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The Dutch government says it will contribute up to €7.8 million to alleviate any excessive increase to electricity and drinking water rates in Bonaire. The amount should limit the rate increase to 15-20% rather than the 50-60% increase forecast.

Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Infrastructure and Environment Joop Atsma informed the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament that the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation and Agriculture (EL&I) and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment (I&M) are willing to contribute to limit the rate increase.

The bridging contribution, which is being funded through the Ministries' own budget, serves as an interim solution in anticipation of legislation to secure "efficient, cost-effective and affordable" energy and drinking water tariffs and sewerage levy, explained Atsma.

"Household incomes in Bonaire are less than half those of the general Dutch level, but customers have to pay four times as much per cubic meter for water in comparison to what a Dutch household pays," stated Atsma.

THE HAGUE--Double taxation on goods transported between Curaçao and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be a thing of past by November 1 this year. Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Finance Frans Weekers and Curaçao caretaker Minister of Finance George Jalmaloodin signed a fiscal restriction between Curaçao and the Caribbean Netherlands to be in effect by November 1, 2012.

In practice this means no more import duties or other indirect taxes including Sales Tax will be levied on goods that enter Curaçao then shipped on to Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. Bonaire residents now pay double taxes because they pay import duties and other taxes on goods that enter Curaçao and they pay taxes again when these goods are imported into their own island.

As well, no taxes will be levied on export goods from Curaçao to the three islands.

State Secretary Weekers said he was happy with the agreement. "I count on it that the elimination of Curaçao levies will lower prices in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, and that both companies and residents will benefit from this," he stated.

► **There soon may be a solution to the shortage of cooking gas (propane).** CUROIL, the supplier of most fuels to Bonaire

explained at a recent press conference that, by the end of this month, there will be additional 600, 20 lb. and 100 lb. cylinders delivered to Bonaire on a regular basis; 600 cylinders is estimated to be a two-week supply. There is a plan to add another truck for delivery as well. **Users of 100 lb. tanks are required** to have another tank for backup.

Elfried Paulina, CUROIL Manager, explained that the problem had its root in the failure of the Catalytic Cracker at the refinery in Curaçao. It was aggravated by a shortage of tanks and revised shipment/customs procedures. Possibly a large tank "fill station" will be installed on Bonaire.

► **Recently, Customs had a general discussion** with some of its clients to get better acquainted and improve future communication. All participants experienced the discussions as positive. The emphasis was on two issues: What is going well and what could be better. The parties agree that cooperation was going well. There is mutual understanding for each other's role in the application of customs legislation. There are certain issues that need to be improved. According to the client panel, the **import declarations** could be processed faster.



But also the **lack of parking spaces and wait times at the cash registers** are points that should be addressed. Moreover the possibilities of credit and payment regulations have been discussed. The discussion will be resumed in about three months.

► **Commissioner of Education Silvana Serfilia met with the Plataforma di Enseñansa (Platform of Education) to discuss the improvement of school buildings on Bonaire, including the removal of asbestos from school buildings.**

All schools in Bonaire will be renovated and all asbestos will be removed over the next five years. However, the presence of asbestos in school buildings does not pose health risks. There are only risks when asbestos-containing materials are being removed and/or damaged; for example, by crushing, drilling, sanding or sawing. No asbestos-containing materials were found in Colegio San Luis Bertran. **Asbestos was found in all other schools,** including Scholengemeenschap Bonaire, Colegio San Bernardo, Colegio Papa Kornes, Watapana School, Colegio Kristu Bon Wardador, Colegio Reina Beatrix and De Pelikaan School. It mainly concerns asbestos incorporated in roofing, ventilation pipes and ducts.

► **WILLEMSTAD—Dutch Antilles Express (DAE) announced** in a press release it will add **two new flights** early in December **from Curaçao to Bogotá and Barranquilla.** An MD-83 jet will fly from Curaçao to Bogotá and a Fokker-100 prop-jet will fly to Barranquilla three times a week. Cartagena will also be added as a destination with an ATR starting in January 2013.

► **The Vice Consul of the US for the Dutch Caribbean will be in Bonaire for American Citizen Services on: Thursday 18th of October, from 8 – 12 pm** at Trans World Radio Church at Kaya Gobernador Debot #64, on a "first come,

first served" basis only.

The Consul will only be able to provide the following services: accepting applications for a US passport; accepting applications for a Report of Birth Abroad to a US citizen; notarizing documents and Social Security Applications. Only cashier's checks in US dollars and negotiable in the US will be accepted. Fees range from \$150 to \$15.



► **Bonaire's annual influenza vaccination campaign was launched last week.** The flu vaccine is available free from your GP. Deputy Silvana Serfilia stresses the importance of the shot to those who are particularly at risk.

Persons who are eligible and for whom it is recommended are people with respiratory problems such as asthma and bronchitis, heart disease, reduced resistance, diabetes, health professionals, care-givers and / or relatives of persons with reduced resistance and all those over 60 years old. For further information see the leaflet, "Protect yourself against flu." The doctor can tell you if you qualify for the flu shot. It takes about two weeks for the flu shot to work so you can still get influenza during those two weeks. The flu shot is safe and can protect against flu

► **THE HAGUE--Dutch caretaker Minister of Safety and Justice Ivo Opstelten says there are no signs that the court was under political pressure in the case against Bonaire Commissioner Burney Elhage and UPB Leader Ramonsito Booi.** Opstelten stated this response to two sets of questions posed by Mem-

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New Dutch Government

Prime Minister Mark Rutte is working toward forming his second government. Last week he took the first step by agreeing to budget changes with the Labor Party, but stressed a coalition may still be far away.



Mark Rutte

In his last coalition, he had to juggle the interests of his right-leaning Liberal Party and the centrist Christian Democrats while bowing to the demands of anti-Islam, anti-immigration politician Geert Wilders whose support he needed in Parliament.

However, after his party won the most seats in the election on September 12, Rutte's next partner is likely to be the center-left Labor Party led by **Diederik Samsom**. Hans van Baalen, a liberal Member of the European Parliament observed "Rutte is easygoing like Ronald Reagan. He doesn't get ruffled, he unites people." Nicknamed the "Teflon prime minister" because he manages to avoid being tarnished by disasters. Rutte regularly tops opinion polls as the most popular politician in The Netherlands, but behind the 24/7 smile and calm manner is a career politician with killer instincts.

"He's not a friendly guy, but he is likeable," said political strategist Kay van de Linde.

Rutte has spent most of his life in politics: as president of the young liberals, as a junior minister of Social Affairs and Education, with a stint working in the private sector at Unilever's peanut butter unit.

Rutte warned voters during last month's election campaign that a victory for his Labor opponents would be "dangerous" for The Netherlands, even though in televised election debates both party leaders engaged quite amicably, prompting speculation they could be coalition partners.

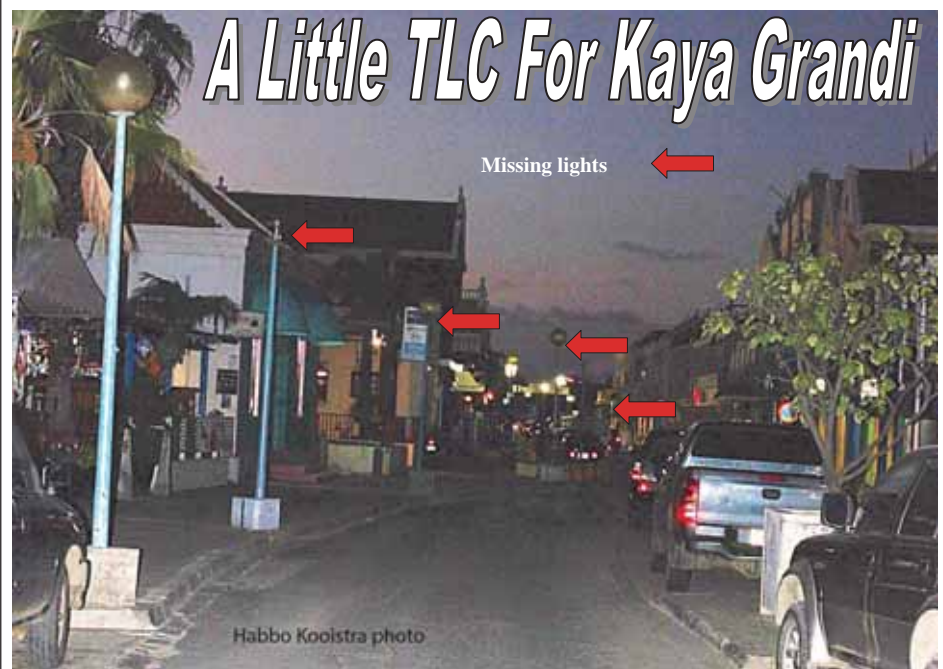
Within days following the elections, Rutte and Samsom had started power-sharing talks.

Under Rutte the Liberals won the largest number of seats in their history, making him one of the few European leaders to be re-elected during the euro zone crisis.

Usually the result of coalition talks is a formal contract the size of a telephone directory which spells out the legislation, foreign policy priorities, everything you need to have a basis on which to govern.

Both Rutte and Samsom share a deep interest in American politics and in helping the disadvantaged. Samsom worked as a "street coach," trying to keep unemployed youths off the street, while Rutte has taught current affairs for a couple of hours a week at a school for immigrant children in The Hague for the past few years.

While Rutte's youthfulness is part of his appeal, some questioned the bachelor premier's leadership qualities when he admitted a few years ago that his mother still did his laundry. Rutte's father died when he was still a young man and the prime minister remains very close to his mother. ■ *Press compilation/G.D.*



Kaya Grandi, our Main Street, has been suffering lately from a lack of attention as there's no maintenance taking place and nobody seems to be willing to give what could be a pretty little street a much needed upgrading. At least 10 streetlights are broken or out of order and the plants look sad and half dead. By midday the street is so immensely hot that the few people who are visiting don't feel like shopping anymore and they seek refuge elsewhere. There are some benches, but there's no parasol or leafy roof to provide the much needed shade. Also, it wouldn't hurt the street if the government would place some planters full of Magdalena's – the easiest flower of all – and... maybe

they could also plant our beautiful Wayaka throughout the street, so that future generations can walk through a cool and shady lane of green.

In short: to fix the street lights, to put some planters full of flowers and to plant some trees and put some leafy roofs over the existing benches – how much could that cost... really?

