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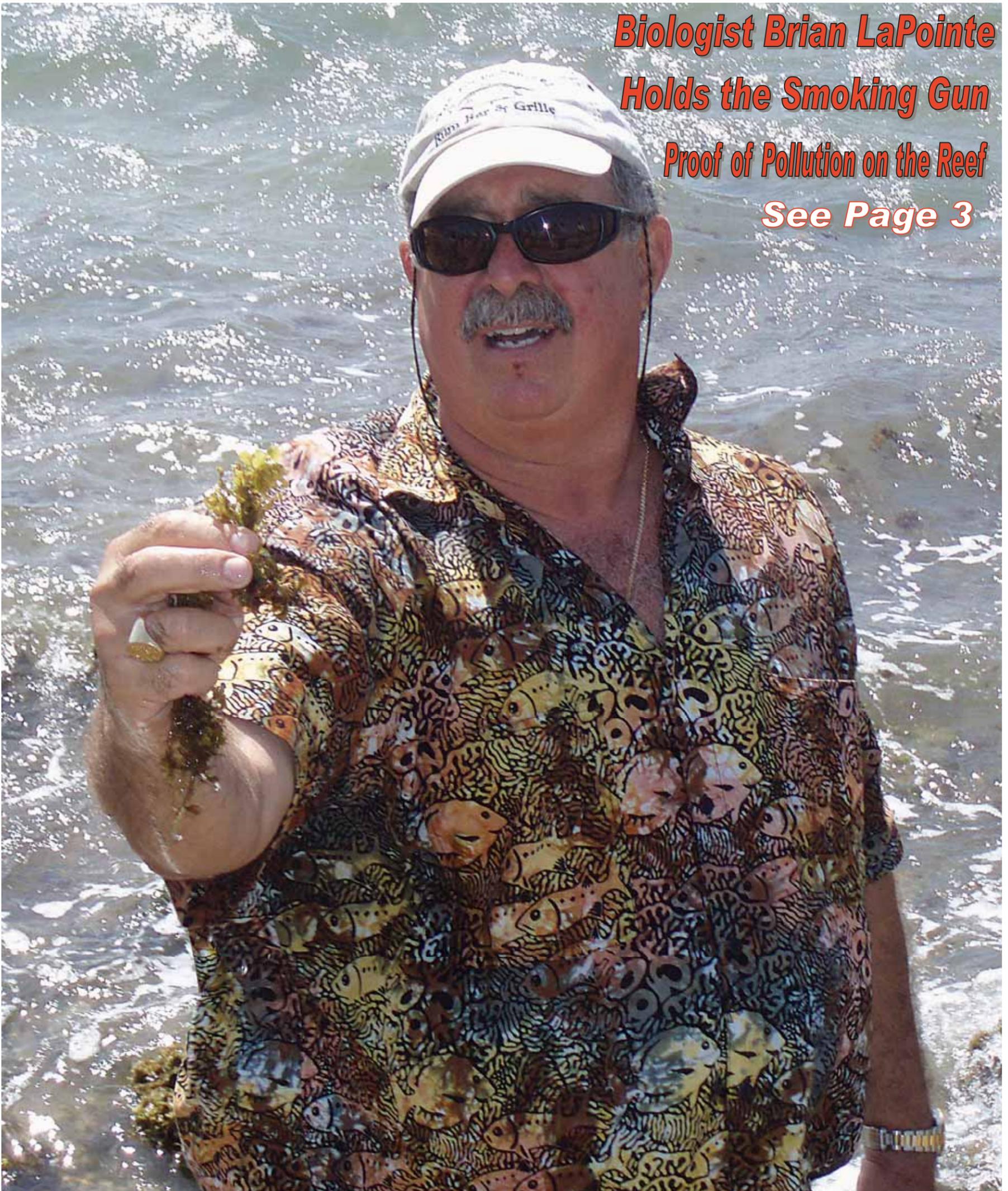
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*Biologist Brian LaPointe
Holds the Smoking Gun*

Proof of Pollution on the Reef

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Around 7 pm last Sunday Flamingo Airport was closed for approximately four hours when a Transaven Airlines Cessna 402 originating in Caracas blocked the runway following landing gear failure. The pilot brought the plane to a halt as soon as possible after he noticed the problem upon landing. There were no injuries among the six passengers. Following a quick medical check-up the passengers continued to their destinations. There was minimal damage to the aircraft.

American Eagle, DAE and Insel Air flights were delayed until after the airport reopened around 11:15 pm.

► **On July 4 DAE airlines announced significant schedule changes** brought about by their new aircraft and to better synchronize arrivals and departures to their new international routes. Most changes involve flights to places other than ABC islands. Call DAE at 717-0808 or visit their website: www.flydae.com for details.

► **Delta Airlines will begin twice-weekly Atlanta-Curaçao flights this coming December.** Although Delta shows the flights in its schedule they are still awaiting a Curaçao government sign-off. They will be flying a Boeing 737-800 with 150 seats, of which 16 are business class. The flight departs Atlanta at 9:45am and arrives in Curaçao at 3:10pm. It leaves Curaçao at 4pm and arrives back in Atlanta at 7:40pm. The first flight is scheduled for three days before Christmas. To celebrate the new service Delta is offering a round-trip special fare of \$338, plus taxes, for purchase by July 12, for travel completed by April 26, 2008.

► **Barrington Irving, a Jamaican living in Florida, became the world's first man of African descent and the youngest pilot to fly solo around the globe,** taking 97 days. The 23-year-old Jamaican flew a Lancair Columbia 400 aircraft.

At 21, Irving founded Experience Aviation Inc., a non-profit organization designed to motivate youth and address the shortage of younger, technically skilled professionals in aviation, aerospace, and other related career fields. (by Janet Silvera)

► At the inter-parliamentary meeting of the Netherlands, the Antilles and Aruba, the Antillean delegation said that there was a perception in the Antilles that **naturalization requests from the islands take much longer than those submitted by the Netherlands.**

Dutch Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin explained that the problem with the documentation received by the Im-

New Government Takes Office



► As a result of the elections last spring the island of Bonaire has a new **Executive Council.** The new members, all appointed by the UPB (green) majority party, are **Francisco Godfried "Boy" Clarenda, Maritza Silberie, Anthony Nicolaas and Burney el Hage.** The Island Governor, Herbert Domacassé, and Island Secretary, Neery Gonzales, are permanent. Members.

The Executive Council governs the island and its members head the island's departments that provide government services. Following the swearing in of the new elected officials the following portfolios were assigned:

Deputy Francisco G. "Boy" Clarenda

- Health and Hygiene
- Living and Social Services including FCB (Public Housing)
- Welfare
- Agriculture, Animal Husbandary and Fisheries (LVV)

Deputy Burney F. El Hage

- Government Services
- Economics and Labor, including Tourism
- Finance
- Government Corporations except for Selibon (Waste Management)
- Traffic and Telecom, including the airport and harbor
- Information and Protocol

Deputy Anthony T.C. Nicolaas

- Public Works, Construction and Environment
- Environment and nature, including Selibon (Waste Management)
- Personnel Services, Organization and Information
- Sports
- Justice
- Census and Population

Deputy Maritza D. Silberie

- Education and Culture
- Land Management
- Mail and Archives
- Fire Department
- Bonaire Lottery

Lt. Governor H.F. Domacassé (replaced by Ubaldo Anthony in the Governor's absence)... Specific Executive Council Duties in addition to leadership duties

- Elections
- Non Criminal Police (SSV)
- Disaster Management

migration and Naturalization Service from the islands cannot always be trusted and are more comprehensively inspected. Because of this, the process takes longer. Bonaire's Anthony Nicolaas is pushing to continue the five-year residency requirement rather than upping it to 10 years as some delegations want. Nicolaas said that five years is sufficient for a person to integrate in Bonaire.

