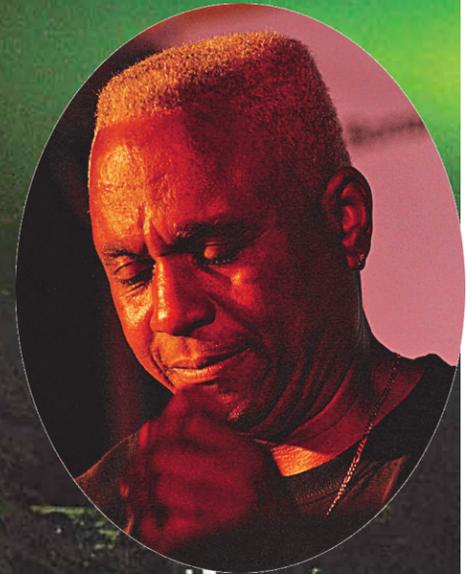


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**Jazz Festival  
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All Jazz photos by Wilna Groenenboom

Most new Dutch political parties are having great difficulty participating in the September 12 general election in the Caribbean Netherlands. **For the first time, citizen-residents of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be allowed to cast their votes in the Dutch Parliament Second Chamber election.**

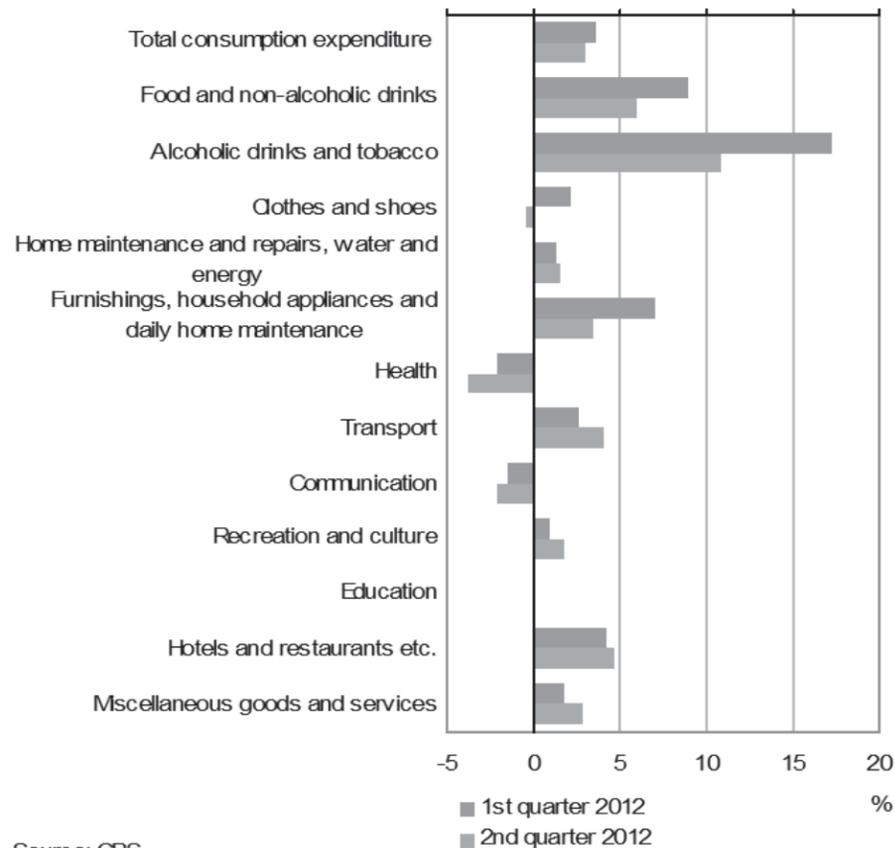
There are 19 electoral districts in The Netherlands mainland. The latest addition, Electoral District Bonaire, consisting of the "special entities" Bonaire, Statia and Saba, brings the total to 20. There are approximately 15,000 eligible voters in the three islands. To be eligible to vote in the Second Chamber elections one must have Dutch nationality, be at least 18 years of age and not have been deprived of their voting rights by court order. These requirements are similar to those for residents of The European Netherlands. The Democratic Political Turning Point Party, the Party for Seniors 50PLUS, and the Euro Party have not gathered the needed 50 signatures signed in the list in the presence of a civil servant at the Government Administration Building to qualify.

► The airline **Tiara Air Aruba** announced it will conduct daily flights between Curaçao and Bonaire beginning Monday, July 30th. **Tiara will fly three times a day with a Shorts 360 – a small aircraft with 36 seats – between Hato Airport and Flamingo Airport.** The Curaçao-Bonaire route is the first step in Tiara's expansion plan. The airline recently purchased a 141-passenger Boeing 737-300, to be used for six new weekly routes from Aruba to St. Maarten, Medellin and Armenia in Colombia, Maracaibo and Caracas in Venezuela and Fort Lauderdale in the US, starting September.

► **Nearly all Bonaire restaurants are feeling the drop in the economy.** Richard's Restaurant closed, but opened with a new chef, then closed again. Patagonia will move next to Donna & Georgio's downtown. There's a great new Japanese Sushi place run by a Dutch guy – Osaka. Owner Kirk Gosden left Sunrise at Den Laman. The Peruvian restaurant, Plazita Limina, on Kaya Grandi, will move to their own building behind the Tung Fung store. Spice (across from Plaza entrance) is closed. City Café has finished their lease with the building's owners but has not moved out. They are in court.

► **The ship Krioyo Blue Curaçao** with a passenger capacity of 300 and a 400-cubic-meter storage space plans to sail from Curaçao to Coro, Venezuela, via **Aruba-Punto Fijo-Bonaire-Curaçao** beginning in September.

### Bonaire Inflation in 2012... Still inflating, but not as fast



Source: CBS

► According to the Dutch Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), the inflation rate on the Dutch Caribbean islands was substantially lower in the second quarter of 2012 than in the first quarter. The rate on Bonaire was 3%; on St Eustatius and Saba, the rates were 5.3% and 3.9% respectively in the second quarter. Inflation on Bonaire was 0.6% less in the second quarter of this year from the 3.6% in the first quarter. The decline is predominantly due to the fact that prices of food and home furnishing articles have risen less rapidly than in the first quarter. Food prices were on average 6% up from one year previously, versus 8.9% in the first quarter.

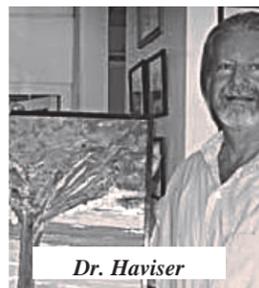


The director of the new company that will run the ferry service, said: "There is much interest for the route. Many tour operators and companies made contact after the announcement. There were also many positive responses from Bonaire. We will therefore celebrate the Day of Bonaire, September 6, on that island. It will be attractive for them to shop on Curaçao because of huge price rises on their is-

land. Thanks to the huge storage possibilities, we can even ship refrigerators for example."

► **Dr. Jay Havisier, well known in Bonaire**

for his archeological studies and involvement with BONAI, celebrated his 30 years as a Civil Servant for the Netherlands Antilles and island governments,



Dr. Havisier

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*Flotsam and jetsam (Continued from page 2)*

last week. To commemorate this he donated several of his paintings to the St. Maarten Disaster Management Office and the Nature Foundation of St. Maarten as a show of gratitude for being allowed to serve the people of the islands for three decades.

► It has been about three months since **Drukkerij De Stad NV** (who prints *The Reporter* and most of the other newspapers available on Bonaire) began a new printing press installation



and it is moving along fairly smoothly.

Print tests and training will commence in another couple of weeks and they should be “pulling paper” and going “live” shortly after.

Readers should notice an improvement in quality. The old press will be dismantled and shipped to Canada as soon as the new press is commissioned and completed.

► **LONDON/PARIS—The world’s first vaccine against dengue fever, being developed by French drug maker Sanofi SA, should protect against three of the virus’s four strains in a keenly awaited clinical trial in Thailand.**

Other drug companies are also working on dengue vaccines but Sanofi’s product is several years ahead. Every year some residents of Bonaire contract dengue fever from a mosquito bite. The sickness is severe but rarely fatal.

► **Chat ‘n Browse is becoming a visitor information center.** Since good information is the basis of all knowledge and since island visitors sometimes find it difficult to park and visit the Tourist Office downtown the shop in the Sand Dollar Mall in the northern hotel row will fulfill the role of Information Disseminator par excellence!