Cruise ship season is almost starting and what most people will remember of Bonaire is the first thing they see once they set foot ashore: Kaya Grandi. A little tender loving care for our own 'Main Street' would show the world that we do care for our island and that we take pride in its beauty. ■ *Greta Kooistra*

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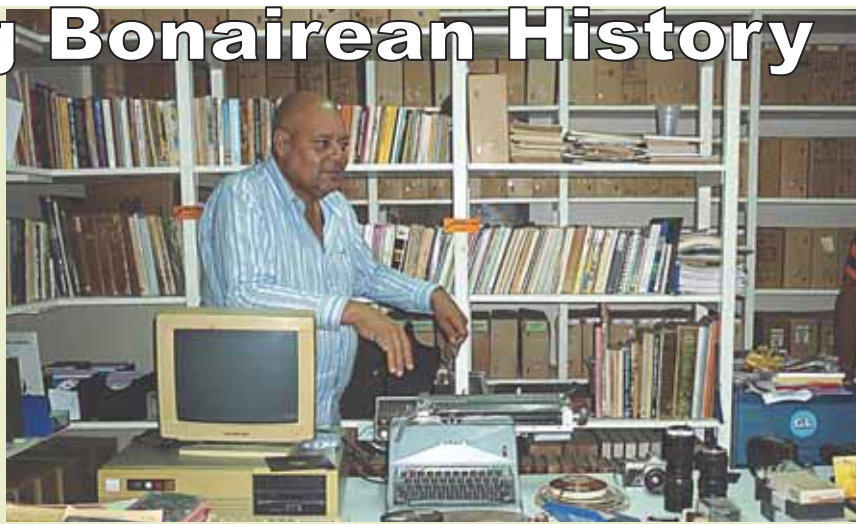
Preserving Bonairean History

To know your future you must know your past, to be aware of who are, where you must go and what you must achieve. Have you ever asked what you can do for your country? If so, what you have done up to now? Doing something, knowing exactly what you want for your country?

We have to gain more knowledge about our country. Of course the books are full of knowledge, but we have to go into the books. We have learned from our early years how Bonaire was discovered. But we need to know more. The subject of Bonairean history has to go back into the school curriculum.

During an open house at FUHIKUBO (*Fundashon Historia Kultural Boneiriano*) Bòî Antoin, owner of the *èxtra* building, a journalist, an anthropologist and a story collector, opened his foundation to all people on the island who want to know more about the history of Bonaire and the surrounding islands, but more particularly indeed the history of Bonaire. That evening many book readers, book collectors, teachers and others were present at this historic library of documents, films and artifacts. We all can learn from this historic museum and as you know we all have a task to do.

Bòî Antoin as always admonishes us to bring back Bonairean history to the public, in Bonairean schools and in the outside world. There's so much research we can do and so much to write about. There are great opportunities for teachers to teach history at all class levels. We want our people to be bold, to be smart, to stand up for their country and to love it. How can they achieve all this if they



Bòî Antoin amidst the archive

don't have the right tools to know who exactly we are?

Most of us learned that our ancestors came from Indians and Africans, slaves for the white man, and even now we are still slaving because of being colonized. But we have to remember that slavery was abolished in 1863. Many of our ancestors got a piece of land to work for their own, but they could have other jobs and even work for the government.

In the past we had great people with great knowledge who were able to do great things. One who contributed to Bonaire's infrastructure was **Leonardo Abad Engelhart** born 5th of November 1918 in Bonaire. He grew up with only a 6th grade basic education, which was all Bonaire had at the time. But Leonardo was an outstanding person, able and knowledgeable in engineering. In 1948 the government hired him as a carpenter. Later, in a higher position in Public Works, he showed his ability in doing all the public works in a professional manner. All the

earliest work in Bonaire's infrastructure was thanks to the initiative of Leonardo Engelhart, a Bonairean who was loved by his own people. The first work at Kralendijk Stadium he did with **Edmundo Confesor** who said, "If one day the Kralendijk Stadium needs to get a name it will be Leonardo Engelhart." He produced sons who became good soccer players. As you can see our history is alive. The Stadium is still standing.

The marvels and wonders of people like Leonardo with only a 6th grade education make us ask ourselves what we have done up until now with this country. To all our professionals with bachelors and university know how we ask: Where we are leading this country? Our Bonairean history had to go back to school. Start teaching the youngsters about their past. With this knowledge they can grow with a sense of patriotism and love for their country. This is food for the mind. ■
Story & photo by Siomara Albertus

(*Flotsam and Jetsam Continued from page 2*)

bers of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament. A September 13 ruling of the Appeal Court said that Booi and Elhage could be charged: Elhage for mortgage fraud and Booi for forgery involving transactions of the Sunset Beach Hotel.

► **Congratulations to Special Security Services (SSS)** which has now been in business over 29 years in Bonaire. Not only does the company take care of security for private and corporate clients but in many cases they have assisted the police by being on the scene before the police to foil robberies and other crimes, often apprehending the suspects.

► **The Rocargo Walkers will have a "Funny Glow in the Dark Walk" on Friday, October 26 at 7pm**, from the Rocargo parking lot to Sorobon. **Sign up and reserve by Friday, October 19.** It's \$5 per person which includes water, juice, snack and accessories. Call 717-8922, ext. 112 or 115. Fax 717-5791.

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On the Island Since...2007 - Kirty Suzanne Mahabiersing

"Every moment in life makes a better day
Everything in life makes us better in one or
the other way
But the only wish is, please God
Let the bad things go and the good things
stay."

"I was born in Paramaribo, Surinam, November 9th, 1979. We were two girls and three boys. My dad was and still is a businessman. When he was nine years old, his father passed away and from that moment on he took care of his mother's family. He worked hard and he did well.

My mom stayed at home. I was an active child, I loved music, and when I was nine I baked my first cake. At the age of 12 I could cook for 80 people! I also read a lot, everything I could get my hands on. My favorite book was *Pinkeltje* - a Dutch children's book (Surinam is a former Dutch colony). But my first real book was *Nobody's Boy*, by Hector Malot. I finished it in two days. I was about 13 when I started writing little poems about how I felt, about everything that touched me. I

course. All in all I have like 26 diplomas! Yes, for real!

When I was 20 I wanted to spread my wings so I went to Holland. I loved it; every day something new to discover, but at the same time it felt familiar because everybody spoke Dutch. I worked for an employment agency and had my own apartment in Utrecht. The city center was beautiful: the 400-year-old sawmill, the canals and all the little cafés and shops and markets. I was totally in love with it and I even liked the weather! Christmas in Holland is the real thing - the delicious smells in the streets from the bakeries, the Christmas carols played in the streets - butter almond bars fresh from the oven.

I stayed in Holland for four years. Then I went back to Surinam, to the warmth and love of my family. While on vacation on Aruba I fell head over heels in love with the father of my son and with Aruba. It's a small place but it has it all. We started living together. Every morning I walked to the beach for a swim. I didn't work, but my boyfriend loved that every day I cooked for him extensively - which was fun, as I love to cook.

"To me Bonaire is the place where I can be myself and where I can live my life - my happy island."

am a sensitive person; I sense people's stress or sadness, what they feel inside and... I have a huge imagination!

My parents and my sister and I traveled a lot when I was young. We went to India and Thailand, to Indonesia and France and Germany, seven times to Holland and we flew frequently to Curaçao. I went to Mavo high school and I did well, but when I was 16 I was involved in a terrible accident when a water scooter ran over my head. The consequences were so bad that I had to fly to Holland for treatment. It took a lot of time for me to heal and I didn't finish school.

I went through a very tough time, but in that same year my sister-in-law gave birth to a baby girl and being a Hindu family we raise the children together. When she was pregnant I cooked every day for her and when the contractions started I took her to the hospital by taxi as nobody else was home. She gave birth to 'our' girl, Anoushka. Now Anoushka is 16, and she and my son Neil are both my children. They are the most important people in my life. I love my other nieces and nephews too, but Anoushka has my character - we're very much alike. She's artistic and a coffee addict and she sings off tune - just like me! We have a very special relationship - a strong bond.

When I was 18 I ran my father's supermarket for two years and I learned a lot about responsibility and how to manage a business. You see, I was raised very modern. I drove my own car and went out for dinner with my friends. I went to fashion school and took several courses like flower arranging, cake decoration, computer courses and Reiki and a typing

On April 1st, 2005, I found out I was two months pregnant. I'd wanted to get pregnant for a long time, but it never happened. Then, one night, I woke up and told my boyfriend, 'I'm dying for a pork chop!' A couple of days later, on April 1st, he came with a pregnancy test and I was pregnant. I couldn't believe it and went to the *botica* to get a second test and it was true! I was so delighted. There is not a happier moment in your life than when you realize you're carrying a baby inside of you.

I started eating super healthy, like fresh spinach juice from the blender. I just wanted the best for my child. In November we finally got the permit to get married. My father's birthday is the 25th of November and Neil came one day later, on the 26th. I was the happiest person in the world. But somehow, the marriage didn't work. It went downhill, and when Neil was five months old I went with my husband to Surinam to see my parents. I decided to leave my baby boy with my mom and to give the marriage one more try. However, back in Aruba I missed Neil so much I couldn't eat or function. And then I had a very bad car accident and I spent three weeks in intensive care. The moment the hospital released me, I went back to Surinam, to my son. I stayed eight months in Surinam, but I was longing for island life and I was also used to living on my own. When I told someone that I missed my island, but that I didn't want to go back to Aruba, she told me, 'Go to Bonaire, it is quiet!'

So, I took my son and that's how we got here. I'd gone through a tough and emo-



Anoushka with Kirty in Surinam this last summer



Niel and mom, Kirty

tional divorce and at first I didn't like it - way too quiet! One week later I felt totally relaxed and at peace with myself. Life was good to us. My mother had bought a house here and we moved in. I started working and Neil started missing my mom. Then my mom came and together we decided that it would be better for Neil for us to raise him together. I thought about it long and hard and it was very difficult because my little man means everything to me. So my mother took him to Surinam. And I learned to see past the moment, to see through the emotion of the moment. If you really live in reality, you see that everything will pass.

Over the years Neil came to visit frequently. I worked different jobs and I studied here too and nowadays I am a financial assistant. To me Bonaire is the place where I can be myself and where I can live my life - my happy island. I still love to cook, I still love to read and I love to take photos, to drink coffee and I still write poems. I think 80% of the population knows me, hahaha!

