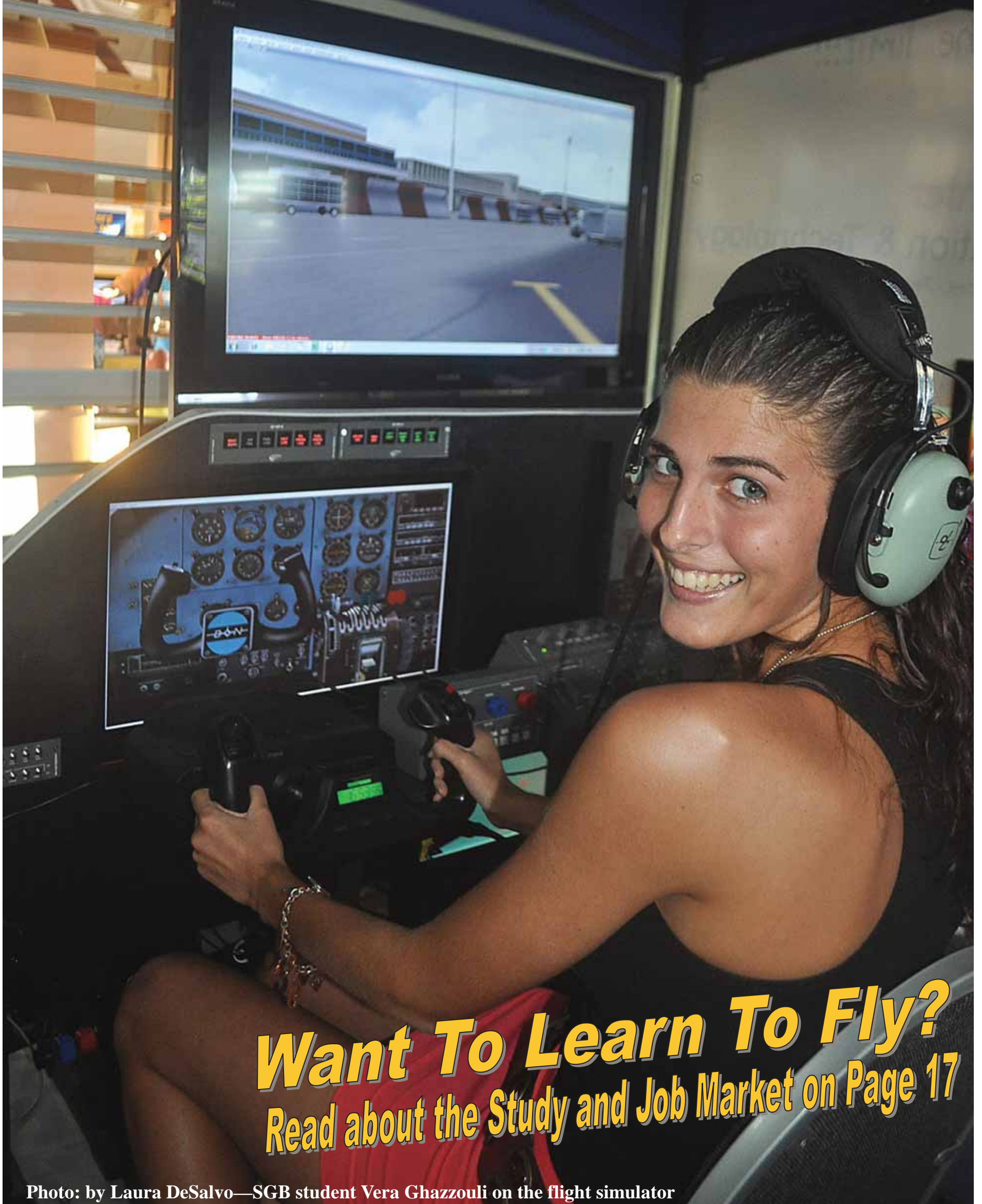


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The residents of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES islands) say they have less confidence in the future of the islands despite the increased satisfaction regarding education, health service, safety and the police compared to the previous year. This was reflected in an experience study that was conducted by order of the RCN (National Service Caribbean Netherlands).

The satisfaction with medical care nearly doubled from 36% in 2011 to 61% in 2012. People also feel safer: 48% compared to 31% last year. People still find the service by the Immigration and Naturalization Department (IND) problematic, although the quality has improved slightly.

People are less positive about their income. A number said they lost purchasing power. Only 38% saw a progress in their view of future income. In 2011, 59% was positively disposed toward the future compared to 41% in 2012.

However, residents of the Caribbean Netherlands feel they have fallen behind in purchasing power since 10/10/10. Only 38% foresee an improvement in income. The report indicated that concerns about purchasing power also resound in the confidence in the future of the islands. In 2011, 58% was positive about the island's future, but confidence has dropped to 41%.

Kingdom Representative Stolte mentioned measures taken in the area of social and the possibility of price policy in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba are underway. He expressed the hope for business owners to take their responsibility in actually lowering prices.

The perception study was commissioned by Government Representative Stolte and was carried out by the Curconsult research bureau; 650 residents of the three islands of the Caribbean Netherlands were interviewed. The entire report is available on www.rijksdienstcn.com.

► On November 8, the BES Is-

land Police Corps launched its new website www.politiecn.com. It's an informative site in three languages (Dutch, Papiamentu and English) which will be regularly updated with new items and also offers opportunities to ask questions online or download brochures.

Superintendent of the Police Jan Rooijakker is proud of the new site. He writes: "With the launch of our new website we can better inform people what the Police Corps Caribbean Netherlands stands for, what we do and what you can expect from us."

► When Curaçao sneezes, Bonaire gets a cold. So get the Kleenex ready. **Standard & Poor's (S&P) Investment Ratings Services revised its outlook on Curaçao last Thursday from stable to negative.** According to S&P, the deterioration in government's balances in Curaçao's national pension fund and health care fund has weakened the government's underlying fiscal stance.

Additionally, Curaçao's failure to form a new coalition government that acts on measures to reverse the fiscal deterioration and improve the country's investment climate could lead to a downgrade if the deterioration of the country's public health and pension systems is not stemmed.



► **The Bonaire Consumers Union has been officially chartered** under the name *Union di Komsumido Boneiru* (Unkobon). Unkobon is an association of consumers on Bonaire. It is independent of government, politics or ideology and focuses on the representation of consumers, its members and others on Bonaire. The spokesperson for the association is C. Fernandes Pedra. For more information contact the

Secretariat at email: secretariaat@consumentenbonaire.com

► **The Union di Konsumido Boneiru** (Unkobo) in a letter to the government-owned utility company, WEB, objected to a price increase for electricity and water. It said in part: "On October 24, 2012, your website stated that on October 17, 2012, the 'Public Body Bonaire' had adjusted the rates for water and electricity and that these new tariffs would take effect on October 1, 2012. "From the somewhat twisted wording of article 19 paragraph 7 of your 1992 General Conditions, it can be concluded that tariff adjustments will take effect from the day they have been agreed to. Is it therefore legal for you to backdate the tariffs to October 1, 2012? ... "Should you not be prepared to give a sufficient notice period for the price increase to take place, our second objection applies: We have found that our invoices dated November 1, 2012, show the new tariffs for both water and electricity



► **An RCN-sponsored three-month pilot campaign named Alivio pa bo potmòni (Relief for your wallet) started on Bonaire last Friday.** Its aim is to raise awareness among people about their spending and to point out their own responsibility in dealing with money. There are three approaches to help them do this: Consumer advocate *Fundashon Tienda pa Konsumidó* has asked local supermarkets to discount some products from the "basic commodities" basket on a regular basis. Several supermarkets have responded positively and their actions will be highlighted to consumers in the media.

A series of 10, 45-minute long social-educational television programs, *Alivio Pa Bo Pòtmòni*, will be broadcast to "playfully" inform people of their responsibilities to budget. Information on the ABB sales tax will be given in the form of short "Did you know that?" ads. The intention is to clarify the rules so that people can make sure they do not pay too much. The reason for the campaign is because the Government is concerned about the purchasing power and price developments on the islands. A similar campaign on Saba and St. Eustatius in cooperation with local organizations is set for 2013.

► **SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico-- In a non-binding referendum Puerto Rican voters showed support for changing the island's status as a US territory**, to become the 51st US state according to official results. **Compare this with Bonaire's current feelings.** Puerto Ricans faced two questions in the status vote: -Should Puerto Rico keep its current status as a self-governing commonwealth? Nearly 54% of voters said no, while 46% chose to remain a commonwealth under which Puerto Ricans living on the island are US citizens. They cannot vote for president, however, and are represented by a non-voting delegate in the US House of Representatives. -The second question asked voters, regardless of their answer to the first question, to choose their preference among three non-territorial options: US statehood, independence, or a sovereign free association with ties to the US. Statehood gained 61% of the vote versus 33% for sovereign free association. Independence received more than 5% support. Most Puerto Ricans pay no US federal income tax but contribute to Social Security and are eligible to receive federal welfare benefits, and many have served in the armed forces.

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►Should Bonaire ask the US Government for help in solving its crime problem?

Consider that in 2011, St. Kitts and Nevis faced spiraling crime and one of the world's highest per capita homicide rates. Working with US government-sponsored legal advisors, the Kittitian government, police, and prosecutors put in place new policies and practices that led to a double-digit drop in the rate of violent crime, making communities safer.

Roberta S. Jacobson, US Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere, said in an address in Barbados last week that this was one example of the strong US commitment to working hand in hand with the nations of the Caribbean to address shared challenges. "We share as well a commitment to fighting corruption and diversifying our economies to share more widely the benefits of economic growth," she added.