It is a role Chat ‘n Browse shop owner Mike Gaynor has always played. Now he is formally asking all of the businesses, accommodations, restaurants and attractions to let him promote them by passing out their flyers, etc. There is no charge to them for this service other than to continue to offer our visitors a good product and an enjoyable vacation. As usual, Chat ‘n Browse offers visitors the use of their phone at no charge for local calls. Please drop off your material at Chat n Browse, Kaya Gob N Debrot 79. For more information call 717-2281 or email [info@chatnbrowse.com](mailto:info@chatnbrowse.com).

► **The Bonaire Island Council recently officially approved the draft wastewater (sewer/kloaka) ordinance. This new regulation contains rules that are necessary to implement the Sewerage Project that aims to capture the human-produced wastewater from Belnem to Hato**



The work of tearing up the streets to lay sewer lines, the construction of the treatment plant and related elements over the past is almost complete. The Island Ordinance is necessary because it formalizes the rules on connection to the sewage system of households and businesses along the coastal strip. Bonaire now complies with the agreements with the European Union, who financed the greater part of the project. The administrative negotiations with The Netherlands on compulsory connection aren’t completed yet, so the households and businesses involved needn’t take any action now. Government will send a letter beforehand with the necessary information. The wastewater regulation goes beyond the households and businesses on the coastal strip that must be connected to the sewer. The Government is also compelled to collect the wastewater with tank trucks within 500 meters on both sides of the road to Rincon and Lagun.

The regulation also contains the obligation for everyone dumping wastewater to make sure no damage is done to the environment. In principle, this means not polluting the soil, ground water or surface water. Neither may substances or products be

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dumped in the wastewater that could impede the operation of the purification plant (like used motor oil). The sewerage project is to protect the public’s health and the coral reefs. It’s also good for tourism and the economy of the island. Responsible Commissioner James Kroon is pleased the Island Council adopted his wastewater regulation.

► **Five Italian students practicing in Bonaire were treated to an evening at Capriccio Restaurant** before their return to Europe last Sunday. They are participating in a 10-year-old exchange program with the hotel and restaurant section of the SGB comprehensive high school. Students from Bonaire take part in chef’s courses at hotel academies in the region of Emilia Romagna, Italy. This year eight Bonairean students went to Nazareno School. Their Italian counterparts did internships at various restaurants in Bonaire.

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► **Don't forget to enter *The Reporter's* “name the prison” contest.** Bonaire is increasing its prison accommodations drastically and a better name is needed for the facility. Curaçao’s prison is Bon Futuro. Can you top that? Send suggestions to [reporter@bonairenews.com](mailto:reporter@bonairenews.com). Winner gets a large Pasa Bon pizza.

► **Readers! Remember to remind the places where you shop that they should advertise in *The Reporter* because English is the language of bargains and business and will help them get more customers.** ■

G./L. D.

# Elders Celebrate

Some of the older people of Bonaire had a lively, musical and delicious party on Wednesday, July 25, the International Day of Retired Persons. The Bonaire UPAH (association of retired government workers and retirees

from WEB, BIA, TELBO and SELIBON), had a lunch by Giby at Glenda Bernabela's Rancho Bon Ambiente, perfect for the party. It was a time for old friends to get together and share some stories. ■ L./G.D.



Retired Customs head, Ubaldo Anthony, helped organize the day and served as MC.

To Greta Kooistra.  
Thanks for your stories that sensitively capture the feeling and spirit of the people who live on Bonaire. We and they all hope you had a real happy birthday.



About 130 people were seated under trees or in the pavilion for the event.



The spectacular view from the hilltop at the kunuku

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# On the Island Since... January 10th, 1995 - Wisintiemala 'Mala' Harnam

"I am from Paramaribo, Surinam. I was the youngest girl of three girls and six boys so when my mom had me she gave me to some people who lived in the same street. I grew up with them; they were a family of six. Until I came here I lived with that family and I called them mama and papa and considered their children as my brothers and sisters. The parents and one of their sons have since passed away but I still have a close relationship with the others. They raised me very strictly. I wasn't allowed to speak Hindi. At home, at school and outside the house we had to speak Dutch (Surinam is a former Dutch colony), and always had to help in the household. But they were affectionate and I am happy they raised me the way they did because it made me independent; I can do everything myself.

In January 1994 I went to Curaçao for nine months and lived with a foster sister. Then in October that year we came to Bonaire together because she had found a job with WEB. I had been fascinated by Curaçao, but when we arrived here it was all I'd ever wanted – the tranquility, the fact that you could go everywhere on foot because it was small and everything was close. It was paradise!

I was here for one month and applied for a job at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Then I had to return to Surinam to complete the permit. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1995, I arrived on Bonaire. I was 23 years old and I didn't know anybody here.

I worked for three years and eight

not anymore. I've learned to appreciate the quietness and the tranquility."

"We've known each other for 11 years," Mala says, "and we've been living together for eight years. We started at Kaminda Djabou when our son Widjay was born- he's eight now -and our youngest son, Wirash, is three. The eldest is going to Havo 4. Widjay will be going to the sixth grade and the little one is still going to crèche and.... in the meantime Wilfried got a permanent job at Cargill's.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, we bought this house here in Nort di Saliña – fortunately still in guilders! Everything has gone up so much! We changed all the windows and doors and inside we renovated the whole kitchen and everything else. I knew this neighborhood because I often went to visit a friend of mine, Rietje, who lives around the corner. The house belonged to Tico Grijt who was killed in a car accident. It had been for sale for three years until we bought it and from that day on almost every day people would come to ask if they could buy the house. Strange huh? The house is very good – it has a big balcony and lots of breeze, nice and cool. It's a fine place to live – a quiet part of Nort di Saliña with nice neighbors."

*This is a close-knit, beautiful family. They love each other and they respect each other and each family member helps the other and together they make it work. Win is a great guy, mellow, with a good sense of humor and Mala is strict – but in a very wise way. She has insight and she's pretty!*



Mala peeling potatoes while little Wirash is eager to help!



The whole family: from the left to the right: Jaywand, Mala and Win and in front of them Widjay and Wirash

**"It's a good job although the sun can be a bit intense, but especially these days a permanent job is very important!"**

months at Kentucky and during that period of time, my eldest son, Jaywand Cicilia, was born on August 4, 1997. Then I started looking for a day job and I found one as a salesperson for Bonaire Gift Shop. I stayed with them for eight years and eight months.

I had a girlfriend, also from Surinam, and she had a boyfriend who was Win's cousin." Her partner, Wilfried 'Win' de Windt, laughs teasingly. "Look at her, look at her big smile," and Mala blushes and nods affirmatively. "Yes! I liked him! And so yeah, that's how we met...."

"I thought she was a bit strict," Win says, "but after all it wasn't too bad and that's why I'm still here! I am from Curaçao. I was raised in an easy going way. We didn't have too many responsibilities – it was a great childhood. My father worked for Curaçao Dry dock Company Inc. where he repaired ships and my mom was at home. And she wasn't as strict as this one here, haha! But my parents did a good job when they raised all seven of us!

I came here in 2000 to work for my cousin's company, Pro Con. When I arrived I said to myself, 'Where have I ended up?' There was nothing. Now I've been here 12 years. In Curaçao life is very intense and there are always lots of things to do. I don't think Bonaire is boring –

"I changed my job when Best Buddies was sold to Marjolein Gramsma and I went with Marjolein. It's fun to work at Best Buddies and Pearls because you see a lot of people from all over the world. The majority are divers and they like the tranquility here on the island. Quite a lot of tourists come every year and during the years I worked at the shops in Kaya Grandi I've befriended many of them. Alas, these days Bonaire has become expensive, even for tourists, and you notice it because people buy less. I work full-time, five days a week and so does Win. Only when a cruise ship comes to town I work weekends and the same for Win when a ship comes in to collect salt. He works in maintenance. It's a good job although the sun can be a bit intense, but especially these days a permanent job is very important!

We get up every day at 5am and at 6 Wilfried is picked up by a bus from Cargill. Then I take all the kids to school. The eldest is finished at 2pm and he comes home by himself. Widjay goes from Papa Cornes School to Skol di Tra'i Merdia Kibrahacha in the Sentro di Bario here in Nort di Saliña, and the little one stays all day at crèche till 5:30 pm when Daddy picks him up. At home everybody helps in the household and Wirash especially wants to do everything but he's too

little!

