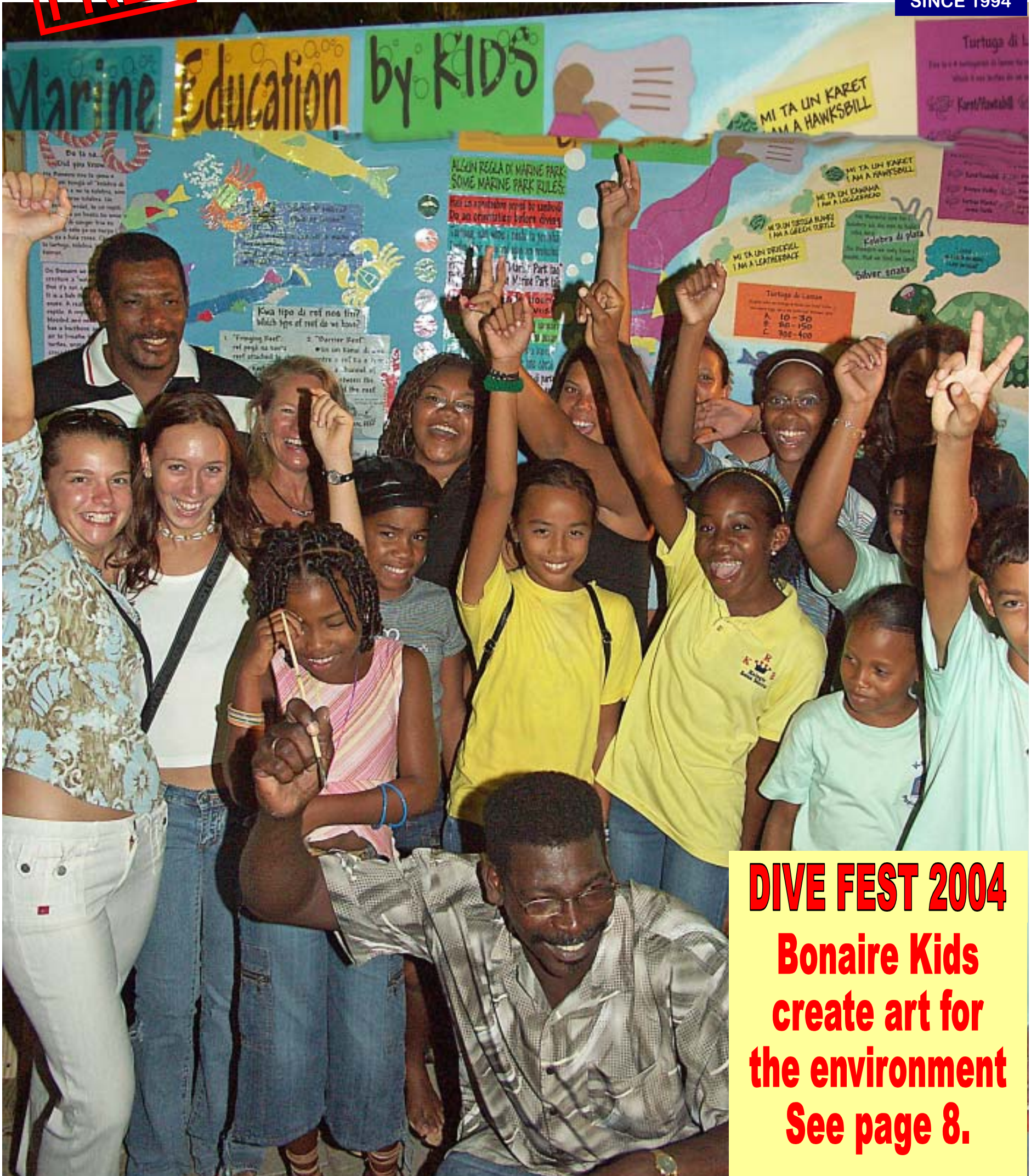


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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The Netherlands Antilles has a new Prime Minister to lead the new government. He is Etienne Ys, who last led the country from January 2002 to July 2003.

Ys was sworn in with the rest of his cabinet by the Governor of the Netherlands, Bonaire-born Frits Goedgedrag, on June 3. The previous government collapsed two months ago following a corruption scandal and additional instances of wrongdoing by officials.