►Rotary President Jan Kloos welcomed Leonard Domacassé, the new head of the MCB Bank, into the Bonaire Rotary Club on Saturday October 27.

Kloos welcomed Leonard to the fellowship of Rotary throughout the world. The idea of Rotary is service. Its principal motto is "Service Above Yourself." The objective of Bonaire's club and



all rotary clubs is to encourage and foster this ideal as a worthy enterprise.



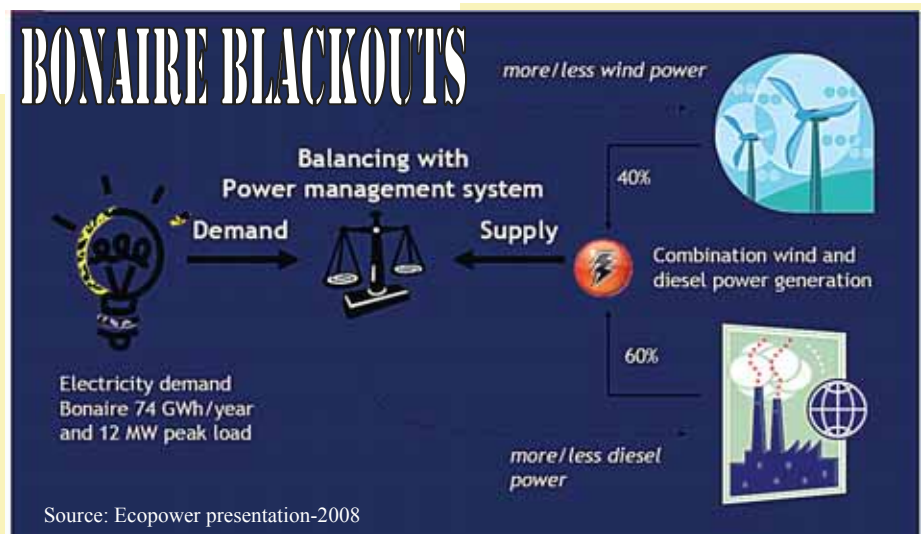
►Miss Bonaire, Saphira Janga, recently left Bonaire for Aken, Germany, to take part in the Miss Intercontinental pageant on November 23.

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In spite of having the most modern power plant in the Caribbean, Bonaire continues to be plagued by more and more blackouts. So far this year there were 40 outages, according to a release by the power generating company, Ecopower: 13 due to technical problems at the plant. The others are almost all due to the increased demand for electricity on Bonaire.

Ecopower took over power generation from WEB in August 2010. Even then the power consumption in Bonaire was 20% higher than predicted and it's been steadily increasing by more than 6% per year. And in September and October 2012, consumption was 8% more than the previous year. Ecopower told *The Reporter*, "The island is consuming as much power now as was predicted for 2018." Due to this higher consumption all five generators must run simultaneously to meet Bonaire's peak power demand of around 14 million Watts (MW).

On average Ecopower's heavy fuel oil-powered generators can operate at 70% of their capacity. Normally the power plant can temporarily deliver 80% of the peak demand as when one of the five oil powered 2.85 MW generators is out for maintenance. The 12 wind turbines at Morotin can produce as much as 10.6 MW, so when there is wind there is ample capacity.

When the turbines aren't turning due to lack of wind, like at this time of year, the lights have to go out sometime. Even if scheduled maintenance is done when consumption is forecast to be low, problems can crop up forcing selective blackouts. There was a recent attempt to alert the public about scheduled neighborhood blackouts, but the actual blackout times did not match the preannounced schedule.

According to Ecopower, the failure of WEB, the island-owned company that dis-

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► **THE HAGUE--The Voting Council has advised the Dutch Government to hold future elections for the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament in the BES Islands one day ahead of the elections in The Netherlands.**

The Voting Council followed up on the observation of the Lt. Governors of the three Dutch public entities that voters in the Caribbean Netherlands may have been influenced by the unofficial results of the September 12 elections in the European part of The Netherlands because the polling places on the islands remain open after the Dutch polls close due to the five-hour time difference.

► **Taxpayers often pay their taxes via a wire transfer from their bank account.** The advantage is that they do not have to wait in line at the cash registers. Often payments are not correctly specified which makes it difficult for the tax office to define exactly what tax is being paid. For example, the ABB and wage tax payments are made together in one payment. This payment should only be registered for either the ABB or the wage tax. Consequently, a penalty may be imposed for the assessments for which no payment was received. **The tax office kindly asks taxpayers to clearly specify the payments.**

► **Starting on Saturday, November 17, 2012, Insel Air will resume the non-stop Bonaire-Miami flight.**

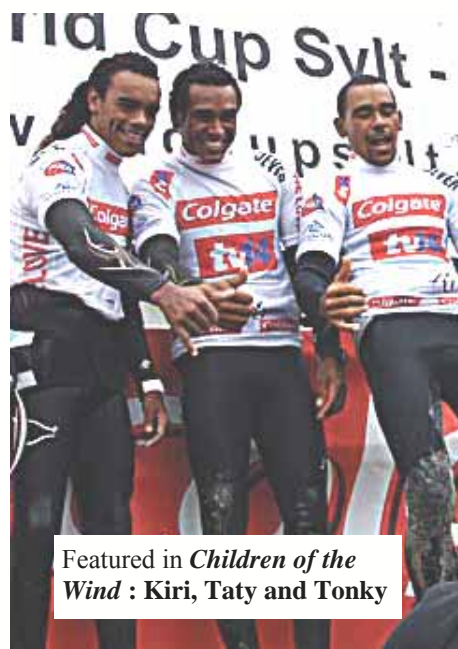
Flight #907 Northbound from Bonaire will depart Bonaire at 11:25 am; arrive Miami: 1:40 pm. The Southbound Flight. #908 from Miami to Bonaire will depart Miami: 3 pm; Arrive Bonaire: 7pm

► **The 2012 Atlantic hurricane season was very active but spared the Eastern Caribbean major problems.** The season accumulated a total of 19 tropical storms, 10 hurricanes, and one major hurricane. This exceeded the predicted maximum number of tropical storms and hurricanes, but not the predicted number of major hurricanes. The season officially began on Friday, June 1, 2012, and ends next Friday, November 30, 2012.

► **The next classical music concert will be on Saturday, November 24.** It will feature **Nicaulis Alliey and Armand Simon** who have appeared in concert on Bonaire before and gave a most impressive performance. Nicaulis and Armand are a quality musical duo and this concert will be a veritable feast for every classical music lover. The ticket price is just \$20, \$25 at the door, Students, \$10- at Addo's, Chat 'n Browse, Valerie's Airport Shop, Plaza or WWW.ClassicalMusicBonaire.com. Imagine what you'd have to pay for a similar concert in the US or Europe, especially to be in close quarters with the artists. Your presence will also support the Classical Music Board of Bonaire so that it can continue to present classical concerts on Bonaire. See ad with details on page 6.

► **The Bonaire windsurfing Documentary Movie *Children of the Wind* took three significant awards** at the X-Dance Film Festival. The movie tells the story of how two Bonaire brothers and their cousin gained international fame in the

sport of windsurfing. Set against the backdrop of the 2011 Windsurfing World Cup on Bonaire, the film follows the boys over their early lives as they transform not only their island but the face of the sport worldwide. *Children of the Wind* was nominated for four awards at the Film Festival including **Best Film**, and won three awards: **Best Documentary, Best Emerging Director, and Best Original Score.** It was a big night for the filmmakers and the Bonaire boys who worked so hard to chase their dream and revolutionize a sport. Special congratulations to **Phillip Lober** (age 18), for winning Best Original Score at X-Dance for *Children of the Wind*! Phillip was just 16 when he started composing *Children of the Wind's* score, and it is truly remarkable and inspiring. Daphne Schmon is Co-



Creator, Editor and Director; Robert McCormick is Co-Creator and Producer and Peter Robertson is Co-Creator and Director of Photography.


► This Thursday, **November 22, is American Thanksgiving**, but everyone is invited to celebrate, no matter where they're from. A perfect place is at **Rum Runners at Capt. Don's Habitat** where they've been doing a bang up traditional Thanksgiving dinner for years now. See page 10 for the menu.

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tributes the power and serves the homes and business of Bonaire, to pay the full bill presented by Ecopower was the cause of the island-wide blackout last August that put Ecopower's boss in jail for a short time. He said Ecopower did not have enough cash to buy fuel and had to shut down the oil-fired generators to avoid damage.

The large payment arrears continues but Ecopower recently won an arbitration that decided WEB must pay the charges and arrears. Without some relief from government, that could result in an unaffordable 50% increase in what WEB bills its customers. The lack of money also makes it impossible for Ecopower to expand production capacity. But when Radio Netherlands discontinued its operation last month its fairly modern facility became available. However, many things must be done before that capacity can be made available. ■

							
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On the Island Since... February 2002 - Renate and Dirk de Boer

“We came here in 2001 for a vacation and instantly fell in love with the island. We immediately started looking for someone who wanted to sell their company to us so we could have a job here. In Holland Renate was working as a customs official and I had my own company in civil underwater construction and underwater diving assistance. Years before, I’d been a professional diver with Smit Tak, a company which provides maritime services. I participated in the first salvage of nuclear vessels along the Belgian coast. Later on I became a freelance diver on oil and gas platforms. It was an adventurous life. I’d been coming to the Caribbean since the 70s and I liked the region; I found it very enjoyable.

Looking for a business on Bonaire we came upon Cozzoli’s Pizza which was located in the Harbourside shopping mall, where Rumba Café is now. It was a pretty little corner in the center of town, right by the sea and we thought it would be the perfect location to get to know everybody on the island.

