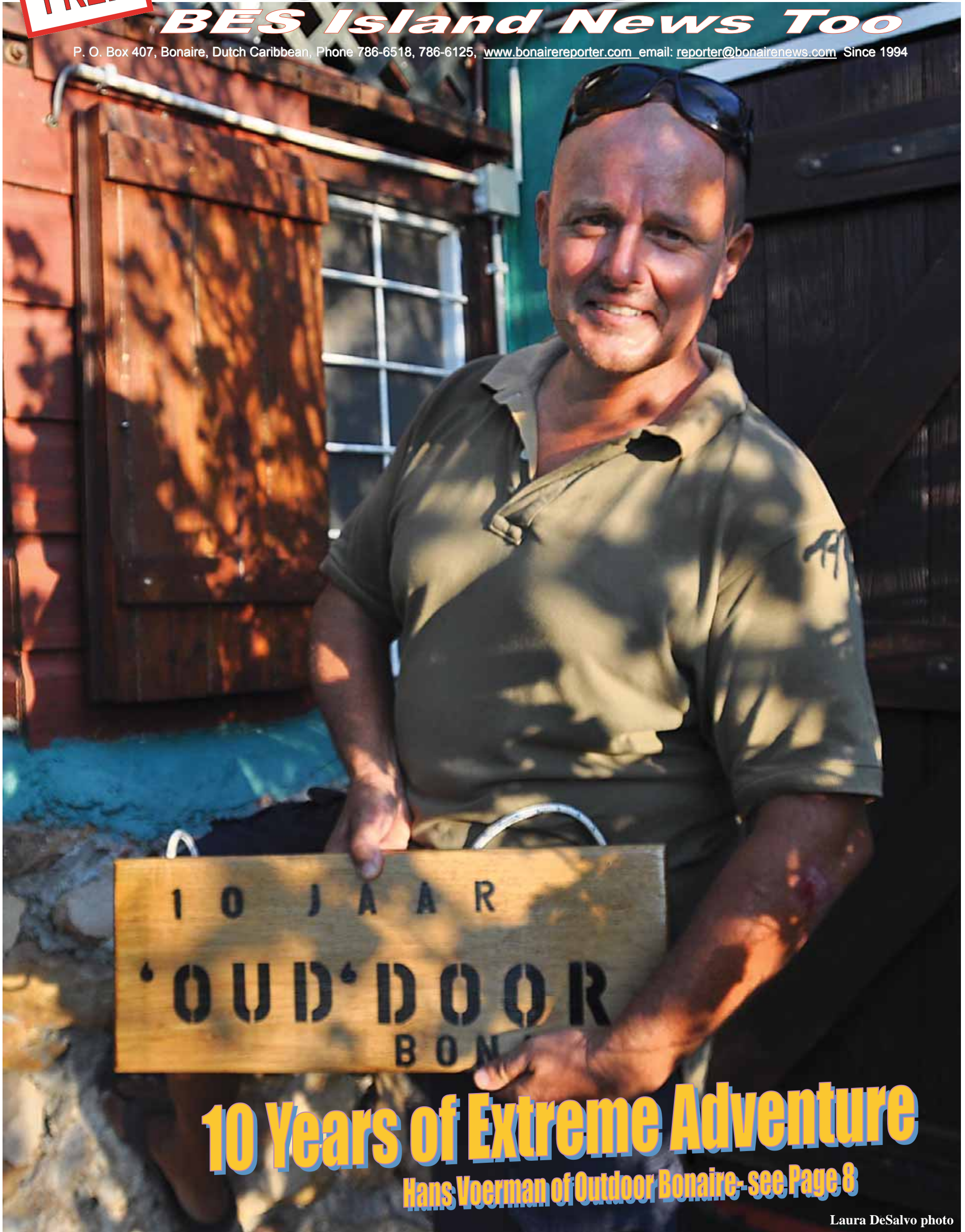


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Curaçao based carrier, Dutch Antilles Express (DAE), was declared bankrupt on Friday morning, closing yet another chapter in the airline's ill-fated career that began as BonaireExel. A judge in a Curaçao court declared the airline bankrupt at 10:40am Friday and shuttered its operations completely.

It is expected that the two stages of bankruptcy will begin with the appointment of trustees and an evaluation of the airline's ability to generate capital to pay its debts or creditors under conditions that are set by law. If this is not possible, it can be expected that the bankruptcy then will move to stage two, which would involve the liquidation of all of the airline's assets of which there are very few as most of its aircraft were leased. The airline owes Girobank Naf. 19 million and development corporation Korpodeko another Naf. 12 million, while its monthly fixed expenses are about Naf. 650,000.

DAE "consultant" Nelson Ramiz, who either owned or guaranteed the lease of practically all the troubled carrier's planes, apologized in an email to the workers who have not gotten their total July salaries. All the company's bank accounts have been attached and all aircraft are being sent back to the US.

The only cash assets from US \$23 million of DAE's earlier ticket sales appear to be frozen in the bolivar currency of Venezuela.

Ramiz said, looking back he made a big mistake by investing Naf. 10 million into the airline and providing an additional Naf. 6 million guarantee. "I did not receive payments for my Falcon Air aircraft, the three MD-83s but kept them flying anyway." I also carried the cost for – among other things – landing rights and fuel in Miami and Orlando, so in total I lost a stake of 16 million."



Crown Representative, Wilbert Stolte (left), with Prime Minister Rutte during Rutte's recent Bonaire visit.

►According to the Dutch language newspaper, NRC Handelsblad last week, the top Dutch official on Bonaire, **State Representative Wilbert Stolte, was urgently summoned to The Hague.** He met with Minister Ronald Plasterk (Interior and Kingdom Relations, Labor) at the ministry. Their discussion covered the ongoing governing management crisis on Bonaire. Stolte, a member of the Christian Democratic Party was posted in 2011. Since then tensions between him, the Lt. Governor of the island and the Public Prosecutor have escalated.

As a Crown Representative, essentially a Commissioner of the King, Wilbert Stolte oversees the management of the BES Islands, which is alleged to be plagued by corruption and other integrity violations. The position requires impartiality and bipartisanship. However, NRC sources allege that his control is poor and he always chooses the side of the incumbent directors of the UPB in conflicts. **The Bonaire UPB party is a sister party of the Christian Democrats.**

Former UPB leader Ramonsito Booi and UPB Commissioner El Hage have a court date on November 25 to answer for corruption, forgery and fraud charges. -By Joep Dohmen, NRC

►**Bonaire is experiencing occasional power outages because there are light winds and some of the five diesel-powered generators are out of service at the Contour Global (ex-Ecopower) power plant.**

Last week Bonaire's power distribution company, WEB, was forced to cut power to barrios Antriol, North Salinja, South Nawati, Belnem, Punt Vierkant and Sorobon. Outages are expected to continue as the forecast for the coming weeks is light wind. WEB

and Contour Global are making efforts to minimize outage, they say.

►**Two prisoners in Bonaire's downtown prison (Caribbean Netherlands Penitentiary Institution -JICN) are currently on a hunger strike.** They are protesting because they are being discriminated against because they are not Dutch.

Since Bonaire became an integral part of The Netherlands different rules apply for foreign detainees who are not registered on Bonaire and who also have no permanent residency or place of residence.

The detainees on hunger strike want equal treatment for all detainees. The management of the prison finds the current situation "uncomfortable" in the sense that they have the policy to help detainees as well as possible through their detention, said an RCN press release. That seems to be because the prison management has no influence on matters that detainees are fighting for. The law must be changed and that can only be done in The Hague and that takes time, the press release says.

►**This year the 10th Bonaire Study & Career Fair (SBM) will take place on Friday, November 15.** Fundashon Ban Boneiru Bèk, on behalf of the Comprehensive School Bonaire (SGB), is organizing the Fair.