Ys announced that there will be many changes to repair the effects of the last 10 months when the Louisa Godett cabinet was in power. To act as a control a Safeguarding Progress Committee will track the execution of the governing accord (the stated objectives of the new Cabinet) and will report on the progress independently of the Cabinet. The committee is made up of representatives of the Central Bank, the SOAB (Government Accountants Bureau Institute) and the Finance, Economic Affairs and Judicial Affairs Administrations. The committee's reports will be sent to the council of ministers, Parliament and the trade unions.

Ys has also promised quick action to get the economy back on track and tackle the country's debt of NAf4.6 billion (\$2.5 billion). He is eager to repair the relationship with the Netherlands, which he said suffered under the previous government.



Some of the members of the new government. In the front row are Prime Minister Ys, Governor Goedgedrag, and Vice Premier Cova.

► The coalition government sworn in last Thursday is composed of representatives from all the five islands with 15 of the 22 Parliament seats: PAR 4, PNP 3, PLKP 2, DP-St. Marten 2, Bonaire's UPB 2, WIPM St. Marten 1 and DP-Statia 1. The opposition is formed by FOL 5, DP-Bonaire 1 and National Alliance St. Marten 1.

► Outgoing Antillean Prime Minister Mirna Louisa-Godett refused sign the decree to transfer power to her successor, Etienne Ys. Instead, the docu-

ment was signed by Deputy Prime Minister Erol Cova (PLKP), who holds the same position in the new Central Government. Louisa-Godett said she was still angry about the way Parliament had forced Justice Minister Ben Komproe to resign.

The departing Prime Minister then went on to rate her fellow ministers. Minister Cova got 6 out of 10, "because when you think you can count on his support, you don't get it." Education Minister Nolly Oleana and State Secretary Vos, both Bonaire PDB Democ-

rats who joined the FOL-led coalition after UPB-Bonaire dropped out, each received a 9.

The only top grade, a 10, was given to her party's Plenipotentiary Minister

in The Hague, Maurice Adriaens. In her opinion, Komproe, despite having been forced to step down early, did not deserve a failing grade and received a 6. "He did try his best."

Transport and Communication Minister Richard Salas did not get a mark because he was ill almost the entire time, while the departing Prime Minister would not grade herself. "Others will have to do that," she concluded.

► Just when you think they're down and out they bounce back. DCA has announced they will fly five weekly Amsterdam-Curaçao round trip flights during the high season in addition to the already announced Air Exel's three weekly flights and KLM's jumbos. DCA says they have reserved a Boeing 767-300 for the next three and a half years. They did not say which company will be their partner in this venture.

"Negotiations are practically finalized, but we have learned our lesson," said



Outgoing Prime Minister Mirna Godett lectures the press.

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spokesman César Prince. "We will make an announcement next weekend."

The flights will start by mid-July.

To further stir the mix, Caribbean Air Travel, the Curaçao sales department of the now defunct Air Holland, expressed their intention to re-introduce low-priced fares this coming October. It was Air Holland who last year cut the price of Amsterdam-Curaçao round trip flights to NAf500 and started a price war that pleased consumers.

► The progress towards restarting the campaign for the Bonaire Referendum is stalled until a new Referendum

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dum Committee can be named. The original committee resigned May 19th. The Executive Council needs it done as soon as possible to establish momentum towards a September 3rd vote. That decision to delay the process, along with other political factors, are said to be the reasons for the resignations of Chairman Hans Els and other Committee members. It has been mentioned that Arthur Sealy, one of the Committee members may take over as chairman.

► From now on **Scuba Vision will offer all of its custom videos on DVD.** Not only will your dive video have superior digital quality but, at no extra charge, it will include footage of your resort and more of the underwater beauty of Bonaire. Using the latest digital gear, Scuba Vision can also convert old VHS tapes into DVDs and bulk copy promotional DVDs for individuals, businesses and resorts. For more information Call Hendrik at 717-2844

► **Inmates at the Bon Futuro Federal Prison in Curaçao have been making call-ins to radio stations** in Curaçao, which have gotten into the habit of letting prisoners speak their minds freely live on the air, despite requests not to do so. Phones are banned at the prison. The issue came to a head last week when two prisoners were caught trying to escape. They had a pistol, 12 bullets and a cell phone in their possession. One of the prisoners said on the air before his abortive escape that "it didn't matter if he killed someone, because people have to die some day."