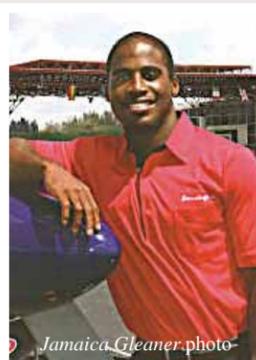
At the meeting it was also decided that the naturalization ceremony is now mandated to take place only once a year, August 24, the anniversary of the signing of the Dutch constitution in 1814.

► **The Netherlands had the third largest per capita gross national prod-**

uct (GNP) in the EU in 2006, according to figures published last Thursday by Eurostat, the EU's statistical agency. Luxembourg topped the list, followed by Ireland.

The Netherlands came in third with 31% higher than average income. The eastern European countries that joined the Union over the past years scored below average. Romania and Bulgaria were at the bottom of the list.

The number of millionaires in the



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Netherlands rose sharply last year, by 8.7% to a total of 117,400 at the end of 2006. In 2006, 0.7 % of the Dutch population were millionaires, compared to 1% of the population in the US, more than 2.6% of the population in Switzerland.

► There has been no solution to the mystery of the dead tropicbirds and doves as reported in this column last week. A biologist who briefly examined some of the birds did not see any source of injury

► Join Ann Phelan and Bonaire Windsurf Place for an exciting Learn To Windsurf Clinic for Women from July 16-18. Lac Bay is one of the world's best places to learn to sail or improve skills. The shallow depths and gin-clear water make it windsurf heaven. Bonaire Windsurf Place has state-of-the-art 2007 gear and top level instruction. There is plenty of shade and sun so bring your friends or family and join the fun. Please email Ann at ann@bonairewindsurfing.com for more details. The cost is \$150 for the 3-day clinic. Gear rental is additional.

► Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) announced the line-up of activities for **Scuba Diving Magazine Week** coming up **July 7 to 14, as part of Bonaire Dive Into Summer 2007.** Participants will receive a free *Reef Fish in a Pocket* book by Ned Deloach & Paul Humann, a chance to win a *Caribbean REEF Fish ID* book, and prizes from Divegear including clothing, accessories, swimwear and rash-guards. All events during *Scuba Diving Magazine Week* are free to anyone wishing to participate.

Monday, July 9: Join *Scuba Diving Magazine* staffers at Captain Don's Habitat during the weekly "Meet the Captain" party for a chance to win prizes, from 6 to 7 pm.

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The Smoking Gun Irrefutable Evidence of Human Waste Pollution

“Careful policy and management are required now or conditions will worsen and the corals will not survive....” Coral Researcher Brian LaPointe

Part I, in the previous issue, signaled an alert to the probable doom of Bonaire reefs unless measures are taken to stop pollution from human waste. In this segment the “smoking gun” proving the allegations is revealed.

On June 12 participants in the workshop, “Nutrient Levels in the Coastal Waters of Bonaire, Curaçao and St. Lucia and the Relationship to Waste Water,” toured several sites on Bonaire that had been tested during the first four months of the nutrient monitoring program. At each site, international expert Brian LaPointe provided interpretation and analysis of the data from the monitoring program as well as for what participants were seeing with their own eyes.

Toxic Ponds

The first stop was LVV where canals of sewage, sludge, oil, etc. make for a foul and toxic mess. Here is where all the septic tanks on Bonaire get emptied by Selibon

trucks. Even the cruise ship *Free-winds* disposes of its waste here, although LaPointe contends that this act is in violation of international maritime law. Exactly how much of this toxic stew is seeping through the ground and into the sea remains to be seen. The participants from St. Lucia, St. Maarten, Martinique and Curaçao are all shocked to find that Bonaire is “so behind” in sewage treatment, especially given the island’s progressive environmental image. Patricio Oleana, tactical manager for the Department of Public Works in Curaçao, calls the dumping in the canals “totally unacceptable.” Wrinkling his nose at the stink, Arthur Rodriguez, environmental technologist also at the Depart-



La Pointe discusses the toxic canals



Smelly, oil-slicked sewage canals at the Agricultural Service (LVV) “back lot” may be responsible for the appalling nutrient pollution at Lagoen (see cover).

ment of Public Works in Curaçao, argues that “these problems are easy to address; the technology is there for a full sewer system” that will remove virtually everything. Frank van Slobbe of Bonaire’s environmental section at DROB says more research needs to be done to determine how quickly seepage is occurring and which direction the groundwater from LVV is flowing: Is it flowing into Lagoen Bay or some other direction?

At Lagun Bay, on Bonaire’s windward side, LaPointe wades in and immediately finds evidence of high nutrient content: first *hypnea*, a red seaweed that is fast-growing and causing major problems in Maui (Hawaii), fouling beaches where sewage nutrients are high; next, *cyanobacteria*, a blue-green algae that is causing major

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City Cafe Boosts Jong Bonaire



City Café owner Huub Groot (center) hands the NAf 10.000 check to the members of the Jong Bonaire Board of Directors

“I think we will be able to buy the new sound system for Jong Bonaire with this money. I’m not sure it will be enough, but it’s a good step in the right direction for sure,” says Jong Bonaire board director Rene Hakkenberg after receiving the check for NAf10.000 City Café owner Huub Groot.

During the 10 days spent celebrating its 10-year anniversary last month, City Café was also raising money for Jong Bonaire. It was the idea of Huub Groot, and sponsor JC Herrera.

Because of his good work the Jong Bonaire Board of Directors crowned Huub as the “adopted fundraising father

of Jong Bonaire.” Huub gladly accepted this title, saying, “In my opinion Jong Bonaire is the best non-profit organization on the island, so it’s an honor to be able to give this money to it.”

After a lunch for all the employees of Jong Bonaire, Huub surprised them by handing over the check. He said that it would not be a one-time-only fundraising action by City Café. “Next year we’ll celebrate our 11th anniversary, and we’ll try to collect NAf11.000. But we won’t have an 11-day long celebration however,” he joked. □

Story & photo by *David Radomisli*

Home Building Watch

How would you like to follow the construction of your house on Bonaire?

Would you like to show photos of your future home to friends, family and colleagues?

Do you have questions about living on Bonaire, or are you looking for relevant addresses, for real estate agents, construction companies, project developers or suppliers?



If you answered **yes** to one or all of the questions above, the website www.mijnhuisopbonaire.nl (My Home on Bonaire) is for you! This website offers a unique service: photos of your future Bonaire home are taken on a regular basis and put on the internet for you, your friends and your family to see. It is also full of very useful information about living on Bonaire with a wide range of important contact details. Last but not least, a forum to share knowledge and experience with others in your situation means that you will always have someone to seek advice from. The website is available in Dutch and English.