It will again be held at Jong Bonaire on Kaya Simon Bolivar. Exhibitors can start at 8am with the construction of stands. The official opening will be at 11am and the public is welcome from 11:30am to 6pm.

In 2012 the Fair was a great success. There was a good turnout of representatives from 38 schools and companies from Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and The Netherlands. Last year, the visitors chose the First Fundashon Mariadal as the top exhibitor, next were the Colegio EPI, University of Aruba and UNA.

Contact the Study and Career Fair 2013 before September 30 for participation information: Lilian Paula-Crestian email: sbmbonaire@gmail.com; Fundashon Ban Boneiru Bek: www.banboneirubek.com

►**Marine Park Manager Ramon de Leon is looking for volunteers** to help out with the incredibly challenging task of organizing the 2014 Dive Tags. He says, "We offer a great A/C room with a million dollar view (that you cannot use because need to focus in the tags), coffee, tea and cold water. You may help any day from 8 am to 3:45 pm. So, stop diving on the East coast where the only thing you see are sharks, spotted eagle rays, mantas and the usual thousands of fish and tell us when you want to help. You can

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 contact July-Ann at 717-8444 to schedule your help. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.”

► **Recently the Ministry of Waterways and Public Works (Rijkswaterstaat) stationed two “current busters”** in the harbor of Kralendijk Bonaire. The current buster can be used to collect oil during an oil spill at sea. The spilled oil can then be pumped up and drained. The delivery of the material is part of a bigger project to help Bonaire to be well prepared for maritime incidents.

The current busters will be used by the Harbor Master, Marine Park rangers and volunteers. On Thursday and Friday, August 28th and 29th *Rijkswaterstaat* organized a training session with the new gear. In the morning there were theory classes, in the afternoon the current busters were actually rolled out and placed in the water for the first time. Friday’s training took the entire day with the deployment from the shore and sailing with the current buster. BOPEC and

BPPS have each made a workboat available for the exercise.

When Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba integrated with The Netherlands, *Rijkswaterstaat* became responsible for the organization and coordination of combating maritime incidents at sea. Besides the existing equipment and the current busters there are plans to provide large and small off-shore oil screens.

► On August 30 the island government (*OLB- Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire - Directie Samenleving en Zorg*) sponsored a **conference at the Sports Complex to explore gender roles on Bonaire.**

The conference was well attended with representatives from a broad variety of organizations.

Keynote speaker, **Dr Rita Pemberton BA., MA., Dip. Ed. and Dip. Int’l Relations** from Trinidad and Tobago, led the conference and started by giving a presentation on the role of women and particularly Afro Caribbean women through history. A discussion then followed about the stereotypi-



Earlier in the year



Last week

► **Minsk, Belarus--**When Miss Curaçao, **Ayanette Statia**, appeared in a swimsuit at Miss Supranational in Eastern Europe last Wednesday she surprised the judges that night with her bulging belly. On Thursday, members of the Miss Supranational staff convinced her to take a pregnancy test and the result, not surprisingly, was positive. At first, the 19-year-old Miss Curaçao was upset to discover her condition. But after receiving much support from Miss Supranational’s staff members, she felt better and would stay to watch the remainder of the competition before returning home to care for herself and her baby.

cal gender roles and those prevalent to Bonaire.

Small groups discussed ways to solve the various social problems that had previously been identified by means of a questionnaire. All the suggestions were shared in a group session and Dr Pemberton will follow up with advice on how these problems could be tackled taking the groups’ views into consideration.

Jefferson Rosalia, Toastmasters International area governor and Bonaire’s winner of last year’s Toastmasters speech contest, presented a motivational speech on how men and women must work together and

recognize each others’ strengths. *by Carla Hay*

► **The Bonaire Holding Company (BHM), which is responsible for Bonaire government-owned businesses, presented its annual report last month.** The companies involved are, BHM, Telbo, SELIBON, BOG and TCB. The year 2012 was a year of many changes for BHM because BHM no longer is responsible for the Airport and WEB NV.

Telbo, BOG, TCB and BHM ended the year 2012 with a small profit, of respec-

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Born on Bonaire... May 17th, 1948 – Edwin ‘Win’ Emerenciana



Ingrid and Win

“My father, Andres ‘Chito’ Emerenciana, was a sailor, farmer and politician. Together with Julio Abraham and ‘Nechi’ Crestian he founded the Democratic Party in 1953. He was also a parliamentarian, a member of the island council and the boss at LVV. All wells, mills and dams were established under his supervision. My father had 10 children with my mother and one out of wedlock.

You see that tree over there in the distance? That’s where we lived. In the daytime we sat under that very same tree and at night we slept in a hut made out of mud, grass and stakes. And when the rain came from the east, they would put poles from the *kadushi* (cactus) against the walls to keep them dry. Life was like that everywhere in the *kunukus* (farms). People couldn’t afford to buy cement or zinc roof sheets. All my uncles – from my father’s and mother’s side – were farmers, and we all lived here in this neighborhood, ‘Punta Blancu’ or ‘Conchita,’ as we say.

People took good care of their fences and their properties were very clean because that’s where they kept their livestock and where everyone would grow their own vegetables. We had rain cisterns and drums and dams to store the rain water. There were also some wells on our property and there were wells at Bara di Karta and Wanapa where people would go with their donkeys to collect water.

We would milk the goats and sheep and we ate yoghurt with *funchi* and *lechi diki* (condensed milk). We ate goat meat and we made *yòrki* (dried sheep or goat meat). We dried the meat in the wind and sun; there were no refrigerators at the time! We would dry the *mondongo* (tripe) by hanging it on a cactus and it would become like doeskin, very thin – food for a long time. We ate beans and corn, pumpkin and watermelon which we kept in the *mangasina* (storage house) and when I think of it I immediately start scratching!” *He laughs.* “It was so dusty in there! We would also roam along the coast and collect coconuts which we would grate and use in dishes like *tutu*.

From the time we were little we would work hard. Something I liked very much was to milk the goats. I started when I was seven years old and it’s still my hobby. I just love it! We used the goat milk for ourselves but we also sold it in one-liter bottles in Playa at Rofina Maduro’s house,

close to where Caribbean Fasteners sits now - where the city people would come and buy it.

At the age of five we went to school – on foot! School would start at eight and ended at three. With our little legs that couldn’t go that fast. It was a 90-minute walk - twice a day! We lived the farthest – all the way on the east coast, so we had to walk the farthest, but along the way other kids would join us and then it became more fun.

Around 1954 my dad got a pickup truck and occasionally he would drive us to school. That was a big event because in those days there were only maybe 80 cars all together on Bonaire.

After I finished elementary school I went to Lower Technical School where I graduated in 1965 as a carpenter. In 1966 I started working for the government as a land surveyor and in 1967 I went into military service on Curacao for one year. Then

“Here, at the east point of Bonaire, the air is the best in the world. That’s what the vet told me too and so our chickens don’t need to be vaccinated and they don’t get antibiotics. So more people should eat our chickens!”

I returned to Bonaire.

When I was young, my plan had been to study to become a ship’s mechanic and sail to Holland and get off the ship right there. That was my dream! But my father wanted me to stay here and so he figured if I became a carpenter I wouldn’t leave Bonaire and he was right, because I did stay.

In 1970 I married Ingrid Carlo from Curacao and we had three children: two boys and one girl. One son works at LVV, the other at Isla on Curacao and our daughter lives in Holland.”

“I go to Holland quite often,” *Ingrid says,* “and also frequently to Curacao to visit my family. In the beginning – I was only 24 – it was very hard for me to live in such a remote place, but then the children came and things got much better. Now it’s all right. I would never want to live anywhere else anymore.”

