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Bonaire/Kralendijk –
On Sunday, May 12, about 20 experienced volunteers joined the activities of the Fishing Line Project, a division of the STCB (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire). They met at the Dive Inn, one of the many locations of Dive Friends Bonaire, which provided free air fills to the SCUBA divers, to plan a major elimination of discarded fishing line from the Town Pier area.

Sue Willis from the Fishing Line Project had finally received permission from the Harbormaster and the cruise ship *Freewinds* to remove as much new or newish fishing line as possible from the underwater world.

Weather conditions and water temperature were optimal—hardly any current and perfect visibility. The contents of a huge bucket of used fishing line was recovered. (And, in

passing, the smallest-ever lion fish was caught.) The photograph shows the bunch of tired and satisfied volunteers after the recovery dive. The author, more or less in the middle of the photo, held firm by STCB Coordinator Mabel Nava, displays the broken plate with the smallest lion fish ever. But let's take life seriously. But not too seriously. After the recovery dive all volunteers were invited for a tasty sandwich lunch aboard the *Freewinds*.

Good job, volunteers! Thank you, *Freewinds*. And thank you again Dive Friends Bonaire for the supply of free air, the location and fresh water to rinse the diving gear. We presumably can't save this world, but at least we can make it better. Let's continue tilting at the windmills. ■

Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



Research conducted by Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies Imares of University of Wageningen in The Netherlands showed that the mangroves at Lac Bay in Bonaire are seriously polluted with litter. The study was published on the university's website.

The problem is mainly caused by rubbish coming from offshore, either blown by the wind or washed ashore. The researchers suggest seeking a solution to the problem especially internationally at the source, rather than only symptomatically by removing the waste

►THE HAGUE--The Dutch Audit Chamber is critical of the financial management of the branches of some Dutch Ministries in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The Chamber will therefore carry out an investigation at the ministries in the Caribbean Netherlands this year.

The Audit Chamber has detected "problems" with financial management at the branches of the Ministries of Education, Culture and Science OCW, Social Affairs and Employment SZW and Public Health, Wellbeing and Sports VWS.

►THE HAGUE--Bonaire-born former governor of Bonaire, Curaçao and the Netherlands Antilles Frits Goedgedrag, will become extraordinary Member of the Dutch Council of State where he will mostly focus on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

Goedgedrag (61) will be a member in extraordinary service at the Department of Advice of the Council of State. He will have a special role in the advising of law proposals for the islands.

►THE HAGUE--The Dutch economy remained in recession in the first three months of this year, contracting 0.1 percentage point compared with the final quarter of 2012, according to national statistics office CBS.

►Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte leaves The Hague on July 13 for a one-week visit to all six Dutch



Caribbean islands. The Prime Minister will visit Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

►Between June 3 and July 5, interviewers from the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) in the context of the Omnibus inquiry (OMNI) will start to interview previously selected persons on Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire (BES islands).

The purpose of this research is to gain an insight into the social situation of the population of the BES islands. This involves issues such as health, housing, safety, communication and spending time.

The omnibus survey is conducted every four years. It is the first time that this research takes place on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

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Hans Els, Gerard van den Tweel and Wil Verhoeven

►The VVD became the first Dutch political party to formally establish itself on Bonaire. The VVD is Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte's right wing party.

On Saturday 18 May, supermarket tycoon Gerard van den Tweel and two other individuals founded the VVD branch on the island. It was registered by notary Kenneth Arends. The branch will enable the VVD to efficiently campaign on Bonaire. Most likely, the VVD will participate in the insular elections in spring 2015. On 22 April, the Netherlands VVD gave its permission to establish a Bonaire branch.

A dozen people have already signed up to join. Gerard van den Tweel will serve as the chairman of the VVD Department Bonaire. Van den Tweel owns the Van den Tweel Group, including Van den Tweel Supermarket and BHG, which sell Albert Heijn products on Bonaire. Recently, Van den Tweel also became the owner of Warehouse Bonaire. He now owns the three largest supermarkets on the island.

The other board members of the new political party are Hans Els (general secretary) and Wil Verhoeven (treasurer). The Bonairean executive committee of the VVD party will consist of three board members together with 10 supporting members for district representation. The new party has announced that a strategy and a plan to organize a recruitment drive and to keep Bonaire's population informed of its plans. VVD Bonaire plans to meet with VVD Netherlands in July for further discussions.

■ Belkis Osepa

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►US Consul General Valerie Belon will shortly leave her post on Curaçao to continue her career in the US Embassy in Suriname.

►Did you feel the earthquake earlier this month? On May 15 a magnitude 5.0 quake occurred at a depth of 30 km below the surface, at 6:29:17.0 UTC. Its geographical location was 12.09 N ; 73.30 W, or 73 km NW of Río-hacha, Colombia, about 525 km west of Kralendijk.

►Colorado State University hurricane experts Phil Klotzbach and William Gray forecast in their early April report enhanced activity for the hurricane season with 18 named storms, of which nine will become hurricanes and four of those will become major hurricanes with winds over 111 miles per hour. Bonaire is south of the hurricane belt and has not experienced sustained hurricane force winds according to weather records. However, the island's shoreline is vulnerable to the sea swells generated by distant hurricanes.

►Last week a couple from Aruba had the first same-sex wedding on Bonaire, legal on the island now that it is now part of The Netherlands. Aruban Jean Ardley Baiz (43) and Nolbelto Miguel Torrealba (30) of Venezuela came to Bonaire because gay marriages are not allowed yet on Aruba.

►AMSTERDAM--The Donkey Sanctuary in Bonaire has started construction of a new feeding area with financial support from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IWWAF). IWWAF donated €5,000 to the sanctuary, which provides a home for most of Bonaire's donkeys. The construction includes building a feeding area needed for the 500 animals that live on the premises. It was designed originally to care for 100 donkeys.

Marina Melis and Ed Koopman, who started the sanctuary about 20 years ago, have also submitted a plan to the government of Bonaire to capture all the remaining 150 wild donkeys, including many pregnant females. The

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males will be castrated and released back into their natural habitats. The females will remain at the sanctuary

►WILLEMSTAD--Harry Belafonte will give the opening speech titled "The Confirmation of Commitment for Peace, Sustainability and Brotherhood for All through Music" at the Curaçao North Sea Jazz Festival (CNSJF) on August 30 and 31.

The American-Caribbean singer, songwriter, actor and social activist, Harold George "Harry" Belafonte (1927), also called the "King of Calypso," had an interest in Bonaire in the 1960s and has a Bonaire neighborhood, Belnem, named after him.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

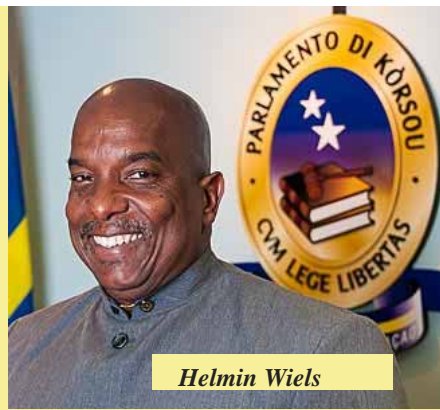
► On Saturday, June 22, there will be "sustainable market" - Boneiru DURADERO -with water as the central theme. It's at Wilhelmina Park, 10 am-2pm. You are invited to participate if you produce a local product such as plants, seeds and honey or homemade products such as jams, juices and chutneys. Other products which conserve, store or process water, such as water savers or ecological cleaning can be sold. Participation is free and tents and tables are provided. Register at www.boneiruduradero.org. Call Sharon Bol at 700-9374 for more information. Exhibitors should set up their stands between 8 and 9:30 am.

►The Hair Affair beauty shop is moving from next to Little Havana to Kaya Grandi next to the Chamber of Commerce office. Visit them for great service and check out their new and modern salon.

►Can you believe it? Mamma Mia! on Bonaire. Live, on stage at the SGB auditorium with an all-star (local) cast, June 7,8,9 at 8 pm, with a matinee on Sunday at 3 pm. Ticket are \$10, \$12.50 at the door and \$7.50 for kids under 12. Tickets at El Mundo, SGB, Addo's, Flamingo Bookstore, Van den Tweel Supermarket.

►Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park, Friday, May 31, from 6 to 10 pm. Sample the cuisine of Bonaire's restaurants. Music and entertainment and a relaxed and delicious way to spend an evening.

►Welcome back to Caribbean Homes, another top Bonaire real estate agent, as an advertiser. Pass by their waterfront office to check out their listings. ■ G./L.D.