► **The BOPEC oil terminal in the northwest corner of Bonaire received certification from Lloyds-Holland that it meets the International Environmental Standards specified in ISO 14001.** It is the first petroleum facility in the Netherlands Antilles to be so certified. Assurance that BOPEC is being operated in an **environmentally proper manner** is especially important for Bonaire which depends on the quality of its underwater and surface environment for tourism. Among the items evaluated for standards compliance were the operation of the production plants, the loading and unloading of oil tankers, the lab and the tugboat service. ISO 14000 is a series of international standards on environmental management first published in 1996. It the actual requirements for an environmental management system. It applies to those environmental aspects which the or-

► Special Olympics Bonaire is developing new athletes for the athletics, bocce, swimming, bowling and tennis events. The tennis team, after winning silver medals in the Olympics World Games in Dublin, Ireland, is being coached by Robby Domacasse. He said he sees great potential in his new team and hopes, with the help of Assistant Coach Irene Melief, to bring out the best of the athletes.

Coach Robby Domacasse with the new athletes on the court of BSF. Missing in the picture is Assistant Coach Irene Melief.



Special Olympics Photo

ganization has control and over which it can be expected to have an influence.

► It's common knowledge that **Bonaire is out of the hurricane zone.** But that doesn't mean that hurricanes are unknown here. The last hurricane, with minimal 65 knot winds, passed closely south of the island in 1933. In October of 1988, Tropical Storm Joan, packing 50-knot winds, also passed south of Bonaire and did substantial coral and property damage. And most recently, in July of 1996, Tropical Depression Georges, with sustained winds of 30 knots, passed right over Bonaire. There was little harm to buildings but some yachts in the marina suffered minor damage. The table below shows the probabilities of any hurricane and of a major hurricane (>111 mph or faster) passing within 75 miles in any one year.

Island	Prob.	Prob. Hurr.
Major		
Antigua	20.0	6.7
Barbados	2.3	8.3
Bonaire	2.2	0.6
Kingston, Jamaica	5.9	14.3
Nassau, Bahamas	9.1	22.2
San Juan, Puerto Rico	12.4	4.2
Santo Domingo, D.R.	11.1	3.9
U.S. Virgin Islands	5.9	16.7

An interpretation of the above figures for Bonaire means that during a 100-year period Bonaire can expect hurricane force winds about every 50 years and a major hurricane once in 200 years. Hurricane probabilities for the Caribbean show Bonaire as the island having the lowest chance for a hurricane

This listing is from Hurricane Watch: Forecasting the Deadliest Storms on Earth by Dr. Bob Sheets and Jack Williams. Thanks to Ruud Vermeulen for sending us this info.

► **DeFreewieler, the bike shop on Kaya Grandi, is now the place to get your keys made.** They can make keys immediately for cars, houses and locks. They carry a large stock of old keys, even skeleton keys and hard-to-find keys for old cars. Maybe you have an old lock that needs a key. Bring it in and they will try to help you. Prices are the lowest on the island: lock and house keys are NAf6, car keys, NAf12. Also in stock are all sorts of key accessories: key rings, tags, caps for keys. DeFree-

wieler is located right next door to Garden Café and across the street from INPO. Telephone 717-8545.

► There's another **English language radio program** on the island that starts Sunday, June 13,

from 6 to 7 pm. (The other is *The Forum* with Sean Paton on Sundays and Mondays, noon to 2 pm. Both shows are on Mega FM, 101.1 FM on your dial.) The new one is a **radio talk show with Sanjay Kumar** who had a program in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he did live interviews with people who made a difference in the community, experts in plastic surgery techniques; he covered subjects like medical relief in Iraq and abuse against women. Sanjay likens his program to those of Larry King, "just on the edge," he says. Sanjay's first guest on June 13 will be Police Chief Gerald Daantje. **Tune in Sunday, June 13, at 6 pm, Mega FM, 101.1 FM. You may also listen to the Sanjay Kumar Show on the web: www.megafm.com**

► **The world-famous Bonaire Web-Cams will live.** That's the word from Jake Richter, the originator of the underwater Reef Cam, one of the four cameras of the Bonaire Web Cam. A combination of the Eden Beach businesses- **Eden Beach Resort** (<http://www.edenbeach.com>), **WannaDive Dive Shop - WannaDive Hut** (<http://www.wannadivebonaire.com>) and **Bongo's Beach Bar and Restaurant** (<http://www.bongosbeach.com>)- will take up the responsibility for the cams. The plan is that the WebCams will go dark on June 20th, and in a few weeks be operational in their new location. Will a BarCam be added to the Reef-Cam? We'll let you know.

