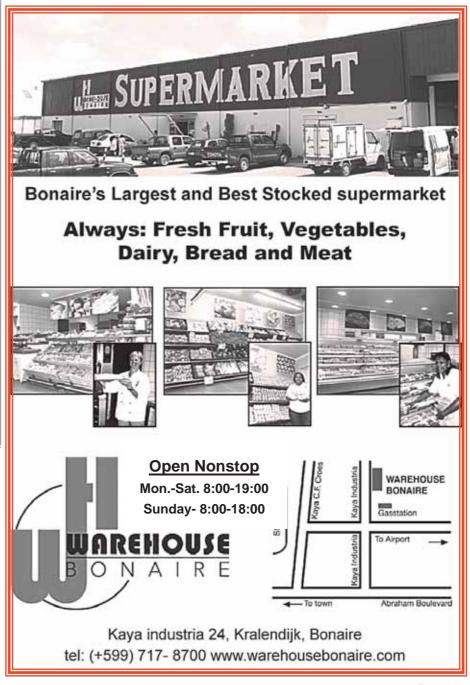




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It was the party of the year... if not the decade. Around 500 guests were invited by MCB Bank on Bonaire to celebrate the Bank's 50th anniversary at Landhuis Wanapa.

Copious refreshments and food were served throughout the evening. Prior to the official ceremonies of the evening there was entertainment including a talented belly dancer.

The landhuis (land house) was illuminated with hundreds of lights creating a fairytale-like ambiance that was punctuated with explosions and tongues of flame from the stage following the presentations.

The formalities began with short speeches by Ingrid Fenies and top bank officials, recognition of long-term employees and three generous donations to local non-profit, socially-oriented foundations. Outgoing MCB Bonaire Managing Director Evert Piar received Naf 50,000 for him to donate to his choice of charities. Talented employees and others provided entertainment. \blacksquare *G.D.*



A few of the people attending the party. Dress theme for men was black pants and white shirts, for women it was black, white or silver or a combination



The new head of MCB Bonaire, Leonard Domacasse, presents a check for \$5000 to Fundashon Kuido i Bienestar di Grandinan (Care and Welfare of the Elderly Center Foundation)



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The Lighthouses of Bonaire (2)- A "Hidden" Lighthouse

Both locals and tourists have passed by the Willemstoren when making a trip around the south side of Bonaire. This Doric style lighthouse, more than 20 meters high, is located on the flat south side of Bonaire and can be seen from far away.

It was lit for the first time on the 24 of August 1838, the birthday of the Dutch King Willem I. You can't miss the lighthouse with its prominent style in this flat landscape. Other lighthouses, the smaller more hidden ones, are less prominent.

I wanted to finish my lighthouse tour around the island, which I started more than a week ago (see *Bonaire Reporter*, August 31-September 14, "See to be Seen – Lighthouses of Bonaire) with a Radio Holland technician who was doing the monthly technical light check-up of all the five lights on Bonaire. With him I visited the lighthouse **Seru Bentana**, **Wecua** and the **Willemstoren**.

So the more hidden lighthouses of **Malmok** (no longer functioning), **Boca Spelonk** and the **light of Klein Bonaire** were still on my list!

On a Sunday morning I went with some good friends to Washington Slagbaai National Park. The combination of beautiful nature, a visit to the Malmok Lighthouse and a nice dive in the Bonaire National Marine Park would make this a great day. This Park, founded in 1979, is the first Marine Park in the world.

Once again we took the long road. We passed the Seru Bentana lighthouse (1910) where I could see that they have worked

hard and almost have finished their job. The big old green copper light was still on top, where I prefer it, instead of standing in a museum. Of course, there it will resist the elements of nature and humans better.

Following the "long route" in the park, we had to make the right hand turn on the byway to the

most northern part of the island. It's a road which bends sharply from left to right and right to left, with bushes on both sides, sometimes blocking our view. But finally I saw **Malmok**, standing free and open on the rough flat plateau of rocks with a beautiful view of the sea at the back. The stone tower, separated from the house, is the only comparison I can make with the Willemstoren and Boca Spelonk Lighthouses. And on the left side is a huge water cistern.

Malmok is roughly seven meters high, of a simple design: a round tower that becomes slightly smaller at the top. But it is a straight vertical where the bracket, or what is left of it, is attached to the wall of the tower. Luckily, because this little bit of iron can give us the information to help us unravel and tell us its history.