“In 1962,” *Win continues,* “we moved from the little old house to a new house on the property.” “At that time we had about



Win and some of his 16,000 beautiful hens

200 to 400 free range laying hens – ISA Brown hens. When my father passed away in 1975- I was working for a construction company - all my brothers and sisters left me the house, the chickens and the goats. By the end of 1978 I resigned my job and my boss told me, ‘Do you really think that an Antillean guy like you can start up something for himself? I bet you’ll be back in three weeks!’ Well, my boss was a good friend of mine, but he got it wrong! Ha ha!

We got a lot of help from family and friends starting up the farm. Then I saw some battery farms on Curacao and in Venezuela and in 1981 I bought the battery cages in Venezuela and had them shipped here. We started out with 2,000 hens and nowadays all together we have 16,000 hens, including the little chicks. The baby chicks we import from the States as day-old chicks. Not all of them make it – the

time at Kriabon I got a lot of good advice from people who were sincere and helpful. I didn’t know anything about numbers and laws, but those people have taught me and I love and respect them for that.

All my life I’ve been a farmer on Bonaire and lately many things have changed, some for the better and some... well, let’s stop right there!

Except for the one year on Curacao, I’ve lived here all my life, on this spot in the middle of nowhere, overlooking the ocean. From the time when I was a child I’ve worked 14 hours a day and I still do, although I have already been retired for five years.

Here, at the east point of Bonaire, the air is the best in the world. That’s what the vet told me too and so our chickens don’t need to be vaccinated and they don’t get antibiotics. So more people should eat our chickens!

My wife and I never go on vacation together because somebody has to stay here to run the business. However, every evening we go for a drive along the boulevard and Sundays we enjoy going to the Holy Mass where we ask for more strength to be able to keep on going.

A farmer’s life on Bonaire in this heat, with this sun is tough - believe me! And it’s just us and Aletta (of the goat farm) who are living 100% as farmers. All the other people do it as a hobby. You know, farmers on Bonaire should be subsidized because we’re 100 years behind compared to Holland. We need help to fence the *kunukus*, to get the seeds we need. We also need agricultural machinery to plow and fertilize the soil. Besides that we need expert assistance in the field of tropical agriculture. Most of all we need people who want to work the land! If all this happens we will see the results! I strongly believe there could be a future for Bonaire in agricultural and livestock production. So I would say: stop talking, let’s start and work hard.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra

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Meet Some Bonaire "Street People" "Rocky's" 30 Years

Sometimes you wonder how you can hold on to some of the things that are loved the most...to make them last, to not forget...like the smile from your child...a good rainfall...the smell coming from a bakery...the loving touch of a good friend...or the unconditional love from your parents.

Or maybe just a bunch of guys on a bench.

Each one of these men on the bench is known by those who have been here long enough to have either met them or heard of them through someone who either knows them or has had an experience with them. Take "Snake" for example, the youngest one of these men. He is sitting on the left on the bench. A male medical student thought that Snake would attack him on the street and steal his back pack. When I told him who Snake was and that he really wasn't as old as he thought and that he is harmless, the med student could not believe it. "He looked as though he really wanted to take what was mine," he said. He was totally wrong.

All these men were raised by the "right stuff" that made up the Bonaire that once was. It had what few islands had - tranquility, peace and harmony and a natural beauty beyond compare. These men have what they need, not what they want, and are content.

By the way they can be found either in early morning or late afternoon, taking a break from whatever it is they are doing—gardening, fishing, washing cars, or running an errand for a neighbor. These are true Bonaireans. They love the visitor to

this island- the visitor who keeps coming back and doesn't forget. They are remnants of the Bonaire that once was.

The gentleman on the right is named "Chebá." He fishes and sings really well every once in a while when he has had a bit to drink. And if you are lucky, you will hear him sing. A female tourist once told me as she stepped into my cab that a gentleman sang to her on a street down town. And when I asked if the song he sang was, "When A Man Loves A Woman," the two of us knew who it was—Chebá.

Recently the crew of the tugboat rescued Chebá, who apparently had suffered a heart attack and fell out of his boat while fishing near the town pier. He was airlifted to Aruba. As of this writing his condition is unknown.

The gentleman in the middle has a very famous sailing brother, and you'll find this man out and about in Playa Pabao, sweeping someone's driveway or cleaning the sidewalk for them.



If you have the good fortune to run into them or would like to sit with them on the bench, they will gladly share it with you. Offer them a cup of coffee or a jelly donut, give 'em a wink or a smile, or shake their hand, for they are the "True Bonaireans."

■ Story & photo by Christie Dovale

Christie Dovale is a certified tour guide and drives Taxi 9



Last month Raymond "Rocky" Emers celebrated 30 years of service to Bonaire. In the photo he is being congratulated by Commissioner James Kroon.

Since his youth in Rincon, Rocky has always been involved with the soil. He began working for the Island Government back in 1983 after studying agriculture in Colombia.

As head of LVV, the island's "bureau of farms, animals and fisheries," he has lots of office work but he much prefers to work in the fields. He's given lessons to adults and children at Watapana School, San Luis Beltran, FKPD, SGB, Sentro di Bario Tera Korá, Nikiboko and Rincon.

Over the years he has been an inspiration for anyone who needs assistance in growing plants and raising livestock.

As Bonaire tries to make a comeback in sustainable agriculture it is lucky Rocky can provide direction. ■ G.D.

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Helmet Recycling on Bonaire- It's Still Free

This is the 22nd of a series of Bonaire Reporter short articles by J@n Brouwer, about helmets and helmet awareness.

Bonaire/Antriol-Hato – A couple of months ago I met Ryan Winklaar, who was 19 at the time, at the Animal Shelter along the road to Lagoen. Ryan drove a lean, greenish-sprayed two-stroke, French-made Peugeot scooter with an expansion exhaust. Ryan's wounds were healing.

The Bonairean youngster had fallen from his scooter. Ryan explained, "This helmet saved me!" Ryan showed me his scars and wounds and his totally cracked and damaged old red full-face Uvex helmet. The same day I delivered him a nice blue full face Bieffe helmet - old, but still in good condition. And, surprise! A few months later Ryan was still alive and still wearing his helmet when I met him in front of the library. Smart boy. Protecting his brains.

My house is along the main road in Hato, the house with the helmets. Helmets in the trees, helmets on the fence. Just recently the friendly and enthusiastic SELIBON guy asked me about my inten-



Ryan Winklaar, helmet and scooter

tions, talking about the helmets on the fence. He urgently needed one. "Feel free and grab one!" I said, so he did.

Now there is just one black full-face helmet pinned on the fence and there are three builders' helmets bouncing in a tree.

The idea is to collect helmets. Old helmets, used helmets, stored helmets. Do you have a helmet and do not need it anymore? Did you swap your two-

More Dive Instructors Dive Friends IDC



PADI graduation party at Buddy Dive: Carolyn Matthews, Jeff Clubine, Jeremy Austin, Eunan Doherty and Jamie Hakvoort

On Wednesday, August 28th, the PADI graduation party was held at the sea side bar/restaurant of Buddy Dive. After a struggle of some nine days, a bunch of Dive Friends Bonaire employees, among others, was certified. Jamie Hakvoort got certified as a PADI IDC staff instructor and Jeremy Austin and Gerard Meijer got the right papers to be a PADI open water scuba dive instructor. Pepe Mastropaolo was the PADI course director. During the whole course he was assisted by Carolyn Caporusso, the fully licensed and very well appreciated staff member of Dive Friends Bonaire. ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

wheeler for a car? Please help us and dump your helmet over my gate. I'll clean and restore the helmet as much as I can. And, if you are in the need of a helmet, just pass by... the house in Hato along the Kaya Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot, the road between Kralendijk and Bopec. Look

for the helmets in the trees. Old helmets can also save lives... ■
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WHEN SILENCE HURTS

Dear Editor:

At the request of French Polynesia the UN General Assembly upheld the right of colonized people to self-determination.



