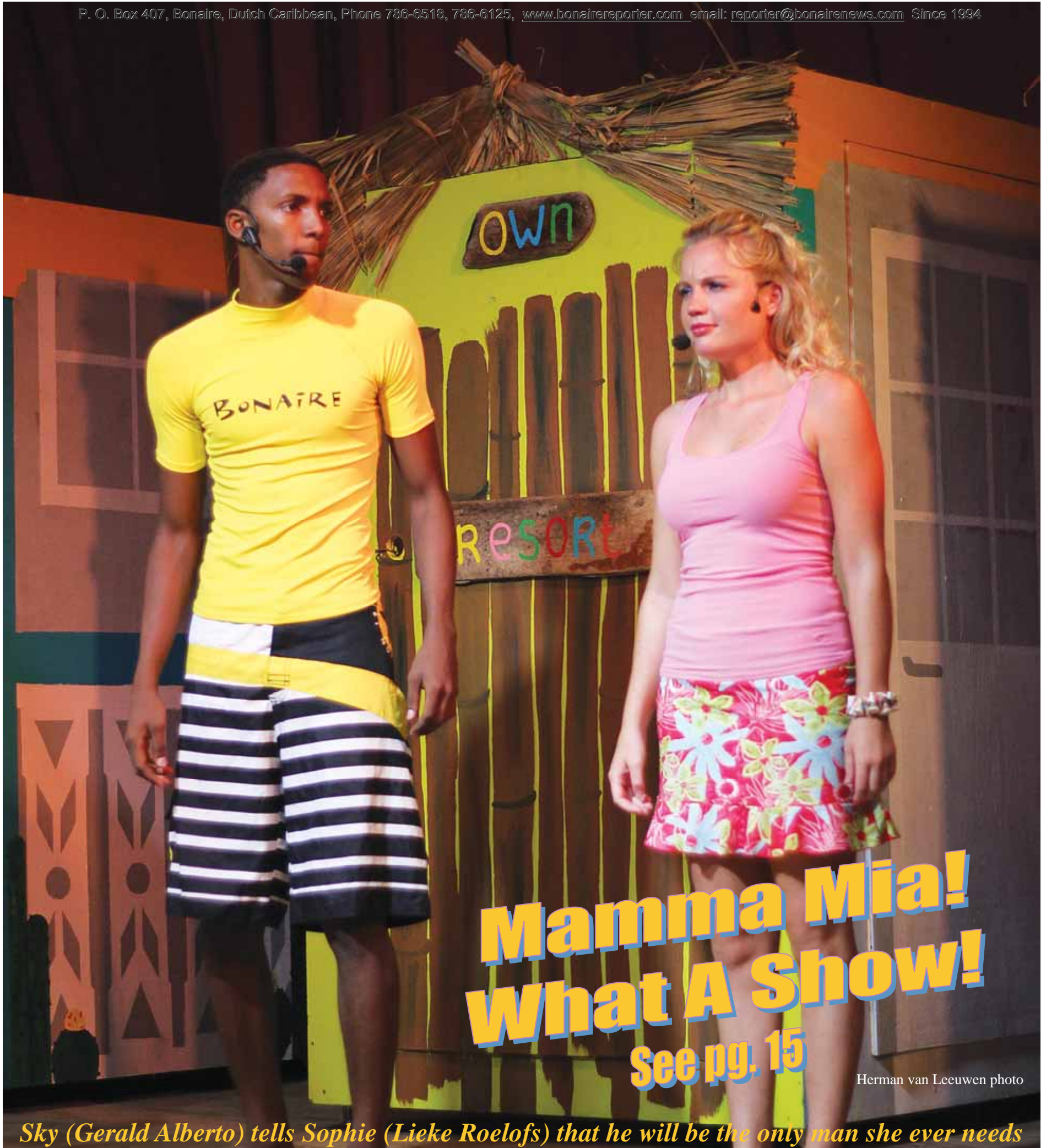


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A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a Bonaire performance never to be forgotten! On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years before. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propelled this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship at the SGB last weekend. Continued on page 15...

Flotsam and Jetsam

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The relations between Bonaire's Island Governor Lydia



Emerencia and the various commissioners are on edge. In a letter she sent to the Island Council, she wrote that in its meeting of Wednesday, May 29, the Executive Council decided to discharge her from responsibility for the Directorate Supervision and Enforcement and give the job to Commissioner **Silvana Janga-Serfilia** for the time being.

The tone at the end of the letter infers that the transfer of this task is due to a conflict in performing the tasks of supervision and enforcement. It likely involves disagreement on whether or not officials who are entrusted with public safety should carry weapons. The call to arm these officials is becoming stronger since the recent wave of armed robberies.

Although the governor is been discharged from handling the Directorate of Supervision and Enforcement, according to the law her responsibility and authority for supervision and enforcement in general remains in full force. She pointed out according to law the island governor cannot be removed from these tasks.

As yet there has been no decision as to when this change will take effect. Emerencia announced she would cooperate with a transparent transfer of this duty to Janga-Serfilia. "I will request the directorate to give her the same cooperation I was given."

The tension in Bonaire is considered by some as a cold war between Governor Emerencia and the deputies of the UPB/ Santana coalition and the Island Secretary. Emerencia has stated she places high priority on integrity in the public sector and says corruption will go. So far, the Dutch government has not taken a position on integrity issues playing on Bonaire. *By Belkis Osepa*

► **Member of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament Wassila Hachchi of the Democratic D66 Party said it is unacceptable that policy plans of the Dutch Government concerning Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba are only published in Dutch;** they should be translated into English and Papiamentu.

The recent publication of the nature policy plan for the Caribbean Netherlands was the main reason for Hachchi to seek clarity.

► It was revealed last week that Venezuela is no longer laying claim to Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao, which was the case during the term of the late president Hugo Chávez. However, in an interview with news agency Novum, Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Frans Timmermans (PvdA) stated that the relations have improved and that Venezuela respects the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

► **The United Nations Anti-Torture Committee has urged the Dutch government to address the rights of suspects in the Caribbean Netherlands.**

The Committee has determined that there are some "practical concerns" in the process of interrogation by police in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. This is currently an issue in St. Eustatius, but the concern applies to all islands.

► **It appears that Bonaire will soon lift the withdrawal of the tolerance policy for the "pleasure industry."**



The committee that was to present recommendations on structural improvements and formulate necessary conditions for the tolerance policy has completed its report.

Details must be worked out regarding health care, immigration and infrastructure.

The process is being done with cooperation with the Public Prosecutor's Office.

On September 18 of last year authorities raided Bonaire Paradise Inn, popularly called "Pachi's Place," the only brothel on Bonaire to which they had turned a blind eye (the "tolerance policy") for years.

Three persons, including the owner, were arrested on suspicion of human trafficking but subsequently released.

As they were suspected of having exploited women sexually in the brothel, the governor withdrew the tolerance policy temporarily.

There have been reports of illegal prostitution, an application for a brothel in the tourism zone and concerns for high school age youngsters in the interim.



► On Monday, May 27, during a press conference, Deputy Burney el Hage said, that the original hotel project "Azul," near the airport, which stalled because of financial problems two years ago, will have new owners, the Aruba Investment Bank (AIB) and the developer Desarrollos Hotelco, also known as Stipa. "Azul" was the 144-room project begun on one of the peninsulas of Flamingo Paradise, on Kaya Internashonal, on the way to the airport. It originally was to feature a Hilton Hotel and offered 78 tropical "casitas" starting at \$551,000 each..

Desarrollos Hotelco reached an agreement with AIB to acquire the debt and plans to complete the work. The intention is to make it a "branded resort." Desarrollos Hotelco in the past has attracted top brands like Ritz Carlton, Marriot and Renaissance. Reportedly the construction equipment used in the building of the just completed Aruba Renaissance Hotel will be shipped to Bonaire.

► **THE HAGUE--Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will receive about €1.1 million in nature and biodiversity projects between now and 2017.** A total of €7.5 million has been allocated for the three

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) islands through 2017, stated Dutch Secretary of Economic Affairs Sharon Dijksma last Friday.

► **Errata:** In our last edition we stated that ex-governor Frits Goedgedrag was born on Bonaire. That is incorrect. He is from Aruba.

The St. Eustatius United People's Party (UPC) stated it was dismayed by the news that former Governor of the Netherlands Antilles, Bonaire and Curaçao **Frits Goedgedrag** has been appointed as extraordinary member of the Council of State with a special focus on the BES Islands. UPC spokesman Zaandam said that during his tenure as governor Goedgedrag had never ensured that the smaller islands were better represented in coalition governments, and had also never made a case about the under-representation of the Dutch Caribbean in the Kingdom Council of Ministers.



"Chapman" of the Curaçao Sea Aquarium, the investigators of the IMARES institute from the Wageningen University in The Netherlands observed the biodiversity of the deep reefs.

The study is on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the framework of the joint management by the islands and The Netherlands of the maritime biodiversity and fishery in the waters surrounding the BES islands.