Take advantage of their introductory offer now; mijnhuisopbonaire.nl offers new customers the first four photos for free. □ *Press Release*

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Bonaire's SGB High School Tops in the Dutch Caribbean

The 94% of the students who passed their academic exams made Bonaire's high school once again the top island in the Caribbean in the standardized Dutch Kingdom tests. This is the best result in the 20 years of educational testing in the Antilles and Aruba. In the HAVO



HAVO 5a graduates

(Academic) Social and Economics section all 18 students passed. In the Environmental/Technical track, 13 of the 15 students passed. The VWO university preparatory level will not have students ready for graduation until 2009 so the current HAVO classes have Bonaire's best students.

the groups in two. The HAVO graduates got their diplomas in the school auditorium; the vocational graduates in other areas of the school. It's something Oleana won't repeat next year, he said. "Next year we will hand out diplomas to all the students in the auditorium. The students who got their diplomas in the

other area left the school after receiving it instead of going back to the auditorium where the ceremony was taking place." He emphasized his point by looking at all the empty seats in the auditorium which were completely full at the start of the evening. "It's a pity, because we had a program planned for all



PBL Zorg & Welzijn (Care) graduates

The faces of the graduating students showed relief and pride last Thursday night when they received their diplomas in the auditorium of the SGB (Bonaire's community high school that combines academic and vocational education). Relief, for passing the exams and not having to go back to school next year, and pride, for achieving their goals and being able to move to the next step on their career ladder.

The graduation ceremony was something special and probably will be remembered by the students for the rest of their lives. It took about four hours. All the students were dressed in their most glamorous clothing, and speeches were given by important officials including Lt. Governor Herbert Domacassé. In addition to the students receiving their diplomas, the teachers entertained with a dancing and singing show. They exhibited quite a bit of rhythm and showed a face quite different from what students probably were used to seeing during classes. The students clearly loved it.

In the vocational studies (VSBO) section, the percentage of graduates was quite high. In the TKL track 70% of the students graduated; in PKL, 68%; in PBL, 77%; and in AGO, 100% graduated.

Because there are so many levels in the high school system (AGO, PBL, PKL, TKL, and HAVO) and so many graduates this year, the director of the school, Nolly Oleana, decided to split

the graduates."

For some students it was easy to pass the exams; others had to give their all to graduate. Their efforts were recognized with special prizes on graduation night. For every section prizes were awarded by sponsors of the school. Recognized were top graduates, most motivated, most hardworking as well as for students with the most perseverance. After the ceremony ended the graduates had a graduation party at E Wowo. There all the stress of the year was danced and partied away. □ *Story by David Radomisli, photos by Greta Kooistra*

Earlier in the week The Advanced Secondary Education section of the High School, the SBO, graduated 29 students: 18 in Economics level 2 and 3, and 11 in Health Care level 2 and 3.

According to SBO director, Rob van Lier, this is the first time that there are level 2 and level 3 graduations at the same time. The school is also planning level 4 in Administration and Health Education for next school year. Despite less than adequate facilities the graduation rate was a respectable 75%. □ *G.D.*

SGB Graduation Awards

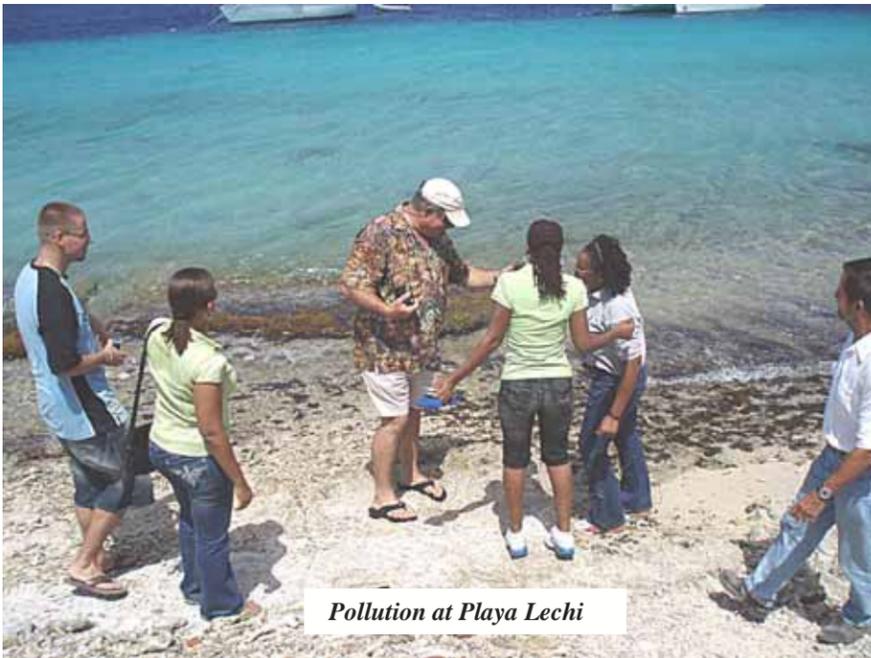
Top graduates
HAVO Social and Economics:
Lisa Schut
HAVO Culture and Society:
Carmen Beatrix Richardson
HAVO Science:
Itza Perez Gomez

TKL Economics:
Veronica Silberie
PKL Hospitality:
Varenia Richards
PBL Hospitality:
Angela Albertus
PBL/ PKL Motor technique:
Rigmar Lugo
PBL/ PKL Metaltechnique:
Ryan Sint Jago
PBL Hospitality:
Roderick Serberie
PKL Care and Wellbeing:



PKL Admin & Commerce graduates

Pearl Quarton
PKL Electrotechniques:
Allen Richardson
PKL Administration and commercial:
Micheila Trinidad
TKL Technique:
Harvey Piar
TKL Care and Welbeing:
Radinka Ustacia
Most motivated students
AGO:
Rosendo Silva
HAVO science:
Jemarhel Supriana
HAVO 5 Culture and Society:
Myrthe Bux
Most hardworking and most perseverance:
HAVO 5 Science:
Stephan de Caster
Melissa Abdul



Pollution at Playa Lechi

problems in Florida, including tumors in sea turtles; third, *sargassum*, a brown seaweed that has overgrown many coral reefs in the Caribbean, including Martinique and Jamaica. Van Slobbe points to the trash-laden beach and laments that, "the sea turtles used to nest here but not anymore I think." LaPointe, van Slobbe, and Paul Hoetjes, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of the Environment, all agree that the primary culprit for these killer algae is the high nutrients percolating down from the landfill and perhaps the LVV sewage canals. Recalling the data for Lagoen from the monitoring program, LaPointe confirms that dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) and phosphates are very high here, beyond the threshold of what is acceptable for a healthy reef system, so "dilution is no longer an option." Instead he begs, "Stop adding more!"

More Proof in Town

At Playa Lechi in Kralendijk, LaPointe finds more proof of extremely high nutrients: *acanthophora spicifera*, very dark brown and red, which means that it is "loaded with nitrogen." Normally found in mangroves, it can overgrow harbors and bays with high nutrient waters. At Playa Lechi the nutrients are pouring in from the storm water inlet on one side and the cesspits discharging from the houses, condos, and resorts lining the shore. In Hawaii, this algae is everywhere, causing major, costly problems and ruining tourism. A closer look reveals *laurencia papillosa*, another red seaweed that also thrives on high nutrient wastewater. While the group is examining LaPointe's evidence, a woman with a boat anchored in a nearby marina wanders past and mentions that officials told her she didn't need a sewage holding tank on her boat since "it all ends up in the sea anyway."