For most small states, taken and still kept as colonies by European countries, this was a big announcement. It means that colonies could rely on the UN support through its General Assembly, if they choose to pursue their political freedom. However, here in Bonaire, even though a few took action to spread the information, there was general silence on this matter. No letters to the editor, no community discussion groups, no panel discussion - nothing. It is as if this matter is not of interest to us here in Bonaire. The question for us as a people is why are we unmoved by these developments? As I contemplate this question, two possible answers present themselves.

First is that we do not care about being masters of our own destiny. That, like children, we are comfortable being permanently protected and cared for by our mother country, so much so that the prospect of being on our own terrifies us. I find

it embarrassing to believe this - not Bonaireanos. We are a proud people comfortable with our quiet life, proud of our own foods, wanting to dominate no people, happy to share our way of life with strangers. These are not the characteristics of a people reluctant to take their future into their own hands

This brings me to the second possibility that is our dislike of confrontation and desire to be nice at all times that leads us to hold our tongue. When a Bonaireano is wronged, he is inclined to walk away, to give up his right in the interest of "peace." Indeed a Bonaireano can be harsh with his fellow citizen, but incapable of the same "in your face" defiance when dealing with strangers. The problem with this attitude is that strangers will be inclined to take liberties with us, since they anticipate no push back. It is this very determination to be "nice" that is responsible for our walking in the shadows as drunken, half naked strangers brazenly take over our streets with seemingly little care for our values. It explains our silence as the better paying jobs in Bonaire are being taken by people born elsewhere. It also explains our silence as the price of consumer goods soars out of the reach of the average Bonaireano. We bear all this and publicly we say nothing.

As Bonaireanos we must realize that no one who cares for you would be offended if you say what ails you, or if you say what will make you better. In fact your friends would wish that you point out your discontent. For as a friend, knowing your discontent, give him an opportunity to demonstrate his friendship by helping you in easing your pain. It is the crying baby who gets the milk. ■ *Claudius Prince.*

THE PROBLEM-DONKEYS OR PEOPLE?

Dear Editor:

Is it donkeys who create problems or is it people who create problems?



Who has plowed down huge areas of green growth for building or in some cases, plans to build, but nothing has happened, just barren land? Who has built in so many areas where donkeys roamed that their areas of feeding etc. are cut back so much they are forced to forage in towns? Who is overpopulating the island? Who drives at absurd speeds and then complains about hitting a donkey? Who drives drunk and complains about hitting a donkey? Who leaves open large containers of water to clean dive gear so donkeys show up for drinking?

Are there more donkeys now than 30 years ago? Doubt it. They have been forced to concentrate in areas making it seem like more. Anyone remember hearing as many complaints about donkeys 30 years ago as they hear now? When is the last time anyone saw a landslide caused by donkeys eating foliage?

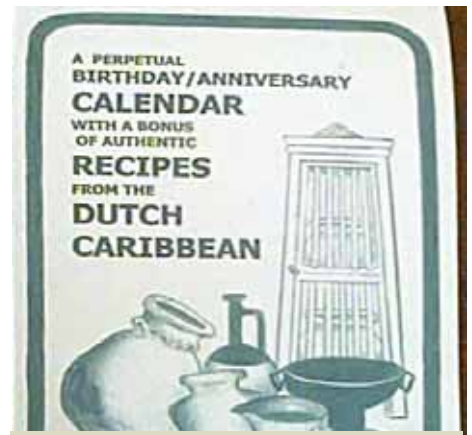
Signed -Someone who likes donkeys, tries to drive carefully and sees them as part of the history of Bonaire.

AIRLINE FIGURES

Dear Editor:

It was interesting reading that Insel wants to increase its passenger number from an implied current number of 900,000 a year to 1.5 million. Has anyone done any math? 900,000 a year is about 2465 passengers per day. That is without missing a single day. Does Insel really carry that many passengers every day?

Bruce Bowker



Local artist Elena has gathered several of her favorite island recipes and gives us a bit of 17th century cookery history in her charmingly illustrated and reasonably priced perpetual date calendar (\$15). It's the perfect Bonaire memento or gift for the person who has everything. Presently available at: Bonaire Affair, Bona Dea, Bon Pika, Deli Delicious, Flamingo Book Store and Interiours.

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Memorizing Papiamentu

It was a chance meeting on the top deck of a London double-decker bus where I first met **Ed Cooke**, a friend of my son and also a Grand Master of Memory, a distinction he received competing in the World Memory Championships. Cooke's specialty is helping people memorize things, and to that end, he developed Memrise, an on-line language learning web site that incorporates flashcards and other novel techniques to increase learning retention.

Cooke told me that one can choose to learn dozens of languages on Memrise, all at no cost. This peaked my interest and I told him about Bonaire with its multi-lingual culture. "Memrise would be ideal for your island. It teaches English, Dutch and Spanish. We even have a basic Papiamentu course." I was intrigued.

Since that chance meeting on the bus in June, I have been logging on to Memrise every morning. To begin, I simply typed "Papiamentu" into the search box and was presented a course with 500 words to learn. The program offers a couple of choices. The first is called "Plant," a component that presents a dozen or so words, and through repetitive drills, one learns the meaning and spelling. The user can choose a visual to trigger the memory of a word. For example, the Papiamentu word for "stumble" is *chambuká*. From dozens of images offered to reinforce my learning I chose a silhouette image of a man falling. Every time *chambuká* is presented, the falling image appears. This process efficiently boosts recall, especially for the visually inclined learner.

Once the words are "planted," the learner progresses to the "Water" phase. This is a review of words learned in the "Plant" phase and several techniques are used. One can choose a definition from a list of words, be asked to type in the word or choose and arrange words in a random list to form a sentence. These techniques are used for English-to-Papiamentu and Papiamentu-to-English. There is also an audio function that the learner can choose to hear how a word is pronounced, but presently this is not functioning in the Papiamentu lessons. Memrise sends me an email every few days that there are new words to either plant or water. I find the reminder helpful in staying on track.

The only complaint I have is there are times when I am asked to type on a word such as *fêrf* (paint in English) and the accented letter choices only offer an *é* rather than an *è*. Of course, the program marks the answer wrong. But these are small problems for what I feel is an amazing language memorization program. The potential for people on Bonaire to learn Papiamentu, Dutch, English or Spanish is great. All you need is to get on line. Thanks to Ed Cooke, Memrise is free for all. Give it a try, *hopi pronto*. <http://www.memrise.com>. The first Papiamentu lesson is at <http://www.memrise.com/course/5115/papiamentu-lesson-1/> ■Patrick Holian



Ed Cooke, Master of Memory

#10 For Outdoor Bonaire

Cover Story

Greta Kooistra photo



Hans watching from the sky-view platform at the Lodge

Founder, **Hans Voerman**, Bonaire's pioneer extreme adventure guide, celebrated Outdoor Bonaire's 10th anniversary with a BBQ at his **Auriga Eco Lodge** kunuku in Washikemba last Saturday. For 10 years Outdoor Bonaire has been taking people hiking, kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, bird watching, island touring, lighthouse rappelling, caving adventures, full moon nature walks and many other exciting activities. He is protective of Bonaire's relatively unspoiled environment and shares his feeling with his guests.

The first time Hans came to Bonaire was in 1990 as a diver with the Dutch military. He really appreciated what the island offered and returned first to vacation, then to work and finally to start his own business. It was only logical to expand his kunuku into Bonaire's first authentic eco lodge a few years ago. It is unique, beautiful and comfortable. It is surrounded by native Bonaire greenery and even has an assortment of animals like ducks, pigs and dogs to substantiate the experience. For more information: www.ecolodgebonaire.com or call 00599-791-6272 or 00599-785-6272. ■ G.D.

