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Cassilda van der Neut (third right) was the 2013 recipient of the Elton Jones Memorial Award for her contribution to further awareness about HIV/AIDS especially among the youth. She has been a driving force with the Girl Power programme carried out in high school. Also in photo: AIDS Foundation Treasurer Rajesh Chintaman, Candlelight Memorial keynote speaker Krish Budhrani, AIDS Foundation Secretary Ria Uiterloo, PMT Project Manager Suzette Moses-Burton and Health Minister Cornelius de Weever. See story on page 8.

Unions want COLA for 2011 and 2012 indexed

~ Will not accept 'unilateral decision' to pay in lump sum ~

PHILIPSBURG--The four unions representing civil servants and teachers will be sending a joint letter to Prime Minister Sarah Wescot-Williams informing government that their membership will not accept the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2011 and 2012 in a lump sum.

The unions and their membership want the payment to be indexed to salaries as had been done in the past. The unions in their joint correspondence say that they are willing to enter into discussions on the future COLA payment, but will not compromise on the 2011 and 2012 payments. Sig-

natory to the letters are representatives of the Windward Islands Teachers Union (WITU), ABVO St. Maarten union, Windward Islands Civil Servants Union/Private Sector Union (WICSU/PSU) and NABP union.

The letter to Wescot-Williams and government was drafted on Friday morning following a GOA (Organized Consultative Body) meeting with Wescot-Williams on Thursday.

The content of the letter was discussed with WITU members during the meeting. *Continued on page 11*

Sufficient reason for new elections

PHILIPSBURG--The current political crisis in St. Maarten provides sufficient reason to dissolve Parliament and convene new elections, according to Arjen van Rijn, professor of constitutional law and constitutional renewal at University of the Netherlands Antilles.

In a submitted contribution on page 37 of this newspaper, Van Rijn describes what he called an

ideal way to solve the current crisis in government. Based on Article 22(2) of the St. Maarten Constitution, the three National Alliance Ministers and Minister Pantophlet have to resign as they no longer enjoy the confidence of the majority in Parliament.

"There can be absolutely no discussion about the compelling nature of this rule. Members of Parliament should be held to their word." *Continued on page 7*

William: Ministers to submit resignations when decision taken to dissolve Parliament

~ Speaks with Plasterk, Governor about impasse ~

PHILIPSBURG--All three National Alliance (NA) ministers and Minister Romeo Pantophlet have signed letters of resignation and will hand them in to Governor Eugene Holiday as soon as a decision is taken to dissolve Parliament and hold early elections, NA leader/Deputy Prime Minister William

Marlin stated in a press release late last night.

His statement was issued after he had a lengthy conversation Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk on Sunday evening and continuing discussions with Governor Eugene Holiday about the ongoing political developments in the country.

Marlin outlined the situation so far in St. Maarten to Plasterk and told him the situation in St. Maarten was "becoming tense and explosive. ... I have never sat in a meeting with that many police officers present. This is not like St. Maarten. And before matters get out of hands, he is calling on the authorities to act before it is too late."

Marlin said, "The people need to be given an opportunity to speak out in new elections, the people need to give a new mandate as to whom they want to run this new government." *Continued on page 9*

Samuel to tender resignation today

~ Marlin asks him not to resign ~

PHILIPSBURG--President of Parliament Rodolphe Samuel (National Alliance (NA)) says he will tender his resignation as president today, Monday.

He made this statement on PJD2 Radio's People's Voice with Lloyd Richardson on Sunday morning. However, he declined to say what procedures he would use and how

this would affect today's plenary session of Parliament scheduled to deal with the recent political developments in the country as well as the new coalition's motion of no confidence against four ministers.

Independent Member of Parliament (MP) Romain Laville, a member of the coalition, said that *Continued on page 10*

IN BRIEF

Philipsburg PRESSING ISSUE

Identifying and purchasing affordable land to construct affordable homes is still the first priority of St. Maarten Housing Development Foundation (SMHDF). **Page 3.**

Willemstad PARTY MURDER

Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf reported on Saturday that his own party might have been behind the recent murder of "Pueblo Soberano" (PS) leader Helmin Wiels. **Page 9.**

Philipsburg PANNEFLEK APPOINTED

Justice Ministry Policy Advisor Richard Panneflek has been appointed the ministry's Acting Secretary-General. **Page 10.**

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