We went home and we sailed for six weeks along the Spanish and Portuguese coasts to the Canary Islands, and there and then, aboard the boat, we decided we would go to Bonaire.

In February 2002 we stepped from the cold into the Caribbean heat and one year later we got married at No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire.”

“The pizzeria itself was doing well,” Renate says, “but we had bought it without knowing there was a debt on it. In 2005 we had to close and for the first time in our lives we experienced what real poverty was – and I am not ashamed of it. We also learned that you cannot throw away food. We’ve seen the other side. I started working at City Café as a waitress and Dirk got an order to make furniture for Jibe City.”

“.....they saw he was going to have a heart attack. A minute later his heart stopped beating all together ...”

“When I was young,” Dirk says, “I lived on a lake with my parents, my sisters and my brother. I’d go out in a little boat to look for tree stumps and tree trunks. Later on I had a tiny workshop where I made furniture for a hobby. You see, my father was a captain with Shell and his family came from Vlieland, an island on the northwest coast of Holland and amongst them were well known beachcombers. My mother’s family came from Amsterdam; they were artists and actors from the vaudeville theatre. My great grandfather, Joop Koopman, was the founder of the Dutch Opera, and my aunt Jopie Koopman was the very first Miss Holland! We’re inventive people and so, when we lost all our money I started making furniture. We also moved to the kunuku, a little paradise in the middle of the wilderness – love at first sight. We still live there, together with a horse, a Billy goat and a dog.”

“After City Café, I worked briefly for Bamali,” Renate says. “Then, in 2008, I

opened my own boutique, ‘Image’. I’d been planning on it for a while. In Holland I’d done a Detex Sportvak training, the training for everyone who works in fashion. Amongst other things they teach you all about fabrics and the use of it. It’s a very diverse study. In Holland I’d also worked for the Costers Brothers, a reputable menswear business in Rotterdam, where they taught me showcasing too. For me the shop was a dream come true! Dirk went on with his furniture and he’s still doing it. He has orders until the end of next year – he only works on order. It’s been sold before he makes it! You can see his albums with photographs of his work on his FB wall – Dirk de Boer.

My shop did well right from the beginning, but then there weren’t that many boutiques at the time. There was Benetton, Aquamarin and Bamali and that was it. In 2008 Bonaire was still booming although the crises in the States and Europe had already started. It made me very nervous but I thought ‘Just keep going....!’ and that’s – hahaha! – more or less our motto: ‘Do not despair!’”

Dirk continues: “I was the director of a company with a hundred people working for me and my goal was to be a millionaire by the time I was 45. Now I am 51 and I am beachcombing... but the quality of life is not based on a lot of money. You need money, but you don’t need heaps and stacks. There are other things to enjoy: the birds singing in the early morning at the kunuku, the sun, the lovely evenings, the snorkeling and to go to the beach after work and open a bottle of wine or to walk along the wild coast – the high waves breaking - and this big sky all around you! Fantastic! We’re doing it together – this life – the two of us. It feels good to be with Renate – everything is discussable – and we let each other free.

We started up a theatre group and we’re very busy rehearsing for our very

first performance, first for friends and then we’ll see. This season we don’t need new actors, but who knows for next time!

When you think of it, it’s wonderful the way life goes and that it never goes the way you expected it to. When you learn to go with the flow you will have a good life and a relatively free existence.”

“Since I was 13,” Renate says, “I felt I wasn’t going to stay in Holland. I’ve been very much in love with Portugal and we’ve thought about it, but the deciding factor was the language, and in retrospect it’s been a very good decision. We’ve made the right choice. I feel at home here and so does Dirk, but he still feels at home in Holland as well.”

She smiles. “We came together, we’ve been rich together and we’ve been poor together, but Dirk is not complicated and I think we’ll stick together for a while. Crisis or no crisis, the boutique is still growing and I think the secret is personal



Dirk and Renate de Boer



Dirk and Renate in the workshop

attention and the latest trends and fashion from Europe. I’m always at the shop and Dirk works at home. Sometimes we lunch together on the little bench in front of the store or we go to Effie’s.

You won’t see us smoking anymore because... last year in August there was this early evening hour that Dirk said he wasn’t feeling well and that he was going to lie down on the sofa. I was about to go out as I had an appointment, but I changed my mind and stayed home. When I saw how grey Dirk looked I took him to the hospital and they put him on the monitor and then they saw he was going to have a heart attack. A minute later his heart stopped beating all together. One of the ambulance people re-animated him and a cardiologist from Aruba who was visiting, took over and brought him back to life. The next day we flew to Colombia where we stayed for a month and where Dirk had open heart surgery and two bypasses and no more cigarettes! That’s what happened a year ago. It was very intense, but we got a new chance.

The fact is, although the hospital is not equipped with an intensive care and they cannot do a whole lot for you in a crisis situation, there was an adequate and professional response and they arranged everything perfectly for us. The only thing is that if you think that it’s a matter of life or

death – you really have to push people and you need to require immediate assistance!”

“Now we’re living our second half,” Dirk says. “At the moment there’s a company in Holland that wants to make my designs in Holland and I hope I can stay here for a long time to witness the way the island is going.”

“I would like to open a boutique on Aruba,” Renate says, “but a men’s fashion store here on the island would also be fun! However, for that I need a bigger location. Of my clientele, 65% is Bonairean, so the base is good. The rest of the customers are a mix of Dutch expats and foreign tourists.” She laughs. “I think we’re going to stay here – I like the old people’s home. Much better than in Holland where nowadays the old people who are institutionalized can only get a shower once a week. It’s a shame the way they treat the people who’ve worked so hard for us! I prefer to stay here because we like it simple. I just hope life is going to be better for the Bonaireans and that Bonaire is not overtaken by the Netherlands, because we love it the way it is.”

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Bonaire Coral Puzzle 6: The Culprit



Graphic - Genady Filkovsky

Surprisingly more corals grew on boat mooring blocks close to shore in front of Kralendijk than on the blocks close to the reef, 20 meters out. Moreover, these corals grew in a mysterious pattern, decreasing from south to north on the inshore blocks while increasing in the same direction on the offshore ones. If water motion intensity changed in a similar pattern, it could create such a strange arrangement (see the previous issue of *The Bonaire Reporter*). To test whether water motion is the culprit, I set up "water motion sensors" and compiled data on water motion intensity at five mooring

block locations for a total of 140 days. Does the water motion decrease on the inshore blocks from Karel's Bar to Kas di Regatta like the coral coverage does? Does it increase on the offshore blocks from Karel's Bar, to Kas di Regatta, to Harbour Village Marina like the coral coverage does? The answers are, No and No! The pattern of water motion intensity does not correspond to the pattern of coral coverage on the mooring blocks. The water motion intensity is not responsible for the puzzling coral arrangement.

Light, currents, waves, and other natural

factors have been considered for explanation of the phenomenon, and rejected (see previous issues of the series). The "unnatural" factor – pollution – has to be reconsidered now. Pollution in the form of dirty water and untreated sewage originates on land and enters sea water from shore. Considering this source of pollution, it seems that the pollution would affect stronger the inshore mooring blocks compared to the offshore ones, leaving the inshore blocks with less coral. But this consideration takes into account only "non-point source" pollution entering the sea from the shore line. Is there a different, "point source" pollution? Pollutants from shore mix with other sediments after entering sea water, and accumulate in the mud on the bottom. Can the pollutants reenter the water in a different point? The answer is, Yes!

The port of Kralendijk is less than 500 feet (150 m) south of Karel's Bar (see photo). Port activities, such as strong jets from powerful propellers of large ships, stir up the polluted mud and create highly concentrated toxic plume of the accumulated pollutants in the water column. Prevailing currents slowly move this plume north along the reef drop-off, while the plume gradually settles down, widens, and eventually dissipates. Each time the plume surrounds a mooring block on its way it damages or even kills coral polyps living on that block and pollutes the block surface, making it inhospitable for a new coral larvae settlement.

The offshore moorings are located near the reef drop-off, that is, almost on the axis of the plume movement. The southernmost offshore mooring blocks, near Karel's Bar, are the closest to the plume's source, the port, and they are most affected by the plume. Thus, the coral coverage on the off-

shore blocks near Karel's Bar is only 4%. As the plume moves farther away from its source it settles down and disperses, and its effect on the blocks weakens. Accordingly, the coral coverage near Kas di Regatta increases to 16%. By Harbour Village Marina, about two kilometers away from the port, it becomes 33%.

The inshore mooring blocks are affected differently because they are located in the middle of the sand-flat, that is, away from the axis of the plume movement. The southernmost inshore moorings, near Karel's Bar, are out of the plume's front and they are affected rarely and weakly. Thus, the coral coverage on the inshore blocks near Karel's Bar is high, 29%. As the plume moves north it widens, reaches the inshore blocks, and affects them more strongly. Accordingly, the coral coverage on the inshore blocks drops down to 14% near Kas di Regatta.

This explains the mystery. The Culprit was secondary pollution. Coral coverage on the mooring blocks – or rather a lack of it – reflects "hits" by plumes of concentrated pollutants stirred up in the port. The dead areas on mooring block faces demonstrate effect of pollution. This detrimental effect is not limited to corals on the mooring blocks, of course. This is how pollution affects our Bonairean coral reef! ■ Genady Filkovsky

I will write about a new Bonaire coral puzzle in the next issue. At this point, I want to thank CIEE Bonaire for allowing me use of lab equipment, and Dive Friends Bonaire for letting me use air tanks during this study. If you are interested in discussing this puzzle, its solution, or to get more information, write to Genady Filkovsky, e-mail: lagoenhill20@yahoo.com.