Like all details, no matter how small they are, they are all a source of the information I



The ruins of the Malmok lighthouse showing the bracket

need to understand about a building and its use in the past. (I hope there is somebody who can help me with more information about Malmok Lighthouse because up until now, I have found very little. You can send the information to

info@bonairereporter.com).

The iron bracket, almost at the top, has been 'eaten' by the elements of water, air and salt. From what is still left over, I think there must have been a kind of wooden floor on top of the iron beams. The whole tower, from bottom to top is a solid construction with no inside staircase. Both the solid construction, the iron platform and its small size can probably explain a difference in use compared to the other stone lighthouses. So I assume that this lighthouse was only used as a kind of fire beacon and never had a real light on top.

To reach the top, to light and keep the fire

The Caribbean's Leading Chandlery



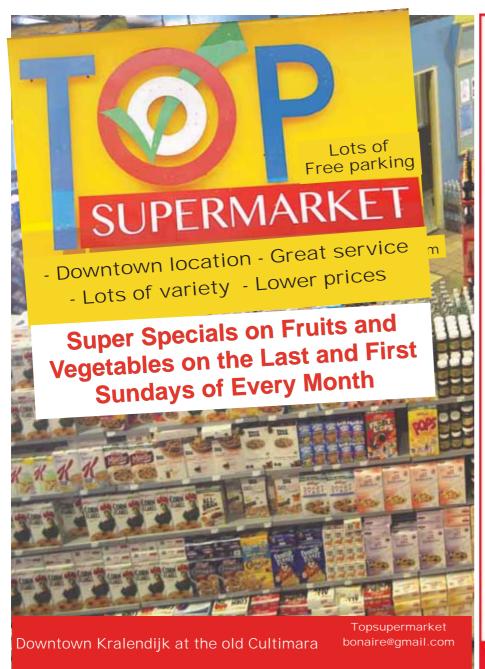
Simple but artistic stonework by early craftsmen

burning, the lighthouse keeper probably used stairs or a ladder to be put against the tower each time. There aren't any old or new scars in the stone pattern of the tower to come to any other conclusion.

Like the lighthouse, the house and water cistern were built with big natural hand cut stones that in the past were covered with stucco. The huge stones were put together with cement and little broken stones filled in the holes, forming a beautiful stone pattern—all done with such craftsmanship that it almost looks like art.

The little house (research building, ac-

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Lighthouse (Continued from page 11) cording to some information) is a simple Kas di Hala, with a symmetrical front with a door in the middle accompanied by windows on both sides. The entrance was what was probably also the living room (sala). On the windy east side was the bedroom, with three windows, so with an almost natural airco! On the west side, as usual, is the kitchen, preventing the delicious kitchen smells from entering the whole house. It's different because it was probably a fogon (oven) without a chimney!

Where once there was a rainwater gutter on top of the north and south walls we can see that they used red bricks in the construction, the only place in the whole building. The gutter was connected to the water cistern with a pipe of sorts, because we can see a hole in the east side of the cistern.

Also the water cistern is a little different from the usual. Inside, the walls going from the bottom up are slightly tapered, and then become vertical where the roof starts, forming a solid base to hold the pressure of the water from the inside. The roof at the sea side is higher than on the land side, which is usual for 'normal' water cisterns. But here it is a little higher than normal, probably to prevent salt water from coming in from high waves. Fresh rain water is of great value, especially in this area, so you don't want to have it mixed up with salty sea water.

The first lighthouse plans for Bonaire were made in 1730 by Commander Jan Hendrik Geerkens, according to the book 'Bonaire, From Indian to Tourist' (pages 71-72) written by Dr. Joh. Hartog.

Many ships became stranded on the island in the past. It was bad for the passengers and ships but good for free food and goods for the residents of Bonaire!

Those old days returned in the last 20 years because the lights were not working anymore. For that reason *Rijkswaterstaat/*DZN started the restoration of the lighthouses of Bonaire on October 19, 2011. *Rijkswaterstaat* is re-

sponsible for keeping the five lights (Willemstoren, Seru Bentana, Boka Spelonk, and the masts Wecua and on Klein Bonaire) burning. The operation is done by Radio Holland. The local Bonaire island government is responsible for the buildings and masts.

In the 18th century the discussion about the need for a lighthouse became stronger because of the loss of more and more ships. At that time the southeast point of Bonaire had the name, "Punta de la Ore" ("Point of Praying") But because the powers that be were more afraid that the light would be a beacon for the enemy, a welcome to uninvited visitors and the high construction cost they decided not to build a lighthouse on Bonaire.