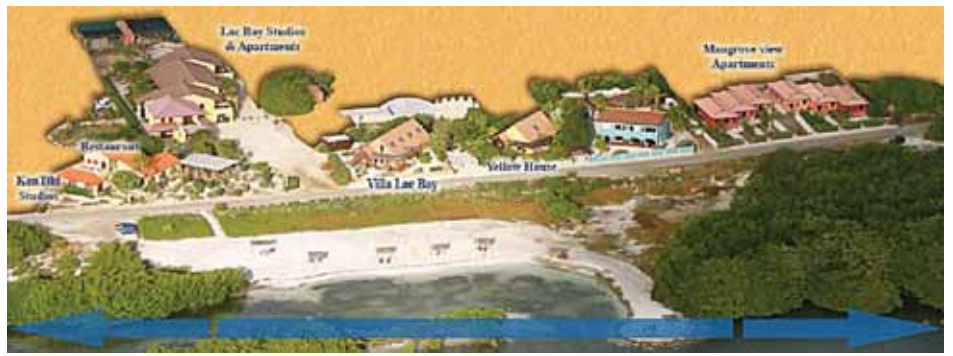
The area within the South Caribbean Sea surrounding the ABC-islands was identified as one of the two with the richest maritime life.

► **The Financial Supervision Committee (CFT) for the Caribbean Netherlands advised the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science to grant an interest-free loan to the Bonaire island government to implement the Education Master Plan for Housing 2012-2017 for \$19.1 million for maintenance for school buildings.**

► **A light earthquake rocked Curaçao on Monday, June 3, about 8:55am.** Some say they felt it on Bonaire. The epicenter was located near latitude 12.16 degrees North and longitude 68.87 degrees West. The quake's strength was 3.5 on the Richter scale and it occurred at a depth of 9.3 kilometers. There were no immediate reports of any injuries or damage and the possibility of a tsunami was quickly excluded.

► **The names prepared for this hurricane season are:** Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dorian, Erin, Fernand, Gabrielle, Humberto, Ingrid, Jerry, Karen, Lorenzo, Melissa, Nestor, Olga, Pablo, Rebekah, Sebastien, Tanya, Van and Wendy.

Climatologic data collected by Colorado State University show that **the years 1996 and 2004 were most significant for Bonaire.**



► **The Kontiki restaurant will be closed** for a huge renovation that was begun June 1. The task is expected to take five months and it will reopen under a new name, same warm smiles, even better service, with cool breezes to enjoy the spectacular views of Lac Bay.

aire. In July 1996 **Tropical Storm Cesar** passed close to the ABC-islands. There was little any damage except to some yachts.

During the evening of September 8, 2004, the center of **Hurricane Ivan** passed approximately 130 km north of the ABC islands, hitting Aruba in the early morning of September 10 with fierce thunderstorms and considerable flooding. Bonaire had calm winds but the coast was battered by big sea swells.

The biggest dangers caused by tropical cyclones for Bonaire are not from winds but from rough and high seas along the coast and sometimes lengthy downpours.

► **The Rotary Club hosted its 24th Rotary Rally** with 65 cars and over 200 people enjoyed the BBQ finish at Te Amo beach. It took four months and 650 man hours to put together and place 34 signs. Winners were: 1st place **Effi van Kessel** with 130 points, 2nd place **Family Maria Coffie** with 156 points and 3rd place **Anja Romijnders** with 161 points.

Great success again and the most important thing was that \$10,000 was raised to bolster two foundations: *Harstichting* (Heart Fund) and the *Vereniging nier-*

patiënten Bonaire (Kidney Patients Association). Thanks to the volunteers, especially non-Rotarians, Jan Henk and Sigma, for their dedication in this project and thanks to the Rotary members, the sponsors and the drivers.



Early Bonaire gym equipment

► **The BonBida Spa and Gym is starting several new programs in July.** But you can preview of several of the classes this month. Pass by the gym opposite Sand Dollar and chat with the friendly staff, try out the state-of-the-art equipment or take a class. Your body will love you for it. ■

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► The deep reef off Bonaire was studied May 30-June 1 during the "Bonaire Deep Reef Expedition 1." With the help of the submarine "Curasub" and the research ship

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On The Island Since...August 7, 2001 – Tamara Snelder



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“I came for a vacation with my boyfriend at the time, whose brother was living here. The first night we had dinner at ‘De Tuin’, a restaurant where Will’s Grill is now. We met a group of people there with whom we did all kinds of things. It changed the vacation; it made us feel at home, and after three weeks we began to think about the possibility of coming to live on Bonaire. Then the owner of ‘De Tuin’ offered my boyfriend a job as a chef, so we went back to Holland to arrange things.

Four months later we were living here. I was 21 and I got a job at ‘De Tuin’ as well. The first two months I missed my family and friends a lot. I felt very immature and too dependent on my boyfriend as well. You know, the holiday mood wears off after a while and daily life takes its course. Then it’s up to you. You have to make the best of it. I worked for three years at ‘De Tuin’ and ultimately my boyfriend and I split up, something people had warned us about. Apparently it was a common thing to happen on Bonaire. It was difficult because we had been in a relationship for five years. When my mom heard about it she was sure I would come home again but when I talked to her on the phone I said, ‘No mom, I’ve got the feeling I should stay here a bit longer.’

So life went on and I moved around a lot, and in the end I did not even have a bed anymore, only a thin inflatable mattress, a couple of tree branches on which I used to hang my clothes and a small suitcase. Most of the time I thought it was fun, but sometimes it would hit me that I was living in such an odd way, however, I became sort of immune to it.

When ‘De Tuin’ closed I was done with working at restaurants. I wanted to wake up at daybreak for a change. I was hired by Total Car Rental and I was renting a little house in the kunuku. I had my own place again and I loved it! I found a new job at the Barracuda Club – what’s now Eddy’s Bar & Restaurant- where I could work just during daytime. I felt stronger, more confident and independent and in spite of the fact that I was missing my family I wanted to stay here. I was growing personally and it made me feel good.

Then my parents came to visit and they stayed at the Wannadive Hut. I knew Bart and we’d talked several times before. So when my parents stayed there I saw him more often, and on one occasion I said,

‘Got to go, because I have to pay my bill at Havana.’ Then Bart answered, ‘Me too, see you in a while!’ And that’s how it started and we let it happen.

Bart had a son, Alan, who was only eight at the time. His mother, Bart’s wife Laurence, had passed away after a long illness, so it wasn’t so simple for Bart or for Alan. But we were in love and there was nothing we could do about it. However, there was a child who had just lost his mom and he needed a lot of attention and I had to take that into account. And in Bart’s relationship with his son some space needed to be created for me, and Alan had to learn to accept that I was with his dad now.

In the very beginning it was carefree, you don’t realize what’s going on, but



Left to right: Tamara, Bartje, Alan, Anne and Bart

“...Funny thing is, you have to break free from your daily business to realize how beautiful the island really is. .”

then emotions break free and you have to understand them and deal with them and you have to have patience. You can’t tell a child, ‘Life goes on,’ when his mom has passed away. During that time I learned a lot about myself and I have doubted myself a thousand times. It’s a process, an ongoing process, but it has been accepted, and now he’s a teenager.”

Bart says, “Laurence passed away in France, where she was from and where she was treated for her illness. Life was in turmoil. It was very hard for both Alan and me and I’m grateful that Alan was accepted at Pelican School, because they helped him a great deal in the processing of his grief. Then Alan and I went on a trip to Europe and at Laurence’s grave in the South of France I could finally say goodbye to her. Then I felt I could move on and things would be all right some day. We went back home to Bonaire and for the time being it was just the two of us. Then I met Tammy. It went very fast, because eight months later we drove in a convertible through Playa, married and blessed by someone from the civil registry office. Then the children came - a daughter and another son -and we were a family again.

Alan is a teenager now and it’s not the most perfect combination, because he’s much older than his siblings, but now and then I do see very special moments taking place between my three children and that confirms to me that it’s all right.”

“Alan and I know now who we are,” Tamara says, “and where we stand and what we mean to each other. He’s my son – that’s how it feels to me because he evokes the same emotions in me as my own children: Anne who was born in January 2007 and Bartje who came in

started thinking... something I had never felt before, because for 20 years Bonaire has been my home. So I had my doubts too. And then I went back to sea—the same sea that almost took my life – twice – but then... there is nothing more beautiful than the sea. To be there on a relatively small boat with no land in sight. You can’t get closer to the elements and it makes me happy, so now I’m less motivated to leave.”

“We do have our life here,” Tamara says. “Alan is 16 now and he’s got his school and his friends and in a couple of years he will be free to make his own choice. Bart has his work and I take care of the kids and have my daily routine. On Fridays we go to Kant’i Awa for a beer and Anne goes fishing. She’s real good at it! She’s only six but she takes them off the hook, kills them with a stone and cleans them or cuts them into pieces to use for bait – no problem! Bartje does join his sister, but he doesn’t have the patience for fishing while Anne can stand there for hours!

