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## **Isla di Pedro**

**Into the mangrove tunnel:  
Astrid Francisca, Dalitza Victorina, Ilva Sint Jago,  
Ben Oleana carrying Silviene Sint Jago  
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# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



**I**t looks like Bonaire is without a sea ferry once more. Reports in the local press say the ferry, which began service about a month ago, has abandoned the Bonaire-Curaçao-Bonaire route to sail between Coro, Venezuela, and Aruba. The office of Admiral Shipping, the local agent for BCA Ferries was closed. Factors mentioned in the decision to abandon the Bonaire route included lower-than-anticipated passenger and vehicle traffic and the length of time needed for the voyage between the islands. Some Bonaire residents breathed a sigh of relief for they felt that the ferry could provide an easy conduit for illegal arms, drugs and stolen goods since there was little control on the passengers and cargo.

► The Court of Justice rejected the "quiet approval" given by Antillean Transport and Communication Minister Richard Salas to Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) to conduct 38 of the 42 weekly flights to Aruba allowed by the aviation protocol. That is the result of the appeals filed by both BonairExel

► Paul Hoetjes from the Central Government's Environmental section reports news from Saba that will encourage Bonaire's environmentalists but dismay its goat farmers. Last week the Island Council of the Island Territory of Saba passed an Island Ordinance on Identification and Registration of Cattle and Domestic Animals. It calls for:

- A registration and tagging system
- Prohibits free roaming of goats and other livestock
- Imposes fines and penalties for contravention of the ordinance
- Offers a cash incentive program to goat owners in an effort to reduce the number of goats on the island

The Saba Conservation Foundation will buy back the freshly killed goat meat from goat owners for a limited time. The Buy-Back Period will extend for a set period of three months, starting July 1, 2004. Goat owners are presented with an instant opportunity to increase their income and to enjoy a one-time windfall. In addition, registration and tagging of goats and other livestock will be available to all farmers free of charge during the three-months period. Thereafter, fees will apply.

and DCA concerning the granting of flights between Curaçao and Aruba. The ruling meant that no official permission was given to DCA for the 38 flights. The court has since stated that BonairExel can execute 14 flights of the 42 flights as requested.

**BonairExel is now free to pursue a damage claim against the government for income lost** while the Minister failed to allow the Bonaire-based airline a reasonable number of flights, despite several favorable court rulings.



► It was an event that might profoundly affect the speed and procedures to change the present structure of the Dutch Kingdom and shows that Holland has the future structure of its former colonies very much on its mind. Last week during the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) concerning the European constitution, The Netherlands lobbied for a simpler procedure for the status modification of an ultra-peripheral territory (UPG) and

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Overseas Countries and Territories (LGO). This would enable the eventual modification of the relationship of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba with

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(*Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2*) the European Union to take place without official treaty adjustments, even after the European constitution is agreed upon. The upcoming Bonaire Referendum has relationships with The Netherlands and the European Union as a major consideration. If the European Union agrees to the proposed adjustments, a statutory amendment can be made based on a simpler procedure than a treaty amendment. In that case, a unanimous ordinance will suffice, following an initiative by the member-territory concerned - a lot simpler procedure than a treaty amendment

► Convicted Curaçao political leader Anthony Godett, whose FOL party was ousted from the Central Government, **wrote a letter to United Nations (UN) Secretary Kofi Annan** denouncing meddling by the Dutch Government in the governing process of the Netherlands Antilles. The letter cites the 1960 UN Resolution 1514 on the right of self determination. Godett said Dutch Kingdom Relations Minister Thom de Graaf was putting pressure on the process of forming a new Central Government coalition by promising to make more funds available for the Antilles. As the

leader of the biggest party in both the Antillean Parliament and Curaçao's Island Council, Godett believes Holland is not only meddling in Antillean politics but undermining democracy in the islands.

► A new **Central Government** is to be sworn in Thursday, June 3. It's composed of representatives from all the islands and consists of 15 of the 22 Parliament seats: PAR 4, PNP 3, PLKP 2, DP St. Marten 2, Bonaire UPB (green) 2, **WIPM 1 and DP Statia 1**. The opposition is formed by FOL 5, DP Bonaire (red) 1 and National Alliance 1.

► **Last Sunday was the 35th anniversary of the May 30, 1969, riots in Curaçao**, when parts of Willemstad were burned. Former workers of the Shell oil refinery, who had been transferred to contractors to do the same work for less pay, sparked the protest.

► The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has assessed **the government of the Netherlands Antilles' civil aviation authority as Category 1** -- in compliance with international aviation safety standards for oversight of the Netherlands Antilles' air carrier



**Phil and Laraine Katzev, Producers; Donna DeSalvo Associate Producer; Hendrik Wyuts, Film-maker/Director; Captain Don and Janet Thibault**

► In the coming months you can look forward to viewing **Captain Don, The Movie**. The months-long production by ScubaVision had a preview showing at the new Flamboyant Restaurant last week. The movie presents the story of Captain Don Stewart who arrived almost penniless on Bonaire more than 40 years ago and whose vision and determination resulted in helping make Bonaire the SCUBA diving center it is today. Philanthropists Producers Phil and Laraine Katzev bankrolled the movie which contains recent footage as well as priceless snippets from the past. For information contact Hendrik Wyuts of ScubaVision at 717- 2844 or 785-9332.

## POLICE UPDATE

### Public Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius reports:

• Last week ( May 23 to 30) there were **10 drug-related arrests at Flamingo Airport**. Nine of those arrested were from Curaçao or Holland, one was from Bonaire.

• **A goat thief was caught stealing a goat** from a *kunuku* (farm). He's being held pending further investigation because he may be a habitual goat thief. The Prosecutor says it's extremely difficult to catch goat thieves. "It's easier to catch goats," he says.

• The Prosecutor has a strong feeling that with **the recent arrests of the three burglary suspects** that the areas of Sabadeco and Belnem should rest a little easier. One of the three is their main suspect, and as he says, "We're looking in the right direction."

• Prosecutor Wesselius has had a meeting with the dive and tourist operations to discuss **the break-ins at the dive sites**. The thieves are mostly young

teens and even if they are caught there is no facility where they can be locked up. However, it's been shown that if someone is around the site, they flee. The Prosecutor's suggestion is that those groups involved with tourism station someone by the dive sites. As an example of this he mentions the Karpata dive site which hasn't had any problems since the new manned snack bar has been open up there.

### Charles Suriel of the Police Department reports:

Last week there was a stabbing on Kaya Mariana. One man had two stab wounds in his back. His brother had been hit by a wooden beam and was bleeding profusely from the head. Both were taken to San Francisco Hospital. The stabbed brother was sent to Curaçao for more medical treatment because his condition was grave. The police have begun a deep investigation into the case and are on a manhunt to find the suspect who is 19 years old. □ L.D.

operations.

► Here is the 2005 classification of the preference of foreign students for US universities at the undergraduate level, provided by the **American Universities Admission Program** ([www.auap.com](http://www.auap.com)), a for-profit company based in Florida:

- (\* Ivy League school)
- 1) Columbia (NY) \*
- 2) Stanford (CA)
- 3) NYU (MA)
- 4) Cornell (NY) \*
- 5) University of Pennsylvania (PA)
- 6) MIT (MA)
- 7) Princeton (NJ) \*
- 8) Harvard (NY) \*
- 9) Caltech (CA)
- 10) Penn State University (PA)
- 11) Yale (CA) \*
- 12) Duke (NC)
- 13) Dartmouth (NH) \*
- 14) University of Miami (FL)
- 15) Georgetown U.(DC)
- 16) University of Chicago (IL)
- 17) Wake Forest (NC)
- 18) Pepperdine University (CA)
- 19) Boston University (MA)
- 20) Vanderbilt University (TN)



► Sipke Stapert visited naturalist Jerry Ligon to try to identify a **"mystery" duck** he'd seen. After looking at the color plates in Jerry's field guides they were able to give a name to the duck seen earlier in the day near the Lagoen landfill. It was a **Black-bellied Whistling Duck**, usually seen in Venezuela. Bonaire has had only one previous sighting on record, in 1981, when a flock of 13 were sighted here.