And I also have my Antillean family, the Thielman family. I met Orquidia, their daughter, and then I confiscated her mama and papa! I have quite a list of people I can count on and it feels good. Often I go to Playa to get updated over a coffee at City, or the Ribs Factory, or Karel's or Mondriaan.

Five months ago I quit smoking and I changed my lifestyle. Now I am at Bon Bida and they gave me Mireille Boom as a trainer as she is so inspiring! I also love

Robert, he's great! You know how good it feels for your self esteem? I feel better and healthier every day!

This last summer I went on vacation to Surinam and my mom, who lives in Holland with Neil, also came. It was fabulous. My son and I were together 24/7 and I enjoyed him tremendously. Still my mom and I talk every day on the phone and every day I talk to my son. I have to hear his voice. We'll see what the future will bring." *She smiles*

"True love has no ulterior motives or conditions. I am raised in the Hindu culture with a lot of knowledge about religion, tradition and respect and love for others. We also were taught to learn from the mistakes the elders make. Instead of going to a church I try to live without hurting someone.

I'll sing my song
Whether it's right or wrong
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'Cause I'm heavenly strong." ■

Story Greta Kooistra & photos by Kirty Suzanne Mahabiersing



Mentor "Under the Tree" Hangout To Get A Make-Over



Hermo (Van Dam Construction), Bo from Bodifée Design and Peter van Dam (Van Dam Construction).

The popular and famous "Under the tree" red-gold-and-green hang-out in Nort di Salina across from Mentor is getting a luxurious make-over. It's the first project in a series ordered by the NGO Platform. This particular face lift is designed by Bodifée Design and Van Dam Construction is the contractor. A concrete slab will be poured under the trees and four concrete domino tables and several concrete benches will make the chill-out spot almost a "professional" one. The whole project will be ready by the end of October and most likely the finishing touch will be a brand new layer of red-gold-and-green paint! ■ Greta Kooistra

Play The Great Migration Game

Last year the Great Migration Game was such a success with Bonaire high school students that it's being repeated this year, but with even **more chances to win for ALL Bonaire residents**. Nearly 100 students predicted where Jklynn the hawksbill sea turtle would migrate last year. The winning prediction was an incredible 30 km from Jklynn's home foraging grounds off the coast of the Dominican Republic. This is an amazing feat considering the final destinations of previously tracked hawksbills have ranged across the entire Caribbean Basin. To participate this year just visit website - www.bonaireturtles.org and follow links to the Great Migration Game. Once you make your prediction you will be able to track the turtle along with STCB live on the website. When the migration is complete, STCB will determine a central point of the turtle's foraging grounds. If your prediction is one of the closest, you win!! ■ STCB

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Kaminda di Arte Third Season

The Kaminda di Arte, Art Tour, will begin its third season in November. There are two new artists who will join the eight who are continuing their participation. All the different artists open their homes and studios to the public during the Tour. It's held every third Sunday of the month, starting November 18 (from 11 - 4 pm).

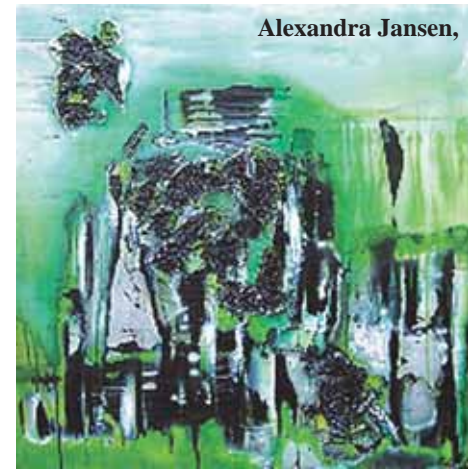
To initiate the new season on Saturday afternoon, November 17, there will be an official opening on Kaya Grandi with live music. All artists will present themselves, including the two new ones:

American born Helen Dovale has lived for 20 years on Bonaire, after many years in Curacao. Her genre is wood collage and one of her African warrior pieces won first prize in an art center in Orlando, Florida. She has had several exhibits in Bonaire over the years. She is a graduate of Pratt Institute, and her collages and larger wood sculpted pieces hang in the court house, the museum, Maduro and Curiel's Bank, and in many private homes on the island. She signs her work Elena.

Also new on is Alexandra Jansen, who emigrated from the Netherlands this past April. She finds the island's beautiful na-



Helen Dovale



Alexandra Jansen,

ture and the friendly people to be a tremendous inspiration. After art school in Belgium she has mainly produced abstract paintings. But she's also skilled in air-brush. In this medium her work is more realistic. It is her ambition to airbrush cars and scooters in the future. Look for her work on www.alexandrakunst.nl. ■ Henk Roozendaal

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Regatta Schedule

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**2012 Bonaire Regatta
In memory of Jake Richter**



Jake Richter, along with his wife Linda, were the driving force behind putting Bonaire on the Internet. Net-Tech, NV, one of their Bonaire-based companies, has provided complimentary web hosting to the Bonaire Regatta for nearly all the years since NetTech began.

Jake was diagnosed with melanoma cancer in March, 2011, and, although he fought "the good fight," he succumbed to the disease on June 1st, 2012. Jake's good humor, brilliance, and ever-ready smile will be sorely missed. ■ *Regatta Press release & photo*

Monday, October 8th Check out the \$7 daily lunch specials at Bistro de Paris

Time	Activities
09:00-17:00	Sailing Races in Kralendijk Bay
09:00-12:00	4rd Digicel Regatta Youth Football Days at Kralendijk Stadium
12:30-13:00	Press Briefing at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-17:30	DJ Music / Activities at "Kas di Regata"
16:00	Vierdaagse Bonaire" walkathon (25/30 KM) day 2
17:00-20:00	After Sail Meeting Point at "Kas di Regata"
19:00-20:30	Skippers Meeting and tossing of Micro Boats at "Kas di Regata"
20:00-01:00	Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard

Tuesday, October 9th

Time	Activities
09:00-17:00	Sailing Races in Kralendijk Bay
09:00-12:00	4rd Digicel Regatta Youth Football Days at Kralendijk Stadium
12:30-13:00	Press Briefing at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-18:00	Micro Boats races in front of "Kas di Regata"
14:00-17:30	DJ Music / Activities at "Kas di Regata"
16:00	"Vierdaagse Bonaire" walkathon (25/30 KM) day 3
17:00-20:00	After Sail Meeting Point at "Kas di Regata"
20:00-01:00	Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard

Wednesday, October 10th

Time	Activities
08:30-10:30	14th Annual Kayak Race round Klein Bonaire at "BDA Pier"
09:00-12:00	4rd Digicel Regatta Youth Football Days at Kralendijk Stadium
10:00-13:00	Fishing Boats Races / Windsurfing Freestyle Kids in Kralendijk Bay
10:00-17:00	Micro Boats races in front of "Kas di Regata"
12:30-13:00	Press briefing at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-17:30	DJ Music / Activities at "Kas di Regata"
16:00	"Vierdaagse Bonaire" walkathon (25/30 KM) final day
17:30-18:30	28th Comcabon-WEB Run. Start at Kralendijk Stadium
18:30-22:00	Participants BBQ Party at "Kas di Regata"
20:00-02:00	Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard

Thursday, October 11th

Time	Activities
09:00-17:00	Sailing Races / Fishing Boats Races in Kralendijk Bay
12:30-13:00	Press briefing at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-17:30	DJ Music / Activities at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-18:00	Micro Boats races in front of "Kas di Regata"
17:00-20:00	After Sail Meeting Point at "Kas di Regata"
17:30-19:00	Working Boat Parade in Kralendijk Harbour
19:00-23:00	7th Nrd. Braves International Softball Tournament at La Sonrisa Ball Park
20:00-02:00	Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard

Friday, October 12th

Time	Activities
09:00-17:00	Sailing Races / Fishing Boats Races in Kralendijk Bay
12:00-12:30	Press briefing at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-20:00	7th Nrd. Braves International Softball Tournament at La Sonrisa Ball Park
14:00-19:00	Music / Activities at "Kas di Regata"
14:00-16:00	Micro Boats races in front of "Kas di Regata"
20:00-21:30	Races Award and closing Ceremony at "Kas di Regata"
20:00-03:00	Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard

Saturday, October 13th

Time	Activities
10:00-18:00	5th Budget Marine Ship to Shore Regatta Boat Party in front of "Kas di Regata"
11:00-18:00	7th Nrd. Braves International Softball Tournament at La Sonrisa Ball Park
20:00-03:00	Closing Regatta Festival at Wilhelmina Park and Regatta Boulevard



Bonaire Coral Puzzle 4: A Mysterious Pattern

Counter to common sense, there is much more coral on mooring blocks located close to shore in Kralendijk than on the ones located close to reef. This surprising fact cannot be explained by differences in the amount of light or in velocity of currents between the inshore and the offshore locations (see Bonaire Coral Puzzle articles in the previous three issues of *The Bonaire Reporter*). I received several questions from readers trying to find ecological differences that could explain the phenomenon.

"Were the mooring blocks made of the same material and manufactured in the same way?" They were manufactured locally in a relatively short time using the same equipment and technique.

"Is the water temperature the same near the inshore and the offshore moorings?" A thermocline is much deeper than the moorings, so the water around moorings circulates and mixes. Possible miniscule differences in temperature are too small to affect corals.

"What about differences in chemical composition of water, in nutrient content, in amount of dissolved oxygen, dissolved CO2, salinity, pressure, light color, other organisms...?" All these questions can be answered similarly: the inshore and the offshore moorings are not far apart and their depths are close. Their environments do not differ enough to cause such a significant difference in coral coverage.

"The polyps want to see who's driving along the boulevard in a new car?" This was one of the funniest suggestions I have received.

There is a common assumption behind all such ideas. They consider the large difference between coral coverage on the inshore and on the offshore moorings, but assume that differences among the inshore moorings themselves and among the offshore moorings themselves are just random. As it turned out, this is not the case. Let's look at the inshore mooring blocks first. The average coral coverage on their vertical faces is 25%, but it begins as high as 29% near Karel's Bar and gradually goes down to 14% near Kas di Regatta.