A New Pollution Source The Salt Works

Next stop is the Salt Company where preliminary monitoring results indicate high phosphates and ammonia in the Cargill channel and pond as well as at major nearby dive sites, like Red Slave and Angel City. Bret Schuttpelz, Salt Works Manager at Cargill, and Jan Gielen, retired Works Manager and Consultant for Cargill, are in disbelief over

the high numbers and advocate further testing to determine whether or not they are accurate. After LaPointe explains that the probable sources of the ammonia and phosphate are Cargill's unlined ponds and discharge channel into the sea, Hoetjes reveals that lots of blue-green algae is growing on the southern dive sites, indicating that "something bad is happening here." According to LaPointe, this is new information that surprised everyone, and although he too suggests further testing to confirm the numbers, he also points out that only "containment" of the ponds (with liners) and "zero discharge" of the ponds into the sea will eradicate the problem.

At Red Slave, LaPointe discovers more macroalgae proof of nutrient-rich water even though this dive site is considered to be among the most pristine on Bonaire. High ammonia levels both at Red Slave and Angel City infer that there is a direct connection to the Salt Company, with Hoetjes theorizing that it is percolating from groundwater seeping from Cargill ponds. Sitting on a rock at Red Slave, Rikke Speetjens, of Ocean Care on St. Maarten, says what many of the participants are probably thinking: "I wouldn't expect these problems here on Bonaire; in St. Maarten, yes, because of all the development. So what will happen when Bonaire really starts to develop? It seems like the numbers will just get worse, which is too bad because of all the beautiful reefs here." □ *Story & photos by Professor Pauline Kayes, Bonaire and Champaign, Illinois*

Part III—What's Next?—What this all means for the Reefs of Bonaire? Coming up in the next issue.



BVO Photo

The new Island Council, the legislative part of the Island Government, sworn in were: James Kroon (out of photo), Reginald "Jonchi" Dortalina, Ramonsito Booi, Anthony Nicolaas, Maritza Silberie, Marugia Janga, Jopi Abraham, Anthony Nicolaas and Reynold "Nolly" Oleana. An indication of the declining importance of the Central Government is that the top politicians have eschewed jobs in the national parliament for Island Council positions. Following the ceremony the Democratic Alliance members walked out in protest of past decisions of the UPB-dominated Council.

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

Wednesday, July 11: Participate in a Fish ID dive with Bonaire's resident naturalist Jerry Ligon, *Scuba Diving Magazine's* Executive Editor Keith Phillips and STINAPA volunteers. Participants should arrive at Bonaire Dive and Adventure (adjacent to Sand Dollar Condominiums) at 8:30 am with their C-cards. After the dive there will be a fish quiz with prizes.

Friday, July 13: Grand Finale Party at Buddy Dive's Rum Punch Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Meet other divers, participate in fish id games, Bonaire trivia and win prizes!

Other events scheduled to take place later this summer include the 3rd Annual Pro Kids Windsurfing Competition August 1-5, Love Our Planet Week September 15-22 and Bonaire's signature event "A Taste of Bonaire" taking place on Sunday, July 8, August 5 and September 9. For more information, visit the event's

official website at www.bonairediveintosummer.com.

► **This Sunday, July 8, enjoy the "Taste of Bonaire" at Wilhelmina Park from 6 to 9pm.** Selected restaurants will be offering some of their mouth watering specialties; there will be stands selling gifts, arts and crafts and there will be live music and entertainment. Stroll the park and soak up the ambiance of the balmy breezes and the warm hospitality of the Bonairean people. Normally this is a once-a-year event, but this year the TCB (Tourist Corporation Bonaire) thought it would be especially nice to offer "Taste of Bonaire" once a month during July, August and September so more people can come and enjoy it. □ *L./G.D.*

Bonaire Riders Sweep Aruba HiWinds Competition

Scenes from the Event

Last week a large delegation of Bonaire windsurfers headed to Aruba for one of the seminal events of the windsurfing world, the Aruba Hiwinds competition. Although excelling in all windsurfing events they are without peer in the freestyle competition. Choko Frans and Jaeger St. Jago showed their superiority

by winning their respective classes and earning the titles of **King of the Huts** and **Prince of the Huts** respectively. (The "huts" are the old fishermen's huts that serve as a center for the events.) More details in upcoming issues of *The Reporter*. □

Thanks to Robby Sances for information and to Els Kroon for the photos



King of the Huts – Choko Frans and Prince of the Huts – Jaeger St. Jago during their triumphant motorcade in Aruba.



In the foreground Youp Schmit (NB 12), winner of the Superkids slalom in the 21st edition of the Aruba Hi-Winds. The races were from June 27th till July 2nd.



Most riders prepared their boards near the "Fishermen's Huts" (in foreground)



The strong wind gave plenty of chances to see real windsurfing action.

Some of the other Bonaire sailors who either won their class or finished in the top three spots:

- NB-18 Rodderick Boekhoudt*
- NB-60 Jeath Koeks*
- NB-125 Jordan Christiaan*
- NB- 12 Youp Schmit*
- NB-101 Mozart Sances*
- NB-17 Rover Dullart Bonaire*
- NB-33 Marvellous Maingot*
- NB-100 Cymbert Sances*
- NB-63 Arthuro Soliano*
- NB-52 Hendryck Balentien*
- NB-35 Juvannie Agostien*



Scene from the long distance kite surfing competition.

Parrot Watch



Dead Lora Baby: He'll never get to fly free

This week we have sad news. We have lost all the chicks from three separate nests. It is extremely frustrating because for two of the nests we cannot know for sure what has killed the little loras. The first loss was peculiar because the tiny bodies of the dead chicks remained in the nest. The predator was probably not a rat because a rat would have eaten the chicks. To inspect the second nest members of the parrot team use one of the parrotwatch night vision cameras on a pole so they can probe deep into the cavity which would otherwise remain secret. Without this technology we would not be able to see anything, but the reason this nest has failed again remains unknown.

The third nest, which had four chicks, failed due to poachers. I visited the nest on Monday 25th and the four chicks

were in good health. When I visited again later in the week I was shocked to see someone had damaged the nest tree and my heart dropped as I knew immediately we'd lost them.

These four chicks were still featherless. The youngest of the chicks was so young it had not even opened its eyes yet and weighed only 20grams. Poachers typically wait until the chicks are close to fledging as this means there is less work for them. It is unlikely that any human can provide such a tiny baby with the nutrients it will need to develop into a strong and healthy bird. Sadly, these four chicks are only the first of many that will not get to fledge their nests and follow their parents and fly free in the wild. □ *Sam Williams*



Many Risks For Young Loras

A component of the parrot team's research is to investigate how many loras attempt to breed in a given year and how many of those are successful at raising chicks through to fledging. We count the number of eggs laid in every lora nest we know of. We do this carefully so as to not disturb the parrots who are breeding.

Not all eggs are fertile and any egg could be eaten by a rat or may be damaged by pearly-eyed thrashers, which are nest site competitors. We check the lora nests as often as possible but it is still very difficult to determine the predators. There are several sources of mortality for chicks. Likely culprits are rats, cats, caracaras, barn owls and maybe even troupials. We know from other studies that introduced mammals such as rats and cats can be a major problem for endangered island species such as the lora. Whether or not the bird species mentioned kill lora chicks is to be confirmed and we must be clear that they remain innocent until proven guilty! Again the aggressive pearly-eyed thrasher may kill chicks in order to take over the nest, but in this case they do not eat the chick. They are competitors rather than predators.

Humans have been the most significant source of chick loss in recent years, and this continues despite the fact the lora is globally recognised as endangered and is protected by law here on Bonaire. It is illegal to take lora chicks from the nest. If you see any suspicious activity in the *mondi* and you suspect a lora nest is in danger of being poached by an unscrupulous individual please do not hesitate to contact STINAPA (717-8444) or the Police. □ *Sam Williams*



Ask Olivia

Dear Olivia,

I have been very interested to read about your life rearing chicks and gathering food to feed them, but so far you have not mentioned what it is that you loras eat? I would also be interested to know how easy it is for you to gather food on Bonaire.