Sometimes we go to Lac Cai with friends. We do a barbecue, we swim, we fish, there’s music at the background and then Bonaire is simply gorgeous. Funny thing is, you have to break free from your daily business to realize how beautiful the island really is. But I can still see it and no matter how wonderful it is to travel through Europe, there’s no place like Bonaire. It will always attract us.

I became independent here and I’ve changed and of course my foundation is based on the values I grew up with and the way my parents raised me, but I’ve met so many different people here whom I - most likely- would have never met in Holland and all those people contributed to my growth and my way of thinking.” ■

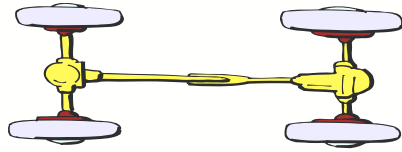
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BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 127th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n – wear a helmet- Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles and persons that are "on wheels."
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A SHY SHE DEVIL ON A SHINY DEMON (Moto Cityscape)

Bonaire/Republiek – So that Sunday Sandra and I took our bikes for a spin around the South. She controlled her 244 cc red CF Moto Cityscape and I handled my 598 Super Single Yamaha. Two completely different persons on two completely different bikes. So we rolled down the hill as we left Republiek, heading for the Playa boulevard and the flats of the salty South.



Sandra bought her motorcycle a couple of years ago and, although it is second hand, the bike looks like new. The bike is colored bright red and there are a lot of chrome and other shiny parts. The power management is completely covered by shields and plates. The motorcycle therefore looks very lean and clean like some Vincents, Indians and Triumphs from the 20th century. The hidden power plant exists in a vertical 244 single-cylinder four-stroke engine, connected by a CVT-transmission to the rear wheel. No gearbox, no shifts, just a centrifugal automatic clutch and a variomatic transmission. This bike has a very easy ride. Wide handlebars, a dash board with three chrome, classic round gauges for water temperature, speed and mileage and fuel, platforms for your feet, a very comfortable buddy seat, a huge tank, reliable liquid cooling, a nice top box in the rear. Easy handling and easy cruising. Because of the special transmission Sandra's 250 CF Moto Cityscape red daemon is relatively fast. No time to lose on shifting gears. The liquid cooled vertical single cylinder produces some 15 horse power @7000 revs. A Ducati electronic fuel injection system mixes the fuel and the fresh air. A light alloy piston compresses the mixture 10 times. The Cityscape can reach a maximum speed of some 75 miles per hour and the bike appears to be very low on fuel consumption. Brakes are a little oversized which is *oll korrekt*. An anodized 300 mm disk brake in the front and a nice and accurate 220 disk brake in the rear.

After passing the Salt Pier and the Kite Surfers we stop our vehicles to bring a salute to Victor's Memorial, just a little south of the Fishermen's Hut. Immediately we find out that Sandra's Cityscape is a pure blood road bike. Off road there is a lack of sus-

pension, ground clearance is poor and handling is difficult also because of the angle of the front fork. And then there is the weight: 166 kilograms of material, exclusive oils, fuel and other liquids. However, it looks like a road bike and it acts like a road bike. Nothing wrong with that. Then we start our blue and red devils. Off we go. We pass the King William's lighthouse and we enjoy a lunch at Sorobon. Then we park the motorcycle for a photo shoot. Nice lines, nice curves, nice color, nice fat black tires (100 X90 X18 in the front; 150! X 80 X15 in the rear. Tubeless, light alloy rims.) And she hesitates, and she takes a little stroll and no she does not want to be in the newspaper. The tough lady appears to have her shy side. She laughs and colors slightly. Cute and adorable. Pictures are taken, impressions are made. Sandra needs some fresh air and wind through her long hair to cool off a little. She thinks she knows what the future will bring. But she might not be right as another motorized two-wheeler is already waiting for her. A motorcycle with knobbies!

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Hot, Red & Nameless

Chef Wil Heemskerck is at it again. As owner of the Wil's Tropical Grill and Flaming Flamingo, a food products producer on Bonaire, Wil recently created a new hot, hot sauce. His problem is he doesn't know what to call it.



Chef Wil Heemskerck



In an effort to solve this simmering dilemma, Wil and his wife, Sue, are starting a contest. Submit a catchy name and you have a chance to win a \$100 Flaming Flamingo gift basket. The couple is looking for a title that reflects the panache of the island and the pizzazz of the product.

I had the pleasure of tasting the new sauce a few days ago. It is fiery red, tomato-based, with a rich garlic flavor. Plus the sauce has a hopper full of habanero chili peppers, those incendiary pods that originated in the Amazon, but are now grown throughout the Caribbean and coastal Mexico.

In order for contestants to have a better understanding of the new hot sauce's sweet and spicy twang, the Heemskercks are inviting the public to a free taste at their eatery, Wil's Restaurant, located at the corner of Kaya Gerharts and Kaya Princes Marie in downtown Kralendijk. Those interested can come to the restaurant **June 10 through July 1, between 4-5:30pm, Monday through Friday** and heat up their lives.

The Flaming Flamingo started in 2011 and produces a number of tasty products.

Hot sauces include mango, smoky bacon, and Flamingo Tears using exclusively natural ingredients. A number of rubs are available, savory spice mixtures that are literally rubbed onto fish or meat before cooking. There is also a selection of delectable glazes and marinades. Flaming Flamingo items are available at the cruise ship market at Wilhelminaplein when in season and all year long at Wil's Restaurant.

All names must be submitted by July 1 to flamingflamingobonaire@hotmail.com.

A winner will be announced July 9th. Good luck and embrace the fire! ■ *Story & photos by Patrick Holian*

Holian is a freelance writer living on Bonaire.

In a former life he served as the travel editor of Fiery Foods Magazine reporting on hot and spicy cuisine around the world. It was on a 2003 assignment that he met Wil Heemskerck for the article, "In Pursuit of Pika." To this day, he begs forgiveness for misspelling the Papiamentu word, "Ayo."

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We've Moved We've Moved



Femke and Janneke



Hair Affair has moved! Its new, modern, sleek salon is now on Kaya Grandi, next to the Chamber of Commerce, in the "Old Dutch Building," adjacent to the new playground. You can spot it from its trendy new sign, and there's lots of FREE parking in the area. Owner Janneke has been creating beautiful hair styles and coloring on the island since 1994. Shop manager Femke, working at Hair Affair for two and a half years, has a faithful and outspoken following: "She knows exactly what I want," one says. "She's the best," says another. "I love my job," Femke declares.

Hair Affair caters to men and women. They do haircuts, coloring, make up, hair removal, lash coloring and feature L'Oreal products. They especially love to do brides for their special day.

As of July 1 a new hairdresser, Tessa, will be on the staff, and you can drop in – without an appointment!

Hair Affair is open Tuesday-Friday, 9-12 and 2-6, Saturdays, 9-2. Telephone 717-5990. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

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STINAPA's Junior Rangers graduation.: Desiree Croes, Nature Education Coordinator, at left, Governor Emerencia in the center

STINAPA's Junior Rangers program brings together two of Bonaire's most precious resources, its youth and its environment. This combination, under the loving and tireless guidance of Desiree Croes, STINAPA's Nature Education Coordinator, has resulted in a highly successful and growing program that is a positive impact on the island and serves as a model for the rest of the Caribbean.

Originally begun over a decade ago, the program was fairly dormant until 2009 when Desiree revitalized it starting with just three members. Four years later, the Junior Rangers have grown to 32 members strong...including the first three original members! (Luigi Eybrecht, Gideon Goedgedrag, Rayen Seraus). The program, designed for youth aged 13 to 21 years, is much more than just a way to pass the time

during after-school hours and weekends. According to the Junior Rangers Program Overview, the purpose of the project is to help teenagers "develop knowledge and understanding of nature, as well as to develop leadership skills combined with critical thinking and problem solving," and in the process help create positive teenage role models. A very ambitious goal.....that is actually being achieved.

On May 31 of this year, over 20 Junior Rangers were honored with various certificates of achievement at a "graduation" ceremony held at Divi Flamigo Beach Resort. Gezaghebber Lydia Emerencia presented the awards to the recipients and in her opening comments stated that the existence of the Junior Rangers on Bonaire was a beautiful surprise to her when she first arrived. "Bonaire has many treasures and the Junior

Rangers of STINAPA is one of them." In addition to receiving their own certificates of achievement, the Junior Rangers presented appreciation certificates to local individuals, businesses and organizations who have contributed to their program. These included: Cargill, Dive Friends Bonaire, Divi Flamigo Beach Resort, Divi Dive, Habitat, Echo Foundation, DCNA, CIEE, Jong Bonaire, SELIBON, Multi Post, Menno de Bree, Merel Notten, and Sabine Engel.

Junior Rangers spend six to eight months learning the basics of Bonaire's nature and environment. After successful completion of the course, they obtain their PADI dive certification and move into Level 1. They then move through 5 levels as they become more advanced in their diving, environmental, and leadership skills. The levels are identified as Aspirant, Cadet (Level 1), Trooper, Deputy, Captain, and Commander. The initial curriculum includes: Earth/Plate Tectonics, Basic Geology, Bonaire's Parks, Communication Skills, Fish Identification, Plant Identification, Bird Identification, Habitat and Endangered Key species, Basic Junior Mechanic, Boat Handling, Basic Junior Boat Mechanic and Open Water Dive certification. As the Junior Ranger passes through the next five levels, he/she can obtain further rank and achievements in a variety of specialties. (See accompanying Specialties Chart).