To make the puzzle even more mysterious, coral coverage on vertical faces of the offshore mooring blocks changes in the opposite way. It starts with only 4% near Karel's Bar and gradually goes up to 16% near Kas di Regatta. Moreover, the offshore moorings are installed along the reef drop-off nearly to Harbour Village Marina, and the coral coverage continues to rise in this direction – all the way to 33%!

To summarize, here is the pattern. Along the line of inshore moorings from south to north, the coral coverage decreases from 29% to 14%. Along the line of offshore moorings from south to north, it increases from 4% to 33%. What causes this pattern? Why does the coverage change gradually? Why does it change in opposite ways on the inshore and on the offshore moorings? Is this pattern what makes the inshore moorings grow more corals than the offshore ones? 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.

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Guest Editorial

Speaking Of Donkeys.....



It must have been a coincidence. It was nearing the end of July when I saw a picture of Maxime Verhagen, outgoing Secretary of Commerce, at the Jazz & Poetry evening at the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival. A few days prior there was a newspaper item in which it was announced by Commissioner of Infrastructure James Kroon that all donkeys are to leave the island, by ship it appeared, to Haiti or some other remote location. Tension rose when Burney El Hage, Commissioner of Tourism, publicly supported the proposal of James Kroon. Prominent figures of the community, donkey patron Marina Melis among them, vocalized their dismay and threatened to organize a referendum.

The scent of unsettled donkeys could be smelled afar. Animal Rights tough girl and Member of Parliament, Marianne Thieme, posed questions in the House. Secretary Henk Bleker, who also deals with fowl, cattle and horses, was called for an emergency meeting. Liesbeth Spies, Secretary of the Interior, was probably out on some campground and could not intervene. What was at stake? Venomous tongues were talking of an imminent crisis of governance. James Kroon who thinks that donkeys are a nuisance on the one side and Burney El Hage next to him who would like to keep the donkeys for tourism but cannot say so because of Kroon.

And now you understand why Maxime Verhagen (did he still have a trip coming to him?) was sent to Bonaire forthwith. Assignment: Iron out the creases; we have enough donkeys to deal with.

Rumor has it there was an executive summit on Sunday after church time at "cafe Spanhoek."

Heated emotions were cooled down with a beer and the conclusion was drawn that perhaps it wasn't such a big issue after all. What a soap!

May I venture to contribute some constructive criticism?

First of all: Am I correct in understanding that the dignitaries of the island government have nothing better to do than to confer regarding donkeys? As if the security or health of the inhabitants of this island is in any way in jeopardy because of these gentle quadrupeds. The sewage

project, power and water supply (50% price hike) and the roads are far more urgent. Just like the tourist industry and the performance of the island's economy are also more pressing issues. In short, dear Commissioners: Get your hands from under your behinds. Deal with the real issues at hand and stop picking on the donkeys.

Second: I would rather entrust the fate of the Bonairean donkey to their guardian angel on Bonaire, Marina Melis. It was she who, whilst everyone was looking the other way, started several initiatives to provide a more worthy existence to these animals. Pay closer attention to what she has to say and all donkeys will land on their feet.

Third: Please spare us the nonsensical arguments. The fact that the donkeys have been around for 400 years is no excuse to have them roam the island. And that the security of motorists is at stake: what drive! Start by enforcing speed limits and by taking some jalopies off the road if you really want to make a difference to safety on the road, Mister Kroon.

Last: Should the commissioners be of want of something to do? Please look into the abundance of vagrant dogs, can you please keep the goats inside the kunuku and can you promote liberating so many incarcerated Loras?

Should the insipid plan of our Commissioners come to realization notwithstanding the above then I will keep on cherishing the donkeys. No one can take that away from me. Fifteen years ago I would regularly drive out to Lac and Mikey Snack and wait until one of those lovable animals would poke his head into my car. This despite the fact that the donkeys regularly eat the leaves from the trees in my garden. And that an altercation with a donkey ruined the door of my car. I hope to see the Bonairean bipeds come to their senses and leave the quadrupeds in peace.

■ Guus Gerritsen

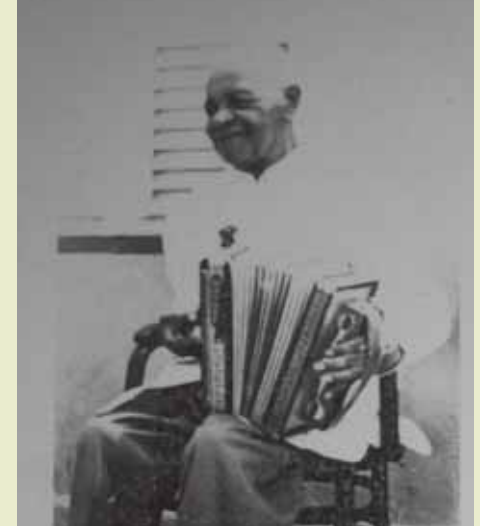


BONAIREAN VOICES

REOPENING OF THE CHICH'I TAN CENTER



After being closed for a few years Center Chich'i Tan reopened its doors on Sunday September 30th as a musicians' museum, to remember the greatest musicians on Bonaire. Before the opening Mrs. Flora Molina give a brief explanation about the museum. Actually it's a house that was given to this project in order to conserve its structure and its history. As Flora explains, the house belongs to **Raymundo Vicente Molina** known as **Tan Molina**, married to **Chichi**.



Maximi Antonio Mackaay
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Great grandfather Maximi Antonio Mackaay

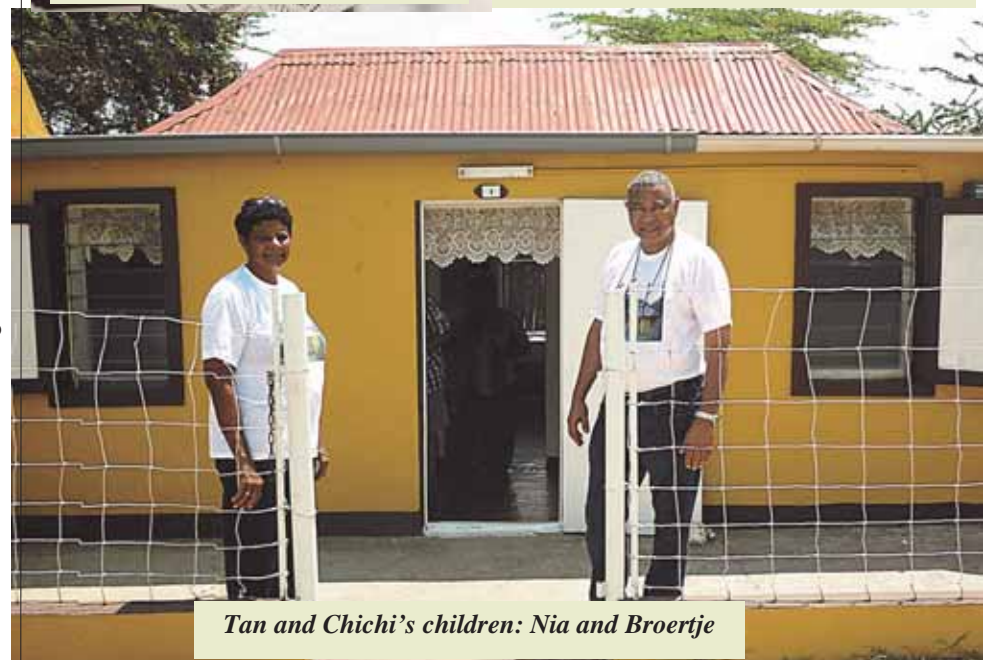


Tan Molina and Chichi

Tan Molina was always inventing jokes to make people laugh.

This happy couple had several children, of which today only two are still alive: son **Broertje Molina** and daughter **Nia Molina**. They have been maintaining the house to its original condition.

Inside the house-museum you can see the different well known Bonairean musicians, including the picture of my great grandfather, **Maximi Antonio Mackaay**, who was well known as **Mo Toni** born 27th of June



Tan and Chichi's children: Nia and Broertje

Tan Molina was well known in Rincon as the musician who for years organized the festivals of Maskarada, San Pedro, San Juan and the "Pastor Simadan." He was also a carpenter and a healer. When people felt sick they came to Tan to get relief. Nobody can say exactly what he used as medicine, but people got cured.

One thing the people remember was that his wife, Chichi, had a garden with all kinds of herbs. When you went to visit her you always got an herb tea. For the festivals Tan's wife Chichi also helped him to make the artifacts. For the Maskarada festival she'd make the masks. During every event she made sure that Tan had his tools ready.

Chichi was religiously inclined and prayed with other ladies in Rincon, while

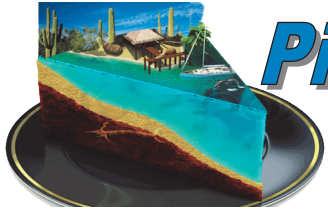
1875, playing his *sinfonia* (accordion). On display are the different artifacts made by Chichi, Tan and others, as well as different instruments.

The bedrooms are maintained in their original style and even the kitchen has its antique stove (3 *piedra di fagon*).

Emma Sint Jago, the founder of the museum, invites everyone to visit the museum at Kaya Milon # 4 in Rincon or call (+599) 786-6420. The museum is open daily from 10am to 4 pm. ■

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Unfortunately for those fortunate buyers they are not always, at least not right away, in the position to spend the whole year in their new property. Which then brings up the ever returning question: who to trust with the keys of their newly found piece of paradise, and what to do with this property? The answer to this question with respect to full time or vacation rentals or not, is a very individual one. However, no matter what you decide, once you are not on the island year-round it is very wise to use the services of others here on the island to keep an eye out for your property or to fully manage it.

Most property buyers come to the island in a vacation state of mind. Once they buy a property they are getting back a bit more into a business mode, however, some decisions taken with respect to the protection and management of their property are not always taken in their own best interest. Our advice is to let your newly made friends stay friends and choose a professional (agency) to expect a professional job and result.

Property management and property rental are professional tasks that require continuous attention, knowledge, as well as an extensive network of suppliers for the most diverse types of products and services. And although you might really like the dive master person sitting next to you at the bar, neighbor of the new property and so forth, this is not always a guarantee that they will have what it takes to take care of your property in the best possible way. In addition, they may be making you promises that they just cannot keep, due to time constraints, or

simple financial constraints, when in a case of emergency they need to pre-finance some work on your property.