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Klein Bonaire- From Quarantine Island to Wilderness Preserve

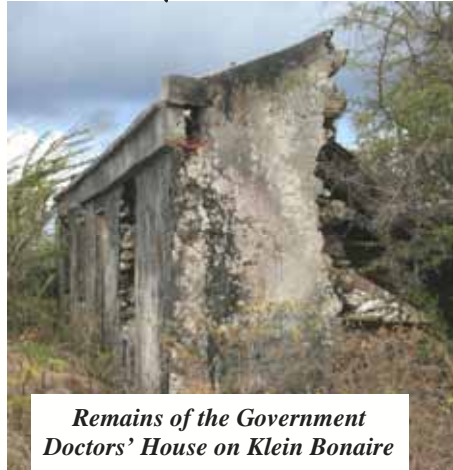
Leaving the beautiful Boca Spelonk lighthouse I had to hurry not to miss the boat to Klein Bonaire to visit the last of five working lights on Bonaire. This is not a lighthouse but a beacon, like Wecua in the northeast.

With a good friend I took the 9:30 am *Good Return Bonaire* water taxi to Klein Bonaire. This small uninhabited island is approximately six square kilometers and is located 800 meters to the west of the main island. Nowadays its shores are a very important nesting place for turtles and underwater it is a diver's paradise. I love this trip because from the boat you always have this beautiful view of the coastline of Bonaire. But it also makes you aware of what an impact the new building activities, especially those in the last 10 years, have had on Kralendijk.

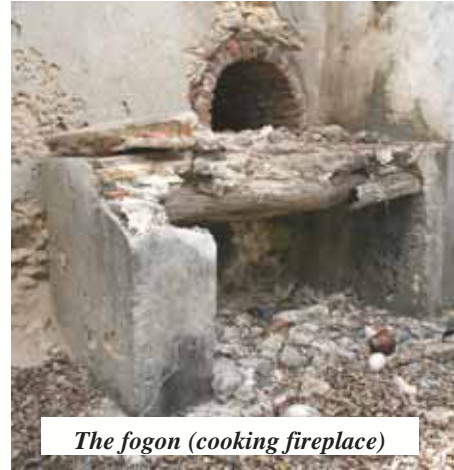
Passing along the east side of Klein Bonaire it appears as though it has always been uninhabited, but there is a house and stone walls according to the *Good Return's* captain Gerrie Fokke so there must have been people living there. After telling us how to find the remains of the old house and the beacon the captain dropped us off by the two wooden huts.

We started walking clockwise around Klein and after a more-than-45-minute walk we finally found the stone wall that goes from the shore to the interior, leading us towards the house. And indeed, in the distance, we could see something that looked like a house. The wall was made of large local natural grey stones. We followed the wall which became more and more obscured by hip-high bushes in the direction of the silhouette of the house. Finally we arrived at the remains of a "house." The facade of the house and the stone rainwater gutter are intact, but the back of the house has collapsed as has the roof. The plastered walls were made from natural stones. The zinc roof in the past was supported by branches, probably later restored with beams which are now all lying on the ground along with the stones of the collapsed back wall.

It had a lean-to roof (*lessenaarsdak* or *Dak Skeins*), so it looks like a Hadrei style without the house. The Hadrei was divided into two rooms, with probably the bedroom on the east and the living room (*sala*) on the west. The kitchen, or a part of it, looks like it was a later extension on the west and downwind side of the building. The cooking area has been sadly damaged but now reveals its construction. The brazier or cooking pot (*konfó*) could stand on a simple plas-



Remains of the Government Doctors' House on Klein Bonaire



The fogon (cooking fireplace)



The remains of the old Klein light get towed away

tered stone fire resistant table. The foundation of the top is made of cactus wood. I knew that cactus wood was used as window lintels, as in this house, but this way of using cactus wood was new to me. And again a cooking fireplace (*fogon*) without a chimney and only one window, illogically placed on the east side of the fireplace. Probably the smoke went straight through the roof. But the roof is gone, so it's impossible to be sure about this. Behind the fireplace on the back wall is a beautiful stone arch opening, the entrance to an oven (*forno*) to provide daily fresh baked bread. On the outside there are a few cracks in the upper part; the lower part without plaster is very vulnerable to the natural elements.

Beside and behind the house we find more "man high" stone walls, some forming a compound or corral for goats. The many spiky bushes inside makes it difficult to walk further. The goat corral shows how the house and the area had transitioned from mainly a quarantine station to a goat farm.

According to Bòl Antoin in his TV program "Herensia,"* this was the house of the government doctor who lived here. From 1849 to 1854 Klein Bonaire was a quarantine station. According to Dr. Joh. Hartog,** the governor received information from Curaçao on which ships had to stop at Klein Bonaire for the control of cholera during that time. The result of not following or ignoring these instructions became clear in 1856 when a fruit barque from Venezuela refused to go to Klein Bonaire, went to Lac and after one man died it went to Slagbaai. Unaware of what had happened in Lac, Rincon and later in Tera Corá the whole island became contaminated by cholera. From August 17 to November 23 more than 100 people died of cholera, which was a little more than 4% of the whole population of Bonaire.

This is probably the first and only house

ever built on Klein Bonaire, and as far as I know at this moment it's not on the draft list of protected monuments (*Ruimtelijk Ontwikkelingsplan Bonaire*). It's a very simple house in style and building materials, and half of it is a ruin. But it's built in a special place with a unique function in the history of Bonaire. Can the last two facts be a reason to put this house on the monument list?

Klein's Later History

After Klein was no longer a government plantation, the government decided in 1868 to have a public auction to sell 600-ha.-sized lots, saying the island was "ideal for keeping goats on a large scale" since it had fresh water wells and a natural boundary of the sea. The first private owner was merchant Anjel J. Jesurun who paid Fl. 8.000*.

From 1890 Klein Bonaire had different private owners and was finally sold to the Klein Bonaire Development Corporation in 1970 for development use.* In 1995 they had a plan to build an all inclusive hotel/resort with pier, shops, condos, even a bridge to the mainland, and more.

But this was one step too far in a changing world and a changing Bonaire. Many people, newspapers, magazines and foundations came into action - like Bart Snelder, Bruce Bowker, Kitty Handschuh, Dee Scarr, *The Bonaire Reporter* (formerly *Port Call*), and others - which resulted in forming the Foundation to Preserve Klein Bonaire (FPKB) in 1996 which triggered more and more people and organizations like Rodale's *Scuba Diving* magazine and World Wildlife Fund to come to their aid. After years of research and all kinds of fund raising actions and donations the FPKB was able to make an offer of 9 million guilders to the Development Corporation to buy Klein Bonaire. On December 30, 1999, the Foundation returned Klein Bonaire to "The People of Bonaire" forever. In 2001 it received the

status of protected area and became a part of the Bonaire National Marine Park.

Klein Bonaire Light

On Saturday, September 15, the last of five working lights of Bonaire, Klein Bonaire, had its makeover. The new mast was shipped on a pontoon boat to Klein where the construction workers took down the old mast and replaced it the same day with the new mast, on top of which of course is the solar powered light with a few batteries for night operation.

This was the last heavy work that was done by construction workers to renovate the three stone lighthouses and renew the two metal masts of the five-in-total working lighthouses of Bonaire done by *Rijkswaterstaat/DZN*. The local Bonaire Island government is once again responsible for the buildings and masts. The five solar powered lights, panels and batteries remain under the surveillance of Radio Holland Curaçao to maintain the safe comings and goings of ships with passengers and goods by day and night, for the coming years. ■ **Story & photos by Wilna Groenenboom**

* More about Klein Bonaire on the website of STINAPA, Bonaire National Marine Park (KLEIN BONAIRE - HISTORY).

**Dr. Joh. Hartog's book, *From Indian to Tourist*

Note: On her way to document the Klein Bonaire Light, author Wilna Groenenboom (*Document Bonaire*) came across an interesting old ruin on Klein Bonaire. As a devotee and advocate of historic houses on Bonaire (Bonaire Reporter series: "Antique Living House of Bonaire") she couldn't resist delving into the story of this house and the history of the island.



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Guest Editorial

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The Tragedy of Bonaire

I would like to offer a suggestion to those individuals struggling with the choice of a Sinterklaas or Christmas gift. A superb gift for island inhabitants, for those who aspire to live or work on Bonaire, for the interested and especially for the newly appointed Dutch Secretary of the Interior Ronald Plasterk who will be responsible for our beautiful island from Dutch capital The Hague.

Hasten yourself to the nearest bookshop or surf the internet until you've reached iTunes (<https://itunes.apple.com/nl/book/de-tragiek-van-bonaire/id565828290?mt=11#>) and purchase "*De Tragiek van Bonaire*" (The Tragedy of Bonaire) in Dutch by Trix van Bennekom. No pretty pictures this time, nor nostalgic non-items about how things used to be so much better in the days of old but an outstanding journalistic account of the island's recent history with a non-conforming personal perspective.



ISBN: 9789461850478 *The Tragedy of Bonaire - Dutch inability on an island where nothing is what it seems*

Trix van Bennekom is a correspondent of the Dutch newspaper consortium GPD and Elsevier magazine. She has been a guest on our island since 2005 and has written a loving and compassionate narrative about Bonaire. Van Bennekom has certainly kept a sharp eye and ear out in regards to the local goings-on. Having the day-job of being a newspaper woman has been helpful, just as mastering Papiamentu at short notice has been elementary.

A fair number of subjects mentioned in the book will appeal to the visiting tourist. The idyllic and unspoiled nature of Bonaire, the delights of diving, reciting poetry underneath a full moon, the overpowering visits by huge cruise ships, the blackouts, the passing tornadoes (wind reversals?), the numerous dogs and goats and the pitiful donkeys. And also the not so obvious like the appalling condition of the hospital not too long ago and the increase in crime culminating in a few brutal bloodcurdling murders.