							
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Tourism History

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In 1968, Bonaire received five visits from cruise ships: *Bergensfjord*, *Sagafford* and *Vistafford*, all ships from the Norwegian America Line. A delegation from Bonaire visited several cruise line companies, trying to get them to add the island to their destinations. Some of them were interested. A few decided to visit Bonaire with their ships, like the *Stella Oceanis* (Royal Olympic Cruises) and the *Renaissance* (Paquet Lines). For the cruise season of 1968/1969, a total of 29 visits by cruise ships were expected. At the end of 1969, 26 ships had indeed made a call, bringing a total of 3,545 cruise tourists to the island. Another cruise ship from those days was the *Romantica* (Chandris Cruises), a relatively small ship, which had already visited the island before the arrival of the *Bergensfjord*. It travelled between the ABC islands and Venezuela and brought in fewer than 80 passengers, which did not have the impact that the visits of the other major cruise ships brought about. The increase of cruise ships visiting the island prompted the need for a new wharf for Bonaire. The European Economic Community agreed to finance the construction of a new and modern pier on Bonaire from the European Development Fund. The Italian company ENECA S.P.A from Rome started the construction in the beginning of 1971.

In 1970, the number of calls by cruise ships had diminished to just 13, half of the previous year. But the number of cruise tourists had gone up to 4,362, due to the size of the ships. In 1971, just seven cruise ships visited the island, bringing in 2,399 tourists. According to the Tourist Office, this was caused by the change in schedule of the cruise lines and some ships having been sold. In 1971 just four cruise ships visited the island, bringing just 1,196 tourists. Cruise tourism would, however, go up once the new pier was finished.

In 1973, eight cruise ships visited the island, among which was the *Canberra*, a ship that drew everyone's attention, being by far the largest to dock on the new pier until that moment, in December of that year. It brought 1,720 passengers, an unprecedented number until then. Furthermore it ended up as a ship with a historic background, having transported British troops to the Southern hemisphere for the Falkland Islands War. As a result, it enjoyed enormous popularity and everyone wanted to cruise "The Great White Whale," as it was also called.

Now that there were two wharves, it became possible for two cruise ships to dock in the Kralendijk harbor. The first time that happened was in December of 1973, when 507 plus 657 cruise tourists filled the streets. The following year, however, turned out to be a big deception: not a single cruise ship came to the island. This was caused by the global oil crisis of 1974. Many cruise lines sold their ships or changed their schedule. A delegation from Bonaire vis-

ited cruise line companies in New York in 1974 to try to get them to use the island as their port of call. They did the same in 1975. As of that year the number of visiting cruise ships was on the rise again: four in 1975, 11 in 1976. This increase was due to social and labor unrest in Jamaica, which prompted cruise companies to switch to Bonaire four times quite unexpectedly.

In the 70s, the cruise line industry went through several changes. It became a very competitive business: schedules and destinations changed repeatedly and at very short notice. When another delegation made a visit to cruise companies in New York in 1976, they found out that there was a real interest in visiting the island, which was considered as "something still unspoiled," but the problem was that there were no bunker facilities to take on fuel. Back on the island, the Government people contacted the shipping agencies and the recently established Bonaire Petroleum Company (BOPEC), hoping this could bring about a solution, but it never happened.

In 1977, cruise ship visits decreased from 11 to four and to just three in 1978. But since these ships became bigger and bigger, the number of cruise tourists increased from 1,109 to 2,626 that year. The biggest ship was the *Oriana* with 1,725 passengers in October of 1978. In the years that followed there was not much progress. One year the numbers were up a little, the following year they were down again.

In the year 1981, however, Bonaire received the visit of 23 cruise ships, bringing in a whopping total of 12,357 tourists. One of those ships was the biggest cruise ship of that time, the *Queen Elizabeth II*, in December 1981.

Over the decades that followed, the number of port calls and the number of cruise ship visitors have increased dramatically: in the 1999-2000 season, 52 ships brought 38,640 visitors. In the first half of the past decade, the number of cruise ship visitors remained between about 40,000 and 50,000. In the 2007-2008 season, this increased to almost 145,000 (84 calls) and the 2009-2010 season brought a record of over 222,000 cruise ship visitors to the island with 131 calls. The following year saw a record of 136 port calls carrying about 212,000 visitors. In the 2011-2012 season, numbers were down a bit: 103 calls, about 187,000 visitors. This trend continued in the 2012-2013 season, with 75 calls and about 145,000 visitors arriving by cruise ship. In the upcoming 2013-2014 season, calls by 84 cruise ships are expected.

Cruise tourism is an important part of the tourism indus-

try of Bonaire. It has to cope with several challenges like the current global economic recession and the competition from the neighboring islands which can boast more luxurious retail shops and easier bunker facilities. ■ *Evert Bongers* Sources: Research by Bòi Antoin and statistics by Haven en Loodswezen and OLB)

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Canberra-1973



Nicky Tromp at the 1991 Cruise Ship Show



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Coconuts Fall On Fridays

A personal quest for calendar closure and a sense of time

Part 5 from the Series, Down In The Land of Bon Bini



Watch out for coconuts!

Another week passes by. I lie in my hammock and reminisce how Fridays used to mean something. Without a "real job" anymore, days drift easily into daze on the island with no apparent direction home. Wait a minute. This *is* home.

Back in the day when I worked all week like many people still do, Fridays were celebratory times. They marked the beginning of weekends, those cherished, two-day stretches of bliss with little or no career responsibilities. In celebration of these fleeting bursts of individual freedom, TGIF-Thank God It's Friday- was invented by the American bar industry in the 1960s. The concept was to promote early weekend partying and sell a lot of firewater. It was and still is going strong, although a Canadian friend of mine told me the celebratory event was banned in her country for a while. I also remember the famous, quintessentially American philosophical lyric, "The eagle flies on Fridays." It was a line from the T-Bone Walker song, *Stormy Monday*, made popular by BB King, Lou Rawls, and Lee Michaels to name a few. But it was T-Bone who first crooned in celebration of that end-of-the-week payday in US dollars.

But I digress. Here down island, Fridays don't have that same sense of importance to me as they once did back in the States. Resorts on Bonaire celebrate every sunset with daily happy hours much to the delight of thirsty tourists jamming their tropical dreams into weeklong vacation packages. Plus, these days my pay comes sporadically on arbitrary month dates like the 1st, the 15th and the 20th rather than on the holy grail of weekdays, the coveted Friday.

But I am a traditional romantic, or perhaps, a romantic traditionalist. I still have a need for calendar closure, the segmentation of time, the division of days by digits. Fridays still need to mean something more than just another swing in the hammock. So I've come up with a theory that compliments my surroundings while honoring the blessed end of the week. It is simple. Coconuts fall on Fridays. Why not? If true, this would return some sense of constancy back to my life. It was time for some serious data collection, or in the very least, a nice drive around the island.



Sunset Beach still has palm trees



If you look closely you'll see coconut trees bordering old-time Kralendijk

Before departing, I must explain something. Some people here complain that coconut palm trees are not native to the island and should not be part of the modern day botanical landscape. I disagree. Not only are they too beautiful to dispose of, but also I have empirical evidence to the contrary. In my living room hangs a replica painting of Kralendijk harbor in 1842. A handsome, three-mast Dutch trade ship is moored offshore. In the background, the land is graced by coco palms shading the colonial buildings. This proof is only 171 years old. But if one looks at the ages-old ocean currents of the area, there is a dominant one that sweeps along the palm-studded coasts of northern Brazil, Guyana, and Suriname. It squeezes through the gap between Trinidad and Venezuela called the *Bocas Del Dragón*, the Dragon's Mouths. The massive current then scoots west over the Caribbean Sea to Bonaire and the other islands of the ABCs. Coconuts float easily on water. I find their rotted husks all the time washed up on our east coast beaches along with Made-In-Brazil flip-flops. Yeah, coco palms are native on Bonaire. They have been floating to here for eons. Game on.