You need an agency that is available seven days per week, with sufficient human and financial resources, as well as technical knowledge to manage your property. If in addition you would like to rent out your property, you need an agency that is well established in the rental market. That way you can make use of their network of potential renters right away. They may just be sitting on the contact details of the perfect renters for your property, due to the simple fact that they have already filled their inventory.

An agency you choose will need to have an extensive network of cleaners, handy-men and other service providers, especially in case you rent out your property. This will allow them to never let your guests wait too long for repairs, cleaning and so forth. Furthermore for vacation rentals it is advisable to work with an agency that can also offer packages with rental cars and dive packages, to allow your guests to 'one-stop-shop'.

One objection you might want to make is the assumption that a larger agency is most likely much more expensive than a one-(wo)man-show. However, this is not the case if you check the rates offered and paid island wide. The rates are all pretty close together, so it is the quality of the services and the permanence of the services that you should take into consideration when choosing an agency to take care of your precious new investment. After all, you want to be able to enjoy this property for many years to come. ■ Corine van der Hout © Sunbelt

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■ Carla Hay


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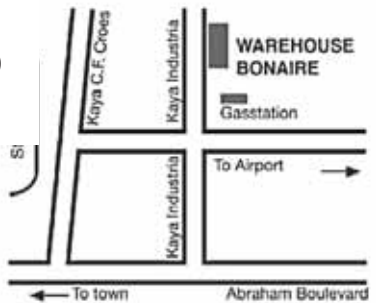
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Feria di Salu-Health Festival

This year's Health Fair on Sunday September 30th was a success. Despite the heat of the day, the people of Bonaire showed their interest in their health.

Numerous organizations were on hand to present their offerings that promote better health.

Both BonFysio as well as BonBida were present with a lot of information about health subjects. The BonBida instructors (photo at right) gave two demo-lessons which were well received.

Peter Silberie's karate school gave an impressive demonstration of their skills. (photo at far right) gave two demo-lessons which were well received.

One of the most informative displays was from the *Fun-dashon Kuido pa Bista I Odio*, the Vision and Hearing Care Foundation. There were and additional dozen others spread out on both sides of the road including the Farmers' Co-op, Kriabon, LVV and the St. James Medical School. ■ G.D.



The growers of Mi Mes Hofito (My Own Little Garden)



(above) Blood pressure check by Bon Fysio



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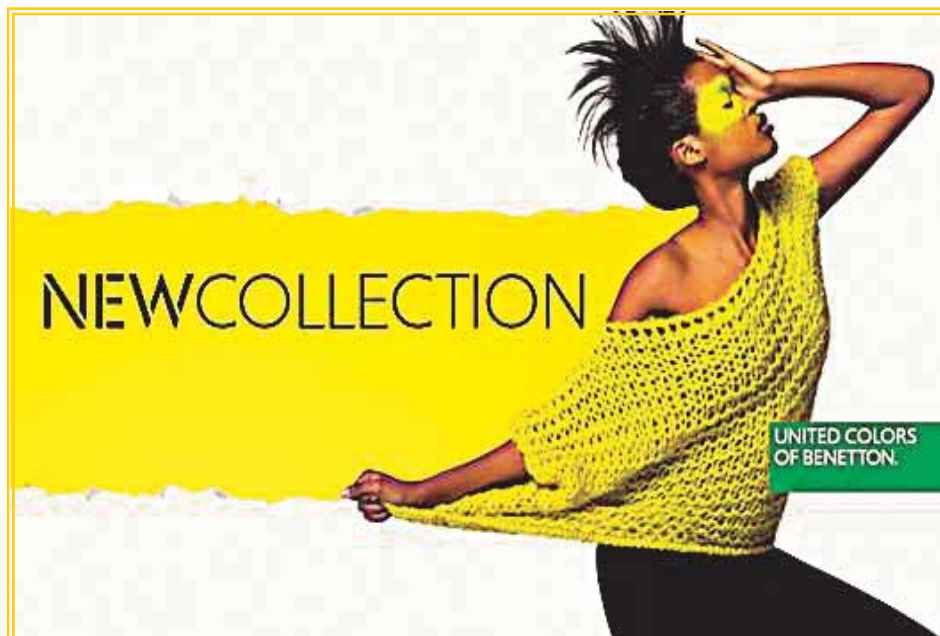
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The Lighthouses of Bonaire (3)- Spelonk

Visiting all the lighthouse of Bonaire is not a one day job. After Seru Bentana, Wecua and Willemstoren (part #1) and Malmok (part #2) which I visited in my last two stories, Boca Spelonk is first on my list today. We can visit this most eastern lighthouse from the north (taking the road behind Kunuku Arawak) or coming from the south (going to Lagoen and then turning left before the Lagoen restaurant, pass by Bolivia and then you can see it in the distance).

I decided to take the north road which was a big mistake. The abundant rain made the bushes grow in all directions. Combining this with what is already a terrible road made the trip almost impossible for the car, as well for the driver.

You can't miss this monumental Boca Spelonk, a 30-meter tall lighthouse, built in 1910 (almost three quarters of a century later than the Willemstoren!) and visible from far away.

When I lived with my family on Bonaire from 2000 till 2007 we visited this lighthouse regularly. At that time the door of the lighthouse was open, so we could enjoy the amazing view from the top. With the last restoration, done by Rijkswaterstaat, the door was replaced and provided with a good lock to prevent private individuals from entering the tower.

In the past, twice a day the lighthouse keeper had to climb seven staircases interrupted by six wooden floors to reach the top.

The inside is gently illuminated by natural light coming through the wooden shutters in



The keeper of the Spelonk light in 1964. Does anyone know his name?

the 12 Roman style arches recessed in the thick walls of the building. From the outside we can clearly see the thickness of the walls by the beveled window sills.

This year Rijkswaterstaat replaced and/or changed the glass with frames, parts of the handrails, steps, and made the outside of the tower waterproof, and last but not least, gave it a new color. In the past the lighthouse was completely white.

Nowadays, once a month, the Radio Holland technician has a safe and dry climb to the top for the technical light check-up - a climb not much different from the past.

The light and how it operates has been

changed over the last centuries as was the top of the lighthouse. Since 2008 it has solar powered lights. This looks different when we compare it with the pictures taken by B. Lawson in 1964. The brim on top was lower. On top there was a tall metal construction with a metal door and a staircase inside to reach the light. Those photos show that the lighthouse keeper could walk around the light to do the technical inspection. It had a metal roof which might also have been used as a lightning deflector. With the change of light techniques the function of the light keeper changed, from climbing the tower twice a day to once a month.

The lighthouse keeper's house is some distance from the tower, connected by an elevated path of big hand placed stones covered with cement. An uninterrupted and simple path goes further in the direction of Boca Chikitu. You can see that clearly from the top of the lighthouse.

The hand built stone house, a *Kas di Kaha* (box house model), is the only lighthouse keeper's house on Bonaire which is two storeys high. The design is very functional and symmetrical. The base had different functions. At landside we can see that the first floor was occupied by two storage rooms on the left and right side, the goods protected by two wooden doors. The two rooms are separated by the water cistern. From the outside you can clearly see where the water cistern is inside the "basement" where the walls are reinforced with thick buttresses.



Boca Spelonk light and old keeper's home

At the sea side the base of the wall has a "ramp" to break any waves. This ramp makes it look like the five buttresses are ribs coming out of a body! Above the ramp and ribs we see six holes just under the second floor. Two of the holes are to let the rainwater enter the water cistern, with the help of downspouts that are no longer there. The downspouts guided the rainwater off the roof, which must have had roofing tiles. Now it has zinc roof sheets. The three slightly lower and bigger holes were to al-

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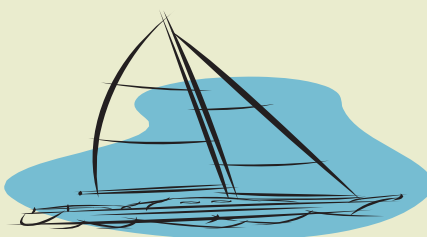
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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 12		04:05 0.07 ft	09:59 0.67 ft	16:51 0.23 ft	21:38 0.55 ft	6:25	18:18
Sat 13		04:30 0.10 ft	10:42 0.78 ft	18:14 0.18 ft	22:43 0.44 ft	6:25	18:18
Sun 14		04:59 0.13 ft	11:29 0.88 ft	19:38 0.10 ft		6:25	18:17
Mon 15	00:05 0.35 ft	05:34 0.15 ft	12:20 0.98 ft	20:53 0.01 ft	New Moon	6:25	18:17
Tue 16	01:40 0.30 ft	06:18 0.18 ft	13:15 1.06 ft	21:57 -0.09 ft		6:25	18:16
Wed 17	03:08 0.29 ft	07:15 0.21 ft	14:11 1.13 ft	22:52 -0.17 ft		6:25	18:15
Thu 18	04:20 0.32 ft	08:24 0.23 ft	15:07 1.16 ft	23:43 -0.23 ft		6:25	18:15
Fri 19	05:16 0.37 ft	09:36 0.24 ft	16:02 1.17 ft			6:26	18:14
Sat 20		00:29 -0.26 ft	06:05 0.43 ft	10:48 0.24 ft	16:57 1.14 ft	6:26	18:14
Sun 21	First Quarter	01:13 -0.26 ft	06:52 0.50 ft	11:59 0.24 ft	17:51 1.08 ft	6:26	18:14
Mon 22		01:55 -0.23 ft	07:36 0.57 ft	13:08 0.24 ft	18:43 0.98 ft	6:26	18:13
Tue 23		02:35 -0.18 ft	08:21 0.65 ft	14:18 0.23 ft	19:36 0.85 ft	6:26	18:13
Wed 24		03:12 -0.11 ft	09:05 0.72 ft	15:32 0.22 ft	20:31 0.71 ft	6:26	18:12
Thu 25		03:47 -0.02 ft	09:49 0.79 ft	16:49 0.20 ft	21:30 0.56 ft	6:27	18:12
Fri 26		04:18 0.06 ft	10:32 0.84 ft	18:11 0.17 ft	22:39 0.43 ft	6:27	18:11
Sat 27		04:44 0.15 ft	11:14 0.88 ft	19:33 0.11 ft		6:27	18:11
Sun 28	00:09 0.33 ft	05:01 0.22 ft	11:55 0.90 ft	20:48 0.05 ft		6:27	18:11
Mon 29	02:18 0.29 ft	04:57 0.28 ft	12:36 0.91 ft	21:50 -0.01 ft	Full Moon	6:27	18:10
Tue 30	13:16 0.92 ft	22:40 -0.05 ft				6:28	18:10
Wed 31	13:55 0.92 ft	23:20 -0.08 ft				6:28	18:10

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Thu 01	14:34 AST	23:55 AST				06:28 AST	18:09
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Sun 04		00:51 AST -0.10 ft	08:03 AST 0.42 ft	09:30 AST 0.42 ft	16:29 AST 0.89 ft	06:29 AST	18:09 AST
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Thu 08		02:15 AST -0.03 ft	08:26 AST 0.69 ft	14:47 AST 0.33 ft	19:13 AST 0.61 ft	06:30 AST	18:08 AST
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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 119th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n –wear a helmet-Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire’s interesting vehicles and persons that are “on wheels.” Up to at least 200 articles!