The curriculum is intensive, classroom work one day a week and field work on the weekends over a nine-month period. During the other three months, additional activities take place, usually at the request of the Junior Rangers themselves. These young men and women do everything...from fish dis-

JUNIOR RANGERS SPECIALTIES:

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- Bird Identification
- Tree Identification and Planting
- Turtle Protection
- Gear Manager (Care and maintenance dive, snorkel, field equipment)
- Cave and Bat
- Boat Captain
- SCUBA Safety and First Aid
- Health and Emergency Response
- Animal Handler (wildlife rescue)
- Photographer and/or Video Editor
- Public Speaker
- Invasive Animals/Lionfish Hunter
- Advance PADI
- Rescue Diver
- Wreck Diver
- Master Diver

section to beach clean up to audio/visual presentations of their own programs on neighboring islands. A recent presentation on Aruba by Commander Luigi Eybrecht (one of the three original Junior Rangers) resulted in that island's decision to start their own program. You will also see these motivated young men and women around the island helping other environmental groups get their message out or raising funds for their own program with car washes and other events.

Desiree doesn't wait until the local kids are old enough to join Junior Rangers. She

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SPECTACULAR TEST DIVE GLIDE AT DIVE FRIENDS BONAIRE



Dive Glide

Statia/Bonaire – At the end of May Glenn Faires from Statia visited Bonaire to show his new invention, the DiveGlide, in the tropical waters in front of Yellow Submarine, one of the many locations of Dive Friends Bonaire. Faires runs the Golden Rock Dive Center in Statia and has been working on the Dive Glide project for a number of years.

So on Wednesday, May 29th, after my dive at the Salt Pier, I went to Yellow Submarine to meet Glenn for an interview. I had already done some studying on the DiveGlide project but I still did not have a single clue about its techniques and its functioning.

The DiveGlide is powered by the force of nature. It is the world's newest form of diving. The DiveGlide has no moving parts, no running sound. It is a natural sport more like sailing or surfing. Most people are surprised by its speed and how much fun it is. The DiveGlide gets its power from positive and

negative buoyancy created with dive tanks and weights.

Glenn explains, "I have been working on my DiveGlide project for some eight years. In fact the whole idea comes from nature. Eagles, penguins, fish—a lot of marine animals—use their positive or negative buoyancy acting against their wings or fins. Because of these ideas and developments now human beings are able to glide through the water and copy the skills of the creatures of the sea."

Faires assembles the DiveGlide. The two wings are attached to its body. Two dive tanks and two cartridges with lead are installed in the device.

Glenn continues, "Underwater the diver is able to control the speed by changing the angle of attack with the wing or by opening the special air valve. By slightly tilting the DiveGlide you can reach speeds estimated at over 10 miles an hour.

DiveGlide can be used holding your breath (free diving) or with scuba. When free diving with DiveGlide there is no risk of making fast ascents to the surface. When on scuba the ascent rates are slower, but you are still able to travel great distances without effort.

This is really fun. It feels good, like you belong under water, like you are one of them. There is no noise. There are no batteries, no switches, no cables. The ball valve to open the air tanks is the only mechanical part of the DiveGlide. And, above all, there is no pollution. The DiveGlide is easy to use and does not need any maintenance. In fact it consists of two wings and a hull or body. It's easy and legal to transport it by plane.

It's light as it is made of fiberglass. The DiveGlides are completely made in Statia so they are a BES product. We build them for individuals and for dive operators. It's probably the beginning of a new sport like those days when the windsurfer was invented. To me DiveGliding is a kind of kite surfing for divers."

Then it's time for testing. Glenn assembles the wings and the hull. He installs the two tanks and the slides with the weights. He grabs some air, tilts the DiveGlide, air escapes from the big opening in the rear of the body and down he glides, speeding up, using the negative buoyancy. He holds the handlebar with one hand and he is able to maneuver cruising along the reef. When his lungs are in the need of some fresh air he tilts the glider, opens the valve a little to fill a part of the nose of the hull with air and up he goes. Speeding up because of the expansion of the air. He reaches the surface, takes a deep breath like a dolphin or a turtle and down he goes again. This is fun!

Now it's my turn. I hold the glider in my left hand, I take a deep breath, tilt it down to get rid of the air from the body and there I go. A mask and a snorkel and a pair of fins are all you need. You can travel fast or slow,



The author "dive gliding"

you can dive deep or stay in the shallows. When your body is in the need of fresh air you just have to tilt the DiveGlide and open the valve to add a little air to the nose of the body. Speed is getting higher. In just a few seconds I reach the surface again. Fresh air in my lungs and down again. This is fun! I play like a dolphin! Finally I am getting tired. Not because of efforts or exertion, no, I just have to practice my free diving skills. Luckily I am healthy and a quick learner. And I am the first Bonairean who experienced the free life with the DiveGlide.

Thank you Glenn Faires from Statia, thank you Dive Friends Bonaire. I am a happy islander! ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



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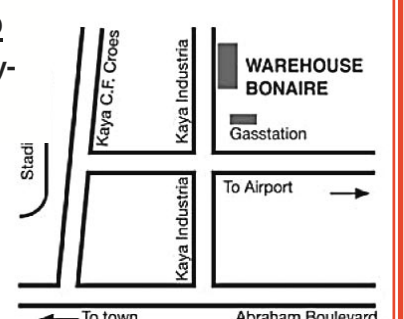


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Tourism History

HISTORY PART 9- The Airport And Airlift, First Part of Two

KLM Archives



The arrival of the Oriol, the first plane to land at the Subi Blanku airport-1936

The history of the airport of Bonaire starts almost 80 years ago, when the first commercial airplane, a Fokker 18 called 'Snip', made the historic transatlantic crossing from Amsterdam to Curaçao around Christmas 1934. The re-enactment of the flight of the PH-AIS-SNIP can be seen on YouTube. The arrival of the 'Snip' was the beginning of airline connections between Curaçao, Aruba and Bonaire, operated by a company called 'West-Indisch Bedrijf van de KLM' (West Indies Division of the KLM). 1934 was a special year for the KLM. The

company celebrated its 15 anniversary of operations. At the time, a businessman from Bonaire happened to be in Holland: Lodewijk D. Gerharts, better known on the island as L.D., founder of – among others – the Bonaire Trading Company. During his stay in Holland his attention was drawn by publications in the papers about the Snip's venture and he tried to get KLM interested in adding Bonaire to its flight schedule. Gerharts succeeded in getting an appointment with KLM director and founder, Albert Plesman, to address the topic. Strangely enough Plesman had never heard of the is-



Photo Heit

KLM Dakota at Subi Blanku airport

land of Bonaire. When Plesman learned that it had some 6,000 inhabitants, he told Gerharts that he simply did not see any commercial value in flying to that destination. But Gerharts, expecting such a reaction, had brought documents with pictures of the best spots of Bonaire. Plesman was impressed and, being a businessman, immediately foresaw the benefits of bringing tourists to the island. So he said, "We're going to do it!"

On Bonaire things got underway for the start of the construction of the first airfield. A terrain was selected at Subi Blanku, at Tra'i Montaña, halfway between Kralendijk and Rincon, which was considered fair to inhabitants of both main villages on the island. But financing such a project was a big problem and required funding by the central government in Curaçao. So a heavy delegation, consisting of the local board of

councils (*Landraden*), LD Gerharts and Lt. Governor Schotborgh, set out to the main island of the Colony to submit the request. Governor Van Slobbe initially opposed to the project, stated that those who wished to travel from Bonaire to Curaçao just had to go there by boat; there was no need for planes in his opinion. But after a drawn-out, intense argument, the Governor agreed to provide the funding. The reason for his change of mind was the importance of medical care. At that time, many people died in Bonaire for lack of a decent hospital on the island. People had to travel by boat to Curaçao to receive medical assistance in the hospital. Many patients did not survive the harsh conditions aboard the (sailing) boat that had to take them there. Imagine huge waves or little or no wind at all! Gerharts convinced the Governor that a 20-minute trip by air would save lives. A sum of

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 10,000 florins (about \$ 5,500) was initially granted for the project. Later it became more. Construction work started in September, 1935.

In May 1936, the second plane of the West Indies Company, the 'Oriol', sister plane of the 'Snip', landed on the airfield, locally called 'Fèlt,' at Subí Blanku, where the airfield intersected with the Kralendijk-Rincon road. Between 1,000 and 1,200 people had come to the Fèlt to witness this historic moment for Bonaire. But when the plane approached over Seru Largo, about to land, making a thunderous noise, it passed just over the heads of the crowd which led to sheer panic. People ran away in all directions seeking shelter between the cacti, horrified by this infernal noise. This first test flight was the beginning of regular air connections to Curaçao and beyond.