This makes for an interesting read but it is only the prelude to the main message of the book. Bonaire, neglected for decades and tormented by the long fingers of Curaçao, has found itself in a maelstrom since 10 October 2010. Led on by the local green party UPB, aided by spin-doctor Hans Hilten of the affiliated Dutch political party CDA the island was guided into the position of a special municipality of The Netherlands. Everything would be better from there on for the island. No expense was spared for the transition. Political heavy-weight and Dutch former serial cabinet Secretary Henk Kamp was appointed quartermaster and seized control of the island. He was supported by a much talking and not listening army of officials, cheered on by Bonairean stakeholders like UPB politician Burney El Hage.

The inhabitants of Bonaire initially had high hopes for a fresh start and a new future. This positive attitude quickly became replaced by a feeling of frustration and loss. A feeling personally shared by myself. The tragedy was already looming over the island for decades. After such a long period of dealing with the fat-cats from Curaçao, after all those broken promises and the frustration of not being able to stand up for their own rights things did not improve after 10 October 2010. It just became different. The strong pride prevalent on the island was dented once more, this time by the busy bodying officials from The Netherlands.

These were completely inept at dealing with a foreign culture and could not be bothered to take a course in Papiamentu. Bonaire was forcefully being integrated into the Netherlands. "This is no longer our island" became the core of the tragedy that not only took hold of the aboriginal Bonaireans but became the position of the migrant Bonaireans who have lived here for longer as well. This is most unfortunate and tragic.

In short, the conclusion was that the process was managed very badly by The Netherlands. Which, as far as I am concerned, can be added to the very dubious track record of Dutch decolonisation policy (Indonesia and Surinam). So has nothing positive happened and do all disappointments derive from the behaviour of the Dutch officials? This is both not entirely the case. Trix van Bennekom also subjects the original population and their politicians to critical scrutiny. They left things flapping in the wind before 2010 and they cast their vote when it mattered. And yes, improvements have been made without which tragedy would have escalated into disaster for Bonaire.

So what is the way forward from here on? After much hesitation Van Bennekom depicts a perspective: It would be much better to put Bonaire at arm's length. However well intended there is nothing to be gained by micromanaging such a distant place with Dutch regulatory pedantry. The islanders should be pointed in the direction of a vision of the future where they are able to take control of their own circumstance. Not by applying a suffocating special regime but by allowing as much support as possible.

De Tragiek van Bonaire is written by Trix van Bennekom with love, compassion and a sharp eye and is a very informative book for inhabitants, visitors and policy makers. It is absolutely worthy of a place underneath the Christmas tree of an Antillean or European official. I hope it leads to a better understanding and improved policy for 2013. It is never too late to recon-



Bonairean Humor

From the Papiamentu language newspaper *èxtra*, 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 moooooo."

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.'"

A young boy wakes up very early and says to his father: "Dad, today I woke up with this great desire to work". Dad: "And what are you going to do about that?" Boy: "Go back to sleep and see if it goes away."

"Mama, do sharks eat sardines?" "Yes, honey". "So how do they open the can?"

Doctor comes up to a man sitting in the waiting room of the intensive care unit. "Sir, I have some bad news for you. Your mother has already...." Man: "She's not my mother, she's my mother-in-law." Doctor: "Oh, well...then I have some good news for you."

Teacher: "Buchi what is the problem?" Buchi: "I can't write the number 33." Teacher: "It's very simple Buchi, you write one 3 followed by another 3." Buchi: "Yes, teacher, but I don't know which of the 3's I have to write first."

Teacher: "I am going to ask you two questions, whoever answers the first one well doesn't have to answer the second. How many donkeys are on Bonaire?" Buchi: "15,000." Teacher: How did you arrive at that number? Buchi: "Hey, hey, that is the second question, that one I don't have to answer."


Teacher: "Boris, what name do we give a person who is continually talking even when nobody is interested?" Boris: "A school teacher."

The school telephone rings. "Hello". "Yes, bon dia, today my son cannot come to school because he is very sick." "Ah, yes, and with whom am I speaking?" "With my father."

"Mama, mama, can you give me \$2 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 \$2!'" ■






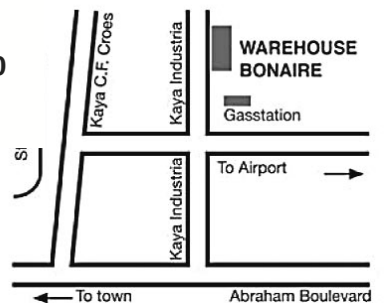
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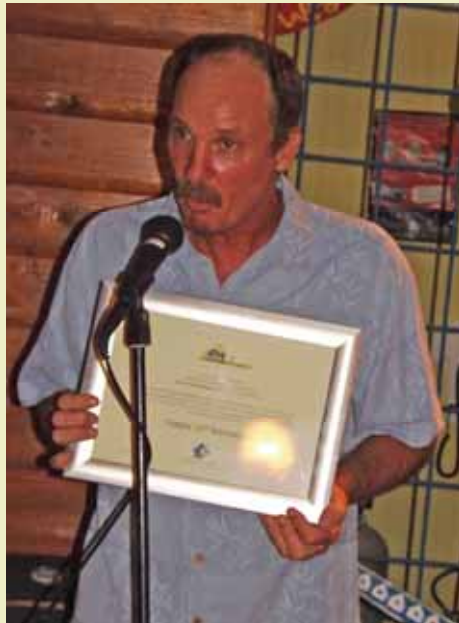
During the second week of November Dive Friends Bonaire organized all kinds of activities and celebrations because of their 10th anniversary. During four days, extra happy hours were held at Dive Inn, Port Bonaire, Yellow Submarine and Sand Dollar - the four dive locations of the enterprise. Free drinks and tasteful snacks were presented and there were all kinds of gifts for the employees and hundreds of visitors.

On Friday, November 9, a big party with dinner and music was held at the recently renewed and reopened drive-through location at Hamlet Oasis.

It was Jan Kloos who, in a never boring and juicy way, informed the audience during his speech about the history and the presence of Dive Friends Bonaire. How it all started 10 years ago as a merger of Photo Tours Divers, Yellow Submarine and Dive Inn. It took trial and error during those first years Dive Friends Bonaire to become one of the leaders, if not the leader, of dive activities on the island. Kloos recognized some key managers who helped build the business..

He especially paid attention to the present General Manager, Pascal de Meyer. For years De Meyer has been involved in the company, assisted by Asko Zuidam, location manager of Dive Bonaire, and, last but not least, the lovely and dedicated Carolyn Caporusso, Assistant General Manager. Kloos mentioned the contributions and importance of employees for the enterprise.

He paid special tribute to the island, the people and the nature of the island. It is for sure that Kloos has a special love for Bonaire and that Dive Friends Bonaire takes care of this tropical island by encouraging responsible diving and actively fighting pollution.



Pascal de Meyer, General Manager of Dive Friends Bonaire, received a commemorative plaque from Craig Dewey and Charles Vos from the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association in honor of the 10th anniversary of Dive Friends.

Then Jan Kloos handed out two checks of \$1,000 each to representatives of Fundashon Cocari (from Rincon) and Fundashon-Pasadia Villa Antonia. Both foundations are provide daily activities and caretaking of the elderly.

Finally, Craig Dewey, president ad interim, and Charles Vos of Bonhata, The Bonaire Tourism and Hospitality Association handed over a memorial plaque to Pascal de Meyer.

Pascal's speech was short and effective. It was time to celebrate!

And remember Dive Friends Bonaire's slogan: "Without Blue, There is No Green!" ■ Story by J@n Brouwer



Carolyn Caporusso, Dive Friends assistant general manager, helped Jan Kloos present \$1000 checks to elderly activity foundations Pasadia Villa Antonia and Cocari.



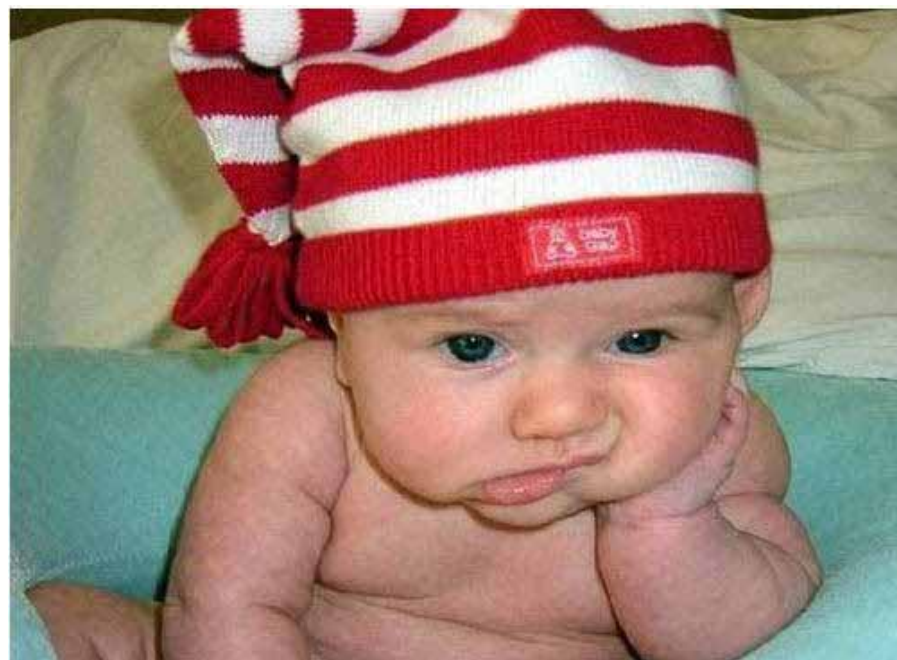
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Kaminda di Arte Begins Again



Nice turnout at the Royal Palm Gallery. The Kaminda (Art Tour) is held every third Sunday.