► Maria Koeks just e-mailed us that **this Saturday, at 6.30am, there will be a guided walk over the Ruta Dos Pos trail.** Meet at Dos Pos, the windmill on the Rincon tourist road that borders Goto Meer. The price is NAf5 for kids and NAf10 for adults. Be sure to wear good shoes, a hat, bring a bottle of water and a very good mood, plus a camera if you want to. Ask your friends to join you too. At the finish, juice will be served and there will be time to share the experience with the other walkers. For more about Rincon, check out the Rincon website at <http://infobonaire.com/rincon>.

► **Buddy Dive Resort recently added another dive boat to its fleet.** The *Red Tide* is a 30-foot Island Hopper, a well proven boat for Bonaire's sea conditions and diver comfort. For more information call 717-5080 or visit <http://www.buddydive.com>.



► **The Divi Flamingo resort threw a great party last week to celebrate two years of hosting KLM crews. Lots of "the beautiful people" attended.**

www.buddydive.com.

► As we reported in past issues, visitors can participate in a **guided lighthouse climb and descent.** Under the expert guidance of Climb Master Hans Voerman and his company, Bonaire Guide Services, adventure seekers can climb to the top of one of Bonaire's 19th century lighthouses and descend by rope. Bonaire Guide Services is located at the Caribbean Club Bonaire. For reservations call 717-4553.

► One of our favorite restaurants serving Lebanese cuisine, Venezuelan specialties and pizza, is the **Garden Café.** It is now offering daily lunch specials and **10% off to divers and windsurfers.** Garden Café is open Monday to Saturday, with lunch served Monday to Friday (Saturday dinner only). It is located at Kaya Grandi 59. Call 717-3410.

► The Junior Chamber Bonaire, formerly known as the Jaycees Bonaire, has organized a **course called "Parliamentary Procedures."** During the course, among other things, you will learn how to formally conduct a meeting. The course will be held at Jong Bonaire on Saturday, June 12, from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is NAf10. Everyone is invited. To participate, call 790-9450, 565-7499 or 785-7828.

► Two workshops will be held this weekend. On Saturday, June 12 there will be a workshop on **"How to Heal with Crystals,"** from 9 am to 1 pm. The cost is NAf50. The second workshop will be on "chi" (energy), titled, **"Learn How to Channel Your Energy."** It's on Sunday, June 13 from 6:30 to 9 am at Sorobon. The cost is NAf50. For more information and to register for either course, call 790-9450.

► **"Fun Miles," which offers credit for travel on DCA** as well as other premiums, are being given by more and more Bonaire merchants. It's fun to collect and redeem them, but **they are not free to the offering merchant.** Recently we received a considerable discount on a major appliance purchase when we declined Fun Miles. If you want to save money, ask if you can get a lower price if you refuse Fun Miles. □ L./G. D.

LETTERS

YOU CAN TAKE THE BOY OUT OF BROOKLYN BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE BROOKLYN OUT OF THE BOY

Dear Editor,
 I am new on the island and have been reading your newspaper for over two years now. I am an American that was born in Brooklyn N.Y. where you can always get a good pizza and a real good Italian meal. Am sorry to say I have visited just about every pizza place on this Island and tried an Italian meal just about everyplace you can think of. Maybe after we send some of the new cooks to school we can get a good Italian meal some place. If it was possible to get some of the Italian chiefs that I know in the U.S.A. to come here and open a good pizza parlor you would put all the Pizza places on this Island to shame and they would be forced to close up. The so called Italian restaurants here do not know how to cook spaghetti. I know because I have tried them all.
 We would be happy to get some good Chinese food cooked the way they cook in Chinatown. You can not buy any Chinese food here that approaches anything like what you get in the U.S., in Brooklyn or Long Island N.Y. I am only 73 years of age and I would appreciate it if we could teach the people here from China how to cook like they cook in the U.S.A. A good order of Chinese Spare Ribs would be appreciated. Also a good Egg Food Yung. Is this so difficult to do