In the first years of operations, people from Bonaire could make a short flight over the island for 6 florins. Initially no one was interested. Fear of the great unknown was the reason. In 1936 and 1937, flights were only carried out when there were enough passengers. In 1938 a regular service from Curaçao was established, once a week. In the rainy season, however, the field was too muddy, so planes could not land. The first time the plane got stuck in a muddy part of the field, dozens of strong men were needed to pull it out of its awkward position. On rainy days, L.D. Gerharts, who 'ran' the airfield, first had to drive his car on the landing strip to prove that the field was operable. If his car got stuck in the mud, the flight on that day was cancelled. It happened several times that there were no flights at all for months during the rainy season.

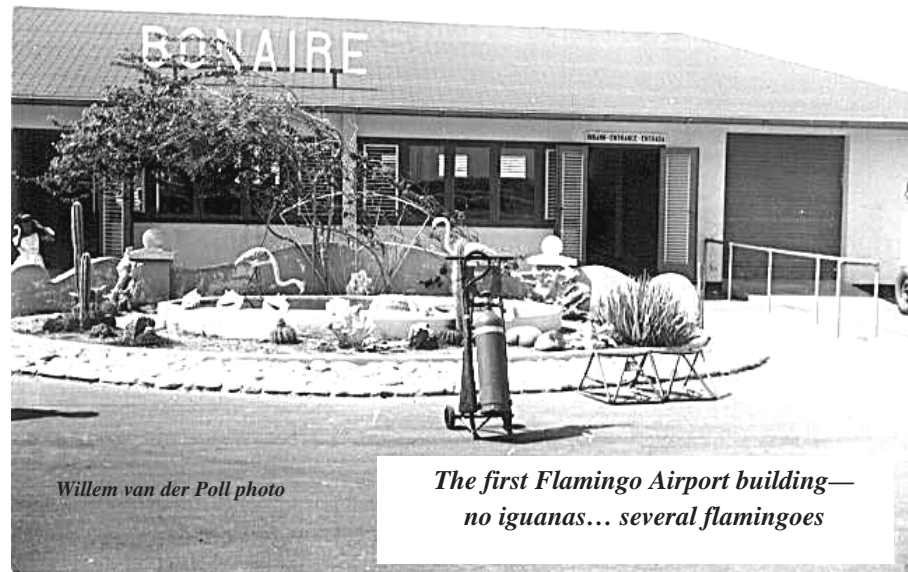


As of 1940 there were four weekly flights from Curaçao. Conditions remained utterly primitive: a construction looking like an open bus shelter was used as a station building. The scales, typewriter and other necessities had to be taken back every day. During World War II, when American soldiers came to Bonaire in 1943 to help protect this part of the Dutch Kingdom that had not been occupied by the enemy, they were lodged in barracks near the airstrip. The commanding officer urged the government to build an airfield in a better location. A terrain was selected south of Kralendijk, in the area next to Lima.

In 1945, when the war had already ended, the airfield of the current Flamingo Airport was officially inaugurated. It was a big step forward for aviation and tourism in Bonaire. The Flamingo Airport had a small, cozy terminal building that was used until 1976. In the course of the decades that followed, the landing strip was regularly extended, expanded and improved, as was the airport terminal. In 1953, construction works for a new runway started and was completed in 1955. The small terminal building was expanded with a terrace for baggage. In 1960 the runway had a length of 1430 meters and a width of 30 meters which was required to receive ALM's DC-9 aircraft. ■ *Evert Bongers*


(sources: LD Gerharts' memoirs and research by Bòl Antoin)

Still to come: Airport and airlift, part 2; the National Parks and Cruise Tourism.



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Girls vs. Grafitti

What a shock to local artist **Adi Figaroa** when he passed by the bus stop in North Salina near Dr. Lont's office. The normally clean looking building had been vandalized and was covered with graffiti! Ugly! Disgusting!

Adi, deciding he would repaint it, went home to get some paint and materials, but when he returned he found a bunch of young girls hard at work cleaning and repainting it already!

Who were these industrious girls, he asked? They were from the girls' soccer team of North Salina. Adi was so impressed he wanted to repay these girls in some way, so he told them he'd buy them all ice cream. "That's nice," one of them said, "but what we really need is a ride to and from Sorobon because our team is playing out there during the ProKids this weekend." "Great," says Adi, "I'll rent a bus for you and I'll still include the ice cream on the way home!" Happy, happy ending. The girls got bused to Sorobon and back by **World Bus Adventures**, they got their ice cream, and the bus stop is sparkling, clean and beautiful. ■

Laura DeSalvo



Irene Figaroa photo



Bonaire Kite Week - Watch The Champs

For the first time ever in the Dutch Caribbean, Bonaire will be hosting the opening leg of the **South & Central American Championship Kite Boarding Tour. The 2013 Championships will start this week -11-16 June.** Flat water, little waves and some current makes the Atlantis site in the south of Bonaire one of the best places in the world for kite boarding. Racers have deep water within 10 feet of the shore line. There is GREAT viewing from the roadside, about a 12-minute drive south from Kralendijk.

Bonaire Kite Week is fully IKA and ISAF sanctioned and as such a ISAF Course Racing 100 Point World Ranking Event.

Several of the top-ranked course racers in the world are registered for this first-ever Caribbean championship course racing event. In all, about 40 competitors from around the world are registered.

Florian Gruber (GER), currently ranked number one in the world, is registered and will be a contender for the top spot. Gruber has enjoyed a strong race season so far, is on Bonaire ready to defend his number one ranking. Challenging him will be **Riccardo Leccese (ITA)**, currently ranked number two in the world. Leccese, finishing second overall in the 2012 race season, is a serious challenge to Gruber's number one ranking, and competition is expected to be fierce between these two rivals.

Two of the 2012 top ranked female riders are also attending. **Nuria Goma (ESP)** is coming to Bonaire ready to retain her top 5 status in the women's field.



Challenging her will be last year's number 7 ranked rider, **Ariane Imbert (FRA)**.

The Bonaire Kitesurf Foundation (BKF) is organizing this exciting course racing event. The BKF is a non-profit organization founded to support the growth of kitesurfing (also known as kiteboarding) on Bonaire. The primary focus of the BKF is to grow tourism on the island of Bonaire via introduction of a new source of tourism traffic to the island.

For more information on the international course racing event or the Bonaire Kitesurf Foundation, contact **Hagen Wegerer** at 599 786-0816 or info@bonaikiteweek.com. Also see www.bonairekiteweek.com or www.internationalkiteboarding.org.

Schedule

June 12	11:00	Opening Ceremony (mandatory) and skippers meeting
	12:00	First possible signal
June 13	9:00	Skippers meeting
	10:00	First possible signal
June 14	9:00	Skippers meeting
	10:00	First possible signal
June 15	9:00	Skippers meeting
	10:00	First possible signal
June 16	10:00	Skippers meeting for 'Bonaire Kite Race Classic' round Klein Bonaire.
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2013 Prokids Bonaire

Prokids isn't just another windsurf competition. It's the hatchery of future world champion windsurfers. Conceived by Elvis Martinus about 10 years ago it has grown into a worldwide phenomenon with equipment suppliers building gear especially for youngsters.

The 9th ProKids Bonaire 2013 had a total of 87 participants in the different age categories for windsurfing Slalom, Freestyle, SUP and Freestyle Night Sailing. During that weekend the spectators could not only enjoy the windsurfing competition but also other beach sports such as Beach Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Bolas, Dominos and even Marathon Aerobics!



Taty Frans

Elton 'Taty' Frans was chosen this year to be the spokesman for the ProKids Bonaire 2013 event. He has many achievements under his belt and the latest: breaking his record of windsurfing between Bonaire and Curacao in 1 hour and 40 minutes. Taty also won first place in several categories during the ProKids event. Taty once again showed everyone that, with perseverance you can achieve any goal that you set before you.

During the entire weekend Sorobon was filled with visitors who enjoyed the sports and music. The event committee was coordinated by Gerrald Victorina and his team. Race Director Viktor Wijnand and Head Judge Nathaniel "Mac" Mac Farlane together with the other judges and officials did a great job in keeping the scores and making the event a great one.

This year we had excellent wind conditions and a very high level of competition amongst the participants. The committee has already started with planning the 10th anniversary event which will be even bigger. Visit the website www.prokidsfreestyle.com and become Facebook Fan Page: Prokids Windsurfing Bonaire for more information,

images and to keep posted for next year. ■ Press release/G.D.