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LETTERS



Dear Editor:  
 Perhaps you already heard, or maybe you do not know this yet, but 12 talented prospective culinary chefs from the ABC islands and teacher Vernon Martijn of the Hotel School Bonaire (part of SGB) will go to Italy for a stage (training) period in two hotel schools during the month of October.  
 In addition, Sara Matera, as project manager/coordinator; Moreno Binelli, as liaison between the schools in Emilia Romagna and the three islands Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire; and I will accompany the group.  
 After their return to Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire, 12 well-motivated, internationally oriented chefs will enrich the islands.  
 The costs to organize this stage period are high, as you can imagine. For some of the costs we've already found sponsors and donations. We are very grateful that the hotel schools in Cesenatico and Serramazzoni will pay for the greater part of the costs of stay.  
 KLM will allow us exclusively to collect **Flying Dutchman award miles** from its Frequent Flyer Members to pay for the cost of the Bonaire-Amsterdam-Bologna stretch and back. The journey will cost us 50,000 award miles per traveling person. Therefore, in total we

need for Bonaire, 800,000 award miles to cover the cost of the flights for 16 persons. We did the same program two years ago with the same successful KLM award program for the students of Bonaire.  
 We would like to ask you to donate a few (thousands) of your KLM/Flying Dutchman award miles that you might have collected. You will find the total of the award miles you earned by traveling KLM on the Flying Dutchman statement that you receive on a regular basis. Of course, you can also donate **Northwest Airlines** world perks.  
 You may help us now by sending us a signed confirmation to donate a few miles. This will allow The Culinaire Bonaire Foundation in the future (probably in August 2004) to transfer, one-time only, the award points you donated to the account of The Foundation for further expeditions to KLM. We will mention in our public announcements the names of all sponsors, unless you notify us not to mention your name.  
 We hope that you will support this initiative to help the young and talented chefs of Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire attending this international training-period.  
 Culinary Regards, also on behalf of Sara Matera,

*Ruud Vermeulen*  
 The "Culinaire Bonaire" Foundation  
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(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 3)

► There has long been a need for the **expansion of the Bonaire public library**. And now, with the signing of bylaws for the Public Library Foundation of Bonaire, it can become a reality. The current library, located behind Jong Bonaire, has long been neglected. Except for some donations there have been no new books for years. The library expansion is to include some computerized facilities as well.

► Photographer Pierre Arsenault and his associates were on the island last week to photograph subjects that will appear in stories in the magazine, *Bonaire Nights 2005*. One of the fea-



tured stories is about Bonaire's own Special Olympics Team and how it's affected the athletes and the island. In the photo, Head of Coaches, Elizabeth Wigny (black shirt), poses with the athletes. Our team will be going to the Pan Caribbean Games in Jamaica this July and will be participating in swimming, bocce, bowling, athletics (running) and tennis. Helping to coach the bocce team are three "60 plussers." It's people like them who help make the team happen. If you would like to donate funds, the account number at the **Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire N.V. is #105.780.04**. Or, if you wish, you may mail a **check payable to "Special Olympics Bonaire"** to: Maduro & Curiels Bank Bonaire, P. O. Box 366. Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

► Last week we reported the proportion of foreigners living in Bonaire. According to the Population and Housing Census of 2001 conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics **the leading nationalities registered in the whole of the Antilles are:**

Dutch, Dominican (DR), Haitian, Jamaican, Colombian, Guyanese, American, Venezuelan, Indian, Surinamese, English (UK), Portuguese and Chinese. Bonaire has about a 17% foreign population, almost the same as the Nether-

## WEBSITES FOR AIR TRAVELERS

Flight info is hard to come by on Bonaire, but we found two websites that are most useful:

**[www.flytecomm.com](http://www.flytecomm.com)**

This site allows you to search by flight number or airport and you can see a plane's speed, altitude, arrival time, and flight status - even a map showing the plane's location and the weather conditions.

**[SeatGuru.com](http://SeatGuru.com)**

On this site you select the airline you're flying and the model of the plane (shown on your ticket). The site tells you which seats are quiet and which have leg room, which recline and which don't. □

*Dabney Lassiter*

**Note:** DCA, Divi-Divi and BonairExel are not listed, however, KLM is listed.

*Ed.*



lands Antilles, 16%. Interestingly, St. Maarten's proportion of foreigners grew from approximately 39% in 1960 to 50% in 2001

► A contract to provide **middle income housing**, *Proyekto di Pueblo* (PPP), through cooperation of the government and the private sector has been signed. The government will provide long-lease land in Hato and Nikiboko North. The private sector (PPP) will provide the infrastructure and build the houses. The owners can finance the homes through the Post Office Savings Bank. To be eligible for a house the person's salary should be between NAf1.800 and 5.800 per month and the person should not already have a house, land, or long-lease property of his/her

own. If interested make an appointment with the PPP employees to register by June 16th. Call the PPP office for information. Tel. 717-3381.

► Sara Matera, owner of the ex-Green Parrot Restaurant and well known in the food and beverage industry, will be working with the **TCB (Tourist Corporation Bonaire) in an interim position**, assisting the staff and board on a part time basis. Sara has been the driving force behind the Bonaire Culinary Team and the SGB Hotel School's students being invited to participate in a training program in the Emilia Romagna region of Italy. Of late she has been in Aruba helping to set up new restaurants and hotels. □ *L./G. D.*

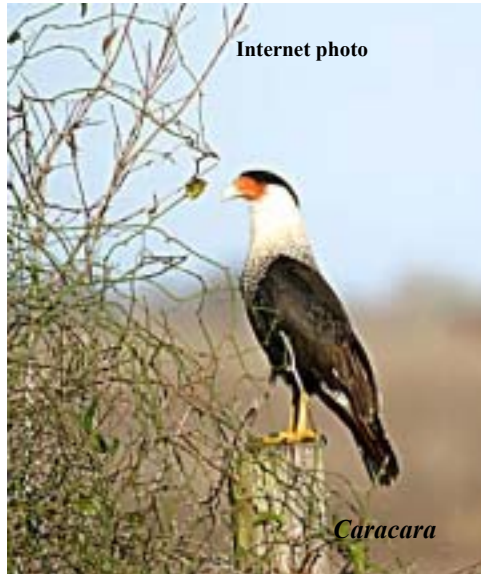
# CRESTED CARACARA

Ten years ago, when I first started guiding nature tours on Bonaire, I could count on showing 10 to 12 *Caracaras* to nature enthusiasts from all over the world, during a morning tour of the north of Bonaire. This spring I have led four tours recently on which I have not seen even one *Caracara*, and I am alarmed.

The bird is the bane of goat herders on Bonaire, and their name for it is *Warawara*. They see it as an evil thing that comes out of the sky and eats their newborn goats. To the Bonairean goat herder, there is good, there is evil and no in between. Anytime they see one they will kill it with their gun. When they find a *Caracara* feeding on a recently dead goat, to the single-minded goat herder, it is obvious that the *Warawara* killed the goat; therefore, it must also be killed. As a goat herder you control what is at your disposal to control. You can't do much about the unrelenting drought, but you can take things into your own hands when something is near your dead goat and you own a shotgun.

## Crested *Caracaras* are Scavengers

Crested *Caracaras* are more commonly known as the Mexican Eagle and is that country's national emblem, just as the Bald Eagle is the emblem of the US. Almost every souvenir purchased in Mexico will have this bird of prey perched upon a cactus with a serpent in its talons. They are scavengers, taking dead animals and performing the disgusting service of cleaning up decomposing and smelly carcasses. A physical characteristic, a head without feathers, they share with another scavenger, the



vulture, allows these birds to be able to eat bacteria-laden food sources and not worry about infection from contaminated feathers along the head and neck. Sunlight destroys bacteria and molds and keeps the birds healthy. Being a scavenger also means that they will kill in order to eat as well as finding something already dead to make a meal of. I am amazed to watch a *Caracara* walking on the ground, hopping over downed cactus and ducking in and out of acacia and thorn bushes trying to catch a whiptail lizard, quite un-hawk-like. We usually portray such regal birds as majestic masters of the wind as we see them soaring high overhead. *Caracaras* remind me instead of a chicken on the ground chasing grasshoppers, and that adds a bit of comic irony to the remainder of the bird family- *Falconidae*- to which they belong.