Zeeko’s Deep Blue Range-Rover 4.6 HSE

Bonaire –
There are quite a number of Land-Rovers on Bonaire and a few Range-Rovers, the luxury cars made by Land-Rover. I am the owner of an old 1974 Land-Rover Series III model 88 Station Wagon and once I owned a 1976 two-door Range-Rover Classic, made in Venezuela (sic!) in 1976. This golden Range-Rover did not enter my life at the right moment...

A couple of months ago I saw a new star on the island: a dark blue five-door Range-Rover 4.6 HSE, powered by a smooth V8-engine. A good looking gentleman behind the steering wheel. The vehicle looked European. Left hand drive, European hitch ball, not too many reflectors and blinkers. A bit jealous I was.

Then the car dropped out of sight. A couple of months later it popped up again. The vehicle was parked in front of Zeeko’s on Kaya Industria, located more or less opposite Warehouse Bonaire. So I parked my motorcycle and I hopped in to ask Bianca about the car.

Yes, it was Zeeko’s, and it was traded in,

and as far as she knew the Range-Rover was also for sale. So she gave me the keys and I went outside again for a photo shoot. Nice car. Solid chassis. No rust. All original. Aluminum body. Fully equipped. Fully equipped means: fully equipped: leather seats, moon roof, electric windows, power steering, power brakes, power windows, climate control, solar shield windows, space and luxury.

Then I open the bonnet. Nice 4.6 V8-engine, bottom end originally designed by Buick, fuel injection. Automatic transmission, two-wheel and four-wheel-drive. A very smooth runner, whispering from two original Range-Rover mufflers in the rear. A sophisticated V8 sound: “Gloeh, gloeh, gloeh, gloeh, gloeh, gloeh, gloeh.” The sound of a very relaxed low revs idling engine.

I close the bonnet. I keep listening to the music the engine produces. I walk around the car. No dents, no spots, no marks. 16-inch five-nut light alloy rims. Pirelli Scorpion S/T rubbers around it. Four disk brakes. In the dash board some booklets. In Italian! “Range-Rover Manuale del



The Rover and Bianca

Istruzioni,” “Organizzazione Vendita e Assistenza della Rover Italia.” On the inside of the windshield a sticker: “10 Tages Vignette Oostenreich.” Interesting. An English-made car with Italian tires and documents in Italian; a 10-day vignette for driving through Austria. A Dutch broker had a Range-Rover and a house in Italy. However...

Then I ask Bianca to join me for a ride. Key in ignition. Safety belts, windows open to enjoy the sound of music. V8 is good for you. Smooth automatic gearbox, smooth ride. Efficient braking system. Luxury

seats, full leather. Plenty of distance between the driver and the passenger. Good handling, accurate cornering. No failures at all.

Then we park the car for another photo session. Bianca is not as shy as the last time when we played with the white stretched Ford Lincoln and she smiles. Time to go home. Back to reality. This car is for sale. Go ask Zeeko’s for details! ■ Story & photo by Jam Brouwer



Helmets Reduce The Risk Of Brain Injury By 88%

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



Part of the Freewieler helmet selection

Jan Brouwer photo

Bonaire/Hato –
On our island more and more persons are becoming aware of the importance of wearing a helmet. In the US the level of awareness is way ahead compared to Bonaire. Between 1990 and 1995, some 20 years ago, the government of the US and all kinds of foundations started campaigns to inform the American people about the advantages of wearing a helmet. Research shows that wearing a helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by 88%. Some persons say wearing a helmet is not their style. Others say their way of riding is a defensive way and they may be right. But there are other participants in every day’s traffic. On Bonaire the adult helmet use of persons, 18 to 55, is some 8%. Some 92% of all persons on bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles do not yet wear a helmet.

Frank, from the Freewieler, Kaya Grandi #61, (the blue building) says: “It is evident helmets can save lives. They at least protect you and it is well known that they reduce the risk of brain injury. In our shop we only sell helmets for mountain bikers and racing bikes. We do not have full face helmets in stock; the helmets they use for down-hilling. Prices for helmets start at about \$60 and go up to \$170! We sell Dutch Agu helmets and American made Airius helmets. Especially on Bonaire, where we have to deal with a hot tropical climate the weight of a helmet is important and the type and amount of ventilation holes. Of course all our helmets are tested and approved. I use them myself when I am on my off road bike. On organized races the use of a helmet is mandatory.”

People have to become aware. It just takes time. They have to be informed. A hundred years ago drivers of racing cars and motorcyclists did not wear helmets. Unfortunately it takes a long time for people to learn...

If you want to know more about helmets, if you are in the need of a motorcycle helmet or a bicycle helmet for free, please get in touch with me. ■ J@n Brouwer

Town Pier Cleanup Dive Dive Friends Does It Again

Kralendijk –
It takes a lot of energy, preparation, effort, time and money to organize a cleanup dive for over 100 volunteers: divers and non-divers. On Saturday, September 22, Dive Friends Bonaire, “Without blue there is no green,” did it again. They organized another quarterly cleanup dive in the underwater world under and around the Town Pier in Kralendijk.

Captain’s meeting was at 0930 hours at the Yellow Submarine location of Dive Friends Bonaire, on Playa Lechi. Goal was the Town Pier, and lion fish hunters and “fishing line hunters” were also welcome. Free air was supplied by the organizers. For a couple of hours more than 100 volunteers were active in and around the water. They all collected almost 2,100 items. The divers recovered 1,012 bottles, 113 pieces of fishing line, a beach chair, a broom, a drill, four full bottles of Polar beer, a ladder, seven sunglasses and three pairs of sexy underpants.

At around 1800 hours a pot luck barbecue was opened at the completely refurbished Hamlet Oasis Location of Dive



Jan Brouwer photo

Friends Bonaire. This completely renewed drive-through location along the unspoiled coast is a perfect spot to organize a meeting or a barbecue like this. Sunset was beautiful, atmosphere was relaxed. Richard produced live music. There was plenty of food for the tired and hungry volunteers and around 8 pm they were completely satisfied in all aspects.

Time to clean up: wash the plates and the knives and forks. Another successful activity, made possible by Dive Friends Bonaire. Our underwater world definitely gets cleaner, bit by bit. ■ J@n Brouwer

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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 garden.

Bonaire's Captain Don



Hints of Don's former career

Captain Don's talents know no bounds. He is famous for having bought diving to Bonaire, writing books and, in April 2008, was awarded a knighthood within the order of Orange-Nassau which is the most active military and civil decoration of the Netherlands which recognised his pioneering environmental leadership on Bonaire. Some might just rest on their laurels but not Don. In 1980



Shade cloth covers the young plants

he purchased a hectare and a half sized plot of land along the road to Lagoen and started to expand it 1989. His aim was to grow his own plants that he needed to landscape the gardens of the renamed Flamingo Beach Club.

Created from the wilderness of the Guatemala Plantation that once cultivated crops, bred cattle and sheep, he has grown native and non native trees and created order from the chaos. There are old buildings and stalls that attest to the large scale breeding of farm animals that once took place on Bonaire. The land has now been tamed into an oasis of calm, beauty and imaginative engineering. Gardeners, historians, those interested in literature, artists and inventors all would enjoy even a brief visit there.

The entire area is conveniently laid out to allow wheelchair access to the entire garden. Gravel paths wind in a well organised formation around the plot and the silence is only broken by the crunching of his wheelchair tires on the gravel. Don can tend to all of his plants from his wheelchair and watering is done via an on-site well. There are 2 km of irrigation pipes with 48 taps. He has a water storage tank that can hold 128 cubic meters of water so he shouldn't run out any time. Don has himself laid out the irrigation system which is an impressive piece of engineering in itself. It takes around three hours

each day to water all the plants.

The entire site is shaded with trees thus preventing nutrients from evaporating from the soil. The site has also been designed to allow benefit to be had from the natural flow of rain water throughout the land when available.

There are too many lizards and iguanas running around to be chased off by the canine defenders, but Captain Don only grows ornamental shrubs and bushes which on the whole aren't on the list of their favourite foods.

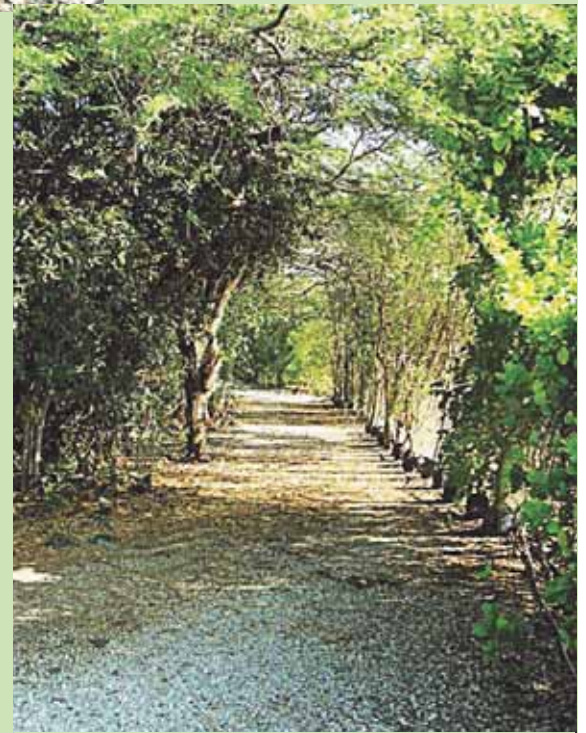
He recommends a beautiful Bromeliad (picture below) for ground cover, colour, ease of maintenance, creature resistance and intruder deterrent. All of the plants you see that are in pots are for sale.