Every Sunday we used to go to Thousand Steps or sometimes Klein Bonaire. Now we go for a drive or we go swimming with friends and colleagues. We go to the beach with a group, all of us bringing something *dushi* (delicious) to eat and when the children see the water they're gone the whole day until they get hungry...

Neither one of us has family here, but now and then we go to Curaçao to visit Win's family. And every year we have family over from Surinam. We as a family have been to Surinam twice."

"Surinam is very good, *hopi* (very) great and *dushi*- adventure, adventure!" Win says. "We've made many trips inland, to the jungle, by boat, up to the boarder of Guyana. We also went to Nickerie and slept on the river banks - very good! Very adventurous. I heard lots of noises at night! And every day we had delicious fresh vegetables and fruits – different from the ones you find here. It's a great country to go for vacation, but for the people who live there it's tough, because they don't make a lot of money."

"On Bonaire, the Surinamese community has grown," Mala says while she's peeling potatoes and holds one up. "Look what they look like from the inside. You

have to throw away half. Anyway, all the Surinamese people know each other and on Independence Day, the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, the Surinamese association invites us all to get together. For the last three years I've sold food for fundraisings. The last fundraisings were for the Catholic Church (we're Catholic, you see. Whichever way you look at it, there's only one God) and for the *Kontest di Fli* and for Jerry Pikerie because he's going to Holland for a body building competition. And Win is a volunteer with the Red Cross.

I still have a wish," she laughs, "and that's to travel with the whole family. Next year I want to go on a cruise, to visit the other islands that we don't know. My boss told me it's fun! Of course I went to ask and for all of us in total it will be \$5,000 for the trip. Sure, everything has been paid for but when you arrive at another little island you also need some money to spend!

I am happy. I've built up everything myself. I am just happy with my boys, with Win, with our jobs and our house, with everything we have." ■ Story &

photos by Greta Kooistra



# Pro Kids Bonaire Freestyle & Slalom Championship

The Pro Kids World Champion Windsurfing Competition with entries from England, Mexico, Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba will be held



at Sorobon Beach next weekend, August 2 to 5 thanks to great support from local sponsors. See the background of the photo for the list.

Unfortunately, this year the "adult" Professional Windsurfers Association, PWA, competition won't be held because the fee requested by PWA and the prize money requirements are too high. Bonaire is not the only place where the PWA championships won't be held this year due to the worldwide economic recession, said Elvis Martinus, Pro Kids spokesman.

Bonaire's focus on windsurfing has created sports professionals that made Bonaire known worldwide and is something to be proud of, in the eyes of the sponsors

Event coordinator, Gerrald Victorina, announced details of the 2012 Pro Kids Bonaire Freestyle & Slalom Championship. This event will be dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the Aquaspeed Bonaire Windsurfers organization.

"The program is very extensive, starting with registration day on Thursday, August 2nd. On Friday, August 3rd we will start with the windsurf competition, dominos, bolas, and the official opening followed by a Happy Hour with the Dushi Band directly from Aruba.

On Saturday, August 4th we will have a day of windsurfing, domino, bolas, the 25th Anniversary celebration together with Rincon Krioyo and On Time Band.

Finally, Sunday, August 5th will be filled with different sports final competitions. There will be beach soccer, bolas, domino and also the Stand Up Paddleboard competition (a new sport on the Bonaire scene- ed.). The beach goers will have the opportunity to learn how to practice the Stand Up Paddleboard.

The featured event is the Telbo Big Splash event. We will close our event with the well-known Ephrem J & Loading Band directly from Curaçao. This program is very extensive



Elvis Martinus (far left) speaks to the press and sponsors at the press conference at Akkermans Toyota/Hundai,

and changes could be possible.

For the participants of the Pro Kids event we would like to mention that Kontiki Beach Resort which is our host hotel has a very special price. For more information visit our website [www.prokidsfreestyle.com](http://www.prokidsfreestyle.com) and also our Facebook page: Prokids Windsurfing Bonaire. A reminder for all participants, please register in advance through our website, [www.prokidsfreestyle.com/](http://www.prokidsfreestyle.com/)

Aquaspeed Bonaire Windsurfers together with our sponsors would like to invite all Bonaire to visit the Sorobon Event Site and enjoy it together with us. Without any doubt we would like to give a special thank you to all the members of the organization, the event committee, collaborators, sponsors and everyone who one way or the other made this event possible." ■ Press release/G.D.

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## Bonairean Humor

From the Papiamentu language newspaper Extra, translated by Jane Madden Disko

A man was driving 80 miles an hour in the wrong lane. A traffic cop stopped him and said: I am giving you a ticket because you are driving on the wrong side of the road. The man said: In Germany you have the right to drive there. The cop said: I'm also giving you a ticket because you are driving way over the speed limit. The man said: In Germany, there is no speed limit. The cop said: I am give you another ticket because you do not have your lights on. The man said: Why, it's daylight? The cop said: It's daylight here but it's night time in Germany.



Guy goes into a bar and orders five shots of rum. The bartender lines them up n the bar and the man drinks every one in less than 30 seconds. The bartender says: You drank those awfully fast. The man says: You would drink fast too if you had what I have. The bartender says: What do you have? The man say: Only 47 cents in my pocket.

Two close friends are sitting having a drink. One friend says, You are a lucky man, your wife has a great sense of humor. She told me the funniest joke yesterday. It was so funny I almost fell out of your bed.

On Valentine's Day, a man goes into a store and asks if they have any Valentine cards that say for my one and only true love. The cashier says yes we do. The man says, Great, give me seven of them.

A man and woman have been married for many years and have six children. The man always refers to his wife as "mother of six" when they are in public, and never calls her by her name or any term of endearment. She asks him year after year to please stop it. He keeps on doing it. So one day they are at a big party and it's time for them to leave. The husband announces in front of everyone, "It's time to go, mother of six." The wife replies in a loud voice: "Ok, just let me get my purse, father of one!"

A very drunk man stands up in the middle of a bar and says: I'll pay anybody \$2,000 if they will take me home." Everybody thinks he is crazy and ignores him. Half an hour later he stands up and says: "I'll pay \$3,000 to anybody who will take me home." One patron decides to take him up on the offer and says: "OK, pal, I'll take you home, where do you live?" The drunk guy says, "Do you think I'd offer somebody \$3,000 to take me home if I could remember where I live?" ■ *More in the next edition*

# 45 Year Celebration

"If you could name a person on Bonaire whom everyone knows and highly regards it would be Evert Piar, the Managing Director of Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire.

On Tuesday, July 17th, Evert Piar celebrated 45 years of service at the Friendly Bank, a remarkable and successful career that started in 1967 when he first joined the Bank as a teller, subsequently climbing the ladder to become Managing director in 1990.

Mr. Piar has been an example in our community, not only because he is an excellent manager but because he is an outstanding person. During these 45 years MCB Bonaire went from five employees to 110 employees whom now work with the same passion and dedication as Mr. Piar. Thanks to the devotion of Mr. Piar, MCB Bonaire is one of the biggest private companies with a large number of employees and a leader in banking with many clients and friends who are happy with MCB Bonaire's personal service.

Moreover, Mr. Piar lives by the phi-



Evert Piar

losophy to give back to our community. He is an active member of a large number of organizations and boards aiming to help our community, including the Rotary, Mangazina di Rei, Chamber of Commerce and several more. He was decorated by Queen Beatrix as Knight in the Order of Oranje-Nassau.

Evert Piar's legacy will live forever as the young man from Rincon whose hard work, love and dedication made MCB Bonaire the professional and innovative leading Bank that it is today. ■

Andrea Van Slobbe

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# BONAIREAN VOICES

THE BEAUTY PAGEANTS

Beauty pageants have been the focus of the world today, just like any world wide competition because it's an opportunity for the countries to promote their culture, language, talents and costumes to the world. Bonaire also has been in those competitions for some time to promote its beauties to the outside world like Trinidad & Tobago, Sint Maarten, Dominican Republic, Poland and the United Kingdom, to mention just a few.

**Miss Loresca Anthony, the 2010-2012 second finalist**, participated in the Miss Carib Hibiscus Sint Maarten Pageant 2011. **Miss Benazir Charles Berend**, Miss Bonaire 2010-2011, participated at the Miss Intercontinental Pageant 2010 in the Dominican Republic. She was number 8 in the top 10 finalists. Miss Benazir also participated in the 2011 Miss World in the United Kingdom. In London she was in the top 30 for Miss Sport, Miss Top Model and Miss Beauty of Purpose.