down here?
 I am a resident here also. Have been for over one year now. I love to fish also but one thing this Island lacks is a Party Boat when the price to go out fishing is not \$175.00 US and get nothing but a boat ride. I enjoyed going fishing in Lac Bay with a Bonaire fisherman, and I caught fish also.
 I think the people of Bonaire should be able to fish where ever they want to. I could fish in the U.S. off of any beach in N.Y., New Jersey and Connecticut that I wanted to without any restrictions. The divers here do not put a Divers Down flag on any of their boats and the diver in the water does not use a divers down flag. I thought this was supposed to be a Divers' Paradise.
 Follow the rules here and let the fisherman have his area also. Every dive resort sports a divers flag to show they are a dive resort. How about using it on the water like they are required to do in the U.S?
 Thank You .
 Al Curry, a concerned resident.

POLICE UPDATE



Assistant Public Prosecutor Justine Gonggrijp reports:
 *Last Monday evening, June 6, around midnight there was a **police action in Rincon**. Three houses were searched and four people arrested. Investigation of the case began when a Rincon resident returned from Holland and found his house had been burglarized and his scooter stolen. Police investigating the crime found the thief, which in turn led to even more suspects involved in other break-ins and drug dealing. The four suspects are being held pending further investigation.
 *Saturday, June 5, a **shooting occurred between Karel's Beach Bar and City Café** by an off duty Customs officer. The Customs officer, in his uniform, was walking with his girlfriend when her ex-boyfriend appeared and wanted to talk with her. She didn't agree. A discussion ensued and the Customs officer took out his gun and shot twice. He claims he felt threatened and was shooting in self defense because he thought the other man had a gun when he saw something shiny in his hand. He said he gave a warning shot and then aimed for his legs. Others say he aimed for the man's chest. The victim ran and jumped into the water. No one was hit or injured. The

Customs officer's gun was confiscated and he is being held and charged with attempted homicide.
 Because of the incident the Customs personnel of the Flamingo Team say they are so shocked that they cannot perform their duties. Because it is such a sensitive case, the police and prosecutor are being brought in from Curaçao to handle it. The outcome will be decided by a judge.
 *Although the Customs officers were not working at the airport since the Saturday shooting, the SSV staff is. Two drug smugglers were apprehended this past weekend.
Charles Suriel of the Police Department reports:
 *In connection with the case of the **three goat thief suspects**, two were released as there was not enough evidence to hold them. The third (H.S.M., 23 years old) still remains in custody. The case is still under investigation.
 *Sunday, June 6, around 10 or 11 am two fishermen who were pulling up their anchor near BOPEC **found a dive tank and BC vest**. Inside the dive vest was a car key belonging to Total Car Rental. Police are investigating the case. □ L.D.

SWIMMING NEWS



Front row: V. Stimpson, Bonaire; D. Antrobus, St. Maarten; Name unavailable, St. Maarten. Back row: M. Schrijvers, St. Maarten; D. van der Veen, President NAZB Curaçao; M. Ellis, St. Maarten; E. Solomon, FINA representative Curaçao; C. Hellegers, St. Maarten

The 5th Annual Dutch Caribbean Invitational Swim Meet was held at *Sentro Deporte Korsow* last month. Three hundred swimmers in the seven-to-20-year-old age group from 12 swim clubs representing Curaçao, Aruba, St. Maarten, the Netherlands and Suriname participated in this competition. During the meet the Netherlands Antilles Swimming Federation (NAZB) (*Nederlands Antilliaanse Zwembond*), in conjunction with The International Swimming Federa-

tion (FINA) and the Netherlands Antilles Olympic Committee, held a clinic for swimming officials. Valarie Stimpson of the newly formed Bonaire swim club participated in this course which included classroom training as well as the opportunity to serve as an apprentice timer and turn judge during the four-day competition. Bonaire will participate next year. Valarie said, "The Antillean swimming community is truly anxious to see competitive swimming develop in Bonaire so

we are getting a lot of moral support from our National Federation and clubs in Curaçao and St. Maarten. With a lot of practice, more volunteers (particularly coaches) and donations of much needed funds Bonaire will indeed be at this meet next year."