Baby Kids- a crowd favorite



Elvis is still a speedy sailor



Some of the winners at Awards Night

FINAL RESULTS SLALOM:

U-9	1 Gian Martis	2 Jeankarl Mayer	3 Coleta Abrahamsz
U-11	1 Stefan de Bell	2 Hidde de Vries	3 Ethan Thielman
U-13	1 Iosu Balzaretto	2 Davinton Janga	3 Nathan Finies
U-15B	1 Elton Domacase	2 Sandy Chirino	3 Ro-Angela Rosaria
U-15	1 Jean Paul da Silva	2 Delano Moreno	3 Bastiaan de Koningh
U-17	1 Nik Eerenbeemt	2 Jurgen Saragoza	3 Gunter Landwier
WOM	1 Monique Meijer	2 Maxime van Gent	3 Lara Overwater
MAS	1 Juvannie Agostien	2 Ethienne Soliano	3 Elvis Martinus
MEN	1 Elton 'Taty' Frans	2 Ethan Westera	3 Demenson 'Kiri' Thode

FINAL RESULTS FREESTYLE:

U-7	1 Astrid Ruggiero	2 Dante Abraham	3 Gina Schreiner
U-9	1 Coleta Abrahamsz	2 Jeankarl Mayer	3 Gian Martis
U-11	1 Ethan Thielman	2 Davinton Janga	
U-15	1 Shepherd Gustowski	2 Jorman Leocadia	3 Bastiaan de Koningh
U-17	1 Amado Vrieswijk	2 Nik Eerenbeemt	3 Jurgen Saragoza
MEN	1 Demenson Thode	2 Evertson Frans	3 Bjorn Saragoza

FINAL RESULTS SUP:

U-13	1 Ro-Angela Rosaria	2 Jannick Finies	3 Raynold Wilsoe
U-17	1 Jurgen Saragoza	2 Alexson Bloem	3 Gunter Landwier
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WHO RECYCLES?

The new recycling Center operated by SELIBON is a wonderful addition to Bonaire, so convenient and so environmentally smart for this delicate island ecosystem! Every time I visit to drop off my glass, plastic, cardboard, cans, etc., the personnel there are so welcoming and enthusiastic as if I were bearing gifts for them personally. So what could be seen as a chore becomes like a visit with old friends who are helping me to lighten the load of trash generated by my household. And for that they deserve kudos, compliments, and gratitude!

I wonder though if the hotels and restaurants are doing their part to reduce their garbage load as well. Have they set up containers and protocols for recycling so their guests (many of whom are American, Dutch, and European and accustomed to recycling) can participate? Is BONHATA and the Tourism Board prioritizing strategies for collecting all those cans and bottles off the streets, especially downtown during cruise ship season? For the landfill at Lagoen to be reduced significantly, hotels and restaurants must actualize the "environmental sustainability" motto they claim to value by ensuring that everything that can be recycled goes to the Center. They will be happy to have it! And Bonaire can make one more giant step towards being green!

Pauline Kayes

Dear Editor:

I have been coming to Bonaire on vacation for years. I love the people, the diving, the nature and especially the fact that Bonaire cares about its environment. I was very impressed to hear that the waste management company, SELIBON, has instituted a recycling program on the island. However, I was not only surprised but shocked to learn that the hotel where I was staying did not recycle its waste. When asked, the cleaning lady said, "No, we don't recycle. We throw it all in one place."

How can this be? From what I read it's the inhabitants that are being asked to recycle. But why not the hotels, which probably have enough waste for a whole neighborhood? And are the restaurants being asked to recycle? Has *The Reporter* any information on this issue?

A Bonaire Lover

Response:

Dear Bonaire Lover:

We as well were rather surprised that not everyone was getting on the recycling bandwagon. We called and spoke with SELIBON head, Rudsel Leito. He replied that at the moment there is no program for the hotels to recycle at this time. Perhaps it would happen early next year, he said. SELIBON's current focus is working with the hospital to deal with their waste.

But wouldn't it be rather simple for hotels and restaurants to start separating just the glass or plastic bottles? Wouldn't this action make them look concerned and cooperative? How difficult would that be?

The rest of you "Bonaire Lovers" staying in hotels, apartments or wherever and dining in restaurants – you might ask, "Is your business/restaurant/hotel participating in Bonaire's Recycling Program?" And if they're not, why not?

And if they are, you may let us know and these "Waste Warriors" will be mentioned in *The Reporter*.

The Editor

WHO WILL SAVE THIS BUILDING?

Dear Editor:

It was once a lovely home, but I remember lovely mealtimes there when it was a most popular restaurant for local food called Mi Poron. It now stands empty and forlorn and I find it eerie to look right through the front door and out the back, both doors torn off their hinges and strewn on the ground. Next the louvered windows will be broken and torn off; the house an empty shell filled with debris and ugly graffiti till finally the roof falls in and, like Haussmann's Folly, we have another gaping hole in the fabric of our heritage. There has to be a way to preserve this old landmark. With its strategic location it could be turned into a charming tourist attraction. The next thing you know it will be razed and someone will build another modern monstrosity right in town. I never write letters to the editor, but I have to put it out there:

Who will save this building before it's too late?

Elena



Long-Nosed Bat From Bonaire Recaptured In Aruba

On May 22 during one mist netting session in a cave located in Aruba, the PCMABC (bat conservation program of the ABC islands) team recaptured a Long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae*) adult female originally tagged in Bonaire on March 5, 2012.

This recapture demonstrates that the hypothesis of a bat flying route between the ABC islands and possibly Venezuela, as was proposed at the beginning of the research project, proves to be true! More importantly, it also shows that there is a South Caribbean meta-population of this species as opposed to individual populations for each one of the ABC islands.

So far, the PCMABC recaptured three bats, originally tagged in Bonaire in Curaçao caves. One bat tagged in Curaçao was recaptured in Bonaire and now a bat has been recaptured in Aruba that was tagged in Bonaire. ■ *Press release*



PCMABC photo

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Yankee Stadium.



Carol Drake writes, "Thank you so much for *The Bonaire Reporter*. As a visitor to Bonaire for over 20 years, my husband and I read your newspaper whenever we are on the island. Here is a photo of me with *The Reporter* at the new Yankee Stadium. We are from New York City and originally came to Bonaire in the mid-1980s to stay at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn. As divers we have visited many different Caribbean islands, a number of countries in Central America and even took one trip to Australia and the Great Barrier Reef, but Bonaire remains one of our favorite places. For the past four years we have spent on average 3-5 months a year on the island. It is the best place for us to relax and re-charge before diving head first back into the frenetic activity of our home, New York City. In truth, after almost 20 years of visiting Bonaire, it has become my home-away-from-home." ■

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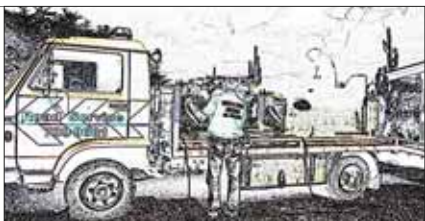
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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
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
Fri 21		07:01 -0.16 ft	10:47 0.03 ft	15:37 -0.12 ft	23:00 1.15 ft	6:12	19:02
Sat 22		07:56 -0.23 ft	12:15 0.02 ft	16:26 -0.07 ft	23:52 1.15 ft	6:12	19:02
Sun 23	Full Moon	08:48 -0.29 ft	13:45 0.07 ft	17:28 0.01 ft		6:12	19:03
Mon 24		00:46 1.12 ft	09:35 -0.34 ft	15:03 0.16 ft	18:50 0.09 ft	6:13	19:03
Tue 25		01:43 1.06 ft	10:21 -0.36 ft	16:07 0.28 ft	20:26 0.16 ft	6:13	19:03
Wed 26		02:40 0.96 ft	11:04 -0.37 ft	17:00 0.41 ft	22:04 0.19 ft	6:13	19:03
Thu 27		03:39 0.84 ft	11:44 -0.35 ft	17:48 0.55 ft	23:37 0.19 ft	6:13	19:03
Fri 28		04:38 0.71 ft	12:22 -0.32 ft	18:33 0.68 ft		6:14	19:03

Italy Count Down

Count down to the annual trip to Italy for eight Bonaire hospitality students: Deiby, Romero Aponte, Ronald, Gosepa, and Yzajin Bienvenu from FORMA plus Giandrick, Manuel, Jenueviène, Casper illary, Cardoze Jean Carlos, Pouriér and Rimmon, de Vries- from the S.G.B. High School



The last meeting/orientation for the students with their parents before departing June 23 to Italy was sponsored by Divi Flamingo. Rotary Club Bonaire sponsored and presented the clothes for students and chaperones. This is the ninth time Bonaire students have studied in the Emilia Romagna region for a three to four-week work-study program in a dedicated cooking school, Nazareno in Carpi. Over 80 Bonaireans are graduates of the program. For more information contact Sara Matera 786-9299 or saramatera@yahoo.com. ■

Sara Matera

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Solution

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

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Mamma Mia On Bonaire



Mamma Mia (Continued from page 1)

The SGB stage hosted four sold-out performances. **Sandra Dijkstra**, director and actress from the Netherlands, organized the show with a cast made up of singers and actors living on Bonaire. She played the part of Donna, the strong woman who chose to raise her daughter by herself. Sandra came to Bonaire for this musical with **Katiuscia Principato** who played Donna's funny, flirting friend Tanja and together they did everything necessary, from directing to choreography, to get the performance on the school's stage.