Helmin Wiels

►On behalf of the population of Bonaire, Island Governor Lydia Emerencia wrote an open letter in connection with the funeral of slain political leader Helmin Wiels.

Besides extending her heartfelt sympathy, she also expressed the wish that the killing of the politician will give the strength to build up a Bonaire free of hatred.

According to Emerencia, Bonaire is aware of the historic significance of what happened. "It's the first time in the history of the islands of the Kingdom in the Caribbean area that a parliamentarian in office was murdered," she wrote.

Last weekend Curaçao police issued its seventh press release on the status of the investigation into the murder of Wiels, who was a member of the Curacao Parliament. According to the report, police received 65 tips so far via the special telephone numbers made available. Related arrests have been made but direct suspects have not been named.

Police spokesperson Reginald Huggin, confirmed that -contrary to some media reports- two confiscated vehicles haven't been released. One of them matched the description of the gold colored KIA used at the time of the murder. ■ G./L.D.

New Owner For Power Plant

Contour Global, an international energy concern with offices in 17 countries and owner of 33 power plants in various part of the world, has bought Ecopower in Bonaire. The management of the electricity plant at Karpata was taken over as of Wednesday, May 15, in the presence of Commissioners Burney el Hage and James Kroon. Regional CFO of Contour Global, Stefan Dijkers, made further announcements on the purchase. The local company is now named Contour Global Bonaire.

The parent company has 1,650 employees in total and focuses on generating energy worldwide in its 33 power plants. Its most significant operations are in Africa, South America, Europe and the Caribbean area.

Contour Global already manages several power plants in the region, including in Guadeloupe and St. Martin (the French side).

"Bonaire is especially interesting for Contour Global because of the combination of wind energy and conventional generators. The company masters the various techniques of generating power including solar and wind energy; hence the interest in taking over Ecopower," said Dijkers.

He continued, "A considerable investment is necessary to expand the power plant at Karpata, to bring it to a higher level and meet the standards of Contour Global." The company says they will invest \$1 million into upgrading the facility. The expansion has priority because the existing power plant can hardly meet the increasing demand for



Commissioner Burney el Hage congratulates Stefan Dijkers of Contour Global. Commissioner Kroon at left.

electricity and has no reserve margin. Electric service on Bonaire has been unreliable particularly when there is no wind.

However, it will take at least a year before this can be done. No mention was made of the power plant at the former Radio Netherlands transmitter site which Bonaire acquired for \$1.

Contour Global said that apart from the considerable investment to expand and the presence of an international integration team of experts, not much will change for the management and local personnel for the time being. The existing plant will remain intact and the current staff and plant manager are to stay on. Dijkers stated that rates will remain unchanged for the time being.

"Using a combined approach with WEB NV we hope to eventually improve service to customers with the expansion and better operation," said Dijkers. ■

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On The Island Since...August 2011 – Patricia Schut-Pinzon



Patricia at work, showing a light box, a tool (\$135) which together with its contents (\$409 for 1st level) is used to stimulate children with bad vision -which the foundation desperately needs.



Robert and Patricia Schut

“I met Robert on the internet through Facebook. He was a FB friend of somebody I knew and that’s how we started talking. The first time was in March 2009, but then I got too busy. However, when Robert appeared in June again we got reconnected. From then on it went fast; soon enough we were talking seven days a week!

I was born in Caracas, Venezuela, and I moved to the States to study when I was 18. I studied psychology and got my Master’s in social work. When I first graduated I started working with the farming community – usually Mexican immigrants – and there I set up a school drop-out prevention program. The experience inspired me to continue my education and once I’d made that decision I got my Master’s. Then I started working with families and children and people with psychiatric problems. I was working at psychiatric hospitals and at partial hospitalization programs and it affected me in such a way that for as long as I live I feel I should be thankful every day because I can live my life to the fullest.

So, I worked and worked and worked and then I had my son Adrian whom I raised with the help of my family. For years life went on like that until Adrian became 13. All of a sudden he was looking for a boyfriend for me and every male teacher at his school was a potential candidate! Nothing happened. But what did change was that I’d always been with my son and it seemed like from one day to the next he wanted to be independent. He went out to the movies and he didn’t want me to drop him off in front of the school any longer. He wanted to go to parties by himself. When he was 18 I thought, ‘You know what? I did a good job – I kept all the bad guys away from the house!’ And then I was ready to meet Prince Charming in the form of my Facebook friend Robert! Ha! Ha!

During the time I met Rob on Facebook I was working with dialysis patients as a social worker and living in Miami. The first time we saw each other was in Caracas in February 2010.” Robert says, “I liked her immediately and it felt like we had known each other for a long time. I suppose that was because we’d talked so

much over a long period of time before we finally met. I was nervous, but it felt good and familiar.”

“I also thought it was very nice,” Patricia says, “and I liked him and he met my family. But, to me it was like we were friends. I wasn’t sure yet; I wanted to come to Bonaire to see how he lived and how his dogs were... as he had no family on the island!

That same year I came here to visit. It was dusty and hot and the mosquitoes had an appetite for me. But then it became an experience and fun. I felt much more for him. And another time that year, when I

visited him again, I met both his daughters who were studying and living in Holland. And my son, who lives in Oregon and is a hippy, has also come a couple of times to visit us.

The fact is, Rob likes his island and I knew that he was not going to move to the States or Venezuela. It was more feasible for me to come here. Well, then he proposed and we got married in June 2011.

It has not been easy with the paperwork of my legal status. We went through some hard times, but now everything is much better. The mosquitoes have lost their taste for me and it is so nice to wake up every morning to a warm cup of tea and cinnamon cookies.” She smiles. “Every morning I have someone who brings it for me. He is a very good cook, but most of the time I am cooking now, and when I go to the supermarket he carries my bags. I did that for years, all by myself, and let me tell you that’s not fun! It’s very nice to have somebody who is patient with me, and you know, he even put air-conditioning in the bedroom and hot water in the shower – all for me – even though he used to be the anti-airco man!

In order to avoid fights we have come to an agreement: He handles the remote of

the TV and I control the temperature with my air-conditioning remote! The consequence is – and it’s not a problem for me – that I am only seeing Dutch shows now like ‘Vermist’ (Missing), ‘Sporloos’ (Lost and Found) and what I call ‘the cow-people’ (Farmer looking for a wife) – I love that program!

I have gotten used to the island - to the donkeys running around the house and the roosters singing at 4 in the morning and to the scooter rides I get from Robert, like I was a 15 year old...

When I first arrived here, I took the training to become a tour guide, and I enjoyed it tremendously. It gave me the opportunity to get into contact with other

Rob also found a new job. He’s now the concierge at the Liseo Boneriano, Havo/VVO high school.” “I started almost two years ago,” Robert says, “and it’s the nicest job I’ve had in my life! Every day is different and full of surprises. The children always ask me ‘How’s ‘Amor’?’ meaning Patricia of course, and when I say something bad about her jokingly, they all jump on me: ‘How dare you! You have such a beautiful woman!’

“We both have jobs that we love,” Patricia says, “and for me life is simple; I don’t have a commute and there is no stress. I go to work with my car. I bought a bicycle, but after half a block I was about to faint, so the Dutch way is not for me! I love all the languages people speak here. I mean, where in the world do they tell you all at once, ‘have a good day and a good week!’ It’s a nice challenge at my age with all these languages. Yesterday I went for the first time to my Dutch classes at the Venezuelan institute. I do understand Papiamentu, but I still make mistakes.

We’ve travelled together to Holland and I got crazy at the markets in Amsterdam. We stayed at a farm and we saw lots of cows and sheep. We went in the summer, in July and the last three days it was 13 degrees Celsius (55.4 Fahrenheit). We were freezing and I wanted to come home, because now this is home and when the plane landed at Flamingo Airport I was ever so happy!

Next plan is to walk the Santiago de Compostella pilgrim’s route in Spain with my sisters and together with Robert I hope to go to Surinam, because that has been Robert’s wish for a very long time. I am looking forward to travel with my husband anywhere! We have a new beginning. It’s not always easy and you have to work on it 100% every day to make things happen. But we do love and respect each other and we worry and care about each other and also we’re pushing each other to do better. I wish for many, many years together with my sweetheart – my love Robert.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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people and to learn about the island. I like the history and I like the music and I feel lucky to be surrounded by friendly people, because when I came here I didn’t know anybody but Rob. A few weeks ago, Robert’s daughter, Tessa, was visiting and she noticed. She told me, ‘How good to see that you already know so many people here!’