Many stranded navy ships later, Jacob van Bosveld made the wise decision to make the first fire beacon around 1761/1762, built by Jan Rodier. This first fire beacon, a pile of stones with some wood, was standing on almost the same spot as the Willemstoren.

It looks like the Malmok Lighthouse was a further development of a kind of fire beacon. The fire base was raised, built on just a little seven-meter-high tower because this is the hilly side of the island.

Was Malmok the next step in development or was it a just a lighthouse with a little building provided by private funds, and for that reason small and relatively simple? It ceased functioning with the building of Seru Bentana, a professionally equipped lighthouse in nearby hilly surroundings with excellent visibility from the sea and land.

Can we conclude, with all this visual but

little factual historical information, that this is the oldest lighthouse on Bonaire?

Story & Photos by Wilna Groenenboom



Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

Elderly men and women also live longer without serious health problems, statistics showed. A 65-year-old man or woman today will live on average a further 14 years without serious ailments The Dutch Government plans to increase the official retirement age in line with life-expectancy projections from 2023.

- ▶ On September 21 Bonaire celebrated "Leader of Child Care Day (*Dia Lider di Krèsh*)" with various activities. Child care centers, better known on island as "*Crèches*," are an important part of Bonaire's society offering affordable care for children from infancy to four years old. Kindergarten begins at four in local schools. Bonaire has 16 crèches employing 65 leaders
- ▶ THE HAGUE--The Dutch Government is making additional funds available for prison capacity in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba in the coming years. The Ministry of Safety and Justice is budgeting ⊕.5 million annually for the next five years. According to the Ministry's 2013 draft budget the ⊕.5 million, an increase of €400,000, covers the operating cost of 125 prisoners at the various centers of detention including the prison in Bonaire and the future prison in St. Eustatius. That's €76,000 per person per year, far more than most people in Bonaire earn. Bonaire's Prison Tourism will continue to boom.

The Ministry has also budgeted €16.57 million for the police force and fire departments in the BES Islands. This amount will remain unchanged from 2013 through 2017.

- ► AMSTERDAM--Dutch households, with an average wealth of €61,315 per person, are the fifth richest in the world according to the Allianz insurance company survey of several dozen countries. The figure is calculated by deducting household debt from assets. The richest people live in Switzerland, followed by Japan, the US and Belgium.
- ▶ Outgoing Dutch Minister Liesbeth Spies said €580,588 was spent on expenses for officials from the Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations to visit the Caribbean Netherlands between January 1, 2010, and August 31, 2012. A review of travel cost incurred by each government department to Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba cannot be presented, because each department is responsible for such individually.

These costs were not at the expense of available funds for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, she added.

▶ The FCA Chirino Memorial Dental Clinic is completing renovation intending to become the best equipped dental clinic in Bonaire with state of the art dental technology service. The renovated clinic wants to be the most modern; not only in Bonaire but in the Caribbean region.

"What we are building," according to dentist Percy Chirino, "will be a totally renewed dental consulting office with state of the art equipment and services, total attention for dental needs, updated and specifically taking into consideration optimum dental care for the Bonaire client."

The new clinic will have four fully equipped treatment rooms computerized with digital dental anesthetic system and the latest CAD/CAM dental technology, one room where dentures are made and another room specifically for surgical treatment

The renovated Dental Clinic is located at Kaya Korona 18. For more information please contact via e-mail chirinodental-clinic@gmail.com or telephone nr. 717-8106 or 796-8106.



► For the 12th time Jong Bonaire is organizing its annual fundraising *Swim to Klein Bonaire*. This year it will take place on **Sunday the 7th of October.** Everyone, young and old, is invited to participate.

Take The Bus!

At the initiative of the Social Economic Institute (*Inisiativa Sosio Ekonómiko*, SEI) with funding from USONA, a three-month pilot project offering scheduled bus service between Playa neighborhoods and Rincon began September 23rd and is set to continue through December 23, 2012 The price of a ride is \$1.50.

It should be especially useful for children travelling to and from school, people disinclined to own cars and the elderly. If the bus is used by people who normally would drive themselves it would save energy too.

There are 21 official stops on the route which tales a bit over an hour for the round-trip. Six round-trips a day are planned. A tentative schedule is below.