The high school auditorium was transformed into a Bonaire resort owned by Donna, whose daughter Sophie was to get married and wanted to be given away by her father. But her father could be one of three of her mother's former boyfriends. So Sophie decided to invite them all to her wedding. The cast got their script only a few weeks ago and had just eight rehearsals. By any standard the acting and singing was outstanding even though the cast, except for two, were not professional



actors. Amateur actress **Lieke Roelofs** made a compelling impression as Sophie with singing and acting were so accomplished that it was impossible to distinguish her from the professionals. She was the bride-to-be of Sky (**Gerald Alberto**), a credible surfer dude. The three possible fathers all acted convincingly. The duet, SOS, that Sam (**Wilco Harbers**) sang with Donna gave you a lump-in-the-throat moment. In the end it was no surprise that Donna and Sam ended up to be the bride and groom married by the vicar (**Errol Caprino**) who got the final party going

with his sonorous voice.

For the finale the audience got a bonus. After the usual performers' bows to the audience, the entire cast performed the several songs together: "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia", and "Waterloo," featuring Donna, Tanja, Rosie, Sam,

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Guest Editorial

Art and History In The Netherlands

There was a beautiful picture in the newspaper. A "fish-eye" picture of a gala dinner our Royal Family offered to their guests in the National Museum on the eve of the abdication and inauguration. So looking at Art and Writing history went hand in hand there.

The Royal Family and some important guests are dining royally with their backs towards Rembrandt's "Night Watch." In the foreground a huge flower arrangement. The future king points backwards towards the "Night Watch" and says something to the guest sitting opposite him. The prime minister of the Netherlands, gesticulating widely, is in conversation with our Queen, who is having her last Queen's dinner here. Getting a bite to eat in front of the most famous painting of the Netherlands, the "Night Watch," which has become a compressed square because of the "fish-eye" effect. A somewhat decadent event in a room a normal person has to get up early to enjoy without getting a bite to eat of course.

A week after the opening of the National Museum, having taken 10 years to complete, I was there also. And it was worth waiting for. The splendid restoration gave the building its old luster back. Really impressive.

Because it is still quiet, I hurry to the honor hall on the second floor. There are the 17th century masterworks by Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Vermeer and Jan Steen. I take a seat on the bench in front of the "Night Watch." A beautiful group portrait of the National Guard from Captain Frans Banning Cocq and Lieutenant William van Ruytenburg in Amsterdam commissioned and paid for by its members. The Guard is a corps of volunteers coming into action in times of revolt and safeguarding the safety of the Republic. Eighteen heavily armed men are ready to march. Handsome types armed with all kinds of armor: daggers, pistols, swords and lances. And for their protection: helmets, iron collars, shields and a halberd in the hands of the sergeant. It is all rather pompous and very dark. Not because it is night, but Rembrandt wanted to give the light in his masterwork a strong effect by using many brown colors.

Rembrandt van Rijn painted the "Night Watch" between 1639 and 1642. It was at the height of the Golden Age, in which the Republic of the Netherlands belonged to one of the richest and mightiest countries in the world. There was a great deal of money, trade was blooming and the rich had top class paintings made. The chic canal houses were decorated in style with these paintings.

The wealth of the Golden Age primarily came from the trade with Northern European countries and later especially from the large activities of the West India Company, far overseas. The piracy (in other words, stealing from the enemy) generated a great deal of money. Another important source of income was the triangle voyages. From the Netherlands to the African coast to buy slaves, then on to the Caribbean islands to sell them and pick up provisions. And finally from the Caribbean back to the rich Republic of the Netherlands, the ships full of merchandise.



Slavery painting on the side of the Dutch Royal Golden Coach shows black men and women offering goods to the royal family.

Rembrandt painted the "Night Watch" in the same period when Bonaire was first occupied by the West India Company.

I cite from "Salt and the Colonial history" by Bôï Antoin and Cees Luckhardt:

"On the 23rd of March 1636 Bonaire was officially occupied by the WIC and immediately provided with a fort with four iron canons and accommodation for 40 soldiers, 13 negroes and seven Indians (four of them women). People who had to work in the salt ponds during the day could find shelter in the little fort in case of an emergency. Bonaire immediately was given the role of the Dutch salt pond with its business office in the fort."

It is the beginning of a problematic colonial era which would last several centuries and in which Bonaire would be used in every which way without taking the needs of the original population into consideration.

So the great wealth of the Republic of the Netherlands coincided with the beginning of some rather black pages in Antillean history.

I leaf through the catalogue of the Museum in search of art from the Antilles, but cannot find anything. I do find some interesting things from the other Dutch colonies, Surinam and Indonesia.

Because the restored National Museum is oriented and organized around the history of the Netherlands, I am surprised. I visit the beautifully restored library and inquire if there is any art from the Antilles, specifically from Bonaire, Curacao and Aruba. They show me some pictures and photos from the print collection of the Museum with the familiar images of the slave huts and Fort Orange. That's it. A strange sensation I must say. Don't we belong to the history of the Realm or are there no interesting works of art to be found in the Antilles?

Somewhat disappointed I visit the "Special Collection" of ship models and weapons. Models of beautiful galleons, flutes and barges that speak to the imagination. And in another room, advanced armory against which the Indians and negroes from the 17th century had no chance at all.

In a vision I see bloodspots on a sword, spots from the West India Company which have not yet been erased in this day and age.

Looking at art in the National Museum is a feast, but the confrontation with history is a rough experience.

During my next visit I will have to try to forget about the history, if that is possible. ■

Guus Gerritsen



Jr. Rangers (Continued from page 6)

also works hard to encourage and cultivate younger boys and girls to become involved in preserving Bonaire's natural resources and environment. She conducts in-school environmental education programs for ages four through 12 and also runs an after-school program for children over the age of eight (Sharks and Tortugas) to learn to snorkel and discover Bonaire's unique marine life. The Sharks and Tortugas are the "prequel" to the Junior Ranger experience.

The Junior Ranger program is open to all youth who demonstrate they are committed to the environment and is at no cost to them. They are asked to pay only for their PADI dive certifications and frequently can find sponsors to help. The program is ambitious and has served as a model for the Caribbean. Local and international environmental/nature organizations, individuals, dive shops and companies contribute greatly in a variety of ways from providing classroom and field work instruction to transportation and equipment. Support for the Junior Rangers is always needed either in the form of monetary donations or by way of donating equipment in good condition such as dive gear, snorkel gear, binoculars, telescopes, lights, cameras, etc.

The ultimate goal of the Junior Rangers program is to "grow our own." These young men and women are our future marine biologists, environmental lawyers, marine park rangers, land park rangers, environmentally conscious politicians and more. Kudos to Desiree Croes, STINAPA, all the organizations who support the program and especially to the Junior Rangers themselves.



Top Jr. Rangers: Darwin Lura, Luigi Eybrecht, Gideon Goedgedrag, and Royen Seraus

They are driven by a conclusion reached by the Nature Conservancy survey results of 2011 which states: "When the young are given more opportunities to have a meaningful experience outdoors, they will be more likely to value nature, engage with it, and feel empowered to do something about it." The Junior Rangers have embraced this concept with their own slogan: "Explore, Learn, Protect. We are Ambassadors for Nature." ■ Jane Madden Disko

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June 17 to 23- "Kite Ride Bonaire"- first international wake-style kite-boarding event in the Caribbean

Friday, June 21—Summer Solstice - shortest night of the year

Saturday, June 22— Bonaire Duradero Sustainable Market, at Wilhelmina Park, 10am-2pm. Locally grown products as well as water saving or conserving water are featured.

Sunday, June 23—Full Moon

Monday, June 24—St. John's Day—Feast day of St. John, sowing time after harvest. The Lord is asked for rain and to calm the strong winds

Saturday, June 29—St. Peter's Day —Feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul—time of high winds. Bonaireans ask the Lord via San Pablo (St. Paul) to calm the winds and via San Pedro (St. Peter) to bring Bonaire's men home safely from the sea.

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

Kids Camps— June, July and August— Sailing, Tennis and Music Camps. Details in an upcoming editions.

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** - closed due to lack of financing.

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.

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

Sundays

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Mondays

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• **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

corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

• **AA meetings** - every **Wednesday** at 7pm. Phone: 786-4931

• **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

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

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

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

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Pet of the Week

NAME THAT TUNA!

Over the years, many animals pass through the gates of the Bonaire Animal Shelter and sometimes the staff has a difficult time coming up with names for them that haven't previously been used or overused. As a result, some pretty odd names come up...and beautiful Tuna got stuck with one of them! Tuna, and brothers Turbo and Tyrone, first arrived at the shelter in August of 2012 as beautiful kittens. They were all quickly adopted to different homes, but Tuna returned to the shelter in February of this year when her owner could no longer care for her.

Even as a kitten, Tuna was gentle and loving, always willing to leap onto your shoulder for affection when invited. Now one year old, she has grown into a beautiful, large young cat with soft grey striped fur tinged with reddish brown and a snow white chest and tummy. Although Tuna is now a little too big to jump on your shoulder, she waits patiently for you to sit and with a little chirp requests permission to jump into your lap and settle down. She has even been known to wrap her arms around your neck and snuggle under your chin for that special cat hug.