There are specific places on the island where coco palms congregate. I choose three spots with a preponderance of palms to survey: Dos Pos, Pink Beach and Sunset Beach. It is Friday. I start the drive listening to Bob Marley singing *Buffalo Soldier* and head first to Dos Pos. This inland site sits in a lush valley outside of the town of Rincon. There are sizable mango trees here. It's a good place to watch parrots eat the fruit. It also has a good stand of towering coco palms. The coconuts cling high around the trunks, weighing down these sturdy trees. The trade winds are blowing heavy today, maybe 25 knots or more. Something is going to drop soon. I sit down and wait. Ten minutes. Twenty minutes. A few loras squawk at me. A half hour passes. It is still Friday, but no coconuts drop. I reluctantly get in the car and head toward my second stop, Pink Beach. The clock is

ticking.

Pink Beach was the nicest beach around until Hurricane Lenny blew by in 1999. Locals tell me that the sand was plentiful, pink in color, and the beach was the best place on island to lime away a day. But bad

boy Lenny took most of that beautiful pink sand and dropped it off into the abyss right off shore. One hundred yards out the sea bottom disappears quickly into infinite indigo. So did that all brilliant, ruddy sand. Out of sight. After Lenny, coco palms were planted along the beach to bring back some of the beauty. There is still some pink sand to be seen, but mostly the beach consists of broken pieces of dead, white coral. When I arrive to scope the palms, the wind has cranked up to maybe 30 knots. Plenty of ripe coconuts sway in the breeze. I sit to watch. Nothing falls expect a kite surfer after going aerial offshore. By now the sun is getting low in the horizon. I don't have much time left. I leave for the final destination.

Sunset Beach also has some hearty palms flanking the coastline. Sailboats cruise by all the time. Locals flock here during the Golden Hours to take a swim, have a barbecue or slam down a cold Polar beer. I come to watch the coconuts fall. The winds are still gusting. The cocos look like they will fall any moment. They should. It's still Friday, but the sun sinks fast in the tropics. I am rewarded with a split-second Green Flash, that cosmic convergence of sun, horizon and color *verde*. Soon the stars come out and the sky turns deep purple. No one is left on the beach. I dejectedly turn and head toward the car and then, Thud!

Was that the sound of a coconut hitting the ground? I peer into the darkness for signs of a freshly fallen coco, but can't see a thing. I must come back tomorrow early and look. I know I heard one fall. Really. Coconuts *do* fall on Fridays. Right? ■

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Warriors Return!

Bonaire – From Saturday, August 17th until Saturday, August 24th the Wounded Warriors from the US armed forces vacationed and dove on Bonaire. It was the eighth consecutive year for the certification trip. This time 12 warriors, six partners and a bunch of supervisors and instructors visited the island of Bonaire. They stayed at Captain Don's Habitat and they enjoyed shore diving from Captain Don's pier as well as boat diving. They were in the water very soon after arrival, training and exploring the reef. They even did a wreck dive at the *Hilma Hooker*.

Each year almost the entire island of Bonaire reaches out to these men and women who suffered major life-changing injuries in the service of their country to make sure they enjoy one of the best vacations of their lives. Just check out the sponsor list below.

One of the warriors is Jose Martinez, age 25. He is from Los Angeles, California, and he got wounded in Afghanistan in 2011 while helping a comrade in arms who stepped on a land mine. Jose's friend broke an ankle. Then Jose stepped on another land mine. He lost his right arm and both legs. Jose is a soldier by profession, infantry, in the front line. During those days in Afghanistan he and his girlfriend, Liseth Arellano, 22, kept in touch. They knew each other before Jose went to Afghanistan and she stayed with him. During the lunch at Captain Don's she sat close to him. Jose: no legs, missing an arm, clapping with his left hand on his right shoulder to applaud. He's a very handsome and friendly guy with a big smile on his face, with a lovely and attractive young girlfriend. Jose passed his certifi-



Jan Brouwer photo

Jose and Liseth

cation test too. He had only done a couple of pool dives in the States. Now he is a certified PADI Open Water Diver, trained by a senior trainer of HAS (Handicapped Scuba Association).

Jose says, "Yes! I passed the test. Now Liseth and I are able to dive together. We made some 10 dives. We went down to about 80 feet. We make dives of about an hour or so and we saw turtles, lion fish, you name it. Bonaire's underwater world is amazing! When I am under water I feel completely comfortable. There is even something like a phantom excitement. My nerves make me feel the salty sea water flow in between my toes!"

Jose and Liseth are happy persons. It is just the two of them. They live together and they are fully self-supporting. Jose continues, "At home, in the States, we own a 2011



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2013 Bonaire Wounded Warriors and helpers

Mercedes Benz E-class. It is equipped with a V8-engine and automatic transmission. The vehicle is standard, not adjusted or customized at all. I just connect my artificial leg and hit the pedal. Sometimes people look a little surprised and astonished, but I am a normal person. I am happy with my wife and my life!"

On Wednesday 21st a cocktail reception was hosted by Lt. Governor Lydia Emerencia and Ethsel Pieternella, CEO of the Tourism Corporation Bonaire, in the courtyard of the Governor at Playa. On Thursday, a quad trip was organized through the outback of Lagun and Bolivia. The Warriors visited the lighthouse of Spelonk and the caves along the wild side of the island. On Friday, August 23, the band, "Back on Track," offered the warriors a free concert. A nice time, a nice holiday for very nice and honorable world citizens.

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Enrique Arboleda is a Marine Biologist and the Coral Reef Ecology Faculty for CIEE Research Station Bonaire.



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Lou and Kim Vallario, owners of Villa Onima at Perla Boneriano, have been coming to Bonaire since 2008. Here they are at Marvine Lakes with their horses Chief and Scooter. The Lakes are eight miles deep into the flattops wilderness area in the beautiful Rocky Mountains near their home in Colorado. Their two passions are scuba diving on Bonaire and trail riding in the Rockies. ■

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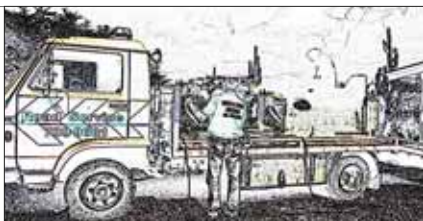
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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept. Mon 02		06:14	11:01	15:50	22:30		
		0.06 ft	0.29 ft	0.19 ft	0.75 ft	6:25	18:45
		06:53	11:51	16:44	23:14		
Tue 03		0.09 ft	0.32 ft	0.22 ft	0.68 ft	6:25	18:44
		07:27	12:41	18:00			
Wed 04		0.12 ft	0.36 ft	0.25 ft		6:25	18:43
	00:04	07:57	13:28	19:36	New Moon		
Thu 05	0.60 ft	0.15 ft	0.43 ft	0.26 ft		6:25	18:43
	01:04	08:24	14:11	21:14			
Fri 06	0.52 ft	0.18 ft	0.52 ft	0.22 ft		6:25	18:42
	02:13	08:49	14:52	22:33			
Sat 07	0.45 ft	0.19 ft	0.62 ft	0.16 ft		6:25	18:41
	03:23	09:18	15:34	23:36			
Sun 08	0.39 ft	0.19 ft	0.73 ft	0.08 ft		6:25	18:41
	04:24	09:52	16:16				
Mon 09	0.35 ft	0.17 ft	0.84 ft			6:25	18:40
		00:28	05:17	10:32	17:00		
Tue 10	0.00 ft	0.33 ft	0.14 ft	0.94 ft		6:25	18:39
		01:14	06:04	11:18	17:46		
Wed 11		-0.06 ft	0.32 ft	0.11 ft	1.02 ft	6:25	18:39
	First Quarter	01:58	06:48	12:07	18:33		
Thu 12		-0.10 ft	0.33 ft	0.08 ft	1.06 ft	6:25	18:38
		02:41	07:33	13:00	19:21		
Fri 13		-0.12 ft	0.35 ft	0.06 ft	1.07 ft	6:25	18:37
		03:24	08:19	13:56	20:10		
Sat 14		-0.12 ft	0.39 ft	0.06 ft	1.04 ft	6:25	18:37
		04:07	09:09	14:57	21:02		
Sun 15		-0.10 ft	0.44 ft	0.07 ft	0.97 ft	6:25	18:36
							18:35
		04:50	10:02	16:05	21:58		
Mon 16		-0.07 ft	0.50 ft	0.10 ft	0.86 ft	6:24	
		05:34	10:58	17:21	22:58		

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Sudoku Solution

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Help Combat Dengue Fever

Rainy season is coming and as part of the "cleaning action to combat the dengue mosquito," the Bonaire Island government, in cooperation with SELI-BON and *Tene Bonaire Limpi*, has put debris bins in the barrios. The action has already begun. Refer to the poster for potential breeding sites and empty them out each time it rains.