The bus starts at 5:47 am and ends at 9:30 pm. If the service proves out it will continue, but the fare may change. For more information contact Eric Soleana or Edsel Cecilia of the Public Transport Commission (*Komishon Transporte Públiko (COV)* at 717-8130 or 717-5330-extension 521. ■

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Last year, more than 350 people swam to Klein Bonaire and most of them swam back as well. This time, again a record-breaking number of participants is expected.

The **Swim to Klein Bonaire is not a race**, but a fun swim. For those who do not wish to swim back there are

boats available to pick up people and return them to the Eden Beach Resort starting point. Participants can use fins, masks or flotation devices. All funds raised during

All funds raised during this event will be used to further professionalize Jong Bonaire's water sports.

Advance tickets can be obtained from Jong Bonaire, Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa and De Freewieler cycle shop in town, or on the day of the swim. To make the registration proc ess faster on the day of the event, you are advised to buy your ticket prior to the date of the event. On Satur day, 6th of October, at Jong Bonaire, there will be preregistration from 5 pm till 8 pm, but it is OK to register on the swim day too. Participants must be on the beach by 7 am. Cost is \$15 per adult, and \$10 per child, and includes an event t-shirt, lunch, and

For more information, phone Jong Bonaire at 717-

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► Consumers who do their shopping in several supermarkets in order to pay the lowest price, do not spend less, according to a thesis which economist Mark

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Green Fingers

Green Fingers is a Reporter feature created by Carla Hay and brought to you by herself 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

t is very easy to grow a garden. My yard was covered with rocks and boulders so my friends used to joke that it must be kabritunan (goats) living here as only they could maneuver through those rocks. Gardening is not an expensive hobby but you have to dedicate yourself and put in the required work. It's a great way for you to exercise and a good form of relaxation. It also gives self satisfaction but most importantly it is the joy of sharing its produce.'

When I met Norma Cole somehow we started talking about a fruit tree called "June Plum" or locally "Oba." I asked if she could bring me one, and weeks later out of the blue she remembered! I said to her, "Don't worry I'll bring you a plant," and she replied, "No need, whenever I give seedlings or fruits I get more crop from my trees. The more I give, the more I get." I found that really struck me sharing nature's abundance.

Norma is a wonderful character: vibrant, even threw out seeds for the birds and humorous, classy and down to earth. She has been on Bonaire for 23 years but grew up in Saint Mary, Jamaica, on a farm with a river running through the property where they exported bananas, coffee, cacao and created their fence with pineapple trees. There she learnt the way of the land. They were encouraged as children to replace whatever was taken from the land so Landscape Archithey were always re-planting the heads of pineapple, sugarcane, yam, etc. "You take but you give back, " she said. As children they would watch these plants grow with such excitement and curiosity. We laughed as Norma acted out the playful curiosity they had - checking every hour to see if the plant had grown.

So with this Norma was always connected with nature. It's visible in her garden. On entrance it's a beautifully well maintained lawn (Buffalo grass) with rocks and pockets of color (Bougainvillea, Tuturutu, Plumeria). She has a fantastic variety of plants which she hasn't paid a cent for! She was honest with this. " I beg, take cuttings, seedlings and steal if need be!" But she also rescues them and earned the title "the plant rescuer." Peo-



Norma in her garden

ple bring her plants they want to throw away or that are sick. So she nurtures them back to health and beyond. For example she saved some ferns that now reside on her porch and look like they might whole pimento grains keep on growing to Rincon.

That may be because she really looks after her plants. She tends them but also talks to them. "Hey, what's wrong with you?" or when she's frustrated, "YOU'RE A BIG WASTE OF SPACE!" and praises them when they are looking fantastic.

Then she has many fruit trees hidden in the shelter of her house: sugar cane, ackee, bananas, papaya, sweetsop, soursop, guava, mispel, june plum, mango, etc. She is constantly giving away fruits and plants. I asked her what her favorite is and she pragmatically replied, "Ackee because I can get a meal from it and it's absolutely delicious." Not everyone may be familiar with Ackee but it's the national fruit of Jamaica and the traditional dish is "Ackee and Saltfish." It is a very underrated tree on Bonaire. It grows well here and provides much food as well as attracting bees. But beware, as it is poisonous if picked at the wrong time. The fruits need to open naturally on the tree! Following closely for her is pomegranate because "It is suited to this climate, easy to grow and rich in vitamins and antioxidants." She

they grew in the garden by themselves!

So enjoy and don't forget to share.