The Miss Bonaire Organization has presented many events to elect a Miss Bonaire to represent the island. **Miss Julina Felida (35), President of the Organization**, recalls some information about the organization. We might mention that Miss Felida, besides being the president of the Miss Bonaire Organization, also has her regular job as a *Marechaussee* (immigration official) for the Dutch Kingdom, working shift hours. She's an active athlete in the Galaxie Volleyball Team and takes care of her mother. Miss Julina has more than a handful of responsibilities, so why did she decide to create a Miss Bonaire Organization?

She explains. "My nephew, Roderick Beaumont (23), who is studying Business Management Administration in Holland, encouraged me to start with the Miss Bonaire Organization because of my experience in organizing a Miss Sport Queen pageant. I myself participated in a Miss Bonaire beauty pageant in 1997-1998 and was the 1st finalist. With my title I represented Bonaire in Sint Maarten in 1998 at the Miss Carib Hibiscus Sint Maarten and was in the top 10 for best photo shooting. In 1999 I participated in the Miss Universe Trinidad and Tobago pageant. In 2010, 4th of September, with a board of five members Miss Bonaire was organized at Harbour Village.

At first, the organization had a gathering with all the participants. Classes on how to be interviewed and public speaking are held in English and Spanish. Mrs. Rosita Paiman contributes for the nutrition part and the training. And at the end the candidate will have a photo shoot. After full period of casting the participants have to wait a week for their official qualifications in the Miss Bonaire Pageant. After the official qualification the rigid preparations begin for three months: etiquette, protocol, public speaking, make-up, hair styling, training, healthy diet etc. The responsibilities of the Miss Bonaire Organization are to prepare each candidate to be a possible winner. Information on a high level is given—all that a Miss Bonaire needs to represent the island. The chosen Miss Bonaire will be sent to an academy for more professional training. This academy, the Laurisa Inspired Academy, is the Miss Bonaire Organization's main sponsor in Holland and prepares the girls for the bigger event. There they get their training—a whole package-

make-up, hair, guard rope and more. Usually the elected misses participate in smaller events like Miss Intercontinental, Miss Supra National, and Miss Globe before they get to Miss World, which is a bigger event. The Academy will prepare Miss Bonaire to the highest standard of the international rules to compete in the Miss World event.

Miss Bonaire also has the responsibility to behave herself on Bonaire and internationally as the elected Miss Bonaire. She has to participate in all the training, interviews and behave as a role model for other youths. She must have lots of discipline. The Miss Bonaire Organization today has **Miss Ana Maciel** who participated in the Miss Supra National Pageant in Poland and was elected as the 3rd finalist for Best National Costume. She is at the Laurisa Academy to prepare to participate in the Miss World the 18th of August 2012 in Mongolia.

The Elected Miss Bonaire 2012-2013, **Miss Saphira Janga (21)** (left in photo), is very talented and has a self confident and independent personality. She will be preparing this year to participate in the Miss Globe 2012 in Europe. After getting more experience she will be sent to the academy for training for Miss World 2013.

The Miss Bonaire Organization thanks all the sponsors who cooperated with them for Miss Ana Maciel to participate in the Miss World 2012: Rochaline Hotel for the souvenirs, Cadushi Liqueur Bonaire, TCB, Commissioner James Kroon, Fundashon Wega di Number for Anna Maciel's ticket to China. Thanks to Auto City for leasing a car for Miss Bonaire 2012 for a whole year. Miss Julina Felida encourages young women to realize their dream and participate in Miss Bonaire. Bonaire helps these youngsters to grow. Give your support when it's needed. With this event you can put Bonaire international on high. Those who want to join the organization to help are always welcome. Send your request to [Missbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:Missbonaire@gmail.com) Pageants are another way of promoting your island. When the event coordinator knocks at your door it's for a good cause. So consider how you can help. ■ Story & photo by Siomara



## The Friday Happy Hour Market Continues

Every Friday from 5-9pm—arts and crafts, affordable drinks and good music

It's the Happy Hour Arts and Crafts Market at the plaza next to El Mundo restaurant on Kaya Grandi. When the cruise ship season stopped in April, 12 people from the original cruise ship market decided to carry on through the low season. It's resulted in a cozy little market, where people sell their locally made art, jewelry and photography combined with good music and affordable happy hour drinks. It's not only an occasion to buy handmade arts and crafts but it also gives people an opportunity to talk to the artists about their work, but also about Bonaire and what's going on. This special event gives Playa, the tourists, families and friends an extra dimension on a Friday evening.

Over the last weeks *The Reporter* has introduced the artists who are part of this market and in this edition you will get to know two more. First there's **Diana**, a thoroughbred entrepreneur: "I am from Bonaire and I've been at the cruise ship market for many, many years, but I am also at the Regatta market, at Dia di Rincon and Dia di Arte.

Everything I sell in my stand is made

by me. I make jewelry from sea glass that I find on the shore. I make slave huts and flamingos from wood and sand. All the magnets I make myself from wood and sawdust. I also use coconut, gourds and seeds and pits as material and at Bonaire Superstore I buy shells (because on Bonaire it's not allowed to take anything natural from the beach) which I integrate into my jewelry as well." She shows me a slave hut with a Christmas tree and a pelican sitting in the tree and she laughs, "I always have these funny ideas to make something different; I see things out of the ordinary! I like to talk to tourists and to explain how I make my things. If they spend over \$40 I always give them a present. Or when somebody comes with a baby I give them a little present for the baby and you know, they really appreciate it! **I would like the government to put up nice little houses on the Wilhelmina Plaza, made of corn stacks and coconut palms and wood - real local huts. That would look good and we could sell our arts and crafts from there!** If they give me permission, I can make it myself. And when we are not using them they can use them for other events. Well, right now I am making a lot of things at home, to be prepared for the next cruise ship season. I am ready for it, but meanwhile I am



Diana offers handmade things a bit out of the ordinary



Aline prints shirts and other articles with her own whimsical designs

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# Piece of Paradise

Answers to your Bonaire real estate related questions. Please email your questions to [reporter@bonairenews.com](mailto:reporter@bonairenews.com)

## OWNING A CONDO ON BONAIRE: PLEASURE OR PAIN?

We believe owning a condo on Bonaire can be an immense pleasure, as long as you are well informed so that you do not fall in any of the pitfalls. Many people who like to own property on Bonaire decide to purchase a condo because of its relative ease: not too much hassle to organize maintenance and supervision when you are not here and usually a very good rental possibility since all condos are located close to the Caribbean Sea here on Bonaire. So, definitely a good choice for many who consider purchasing property on our beautiful island. I believe that you as a buyer need to be fully informed, therefore, below I shall elaborate on what you need to know and look out for when you decide to purchase a condo.

First of all the condo is part of a building, that is built on a plot of land. Before you purchase a condo it is important to establish what grounds you will own with your group of fellow owners: the ground the building is built on, including or excluding the grounds that surround the building. This becomes additionally important when you consider purchasing a condo at a resort or in a setup with more

than one building. When the grounds surrounding your building are not part of your ownership, you will not automatically have a say about the management and upkeep of these. In a worst case scenario they could be sold or further developed without your approval.

With the ownership of a condo automatically comes the membership of the home owners association of the building. We highly recommend you request to read their regulations before buying. These are laid out in the deed of division of the building and their rules and regulations (if the latter exist). In this document the exact division of ownership of the total of the grounds and the common areas of the building and the building as such are laid down. Furthermore they specify the responsibilities and tasks of the home owners association, how often they need to meet and how the votes are divided between the different owners.

The membership of a home owners association implies a fee for ownership. We recommend that you look carefully into the budgeting and financial management of the association. With the membership comes responsibility for this and you want to make sure all is in order and that no financial surprises will arise. In addition we suggest that you look carefully into the state of maintenance of the build-



ings for which you will become partially responsible.

In some condo buildings you will deal with a management company, either on a voluntary basis, or as an obligation that comes with the ownership of the condo. Ask to read the contract with the management company before you purchase a condo. Also ask for realized income over the past, if that is available. Here on Bonaire many management companies do an excellent job of ensuring you a high return on your investment, however you should know your rights and obligations. For example, when the management company only allows you to stay in your own condo for a limited amount of time

annually, and you are looking for a place to retire to, you may have to look elsewhere for a condo. Furthermore, you need to look into the charges the management company makes for taking care of your condo and any guarantees they may want to, or not want to, make with regards to rental income.