The Bonaire Swim Club trains at the Meralney Sports Complex on Mondays from 17.30 to 18.30 and on Tuesdays from 17.00 to 18.00. There is a water polo hour for strong swimmers, age 12 to adults, following the Tuesday training from 18.00 to 19.00. Minimum age for "Barracuda" membership is six. The club does not give swimming lessons so prospective club members have to demonstrate their swimming abilities before they can join. For information about swimming lessons for children or adults contact the Meralney Sports Complex directly. People wishing to volunteer or make financial donations to the club can contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451 or Valarie@telbonet.an. □ Valarie Stimpson



Swim Club Photos

Youngsters benefit a lot from the Club



ASK THE DIETITIAN TAKE THE VITAMIN and MINERALS TEST

We all know that our body needs vitamins and mineral in order for it to function at its best. Are you sure that you are getting enough of each of them? With this test you can find out quickly. This test counts only for adults and children 12 years and older. Each answer has a score on the left. After answering all seven questions, add up the total number of scores for your total.

Angélique Salsbach

1. **I eat a minimum of three serving spoons of vegetables (150 grams)**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

2. **I eat minimum of two portions of fruit**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

3. **I eat at least three or more servings of (cooked) potatoes, rice or pasta**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

4. **I eat five or more slices of bread**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

5. **I eat one portion (75 grams) of meat, fish, chicken, meat substitution or an egg**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of four days a week
- 0 seldom

6. **I use four portions of dairy products (one portion= one glass of milk, chocolate milk or soy milk or one bowl of yogurt or porridge or one slice of cheese)**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 five days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

7. **I use margarine or reduced fat margarine (halvarine) on bread**

- 10 six or seven days a week
- 7 5 days a week
- 3 a maximum of 4 days a week
- 0 seldom

TOTAL OF ALL SCORES _____

Explanation of your score:

64-70 points

Your diet has enough variety and you don't need to worry about getting enough vitamins and minerals. It's important that you continue eating a variety of foods.

49-63 points

You are possibly not getting enough of some vitamins and minerals. You may consult a dietitian to check your eating pattern and get advice on what you should eat to get enough vitamins and minerals.

Fewer than 49 points

There is not enough variation in your diet, which in the long run can lead to a vitamin and mineral deficiency. Although you may be taking a vitamin supplement on a daily basis your eating pattern is far from good. Remember that a balanced diet supplies your body with much more than just vitamins and minerals.

In some cases, no matter what your score, you need extra vitamins. For instance:

- Pregnant women need extra Folic Acid and Vitamin D
- Women breastfeeding or over 50 need extra Vitamin D.
- Men over 60 need extra Vitamin D.
- A.S.

Angélique Salsbach, a dietitian with Bonaire's Department of Health and Hygiene, has a radio program every other Tuesday 9 to 9:30 on Bon FM.

DIVE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

Week 2 Begins

The Dive Festival got off to a great start with around 150 people registered by Sunday night. The traditional "Taste of Bonaire" opening event was the biggest ever with some food booths reporting double the sales of last year. Underwater activities were well underway on Monday which also featured the opening of the Captain Don Diving Museum at Habitat. These photos tell part of the story. □
G.D.



JONG BONAIRE FAIR

Jong Bonaire conducted one of its periodic fundraising fairs this past weekend and raised NAf4.000 for the youth center. One highlight of the sale was the great deal on used computers which went for around NAf300 each. All were sold before the first hour of the fair was over. □



Jong Bonaire's Paco Veeris passes out one of the last computers remaining.



Martin and friends presided over the sale of dive gear



Some of the longest lines were for dessert at The Last Bite bakery.

Desiree Marchena of the TCP signs up Janet Strassman Perlmuter from Worcester, Mass. for the 2004 Dive Festival



Students from Chez Nous at the High School prepared a delicious seafood paella.



Dabney Lassiter coordinated the book collection and sale.



A highlight of the Wilhelmina Park Festival were youngsters' posters telling about environmental preservation and protection in Bonaire, coordinated by STINAPA's Debby Waben.