In my free time I still do some tours now and then, but one year and four months ago I started working at *Fundashon Kuido Pa Bista i Oido*, a foundation for the blind and the deaf, for people and children who have vision impairment or who have hearing difficulties. I’m working there as a youth rehabilitation therapist and I really enjoy going to my job every morning. I enjoy being of service to the community and again I am learning. It’s an incredible field. We offer a lot of information and when it’s about their children we give education to the parents and we are there for them. We teach the adults how to be independent and how to stay independent and we support them in finding a job and how to remain employed when they are losing their vision, for instance. We also have a social worker. I am lucky to work with a very dynamic staff that is willing to go the extra mile.

Fundashon Kuido pa Bista i Oido

Professional support for people with visual or hearing disabilities



The team: Nelly David, Roethleen Eisden, Genara Silberie, Tina Jimenez, Norman Warner and Patricia Schut. In the foreground Carla Jimenez

This year in December, *Fundashon Kuido pa Bista i Oido* (Foundation for Care for Eyesight and Hearing) will have existed for 30 years. Up until a few years ago the foundation was mainly focused on organizing activities, outings and occupational therapy for deaf and blind people and those who are visually and/or hearing impaired.

However, by the end of 2011 everything changed and the foundation has become fully professional. According to director **Genara Silberie**, the social worker and the secretary were hired in 2011 and in 2012 the therapists were employed.

"Our purpose is," Genara says, "to give care to blind and deaf people and people who are visually and/or hearing impaired in such a way that in spite of the fact that they have this handicap they still can function independently in the community. The foundation has three therapists in permanent employment; two of them work with youngsters and one works with older people. We also have a social worker who gives guidance and support to all target groups. We have a secretary/executive assistant, and there is Nelly, our interior caretaker who works here half days.

Our building is located at **Kaya Mgr. Niewindt # 3, next to the old office of Dr. Dorville** and we're open from 8 am to 4 pm. Our foundation is partly subsidized by ZVK (the healthcare insurance office). For the rest we depend on donations and funds. At the moment we are working with 174 visual handicapped people and 24 who have hearing disabilities. And there are 98 people on the waiting list. The majority of our clients are 30 and older. Here we call people up to 24 years of age, 'youngsters.' Lately we're getting more young people. Sometimes it runs in the family, but it can be congenital as well.

The therapists make the appointments with the clients beforehand. Then they go to their house where they give mobility training to the clients. We call that DLA, daily life activities, such as cooking, cleaning, doing laundry and going shopping – everything one needs to live independently. For instance, our therapist Patricia goes to people's houses to give training in using devices like a liquid indicator or magnifying glasses.

We also give computer lessons, Braille lessons and mobility lessons, like teaching the client to walk with a white cane. We offer group activities as well. Every



Carla Jimenez and the Braille typewriter

Wednesday a number of clients get together and we give them general information about what's going on in society and also useful tips how to manage on their own in daily life.

We also give information about where our clients and their families can go for assistance and subsidies, and we provide information to other healthcare institutions, like *Kas di Kuido* (the nursing home) and FKPD (the foundation for handicapped people) on how they can improve their care for clients who have visual or hearing disabilities. Because in general their staff is not trained to work with these people; it's a specialty.

We're now working on setting up courses for these institutions and all other interested parties on how to provide optimal care for people with visual and hearing disabilities. We also have established a working group through Public Body Bonaire, of which we are a member, and from that group we advise on the accessibility of all public buildings on Bonaire. Also we have a Facebook page and we're working on a website.

Of course we also work on prevention. At schools we give advice and recommendations, like a child should wear sunglasses from an early age because excessive UV radiation is - besides from aging - another major contributor to developing cataracts. Also during local festivities with

loud music children should wear earplugs to prevent hearing loss. This year during *Karnaval* we worked on that together with Youth and Family. And then there are several illnesses, like high blood pressure and diabetes, which can cause blindness and these are the most common causes on Bonaire. Here, the people tend to wait to seek help until they are blind. It is a process and one must be checked every two years. And people should look for help instantly the moment they notice their vision becomes worse. Go to the doctor or come here! Our door is open for everybody. People can come here with their questions, but we also go with them to see the eye doctor if they don't dare to go alone, because they don't want to hear the bad news, but also to give support to the clients and their family.

We also ensure that children with visual or hearing disabilities are guided at school. We have a young lady here, who is now 25, but who went blind because of diabetes at a young age. First she went to school but then they couldn't do anything for her anymore and they sent her home. This week we have an appointment with MBO (middle professional education) to have her written in at school again. Patricia will go with her to see which aids she needs for the school.

Our social worker, **Roethleen**, took a special job coaching training through

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HELMETS ON WHEELS

This is the 18th of a series of *Bonaire Reporter* short articles by J@n Brouwer, about helmets and helmet awareness.

New Approved And Fashionable Jet Helmets On The Island

Bonaire/Belnem –

Just recently I received a phone call from Harry van den Tillaart (700-3942) about a bunch of new helmets that arrived. About a year ago it was very difficult to find a new helmet on the island of Bonaire as they were simply almost not available. Times are changing and shops and individuals are getting more and more aware of the usefulness of helmets.

So now there arrived a new collection of VR-1 jet helmets. All helmets are E9-approved by European laws. The helmets come in black or in titanium silver. Some are fitted with a sun visor; others are fitted with a multi adjustable full face visor. All VR-1 helmets are of the same quality. All have adjustable ventilation holes and a red quick release strap. In the photograph Suzy Peters, sitting on a modern styled and reliable BTC 505 four-stroke scooter with electric start, shows a black jet helmet. I immediately fell in love with the titanium silver colored full face visor helmet. All helmets definitely look cool and fit really nice. Price for all types of VR-1 helmets is only \$49, a very good price in my opinion.

Apart from safety helmets Harry also stores a bunch of new four-stroke scooters in his workshop. (\$1450 -\$1700) And there



Suzy Peters

are three star Security Chain Locks for sale. 120 cm long, with square type hardened links.

On Bonaire there is no valuable reason to lose your head in traffic anymore! ■

Story & photo by J@n Brouwer




ProKids at the Julia Cup - Watch the events from May 31-June 2 at Sorobon

Schedule: Friday May 31st

14:00 Registration
19:00 Opening
20:00 Night freestyle
Domino - Bolas - Beach Volleyball
21:00 Foyan Boyz 23:00 End

Saturday June 1st

08:00 Beach Aerobics marathon
10:00 Skippers meeting
10:30 Slalom
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Start Slalom
14:30 End Slalom
15:00 Freestyle
17:30 Paddle board
18:30 End Paddle board, Domino - Bolas - Beach Volley ball
19:00 BBQ night Omega 13, 22:30 End

Sunday June 2nd

09:00 Skippers meeting
10:00 Slalom
Beach Soccer
12:30 Lunch
13:00 Start Slalom
15:00 Freestyle
16:00 Mode show with rappers, Domino - Bolas - Beach Volley ball
17:00 Rappers
18:00 Setup Award ceremony
18:30 Award Ceremony
20:00 Claudius Phillips with Oreo
21:15 DJ Omega 13
21:30 Claudius Phillips with Oreo
22:30 End ■

Press release

**Marion
Jane
Wilson
1955-
2013**



She was an English school teacher who found her way to Bonaire via Hong Kong, Kenya, Gibraltar and the Bahamas and became an important individual in our island's tourism scene. Marion Wilson, slender, loyal, well-organized, efficient, fast talker and a self-described Caribbean girl, passed away peacefully at 3 am on Wednesday morning, May 15, following a long struggle with cancer.

Her almost 25-year-long Bonaire career, about half her life, began as retail manager and dive instructor at the Divi Flamingo resort. After spending two years in that position she went to work as the dive operations manager at Great Adventures Bonaire at the Harbour Village Beach Resort. She stayed there for the next 11 1/2 years and during that time was elected to the board of directors of BONHATA. She had two stints working for BONHATA interrupted by the start-up of her own company in 2002, "Bonaire Sales and Marketing."

Her serious illness and surgery hindered her, and after she parted company with BONHATA, she contributed her skills to help several other businesses on Bonaire, including *The Reporter*.

The lifelong single person, who once swore she would never own a dog, wound up adopting four. Two survived her and will be adopted by friends.

Marion's mother, Vera, a familiar face on Bonaire, and her sister arrived from England to take part in the celebration of Marion's life along with her many, many friends, last Saturday, May 25th at the Kanti Awa on the sea-side. ■ G.D./Greta Kooistra



In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to the Animal Shelter Bonaire saying "donation Marion Wilson. She loved her animals."