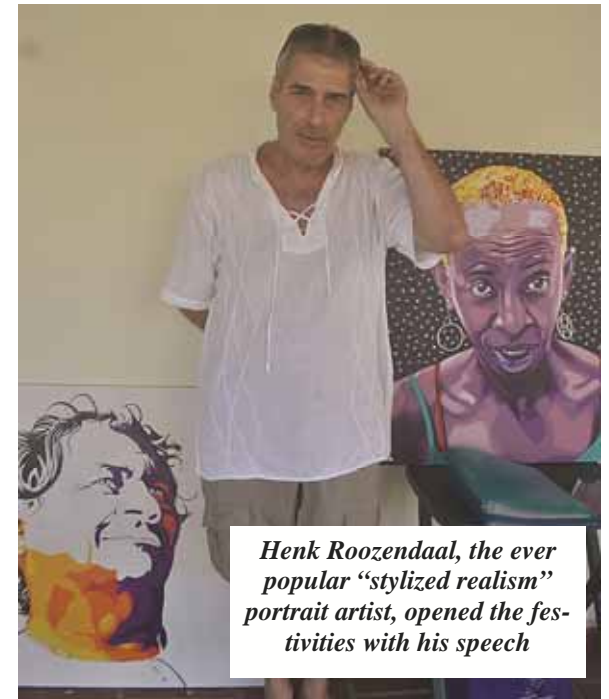
The "Back On Track" boys provided the music



Luz Aida Franco Wesselius, a naïve painter from Colombia, now living in Bonaire



Magreet Faassen-Pijpers, a former watercolorist, now works with acrylics



Henk Roozendaal, the ever popular "stylized realism" portrait artist, opened the festivities with his speech

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Nov. Fri 23		02:59 -0.03 ft	09:27 0.94 ft	17:14 0.15 ft	21:13 0.38 ft	6:37	18:07
Sat 24		03:22 0.05 ft	10:06 0.98 ft	18:30 0.09 ft	22:28 0.27 ft	6:37	18:07
Sun 25		03:36 0.12 ft	10:43 1.00 ft	19:41 0.03 ft		6:38	18:07
Mon 26	00:12 0.20 ft	03:31 0.17 ft	11:20 1.00 ft	20:45 -0.03 ft		6:38	18:07
Tue 27	11:56 1.00 ft	21:39 -0.07 ft				6:39	18:08
Wed 28	12:32 0.99 ft	22:24 -0.10 ft			Full Moon	6:39	18:08
Thu 29	13:09 0.97 ft	23:01 -0.12 ft				6:40	18:08
Fri 30	13:46 0.95 ft	23:32 -0.13 ft				6:40	18:08
Dec. Sat 01	14:24 0.93 ft	23:57 -0.13 ft				6:41	18:08
Sun 02	15:02 0.89 ft					6:41	18:09
Mon 03		00:17 -0.12 ft	15:41 0.84 ft			6:42	18:09
Tue 04		00:34 -0.11 ft	07:22 0.48 ft	10:53 0.45 ft	16:21 0.76 ft	6:42	18:09
Wed 05		00:49 -0.10 ft	07:18 0.57 ft	12:30 0.42 ft	17:05 0.67 ft	6:43	18:09
Thu 06	L Quar- ter	01:05 -0.09 ft	07:32 0.69 ft	13:52 0.36 ft	17:51 0.56 ft	6:43	18:10
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Fishing Line Clean Up



A bunch of some 20 volunteers enjoying food and drinks after the successful dive.

Te Amo Beach/Kralendijk - On Sunday, November 11, at 10 in the morning, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) teamed up with Dive Friends of Bonaire to host the 6th clean up dive around the fuel pier near Te Amo Beach and Flamingo Airport. Volunteers met at the Port Bonaire location of Dive Friends Bonaire for instructions about how to recover fishing line without damaging the coral reef.

This was the first time for the volunteers to practice a clean up near the fuel pier. A lot of work was done at the underwater area around the town pier, so the STCB picked out the fuel pier. There are some more areas to clean. There is the salt pier and it is said that there is a lot of fishing line at the Sabadeco Pier.

This time members of the crew of the *Freewinds* also helped cleaning. After

the job drinks and food were supplied by the *Freewinds*.

Thank you to Dive Friends of Bonaire for hosting the dive and for the supply of air tanks and collection bags. Thank you to all divers which have helped clean up Bonaire's seas in support of the Fishing Line Project. Thank you, volunteers of the SS *Freewinds*.

The Fishing Line Project is run by STCB in partnership with the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance and is working towards freeing our coral reefs from fishing debris which can entrap our endangered sea turtles.

Next clean up dive is in January 2013, exact date to be decided. ■

Story & Photo by J@n Brouwer



Helmets Help

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

Bonaire/ Lagoen - Antriol

His name is Ryan Winklaar. He is 19 years old and he works temporarily at the Animal Shelter along the Kaminda Lagoen. Ryan is an enthusiastic youngster with a smiling face. A handsome young man. Bright eyes, dreadlocks, a green shirt, Bermuda shorts and flip flops. Ryan is the owner of a French-made Peugeot two-stroke scooter/moped with an expansion exhaust. The scooter has been re-sprayed with a kind of green cloudy paint. Ryan has been the proud owner of this scooter for some four months now. The scooter uses just a little bit of fuel and makes Ryan independent.

In a way Ryan is a smart guy because he wears a helmet. He shows me his red full-face Uvex Boss GP motorcycle helmet. A couple of weeks ago Ryan kissed the tarmac as he fell with his motorized two-wheeler. The wounds on his legs are healing but still visible. Ryan: "This helmet really saved me.



Ryan Winklaar (19), looking serious in the lens of the camera, showing his red Uvex full face helmet which protected him well when he fell with his scooter, a couple of weeks ago.

Without it I would for sure have a couple of dreadlocks less!" Funny guy. Sense of humor. Ryan is proud of his Peugeot and of his helmet. Unfortunately the helmet is very used and it misses a screen or visor. Then I inform him about a bunch of helmets I have in stock. One helmet is a blue one. Full face, with a visor. That same day I deliver the helmet-with-visor at the Animal Shelter. A small present for a smart Bonairean. Thumbs up for Ryan! ■ J@n Brouwer

Dive Friends Bonaire Collects Empty Batteries

Kralendijk/Bonaire -

We all know pollution is an increasing problem in this world, especially as we get more and more people using more and more raw material and consuming more and more products. Getting rid of waste is a big problem, especially on small islands like Bonaire. We are already collecting metal, glass and oil, but then there is still the question of what to do with it.

Empty batteries are also a big problem. Most of them still end on the landfill or in our rocky soil where they finally start leaking. In the end all the pollution ends up in the sea which surrounds us and which is the source of all life. Most tourists are aware of this problem and they are encouraged to take back their batteries to their own countries where they can get rid of them in a proper way.

Dive Friends Bonaire also collects empty batteries. They are very aware of the risks of pollution of our earth. Their employees are more than willing to accept your empty batteries. They don't care whether you are a diver or a non-diver; whether you are associated with Dive Friends Bonaire or have a link with another dive operator. They just collect the batteries and take care of a proper and honest way to get rid of them. With the help of Stinapa they are



Judith Abdul, administrative employee of Dive Friends Bonaire for some nine years, shows the canister in which the empty batteries are collected in a responsible way.

finally exported abroad to have them dismantled and recycled. Dive Friends has five locations. One at Hamlet, near Hato, one at Playa Lechi: Yellow Submarine, one at Port Bonaire, opposite the airport and two shops in downtown Kralendijk.

Please collect your empty batteries in an empty cup or jar and bring them, every now and then to one of the five collecting points of Dive Friends Bonaire. And remember: "Without blue, there is no green!" ■ Story & photo by J@n Brouwer

Keep Our Island Clean

Bonaire -

It must have been sometime in the late 70s that I changed the engine oil in my old Birmingham-made English classic BSA A65L Lightning 650 cc parallel four-stroke twin. The 10,000 kilometer motorcycle trip started in Oregon, US, at the Pacific Ocean and ended three months later on Fire Island, New York. So I must have changed my oil somewhere in South Dakota. I still remember how the grass and the soil slowly burnt and got black. I was "on the road" and did not know how to get rid of my used engine oil.

Later I lived on the island of Curaçao for more than 10 years and I repaired the pavement of my driveway with a mixture of small rocks, pebbles and old engine oil. This was my contribution to the pollution of Curaçao.

Now I know better and the government of Bonaire helps me. On several locations on the island you can find huge metal containers with lids to open on top and a gauze filter. You can dump your used engine oil in these containers. This way you contribute to the preservation of the environment



An empty bucket and a lot of oil. Do not pollute your own world. Dump your oil in one of the SELIBON containers.

of the island, the sea and the world. SELIBON takes care of the old oil and gets rid of it in a responsible way. One container to dump your used oil in is located next to the Warehouse Supermarket, on SELIBON's land.

Just recently I found a still useful empty blue plastic bucket. Unfortunately it was located next to a black pool of old engine oil, a piece of oil soaked cloth, an oil cartridge from an engine and a couple of empty oil cans. Apparently somebody had tried to get rid of his waste the fastest way...

Please, collect your engine oil and do not dump it in our nature. In the end we and our children have to pay for it... ■ Photo & story by J@n Brouwer

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Green Fingers



Linda's Garden



Linda's Ficus Benjamina

Could it be possible that Linda has the biggest tree on Bonaire in her garden? Her 30-year-old *Ficus Benjamina* must have the largest trunk and canopy circumference of any tree I have so far seen on Bonaire. Linda says that that the temperature is 6 degrees C lower under the tree. It provides so much shade as well as being a great tree for climbing due to the nature of its branches.