Natalia



Dear Natalia,

That is an interesting question. We loras are generally vegetarian and have always eaten a variety of fruits produced by the plants here on Bonaire, ranging from those of the cacti to trees such as the mesquite and *palu di sia*. We also eat leaves from the trees and the flesh of the cacti. Collecting food has always been rather dependent on the weather. In a wet year food may be plentiful and rearing chicks is relatively easy. If the rainfall is low then it can be difficult to find enough food and many chicks die of starvation. Since people came to the island in large numbers the *mondi* has been changing and some areas, particularly where the most food grew, have been cleared of all of our food plants, making it more difficult to feed our chicks. When the plants grow back in these cleared areas though, there are some extremely tasty ones that we have not come across before with big fruits that are very nutritious for our growing chicks.

Thanks again for your questions. Keep them coming. *Olivia*

New Nudibranch

A brand new species of nudibranch has been discovered in Bonaire. Local resident and avid diver/naturalist, Ellen Muller, found an unusual nudibranch on a night dive on June 1st. Not knowing what it was she sent photos of it to Angel Valdes, Associate Curator of Malacology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and co-author of the

book, *Caribbean Sea Slugs*. Valdes excitedly commented that he has never seen this species of nudibranch before and mentioned that he and his colleagues reviewed everything known from the Caribbean in preparation for their book. These nudibranchs, of the genus *Trapania*, are very tiny; two that were found were about the size of a grain of rice, so if you want to go hunting for them, bring along a magnifying glass! □ *Story & photos by Ellen Muller*



Where People Live on Bonaire



DO YOU SUDOKU?

Sudoku means “the digits must remain single” in Japanese. To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region. For a tutorial visit the web site www.Sudoku.shack.com. Answer on page 12.

Supplied by Molly Kearney (who has to solve all the puzzles first)

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There are **21** different “official” neighborhoods where people live on Bonaire. Bevolking, the island’s census department, provided us with these figures which, as of December 31, 2006, list the population for each area, broken down into men and women. We’ve listed them in order of **Most Populated to Least Populated**. Those living on kunukus are listed under the area that is closest to them. Where does your neighborhood rank?

Notice the Total Population figure at the end. This is the first time we’ve ever seen numbers showing **more males on the island than females! There are 274 more men**. For each neighborhood we’ve highlighted the higher number, men or women, in bold type. □ L.D.

Population Ranking

| Neighborhoods | Males | Females | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Nikiboko | 1,023 | 974 | 1,997 |
| Antriol Pariba (East) | 977 | 903 | 1,880 |
| Tera Kora | 543 | 567 | 1,110 |
| Playa Pabou (West) | 517 | 495 | 1,012 |
| Rincon Zuid ((South) | 498 | 471 | 969 |
| Antriol Pabou (West) | 514 | 445 | 959 |
| Noord Salina | 484 | 428 | 912 |
| Amboina | 394 | 401 | 795 |
| Rincon Noord (North) | 386 | 398 | 784 |
| Playa Pariba (East) | 306 | 336 | 643 |
| Sabana | 291 | 300 | 592 |
| Hato | 228 | 238 | 465 |
| Belnem | 167 | 175 | 341 |
| Santa Barbara | 149 | 145 | 293 |
| Nawati Zuid (South) | 149 | 123 | 271 |
| Playa | 142 | 110 | 251 |
| Nawati Noord (North) | 105 | 117 | 222 |
| Mexico | 99 | 81 | 180 |
| Sabadeco | 80 | 75 | 155 |
| Lima | 64 | 59 | 123 |
| Lagun Hill | 26 | 26 | 52 |
| Total Population | 7,140 | 6,866 | 14,006 |

Dia Di Arte - Biggest and Best



You had to bring your family and be in Wilhelmina Park all day to really enjoy all that Dia di Arte had to offer this year. The Park was crammed with artists, craftspeople and stands, more than 80 of them, so that everywhere you turned there was something to see. It was one of the best ever – with 10 new artist participating. During the day youngsters at Janice Huckaby’s stand, JanArt, spent hours drawing and painting. Six young artists won prizes for the best work.

This was the 15th annual Dia di Art, sponsored by the Foundation for Bonaire Art and Culture, and this year the Bonairean government made it official with a letter delivered by Education Commission Geraldine Dammers: “Dia di Arte will occur every year on the first Sunday in July.”

On the stage were entertainers and events. Geraldine Dammers and SKAL’s Hubert Vis spoke. Magic Ed performed for the kids and the adults too. Head of the Foundation and spearhead, Emma St. Jago, gave special awards to the “Shining Stars:” 16 year olds Syphard Willem and Gilberto Martis, who were the First Finalists in the DuoFest and who won “Best Popular Song” in the Caribbean Gospel Festival in Curacao.

The Sebari group of youngsters sang, the elders, Nos Kosecha, sang and danced, wearing old time clothing. DuoFest winner, Martina Geerling, played guitar. Tutti Fruitti closed the show at 11 pm.

Congratulations to all the tireless volunteers of the Foundation who made this happen! We look forward to next year’s Official Dia di Arte. □ L.D.



Jan Artphoto

JanArt sponsored an art contest at the 15th Annual Dia Di Arte Festival.

All children, and children at heart, were invited to make a small picture for the contest. There were several categories to consider: Best Underwater, Landscape, Flowers, Animals and People. The winners were David Kevin, Deidre, Sigourney, Julia and Alex.



Jan Art’s Janice Huckaby



Paul Pelgröm showed the authentic wood or charcoal-fired oven that he builds from a variety of different colored Bonaire clays.



Popular Bonaire artist Ady Figueroa shows some of the colors of Bonaire clay that is useful for many projects.

Dia Di Arte



Emma St. Jago (left) receives the official proclamation from Commissioner of Education & Culture, Geraldine Dammers, making Dia di Arte an official event to be celebrated annually. Emma has been the force behind Dia di Art for 15 years.



Photo Artist Fer de Wit and his wife traditionally brighten up Dia di Arte

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Pet of The Week



"John"

Meet kitten "John" who's practicing to be a scary witch's cat for Halloween. He's only seven weeks old now but by the time Halloween rolls around he'll be full grown and ready to hop upon the witch's broomstick. This little guy was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter when he was just five weeks old. He's been growing slowly, but he has tons of energy. What a fun cat; he's always playing and running. And in the looks department he's a winner with his amber colored eyes and longish black fur. He was examined by the vet to make sure he has no feline leukemia. He's had his shots, been wormed and is ready to go. The cat adoption fee of NA\$75 even includes sterilization when he's old enough. Check him out at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

We are happy to announce that last week's Pet of the Week, "Julio," has been adopted. Congratulations to all and may you have wonderful lives together.

Did you know that you can board your dog at the Shelter? They have "guest" accommodations on the property with private, individual kennels and a nice yard and run. Large dogs are NA\$15 per day; smaller ones, NA\$10 to NA\$12 per day. There are lower rates for longer periods.

Want to learn more about the Shelter? See their website hosted by volunteer Bea Jones of Colorado. Thanks so much for keeping us up to date, Bea. www.BonaireAnimalShelter@Bonairalive.com. □ L.D.