All in all, owning a condo on Bonaire can be a very pleasurable state indeed, as long as you have informed yourself properly before the purchase. ■ *Corine van der Hout © Sunbelt Realty*



**Happy Hour Market** (Continued from page 8) enjoying this cozy little market too. I just love the market!"

**Aline** says, "I came to Bonaire in 2005. In Holland I was a graphic designer and now I'm printing T-shirts and bibs with my own designs. This business belonged to a friend of mine who had been at the cruise ship market for several seasons. When she told me it was for sale I bought from her. I still have some of her designs, but now most of them are mine and people can add whatever name or text. This is my first year at the market. It was great fun when the ships came in, but it was also very hectic! There were days I sold 40 T-shirts! I love to meet all the different people and feel all the buzz going on in town. People are always enthusiastic about the results. In general they are just happy to be here and to chat and ask questions about the island. And time and time again you hear that this market is unique in the Caribbean, that we sell handmade beautiful and original quality products, things you won't find again on another island with a different island name printed on it. That doesn't happen here! The inter-

action with my colleagues is very nice too. We always help each other, but we also have a lot of fun together. I made a deal with Ferio from El Mundo that I could get electricity from him for the press I print with. It can get hot here; sometimes it feels like I have a stove in my tent, especially when the wind dies down because the press needs to be 375 degrees Celsius! I've been through all kinds of weather too here at the market - storm and rain - my tent has flown and my computer has been soaked, unbelievable! But I love it; it's fun! **One thing I would like to add: could the government please fix the lighting here on the square?** There are two lampposts but they are not working. Maybe they could put a bunch of new ones. It would make the plaza so much more lively and people could come and sit and chat here at night under the trees - which are beautiful by the way - and have a good time, just like at the squares in Spain or France where people socialize and walk with their kids. I think it would be possible here!" ■

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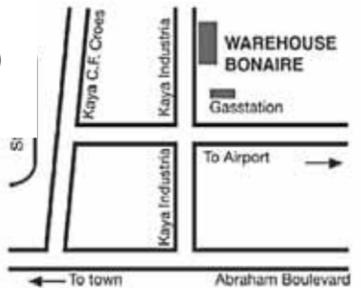
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# Bonaire Jazz Festival 2012



So many words describe the eighth annual 2012 Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival, which gets better and better every year. The scene was set with an awesome multi-media professional stage typical of big city concert venues, but, no, it was on the tiny island of Bonaire at the edge of the Caribbean Sea, which provided the pre-show percussion as the ocean surge hit the wall at the Plaza Resort.

The vigorous tradewinds blew **Rina Mushonga** and her band onto the stage, which proved to be appropriate for her unique, phenomenal musical style. Half Dutch and half Zimbabwean, Mushonga is a force of nature in her own right with many moods, colors, and tones. Her opening song was a high-velocity, passionate dirge that took in the crowd from the very beginning. Throughout her band's set, there was always the sense behind every song of a deep, passionate melancholia in a

sassy, female voice. Too bad that the lyrics of the songs were not projected onto the screen (hint, hint, organizers for next year) so that their impact could be completely understood and appreciated: from one song, "So you thought you were the King, but you're not. Head for open waters, Captain!"; or from another song on abusive relationships, "I never knew you could be so hateful, so cruel!"; and from an anthem on freedom in Zimbabwe, "When we awaken, we rise up!" The pounding guitars and the forceful rhythms of the band made the experience of listening to Mushonga's music akin to achieving introspection through primal scream therapy (or dancing) and reminiscent of another dynamo female artist, Janis Joplin. No wonder Mushonga is taking Holland by storm. And it was amazing that the skies over Bonaire did not pour down in response.

"Mesmerizing" is the word for

**Candy Dulfer's** performance with her alter ego, the alto saxophone. Imagine an internationally-renowned musician with the alto sax fronting a band playing a mix of jazz, hip hop, blues, and everything in between. A quick glance at the crowd reveals 80% have their eyes and mouths open in amazement. No wonder because Dulfer is not only the consummate musician but also the creator of the musical narratives that tell stories of passion, sexuality, insanity, celebration, and downright naughtiness. In fact, she and her saxophone "make love" to every member of the band as well as the audience. With songs like "Party All

Night," "Please Don't Stop," and "Crazy," Dulfer's music exudes a visceral sensuality that makes you feel more than good, more than alive, and more than ecstatic. The musical philosophy embodied in her 1990, Grammy-nominated album, *Saxuality*, is on display here: unabashed, unapologetic, and uncensored. When she and her saxophone direct us, "You know how I like it—just like that," there is no question that we do. To complete the spell she cast the background musicians were swinging, working together perfectly, letting Dulfer rise to a higher level. ■

*Pauline Kayes*

The last performer, **Yoskar**

**Sarante**, was totally loved by the audience – young, old and especially the middle ages. They clustered around the stage, taking photos, dancing, clapping hands. They became really crazy!

Mountains of accolades to the Board of the Jazz Festival organization. Everything was terrific: the groups from the different countries, their styles, the stage, the lights, everything. ■ *Wilna Groenenboom*

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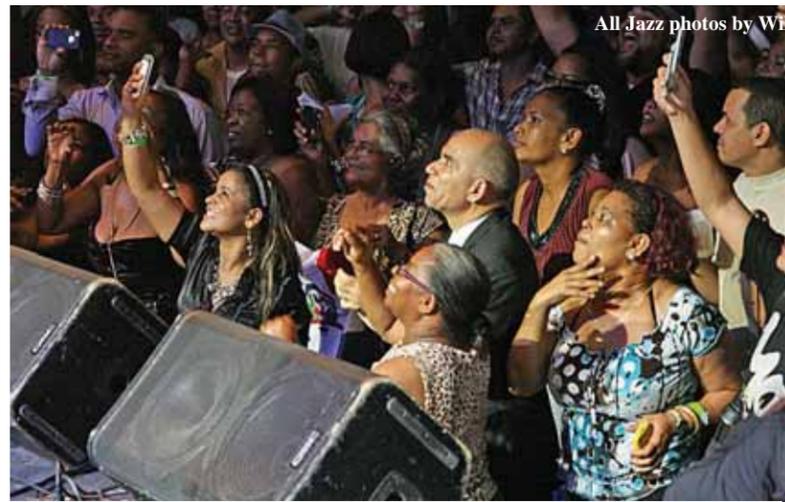
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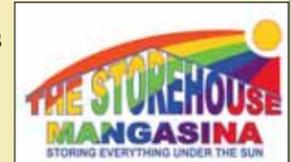
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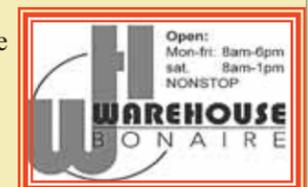
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# Wounded Warriors Coming Soon

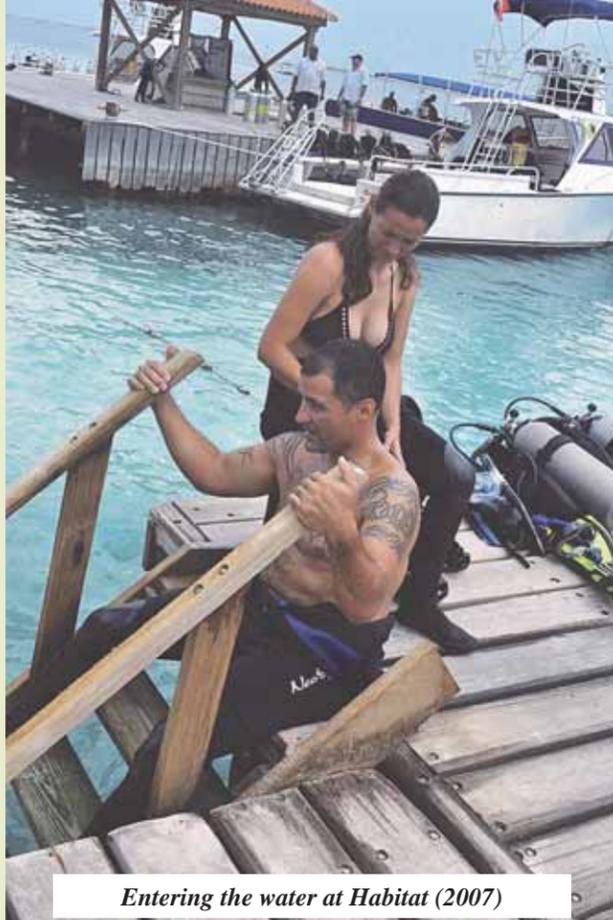
**A Week-Long Program  
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Tourism Corporation Bonaire and the entire island will welcome a group of "Wounded Warriors" later this month. The group will be scuba diving for rehabilitation and recreation from August 18-25, 2012. This is the seventh year that Bonaire, one of the top scuba diving destinations in the world, will be hosting a group of US military veterans.