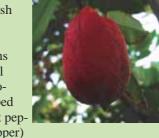
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ACKEE & SALTFISH RECIPE

Ingredients:

1 dozen ackees 1/2 lb salt-fish (salted cod/ bacaloa) 3 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 medium tomato, chopped ½ cup sweet pepper (bell pepper)



chopped (red, green & yellow mix) 1 small onion, chopped or in rings 2 cloves garlic, minced

1 hot scotch bonnet pepper - diced or jerk seasoning (optional) or black pepper 1 tablespoon butter

1/4 tsp ground pimento (allspice) or a few

Chopped fresh basil

Method:

Soak salt-fish (bacaloa) in cold water preferably overnight to remove as much salt as possible.

Place in a pot with enough cold water to cover salt-fish and boil to remove remaining salt. Save some of the salted water for cooking the ackee. If fish is still too salty, wash it again.

Flake cooked saltfish.

Remove ackees from the pods. Remove the seeds and pink interior, wash and place cleaned ackees in a pan of boiling salted water.

Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until tender, do not overcook. Drain and

Heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté tomato, sweet pepper, onion, hot pepper, garlic and pimento over medium heat. Add cooked, flaked salt-fish, butter, chopped basil and sauté for an additional minute.

Add cooked, drained ackee to the sautéed ingredients, and stir lightly.

Cover the pan and simmer for 5 minutes. It's normally served with roasted breadfruit (unavailable here), boiled green bananas, Johnny cakes, yucca as a breakfast item but can accompany any of your favorite starches including yam and potatoes as any meal of the day.

Variation: Add crispy bite sized pieces of bacon in addition to salt-fish.

KOOL KAT (June plum drink)

This is a very refreshing summer drink. Some people like to peel off the skin, but I leave the skin on for added nutrients.

1 dozen green June Plums, washed and diced, discard seeds 2 cups of water Fresh ginger, washed and grated Sugar or honey according to your taste Sprig of mint

Method:

Place June plums, water and ginger in a blender and blend until smooth. Strain and mix in sugar to sweeten. Serve over crushed ice and garnish with mint.

Recipes by Norma Cole

Cases

Reopened



Ramonsito Booi

Burney El Hage

he almost four-year-long investiga- ■ tion into money-laundering, fraud, drug-trafficking and gold smuggling in the activities of two Bonaire public officials diminished to two relatively minor charges: possible fraud in the exchange of Sunset Beach property involving Ramonsito Booi and a mortgage application discrepancy for Burney El Hage.

Last year, when it appeared that the initial house searches, imprisonments and criminal procedures yielded no criminal evidence, the investigation was closed. But it was reopened earlier this year at the complaint of the Good Governance Foundation (Fundashon Bon Gobernashon). Following review of evidence a court recommended prosecution on the two above charges but dismissed six others.

The first charge involves possible forgery related to land transfer of former Sunset Beach Hotel property. It centered on a deal between the Bonairean "Prefab NV" of Booi and Kralendijk Real Estate BV involving two parcels of land in Kralendijk. According to the deed of transfer of September 14, 2006, the selling price was Naf 450,000 while the actual value of the two parcels had been between Naf 900,000 and Naf 1,000,000. The Prosecutor received documents from Girobank which showed that the actual selling price was Naf.

The second charge relates to fraud for mortgages for the "Residence El Hage." It alleges that incorrect or incomplete information was provided to banks, which induced these banks to grant two requested mortgage loans: the first on January 25, 2008, for Naf 375,000 at Maduro and Curiel's bank (MCB) and the second – with cancellation of the first – on November 16, 2009, for Naf 565,000 at Banco di Caribe.

A trial still has to be held to determine the guilt or innocence of the men on the two charges. \blacksquare *G.D.*



In its continuina effort to keep Bor aire Clean, Chat 'n' Browse has established a new service for visitors, students and residents. 24

hour laundry service!! Drop off before noon and pick up next morning! \$2 lb. \$10 minimum. At Sand Dollar Plaza Kaya Gob n Debrot 79, 717-2281 info@chatnbrowse.com

MILLIONS HUNDING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

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

8am-noon

-Founding Meeting of the Union di Konsumidó Boneiru (Unkobon), Jong Bonaire, 10 am (Story on page 6)

Sunday, September 30th
-Ocean Conservancy Coastal
Cleanup at Playa Chikitiu. Meet at
the Washington Slagbaai National Park
gates at 8 am (from 8 am-1 pm). Bring
a container for water, hat, sunblock
Information: Contact STCB 717-2225
or 701-0433 or STINAPA 717-8444 or
online http://www.bonaireturtles.org/act/
volunteer/beach-cleanup/ or http://
www.facebook.com/bonaireturtles.
-Feria di Salu (Health Fair). Club