**The *Caracaras* of Peaceful Canyon**  
Peaceful Canyon is a unique place on

Bonaire, a road that goes through a ravine filled with limestone cliffs and dramatic caves and high overhangs, a wild area with many species of birds nesting without the heavy burden of human presence, which reminds me of my home state of Colorado. For three years I have been studying a pair of *Caracaras* that have occupied this picturesque canyon, taking my birdwatchers here, setting up my spotting scope and delighting in watching the pair as they perch on one of two large cacti. I have seen them with whiptail lizards in their talons, perhaps intending to feed young on the nest, but they are elusive and do not visit the nest when they are being watched, even from a distance and through a powerful spotting scope. I have not found their nest, but that is okay - just another mystery to unravel.

I have witnessed a strange behavior that was totally foreign to me as a biologist and which has caused me to undertake an extended research project into scientific literature in order to find out what they were doing. Often, I would see one of the pair, usually separated from the other by the width of the canyon itself, throw back its head and make a remarkable cackling sound, bring its head back to the normal position, then repeat the behavior over again. At first, I thought I was witnessing a stage of courtship because the other one was always in view so this behavior could have been performed for its benefit. However, this strange behavior was only an indication of mild alarm that there were intruders in their territory.

Recently, I have not found the *Caracaras* and the passage of time without them in the canyon leaves me facing the dreaded fear that they may have been the victims of a shallow-minded and uncompromising goat herder. The canyon is not the wild and unique place it

was when the *Caracaras* could be seen streaming over the canyon rim, their white wing tips gleaming conspicuously. And I must admit that the island also will not be the same, and I must make another adjustment to an out-of-step island that I want to be a better place on which to live.

There has to be an island-wide effort to protect what few *Caracaras* that we have left, but I am afraid that the goat herders are not going to listen as we witness the continuing overpopulation of their "hooved locusts" and the devastation of our flora due to their selective browsing. We do get an idea what natural vegetation could be grown here on this dry-rock island if the goats were not allowed the freedom to continue their devastation. Notice what can grow when vegetation is goat-proofed, i.e., by fencing. Instead we see the steadily increasing abundance of the type of vegetation that goats do not eat: thorn brush and plants that have natural toxins. In the balance, the island goes deeper into debt to the goats and we are all losers.

□ Jerry Ligon

*Note: Historian and journalist, Bôï Antoin, says that in the past the kunukeros did kill the Caracaras, but he hasn't heard of that happening now. He thinks that there are more Caracaras now than ever, especially in the Bolivia and Santa Barbara areas, especially in the very early morning hours. However, there is currently no scientific evidence indicating a trend in the island's Caracara population. (We have seen dead Caracaras on the road several times, having been hit by cars.)*

*See "Flotsam" article on page 2 to learn what the island of Saba is doing about its goat population. Ed.*



# THE HIDDEN ISLANDS OF LAC BAY



Historian-Journalist Boi Antoin described the island's past as a lime producer.

When you first look a Lac Bay, either from the seaside or shore, it appears to be a semi-enclosed body of water bordered by solid mangroves. But many of those mangroves are actually on a handful of islands well known to Lac fishermen. They shelter idyllic lagoons that are home to waterfowl, flamingoes, turtles and juvenile pelagic and reef fish and their larger brothers that prey on them.

This weekend Bòi Antoin, assisted by brothers Victor, Ben and Nolly Oleana, guided those who were curious about these "mystery islands" (*Islas Yuana, Kalki, Juan, Rancho and Pedro*) on special walking tours. Nearly 100 people, in small groups, took part.

The trip to *Isla Yuana*, Iguana Island, was by a small motor boat that was alternately pushed by hand to navigate the tricky route. But to get to *Isla Pedro* we

had to slog through waist-deep water, our feet deep in the mangrove mud. It was fun.

We told you about *Isla Yuana* in the May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003 issue of *The Reporter*. *Isla Pedro* is quite different. First it's within 100m. of the road to Lac Kai, although you'd never know it. It is far larger, perhaps over 10 acres, being the largest of the group and made completely of sand. It's bordered by huge mangroves but within are a large variety of trees. There once were many more and larger trees but they were used for fuel to produce *kalki*, chalk which is the lime used for mortar in the days before cement was available on Bonaire. The island is dotted with low heaps of charcoal, the remains of the fires that burned the coral rubble that produced the lime. (You can see a replica of the structure of the fire pit that was required to produce the high



Danielson Antoin photo

The Publisher and Editor finally emerge from the Mangroves

temperatures needed at the outdoor museum at the entrance to Washington Park.) The north end of the island protects a small lagoon said to be frequented by flamingoes. We didn't see any but did spot many other species of birds. There is a dilapidated shack on the sea side of the island. From the scattering of outboard motor parts and other debris that re-



The sticky business of exploring

main it was probably used by fishermen for expeditions rather than a permanent home, explained Bòi. Following our slog back to the mainland we headed for the beach across from KonTiki where the organizers served up a wonderful Bonairean BBQ. If you get a chance to take this "tour" which was organized by the *Amigu di Naturalesa* to benefit Bonaire's walking team for the "Five Days of *Nijmegen* Walk," don't miss it. □ G. D.



## WINDSURF SCENE AT SOROBON

# NORTH TO WIN

It's northbound for some members of the Bonaire Sailing Team as they head to the Sixth Annual King of the Cape (www.kingofthecape.com) in Massachusetts, USA. Cape Cod is a familiar sailing ground for members of the team. Bonaire has made this windsurf pilgrimage for the past four years and has always dominated the top places. Keke Dammers, Kiri Thode and Taty Frans will attend this event for their fourth visit. Jayson Jong, sponsored by local Cape Cod company World Sails, heads back for year two, and Clay Emers travels for his first trip to the chilly waters of Cape Cod. Real Wind is sponsoring his adventure in full. This is an exciting opportunity for this 17-year-old sailor. Taty, who has placed in the top three for three years, will no doubt be seeking the top spot in this \$10,000 purse. It is expected that the team will certainly dominate the top three and possibly top five spots based on their past accomplishments and their freestyle skills.



Jayson Jong, his sponsor Jim Ballentyne of World Sails, and fellow Bonaire windsurfer, Ro Mayer

The event is a freestyle competition, trade show and kids' clinic in one. It's called Windfest Cape Cod so the guys will get to meet many industry people in the windsurf world. It's another wonderful cultural opportunity for our team to visit and see another part of the world and treat the spectators and press to another dazzling performance. Our team had best carry wetsuits and warm clothes as recent air temperatures have been in the 50s (Fahrenheit) and water temperatures the same. This is 30 degrees colder than their training grounds on Bonaire.

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Winds are back in Lac Bay. May/June provide typically the best winds of the season so our many visiting tourists are being treated so some super sailing conditions. This roving reporter is just back from a weekend in Aruba where the winds were gusty and inconsistent due to the many hi rise hotels creating a wind shadow. Bonaire truly is the best spot in the Caribbean for sailing. It's nice to be home. □  
Ann Phelan

### KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
6-04	1:35	2.2FT.	100
6-05	2:27	2.1FT.	101
6-06	3:23	2.0FT.	96
6-07	4:15	1.9FT.	86
6-08	5:17	1.8FT.	74
6-09	1:11	1.4FT.	62
6-10	3:28	1.3FT.	52
6-11	4:55	1.2FT.	46

### VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alegria	Henderberg	Rhapsody
Angie	Honalee, USA	Rusty Bucket
Astrolabe	Jalapeno	Sabbatical, USA
Bird of Paradise	Jupiter	Sandpiper, USA
Blauwe Crab, Curaçao	La Contenta	Santa Maria, Sweden
Betty Jane	La Escotilla	Scintilla, Germany
Borealis	Lady Awce De Serk	Shiraz
Camissa, Chan Is.	Lady Diane	Sirius
Camperdown	Lionstar	Sjoiurner
Cape Kathryn	Lovina	Soverign III
Cappoquin	Libertijn	Surprise, USA
Caravela	Lucky Lobster, Curacao	Sundancer III
Carpe Diem	Luna C	Sylvia K
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Dream Maker	Magalita	Ta B
El Sabor	Misty Blue	Ti Amo, USA
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Galadrial, USA	Pauhana	Ulu Ulu, USA
Gatsby, USA	Perseverance	Unicorn, Norway
Goril Too	Polecat	Varedhuni, Germany
Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	Precocious Gale, USA	Ya-T, BVI
Hannah	Queen of Hearts	Zeno's Arrow, USA

## CLASS TRIP on AQUASPACE



On the May 28, 17 children of class 5A and two teachers from Kolegio Papa Cornes went for a trip on the trimaran Aquaspace. The children wrote a short story about it.