Linda is a keen gardener and an enthusiastic brewer of a variety of health boosting teas. She recycles pallets by making them into tables and chairs. There are so many pallets to be found lying around and with a few large nails, a saw and hammer, most with basic DIY skills should be able to use the wood to make simple furniture.

Her garden is a real adventure as there are so many things as well as plants to be fascinated by. Linda believes that gardens should be an adventure to walk round providing various points for discussion. For example



Karate Kids

Sensei Peter Silberie and members of the BonKarate karate school travelled to Curaçao to compete in the Curaçao Open Karate Competition and gave a good account of themselves.

In the main events **Kristian Saleh** (Youth Class, male) and **Daeline Lourens** (Youth Class, female) won gold medals and **Ashanti Martina** (Junior, female) took a silver.

Others competing for Bonaire were Theursten Winklaar, Everone Vrutaal, Miguel Pietersz and Sissy Spong in their

respective classes.

Commissioner of Sports James Kroon visited a training session of BonKarate to congratulate the competitors and mentioned that BonKarate is a fine example for Bonaire youth.

BonKarate welcomes youngsters and adults who want to learn more about karate. Email: 1144 psilberie@flamingotv.net or psilberie@flamingotv.net

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she has created a beautiful trompe-l'oeil (above), which is an art technique involving realistic imagery in order to create an optical illusion. She has a natural stream running through the garden during the rainy season which she has built a small bridge over. She has her own inland beach and her beautifully behaved dog Bibi has her own shade house which Linda built herself. Bibi also seems to like to eat the fruit of the Christmas palm which I found rather bitter. Linda is pruning a neem tree to grow like an umbrella under which she has placed a table and chairs. We named her invention: the neem brella (column right). This is easy to



do by winding the stems that grow up around each other, trimming off side growth and fixing them in place with wire. Once it gets to the desired height of an umbrella you can then attach bamboo rods and encourage the branches to grow horizontally along them. Due to the rapid growth of the neem tree I think this will be a constant battle to maintain its shape. However, it would be possible to start a bonsai neem tree project to create the desired outcome.

Surprisingly Linda doesn't have a drip

system. The garden is so shaded that many of the plants can survive for three days or longer during the dry season without being watered. She encourages her plants to grow strong by having to find their own water and not being watered so much by hand.

Linda has grown most of her plants from seed or cuttings as well as having allowed plants to naturally germinate wherever they might be in the soil. It is always a surprise for her to see what grows and most of it is welcome. Linda has catalogued all the plants she has (around 45) into a book and researched all their beneficial properties. Her passion is growing her own tea. I was treated to a delicious glass of iced *Moringa* tea which also has many vitamins and minerals to boost the immune system and ward off diseases. The *Sesbania Grandi Flora* is a very beneficial tree as its leaves can be made into tea, the flowers can be eaten and it provides beans which are peppery tasting.

Linda is a picture of health, calmness and tranquillity. I felt a sense of calm in her garden where nature is respected and used to benefit people's health. ■
Story & photos by
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Wednesday, November 21 & Thursday, November 22-CIEE student independent research projects presentations, 7-9pm, CIEE, Kaya Gob. Debrot #26

-Thursday, November 22— American Thanksgiving



Saturday, November 24th -Classical Music Concert featuring flautist Nicaulis Alliey and pianist Armand Simon at Plaza Resort Cacique Hall. Starting 8 pm. See page 6.

-Farmers' Market –8am-noon, at Animal Shelter Garage Sale, Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café.

Saturday, December 1— Farmers' Market at Kriabon, Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am-noon

Saturday, December 8 -Animal Shelter Christmas Market, at the Shelter on the Lagoon Road, from 11 am to 5 pm. More on page 18

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.

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Wednesdays

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• **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.

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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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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.

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

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

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

Toastmasters Club meets every **2nd and 4th Thursdays.** Info-scapurier@yahoo.com

CHURCH SERVICES

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

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-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.

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

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

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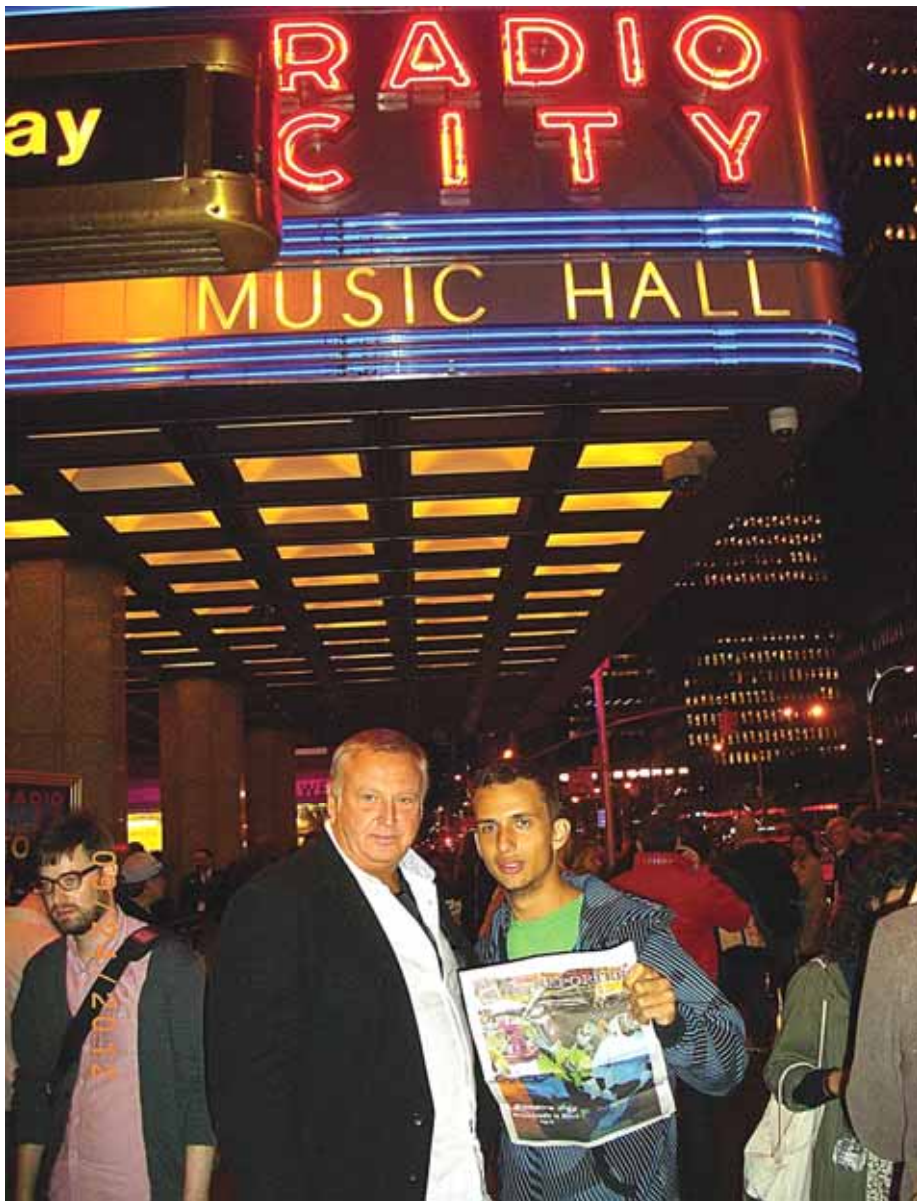
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Picture Yourself With The Reporter In New York, New York



Last month Joe Pilarz travelled to New York City to connect with his friend Bruno Ottens. Joe is one of the partners in Pasa Bon Pizza and Bruno grew up on Bonaire and worked for a time at Pasa Bon. They are good friends. Bruno is currently in New Zealand having departed from Bonaire as crew aboard Laura Dekker's sailboat, *Guppy*. Laura is currently 17 and holds the record of being the youngest person to circumnavigate the world singlehandedly. Bruno crewed with her across the Pacific Ocean. Currently Laura is in Auckland and Bruno in Whangarei, Northland. While in New York City Joe and Bruno saw the sights, took in shows, music and generally enjoyed the city. They had their photo taken with *The Reporter* in front of Radio City Music Hall in Rockefeller Center. ■

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2012 Job and Study Fair



Career opportunities

Last Saturday, November 17th the 9th Annual Bonaire Job and Study Fair was held at Jong Bonaire with the aim of helping students choose the best job and course of study for them. The message was clear: Further education is important not just for the student but also for their family and Bonaire. A country whose population is well educated has more economic opportunities.

The event was organised by Lilian Paula-Crestian who is the Study and Job co-ordinator at SGB. The following local companies and educational institutions had stands: Bonhata, The Fire Brigade, FKPD, Flamingo ICT, Forma, *Fundashon Mariadal*, *Rosa di Sharon*, Girobank, Jacobs Architects, *Korps Politie Caribisch Nederland*, The Coast Guard, The Chamber of Commerce, MCB, NGO Platform, *Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire*, RCN, *RCN studie financing*, *ROA Caribisch Nederland*, *Sentro Hubentut*, Tempo Bonaire and Unkobon, the new Consumers Union, as well as educational organizations from Aruba, Curaçao and The Netherlands.



Body Info

The Jong Bonaire auditorium was a hive of activity; the police gave demonstrations, you could have your finger prints taken and budding crime scene investigators could see the tools of the trade. You could have your arm put in a cast using the latest light weight plaster, the new kidney dialysis unit showed how dialysis works and there was a patient hoist to help nurses and care givers move patients without hurting themselves. You could hone your flying skills on a flight simulator; then check your steadiness of hand by using a keyhole surgery tool to remove sweets from a box.