-Feria di Salu (Health Fair), Club Vitesse, from 11 am-5 pm -Opening of Chichi Tan, historical music museum, Rincon. Info: 786-6420

Friday, October 5—Trio Concert presented by Classical Music Board Bonaire, guitar, violin & piano, Cacique Hall, Plaza Hotel, 8 pm (more on pages 6 & 17)

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



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

Saturday, October 13—Ship to Shore Boat Party, from Kas di Regatta to Kas di Arte. Build your own boat and compete. More information 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. Registration will be at Divi Flamingo Resort at Friday October 19th & Saturday 20th from 5 pm – 7 pm. Prize money-over \$3500. Start training now.

REGULAR EVENTS

• Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for

Tours \$21 (includes tax). Discounts fo residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

• We Dare to Care Park children's playground open hrs 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm entrance fee 1.00 per child & 1.50 per adult. Saturdays open for free. Closed on Sundays.

Saturdays

•We Dare To Care Playground Ba-

zaar, Flea market tables are \$10 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

•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.

<u>Tuesdays</u>
Chez Nous Restaurant—Multi-course dinner prepared by students, under direction of teachers, \$20. At the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-

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

Fridays

Happy Hour Crafts Market at Wilhelmina Park, sponsored by Bonaire Arts and Crafts Association. 5-9 pm. **Happy Hour party at Bistro Di Paris**. Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6 - 9pm

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

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

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

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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 Tues-day**, 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

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

Rotary lunch meetings **Wednesdays**, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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 mornings10am to 11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm. Contact: 717-

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday 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 701-0522

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

Who's Who on The Bonaire Reporter

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Picture Yourself In Iceland

S teve and Sue Chant of Colchester, Vermont, sent a photo for the "Picture Yourself with the Bonaire Reporter" feature of themselves in Iceland.

They have enjoyed visits to Bonaire in 2011 and 2012, and are set to return in February of 2013. Steve wrote, "In this photo, we are aboard a ferry boat in the harbor at Reykjavik, Iceland, en-route to the historic sites at Videy Island. While there, we also



enjoyed the midnight sun, where the sun set briefly at about midnight, left behind a bright dusk for a couple of hours before the sunrise at about 3 am.

Picture Yourself On An

Island in Thailand

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

Elsa Maria Gomes and Hilário Pereira, who have been living in Bonaire since last year sent us this photo taken on a gorgeous viewpoint of Phi Phi Islands, in Thailand.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 14) Vroegrijk at the University of Tilburg. According Vroegrijk, a researcher at the NWO (Dutch Organization for Scientific Research), 60 to 80% of consumers shop in various supermarkets in order to save money to purchase a product where it is priced the lowest.

But, according to the researcher, this approach is counterproductive. "The more a consumer visits supermarkets, the more he or she is exposed to tempting offers." The consumer thus saves on individual products but spends more than if he purchased all his items in one supermarket. He focused mainly on spending in big supermarkets like Albert Heijn.



► As of October 1st Yoga Bonaire will offer its many different levels of classes at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47 Monday 8 am -Gentle Flow Yoga

6 pm -Vigorous Yoga

Tuesday 8 am-Vigorous Yoga

Wednesday 12:15 pm -Replenish/restorative midday Yoga

Thursday 4:45 pm -Kids Yoga (ages 4 to 10)

Thursday 6 pm -Gentle Flow Yoga Friday 8 am - Gentle Flow Yoga Saturday 8 am -Moderate/Vigorous Yoga; 9:30 am- Prenatal Yoga

Yoga will be suspended 8 till 15 October (Regatta Week).

▶ The Classical music Board Bonaire invites you to attend a Trio Concert by accomplished local musicians Elger Verschuur (guitar, violin), Benji Schaub (guitar) and Hans Odin Faassen (piano), Friday October 5, at 8 pm at the Cacique Hall at Plaza Resort Bonaire. Tickets \$20 (\$25 at the door), students—\$10. 786-0455.

On the same day the musicians will give a school concert for the SGB students, using a custom repertoire and explanation about the different music styles. That concert starts at 2pm. This concert is also organised by the Classical Music Board Bonaire.

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Bonairean Humor

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



A woman who weighed 200 pounds went to a nutrition specialist to try to lose weight: "What do I have to do, doctor? The last few weeks I ate a lot of chocolate, Chinese food and cake." Doctor: "Well, let's take a look. Open your mouth and say mooooo."