During this week, severely wounded soldiers and their significant others will travel to the island to complete the final step in the process of obtaining their dive certifications. Representatives of the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association's (DEMA) *Be A Diver* Program, the North American office of Tourism Corporation Bonaire and the Handicapped Scuba Association (HSA) will also be on-site in Bonaire. All accommodations and diving will be provided courtesy of **Captain Don's Habitat Bonaire**. Each year, the people of Bonaire warmly welcome this group and show them not only the natural beauty and pristine waters of the island, but also the friendliness and genuine hospitality of the Bonairean people.

"It's certainly appropriate that these warriors are coming to Bonaire to scuba dive. The fantastic reefs and marine life found on our island help create an unforgettable experience," commented Anja Romeijnders, President of Tourism Corporation Bonaire. "As a scuba diver myself, I know the excitement I feel after a dive. I'm pleased that Bonaire is able to help these impressive soldiers experience that same feeling and always remember Bonaire. It's one way we can thank them all for their efforts and sacrifices."

This year's contingent of 10 Wounded Warriors has suffered life-changing physical injuries received in combat while stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. They and their partners will be kept busy with a variety of activities beginning with the completion of their PADI and HSA dive certifications, which will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Once certified, they will continue diving throughout the week, both from the dock of Captain Don's Habitat and via boat dives to Klein Bonaire and other famous Bonaire dive sites. The group will also enjoy sight-seeing, shopping, dining, a beach BBQ and an authentic Texas-style BBQ. The highlight of the week will take place when the Bon-



Entering the water at Habitat (2007)

aire community gathers to meet these extraordinary troops and their companions at a reception held in their honor with Bonaire's Lt. Governor, the Honorable Lydia Emerencia.

**Sponsors to date of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bonaire-Be A Diver-Wounded Warrior Scuba Certification trip are:** 9Line LLC, Adams Unlimited Public Relations & Marketing, Bikers Bonaire, Bonaire KFC, BonPhoto, BonaireTalk.com, Bonaire Quad Tours, Bonaire Guided Motorcycle Tours, Bonaire Tours & Vacations, Budget Rent A Car Bonaire, Captain Don's Habitat, Caradonna Dive Adventures, Inc., Care Coalition, Caribbean Travel & Life Magazine, Chat & Browse Bonaire, Casablanca Restaurant, Destinations Weddings & Honeymoons Magazine, Disabled Sports USA, DEMA/Be a Diver, Dive Training Magazine, Henderson, H.S.A. International Training Center of New Jersey, Innovative Scuba Concepts, Inc., Iron Order Motorcycle Club Bonaire (Caribbean Pirates Crew), Islands Magazine, It Rains Fishes, Jack Chalk, Jewel Of Bonaire, NetTech, N.V., OCEANIC, PADI, Paradise Moon Bar & Restaurant, Pasa Bon Pizza, Princeton Tec, Rum Runners, Scuba Diving Magazine, Spice Beach Club, Sport Diver Magazine, Tourism Corporation Bonaire, XS Scuba, Wounded Warrior Project ■ *Press release*



# Bonaire Ambassadors

The Bonaire Ambassadors awards were inaugurated by the Tourism Corporation Bonaire almost a decade ago the honor repeat visitors to Bonaire. Recent honorees include:



Howard and Jill Fischer from New Jersey, for 15 consecutive annual visits. They were staying at the Sand Dollar condominiums and celebrating both their wedding anniversary and the graduation of their children.



Norin Martis-Marchena, Operational Manager of Toucan Diving, with Thomas Picciano and Dana Haltug who received their 15-year medals at the Plaza Resort Bonaire. They love diving Bonaire and consider it their second home.



Three more Ambassadors were named in June. They were Robbie and Bob Revel and Margarite Kennedy, shown with TCB's Helen Thode. They also have been visitors for 15 consecutive years. They especially enjoy the Bonairean hospitality and recommend the island to their friends.

# New Waterfront Park Disappoints

Here is Bonaire's new "Park Playa Pabou" on the waterfront promenade next to the Kas di Arte.

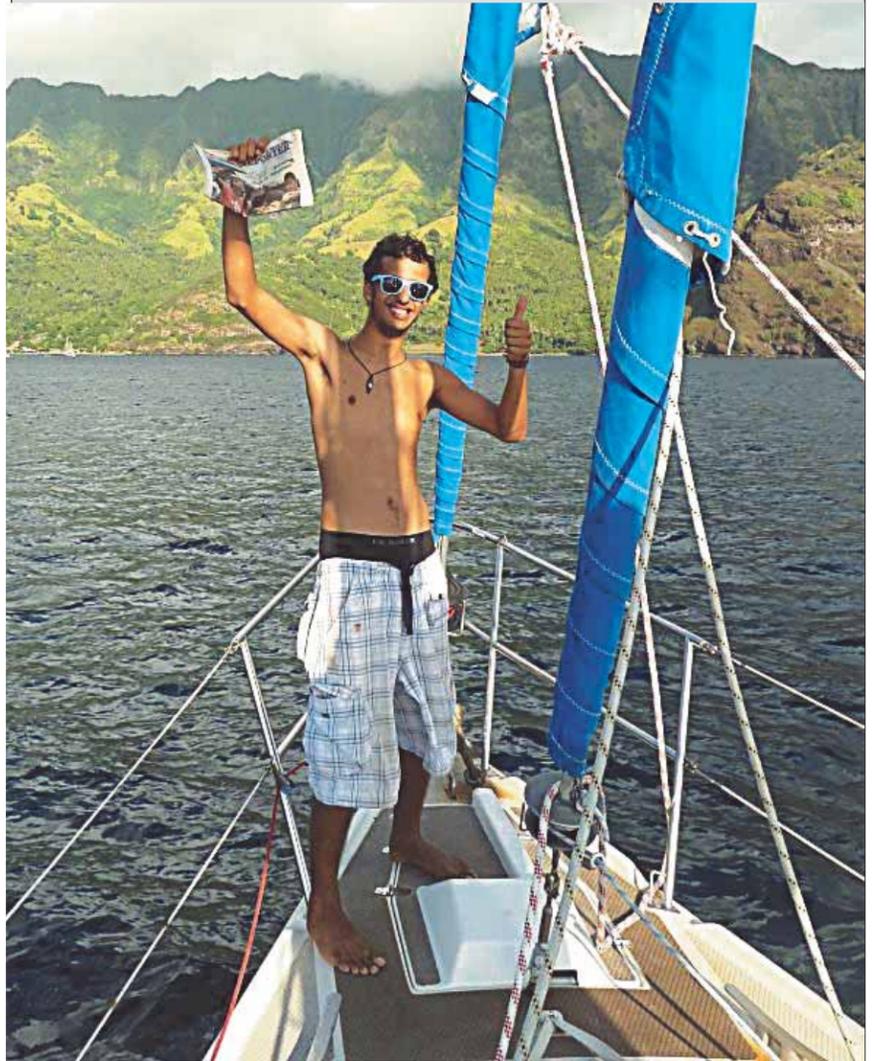
It's a disappointment to many who were led to believe it would be a people friendly place for neighborhood children to play, to have picnics and gather to chat. Even the designer says it's not what was in her drawings.

With the crushed stone surface it could make a nice parking lot. ■

L.D.



# Picture Yourself In Tahiti, French Polynesia



Bruno Ottens waves a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* shortly after his recent arrival in Tahiti aboard the sailboat *Guppy* with the world's youngest solo circumnavigator, **Laura Dekker**. Bruno met Laura during her stop in Bonaire a couple of months ago and they have been sailing together ever since. They plan to spend three months in Tahiti before heading for Australia. The mountains of Tahuatu is the photo's backdrop. Wow! ■

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**August 2-5** —Prokids Windsurfing Championships at Sorobon. See story on page 6.

**Saturday, August 4**— Monthly Farmers' Market at Kriabon, Kaya Nikiboko Nord, past More for Less, next to Aquamarin School., 8am-1 pm For info or a table call 717-4587



**Sunday, August 5**— Back On Track performs at the Tera Cora Ranch from 8-9 pm

**Sunday night-Monday Morning, August 12-13**— Perseid Meteor Shower. See page 19

**August 18-25**—Wounded Warriors in Bonaire, See page 14

**September 1, 2**— First International Yoga and Ayurveda Convention on Bonaire. Presented by Vivek Yogi from Rishilesh, India, at Landhouse Wanapa More details when available.