For those living off-island go to the web-site www.animalshelterbonaire.com. You will find a button on the right-hand side at the bottom of their home page saying "Support Bonaire." Click and fill out the form. Be sure to click on "Animal Shelter Project".

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Animal Shelter Bonaire MCB account number 102.378.00 or RBC account number 23.10.139.

Making Music



Lolymar Sanchez presents a music mixing board to Bilha Thomas and Ilona Burgers of Jong Bonaire on behalf of Caribbean Sea Foundation of Aruba. The board will be used by Jong Bonaire for sound control at events and also in training young people to mix and record audio presentations.

The Caribbean Sea Foundation of Aruba has donated a sound mixing board to Stichting Jeugdwerk Jong Bonaire. The board will be used for sound control at events and also in training young people to mix and record audio presentations.

Caribbean Sea Foundation is the organizer of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival in Aruba which is held in October. Erik Eman of the foundation said, "Our group tries to help young people with musical talent to develop and learn. The foundation plans to award scholarships for musical

education. Donations to Caribbean Sea Foundation can be made to Account #43231575 RBC (Aruba)."

Jong Bonaire is very pleased as this expands its musical capabilities that now include a recording/editing/mixing studio, a drum band that will compete in the Rotterdam Battle of the Drums at Somer Karnaival, traditional krioyo instruments and other musical programs.

Jong Bonaire is the Youth Development Center of Bonaire serving the island's young people since 1998. ■ Press release



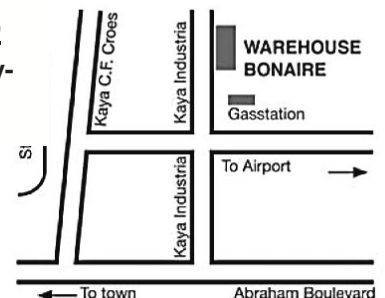
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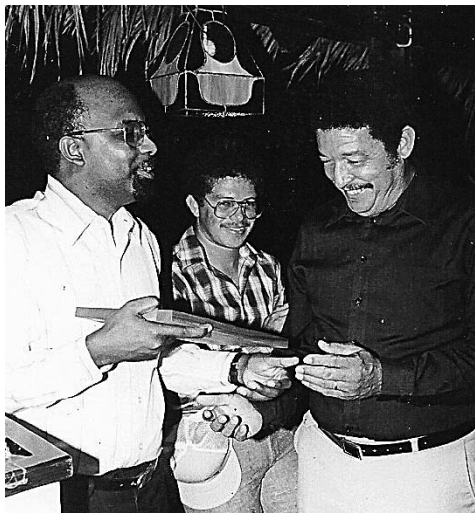
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Tourism History

PART 8 - THE HISTORY OF THE REGATTA, SECOND PART



ALM's Valdemar Marcha with young Byron and Niki Tromp

Niki Tromp remained Mr. Bonaire Regatta from 1971 until his sudden death in 1992. He combined the duties of director of the Bonaire tourist office, Regatta coordinator and member of the Regatta race committee. Annual visits were made to the sister islands and to yacht clubs in Venezuela to promote the Regatta. As the coordinator of the Bonaire Regatta, he was working on this special project almost all year round. **Henk Dreijer** and **Cees Siebesma** were his race directors for many years. **Siebesma** held this position until he left the Bonaire Regatta race committee in 1988.

In 1989 **Roy Bottse** from Curaçao be-

came his successor; he had been coordinating the windsurfing department of the regatta since 1985. With his "Manon Services" company, he introduced professional managing to this sailing event that grew larger and larger every year. In 1987, the Bonaire International Regatta Foundation was created, allowing the board more financial scope. The government, however, retained its influence in the board and in the financial management.



Roy Bottse

Roy Bottse remained race director until 1995. He proposed that a windsurfer from Bonaire, **Elvis Martinus**, take over. From 1995 **Elvis** directed the races on his own, with the help of a new team of officials.

In August 1992, **Niki Tromp** flew to Curaçao on his way to Venezuela for the promotion of the 25th edition of the Regatta. Upon arrival at the Hato airport, he became unwell as the result of a heart attack and he passed away at the moment that he arrived at the hospital. **Niki Tromp** was just 54 years old when he died and he had been the Regatta coordinator for 20 years. The 1992 Bonaire Regatta had lost its general coordinator. A challenge trophy for the overall winner of the yachts division, the **Copa Niki Tromp**, doubles as an annual tribute to this great man, who was



Overall Yachts Winner of the 2007 Copa Niki Tromp, with Governor Domacassé and members of the Tromp family.

instrumental in the success of the Bonaire International Sailing Regatta.

In 1992 **Toontje Nicolaas**, a local politician and member of the board of the Lions Club, took over **Niki Tromp's** work. In that same year, the Regatta office was inaugurated – the Kas di Regata on the Boulevard, overlooking the site where the Regattas are held.

In 1993 it was **Judy Diaz**, a genuine Bonairean lady, who became the successor to **Niki Tromp**. **Elvis Martinus** and **Judy Diaz** embodied the fulfillment of **Niki Tromp's** dream, namely two young Bonaireans in charge of the operational side of the Bonaire Regatta. **Judy Diaz** served

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Plaza Resort's Bous Scholts with Regatta Coordinator Judy Diaz

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as Regatta coordinator from 1993 until 1997. **Byron Tromp**, son of Niki Tromp, took over as the Regatta coordinator in 1998, also representing the Bonaire Sailing Foundation (BSaF). **Elvis Martinus** and **Byron Tromp** went on to lead the Bonaire Regatta into the 21st century. As the sailing regatta with the longest history in the Caribbean (it celebrated its 45th edition in 2012!) it went through many changes. Up to 1994, it was organized from Playa Lechi and from the Sunset Beach Hotel. In 1995, it was relocated to the Plaza Resort for a few years. It returned for one year to the Sunset Beach Hotel before making its final move to the current location: the "Kas di Regata" at the Playa Pabou waterfront in 1999.

New categories were added. Windsurfing, in which local youths excel at top world level, was organized both at Sorobon and in the Kralendijk Bay. The youngest participants set sail in their tiny Optimist boats and the locally favorite category is the one of Microboats, propelled only by the wind and the shouts of their owners, captains who are forced to stay behind. Other categories saw their numbers dwindle: beach cats have been absent for many years and the number of yachts has declined, both due to the absence of participants from Venezuela as a result of the political situation in that country and due to stricter regulations imposed the past few years by custom authorities in Curaçao. Sadly, the



Senior yacht captains: Angel, Jan, Henry, and Karel at the 2008 Regatta



Icha receiving trophy from Elvis and Byron for 25 years of being a volunteer

participation of local Fishing Boats has also become minimal. But, while regattas world-wide see their numbers of participants dwindle significantly and often are no longer on the calendar, the Bonaire Regatta is still going strong, maintaining satisfactory numbers of participants over the years, thanks to the addition of new categories.

Since 1995, the organizing committee includes sailing experts from all over the



The finale of a Parade of Nations

Caribbean, like **Ivo van Dooren** (Curaçao), in charge of rating and judging; **Alfred Koolen** (St. Maarten), CSA Official Measurer and also in charge of rating; **Hernan Salcedo** (Colombia), Head Judge; and, me, **Evert Bongers** (Aruba), MC and Race Announcer from the tower in front of the Kas di Regata. A special place in the committee has been occupied for years and years by a wonderful lady from Curaçao, **Militza 'Icha' de Palm**, who was in charge, among a lot of other things, of the scoring and the publishing of the results. A long list of Bonairean volunteers can be seen at the starts and finishes, handling buoys and anchors, registrations and finances, safety and rescues, too many people to name them all here.

A few years ago, **Elvis Martinus** decided to withdraw from the organizing committee, handing his position over to a young and ambitious race director from Curaçao, **Viktor Wijand**, who lived on Bonaire for a few years. He now serves as Principal Race Officer.

Side-events have emerged in the course of the years: the All-Nations Flag Parade, the Swim to Klein Bonaire, the Youth Football and International Softball Tourna-

ments, just to name a few. Organizers, officials and sponsors enjoy themselves at the annual Working Boat Parade.

Last, but certainly not least: the Bonaire Regatta also includes a popular, week-long festivity: the Regatta Festival. Its organization is coordinated by **Byron Tromp** who describes it in his own words: "There was never a time that I remember that we did not all look forward to this festive celebration with music, food, dancing in the streets and the good cheer that filled the island."

The Festival yearly attracts crowds of visitors from the neighboring islands, contributing to fully booked hotels and thus to the island's tourism industry.