Yesterday we went on the *Aquaspace*. There were 17 kids and two teachers, Maaike and Nienke, who enjoy themselves. Beforehand everyone made a drawing and a poem about the sea. The students with the 17 best drawings and poems were allowed to go on the *Aquaspace* with the teachers. Then we began with the journey of the *Aquaspace*. We went first to Klein Bonaire. We saw two turtles there and a lot of fishes and corals. Then we continued the journey to Andrea Beach. There we got a question from Jeffery, the captain of the *Aquaspace*. Whoever was closest to the answer or got the answer right

would win a T-shirt. The question was: "How many times did I make a trip with the *Aquaspace* in one year and three months?" There we got a winner, Roel Schiffers. His answer was 750, and the correct answer was 748. We enjoyed seeing the beautiful nature of Andrea Beach. There we saw another turtle and we ate chips and candy. Then we went to the shipwreck in front of Harbour Village. It was really beautiful. Then the journey with the *Aquaspace* was over. We enjoyed ourselves a lot and had a great time.

Thank you Jeffery!

Class 5A Kolegio Papa Cornes



# 35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR WASHINGTON PARK



*The youngsters who made it the whole way by bike and kayak: Indra Kirnon, Gravey Anthony, Alvison Anthony, Marjolein Offerman, Ashluwin Frans, Christopher Frans*



*The Kayak Launch*

It was one of the most fabulous events of 2004 - the celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington Park, and it was all free! The strategic maneuvers to stage this event were worthy of a high ranking tactical general! The Park was open at 8 am and despite the rain, the crowds were already there, setting up the Rincon Marshé booths, signing up to hike, kayak, bike or snorkel. The staffs of Washington Park and the Marine Park were everywhere, directing and executing operations so that all ran smoothly. Kayak tour operators were there with dozens of kayaks that were trucked to Playa Benje, to be picked up later at

Slagbaai. Members of CURO (dive operators) showed up with loads of masks, snorkels and fins to loan to the snorkelers. Volunteers were there with trucks of all sizes to ferry the people and bikes from one site to another. Thanks especially to Lele Davison of El Navegante who trucked people and bikes from one end of the Park to the other. As the adventurous bikers, hikers and kayakers went off into the Park's wilderness for a few hours, others thronged the entrance to go through the newly completed Park Museum, hike the trails or stroll through the outdoor museum, chat with friends, buy drinks and superb local

food at the Marshé stands. For the children, George "Cultura" Thodé told stories about the Park, and popular artist Nochi Coffie and the kids created a beautiful mural of the Park and its nature. The awesome mural will hang in the museum. As well there were treasure hunts and painting and crafts for the kids. By noon many of the adventurers had returned, muddy and starving. The stands did a brisk business and kept on cranking out the barbeque, goat stew, sweets and drinks. Live music from local groups encouraged the audience to dance. Occasionally the sun would peep

out, but the overcast weather didn't make a bit of difference because the "sunshine" was already there with everyone enjoying such an exciting and well conceived festival. Thanks to Stinapa, the staffs of the Bonaire Marine Park and Washington-Slagbaai Park and all the others who put this event together. If only we could do it again before another 35 years! □L.D.



*Lively Singers*



*It smells so good!*



*Nochi and kids create mural*



*The new flying Lora Museum display*



*The bike riders begin their muddy trip to Playa Benji and beyond.*



**COUNTDOWN TO THE  
DIVE FESTIVAL  
NEXT SATURDAY –  
JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

**T**he Dive Festival is HERE! Be sure to get to the TCB office, Kaya Grandi 2, early. It will be open on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from **12 noon – 6 pm**. Register for the Festival and get your wristband. First 200 to register get T-shirts! Registration will continue at 8 am Sunday. **Sunday at 7 pm the Official Opening Ceremony** of the 8th Annual Bonaire Dive Festival will be held at Wilhelmina Park; followed by the **Taste of Bonaire** (treats from most of Bonaire's finest restaurants for NAf5 each) with live music. The material you get at Registration will give you all the exciting details. But we have some info that might not have made it into the handouts.

- *The Bonaire Reporter* is offering a **free three-month online subscription** to *The Reporter* to all non-Bonaire Residents who sign up. Call us at 717-8988 and leave your e-mail address, we'll send you a user ID and password. Bonaire residents can still get their free hard copy every week.
- The Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat will be set up as a **dive museum**. By Captain Don himself.
- **See sneak previews** of scenes from the Captain Don Story at Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat.
- Each Tuesday of the Dive Festival (June 8th and 15th), Dee Scarr will be conducting an **Underwater Caretaking seminar** at 3:30 pm, at the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat.
- On Wednesday, June 9, there's a **Caribbean BBQ buffet**, at the Divi Flamingo Resort's Calabas restaurant, from 5.30 – 9 pm with a fantastic **Fashion & Dance show that starts at 7 pm** by the pool with many 'give-a-ways.
- Thursday, June 10 - **Beach Cleanup at Lagoen**, starting at 9 am. All invited. Sign up required at STINAPA, 717-8444. Limited space

See you there! ☐ *G.D.*



*This photo of a parrotfish won second prize for William Miller in last year's Sea and Sea photo competition*



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**JanArt Gallery**, Kaya Gloria 7, Bonaire Local Art, Art Supplies, Framing, and Art Classes. Open Tu-We-Th & Sat 10 am-5 pm Friday 1- 7 pm; or phone 717-5246 for appt.



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## FOR SALE

**For Sale- Good Stuff- Digital Converter System (AIWA) NAF475,00 = NTSC-PAL; Panasonic Fax Machine NAF 375,00; Amana Air Conditioner 12,000 BTU NAF 375,00- Call Jesse Thode at 717-6030**

**Large Aquarium with custom cabinet.** 90 Gallon capacity. Fresh or Salt water. Has all accessories and pump, and a chiller. Now only NAF 1.250 or best offer (was NAF 3500 new two years ago). Must sell soon. Call Jake. Tel: 717-6773 or [jakeandlinda@nettech.an](mailto:jakeandlinda@nettech.an)

**Almost new 4DTV Satellite TV** Controller and 6 year old 10-foot satellite dish with automatic positioning controller. Get hundreds of TV stations. New was NAF 6100, but must sell due to move - NAF 1.800 or best offer. Call Jake. Tel: 717-6773 or [jakeandlinda@nettech.an](mailto:jakeandlinda@nettech.an)

**Used Washer and Dryer** (both 110V) for sale. Excellent condition, rarely used. Only NAF 1000 for both. Call Jake @ Tel: 717-6773 or [jakeandlinda@nettech.an](mailto:jakeandlinda@nettech.an)

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**Gas Oven with Stove & Stove Vent** for sale - 6 years old, but in excellent condition. Won't fit in our new house. Need quick sale. NAF 300. Call Jake @ Tel: 717-6773 or [jakeandlinda@nettech.an](mailto:jakeandlinda@nettech.an)

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## PET of the WEEK

“**M**orris” has got to be one of the most loyal dogs that ever was. Someone whom he apparently loved abandoned him on the east coast by Willemstoren Lighthouse. A couple who like to walk their dog there came across him one day. The next day when they were walking they saw him again, still in the same place. They started to think maybe he had been dumped so they brought him some food and water. The third day Morris was still there, just waiting for his owner to come and get him. The couple called the Shelter to report his whereabouts.