Just recently he has started to grow a banana circle. Bananas don't like wind and need to have a lot of water. His banana circle is fed with water from the kitchen

and benefits from rain water as it flows by and is also given any organic waste produced in Janet's kitchen. Janet also makes a lovely tea that isn't brewed using the traditional boiling of water but using the sun to directly heat the water in the glass jug and brew the tea at the same time. This gives the tea less of a tannin/harsh taste and with ice and a biscuit, sitting in the shade, listening to the natural sounds makes for a wonderful treat.

Captain Don also makes his own mixture of soil for his own use for which he has a large scale machine to help with the mixing.

There are around 6,000 plants that he has cultivated from scratch and he intends to go on. For his next project he would like to get into hydroponics. He also has designs for growing crops on a large scale although he doesn't profess to be a farmer.



A crushed stone surfaced path is OK for wheelchairs



50 years ago Don came to Bonaire and he will never leave; he has far too many things he wants to do for the island.

■ Story & photos by Carla Hay



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS



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

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.

Sunday, October 14—Bird watching walk at Dos Pos. Contact STINAPA at 717-8444.

Thursday, October 18—Visit of US Vice Consul for Dutch Caribbean for American citizens' services, 8 am—noon, Trans World Radio Church, Kaya Gov. Debrot #64—more page 2



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.

Friday, October 26, Rocargo Walkers will have a "Funny Glow in the Dark Walk" -see page 4.

Saturday, October 27—Full Moon Walk. Contact STINAPA at 717-8444.

Saturday, November 3—Open Day at Bon Bida Spa, 9:30 am– 4 pm. More on page 3

Sunday, November 4 -Health Bazaar at St James Medical School across from big church in Kralendijk. All welcome.

Wednesday, November 21-Tree Festival.

REGULAR EVENTS

• **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

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

Saturdays

• **We Dare To Care Playground Bazaar**, Flea market tables are \$10 except first Saturday of the month when they are free. Open 9 am - 2 pm. - Call Marissa - 701 1103 Everything for sale, old & new: household items, plants, baby things, clothes & shoes. Food riot, BBQ. All funds go toward maintaining the Park.

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

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

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

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday**, 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the month**, 7-9 pm. (Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. 560-7539.) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **Soldachi Tours—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time.** Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information—796-7870.

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

Sundays

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

Mondays

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

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

• **Chez Nous Restaurant**—Multi-course lunch, about \$12, at the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-4628.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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• **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.

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

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

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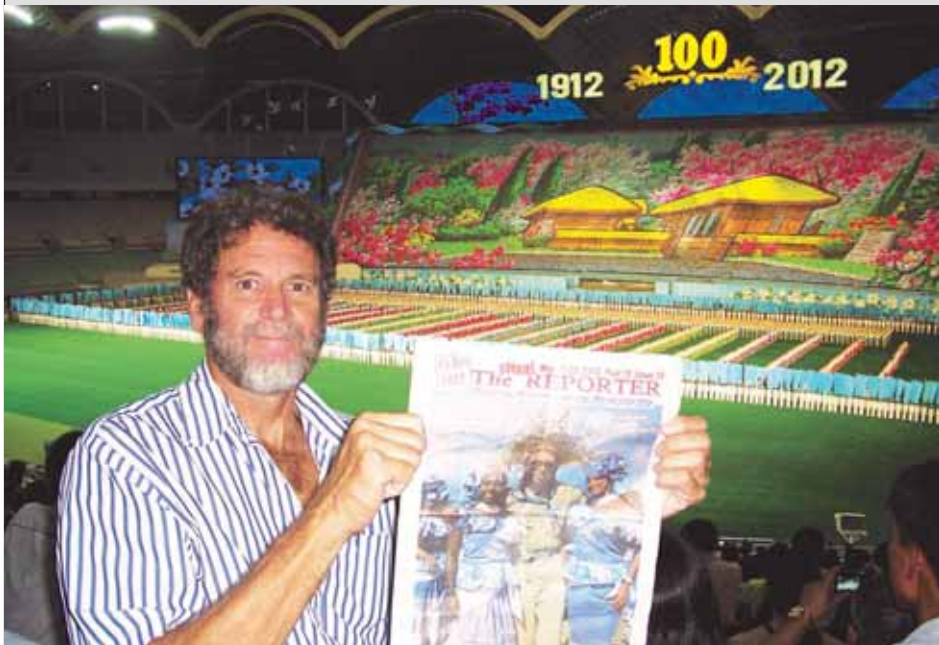
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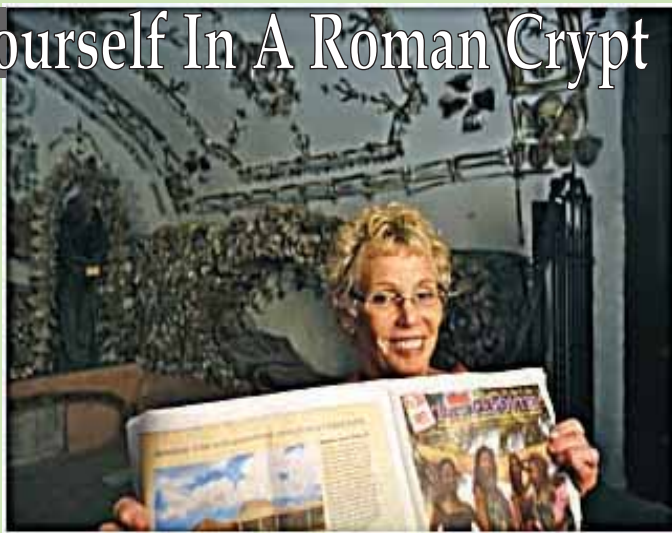
Picture Yourself In Pyongyang, North Korea



Bonaire resident JP Richau brought a copy of *The Reporter* with him when he attended the Arirang mass Games in North Korea's May Day Stadium. This is no ordinary show in the largest (150,000 seat) stadium in the world. Witnessing over 100,000 performers in total for a 90-minute themed high energy non-stop intense synchronized gymnastics, acrobatics and dance performance the likes have never been seen anywhere else, nor ever will. The ever changing backdrop, as seen in this photo is created by over 10,000 school children each holding colored pages of large books in absolute perfect synchronization! It's nothing short of immense! It will blow your socks off ---or the roof off the place when they feature larger than life portraits of the Dear Leader! That must be why it is open air. ■

Picture Yourself In A Roman Crypt

Louise Wollman and Gary Strutin spent lots of time around Bonaire aboard their yacht *Lulu* before they sailed off to Europe. Just before leaving Italy to sail Croatia they sent us this photo of Louise in Rome at the underground 17th century Capuchin Crypt in a chapel decorated in intricate and delicate (honestly) patterns of bones---actual skulls, legs, thighs, pelvises---of countless monks of the order. ■



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Lighthouses (Continued from page 11)

low for overflowing in the rainy season, to let water out of the cistern. The sixth hole is a mystery.

The foundation of the balcony in the middle (on the land side) is constructed from two Roman arches. Four of the five buttresses are under this balcony, which make it a solid and strong open stone structure.

In the center of the building the buttress has been remodeled into a strong and massive staircase to the second floor. Both are an extra help to hold the sweat water pressure from the inside of the cistern walls.

From a distance you can see that the five windows on the second floor on the land-side are symmetrically placed in the wall. But the middle one, at the sea side, isn't. Up the staircase and at the entrance to the central room a massive stone block unveils the reason. This room was the kitchen so they had to build the central window at the sea side a little to the north, otherwise the fresh eastern trade wind, which would come straight through the window, would make cooking on a wooden fire impossible. There is no chimney in this house because the kitchen, situated on the west side of the house, isn't traditionally functional. The entrance door was probably the "chimney!"

Possibly they sometimes cooked outside. In old photos we can see an Indian *ramada* a few meters from the southwest corner of the house. It is an open construction of thin and light material, probably dry cactus wood and/or maize or lath with a lean to roof. From a distance it looks like a traditional Indian cactus gallery "kitchen." We can see, read and learn more about it at *Mangazina di Rei* in Rincon.

Feeling the fresh wind on this sunny and relaxed day I can imagine why they built this lighthouse on a "fortified" and higher level. From this position you have a better and clear view in all directions. And it keeps the feet dry in case of stormy weather and/or big waves.

Entering the second floor you must walk very carefully because the wooden floor, which I think was the original one, was less resistant to the salt water than the stone walls! In the past the floor was "protected" by windows with wooden shutters. I guess somebody thought that he or she could make a better use of them, presumably because the frames are still there and look quite good after all these years!

Today only old photos can show us how it was in the past, revealing some of the architectural history of Bonaire. A good structure, built with good building techniques and the right materials, can survive almost anything. It is a pity that some people underestimate the value of something as simple as a window shutter and how it contributes to the sustainability of a building.



Old Willemstoren light

On the 24 of August this year Rijkswaterstaat symbolically handed back the key of Boca Spelonk lighthouse to the local Bonaire island government who is now responsible for the building. This beautiful monument has been renovated and made technically safe and up to date, according to worldwide legal requirements.

Looking through my old photos and the new ones I took recently, I don't know which lighthouse I prefer more - the old one or the new plastered and painted one. The old one shows much more of its past, its character. You could see how they constructed the walls, the doorways by the lingering scars in the walls, helping us to see something more of its history.

The lighthouse can now be safely entered again to undergo its monthly visit by a technician, and it's protected against the elements of nature and man. The visiting technician is probably the only lucky man in the world who can enjoy, each month, this amazing experience from the top!

I had to hurry, to be on time, not to miss the boat to Klein Bonaire. I parked my car in front of Fort Oranje, the first building made of stone on Bonaire. ■

Story & photos from Wilna

Groenenboom

To be continued....

Old photos were taken by Dhr B. (Boy) Lawson in 1964.

"Collectie Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam 20029130 (detail, met vlaggenstok) en 20029131 (lighthousekeeper)"



Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Solution

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

Pet of the Week



Here is Oakley being cuddled by 10-year-old Merle who would very much like to be a regular volunteer at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Two beautiful girls!