On its way to the celebration of half a century of Bonaire Regattas, due in 2017, the legacy of the 'Velia' and the 'Sislin' lives on, thanks to the tireless efforts of organizers and sponsors.

■ **Evert Bongers**
Source-
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Still to come: Airport/Airlift and the National Parks



Winner of the First Regatta Hubert "Ebo" Domcasse

From the story :Hubert Domcasse, the Man Called Ebo. By the @Wicked Mind's Eye of Capt'n don/ ©Feb 18 1999

A young Bonairean called Ebo stood fascinated as he watched two grey haired lady tourists, older than his own grandmother, don steel tanks and dive gear, pull down their masks, lock arms, and walk confidently down the old boat ramp to disappear into the sea.

Born to the sea, Ebo sailed before he could walk, swam with the agility of a fish, and dived, breath holding, deep into the reefs, often without mask or fins. Naturally at ease in the water, no part of the sea brought him fear, but SCUBA seemed to impose a caution that kept him from learning the art. Until... these grandmothers...

In 1967, Ebo Domcasse was in many ways the heart of the old Flamingo Beach Club, a family resort built out of the remains of a WW II internment camp. A trusted employee, Ebo was often administrator, waiter, boatman for water skiers or fishermen, and then bartender. As natural as Ebo was with the sea, he was equally at ease with international guests and visitors of all kinds. Ebo had observed the shenanigans of this crazy Capt'n Don and his divers for years and had virtually watched the birth of the Caribbean diving craze, without any sign of a real desire to learn to dive. A hidden reserve held back a desire for compressed air breathing, but now these grandmothers



As well as being a great sailor, Ebo Domcasse was Bonaire's first certified dive instructor

had touched a nerve.

Not long after, Ebo donned his first tank and simply taught himself SCUBA. Having been through that self teaching route himself, Capt'n Don thought it most natural, and simply cautioned Ebo: Never do two tanks back to back. Pull this 'J' rod when you run out of air to give you enough air to get to the surface, but don't trust it. When it fails, just

come up slowly, but most important never, never hold your breath. Just tilt your head back and breathe out slowly, kinda like whistling.

Several years later, Ebo had logged some hundreds of dives. A visiting scuba instructor diving with Ebo was horrified to learn that he had never had proper SCUBA instruction. Ebo smiled, knowing that he had more than triple the instructor's time underwater. Nonetheless, Ebo Domcasse became the first certified diver on Bonaire. Capt'n Don wasn't certified until five years later.

It was not certification or instructor status that propelled Ebo into the throngs of the developing diving industry but his phenomenal compatibility with the reefs, fish and the sea. It was as if a new aquatic Tarzan had moved into the oceans of his fathers to take charge. His aim had never been less than total conservation. With compassion for his charges, over the years he guided innumerable divers through his virgin reefs, relaxed but with a constant awareness. Few historians know of his remarkable record of unsung numbers of safe entries into the reefs as a shepherd to literally thousands of visiting divers who ventured with him without



Captain Don and Ebo -more recently

harm or incident.

As a sailor, Ebo became a hero in 1968 when he bested Capt'n Don in a sailboat race that won him 27 cases of beer. It was the birth of the now famous Bonaire International Sailing Regatta.

Ebo Domcasse, a diving pioneer, was awarded two reefs in his name, Ebo's Reef and Ebo's Special, as a gesture of respect and love from other guides as well as from his diving guests. Ebo, with his quiet ways and relaxed manner, has given so much of himself to the building of Bonaire's renowned underwater image.

It has been an honor to dive with you, Ebo. ■ **Captain Don/**



Mural With A Message

This new stunning 30 meter long mural on the wall of the prison in the parking lot next to the post office was designed and painted by Bonairean artist, **Ady Figaroa**. He was assisted by **Marlon Wanga**.

It was commissioned by STINAPA as part of their conch protection project in Lac Bai and took about 18 days to complete. With the suggestion of STINAPA staff member, Diana Sint Jago, the site in the middle of town was chosen so the message would

be seen by all. Conch, which once were prolific in Lac and an important source of food, have been all but depleted by people taking the small, immature conch which haven't had a chance to lay eggs. One of the conch project's aim is to educate the public about leaving the conch in peace to grow.

Ady's mural shows his view of Lac Bai and Playa with the sea in the foreground, all nature to be protected, above and below the sea. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

We Take It Back!

A few months ago we published a story saying the newly-built waterfront park, **Parke Playa Pabou**, near the old Kas di Arte, was a disappointment. We said it was uninviting, badly designed and would better serve as a parking lot.

Now that tables, lighting, playground equipment, and a sandy beach has been added we admit we made a mistake.

On recent visits to the park, both in the daytime and night time hours we found

many people truly enjoying themselves. Kids were playing and tumbling in the sandy parts and climbing all over the playground equipment. Grownups were sitting and eating and drinking at the tables in shady areas. At night the lighting is bright and welcoming.

This is the park that the neighborhood really wanted after all. Congratulations to the designers and builders of Parke Playa Pabou, Streefkerk Architects + Consultants. *LD/GD*



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Bonaire Dream Team to "Taste of the Caribbean"

Over 10 teams, each representing a different Caribbean island, will compete in the upcoming "Taste of the Caribbean," an annual culinary event which showcases the fusion of Caribbean tastes with classic cooking so prevalent in the region. The event, comprised of a food/culinary team competition, bartender competition, and pastry competition, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Miami from June 26-30. Bonaire is sending a seven-member "dream team" with some of the island's most creative chefs and a mixologist (bartender).

"It is inspiring," said Ethsel Pieterella, Director of Tourism Corporation Bonaire, "to not only be able to cheer on our talented team of culinary experts, but to show the world another of the many attributes of Bonaire – our cuisine fused with the tantalizing and surprising flavors of our local products. This team is the perfect representation of the work ethic, ambition, and talent so often encountered in Bonaire's culinary scene. Everyone on Bonaire is behind the team and is proud of them regardless of the final results," he added.

The participating team members are:

- Team Manager - **Floris van Loo** from **Rum Runners**
- Junior chef - **Jesus Churcho Galan** from **It Rains Fishes**
- Junior chef - **Giovannie Veld** from **It Rains Fishes**
- Pastry chef - **Junior Janga** from **Bonaire Food Group**



Culinary Dream Team with organizer Sara Matera

- Chef - **Rhashinda Donge** from **RumRunners and Plaza Resort Bonaire**
 - Chef - **Robertico Bernabela** from **Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino**
 - ♦ Bartender - **Tarimar Thom** from **Donna & Giorgio's**
- Jack Chalk of Captain Don's Habitat, Donna Dovale, Giorgio Arra, and Jheison Jaquez, bartender at Rum Runners' Deco Stop Bar, will accompany the team to the event to help cheer them on to victory. Bonaire's culinary team is sponsored by:
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 - SGB School
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 - Plaza Resort Bonaire
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 - Streefkerk Architects + Consultants
 - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino
 - The Culinary Bonaire Foundation
 - Bonaire Food Group ■

Adams News release

Save The Bonaire Marine Park!

Bonaire's Marine Park is under threat from proposed development in the sea off the island. STCB and STINAPA Bonaire, the island's two marine conservation organizations, have filed court appeals intended to reverse the changes. They hold that 50 years of enlightened environmental legislation on Bonaire was recently overturned when changes were made to zoning laws to permit the construction of a large 'party pier' next to Karel's Beach Bar in the Marine Park.

It will likely be many months before they have their day in court, but before that day they need you to enlist to show public support for the protection of Bonaire's coral reef and the island's marine tourism-based economy.

They've created a new web site that pulls together the information you need to understand the issues. The site, www.savebonairemarinepark.org tells the story and gives you two important ways to help save Bonaire's coral reef from development.

They want supporters to:

1. Sign the online petition.
2. Donate to the considerable costs of the appeals.

They say, "It's going to take all of us working together to protect the Bonaire National Marine Park for the future. Please join us at

www.savebonairemarinepark.org. If you have questions, comments or ideas, please contact stcb@bonaireturtles.org.

You can follow the Save Bonaire Marine Park initiative on Facebook as well."

Press release



Globe Divers Photo

A Bonaire reef



When Karen van Dijk turned 50, she celebrated, in the Dutch tradition becoming a "Sarah, her friends at the Bon Bida Spa and Gym, presented her with this life-size fitness "greeting card."