Since he's been in the Shelter Morris has impressed the staff with his sweet and easy going disposition and how well he gets along with the other dogs. And the fact that he'd be a loyal companion goes without saying. Morris is about a year old and once he's stabilized in his environment he should grow into a bigger dog. He's in excellent health, has had his tests and inoculations and has been sterilized. You may meet Morris at the Bonaire



Morris

Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. We are very happy to say that “Bruno” our Weimeraner look alike who was Pet of the Week in the May 21-28 edition, has been adopted. All the best for a happy future for all! □

L.D.

## JOB WANTED

### LOOKING FOR JOB:

Looking for a job as a Mother's Helper. Responsible 7<sup>th</sup> grader available as a Mother's Helper, July and August, 8 am to 4 pm. Call 785-6820 or email [ann@bonairewindsurfing.com](mailto:ann@bonairewindsurfing.com)



## PROPERTY FOR SALE/RENT.

House for sale- **Nice house at great location.** Surrounded by 15 acres of land. Incredible view. For details contact: 785-3965/787-0998 email: [agrimar@bonairelive.com](mailto:agrimar@bonairelive.com)

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## BOATS FOR SALE

Boat, type **Boston Whaler**, 13 feet with 25 hp Yamaha, including trailer. NAF6.500 or Euro 3.000. Call 717-6887

Traditional **Bonairean Sailing Sloop, 21'**. A dream to sail. Bargain at NAF10,000. Two time Regatta winner. One of the last of its kind. Call 717-8988 or 785-6125.



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## HOUSE TO SIT

Former Dutch Conservation and Environment Officer (CEO) **Enit Scholtens would like to house-sit** from the 12th of July till the 9th of August while she is here visiting Bonaire. If your house is available for all or part of this time please contact- [benit@wanadoo.nl](mailto:benit@wanadoo.nl)



# BONAIRE AMBASSADORS



*Desiree Marchena of the TCB, Andy & Dolly Catanzaro and resort manager Rianne van Balegoie*

Dolly and Andy Catanzaro received their bronze medal during the manager's cocktail party at Sorobon Beach Resort. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year that they have visited our island. They were very happy to be awarded the bronze. They can't wait to go for the silver in just three more years. Twelve years ago they were looking for a naturist resort and discovered Sorobon Beach and have since fallen in love with the island and continued visiting Bonaire year after year. Andy, a doctor in Milwaukee, has a very busy life back home. During the holidays in Bonaire they get to do things they like. Some of the things they enjoy doing on island are snorkeling, flying kites and radio operation. Bonaire is very good for amateur radio enthusiasts. During their vacations they communicate with thousands of radio amateurs from all over the world. Radio operation, the beautiful island and the wonderful people are the reasons they keep coming back. □ *TCB release*

# PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER



## THE NETHERLANDS

Reinoud van Gent, who spends time on Bonaire as a veterinarian, was mailed a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with the article on the manufacture of Bonairean goat cheese. On a visit to Bonaire last March he instructed Aletta and Simone on goat cheese manufacture. In the article in *The Reporter* he read about their success and was pleased that the operation is going so well!!

As you see in the photo his sons have a hard time getting used to Holland again: But they still "dive" to see fishes every day! □

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# BONAIRE HIT PARADE



TW	LW	#W	BAND	SONG TITLE
1	1	3	ORK. CACHE	24/7
2	3	5	JANET JACKSON	ALL NITE (DON'T STOP)
3	2	3	M.E.G.A.	MI KURASON TEY PA BO
4	6	3	PERFEKTA SON	STIMA MI MENOS
5	4	8	USHER/LUDA/LIL' JON	YEAH
6	8	2	GUESS	SA BO KE SA?
7	9	3	AGR. PAL'I WIRI	KI NODI BO TIN
8	11	2	SUGAR DADDY	SWEET SOCA MUSIC
9	14	1	ELVIS CRESPO	HORA ENAMORADA
10	13	1	EL MEDICO	(CUBA)CHUPA CHUPA
11	15	1	PEPE AGUILAR	CRUZ DE OLVIDO
12	N	N	ALPHA BLONDY	LALOGO
13	N	N	RUMBA BAND	DESTINO (BACHI NOBO)
14	N	N	H-UBA	WHAT THAT
15	N	N	ELVIS CRESPO	PEGATE

### LISTEN TO THE TOP HITS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 12 NOON - 1PM

A regular feature of *The Bonaire Reporter* is the **Bonaire Hit Parade**, a listing of the 15 most popular songs on the island. It is compiled by the staff of Digital FM 91.1 and shows this week's (TW) and last week's (LW) songs. □

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

**New! Usually 9:00 pm**

**Man on Fire**  
(Denzel Washington)

Early Show (usually 7:00 pm)

**Taking Lives**

Kaya Prinses Marie  
Behind Exito Bakery  
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf10,50 (incl. Tax)  
High Schoolers - NAf7,75

NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM **Pietje Bell 2: De jacht op de Tsarenkroon**

SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM  
**Starsky & Hutch**

### THIS WEEK

**Friday, Saturday, June 4th & 5th - Nazario Alerto Fund Raising Walk** for "Five Days at Nijmeegen" team. Start at Washington Park entrance, Friday, June 4, 3 pm. Finish, Park entrance, June 5, 10 am. Info call Natalie Wanga at 786-2225.

**Saturday, June 5 - Rincon Marshé** - open air market with stands selling local food, drinks, gifts, plants, herbs. Friendliest place on the island. Also **Soldachi Walking and Bus Tours** of Bonaire's oldest town. 10 am to 2 pm. Call Maria for tour information 717-6435.

**Saturday, June 5- Jong Bonaire Fair** Sale of second hand sports gear, computer equipment, games, presentations, sports. 2 pm-9 pm. Held at Jong Bonaire, Kaya Lib. Simon Bolivar #16. Call 717-4303 for info.

**Saturday, June 5- Famous Cuban Band, "Sonora Matancera,"** will play at BSF Tennis Courts (behind MCB bank in Playa). Tickets are NAf50 and are available at Lisa Gas, Tusnara Snack in Rincon and Gas Express. There is also the option of purchasing a "Red Carpet Ticket" for US\$300 which entitles four persons to be seated at a table with drinks and snacks.

**Saturday, June 5- Tack Team Walking Event** 4:30 pm. All youth organizations, friends, sport associations, etc. are invited to form groups of seven. Tickets are NAf7,50 pp and are available at Botika Bonaire, Bo Toko mini-market, Paito Snack and Tiri Trinidad (Rincon). For more information call: Dalitza Victorina-Rijna: 786-0299, or Natalie Wanga: 786-2225.

**Thursday, June 10 - Beach Cleanup at Lagoen**, starting at 9 am. All invited. Sign up required at STINAPA, 717-8444. Limited space

**June 6-18 Bonaire Dive Festival.** For more details see page 11.

### COMING

**July 4 - Sunday Dia di Arte,** "Art Day," 10 am-10 pm Wilhelmina Park More information as the event nears. See mention in Flotsam and Jetsam. For more information contact Emma Sint Jago at 717-7420

### EVERY WEEK

**Sunday** -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar. Open daily 5 to 10 pm. Live Fla-Bingo with great prizes, starts 7 pm, Divi Flamingo

**Monday -Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire,** 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

**Monday -Rum Punch Party on the beach at Lion's Dive.** Dutch National Products provides an introduction to Time Sharing and how to save on your next vacation. 6:15 to 7 pm

**Tuesday-BonaireTalker Dinner/Gathering** at Gibi's Terrace-6:30pm -call Jake at 717-6773 or e-mail jake@bonairetalk.com for more infor.

**Tuesday -Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225 /717-7500, ext. 14.

**Wednesday -Sand Dollar Manager's Cocktail Party,** Mangos Bar and Restaurant

**Friday -Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort** 5:30-6:30 pm.

**Friday- Open House with Happy Hour** at the JanArt Gallery at Kaya Gloria #7, from 5-7 pm.

**Every day by appointment -Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** Authentic Bonairean kunuku. \$12 (NAf12 for Bonaire residents). Tel 717-8489, 540-9800.