Buchi: "Teacher, teacher, I don't understand this English language, you know? Help me understand this. 'Outo' in English is CAR, then 'homber' in English is MEN. Does that mean that my Aunt Carmen is a transformer?"

There's a guy so drunk that he crawls out of the bar where he was drinking. He crawls the entire way home, he crawls up the steps, opens the door of his house and continues to crawl all the way up to get into bed. The next morning his wife asks him: "You drank yourself really drunk last night, no?" The man answers: "NO!!" The wife says: "Then why did the bar call to tell me that you left your wheelchair there last night?"

ama, mama, can you give me two dollars for me to give the man crying on the street ?"
"Buchi, you have such a big heart? What is the man crying about?"
"The man is crying, Ice cream, Ice cream for only two dollars!"

A school teacher was giving the results of a test: "Carlos 10, Pedro 8, Juan 6, Buchi 0." Buchi: "Teacher, why did I get a zero?" Teacher: "Because you were looking at Pedro's test." Buchi: "How do you know that?" Teacher: "Because the first four questions have the same answers, and on the last question Pedro wrote "I don't know the answer to this question" and you wrote "Me neither."

Sudoku Puzzle

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Sudoku Solution

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Pet of the Week



eet "Nanu" being cuddled by
Bonaire Animal Shelter manager
Marlies. This gentle dog was found wandering by the roundabout near Lisa Gasno place for such a sweet dog as he. (Maybe if he were a she the name would be

"Lisa?")

fence has been replaced by a new one and the area outside the fence has been cleared of cactus and brush. It's all

Nanu's history isn't known but today, after being looked after by the staff and volunteers at the Shelter Nanu is a darling pup, very happy, friendly and playful, and he especially loves to be around kids. He's so cute when he pricks up his years and looks expectant. Nanu is about one and a half years old, he's healthy, has been checked out by the vet, has had his shots, sterilization and of course his identification "chip" (see related article at end. You may meet him and the other adoptees at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com.



A group of working soldiers with Shelter staff member Kenneth Piar"

ave you been to the Shelter lately? It's spic and span, the old cactus fence has been one and the area outside the fence has been cleared of cactus and brush. It's all thanks to 40 members of the HMS Pelikaan's 2nd **Platoon Com**pany of the West **Indies** who came to the Shelter and

worked for two solid days in shifts. Everyone wins: the Shelter that got a transformational facelift, the soldiers who got some satisfying exercise outside and the pets who got to enjoy observing all those nice people working for them! Thank you, guys and gals!



The soldiers even brought their own truck to transport the cactus for the new fence.

Note from The Hague:

Dog breeders are to be required by law to have a microchip inserted in every puppy within seven weeks of their birth, the Dutch caretaker cabinet agreed last week.

The chip will include the owner's name and address, which will be stored in a

database, according to a cabinet statement. The aim of the plan is to try to eradicate problems in the dog breeding industry and identify owners of dogs which have been abandoned or neglected. Some 70% of dogs are now given a chip on a voluntary basis. The measure is likely to be implemented in 2013. Whether it will be applied in Bonaire is not known.

However, every animal that is adopted from the Bonaire Animal Shelter will have an ID chip implanted by the veterinarian.

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Imitate an Animal and Win



n Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4, STINAPA and the WWF Ranger Club, the youth club of the World Wildlife Fund, will organize a fun contest for schoolchildren. On those days the schools may present their most talented animal imitators. The best imitators of an animal will be rewarded with great prizes such as an ice cream or a snorkeling trip with the whole class.

Children who are not so good at imitating animal sounds can still win a nice prize. This is possible by checking out the "special animals word search" in the Extra Bonaire newspaper of September 17. All entries will be rewarded with a nice prize. The deadline is Saturday, September 29.

Press Release



Martijn checks out the new wheelbarrow and tools donated by Playa Trading

A nother big thank you goes to Playa Trading for the donation of the brand new wheelbarrow, shovels and rakes. It's thanks to these generous business people that the Shelter can keep operating and look good doing it!

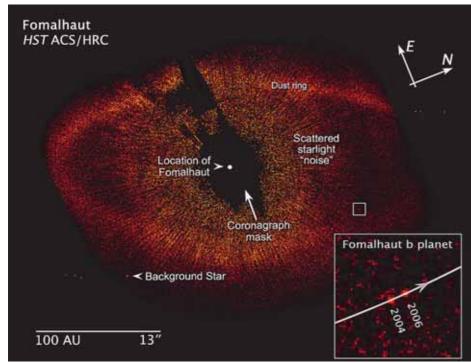




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*to find it... just look up

STARS WITH SECRETS



S ky Park stars are not always what they seem. Most stars in the sky are really two, three, or more stars orbiting each other. Many stars wildly fluctuate in brightness. They're all different colors and temperatures. Some are newly born and others are nearing their dramatic demise.