WINDSURF SCENE AT SOROBON **NOVELIST VISITS BONAIRE**

Author Elisa Carbone returned to sunny Bonaire last week for a two-week holiday. Elisa, a published novelist, was seen sailing at windy Lac Bay. An avid outdoorswoman, Elisa returned to Bonaire a second time to enjoy the sea for snorkeling and windsurfing. A visit to this Caribbean island has also been a research resource for her next book.

She is the author of *Stealing Freedom*, an ALA (American Library Association) Best Book for Young Adults; *Storm Warriors*, an ALA Notable and winner of the Virginia Library Association's 2002 Jefferson Cup Award; and *The Pack*, a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year for 2004. Her novels are written for the elementary and young adult reader. Elisa shared one of her novels with a Papa Cornes School student, Maggie Wynter. Maggie just finished reading *Stealing Freedom*, a wonderful historical fiction novel set in the 1800s. The main character, Ann Maria Weems, lived in the mid-1800s near the author's home in Maryland. This fictionalized account of her extraordinary life fascinated Maggie who knew a little about African-American history and the Underground Railroad. She could not put it down. Maggie said, "At first I was sad and didn't want to read what happened to Ann Maria but I needed to know what happened back then." And now she has a



Terry Duckett photo

Elisa Carbone, Maggie Wynter, Ann Phelan

autographed copy from this friendly and approachable author. Elisa writes books to instigate discussion in the classroom and to delve into aspects of life including themes of conflict resolution and bullying as well as the themes of loss and separation created in *Stealing Freedom*.

Elisa loves the outdoors. She is an avid rock climber but loves the sea and worked hard on improving her windsurfing moves and skills in what was very challenging conditions during her stay. The winds this past week were strong for some white knuckle sailing.

And what is Elisa up to next? She is writing a new historical novel based on the early settlers in Jamestown, Virginia. Before coming to the first colony many early settlers traveled though the Caribbean en route to America. Elisa is inspired to write this novel experiencing the true feel of a Caribbean island. Elisa said, "I am getting a feel for the water, how it looks and sounds, the plant and animal life here in Bonaire. It gives me an understanding of how the first settlers saw the islands." She

also unwinds on Bonaire finding the snorkeling like a form of meditation. She and her partner Jim Casbarian, a landscape photographer spent the last day enjoying the active reef system at Lac.

Elisa and Jim are sure to return after enjoying the sea adventures here and also partaking in their first Dive Festival. They

were last seen enjoying the culinary delights found at "Taste Of Bonaire," the annual festival of food which is part of the world famous Dive Festival being held this and next week. To learn more about Elisa, visit her website www.elisacarbhone.com.

□ Ann Phelan

The Official Results of the King of the Cape Windsurfing Competition in Cape Cod, US, are just in, and Bonaire's riders did very well. Top winners in the Pro men's Division were: #1. **Tati Frans** (\$3,000 prize) and #2. **Kiri Thode** (\$2,000 prize). In the Amateur Men's Division Bonaire's **Clay Emer** placed first.

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alegria	Honalee, USA	Scintilla, Germany
Angle	Hotel California Too, USA	Shiraz
Atlas	Ilsongo	Sirius
Bird of Paradise	Jalapeno	Sojourner
Blauwe Crab, Curaçao	Jupiter	Soverign III
Camissa, Chan Is.	Karthersis	Sylvia K
Camperdown	La Contenta	Triumph Lady
Cape Kathryn	Luna C	Ta B
Cappoquin	Macaby, Netherlands	Ti Amo, USA
El Sabor	Magalita	Trio
Fifth Season	Natural Selection, USA	Ulu Ulu, USA
Flying Cloud, USA	Pamela Jean	Unicorn, Norway
Galadrial, USA	Pau Hana	Varedhuni, Germany
Gatsby, USA	Polecat	Ya-T, BVI
Goril Too	Sandpiper, USA	Zeno's Arrow, USA
Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	Santa Maria, Sweden	

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
6-11	4:55	1.2FT.	46
6-11	8:17	1.3FT.	46
6-11	14:29	1.0FT.	46
6-11	21:54	1.7FT.	46
6-12	6:15	1.1FT.	47
6-12	9:41	1.2FT.	47
6-12	13:59	1.1FT.	47
6-12	22:11	1.8FT.	47
6-13	7:25	1.0FT.	52
6-13	22:32	1.9FT.	52
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THE BONAIRE GARDNER

This is my third and last article about the Oleander. With all the nice rain in the last weeks the Oleanders are showing us why they are so popular: they bloom abundantly in the most incredible colors. As I've said before, there are very different types needing different treatments and pruning.