**Daily-** The Divi Flamingo Casino is open daily for hot slot machines, Roulette and Black Jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm- 4 am and Sunday 7 pm- 3 am.

### FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Sunday- Discover Our Diversity** Slide Show, Buddy Dive at the pool bar, 7 pm 717-5080

**Friday- Week in Review** Video Presentation by the Toucan Dive Shop at the Plaza's Topsy Seagull, 5 pm. 717-2500.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Cinnamon Art Gallery** - Volunteers to help staff gallery during the day. Contact Wendy Horn, at 717-3902 or 785-9700.

**Bonaire National Marine Park** - 717-8444.

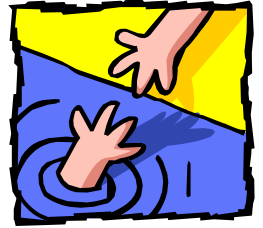
**Bonaire Animal Shelter** -717-4989.

**Donkey Sanctuary** - 560-7607.

**Jong Bonaire (Youth Center)** - 717-4303.

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

**Special Olympics** - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659



**Friday- The Captain Don Show-** Conversation, fun, yarns, a few slides. Guaranteed 85% true. Aquarius Conference Room. Captain Don's Habitat 8:30 pm Tel. 717-8290

### CLUBS and MEETINGS

**AA meetings** - every **Wednesday**; Phone 717-6105; 560-7267 or 717- 3902.

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

**Bridge Club - Wednesdays,** 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank and next to Kooyman's. All levels invited. NAf5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.

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

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

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

**Rotary** lunch meetings **Wednesday,** 12 noon-2 pm - Rendez-Vous Restaurant, Kaya L.D. Gerharts #3. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

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**Mangazina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse" while learning about Bonaire's history and culture and visit typical homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060 or 790-2018

**Go to the source.** Visit the **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  
**Sunday at Cai-** Live music and dancing starts about 12 noon at Lac Cai.

Dance to the music of Bonaire's most popular musicians.

**Saturday at Rincon** - Marshe Liber (smaller markets) 8 am until 2 pm  
**Large market offering Rincon area tours on the first Saturday of each month,** 10 am to 2 pm

### CHURCH SERVICES

**International Bible Church of Bonaire** - Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle) **Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm** in English. Tel. 717-8332

**Protestant Congregation of Bonaire.** Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am. Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm.** Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** Kaya Sabana #26 Sundays 8:30 - 11:30 am. Services 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). Services in English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194  
**New Apostolic Church,** Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

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<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
<b>The Blue Moon- Early Bird Special! before 7 pm</b> Sea Side Restaurant—Waterfront on the Promenade 717-8617	Moderate-Expensive Dinner. Inexpensive bar menu Closed Wednesdays	Award-winning Chef Martijn Bouwmeester is the master in the kitchen and manager of the restaurant. Have a fine dining experience with creative, inspired dishes.
<b>Caribbean Club Bonaire at Hilltop</b> 7 minutes north of "Hotel Row" 717-7901	Moderate Breakfast, Dinner, closed Sunday	What a place! Friendly bar next to the pool, home cooked meals, happy hours 5 to 7. Serious BBQ on Tuesdays NA/25.
<b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b> At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and beautiful turquoise setting when enjoying a breakfast buffet or a la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Enjoy inspiring vistas and a high standard of international cuisine.
<b>Crocantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Skilled chef direct from Tuscany prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and romantic setting make dining a total delight. Get served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort.
<b>Garden Café</b> Kaya Grandi 59 717-3410	Moderate Monday-Friday, Lunch & Dinner Saturday, Dinner. Closed Sunday	Finely prepared Middle Eastern cuisine plus Venezuelan specialties. Excellent vegetarian selections. Pizza and Latin Parilla
<b>La Balandra</b> On the Water at the Harbour Village Resort 717-7500, ext 62; 785-0902	Moderate Breakfast-Lunch Special Dinners on Friday, Sunday	Cuisine by Chef Alberto Roldan of the Bonaire Culinary Team. If you are using the NA/25 Beach Pass, a NA/15 credit is given for meals Bonaire's best seaside location.
<b>The Last Bite Bakery</b> 717-3293 Home Delivery or Take Out	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30pm Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers <b>gourmet class items</b> -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
<b>The Lions Den Beach Bar And Restaurant</b> On the sea at Lions Dive 717-3400 717-6616	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 Days	Spectacular setting overlooking dive sites and Klein Bonaire. Imaginative menu, open kitchen. Owned and operated by Kirk Gosden.
<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side Caribbean-style bistro owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
<b>Pasa Bon Pizza</b> On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 790-1111	Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday	Bonaire's best. The <b>Real Thing!</b> 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 790-1111
<b>The Seahorse Cyber Café</b> Kaya Grandi #6. Phone 717-4888	Low-Moderate Open 7 am - 7 pm Closed Sunday	Tasty breakfasts, pastries, fresh tropical juices, homemade bread, special sandwiches, delicious desserts and more make this a favorite.



# SHOPPING GUIDE

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## AIRLINES

**BonairExel.** Bonaire's own ON TIME airline flying between Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba. Look for *The Bonaire Reporter* on board.

## APPLIANCES/FURNITURE/COMPUTERS

**City Shop** is Bonaire's mega-store for TV, Stereos, Air conditioning, large and small kitchen appliances. Name brands, guarantees and service center.

## BANKS

**Maduro and Curiel's Bank** provides the greatest number of services, branches and ATMs of any Bonaire bank. They also offer investments and insurance.

## BEAUTY PARLOR

**Hair Affair.** Expert hair cutting, styling, facials, waxing and professional nail care.

## BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS

**De Freewieler** rents scooters and quads; professionally repairs almost anything on two wheels. Sells top brand bikes.

## BOOKS

**Watercolours Bonaire** and **Eye on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao** are the most original ways to remember Bonaire and the islands at their best. At Photo Tours and many other island shops.

**Bonaire Diving Made Easy**, Third Edition, is an essential in your dive bag. The latest information on Bonaire's shore dive sites.

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

**APA Construction** are professional General Contractors. They also specialize in creating patios and walkways with fabulous sprayed and stamped concrete pavement.

## CYBER CAFES

See Restaurant Guide for **The Seahorse Cyber Café**.

## DENTURES

**All Denture Lab.** For denture repair or new ones. All work done on the island, fast results. Owner-operator dentist. Repairs while you wait.

## DIVING

**Carib Inn** is the popular 10-room inn with top-notch dive shop and well stocked retail store. Best book trade on Bonaire. Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q.

**Dive Inn** Seven studio apartments and dive shop/school directly on the waterfront in the heart of town. Friendly, highly experienced with an exceptional staff.

## FITNESS

**Bonfysio** offers comprehensive fitness programs to suit your needs whether they be weight loss, sports or just keeping in shape. Convenient schedule.

**Fit 4 Life at the Plaza Resort Mall.** Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

**Green Label** has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals.

## GIFTS - SOUVENIRS - LIQUORS

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## HOTELS

**Hotel Bonaire Inn** (formerly Friars' Inn), downtown Kralendijk, has rooms and breakfast at Bonaire's lowest prices. Great for tourists or when visiting family and friends.

## METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP

**b c b- Botterop Construction Bonaire N.V.**, offers outstanding fabrication of all metal products, including stainless. Complete machine shop too.

## PHOTO FINISHING

**Paradise Photo** in the Galleries Shopping Center offers fast, fine processing for prints and slides plus a variety of items and services for your picture-taking pleasure.

## REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

**Harbourtown Real Estate is Bonaire's oldest real estate agent.** They specialize in professional customer services and top notch properties.

**Re/Max Paradise Homes:** International/US connections. 5% of profits donated to local community.

**Sunbelt Realty** offers full real estate, rental, and insurance services. If you want a home or to invest in Bonaire, stop in and see them.

## REPAIRS

**Bon Handyman** is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. Electrical, plumbing, woodworking, etc.

## RESORTS & ACTIVITIES

**Buddy Dive Resort** offers diving, Adventure Fun tours including kayaking, mountain biking, cave snorkeling and exploration.

## SECURITY

**Special Security Services** will provide that extra measure of protection when you need it. Always reliable. Call 717-8125.