**Sunday, October 21**—Xtreme Mountain Bike Race- 81 km new long Xtreme-route or the 51 km shorter Xtreme-route. Start training now

## REGULAR EVENTS

- **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.
- **We Dare to Care Park children's playground** open hrs 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm entrance fee 1.00 per child & 1.50 per adult. Saturdays open for free. Closed on Sundays.

### Saturdays

- **We Dare To Care Playground Bazaar**, Flea market tables are \$10.00 except first Saturday of the month when they are free. Open 9 am - 2 pm. - Call Marissa - 701 1103 Everything for sale, old & new: household items, plants, baby things, clothes & shoes. Food riot, BBQ. All funds go toward maintaining the Park.
- **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month**, at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am to 12 noon.
- **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) Last Saturday of the month** at Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter's Garage Sale-see below), 8 am-noon
- **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga**—every Saturday, 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989

- **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the month**, 7-9 pm. (Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. 560-7539. ) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

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

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

### Sundays

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

### Mondays

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- **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar**— Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book Reef Windows.

### Tuesdays

- **Chez Nous Restaurant**—Multi-course dinner prepared by students, under direction of teachers, \$20. At the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-4628.

### Wednesdays

- **Chez Nous Restaurant** —Multi-course lunch, about \$12, at the high school. Reservations mandatory 700-4628.

- **Ben & Harrie Acoustic Guitar Duo** at Spice Beach Club, 6-9 pm, Eden Beach

### Fridays

- **Happy Hour Crafts Market at Wilhelmina Park**, sponsored by Bonaire Arts and Crafts Association. 5-9 pm.

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

## FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Monday -- Touch the Sea** -- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, every Monday **when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

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

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## CLUBS and MEETINGS

**AA meetings** - every **Wednesday** at 7pm. Phone: 790-7001 and 796-4931

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

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

**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 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. 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. Tel. 785-0046.

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

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

**International Bible Church**, Kaya Pappago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debro. Sunday 9:00 am Worship service in English; 10:45 am Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm Adult bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

**Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk** – Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

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

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# "Monuments" Of Bonaire



The symposium started at the Executive Office Building (Bestuurkantoor)...

As in other places – in Rome for instance, where their ruins are a tourist attraction - Bonaire too has its “monuments” or ruins of buildings where people of other generations lived and worked, a testimony to the history, culture and soul of Bonaire. But, sadly, because of ignorance, lack of money and interest these old places are being demolished at an increasingly rapid rate, some by wrecking balls, others by neglect which allow nature to take over. At the moment only 15 buildings on the island are protected by law but it’s estimated there were hundreds more and that number is diminishing as we write.

Last week, teacher-author-photographer, Wilna Groenenboom (author of Document Bonaire) was on the island and held a “monument symposium” to bring interested parties together to do something about this accelerating loss of our cultural past. Invited were monument specialists from Curaçao, members of the community who have preservation foundations, a representative of the Governor, a member of the judicial staff, head (and only member) of the Bonaire Monument Foundation, head of *Ruimte & Ontwikkeling*, the new head of SKAL and the press, among others.

Groenenboom says, “Each year I come back and more and more houses have been torn down, especially along the coastline. Can you blame the people, if they can sell and make a lot of money?” “And this is a new start,” she said. “Where are we today with our monuments? This group of people have already started a process of preservation, but we find that a lot more must be done before we can really start preserving these places, not just on paper. They are the souls of Bonaire.”

The group was taken to see for themselves some of the treasures still standing on the island – a Kas di Hala in Jato Bako, a plantation house where social events like wedding receptions were held (see photo below). Another traditional Kas di Bara house is in Nikiboko complete with cistern and oven, and two nearly gone ruins that crumble by the day.

So what exactly is a “monument?” Unlike the ancient buildings of Rome on Bonaire “ancient” can mean it must be at least 50 years old. It must be of historical and cultural value, of a traditional style and hopefully in good condition.

Groenenboom considers herself a “motor to give some extra power to a process that’s already begun. But with money from the SfA (The Netherlands Architecture Fund), I found an organization which hopefully can help me with my dream (which started in 2005 with the articles of ‘Antique Living Houses of Bonaire’ in *The Bonaire Reporter*) which has become bigger and bigger - to preserve the last monuments of Bonaire. They are the history, culture, the soul of Bonaire. But also the SfA can help this preservation project financially and make it come true. The SfA believes it is important to do investigation, but most of all it must be open to a big group, not only for the specialists, but also for the ordinary people. Doing an investigation of the monuments of Bonaire, what is a monument and what not? We want to make a ‘monument route’ on the island.” To complete the process the author is working on a book, *Bonaire - An Architectural Journey*, where history, culture, nature, beliefs (churches), education, and economics comes together around the old houses of Bonaire. ■

Laura DeSalvo

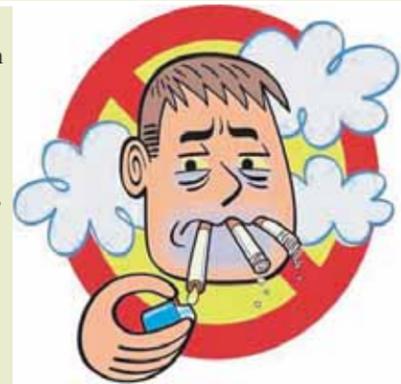


... and continued with visits to structures that have “monument” possibilities

# Stop Smoking Bonaire

This fall on Bonaire a group will embark on a Stop Smoking program aimed at all our population as well as visitors. It is also designed to prevent anyone from starting this addictive habit. It is hoped that the Department of Health will come through with their promised support, but I have found that waiting for Government is like waiting for water to boil or paint to dry.

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute! Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Only engage, and then the mind grows heated. Begin, and then the work will be completed." —Jean Anouilh



Let’s get serious about our health. We all overeat to some extent and don’t always get enough rest or just party too much. Of course all these bad habits are not as lethal as smoking! We were all duped over the years by big tobacco companies into thinking smoking cigarettes was sophisticated and set us apart as the “in crowd.” As we all know it was a pack of lies. All I remember from my youth was my parents, who had cigarettes dangling from their lips, saying, “It will stunt your growth!” That was an understatement!

The evidence that tobacco is the cause of a long list of nasty diseases is irrefutable. We’re talking not only heart disease, stroke, and chronic lung disease but also bladder, lung, and pancreatic cancer. Around 400,000 Americans die each year--one every 80 seconds--from tobacco-related illnesses.

If we know that smoking is harmful, why can’t we stop doing it? Because nicotine is powerfully addictive, and the cigarette is one of the most efficient drug-delivery devices ever devised. When people try to quit, they often experience classic nicotine withdrawal symptoms: anxiety, irritability, headache, depression, and restlessness, to name a few.

But people can, and do, stop--once they find the right reason. Here's a list of 25 other reasons. Some are scientifically based, some a stretch. I hope there's one here that rings a bell with each of you.

1. I'll have fewer wrinkles.
2. After the first year, I'll have saved enough for a cruise.
3. My breath will smell better than my dog's.
4. I'll be around to see my grandchildren.
5. I won't have to go outside between courses at a restaurant.
6. There are new drugs that can help, including bupropion (Zyban).
7. My physician won't need to "counsel" me anymore.
8. I'll live longer.
9. I won't feel like a leper in public.
10. I won't have to worry about how smoking is ruining my health.
11. The average person tries to stop smoking at least four times before succeeding. I'm on No. 3, and I don't want to be average.
12. I won't have to hide my habit from my children.
13. My fingers won't get frostbitten when I go outside.
14. I'll be able to exercise more.
15. In time, I'll have the same life expectancy as a nonsmoker.
16. My cat won't get emphysema.
17. I'll cough less.
18. I'll be able to taste and smell food again.
19. My children will have fewer ear and respiratory infections.
20. I won't have to wonder if my date is bothered by cigarette smoke.
21. My teeth will be whiter.
22. I won't waste time looking for a smoking area everywhere I go.
23. No more wheezing.
24. I won't have to listen to talk about what it's like to kiss an ashtray.
25. My plants won't turn brown. ■ Mike Gaynor

## Sudoku Puzzle

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## Sudoku Solution

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

# Pet of the Week

Here's "Tygo," who's only about 2 1/2 months old, being cuddled by Rose at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Rose is from Holland and is vacationing on the island and of course had to spend some of that time at the Shelter having fun with the puppies. Tygo was found abandoned after his owners moved. But luckily a neighbor found him and brought him into the Shelter. Tygo is perfect to cuddle with his soft fur and adorable little face. With all those spots he must have had some Dalmatian in his background—at least as shown on his body and spotted tummy. Tygo has been checked by the vet, pronounced healthy, has been wormed, given his inoculations and will be sterilized when he's old enough. And he is so looking for a home where his master or mistress will always be there for him and not just up and move away!