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NEW AIRPORT AT WASHINGTON SLAGBAAI

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask for a permit from Bonaire's Executive Council to build a new airport in the middle of Washington Slagbaai National Park. I would also like to build a new hotel next to it with a couple of pools, golf courses and tennis courts. Of course this will affect nature and the peace and tranquility of the national park. But given the fact that Curacao Mining Company has been given permission to dig out building material by blasting in Washington Park (see *Bonaire Reporter* May 3-17- 2013), this tranquility will be lost anyway.

Now you wonder why I would like to build a hotel? Well, the government thinks this is really necessary, because even Sunset Beach, next to Spice (Eden Beach), one of the few great, beautiful, car accessible beaches with shade and a sense of privacy, will soon be divided in three parts on which yet again hotels will arise with all the beach chairs and costs that go with it. And all of this, despite the fact that the building of at least two hotels on this island has been stopped half-

way. I just don't get it. Is our government set on a disaster course for its own inhabitants? Isn't it supposed to serve its people?

Dennis Lensink

BONAIRE'S NEW GAME—SUPERMARKET MONOPOLY

Dear Editor,

We all know Van den Tweel has bought Warehouse. And last week owner Gerard van den Tweel himself established a branch of the Dutch VVD political party on Bonaire.

While specific details of the supermarket sale are not generally available, one might wonder what is in store for the customers and employees of Warehouse as well as all island shoppers. Before the van den Tweel markets and Warehouse opened Bonaire residents all shopped very well on the island, but we and especially newcomers now find these markets important for our food shopping needs.

What effect will this consolidation have on market prices?

Reportedly Warehouse has reopened as a "bargain outlet." Will the name be formally changed? Will it no longer carry the many popular non-Dutch products?

And, of greater interest, will Warehouse (or whatever it's going to be called) still give its customers the benefit of the 8% tax reduction in food exemption that was effective January 1st of this year? In a survey done by the Consumers Union (*Unokobon*) of 13 local supermarkets, Warehouse passed on 75 – 100% of these savings as opposed to 25 – 50% passed on by van den Tweel.

The lower prices offered by Warehouse were an important factor in shopper loyalty.

It appears that Van Den Tweel strives for control of



the grocery market in Curacao with two Albert Heijn stores and has a strong presence in Aruba having acquired the Ling and Sons supermarket. Combined with three large stores here on Bonaire (Van den Tweel also owns the BFG wholesale market) his collective buying power should be great. Will the result of these savings be passed on to us, their customers? Will its bottom line solely benefit or will its customers share the savings from volume purchasing?

We have asked for answers but none have been forthcoming and requests for interviews with management have been unsuccessful.

Do the *Reporter's* readers have any more observations or comments? *Scared Shoppers*

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Picture Yourself With The Reporter Driving A Muscle Car In Miami.



Mack Spoel who runs Road Service Bonaire sent us this photo of himself and Maarten from the Beach Hut at Sorobon. It was taken in Miami where they spent some time for work and fun. In Florida, Mack always drives a "muscle" car, this time a 2012 Camaro SS Cabriolet. "It's something you can't realistically do on Bonaire because of the rough roads. In Florida you can ride without bumps and holes and have fun with driving," he says. Even though they were off island on a week's vacation they didn't forget Bonaire and their *Bonaire Reporter*. ■

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 07		09:15 -0.20 ft				6:10	18:59
Sat 08	00:22 0.89 ft	10:04 -0.22 ft	New Moon			6:10	18:59
Sun 09	01:00 0.86 ft	10:45 -0.24 ft				6:10	18:59
Mon 10	01:36 0.83 ft	11:17 -0.24 ft				6:10	19:00
Tue 11	02:13 0.79 ft	11:44 -0.23 ft				6:10	19:00
Wed 12	02:51 0.75 ft	12:06 -0.22 ft				6:10	19:00
Thu 13	03:29 0.70 ft	12:24 -0.21 ft	19:19 0.37 ft	22:44 0.34 ft		6:10	19:00
Fri 14	04:08 0.63 ft	12:39 -0.19 ft	19:13 0.45 ft			6:11	19:01
Sat 15		00:19 0.32 ft	04:50 0.54 ft	12:54 -0.17 ft	19:24 0.56 ft	6:11	19:01
Sun 16	First Quarter	01:39 0.27 ft	05:35 0.45 ft	13:10 -0.17 ft	19:45 0.68 ft	6:11	19:01
Mon 17		02:50 0.19 ft	06:23 0.35 ft	13:30 -0.16 ft	20:13 0.81 ft	6:11	19:01
Tue 18		03:58 0.10 ft	07:17 0.25 ft	13:54 -0.17 ft	20:48 0.93 ft	6:11	19:02
Wed 19		05:02 0.01 ft	08:18 0.15 ft	14:22 -0.16 ft	21:27 1.03 ft	6:12	19:02
Thu 20		06:03 -0.08 ft	09:27 0.08 ft	14:56 -0.15 ft	22:12 1.10 ft	6:12	19:02
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Bista en Odio (Continued from page 5)
 Koninklijke Visio (www.visio.org), a Dutch expertise center for the visual handicapped and the blind. She also confers with employers to hire our clients. Not only is it important for one's self-esteem and for one's social life but... with a government allowance of only \$172 per month it is an absolute prerequisite if you want to be independent and not a burden to your family for the rest of your life. That's the hardest thing for our clients, to find a job. Presently the Public Body has a subsidized program for companies when they employ a handicapped person.

So, these are the things we do. What we need is a building. We have applied for funding to set up a visual and auditory center so we can work more focused and professional. And yes – of course – we need funds. We do have Braille translators and typewriters, but we need Braille keyboards for computers and portable light boxes to stimulate children with bad vision. Such a light box costs

\$135 and the contents cost \$409 for the 1st level, and from there on you add. This aid is used for vision tracking. You observe how the child reacts and then you know how much the child is capable of seeing. We also need baby mobiles with colors and sound so we can detect at a very young age if they can see or hear well. We now have a two-year old toddler with a visual disadvantage, which could have been detected at an earlier stage.

As mentioned before, our foundation is working together with Koninklijke Visio in Holland, but we are in close contact as well with Curacao, Aruba and Surinam, and now we will expand to Saba and Statia. We're working on it! ■ *Greta Kooistra*

For more info you can visit us at the office or phone: 717-5765 or mail: genarasilberie@fkbo.org

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Solution

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

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It is almost June 17...the start of the first Heineken Kite Ride Bonaire, an international kiteboarders event with the best professional kiteboarders from all over the world. Kite Ride has invited the Pro riders to Bonaire to show their moves and stunts on sliders and obstacles. Ruben Lenten is not only one of the well known kiteboarders worldwide but also involved with the organization of this event on Bonaire.

Ruben Lenten "Master of Extreme" is one of those who brings kiteboarding to the limit. Everything is about Higher, Faster and extremer. His goal: "to go to the outer limits of this sport, together with best kiteboarders of the world."

Besides Ruben Lenten other international name will come to Bonaire like: Rick Jensen (GER); Aaron Hadlow (UK); Billy Parker (USA); Bruna Kajiya (BRA); Jake Kelsick (ANT); Lewis Crathern (UK); Sam Light (UK); Lewis Crathern (UK)

Not only the pros but also "New" talents get the opportunity to show their moves on Bonaire. In the last few weeks everybody from around the world had the opportunity to make a video and earn a wildcard for this event. The Wildcard winners are: our very own Bonairean **Christiaan Zweers** and **Steven Akkersdijk** (NL); **Hendrick Burgers** (Aruba); **Tobias Hölter** (DE); **Maciek Lewanoski** (Poland); **Marc Toth** (Austria).



Building the ramps at the SGB High School

From 17 to 22 of June pros and the wildcard winners will show their stunts and move on the floating obstacles close the coastline of Bonaire. It will be a event not to missed.

Not everybody can compete on a slider/rail set up to attract all kiteboarders. To make the event a playground for all riders and disciplines there are more and different disciplines for all levels. During the **RIDE WITH THE PROS** a small group of riders will be assigned under the supervision of one of the international riders. The International rider will give his team advice on how to compete and at the end of the session each team will have to perform a cool show.

With the **HANGTIME** competition on Monday June 17 we will fly as high and as long as possible.

And everybody can join the **CHARITY DOWNWINDER** the last day of the event June 22.

The downwinder is open for everybody, windsurfers, kiteboarders, sailors, etc. We all ride TOGETHER on the last day of the

event from Atlantis Beach to Spice Beach Club where there will be an all day party!

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

The local youngsters are really important for the Kite Ride foundation. Without their help it wouldn't be possible to host this competition. They made the obstacles and the drawings and helped in all organizational parts.