## SHIPPING

**Rocargo Freight** Air and sea shipments in/out of Bonaire. Customs agents. Professional and efficient. **FedEx agent.** Call 717-8922/8033.

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## TOYS AND GAMES

**Laur'an** is a store dedicated to providing quality toys and games to Bonaire. Find them on Kaya Gerharts in the Lourdes Shopping Mall

## WATER TAXI

**Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.** Call Bonaire Nautico at 560-7254. Ride the *Kantika di Amor* or *Skiffy*. Hotel pickup too.

## WINES

**Antillean Wine Company.** You've tried the rest; now try the best: best prices, highest quality wines from around the world, kept in a cooled warehouse. Free delivery.

## YOGA

**Yoga For You.** Join certified instructors Desirée and Don at Jong Bonaire for a workout that will refresh mind and body. Private lessons too.

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## Don Ricks

For 17 years we lived in Alberta, Canada, on a ranch at the end of the road. We like isolated places. We had a company in the city, corporate training and development, and we had the 80-acre hobby farm where we bred and raised llamas. We took them to shows, just like dogs. It turned out to be a lucrative hobby because they became very popular. Llamas are very intelligent, have individual personalities and they respond to people. I was so attached to them that for years after I'd sold them I still dreamed I had llamas.

When we got an offer to sell our company we'd already been thinking that it was time for a life change. The children had all moved away and the house was empty. We sold the company, the ranch and the llamas and bought a boat. Desktop publishing had just hit the market and Barbara and I started one of the first virtual businesses. On the boat we'd create course materials that were marketed by our former company. I'd never been on a sailboat before in my life, so I took a one-week sailing course in Florida; we sailed in Canada for two years; then we took off.

We were sailing down the Oregon Coast during the first week of November when the first big winter gale rolled in from the North Pacific and hit us with all its power and kicked the s..t out of us! After five days we reached Fort Bragg,

California, and were guided in with the help of the Coast Guard. When the weather settled we sailed on to San Francisco and got the damage to our boat repaired.

That was our first and last storm at sea. The biggest disappointment was that life on a boat was pretty much the same as life on a ranch: always something to be repaired. I'd hoped to leave that behind. The boat was our home and all we had for nine years. There are two types of cruisers: those who like to sail and those who enjoy the destination. We were the latter, always looking for wilderness, isolated places away from the crowds, a place at the end of the road. We found that in Costa Rica and Panama on the Pacific side. We got quite well acquainted with the small families who lived in the Panamanian jungle.

Later we went through the Canal and spent more time in the Caribbean, sailing the old Spanish Main. We stayed three months in Cartagena, Colombia, the safest Latin city in all our travels. Then to Curaçao and the Venezuelan islands, sailing past Bonaire twice in the night

without stopping. Finally we decided to stop in Bonaire. When we checked in with Cliff, the customs officer, he asked us how long we were going to stay. I said probably for two or three weeks. Cliff shook his head, laughed and said, 'No.' I thought, is this government official telling me I can't stay on this island for two or three weeks? Then he said, 'Nobody stays on Bonaire for only two or three weeks!' So, three years later we had a beer with Cliff and celebrated that we never left! In many cases people decide to come to Bonaire. In our case we could never decide to leave."

*Don Ricks is a man with a striking appearance: strong and broad-shouldered with white hair and a white beard, tanned skin and dark brown, deep-set eyes that are sharp, wise and kind and seem to look beyond the horizon. He has the strong, clean face of a free man, a man you find in places where the sky is big and open and eternal. And it is there where he lives, at the end of the road to Playa Frans in a house on the rocks, between the sea and the sky and the silent green hills.*

**"In many cases people decide to come to Bonaire. In our case we could never decide to leave."**

"We found a small town environment here, a clean island, a safe place, and we can solve any problem in English. We lived in the anchorage, sometimes in the marina and we spent four,

five months a year in Las Aves by ourselves in a wild place. In Canada when it was time for a life change, everything fell into place. Then this happened again. Our boat was steel and had developed some very serious rust problems; it needed a major haul out. Just then the people who now live next door invited us and other cruisers for Easter dinner. We needed a place to stay while our boat was worked on. Their neighbor had died and the family needed a caretaker. We arranged to stay here for a year. We moved in on Sunday, and Monday I told Barbara, 'I'm going to the shelter to get a dog.' She said, 'So soon?' And I answered, 'How long do you think I should wait?' Later we found out that the boat required so much work that we decided not to repair it, and basically we sold it for scrap. During the years in the anchorage we'd applied for our residency, so, there we were: we didn't have a boat; we decided that we wanted to settle permanently on Bonaire, we were living in a place that we absolutely love, but the future was very uncertain. We wanted to stay here, but the legal situation was complicated.



**Don Ricks and Barbara Lockwood**

But thanks to some wise decisions by the government, by the heirs to the property, and the other Geowatt shareholders everything got sorted out and we were able to buy the house and the lot it was built on.

Then (Hurricane) Lenny hit, smashing into the house. Solid water hit the road a hundred meters behind the house. We lost everything. We found fish and baby lobsters everywhere. For a long time afterward the dogs got scared whenever a big wave hit the rock. There was a beautiful beach in the cove next to our house, but Lenny piled it up with coral. The government promptly issued building permits after the hurricane, so we started rebuilding right away.

I did all the electrical and the carpenter work and the house was ready nine months later. People say this house would survive heavy waves, but we know there have been much worse storms than Lenny. Still, at least three times a week Barbara says, 'Aren't we lucky to live here!'

We're both introverts, so we are happiest living at the end of the road. We have several good friends in town, of course. And my relationship with my Bonairean brother, Win de Grijsze, has enriched our life on the island immensely." *There's laughter in his eyes when he says, "People tell me I should learn Papiamentu, but at my age, 67, I have enough trouble hanging on to my own language! Barbara works for The Reporter and I'm writing a book, 'The Voyages of Black Cat.' He gently caresses the old black cat in his lap. "He was born in Canada on the ranch in a barn during a blizzard. He went sailing with us and now he's 18. He has one eye left and he's senile, but when we got a new dog from the shelter two weeks ago, Black Cat was perfectly capable of telling the dog who's the boss in the house! The book will be about the travels we made together and if my agent finds a publisher it will be my third*

book.

Nowadays my two hobbies are hiking and clearing the old trails and roads so people can hike them -about 20 kilometers. I found old walking trails that were made by people before the roads existed. The donkeys keep them up, being conservative they walk the same old roads. We can hike from here all the way to Gotomeer. For exercise we climb *Seru Wecua* several times a week on different trails. After my quintuple by-pass operation last year in Miami, my exercises take a lot of time now. When I climb up the hill (165 meters) I wear a heart monitor and I do it in 11 minutes. I also work out in town twice a week, doing intensive aerobics at Bonfysio."

*He looks at me and smiles: "I haven't led a planned life. I've just committed myself to interesting opportunities got involved with what might happen next. Few people in my working class family in Wyoming even finished high school, so I went to the university only because I got a football scholarship. I discovered I loved the academic life and, as a student, then professor, spent 16 years there. Shakespeare and technical writing were my two specialties. Then a chance moonlighting assignment gave me a taste of corporate training, and I soon left the university and started a business which eventually freed us to work anywhere. I got interested in llamas on an outing to a game farm with our four kids. Thirteen years later, after the price of llamas skyrocketed, we sold our herd, bought a boat with the proceeds, and here we are on Bonaire. Sometimes I feel nostalgic for my former lives, but I never regret moving on." □*

*Greta Kooistra*



**Greta Kooistra**



**10th  
ANNIVERSARY**

# The <sup>BONAIRE</sup> REPORTER

**SINCE 1994**

Last Wednesday, *The Bonaire Reporter* celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a party at The Caribbean Club Bonaire. Reporter staff and representatives of the news media of Bonaire were there. These photos tell some of the story. *G.D.*



*Cutting the huge cake baked especially for The Reporter as a gift by Clara St. Jago and presented by Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn*



*Back issues of The Reporter and Port Call, bound into books, were on hand for all to review.*

*Rosita Paiman (Rosita's Fitness Facts), Editor Laura, Publisher George and Angélique Salsbach (Ask the Dietitian)*

*The AVBO staff (govt. Press Office) reading The Reporter: Maryanne Maldonado, Roderick Gouverneur, Lupe Martis*







# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

**\*to find it, just look up**

Every 120 years or so a dark spot glides across the Sun. Small, inky-black, almost perfectly circular, it's no ordinary sunspot. They knew what it was three centuries ago and needed to know more. To find out, on August 12, 1768, His Majesty's barque, *Endeavour*, slipped out of harbor, Lt. James Cook in command, bound for Tahiti. The island had been discovered by Europeans only a year before in the South Pacific, a part of Earth so poorly explored that map-makers couldn't agree if there was a giant continent there ... or not. Cook might as well have been going to the Moon or Mars. He would have to steer across thousands of miles of open ocean, with nothing like GPS or even a good wristwatch to keep time for navigation, to find a speck of land only 20 miles across. It was worth the risk, he figured, to observe a transit of Venus.