Tiny Oakley has a big heart for humans because if it weren't for the kindness of a young local construction worker and shelter staffer Hanny Hoogerkamp she would surely be dead. The young man who rescued her heard tiny cries coming from inside a concrete mixer at a construction site. When he looked inside he found Oakley, abandoned, all alone and barely three weeks old. He immediately brought her to the Bonaire Animal Shelter and Hanny took her home and began bottle feeding her and being Oakley's surrogate mother.

After four weeks of Hanny's constant care, Oakley learned to eat on her own and to do all the other things that momma cats teach their young. Once she was "independent" she joined the cat compound

residents, but she still craves the company of humans. When a person enters the compound, tiny Oakley is immediately at your feet crying to be picked up and held. Her extra loud purring lets you know that despite her enjoyment of kitten play with her roommates, with you is where she prefers to be. Oakley is now ready for adoption and she will be a beautiful, affectionate companion. While she will no doubt always be a small cat, her big love for people makes up for her small size. Oakley is healthy, vaccinated and ready to go to a home that will love her just as much. You can visit Oakley and all the other Shelter residents Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. ■



Jane Madden Disko

And Shelter News

In honor of World Animal Day, Thursday, October 4, in connection with the Bonaire Lions Club, the Animal Shelter held a free microchip-your-pet event in Wilhelmina Park from 4 to 7 pm. They are proud to announce that 57 dogs and cats now carry a microchip, free of charge. Every year on the island many pets go missing, often during new years with all the fireworks. Each chip has a number which is on the master list with the owner's name. When the animal is found the chip is scanned and the owner notified.

Every cat and dog that is adopted from the Shelter now has a microchip.

Each year about 200 pets are adopted from The Shelter. Right now there are about 40 dogs and 25 cats available to go to good homes. These pets are all healthy, having been checked by the vet, had their tests and shots and are sterilized when they are old enough. Check the Shelter out on www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com.

■ Laura DeSalvo

Kriabon Shade House Givaway

Last Sunday at the Health Fair, Kriabon (the farmers' co-op) was there selling seeds, mulch, soil, and other needed items for the garden and barnyard. Everyone who spent at least \$10 was entitled to enter the contest to win a free shade house.

The lucky winner is Jeannette Nolen-Heitkönig.

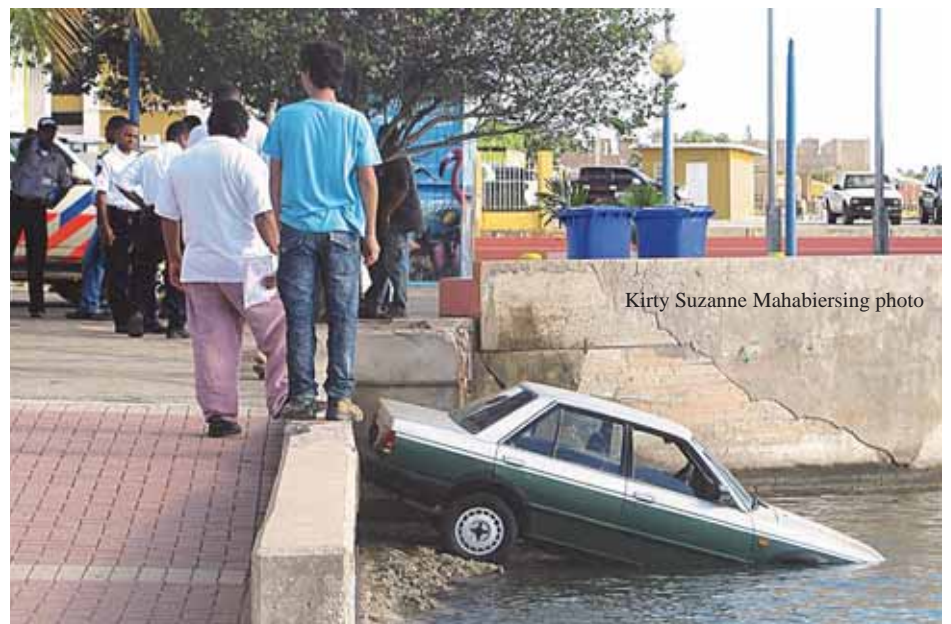
Jeannette says:

"I am so happy I won it, because I would have never been able to buy one. I always liked plants and am intrigued to grow tomatoes, spinach, beans cilantro, parsley, mint etc."

Congratulations, lucky Jeannette!



Lucky winner Jeannette Nolen-Heitkonig and her grandchild, Shadyra, receiving the shade house from Sidney Manuel, Kriabon board member who built it on her property for her.



Kirty Suzanne Mahabiersing photo

It happens several time a year- a car goes into the sea. The latest was near the Chicú Mercelina wharf (aka Town Pier) around 4:15 pm. The driver was not hurt.

World Animal Day

World Animal Day was celebrated in Bonaire on Thursday, October 4th. The commemoration is based on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, who was born in 1182 in Italy, as the son of a rich merchant. As Francis became older, he encountered many problems in his life; he became seriously ill and was also in jail for twelve months. These events changed his life.

Francis decided to dedicate his life to, and take care of animals and nature. He became a special friend of animals, flowers, trees and everything that nature has to offer. He died on October 4, 1226 at

the age of 44. Two years after Francis' death, he was declared a saint.

At the Animal Protecting Congress in 1929 in Vienna his day of death was declared World Animal Day, because he was such a big animal friend. On October 4, 1930, World Animal Day was celebrated for the very first time.

The day celebrates animal life in all its forms; celebrates humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom; acknowledges and appreciates the various roles that animals play in our lives - from being our companions, to supporting and helping us, to bringing a sense of wonder in our lives; acknowledges and expresses thanks for the way in which animals enrich our lives. ■

G.D.

Winners!



Standing in the winners' dais at the Jong Bonaire Mini Triathlon are De Freewieler owner Frank Bohm and "DJ" Methorst from Sorobon Beach Resort.

They got another chance to be winners when they took second place in the St. Maarten DuoXtreme mountain bike competition last month.

They will be riding together on Sunday, October 21st in the Bonaire Duo Extreme race. They will take the grueling 83 km.-long route which is expected to take winners 3-1/2 to 4 hours of riding.

Start and finish are at the Divi Flamingo hotel, read more on page 16. ■

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OCTOBER SKYPARK PLANETS AND MOON

The two dominant planets this month will be **Venus** and **Jupiter**.

Both of these brilliant beauties will be putting on quite a show in the early part of the month. Watch for Venus to pair up with **Regulus**, the brightest star in the constellation **Leo**, before sunrise in early October.

Technically speaking, three planets will come out after sunset in October. **Mercury**, **Mars** and **Saturn** (until October 25). By far, **Mars** will be the easiest of these planets to catch – but you will still have to look for it soon after sunset. **Saturn** will transition from the evening to the morning sky in October, so it's doubtful that you can catch the ringed planet at all right now.

On October 20, look up for the **Orionids Meteor Shower**. The Orionids is an average shower producing about 20 meteors per hour at their peak. This shower usually peaks on the 21st, but it is highly irregular. A good show could be experienced on any morning from October 20 - 24, and some meteors may be seen any time from October 17 - 25. The first quarter moon will set by midnight, leaving a dark sky for what should be a good show. Best viewing will be to the east after midnight. Be sure to find a dark location far from lights.

On October 29 there will be **Full Moon**. The Moon will be directly opposite the **Earth** from the **Sun** and will be fully illuminated as seen from Earth. This lets us ask the question:

Is a half moon half as bright as a full moon?

It is certainly logical to expect that when the moon is 50% illuminated (at its First or Last Quarter phase; also some-



times called the "half-moon"), that it would be shining only half as bright as a full moon.

Indeed, if the moon's disk was flat like a white piece of paper or a projection screen, then its surface brightness would be the same all over and this would be true. But, of course, this is not the case.

The moon is a sphere and as such, the amount of reflected light from the **Sun** per unit area decreases toward the terminator, which is the dividing line between the bright and shaded regions. Near and especially along the terminator, mountains and boulders strewn across the lunar landscape cast innumerable shadows. This gives the effect of the moon appearing brightest near and along its edge, but grayer toward the terminator.

In contrast, at full moon, the Sun is shining straight down virtually everywhere on the lunar surface (except near its edges) so that there are no shadows at all. Believe it or not, it only takes about **2.4 days from the full moon for it to shine half as bright**. When the moon is at First Quarter phase, it is actually only 9% as bright as full! At the moon's Last Quarter it's even dimmer — 8% — because of the greater visible area of the dark maria (or lunar "seas") on its illuminated portion. ■

James Albury



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

October 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Be careful not to confuse issues when discussing the matters at hand. Your lover may feel rejected. Depression may be likely if you're away from home. Catch up on overdue phone calls and correspondence. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may have major blowups with someone you love if you don't back down. Don't let your boss make you feel guilty enough to take work home with you. Get thinking about prolonging longevity. Your family may be feeling neglected and unloved. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Opportunities for romance will develop through group endeavors; however, the association isn't likely to last. Take care of your personal needs. Things may not be as harmonious as you would like with colleagues or employers this month. Relationships will be erratic this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Do not hesitate to help elders with legal documents that are too confusing for them. Don't bother getting even; they'll make themselves look bad. Take a look at investment opportunities. You can make money if you get involved in real estate deals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Business trips will be more productive than trying to fight the red tape facing you. Take care of your own responsibilities before you help others. You may have a hard time relating to children this month. If you're willing to cut loose you will find yourself in the midst of an exciting encounter. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. Join humanitarian groups and let your leadership ability take over. Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) This will be a good day for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. You can meet new and exciting lovers through work related projects. Uncertain get rich quick schemes will not be as lucrative as you anticipate. One of your female friends may try to disrupt your day. Stand up for your rights. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status. Accept the inevitable and continue to do your job. The home environment will be unpredictable this month. You could be blind to the defects of those you love. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this month. You will have additional discipline that will aid you in your objectives. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. Your communication skills will bring you popularity and increased self esteem. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Do not reveal personal information to those you feel may be untrustworthy. Social events will lead to a strong and stable relationship. Get busy trying to make more money. Plan to visit friends or relatives. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Hassles with in-laws could put a damper on your day. Your need to get away could lead you into greater debt. Praise will be yours if you have been pursuing your goals. Take time to explain your intentions to loved ones.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your best gains will come through helping others emotionally. Consider making residential changes; either moves or renovations could payoff. Entertainment should include sports events or physical activities. Colleagues may try to undermine you.

Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday. ■

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