The Dengue mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* is its scientific name) needs blood and fresh water to reproduce. The Dengue virus is usually NOT fatal but the fever it causes is very high and often results in painful bones, in some places it's known as "breakbone fever." Recovery takes several weeks. For more information please call the Vector Control Section at 717-4800. If you catch rainwater in a cistern, tub or bucket(s) be sure to call Vector Control for advice. ■ G.D.

The Variety of Breeding places of the Dengue mosquito in your surroundings

St. Marten Herald graphic



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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 3) actively \$70,000, \$47,000, \$45,000 and \$49,000. SELIBON had a limited loss of \$56,000. All companies have a strong liquidity position and will continue to invest in order to serve the community. The commissioner in charge of public companies, Burney el Hage, received the accounts and thanked the Holding Management.

► **Foundation Tene Boneiru Limpí (TBL) is continuing its cleanup in the neighborhoods on Bonaire, one barrio at a time.** Its goal is to do another five cleanups in the next six months.

In September Nikiboko residents of the district have the opportunity to hold a major cleanup of their homes and gardens. Given the size of Nikiboko it will have two cleanup days:

Nikiboko North September 14

Nikiboko South September 28

Residents of Nikiboko can place glass, cans, plastic, paper and batteries in separate containers. Children will get a separated waste coupon they can exchange for an ice cream. Adults who participate can also get prizes like a WEB voucher for \$100.

The action is made possible by partners SELIBON and Bonrecycling which deploy manpower and equipment to collect the waste. The last cleanup in Antriol collected more than 120 tons of waste during two days of action, which took place in April and June this year.

In addition, a partnership with the Department of Public Health and Vector Control section of the OLB have alerted residents to the health risks of waste in the garden. Examples are, in particular, tires, empty drums, but also smaller waste such as buckets, empty bottles, cups and bowls, all of which are good breeding grounds for the dengue mosquito. "Prevenshon di dengue Akshon Limpiesa." See story on page 15 to learn how to prevent Dengue fever.

As part of **World Cleanup Day on Sunday, September 22, SELIBON will promote an island cleanup aimed at removing litter.** SELIBON hopes that everyone will help. Want to help? Register with Christian Cranston on 717- 8153.

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the press of all media. Their statement affirmed the importance of freedom of expression in the preservation of liberty that a free press affords. The MCB Bank also hosted a lunch for the press corps at Eddy's Restaurant.

► **Sunbelt Realty has experienced a significant increase in sales over the last eight months.** Besides the increased number of sales of homes and condos they also noticed an increase in requests for long term rental homes and apartments.

They are looking for suitable rental properties, like family homes, villas or condos in Belnem, Sabal Palm, Hato, Santa Barbara or Kralendijk. If you would like to have a steady rental income for a longer period of time (one to three years), then please contact the office at +5599 717 6560, email nancy@sunbeltbonaire.com, or visit website www.sunbeltbonaire.com.

Fit 4 Life has relocated from its Plaza Resort mall location to the Bon Bida Spa & Gym building across from Sand Dollar. Entrance is in the back of the building next to the blue container. Under the direction of **Rosita Paiman** they provide Energy Healing using different modalities such as Medical Biomagnetism, Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), Reiki, Healing Touch massage therapy, Quantum Touch, Chakra Balancing, Guided Meditation, Emotional and Body Code.

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► This year **Master Teacher Vivek Yogi** from India and **Sylvie Barthelemy** from New York will return to Bonaire at Bonaire Basics. They will be at the Go-Green shop at Bonaire Basics on Kaya Korona 47 from September 14th to the 20th. There will be workshops on Kundalini Yoga, meditation, weight loss, breathing and relaxation techniques as well as Ayurveda Vegetarian cooking, Ayurveda massage and Thai massage.

This visit is an opportunity for those who need to re-invigorate living habits and want to learn more Yoga or Ayurveda or just a about the different approach to living well.

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Always at the market, come rain or come shine: Bea and John Frans with Imelda Ford

► Don't miss the next **Farmers' Market at Kriabon, this Saturday, September 7, from 8 am to 1 pm.** Find locally grown produce and plants, homemade jams, muffins, fruit drinks, local food and lots more. Meet old friends and new and be sure to bring the kids. Kriabon is at Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School. Take the road going east by Caribbean Fasteners



► **The BonKarate team took three gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the Sensei Berto Poeketi competition in Surinam.**

Under the guidance of Sensei **Peter Silberie** and **Desiree Silberie** the Bonaire contingent battled all day at a high level against 10 different karate schools and 180 contestants. In the final result

Kia-San Silberie, Everon Vrutaal and Ashanty Martina took first place gold medals, **Daeline Laurens** a second place silver and **Theursten Winklaar and Miguel Pietersz** third place bronze medals. It was a superb performance by our youngsters. Congratulations.



► The Bonaire delegation consisting of Messrs. **Nolly and Henkie Wilsoe, Roy Martinus and Nazario Alberto** successfully completed the **4Daagse of Nijmegen** grueling route. It was Nazario Alberto's 10th time and the 9th time for Roy Martinus. Congratulations, Pa Bien, to these great athletes! ■



Members of the Bonaire press corps with MCB Bank officials on Press Day

► **September 1 was International Press Day.** The Bonaire Government took the opportunity to congratulate the members of

► **Remember** to tell the shops and restaurants you visit to advertise in *The Reporter*. That keeps it free to readers. ■ *G./L.D.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

September 6: Bonaire Day, a local holiday celebrated by Bonaireans and visitors alike. Enjoy the cultural festival, local foods, art and crafts, music and dancing. At Wilhelmina Park. Opening at 10 am going to 11 pm.

Saturday, September 7 – Farmers' Market at Kriabon 8am-1pm. More on page 16

September 1-30: Underwater Photography Event at Belmar Oceanfront Apartments, www.belmar-bonaire.com

Sunday, September 8—Virgin Del Valle celebration, patron saint of fishermen and seafarers, Chapel of the Virgin, Sorobon. Fishermen are asked to prepare their vessels.

September 7-14- Free Diving Event with Carlos Costes at Eden Beach Resort, www.edenbeach.com

Sunday September 22 – -Mountain Bike Fun Race—more info next edition
-World Cleanup Day. See page 16
-Autumnal Equinox

Friday, September 27 – Taste of Bonaire, 6pm, Playa



October 6 - 12—46th Bonaire International Sailing Regatta (Tentative-may be cancelled)
There is only a month remaining until the Regatta start day and, according to published reports, activities are still not started-Awaiting government decision as we go to press)

REGULAR EVENTS

• **Bonaire Ayurvedic Vegetarian Kitchen**, open Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Go Green at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona #47. Call for reservations 700-5488

• **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

• **Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **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

• **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. +5999-560-7539.*) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

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

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

Sundays

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

Mondays

• **Soldachi Tours of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435– Bonaire's 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. Donation. 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 -- Will resume in November- 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

Mangasina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

Museo Sentro Chichi'Tan, historical home, behind Rose Inn, Rincon, open 10am-4pm daily. Tel. 786-6420

Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th and January 1st. Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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 Crusida 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: Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. De-brot. 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.