You may see Tygo and the other cats and dogs available for adoption at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. For the latest Shelter news and current Pets of the Week from *The Reporter*, go to [www.Bonaireanimalshelter.com](http://www.Bonaireanimalshelter.com).

## SHELTER NEWS:

Are you a visitor on the island and missing your pets? Then you are invited to come out and have some fun socializing with the very appreciative cats and dogs at the Shelter—like Rose in the photo did. You're very welcome to meet



Tygo and Rose

the pets and have a good time.

One of the special things about this Shelter is that the animals are housed in social groups—not like in some shelters where each individual animal is in a cage all alone. How sad because these are true "social animals." Maybe that's why our Shelter pets are all so well adjusted, kind and affectionate. See for yourself!

■ Laura DeSalvo



# Did You Know...

That one of the most common causes of SCUBA diving injuries in people can also occur in marine mammals that dive to great depths? This injury is called Decompression Sickness, also known as DCS or 'the bends.' The air we breathe is made up of roughly 21% oxygen and 79% nitrogen. As humans breathe air from scuba tanks at depth, nitrogen gas gets dissolved into the bloodstream. DCS can arise due to a sudden or rapid drop in pressure, such as a rapid ascent. The nitrogen gas forms bubbles that expand and travel through the bloodstream and lungs, which can cause severe pain, tissue damage and in extreme cases death.

It was previously thought that the anatomy, physiology and behavior of diving marine mammals prevented the formation of any harmful nitrogen bubbles, making them immune to such diving complications. However, recent studies of stranded sperm whales and common dolphins have showed evidence of bubble formation in bones, veins and kidneys.

Scientists believe that, under normal circumstances, marine mammals manage their dive profiles in a way that minimizes the risk of DCS. Human activities, such as military sonar tests, are interpreted as a direct threat by the diving mammals, causing them to severely change their behavior, and thus dive profiles, causing greater than normal concentrations of nitrogen gas and bubble formation. These activities have been identified as the most likely cause of some of the beaked whale strandings. Dissections of these individuals showed bubble formation inside the whales, suggesting DCS as contributing to



Sperm Whale— Woods Hole photo

their deaths.

Marine mammal diving injuries appear to be more rare than human diving accidents, but this new information demonstrates that whales and dolphins are susceptible to nitrogen bubble formation and either tolerate the effects or alter their behavior (dive profiles) to manage the amount of dissolved nitrogen in their bloodstream. This is just one more example of how we are connected to the mammals of the sea. ■ Wiley Sinkus

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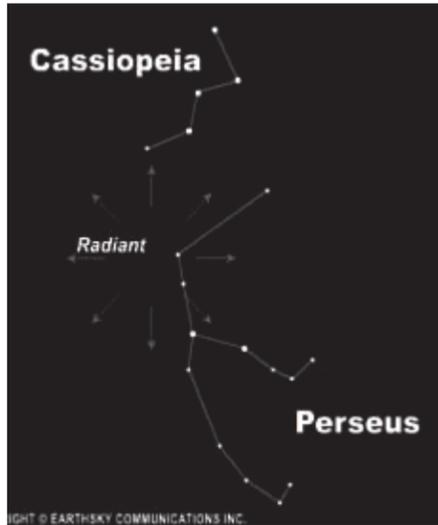
## PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

This first week of August is time to get ready for the **Perseid Meteor Shower** which will peak this year on **Sunday night August 12<sup>th</sup> through Monday morning the 13<sup>th</sup>**. The meteors will be as plentiful as they usually are and the sky will be dark because the **Moon** is a waning crescent which rises well after midnight.

The Perseid Meteor Shower is one of the most easily observed meteor showers because it occurs during August. The second best Meteor Shower is in early December.

Meteor Showers happen when the **Earth** runs into the stream of debris left in the path of a comet as it orbits the **Sun**. In this case the comet is named **Comet Swift-Tuttle**, after two astronomers, Lewis Swift and Horace Tuttle who are credited with discovering it. Since the Earth's orbit is pretty regular and repeats much the same way each year we come back to the same spot in space at the same time every year. This is why the Perseid Meteor Shower repeats at the same time each year. It's not that the comet comes back each year at this time. The most recent visit by Comet Swift-Tuttle was in 1992 and we're not expecting it again for 135 years. But next year the Perseid Meteor Shower will happen again because debris from **Comet Swift-Tuttle has been spread all long its orbital**

Now for something else we can see next week. Get out after sunset, any night next week, look west and you'll see several bright points of light, some stars and one non-star. Let's start with the brightest light that you're likely to see first. Twinkle, twinkle little star about half way up from the horizon you'll spot a very bright star, **Arcturus**. Arcturus is not a run of the mill star. It is the third brightest star we can see from Earth and it's over 200 times brighter and about 26 times the diameter of our Sun. An easy way to remember the name of Arcturus is to look for the **Big Dipper** in the northwest and extend the arc of its handle and you'll come to Arcturus. Arc to Arcturus, remember? Below Arcturus closer to the horizon you'll spot



a pair of somewhat dimmer lights. The light to the left is the star **Spica**. Spica is a hot blue multiple star whose light has taken over 260 years to get here while the light you see from a planet like **Saturn** which only needs about 85 minutes to make the trip from Saturn because Spica is nearly 2 million times farther away. This is a great opportunity to see how stars and planets differ in how they look in the sky: stars will twinkle, while planets won't.

Stars look like dimensionless points of light since they are so far away while planets actually look bigger because they are so much closer. The twinkling of a star is really caused by movement in the layers of air that the light from the star has to pass through on its way to your eye. Planets don't usually twinkle because their image is not disrupted as much by this movement of the air. You don't hear anybody singing twinkle, twinkle little planet.

So take a look at Spica and see if you can see it flash and change color and then compare Spica to Saturn off to its right. Then look at Arcturus, higher in the sky and see if it's twinkling. So remember that the Perseid Meteor Shower will probably fizzle this year but Spica, Saturn and Arcturus will dazzle in the early evening. ■

Dean Regas



# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

August 2012

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Opportunities to get together with people in powerful positions could help you get ahead. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. Put your efforts into job advancement. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) First find out if they're married. Knowledge can be acquired if you listen. Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself and you won't get dragged into an unsavory debate. Don't use the roads as a race-track. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Helping children may be rewarding and challenging. You can make excellent investments if you are in the right place at the right time. Travel will initiate new friendships or love connections. Go out with friends or family. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You can make amends by taking them somewhere special. You will have a tendency to put on pounds. Your personal life will be disrupted if you have been too busy with business. You may be offered opportunities that will result in a higher earning potential. Your lucky day will be Monday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home. Plan a trip to the country or take a drive to the beach. Trips will be exciting. You may be tired of working for someone else. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Children will keep you busy. Social gatherings will be conducive to meeting new potential mates. You will meet a person who may turn out to be more than just a friend. Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may have the energy to clear up that mound of paperwork facing you. You need to chal-

lenge yourself. Consider selling your homemade crafts at the flea market. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You will be appreciated for the competence you exhibit and for taking on responsibilities. You may have been trying to do too much, leaving yourself exhausted and open to colds and infections. Go out with friends and avoid the situation on the home front. You can solidify your relationship if you plan a special evening with your mate. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Abstain from getting involved with married individuals. A passionate party for two might be just the remedy. Your boss won't be too thrilled if you leave things unfinished. Use your energy wisely. Your lucky day this month will be Friday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your changing philosophies may lead you into new circles and open doors that will give you a unique outlook on life. Remain calm and you'll shine. Passion should be your goal. You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. You must be sure not to be frivolous, because as the saying goes, easy come, easy go. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Make sure that you get legal matters checked out thoroughly. Opportunities to upgrade your living standards will come through your lover or through joint financial investments. Don't reveal anything about your personal life that could be used adversely. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Problems with ear, nose, or the throat are likely. Relationships will be emotional this month. Evasion is likely if you aren't direct about your feelings. You will need to do a lot of research if you wish to get to the bottom of things. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday. ■

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