Every Saturday the kids worked with their teacher to make four floating obstacles. Another division of the school (art class) made the designs with a free impression of the sponsor logos and painted the obstacles.

The kids with their teachers (**Dennes Bekenk** and **Willem Cattersel**) started in February and every Saturday from 8.30 am till 3 pm they worked to make a professional slider park. A small group of young volunteer students can be proud of all the work they are doing. When Ruben Lenten, the famous and number one kiteboarder visited the island of Bonaire to meet up with the

local building crew, he said "I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and skills the local youngsters showed during the building."

Further he stated, "Having such a warm

welcome and meeting all the people involved made me feel at home here in the Caribbean straight away, and I can't wait to put on a real show with my kiteboarding friends."

The foundation Kite Ride reaches out to local youngsters in every possible way to involve them in the organization of such a professional event, working together and to show them the importance of sports, motivation and willpower. It will also give them the opportunity to get attracted to the kiteboard sport and their heros. During the preparation time the Foundation gave free kiteboard lessons so that we will have local champions in the upcoming years. To make sure the kids can continue to kiteboard we choose Jong Bonaire as a charity for the Downwinder. We will raise money for kiteboard lessons for the youth of Jong Bonaire, hopefully to breed new talent and future champions.

There will be a schedule and more in the next edition of *The Bonaire Reporter*. ■ Press release



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May 31– June 2—9th edition ProKids Windsurfing, Sorobon. See page 6 for more information

Saturday, June 1—
-Kriabon Farmer's market, locally grown fruits, veg, plants, herbs. Also jams, drinks, sweet things, Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am–1 pm

-Summer Sale and BBQ at the Teak Outlet to benefit Bonaire riders in the Aruba HiWinds windsurf competition. Furniture, clothes and more. 10 am -5 pm 795-4779

Sunday, June 2—As a precursor to Dia di Arte (July 7) local artists display their work at Chich'i Tan in Rincon, behind Rose Inn, snacks & drinks, 10am-4pm.

June 7,8,9 —Musical Performance- Bonaire's Mamma Mia at the SGB. Doors open 7 pm for the 8 pm performance; for the Sunday matinee, doors open 2:30. Cost \$10 now or \$12.50 at the door, Kids, \$7.50. Tickets at El Mundo, SGB, Addo's Bookstore, Flamingo Bookstore and Van den Tweel Supermarket

Friday June 21—Summer Solstice—more on page 19

Saturday, June 22— Bonaire Duradero Sustainable Market. Local products featured. See page 3 for more information.

June 17 to 23- "Kite Ride Bonaire"- first international wake-style kite-boarding event in the Caribbean—more on page 15

Sunday, July 7- Dia di Arte- Bonaire Art Day, at Wilhelmina Park. More in upcoming issues.

Kids Camp— June, July and August— Details in an upcoming edition.

REGULAR EVENTS

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

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Saturdays

• **Open House at Semper Kontentu milk goat farm. Second Saturday of the month, 8 am to 12 noon.** 786-6950

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

• **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. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

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• **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 Koeke 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.

Wednesdays

Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina. Free house rum when you buy a coke.

30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire, 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. 786-6416 or info@bonaireyoga.com

Fridays

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

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Monday -- Touch the Sea -- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and

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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

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

Bridge Club - Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or jeroen@telbonet.an

Darts Club plays every other Sunday at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

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

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire:

(VPGB), Kralendijk, 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; Maryt-jin@gmail.com or Daisycofie@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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Guest Editorial

What's My Name ?

The 40- 45 War was just over when my father got his first car from "the company." It was a delivery van, a Ford Anglia, painted on both sides with four happy-looking cooks of different heights. The broadly smiling gentlemen with their cook hats were carrying plates with colorfully decorated puddings. Father used to work for a company that delivered custard powder, vanilla sugar and custard to grocers and he enthusiastically sold these products to the middle class chandlers.

His nickname was "the Pudding Guy," and my mother, as was predictable, was "the Pudding Wife." I was, maybe because of the free and abundant consumption of custard puddings, a fat little kid and soon enough I was called "Fat Ted" by all my friends in the street. And because the bus company in Twente is called T.E.T. in the end I was blessed with the forename and nickname "Tetbus."

I was not very happy with the situation, but there was a change when I started playing in a band. My friends thought that I was handy stroking the brushes over the drum set, and on one of our posters with the honorary performance with Greetje Kaufeld, they wrote my name, "Gus Geritsing" on drums. Was I better off now? "Lucky Gus" would have been more appropriate. Around that same time I met a nice girl. She was from a neighboring village where everybody had a nick name. She was called "The Milk factory" because of her -it's easy to guess - very feminine frontal appearance. The latter I liked, the former not so much.

This might explain my more than ordinary interest in nicknames. Pester and satirical names, that's what they were! Not something to be happy about. Especially since there is a different way of doing things. I envy people called Dudi, Dushi, Ronchi or simply Moppy, Popchi or Doggy. These are pet names .They don't hurt your ego, and your ego is even slightly flattered.

On Bonaire, giving a nickname is quite common. Our island is like a small village community in which- just consult your phonebook - many identical names appear. In such circumstances, nicknames are used to indicate, in a simple and fast way, what the identity of the person involved is. In a large number of Dutch village communities, things are no different.

My neighbor Alfred also has a nickname. He baptized himself "Yellow Man" because his dreadlocks reminded one of a singer from Jamaica who had "King Yellow Man" as his stage name. It was Winston Foster, born in Jamaica in 1956, an albino and a famous "dub reggae" and "dance hall" musician who was enormously popular in the 80s. Furthermore, there is a dive buoy behind Klein Bonaire with the name "Yellow Man." That name was given to the buoy because my



Internet photo

neighbor Alfred regularly used to spend the night on Klein Bonaire, against all regulations. In this way Stinapa and he himself took care that his name will forever be connected to the smallest island in the Caribbean.

But Alfred has, as far as nicknames are concerned, more on his conscience. He gave many islanders a nick name, sometimes just to pester and tease them a little and sometimes just to make fun of them.

When he was still going to the elementary school run by the friars, one of his friends was allowed to sleep over at Alfred's. Alfred was still awake when he heard all kinds of sounds coming from under the blankets of the bed next to his. They sounded a lot like farts. The next morning he said to his friend, "From now on I'll call you "Pujachi" because you kept me from my sleep last night." And that 's the way it is up until today. In a select group of people, everybody knows who "Pujachi," or in other words, "the Farter" is. Maybe it's not so nice for the victim. I can sympathize with him because of my nickname, "Fat Tetbus" from my youth.

During my stay on Bonaire, as far as nicknames are concerned, I personally did quite well. From Yellow Man I got the pet name, "Papa Bubi." It was the name of my Bonairean fishing boat, built by Kador, a fisherman and boat builder, all in one. I had borrowed that name from the tugboat of our island, the *Bubi*. I couldn't come up with a name in a jiffy when the harbor clerk "Boei" Tromp asked me for the name of the new boat while registering at the harbor office.

But who and what is really a Bubi? A Bubi is a bird that I first saw at the end of our trans- Atlantic crossing on the beaches of the Aves islands, the last stop before Bonaire with about 30 miles still to go.

Of the Booby there are roughly speaking two kinds of birds: the Brown Booby (*Sula Leucagaster*) and the White Masked Booby (*Sula Dactylatra*). The latter sometimes has red feet and is crazy about squid and flying fish.

I think that I am the "White Papa Bubi." Our neighbor "Yellow Man" saw that distinctive color white correctly. And it surely feels a lot better than "Fat Tetbus" from the days of my youth. ■

Guus Gerritsen



Bonaire Now A Member of The International Table Tennis Federation



BTTB photo

Young table tennis players at a recent weekend tournament

At the general meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Bonaire was unanimously accepted as a full member. This meeting took place in Paris during the world table tennis championships.

Membership means Bonaire can participate in international tournaments, table tennis training, and have access to free IITTF Development material. Bonaire can even participate in world championships and Latin American championships in the future. This is obviously a huge incentive for the players (both youth and seniors) on Bonaire. Also, this international recognition is an award for the dedication of the new BTTB board consisting of **Erik van Veenendaal (chairman)**, **Leo Domacasse (Secretary)**, **Rolando Davelaar (Treasurer)**, and members **Junny Lopez** and **Alfred Nicholas**. The table tennis

federation has two main sponsors, **Cicilia Motors, Maduro and Curiels Bank**.