**The Endeavour.**

Their mission was to reach Tahiti before June 1769, establish themselves among the islanders and construct an astronomical observatory. Cook and his crew would observe Venus gliding across the face of the Sun and by doing so measure the size of the solar system. Or so it was hoped by England's Royal Academy, which sponsored the trip.

The size of the solar system was one of the chief puzzles of 18th century science, much as the nature of dark matter and dark energy are today. In Cook's time astronomers knew that six planets orbited the sun (Uranus, Neptune and Pluto hadn't been discovered yet), and they knew the relative spacing of those planets. Jupiter, for instance, is five times farther from the Sun than Earth. But how far is that? The absolute distances were unknown.

Venus was the key. Edmund Halley realized this in 1716. As seen from Earth, Venus occasionally crosses the face of the Sun. It looks like a jet-black disk slowly gliding among the Sun's true sunspots. By noting the start and stop times of the transit from widely spaced locations on Earth, Halley reasoned, astronomers could calculate the distance to Venus using the principles of parallax. The scale of the rest of the solar system would follow.

Cook's expedition is often likened to a space mission. "The *Endeavor* was not only on a voyage of discovery," writes Tony Horwitz in the Cook travelogue *Blue Latitudes*, "it was also a laboratory for testing the latest theories and technologies, much as spaceships are today."

In particular, the crew of the *Endeavor* was to be a guinea pig in the Navy's fight against "the scourge of the sea"--scurvy. The human body can store only about six weeks' worth of vitamin C, and when it runs out seamen experience lassitude, rotted gums and hemorrhaging. Some 18th century ships lost half their crew to scurvy. Cook carried a variety of experimental foods onboard, feeding his crew such things as sauerkraut and malt wort. Anyone who refused the fare would be whipped.

By the time Cook reached Tahiti in 1769, he'd been sailing west for eight months, about as long as modern astronauts would spend en route to Mars. Cook navigated using hourglasses and knotted ropes to measure ship's speed and a sextant and almanac to estimate *Endeavor's* position by the stars. It was tricky and dangerous. Remarkably, they arrived mostly intact on April 13, 1769, almost two months before the transit. "At this time we had but very few men upon the Sick list ... the Ships company had in general been very healthy owing in a great measure to the Sour kraut," wrote Cook.

Tahiti was as alien to Cook's men as Mars might seem to us today. No spacesuit was required to survive. On the contrary, the island was comfortable and well provisioned for human life; the islanders were friendly and eager to deal with Cook's men. Banks deemed it "the truest picture of an arcadia (idyllic and peaceful) ... that the imagination can form." Yet the flora, fauna, customs and habits of Tahiti were shockingly different from those of England. *Endeavor's* crew was absorbed, amazed.

No wonder Cook and Banks had so little to say about the transit when it finally happened on June 3, 1769. Venus' little black disk, which could only be seen gliding across the blinding sun through special telescopes brought from England, couldn't compete with Tahiti itself.

The log entry on the day of the transit consists of 622 words; fewer than 100 of them concern Venus. Mostly he chronicled a breakfast meeting with Tarróá, the king of the island, and Tarróá's sister Nuna, and later in the day, a visit from "three handsome women." Of Venus, he says, "I went to my Companions at the observatory carrying with me Tarróá, Nuna and some of their chief attendants; to them we shewd the planet upon the sun and made them understand that we came on purpose to see it. After this they went back and myself with them." Period. □ *Based on a NASA release*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

**For the week: June 4 to June 11, 2004**

*By Astrologer Michael Thiessen*

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. If you've taken on a lot of work, be sure to leave some time for yourself and family. You will have a tendency to exaggerate, which will lead to major confrontations with loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can make sound financial investments if you act fast. You are best to work at home, clearing up overdue projects. This could be the cause of a dispute that may result in estrangement. You will enjoy interaction with others this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Get involved in worthwhile endeavors and meet new friends. Competitive games will be your forte. Don't divulge secret information. Discrimination will be in order. Control your temper when dealing with your emotional partner. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Hassles with female colleagues may lead to problems with your boss. Co-workers may not be giving you all the pertinent information. You can help sort out problems that friends are facing. Try to take some time to listen to their complaints, and in turn, do something to appease them. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Your lover will cost you dearly if you let them. You can enhance your reputation by making contributions to worthwhile causes. Self-improvement could bring amazing results. You need an outlet that will not only stimulate you but also challenge your intelligence as well. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will be subject to pushy individuals if you get involved in uncertain organizations. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. You should get out and meet some of those clients that you only speak to on the phone. Empty promises will cause confusion. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Take advantage of moneymaking ventures. Entertainment should include sports events or physical activities. Be prepared to meet new lovers through colleagues. You can increase the value of your dwelling. Look into residential moves that will give you more space. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You would be wise to consider attending lectures that will broaden your awareness concerning your professional direction. Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. Secret affairs will only lead to heartache. Outings with relatives or good friends will provide you with stimulating conversation. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You're ready to take action and take over. If you're already in a relationship, use this added energy passionately. Sudden changes in your financial situation are likely. Minor health problems may flare up if you haven't been taking care of yourself or have been burning the candle at both ends. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

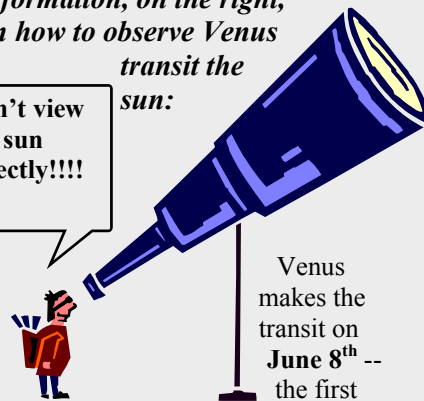
**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts. Your involvement with children will be most rewarding. Travel for pleasure will be enticing. Correspondence may not clear up issues. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Creative educational pursuits will pay off. Be on your best behavior. You should be in business for yourself. Don't hesitate to look for alternatives that will enable you to raise the kind of donations you need to do the job right. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your childlike quality may get you into big trouble this week if you neglect your responsibilities. Your boss may not be in the best of moods this week. You will reap the benefits if you put money into upgrading your residence. Don't overload your plate. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. □

**Thanks to Alan Gross and Jane Townsend for the Bonaire-specific information, on the right, on how to observe Venus transit the sun:**

**Don't view the sun directly!!!!**



Venus makes the transit on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** -- the first

time since 1882, and the next time will be 2012 so don't miss it. It has only been observed with telescopes five times before: in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

Providing, of course, that we do not have a lot of early morning clouds, we can observe the transit from Bonaire starting at **06:11** and see the planet cross the lower face of the sun. At **07:09** Venus will begin to cross the edge of the sun and the whole show will be over by **07:29**. Check out [www.transitofvenus.org](http://www.transitofvenus.org) on the net for lots of good stuff. □ *Alan Gross, Jane Townsend*

**Moon Info** ☾ Last Quarter on June 9 ● New Moon on June 17<sup>th</sup>

☽ First Quarter on June 25<sup>th</sup> ○ Full Moon on July 2<sup>nd</sup>