There was also plenty to eat. The pumpkin *arepas* made by the hospital chef were delicious. Visitors could check out the which ambulance is outfitted with all the modern life saving machinery and inspired confidence in the hopefully unlikely event of needing to call one out.

Not only did the fair show students what their options were but it also gave a strong feeling that Bonaire is moving forward and looking to the future as well as being a good place to live.

The event was sponsored by Ban Boneiru Bek, Flamingo Communications, Green Label Landscaping, Jong Bonaire, MCB Bonaire, *ROA Caribisch Nederland* and Telbo. ■ Story & photos by Carla Hay





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Sudoku Solution

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

Pet of the Week

Fabulous Fabian!



Just one look at that face and those eyes and you know you are dealing with a highly intelligent cat! Maybe it's because "Fabian" was born at the Shelter and learned about life from all the cats, dogs and humans he has observed in his six months of life. Fabian is primarily white with a beautiful grey nose, grey striped cap, grey stripe patches and a grey striped tail. He comes when you call his name and is more than comfortable being handled and cuddled as he has been used to that since the day he was born. Fabian would be a perfect companion for a family with small children or for adults who prefer a cat they can interact with.

Fabian is also extremely sociable with other cats. His best friend Karel (a mellow red tabby soon to be a Pet of the Week) is quite a bit older and bigger than Fabian. But despite their size and age difference they are always "play" fighting which ends up with both of them fast asleep in each other's arms. If you're interested in being a "two cat" family....this is the pair for you! Fabian is healthy, vaccinated, sterilized and ready to crawl into your heart and teach you all the mysteries of cat life. See them and the other pets up for adoption at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 4 pm. Tel. 717-4989. WW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com. ■ Jane Madden-Disko

Shelter News



A very special SHELTER CHRISTMAS MARKET is coming soon, **Saturday, December 8, at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, from 11 am to 5 pm.** Not only will there be the Flea Market, the Book Market, delicious snacks and drinks.... but the DA store in Hato has donated fantastic Christmas decorations—new and used—to be sold. Thank you, DA store!

Then, between 3 and 4 pm there will be a special appearance by Santa Claus. Please bring your pets along for photos with Santa, for a small donation to help keep the Shelter open for unwanted cats and dogs.

*The Shelter is looking for **Bonaire license plates** to sell at the Cruise Ship Market. This is a very popular item and the tourist snap them up. If you can help please give them a call at 717-4989.

*Speaking of the **Cruise Ship Markets the Shelter could really use some volunteers to man the Shelter booth** which sells T-shirts, birthday calendars, Bonaire license plates and other animal related items. Hours are flexible. Volunteers say it's a lot of fun and they meet all sorts of interesting people as well as helping out the Shelter. ■ Laura DeSalvo

DID YOU KNOW?

That coral reef fish have ear bones like tree rings?

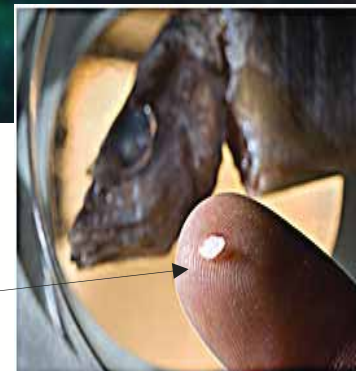
Scientists are able to use the ear bones of coral reef fish not only to determine age, but also to track the history of the habitats it has lived in. Each ring in the ear bone holds clues to the conditions the fish lived in at different times of their life, just as the rings of a tree can tell us about the land environment. Scientists analyze chemical signatures in the ear bones which are unique to each habitat and stored in the bones as the fish grows.

In general, fish use sea grass beds and mangroves as nurseries, later moving out to coral reefs as adults. The connection between these habitats is complex, as is the movement of fish between them. Studies of the ear bones have found that not all reef fish use the sea grass and mangrove nurseries, but instead settle directly on the reef. They have also discovered some reef fish larvae make remarkable long-distance migrations from these nurseries out to the reef, an astounding feat for such small animals. Analyzing ear bone signatures is a tool that can be used to study fish life cycles and to understand the importance of sea grass and mangrove environments. With research like this, biologists and policy-makers can help to better protect and conserve important marine environments. ■ Story by Ariana Meltvedt (Snow), an Honors Marine Biology major and Chemistry

Tom Kleindinst and Simon Thorrold, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



Otoliths (ear bones) are constantly and permanently recording the conditions a fish is experiencing at any time.



minor at Oregon State University. She is studying on Bonaire for the fall semester at the CIEE Research Station.



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THE REST OF NOVEMBER

There's still a lot to see this month even if you missed the **Leonids Meteor Shower** around the 17th. The **Moon** is getting bigger again, the first quarter was on the 20th. Then on the 28th there will be a **close encounter of the Moon** and the planet **Jupiter** – Jupiter will be about 1° up and to the left of the Full Moon. Just find the Moon, and you'll find Jupiter right there. On the same night there will be a **penumbral lunar eclipse**. These eclipses are not exciting, since they barely dim the Moon. Not really worth the effort of going out to see it, although you will see some stars that night anyway. And finally on the 28th the full Moon is visible all night.

On the 26th and 27th there will be **another close encounter this time between planets Saturn and Venus** – Look SE on those mornings and you'll see Venus and Saturn less than 1° apart. If you're REALLY good, you'll find Mercury down and to their left.

Planets visible with your naked eye:
Around Sunset – **Mars** (SW)
Throughout the night – **Jupiter** (E to S to W)

In the Morning – **Jupiter** (W), **Venus** (E), **Saturn** (ESE) and **Mercury** – Might be visible at the end of the month, if you're good.

Viewing hints:

Venus – A high morning "star" this month. The brightest object in the morning East, will be lowest at 4:30 am, rising up to about 30° by daybreak. Closest to the Moon on the 11th.

Mars – In the SW after sunset, and sets around 6:40 pm. Look for the reddish-hued object only no more than 10° above the horizon. Very close to the Moon on the 15th and 16th.

Jupiter – Rises in the East after 6:30 pm and visible until sunrise, when it's low in the W. Close to the Moon on the 28th. Use binoculars or a telescope to try to see the **four Galilean Moons**. If you're looking at **Orion** and **Taurus** in the morning, Jupiter's the very bright one above Taurus.

Saturn – Just barely visible between Venus and the ESE horizon in the mornings. Gets higher and closer to Venus



every day and passes Venus on the 26th and 27th.

Constellations...

Look straight up and you'll see...

After sunset (sunset is around 6 pm) – **Lacerta, Pegasus (the Great Square)**

Between Sunset and Midnight – **Pegasus, Andromeda** – Midnight – **Perseus, Taurus**

Early Morning – **Lynx, Cancer, Gemini**

Constellation viewing tips:

Look to the West after sunset until about 9pm and you'll still be able to see summer constellations **Lyra, Cygnus, Aquila**, (and **Delphinus**.) These three constellations have the three brightest stars of the summer constellations (**Vega, Deneb, Altair** – respectively.) Those bright stars create the **Summer Triangle**. Being summer constellations and it being fall right now, they are setting and are visible for a shorter period of time. If you're under dark skies you may just catch a glimpse of the **Milky Way** passing through **Cygnus** and **Aquila**.

Fall Constellations: **Andromeda, Pegasus**

If you can find the Summer Triangle and Delphinus, about 40° to the East (leftish) will be the Great Square of the fall constellation Pegasus. Perhaps you'll even see the two curves of **Andromeda** off of one side, with the **Andromeda Galaxy** as a small, faint fuzzy nearby (you'll need dark skies to see it). and visible until sunrise, when it's low in the West. ■ *James Albury*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
November 23-30, 2012

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. Take a short business trip if possible. Close deals that have been up in the air and move on to new ones that appear to be profitable. Try to think things through. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Do whatever your mate wants; it really doesn't matter as long as you're together. Your personal situation is fluctuating. Focus your efforts on details, and keep to yourself in order to finish your work. Uncertainties are still prevailing. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Business trips might prove unproductive. Try not to take everything so seriously. You may be up for some changes in your home. You may want to try your hand at a little creative writing. Don't let your boss get the better of you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) It might be best not to spend your money on luxuries this week. Those close to your heart may be difficult to reason with. You can pick up some overtime this week. Don't force your opinions on friends or relatives unless you are prepared to lose their favor. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Don't let your emotions interfere with completing your chores. You can make extra cash by moonlighting. Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. Opportunities for love will develop while traveling or while attending religious functions. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. You are best to tuck your money away where no one will be able to touch it, including yourself. You will gain a lot if you listen. Problems with in-laws or relatives may be more damaging than you realize. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more

unexpected expenses are evident. Fitness or weight loss programs will help your self esteem. You need to clear up some important personal documents before the end of the year. Pay attention to small but important details. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be sure to catch up on overdue correspondence and help those you love find solutions to their dilemmas. Don't draw too much attention to yourself at work. Difficulties may be encountered while traveling in foreign countries. You can evade the issue as usual by being affectionate, fun loving, and far too active for your lover to catch on. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. Don't let peers distract you or push their work your way. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20) Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Don't deny yourself this week. Investments concerning your residence will be profitable. You may be confused emotionally. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't lend or borrow. Socializing or travel will lead to partnerships. Don't expect others to live up to their promises and you won't be disappointed or find yourself stuck with delays. Social functions will bring you in touch with new lovers. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will be able to find the perfect outfit, and the greatest new accessory for your house. Someone you live with could be frustrated and upset. Your ability to work with detail could help you achieve your goals. Romantic relationships could be under pressure. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday. ■

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