Fire On the Beach



The moon illuminates this scene of a fire in shorefront Villa 12 at Captain Don's Habitat. No one was injured in the blaze which burned for two days. That's the full moon in the sky. Photo taken by Wilna Gronenboom, *the Bonaire Reporter* Art Editor, who returned to Holland after seven years on Bonaire this week. We will miss her.

Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...

Green moray eels aren't really green. The eel's skin is actually blue/gray and it's covered with a layer of yellow mucus. I've heard from fishermen that the slime is toxic, but the moray is edible. A few more fun facts about morays: poor eyesight, but excellent sense of smell. Take a look at his nares (nostrils). There is a set of tubes near the front of his face where the water enters and a set of holes near the eyes where the water exits. As the water passes through this nasal apparatus, the eel can detect the presence of prey items (fish, octopus, etc.) and other eels. Many animals, particularly marine animals, communicate within their own species by smells, especially when it's time to mate. And when it is time to find a mate, it's a good thing their eyesight is poor, because those big nasal tubes may not be such a turn-on! □ *Caren Eckrich*



Albert Bianculli photo

Caren Eckrich teaches Coral Reef Ecology and Scientific Diving to American University students at the CIEE Research Station Bonaire. She's also the Director of Sea & Discover, a marine education center offering interactive learning programs to kids and adults. You can reach her at 717-5322 □.



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THIS WEEK

July 7 to 14—*Scuba Diving Magazine* Week, as part of Bonaire Dive into Summer 2007—Free. Details and schedule on page 6.

Saturday, July 7 – Big Monthly Rincon Marshé, now a Bonairean tradition. Stands selling gifts, fruits and vegetables, candles, drinks, BBQW, local foods and sweets, music, friendly people. 6 am to 2 pm. In the center of Rincon. www.infobonaire.com/rincon

Saturday, July 7 – Monthly Flea Market at Parke Publico, 3 to 7 pm. Everyone welcome to buy and to sell. NAf5 per selling table. More info and reservations for a spot call 787-0466

Saturday, July 7 Kick-off event for (GAFC) Great Annual Fish Count, Dive Friends/Yellow Submarine on 9:30 am. For more information call 791-4262.

Sunday, July 8 – “Taste of Bonaire” at Wilhelmina Park, 6 to 9 pm. Sample dishes from selected Bonaire restaurants. Stands selling gifts, arts and crafts. Music, entertainment. Fun for all. Sponsored by the Tourist Corporation Bonaire (TCB). More on page 6.

COMING

Saturday, July 14—Third Quarterly Underwater Cleanup Dive. Meet at yellow Submarine, 1 pm.

July 16-18—Learn to Windsurf Clinic for Women by Ann Phelan and Windsurf Place. Details on page 6.

July 15-18—Women's Kitesurf Clinic

July 23-30- ABK Jibe City Summer Camp of Fun

REGULAR EVENTS

Daily

- HH 2 for 1 (all beverages) 6-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**
- HH—50% off- **Buddy Dive Resort**, 5:30-6:30
 - **Divi Flamingo Casino** open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Mon. to Sat. 8 pm– 4 am; Sun. 7 pm– 3 am.
 - By appointment – **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.
- **Parke Publico** children's playground open every day into the evening hours.

Saturdays

- **Steak Night On the Beach** (a la carte) - **Buddy Dive Resort**, 6—10 pm
- **Rincon Marshé**—6 am-2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop, fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks, music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon. **Extra big Marshé 1st Saturday of the month, 6 am-2 pm.**
- **All You Can Eat BBQ** at **Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAf26.50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.
 - **Wine Tasting at AWC's** warehouse, **2nd Saturday of the month**, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23, across from Warehouse Bonaire. Great wines. NAf20 per person for 6 to 8 wines.
 - **Flea Market every first Saturday of the month** from 3 to 7 pm, Parke Publico. Everyone welcome to buy and to sell. NAf5 per selling table. For more information and reservations for a spot, call 787-0466.

Sundays

- **Live music 6-9 pm while enjoying a great dinner** in colorful tropical ambience at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar, Divi Flamingo**. Open daily 5-10 pm

Mondays

- Fish or Meat Dinner Special for only \$10. **Buddy Dive Resort**, 6 –9:30 pm
- **Reporter writer Albert Bianculli presents his Multi-Image Production "Bonaire Holiday"** at 6:30pm, 7:30 pm & 8:30pm, Casablanca Argentinean Grill
- **Soldachi Tour of Rincon**, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

Tuesdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers**, 5-7 **Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**
- **Wine & Cheese/ \$1 glass of wine**, 5-7, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**
- **Caribbean Gas Training free** “Beyond Gravity – An Evening with DIR,” 6 pm, Bonaire Dive & Adventure 786-5073.

Wednesdays

- Live music by **Flamingo Rockers, Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** 5-6:30.
- **Caribbean Night A la Carte - Buddy Dive Resort**, 6—10 pm

Thursdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers, Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**, 5-7
- **“Admiral's Hour” for yachtsmen and others**, Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7
- **Buddy's Bingo Show** - Buddy Dive Resort, 8- 9:30 pm

Fridays

- **Mixed Level Yoga** 8:30am, Buddy Dive 786-6416
- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 - 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225
- **Friday Weekly Market at Wilhelmina Park** with local art, music and food; summer fashions, jewelry, glasswork, Bonaire pictures, driftwood art, paintings and all kinds of Bonaire souvenirs, 9 am to 2 pm..
- **Live music by the “Flamingo Rockers” Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**, 5-7 pm
 - **Swim lessons** for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sunrise Poolbar and Sportsclub, for children 0 – 18.
- **Manager's Bash**—free Flamingo Smash & snacks, **Divi Flamingo**, 5-7 pm
- **Free Rum Punch Party** (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm) & All-u-can-eat BBQ, 7-10 pm, **Buddy Dive Resort**

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Saturday- “Discover Our Diversity” slide show-pool bar **Buddy Dive**, 7 pm, 717-5080

Tuesdays & Wednesdays—Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire presents the *Sea Turtles of Bonaire Slide Show*. Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at Buddy Dive Resort (717-3802) at 7m. Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at the Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn (717-8817) at 7pm.

Monday- “Land & Ocean Bonaire,” by Fish-Eye photo staff, 8 pm on the big screen in front of their facility at Bonaire Dive & Adventure.

Tuesday “Diving Facts And Fiction - An Evening with DIR” slide/video show by Caribbean Gas Training, 8 pm, Bonaire Dive & Adventure

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Bonaire Museum on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every **Wednesday**; Phone : 560-7267 or 717- 3902.

Al-Anon meetings - every **Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

Cancer Survivor Support Group Majestic Journeys Bonaire N.V. Lourdes Shopping Center 2nd Level Kaya LD Gerharts # 10. Call 717-2482/566-6093.

Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - **Tuesday - 6:30 pm** - call 567-0655 for directions.

Bridge Club - **Wednesdays, Bridge**

Club: Wednesday 7.30 p.m. at Flamingo Airport (Technobar), airco, all levels, NAf2,50. **Call Joop 717-5903, or be there in time (7.15 p.m.)**

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

JCI - First Wednesday of the Month- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire, formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

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

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th **Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome.

Rotary lunch meetings **Wednesday**, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at 'Pirate House', above Zeezicht Restaurant. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bonaire Arts & Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonaireano) 717-5246 or 7117

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; Valarie@telbonet.an

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

Sister Maria Hoppner Home (Child Care) Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein. In Papiamentu, Dutch, English on Sundays 10 am.

Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian. Services in Papiamentu on Sundays at 8.30 am.

Children's club Saturday 5 pm in Kralendijk.

Sunday School every Sunday at 4 pm in Rincon. Bible Study and Prayer meetings, every Thursday at 8 pm. in Kralendijk.

New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

International Bible Church of Bonaire – Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle) Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in English. Tel. 717-8332

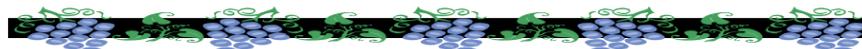
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kaya Sabana #26 Sundays 8:30 - 11:30am. In Papiamentu, Spanish and English.

Catholic San Bernardus in Kralendijk – Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304 . **Saturday at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriol, 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. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm**. 717-2194

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| Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 538 | Moderate. Breakfast daily 6:30—10 am - . Lunch daily 11:30 Dinner on theme nights 6—10 pm | Buddy's Magnificent Theme Nights: Sat. - Steak Night A la Carte; Mon. - Fish or Meat Dinner Special (\$10,-); Wed. - Caribbean Night a la Carte; Fri. - Free Rum Punch Party (5:30- 6:30 pm) and All-u-can-eat BBQ for \$ 19.50 (7-10 pm) |
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| The Last Bite Bakery Kaya Grandi 70 717-3293 | Low-Moderate Open Tuesday through Saturday 7:30am-5:30pm; Sat. 9am-2pm | NAf10 take out lunch Tuesday through Friday Main dish with 2 side dishes. Special on Tuesday and Thursday: Lasagna. |
| Pasa Bon Pizza On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 780-1111 | Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday | Bonaire's best. The Real Thing! Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Call ahead to eat-in or take out 780-1111 |
| Patagonia Argentinean Restaurant At the lighthouse, Harbour Village Marina 717-7725 | Moderate Lunch Tuesday-Friday Dinner Tuesday-Sunday | Authentic Argentinean Cuisine Owned and operated by the Pablo Palacios Family from Argentina The beef is here and more. |
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Three Planets and Our Earth at Aphelion

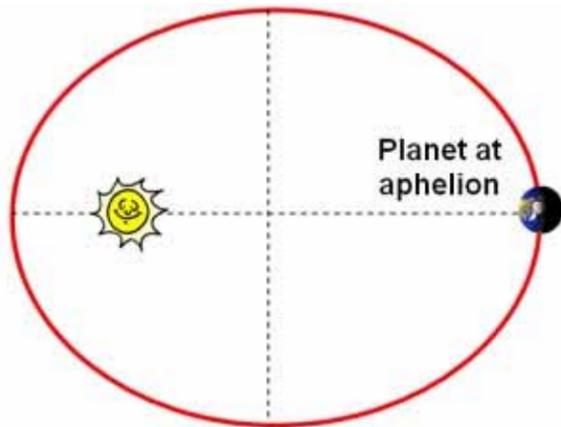
Believe it or not, even though it's summer time in the northern hemisphere, this week on Friday the 6th our **Earth** is officially at **aphelion**, which translated means that it is at its most distant point from the **Sun**. Plus we have three beautiful planets for your independent viewing just after it gets dark out.

Just after sunset any night this week and next, face west where you will be absolutely dazzled by the second planet from the Sun our so-called sister planet because it is almost the same size as our Earth, 8,000-mile-wide **Venus**. And it is at greatest brilliancy for the entire first three weeks of this July 2007. Believe me it is absolutely dazzling! And if you have a small telescope you will see that it looks like a tiny crescent **Moon** because it goes through phases just like our Moon.

Now throughout history whenever Venus has appeared in the evening skies just after sunset it has always been called the **Evening Star**. But whenever it has appeared in morning skies just before sunrise it has always been called the **Morning Star**. And Venus is seen as a Morning Star and an Evening Star at least once every year. In fact long, long ago many people believed that the Evening Star and the Morning Star were two entirely different objects. Of course today we know that Venus is not a star at all but a planet. And the reason it changes its position from Evening Star to Morning Star is simply because it changes its place in its orbit in respect to our Earth, thus our Earth sees it from different viewpoints during the course of the year.

Now look slightly below Venus, about eight full Moon widths away, and you'll see a much dimmer light, which is the most beautiful planet in our solar system, 75,000-mile-wide ringed **Saturn**. And if you have a small telescope please use it now before Saturn disappears below the horizon because it is absolutely spectacular! To find our third Independence Week planet just look south east and the brightest thing you'll see will be the king of the planets, 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter**. Now even though it is 11 times the diameter of brilliant Venus, nevertheless it takes second place in brightness to Venus because it is hundreds of millions of miles farther away. Even so, through a small telescope you can see its weather systems and watch its four largest moons change position hour after hour as they orbit the planet king. And now on to aphelion!

Okay, if we could go out into space and look back at our Earth and our Sun we would see that this Friday, July 6, our Earth is at its farthest distance from the Sun, 3.1 million miles farther away from the Sun than it was on January 3rd. So why isn't it colder rather than warmer? Well it is in the southern hemisphere. It's all due to the fact that our Earth is tilted to the plane of its orbit. Something to think about as you keep looking up in the Bonaire Sky Park. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



A planet in an elliptical orbit around the Sun is furthest from the Sun at aphelion.



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday July 1 to Saturday July 7, 2007

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Opportunities to meet new lovers will I come through pleasure trips or social events. Be sure to take care of the needs of youngsters. You will have the discipline to make changes you feel are necessary. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Avoid any erratic behavior or it could cause isolation at home. Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Look into ways of making extra cash. Make residential changes that will lift your spirits. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Social events will be plentiful. You're not your usual self this week. You can offer your help to others but back off if they appear to be offended by your persistence. Avoid any confrontations with colleagues. Your lucky day will be Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Home improvement projects will enhance your residence and bring the family closer together. Responsibilities with respect to older relatives may be a burden. You might be overly emotional concerning situations at work. Be sure to look into travel opportunities that will provide you with mental stimulation. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You may want to stay in the background this week. You need adventure and excitement in your life. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents. You need to take a long, hard look at yourself and your personal situation. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't overspend to impress someone who interests you. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. The locks, stove, gas, or electric wires may not be secure. You can come up with ways of earning extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Your creative input will be appreciated by your boss. You will attract new love interests. Moves will be hectic but favorable in the end. Take precautions while traveling; you don't have to get anywhere that fast. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Opportunities for romance may develop through dealing with groups that have a purpose. Be cautious while traveling to foreign countries. Think twice before you say something you might regret later. Don't lend or borrow. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Balance is required if you want stability. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. You are exceptional at presenting your ideas. Take care when dealing with older relatives. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Avoid any confrontations with colleagues. Extend an invitation to clients you enjoy spending time with. Do not sign contracts or get involved in any uncertain financial deals. Try to be there for someone if they need assistance. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't expect new acquaintances to be completely honest about themselves. Don't evade important issues; you may find yourself backed into a corner. You really can't do anything to change matters this week. In return, the satisfaction you get is enough for you. Your lucky day will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Problems with large corporations or institutions are apparent. Try to get others to stand behind your good judgment. Be sure that you lay your cards on the table. You should look into making some physical changes, such as new hair color or toning up your body. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



Elisabeth Vos' tennis school is over for the season so the students decided to let off some steam by tossing all the balls in the air. Wilna Groenboom photo

Picture Yourself With The Reporter Stillwater, Minnesota, USA

Here's soon-to-be Bonaire resident, "Outlet Mol's" Molly Kearney (center), with her sisters, Lizz Ostrand and Dede Leylek, taken on the St. Croix river in the quaint town of Stillwater, MN. They were having lunch there, after a fun day of shopping for Molly's wedding gown!