Tuna is a perfect fit for someone looking for a quiet, affectionate, no fuss, laid back companion. Primarily interested in affection, sleeping and eating, she would prefer to be an only cat, but she "tolerates" her 14 current roommates well as long as they don't get too close. While her name certainly does not fit this sweet, elegant cat, she DOES answer to it. However, she



"Tuna"

readily admits a more dignified name given by a forever home would be gratefully acknowledged.

Tuna and all the other wonderful animals at the Bonaire Animal Shelter can be visited on Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tel. 717-4989. Via internet go to www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com and <https://www.facebook.com/>. All the residents available for adoption are healthy, vaccinated and waiting to see you. ■ *Jane Madden Disko*

DO YOU KNOW?

That turtles are able to stop the development of their eggs until they find an appropriate place to lay them?

Sea turtles spend most of their lives in the water. Turtles will migrate hundreds if not thousands of miles between feeding and nesting grounds. It is believed the process of live births in reptiles involves the mother hosting the eggs for an extended period of time until the embryo has developed to an advanced stage.

However, Rafferty and colleagues found that female turtles had low levels of oxygen in their reproductive tracks while carrying eggs. Due to the low levels of oxygen, the development of the embryo's stops until the eggs are laid and conditions are right. This means fertilized turtle eggs will remain dormant until the environmental conditions allow them to start growing again.

Pretty cool, turtles are able to choose their nesting spot without being rushed to lay their eggs! ■ *Holly Hillenbrand*



Sea turtle

Hillenbrand is an Environmental Sciences and Anthropology major from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She is studying on Bonaire for the spring semester at the CIEE Research Station.



Marije van de Brink with the now famous Golden Scoop Award



Long time volunteer Wanda Bodeman and President of the Shelter Board, Paul Wichers



Barbara van Olphen gets a certificate saying thank you and a hug from Shelter Board president, Paul Wichers

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SHELTER NEWS:

Recently three very valuable Shelter volunteers were given special awards of recognition. The esteemed, highly coveted prize is "The Golden Scoop Award" given for out-

standing duty and valor in spending time doing the poop scooping as well as other important tasks at the Shelter. Lucky awardees are Marijke van de Brink who takes care of all the cats at the Shelter every Saturday, and Wanda Bodeman, an-

other faithful cat care person. Barbara van Olphen, who has volunteered for uncountable years and who sells Shelter tee shirts at the Managers' parties at Buddy Dive, was recognized as well. Congratulations to all. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

Mamma Mia (Continued from page 15)

Bill, and Harry in Bonaire/ABBA-inspired costumes; some in the audience sang along.

The colorful scenery and costumes were prepared by the actors themselves in few days before the shows. The professional lighting and sound added to the feeling of a

real theater evening out. Sponsors were well rewarded and the cast even organized a lottery whose proceeds will go the Wilhelmina Fund. Everyone interviewed who attended this musical said they totally enjoyed it. Hopefully, there will be another. ■ *Story by Johanna Gordijn, photos by Herman van Leeuwen*

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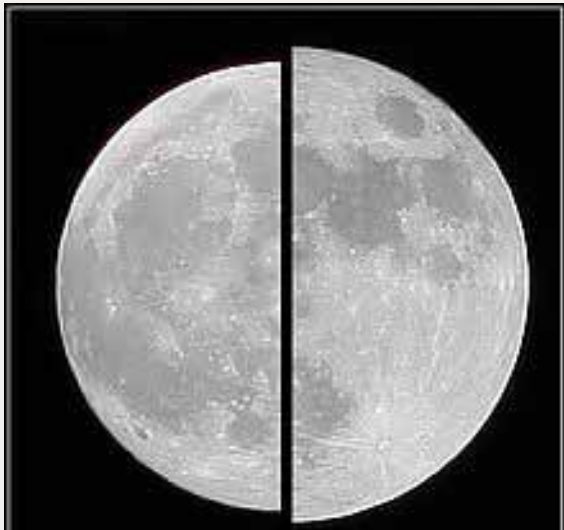
Saturn dims a little but remains conspicuous some 20° to 25° high in the South at nightfall, and 30° below the star **Arcturus** in **Bootes**.

Venus blazes but is very low in the West as the night begins. **Jupiter**, stands 1.0° below-left of Venus.

The **Moon** is full on the 23rd just as it comes to its closest for the year. Although it is only slightly wider than usual, the effect appears amplified by the optical illusion that makes the Moon appear larger when near the horizon, as it remains as it transits our low Southern sky overnight. The Moon passes close to **Spica** and **Saturn** on June 18, before heading toward its "**Supermoon**" status on the weekend of June 22/23. Both nights at moonrise the Moon should appear about 99% full. The Supermoon term is not one invented by astronomers but one that has gained status with the media and is therefore the buzzword that people will be talking about. Astronomers call it a **Perigee Moon** when the Moon reaches its closest to **Earth** (at 11:09 UT on June 23) while reaching full stage (which, in June, is just a few minutes later, at 11:32 UT. That's 7:09 am Sky Park Time and 7:32 am Sky Park Time). Therefore June's Full Moon will be the closest and largest of the year.

First spot the crescent Moon to the left of **Venus** and **Mercury** on June 10. Then Mercury's movement begins to slow and Venus catches up to the innermost planet, putting the pair back to within about two degrees of each other from June 18-20. Venus, still very bright, will be to the right of Mercury, which will have dimmed considerably. Mercury heads back down toward the horizon, entering the **Beehive Cluster** in early July.

The **third meteor shower** of the quarter is the quietest and is known as the **June Lyrids**. The shower occurs over the weekend of June 15/16. June's Lyrids only have a ZHR of 9.



Normal Moon

"Super Moon"

Constellations and Deep-Sky Objects
Turn your gaze upward to find four distinctive constellations.

High overhead lies **Boötes, the Herdsman**. Find it by looking for its prominent kite shape, which was noted by many ancient cultures. **Arcturus** is the fourth-brightest star in the night sky.

The star **Epsilon Boötis** is also known as **Izar**. In binoculars, Izar resolves into one of the finest double stars in the sky. The color contrast between the stars is striking.

Just to the left of Boötes lies the **Northern Crown, Corona Borealis**. This lovely circlet of stars represents the wedding crown of Ariadne, the daughter of King Minos of Crete. While the stars are not very bright, their pattern is easy to pick out.

The mythical strongman **Hercules** is also found high in the summer night sky, wielding his mighty weapons. The constellation is rather dim. Look for its lopsided square of four stars, called the **Keystone**.

The Keystone in Hercules is the "key" to finding one of the brightest globular star clusters in the summer night sky. The wonderful Hercules Cluster, also known as M13, contains about a million stars.

Draco, the Dragon, winds his way through the northern sky. The Dragon's head is a skewed square of stars. Look for the dimmest of the corner stars. In binoculars it resolves into two stars, which look like a bright pair of headlights. ■ *Dennis Herrmann*



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

Mid-June 2013

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Make amends if you can. Extend an invitation to clients you enjoy spending time with. Be sure to take time for old friends or relatives you don't get to see that often. One of your female friends may try to disrupt your day. Stand up for your rights. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Short trips will prove to be more fruitful than you imagined. Find out more, if you want to start your own business. Try to curb your habits, or you could find yourself in an awkward financial position. Delays are evident. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Do something special for them. You need to spend some time with individuals who have more experience than you. Someone you care about may let you down or criticize your methods. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Get on with business. Travel will be favorable. Resist overspending on luxury items. Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You should want to feel good about yourself and your goals. You need to do something energetic and different. Do whatever your mate wants; it really doesn't matter as long as you're together. Stick to doing things that will make you a better person both physically and mentally. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Remember that no one can walk through your door if there's someone standing in the doorway. Sign up for courses that will help you understand yourself better. Catch up on your reading and correspondence. Be sure to use your charm and diplomacy when dealing with potential new clients. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Use your

energy wisely. Patience will be of utmost importance. Socially, you need a fast paced form of entertainment. If you're in the mood, go out and socialize, or get involved in sports activities. Your luckiest events will occur on a Friday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't confide in any relatives whom you know have a tendency to meddle in other people's affairs. Opportunities for romance may develop through dealing with groups that have a purpose. You can look around for the right place and enlist some of your friends to help you move. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Involvement in groups will be favorable and lead to valuable information. You must watch your tendency to spend whatever you make. Take care that arrangements to spend quality time together are made in advance. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Old friends may not like your choices. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. Visit friends who have not been well. Health problems may prevail if you don't take care of them immediately. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Pleasure trips will induce exciting and passionate encounters with those of foreign extraction. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. Investments will cost more than you anticipated. Plans to make physical improvements may lead to psychological changes, too. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. This is not the best day to visit relatives who get on your nerves. Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful. It's time to re-evaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday. ■



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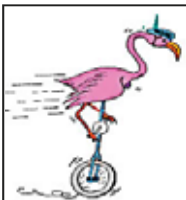
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