During a recent weekend the youth league tournament was won by **Lars van Veenendaal** and **Almahir Nicholas** (U9 and U12 classes). Both players won the tournament with no losses. Both young players are the sons of top Bonaire adult players. Almahir is the son of **Almar-Nicholas**, the current No. 3 ranking in adults. Lars is the son of **Erik van Veenendaal**, the current champion of Bonaire and the No. 1 ranking.

In the U9 class, eight players competed. **Kevin Aulacio** provided a resounding surprise as a rookie to win 2nd place. The battle for third place was extremely exciting, ultimately **Duncan Marsman** won after breaking a tie.

More information about table tennis on Bonaire can be found at www.bttb.nu. ■

Press release

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Pet of the Week

“Wiesje” is one of the most alert and adorable dogs at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Although a bit shy she’s very playful. She was one of the first to pose for the camera recently because she’s smart enough to know that there’s a very good chance of her getting adopted once her portrait appears in *The Reporter*. Her very soft coat is a little longer than a lot of her Shelter mates and she seems proud of it. Wiesje is about 3 ½ years old, past all the puppy shenanigans, and just ready to be a true companion to the right person. As the Shelter staff says, “She came from heaven (really the drop off cage, but she’s such a darling!) See her at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com and <https://www.facebook.com/AnimalShelterBonaire>. ■ L.D.



“Wiesje”

DID YOU KNOW?

Tumblr photo



Manta

That manta rays can move over 100 kilometers just to eat? This group of marine mega-vertebrates feed at a depth of 50 meters or less and up to 20 kilometers offshore. They are found feeding in a variety of habitats including areas of upwelling (high nutrients) as well as low nutrient waters. It was discovered through a new tracking study that these groups tend to stay near some of the Caribbean’s busiest shipping lanes! Some of these large rays are caught intentionally for parts of their gills or to be used as bait in the growing shark fishery. Currently very small areas of their ranges lie within marine protected areas. More research needs to be done in order to establish accurate protected areas and to conserve these sea giants. ■ Alexis Ferrera

Ferrera is a Marine Biology major from the University of Oregon. She studied in Bonaire for the fall semester at the CIEE Research Station.



Tracking Transmitter



Shelter Volunteers Gather



Recently the Bonaire Animal Shelter hosted a thank you party for all the loyal volunteers who help to make the Shelter the success it is. Volunteers have all kinds of jobs: socializing with the animals, cleaning cages, feeding, washing dogs, staffing the Pakus di Pruga flea market on Saturdays, serving on the board, doing publicity, collecting the donation boxes, selling Shelter t-shirts, picking up dogs or cats to bring for free sterilization, bringing in abandoned animals from the streets, and even more. As you can see from the photo it was a happy group, which included Sophia DeSalvo (front, far left), an ex-Shelter dog herself. ■ L.D.

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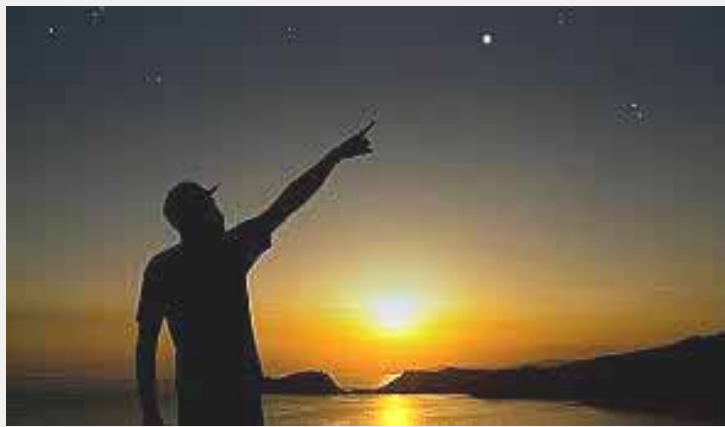


BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

SUMMER IS COMING

Early in June, three planets will line up in our west-northwest sky for us to see; but we will need to look during the first half of the month, for two of them will be in conjunction with the Sun and therefore invisible after June 16th.



On June 1st, **Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury** will form a straight line angling to the upper left from twilight's glow at the horizon. The lowest, Jupiter, will be at -1.9 magnitude; the middle one and the brightest, Venus, will be at -3.9 magnitude; and the uppermost, Mercury, will be at -0.3. The constellation **Gemini** will be seen nearby, sitting atop the trio and just to the left of Mercury, and will come into view as twilight fades and the sky darkens more. The three planets will span about 9 degrees of space, from Jupiter, up and left to Mercury, which is about as much sky space that one can cover with a clenched fist held out at arm's length. Jupiter will be invisible to us by June 15th, but Venus will appear to gain altitude slowly all month as its orbit takes it around the Sun. On June 25th Venus will form a straight line with Gemini's two brightest and uppermost stars, **Castor and Pollux**. Meanwhile Mercury will appear to gain altitude for a few more days, reaching its peak on June 12th, when it will be 12 degrees above the horizon, 40 to 75 minutes after sunset. On June 10th a slim crescent Moon may be seen just 6 degrees to the lower left of Mercury. This will help direct one in spotting the innermost planet in our Solar System.

Summer Solstice occurs on June 21st this year; at precisely 1 pm, Sky Park Time. This places the Sun at its highest point above the horizon for all northern hemisphere skywatchers, which for us

will put the Sun at 73 1/2 degrees above the southern horizon at noon. This marks the official start of summer,

As the sky darkens in June, **Saturn** is the other planet that can be seen, nearly halfway between the southern horizon and the **zenith**. It is nestled among the stars of **zodiac constellation Virgo** all summer. Saturn makes a great sight — a real treat to the eye — for those skywatchers who can look at it through a telescope. Its beautiful rings are without rival, but decent sized scopes will reveal several of Saturn's multiple moons.

Coming up now in summer's first month in the northeast sky is the **asterism** known popularly as the **Summer Triangle**. It consists of three first magnitude stars, that can be connected in a triangle, each one found in a separate constellation. The brightest and highest up is **Vega**, in the tiny constellation shaped like a parallelogram, called **Lyra the harp**. Below and left of Vega is **Deneb in Cygnus the swan**, and then below and under Cygnus, we can see **Altair, in Aquila the eagle**. During the summer months this bright asterism will ride up and high up near the zenith, and then descend in late summer and all through the fall toward the northwest horizon. Indeed, the Summer Triangle can still be seen low in the northwest sky in the weeks just before Christmas!

After a **New Moon on June 8th**, 1st quarter will be on the 16th; Full Moon on the 23rd, and Last quarter on June 30th. ■ *Dennis Herrmann*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

June 2013

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your boss may be on the rampage and you certainly don't want to be the one to take the brunt of a bad situation. You may not have the same ideas when it comes to what you both enjoy. Take advantage of moneymaking ventures. Opportunities to meet new lovers will I come through pleasure trips or social events. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Get on with your life. This is a great day to beautify your living quarters or to entertain at home. Passion is about the best way for you to relieve tension. Residential moves will be in your best interest. Your lucky day will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may be confused regarding your love life. Relatives may play an important role in your personal life. You must follow your desires and dreams. You should be promoting your ideas. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You will have a problem with your boss if you haven't done your job. Concern yourself with legal matters and formulating contracts rather than finalizing your objectives. Try to address the real issues in order to turn things around. Your communication skills will bring you popularity and increased self esteem. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Listening can be more valuable than being a chatterbox. Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. Try to concentrate on research and acquiring information that will be of value in your chosen field. Try to keep your opinions to yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may be experiencing emotional turmoil in regard to your mate. Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. Try to curb your bad habits. You are going through a period of questioning. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't take offense at comments made by coworkers. Don't make a move; your confusion

has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Don't let someone talk you into parting with your cash unless you can truly see the benefits of doing so. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Make love, not war, and all will be fine. It's time to let loose. Your tendency to overreact could get you into trouble. Don't overdo it. You need to enjoy yourself. Your lucky day will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your knowledge and good sense will help more than you think. Listen to the advice given by those with experience. Your ability to ferret out secret information will lead you to an inside scoop on an amazing financial deal. Money can be made if you use your ingenuity. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. Don't get involved in expensive entertainment that involves gambling. Use your energy wisely. Help if you can, but more than likely it will be sufficient just to listen. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will profit from home improvement projects and real estate deals. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Situations could easily get blown out of proportion if you have made unreasonable promises. You can avoid hassles by sticking to your work and refusing to get involved in gossip or idle chatter. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You'll find love and you'll get into tiptop shape at the same time. Don't let the erratic behavior of someone you live with interfere with your professional performance. Remember; talk to them, not at them.

Changes in your home may be alarming at first. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday. ■



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