Let's look at three stars in the fall sky with hidden secrets. The first star is really two beautifully colored stars when seen in a small telescope. The second will make your head spin. And the third is a lonely star with a funny name that gave astronomers a big planetary surprise. As our telescopes get better and better we're uncovering the mysterious nature of stars trillions of miles away. Let me introduce you to the stars Albireo, Altair, and Fomalhaut.

Around 10 pm Sky Park time this month look west. The most prominent feature in this part of the sky is the **Summer Triangle**. Look for the three brightest stars high in the sky and you've found it.

The three stars are called Vega, Altair and Deneb

Deneb is supposed to be the bright tail of the constellation Cygnus the swan but we're going to zoom in on the fainter head star visible inside the Summer Triangle. This is the star called Albireo and it's one of the favorites

for amateur astronomers with a small tele-

Now let's get back to the star Altair and his hidden secret. Altair looks like any ordinary bright white star. But Altair is one of the closer stars to us at only 17 light years away. And because it's "relatively" close astronomers could uncover Altair's secret - it's mindboggling rotational rate. Meaning it spins really fast.

Our Sun spins as well. The Sun rotates about 2 kilometers per second at its equator and it takes over 25 days for the Sun to spin once at the equator.

Next, let's look south at 10 pm. You'll see only one bright star. This is Fomalhaut, the brightest star in the constellation of Piscis Australis or the southern fish

Fomalhaut is a blue-white star, 25 light years away, making it a closer target to observe with the best telescopes. In 2004 astronomers detected a dust ring around Fomalhaut. We call it proto-planetary debris

And everyone got excited. This was the kind of proto-planetary debris that might harbor a planet or even a whole solar system. And then in 2008, astronomers caught the first visiblelight image of a planet orbiting around another star, orbiting around Fomalhaut. You have to really squint, but there it is.

James Albury



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By Astrologer Michael Thiessen September 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Make sure all of your travel and driver's documents are in proper order. Finish off old projects before starting something new. Your temper could get the better of you if you confront personal situations. Try to deal with it quickly; don't dwell on past regrets. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)Don't overdo it. You need to enjoy yourself. Plan some family outings. Your partner will be emotionally unable to cope. You may be up for some changes in your home. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You will have a little more energy than usual. Deep discussions may only lead to friction. Any renovation or decorating to your home should include the whole family. You'll get to your destination just as quickly. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. You will want to take off and have some recreation. You are best to work at home, clearing up overdue projects. You will impress new friends and acquaintances with your intellectual wit. Your lucky day this week will be Mon-

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Do your job and then spend some time with family; you'll be glad you did. Make changes to your home that will be pleasing to everyone involved. You will be on the rampage this week. Anger could lead to problems. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Anger may cause you grief; control your temper and try to sit back and calm down. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict. Emotionally you won't see things accurately. You will find the excitement gratifying. Your lucky day this week will be Monday. <u>LIBRA</u> (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You will need to do a lot of research if you wish to get to the bottom of things. Do things

for them but don't allow them to make unreasonable requests. Try not to lend or borrow money this week. Your stubborn nature will backfire if you give your mate an ultimatum. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your talents are likely to be discovered. Be extra careful with your valuables; loss and theft are evident this week. Promote your ideas now. You may find yourself interested in more than one person. Your lucky day this week will be Satur-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't draw too much attention to yourself at work. Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. You may find it difficult to discuss personal matters with family members. Be confident in your endeavors and others will believe in your efforts. Your lucky day this week will be Thurs-

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Close deals that have been up in the air and move on to new ones that appear to be profitable. Join humanitarian groups and let your leadership ability take over. Put in some extra hours and finish those careful jobs before you move on to some fun and games. Talk to someone with experience about budgets or consolidating debts. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Take time to look at any outdated papers or possible investments. Be ready to explain your actions. You will find yourself tied to the phone. Hidden assets can be doubled if you play your cards correctly. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Go over their important documents and take the time to suggest alternatives. Involvement in groups will be favorable and lead to valuable information. Do not blow situations out of proportion. You'll meet new friends if you try new activities. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

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