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Happy Birthday



This Saturday 07-07-2007, Josselin Bernabela will turn 15 years old.

Her mother Lientje, father Pacheco, sisters, and grandparents send her lots of love and blessings.

Also her friends and especially her little sweethearts, Richenelly and Made-lief, wish her a nice day, and we all hope Jossy will stay as sweet as she is.

Hiep Hiep Hoera!!!

On The Island Since... 1975

Petri Hausmann

“My mom was a very adventurous lady and my dad went along with her – he loved it – and so they got here in the early 60s and fell in love with Bonaire. They saw a house on Kaya Hellmund, oceanfront at the time, and on a whim decided to buy it and restore it. It wasn’t easy; they needed about 70 signatures from all the family members to whom it belonged and the petition circulated in Europe and the Antilles for at least two years. Around 1965 the sale was legalized.

At the time we were living in Wisconsin. My father was a well-known forensic surgeon and my mother was an incredible naturalist, gardener and interior designer. I was finishing college and busy getting married for the first time. So, when my mother started disappearing from the first snowfall until the first tulip came up I became curious as to what was happening.

In 1967 I came down to Bonaire. The population was just 5,000; Captain Don was rolling at the Flamingo Beach – the big hangout. Main Street was two way; there were two rental cars and Hotel Bonaire had just opened. There was no tourist road and no Washington Park, but if you wanted to visit the area you could get the key from Nikki Tromp. That was it... and I loved it, so I started returning every year.

My first husband was a social worker and I started working in a mental hospital in Illinois and I absolutely loved the career. I specialized in working with children so mentally abused they were in placement. I went back to school and got my master’s in social work in psychiatrics. Then my husband and I grew apart and we got divorced peacefully. I was going to take some time off for myself, and of course where did I head? Bonaire! I decided I would clear my head, learn scuba – something I’d been fascinated with – and... the rest is history. I came and went until November, 1975. In 1976 America celebrated its 200 years of independence and that year for me was my celebration of freedom.

I went to live in the family home, ‘Hausmann’s Folly.’ When people ask me ‘How did it happen?’ I say, ‘Serendipity.’ It just went like that. I hadn’t really made any concrete decision to stay, I was just enjoying.

Well, being one of the first and very visible Americans on the island, I became very good friends with the Bernsteins, the American partner of BOPEC, and I got involved with BOPEC in its beginning stages. Then, in July 1976 they delivered the American tugboats and I met an engineer from one of the boats, Ray Gingrich.”

She laughs: “Conveniently, he was divorced, an American. He was promoted to port engineer and then marine manager for BOPEC. He stayed with the company until they sold it to Venezuela’s PDVSA. We married in 1979 and my son Willy was born in 1981 in Curaçao. After BOPEC closed – Willy was a couple of years old – we were in the process of moving to Statia where my husband had a job with Statia Terminals, but in the 11th and half hour an engineer from the US came to our house and asked my husband what he knew about producing water. That was the beginning of Aqua Design at WEB. Ray stayed with the water company until he became ill; then he decided to retire.

We had sent Willy to Venezuela when he was 12 to continue his education, and as Ray missed his only child, he decided to spend more time in Venezuela. Ray loved it there so much that we ended up buying a coffee plantation, and he dedicated most of his life to producing coffee. My son and I called him ‘Raymundo Gringo.’ He really learned how to grow and produce coffee, and he did it until the day he died. It will be eight years in October that Ray passed away in Venezuela with his coffee and his son – happy as can be.

“Bonaire has a special rhythm and when you catch the rhythm you have to dance and just keep dancing...”

I was working here in tourism with Bonaire Tours, but never full time. When my husband died my brother told me to have a physical because I was the only parent my son had then. So two months after my husband died, I found out I had an extremely aggressive cancer and a 35% chance of survival during the first year. At the same time my son and his fiancée were getting married. Then my granddaughter Raychel was born during my chemo treatments. I was miserable in the States; I was so lonely - far from Willy in Venezuela and far from Bonaire. I called Dick van der Vaart - he’s so much more than just a doctor - and I explained my misery and... one, two, three, Dick called Dr. Scheper, a famous oncologist in Curaçao, and immediately they made interna-

tional arrangements. It was incredible. As fast as I could pack I was back on Bonaire, happy and commuting to Curaçao for my treatments.

I’ve always been working and when I was sick my bus driver would hold my wig on my head. I had no eyebrows or lashes, nothing, but I was working – oh yeah – always something to do! It’s been eight years now and I’m fine – I survived and I am still me.

As a result of the illness and my husband’s death I decided the coffee plantation would go to my son and his wife, Karina. So, they are living there, producing a lot of coffee. After Raychel, who’s seven, my second granddaughter Rayanna was born and she’s five now. They’re cute - my *chicas*, grandma’s babies. Karina’s uncles were in trucking and my son got into their family business. He started with one small truck, then a medium truck, then an 18-wheeler we call ‘Mr. Ray.’ And now he has a second 18-wheeler. Willy is only 25; he’s got his own really big trucking business and he speaks six languages, so mom doesn’t have to worry about him at all – I’m proud.

When we started getting Holland-American cruise ships in the mid 70s hardly anybody spoke English. Famous Sue Felix and her tour guide mission found her last recruit – me. We always laugh and say it’s going to be our last tour, but it never is, as long as I can get up those bus steps... ha! ha! I actually was hired by L.D. Gerharts and inherited by Hugo, then Larry and now it’s Corinne.

When Sue and the original gang started we knew absolutely nothing; we were all new arrivals. We went bird watching with Friar Candidus, stalking flamingos. One of the Felix’s uncles made trips with us to various parts of the mundi and Frans Booi was ‘victimized’ by us. After collecting everything and more, Sue put it together in this tour guide course, evolved from a bunch of crazy girls.

I’ve always done cruise ships, special groups and VIPs. My most exciting tours recently have been with the wounded warriors, and I guided Bill Gates and Peter Allen.”

Petri Hausmann is a first class entertainer. She has a great disposition towards life and she’s a lovely personality. “After my illness and the death of my par-



Petri Hausmann

ents it became impossible for my brother, my sister and me to maintain the ‘Folly’ in its glory, having had five beautiful years as Lucille’s Restaurant. It was bought by two Dutch brothers who assured us they were going to put a restaurant there. We were betrayed, and we’re still sad. When we heard that the new owners were going to knock it down, we called Bòi Antoin before it happened. He got some of the Bonairean family members who had lived there and did a beautiful documentary about the house, the yard, its people and its history. Then we made an announcement and said, ‘Come to the house and take what you want,’ and oh boy, they came and took and... the ‘Folly’ lives; everywhere on the island there’s a bit of the house.

When it was sold I was going to Venezuela, but my brother Scott, for some reason – I have no idea why – retired and bought a house here. He said I could rent it from him and in his absence I was paid to watch his house! So, when Scott is here I go to Venezuela and he takes care of my pets. That’s our grand plan. We get along beautifully. But... the frosting on the cake is that my sister Pahle bought a house here and she’s coming in December to start her life on Bonaire. We always joke that we couldn’t stand each other as kids and now we’re going to stick to each other till the very end!

I should have known I was in trouble the first time I set foot on the island... Bonaire has a special rhythm and when you catch the rhythm you have to dance and just keep dancing...” □ \

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