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

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

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

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

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Pet of the Week

“Mack” is a tall, slender, handsome dog whose personality can sometimes lie hidden because he is shy.

Mack is about 1 ½ years old and was found at Punt Vierkant when he was only three months old. The other dogs he lives with in his kennel are much more noisy and rambunctious, so Mack appears like a shy, “shrinking violet.” But, as the staff says, once he knows you he will trust and love you. And he has a fine character that makes it easy for you to fall in love with him too. The best owner for him would be someone, an adult, who has patience and spare time to work with him, and in turn Mack can bring love and devotion into that person’s life. He is in excellent health, having had his shots, worming, sterilization and even an ID chip. Bonaire Animal Shelter dogs are truly “good bets!” Ask anyone who has adopted one!

You may meet Mack and the other dogs and cats up for adoption at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday 9 am – 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 7174-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com.

They’re on Facebook too.

Shelter News

The Shelter staff often takes their work home. For example, here’s Hanny Hoogerkamp, one of the faithful staff, feeding two-week old kittens. What a job! This has to be done every two to three hours. They get a lot of love and attention and get “socialized” at the same time. This can go on until the kittens are 6 to 7 weeks. Thank you, faithful staff! You’re doing a super wonderful job.



Who is this perky little pup peeking out of the Shelter truck?

Why, it’s “Janny,” the Shelter’s first movie star! Janny stars with two 10-year-old girls and a grandmother in the film, “Kasita,” filmed in Bonaire recently by a film crew from New York. It’s a modern tale but deals with the ending of slavery.

One of the production staff came to the Animal Shelter, looking for the perfect dog for the film. It had to be a typical Bonairean dog, mellow, not scared, and be able to relate to two little 10-year-old girls. Janny turned out to be that and more. She proved herself as an actress, doing as she was told and even during a press conference with cameras, people, noise, she just sat quietly under the chair of one of the Shelter staff. Her personality came out as she got hugs, special treatment and snacks!

Janny was found on the street and brought into the Shelter. Her life kind of parallels the theme of the movie. We understand the premiere will be in New

York in November and a showing will be here in Bonaire later. ■ Laura DeSalvo



Ava, kittens and Hanny

The Bonaire Animal Shelter Art Auction coming up in the latter part of December. To make this auction a successful fundraiser for the Shelter they need donations of things to auction - like art works, crafts, services (carpentry, maintenance, painting, gardening) or any other “saleable items.” The annual Auction is one of the best sources of raising funds to keep the Shelter open for the homeless cats and dogs. Don’t miss it. It’s one of the most fun evenings on the island. Stay tuned for the exact date and location.

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THE MOON TAKES CENTER STAGE

In September, Venus, Mercury, and Saturn linger in the twilight after sunset, and the Moon joins them early in the month. Mercury was a morning object last month but has edged into the evening sky this month. The brightest and second-brightest celestial bodies of nighttime – the Moon and Venus, respectively – pop out into the western sky almost immediately after sunset.



Venus still glows brightly at magnitude -4.0. By September 5, Venus is a degree and a half above the star Spica. Look to the upper left of Venus to find Saturn, and to Venus's lower right lies Mercury. Mercury is quite low and in the sunset's glare, however, so it may take a couple weeks before you can spot it. On September 7, a line of Saturn, Venus, Spica, and Mercury spans 40 degrees from the southwest to the west with a sliver of a crescent Moon below. How many of these objects can you spot?

For those up before dawn, catch Mars in the Beehive Cluster in the east on both September 8 and 9. The Beehive Cluster in Cancer appears dimly as a patch of fuzzy stars without optical aid, but a small telescope can easily show about 40 of the more than 1,000 stars. Use binoculars to get a good view of the reddish planet floating in front of the grouping of stars. Also in pre-dawn skies on September 29 is the Moon hovering just below Jupiter.

A beautiful conjunction takes place on September 8th with the Moon and Venus appearing about half a degree apart in the west. The Moon will be a thin crescent and with bright Venus shining close by will make a great photo opportunity.

On September 9, the Moon is wide left of Saturn. By the following week, Saturn and Venus will move within three and a half degrees of each other, on September 17. For your best chance at catching Mercury, try on September 24 when Mercury is less than

a degree above Spica in the west-southwest. Mercury shines brighter at magnitude -0.1 and Spica shines at magnitude 1.0.

The much-anticipated Harvest Moon occurs on September 19, with the Moon reaching peak fullness at 11:13 UT. At this time of year, the Moon rises only about 30 minutes later than it did the night before, which is in contrast to nearly an hour difference on other nights of the year. This is because the ecliptic (and path of the Moon) is very shallow to the horizon in autumn for the Northern Hemisphere.

The Harvest Moon is the Full Moon that occurs closest to the Autumnal Equinox, and with the Harvest Moon on September 19, it's no surprise that the Equinox is just days later, on September 22 at 20:44 UT.

As for the other constellations in September, Boötes is now low in the sky towards the west-northwest. The Big Dipper is also very low in the northwest. Polaris and the Little Dipper are of course still way in the North. Now Scorpius is low in the southwest, and we can see the Sagittarius "teapot" in the south-southwest. The Summer Triangle is still up in the middle of the sky, and the summer Milky Way is still a prominent streak across the sky. Next, Pegasus and Andromeda are higher in the east, and you might be able to find the Andromeda Galaxy. Cassiopeia is higher in the northeast and is starting to rotate to a "3" orientation. Finally, below that you may see Perseus along the horizon at the beginning of the night. ■ NASA report/ G.D.



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

September 2013

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Travel could bring you the adventure and excitement you require. Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. Friends and relatives may be hard to take this month. Don't be too quick to react. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Do things with your children and avoid situations that make you feel as if you've neglected the ones you love. Your partner will blow situations out of proportion. Get involved in creative projects that could turn into moneymaking ventures. Spend time getting to know each other. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't let your partner start any arguments. Passion should be redirected positively. Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings this month. Avoid disputes with family. You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Opportunities to make financial gains will develop through your connections with other people. Someone you live with will be quite unreasonable this month. Take on positions that offer on-the-job training or pay for courses related to the business. You are best to look into investments that will grow in value over an extended period of time. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Financial gains can be made. Your communication skills will bring you popularity and increased self esteem. You could be emotional if you didn't take care of problems with loved ones. Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your self esteem will come back if you take part in organizational functions that allow you to be in the limelight. Too much too fast will be the attitude surrounding your home environment. You need some help this month. Try not to make waves. Your

luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Get busy on those home improvement projects that you've been procrastinating about. After all, they may have valuable information to pass on. Your desire for excitement and adventure may be expensive. Call someone you haven't seen in a long time. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Short trips will be educational. You can accomplish a lot if you work out of your home this month. You are apt to meet someone special on your journey. Travel will be favorable. You can gain knowledge from dealing with foreigners. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Partnerships will be favorable and contracts can be signed. Children may be less than honest with you. Don't argue with family. Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Minor health problems may lower your vitality. It might be best not to spend your money on luxuries this month. Coworkers may not be giving you all the pertinent information. Competitive games will be your forte. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) This will be a very hectic day if you've made promises to too many people. Someone envious of your popularity may challenge you to a debate. Don't be too hard on yourself. You need to do something that will make you feel better about yourself. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Read between the lines when signing contracts. Speak of your future goals, intentions, and commitments. You can do well on stage or behind the scenes, the choice is yours. Look for something entertaining to do. You've got that competitive edge. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday. ■

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