



Several of the island's cyclists formed a symbolic arch, holding up bicycle wheels in respect and affection, as the hearse carrying the body of the late cyclist Bas de Haan drove into the airport on Friday morning bound for his final resting place at home in the Netherlands. The final tribute followed last Sunday's memorial ride and tribute in which some 300 cyclists took part. Bas de Haan succumbed to injuries after he was struck by a speeding car on Airport Boulevard on September 6.

CPS urges alertness to prevent Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease

PHILIPSBURG--The Ministry of Public Health's Collective Prevention Services (CPS) urges parents and guardians, day care centres and playschools to be on alert for an increase in clusters of Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease (HFMD) in school populations and to take extra measures to prevent HFMD such as washing of hands often with soap and water.

HFMD is a common viral illness that usually affects infants and children who are 10-years of age or younger. It can sometimes occur in adults. There is no vaccine to protect against the viruses that cause hand, foot, and mouth disease.

Symptoms of HFMD include cold-like conditions, fever, mouth sores, loss of appetite, cough, and a skin rash; a non-itchy red rash that de-

velops on the hands and feet, and sometimes the rash can develop into painful blisters; painful mouth ulcers.

Persons with symptoms should consult their family physician and take necessary measures in order to mitigate an increase in the observed numbers of HFMD.

For more information, call CPS at tel. 542-2078 or 542-3003 or e-mail surveillance@sintmaartengov.org.

Population invited to complete survey for traffic/parking study

MARIGOT--In connection with the realisation of a Schéma Territorial de Déplacement (STD), the objective of which is to improve traffic circulation and parking throughout the territory for everyone, the Collectivité invites the population to answer questions on their driving and parking habits in a survey ordered to obtain a better understanding of the situation, for car drivers and those who use public transport.

Questionnaires were distributed in the various districts, in the professional sectors, and via the press by a group of interviewers from August 12 to 26.

Those who have chosen to respond to the written questionnaire are invited to return it by mail to: Collectivité de Saint Martin, BP 374 Marigot - 97054 Cedex St. Martin.

Completed questionnaires may also be deposited in the boxes provided for this purpose (blank questionnaires are also available) in Hotel de la Collectivité (ground floor lobby), reception hall of the Territorial Archives and Library, Grand Case Cultural Centre (Secretary's Office), Sandy Ground Cultural Centre (lobby), and district council headquarters in French Quarter (secretary's office).

It is also possible to complete the two questionnaires online

on the Collectivité website www.com-Saint-Martin.fr (click on the page of the new site, then click on the link for « Transport and Travel Survey »).

As a reminder, the blue questionnaire focuses on patterns and travel choices and is aimed mainly at drivers of private vehicles. The green questionnaire concerns the degree of satisfaction for users of buses and public transport. Answers will help to identify new perspectives on accessibility, on which the Collectivité can realise the STD.

Questionnaires, which are anonymous, must be completed and submitted by September 30.



This group of interviewers conducted the survey from August 12 to 26.

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