High Growing Varieties

You can do almost anything with them, but it is important if you want them to grow full and bushy, that awhile after they've been in the ground that you cut off some of the new growth to let them sprout out. As soon as you think they are bushy enough, you can let them grow big. The Oleander blooms at the end of new growth and then will sprout out by itself with two or three new branches. If you want to make an Oleander hedge, make sure you don't cut them all the time, otherwise you will never have flowers and get only a green hedge, which is not particularly attractive. (If you want a nice thick green hedge, it is better to choose another plant like a *Ficus*.) You will see that older plants also keep producing new sprouts from the bottom, so use those as your new branches. We get a lot of questions about Oleanders that have become too open at the bottom. There are no restrictions in pruning them heavily! The only thing to watch for is to use those newly grown branches.

Middle High Growing Types

Their treatment is about the same, but if you choose the right variety you don't need to trim them very often. Sometimes when these types are so heavy with flowers that they start to fall down it's time to cut back some older lower branches completely so the new sprouts will grow up again.

The Dwarf Oleander

This one is somewhat different. For a start,



Oleander flower and leaves

they don't need any pruning. But after a few years they sometimes start to look very old. Then it's a good time to cut them back. Look for the old branches, mostly full with old flowers, and see if they are starting to sprout out at the bottom. That tells you they are ready for a start-over. You can cut all the very old branches away, giving the new sprouts a chance to grow rapidly. It is wise to do this along with feeding them some rich fertilizer like Peeters or Miracle Grow.

Fertilizers

Oleanders don't require a lot of fertilizer. They can do with just the regular NPK. Another thing is that they seem to thrive on septic tank water. The only time you might have to give them something extra is when they have suffered from something like drought or pests. I always recommend connecting them to an irrigation system, or if you don't have one, to give them regular water- not too much, just regularly. If you are lucky they might survive on their own

PETS of the WEEK

Kitten secrets! Whatever could they be whispering to each other? These two along with four others are now up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. And what a selection. There's a calico, black and white, gray and white and red and white. Their mothers were tested for feline leukemia and passed with flying colors. If the mother is not infected, neither are any of her kittens. These cuties are just six weeks old and should stay with their moms for another week or so, but you can put in a request for adoption and reserve one for the near future. The adoption fee for cats is NAf75 and that includes testing, worming, inoculations and sterilization when they're ready. It's an excellent value and you know you'll be getting a healthy, social animal.

To date this year there have been 70 adoptions. For the entire year, 2003,



there were 110. In 2002 there were 90. Other good news: "Wilem," the handsome Dalmatian who was Pet of the Week May 28, has been adopted. He'll be living in Rincon with his new owner who appreciates his enthusiastic personality. All the best for a wonderful life together! □L.D.

when they are fully grown, but in dry periods they will look very ugly! Oleander is probably the most popular plant among home gardeners who want to make their own cuttings. Cut off a branch, put it in water and most of the time you have your own-made birthday present! This goes only for the higher growing varieties, especially the double Reds. The smaller the variety, the more difficult it is to get them to root. It took our nursery a long time to figure out how to reproduce all the different types. If you make your own cuttings, always be sure they come

from the type that you want to reproduce!

Here are some last golden rules about Oleander:

- Always plant them in full sun.
- Make sure you have the right variety for the spot.
- Don't let small children chew on the leaves; they're poisonous!
- You don't have to worry about goats or donkeys; they don't like the taste.

Enjoy! □Ap van Eldik

Ap van Eldik owns Green Label Landscaping, a company that designs, constructs and maintains residential and commercial gardens. He has two nurseries and a garden shop in Kralendijk which carries terra cotta pots from Mexico and South America. Phone 717-3410

YOGA FOR YOU

The PERFECT BALANCE

*There is nothing worth more than your peace of mind and Acceptance.....
When you live in "a state of acceptance" there is nothing that can throw you off balance or upset you. You are staying present within yourself, not grasping for pleasure in the outside world but enjoying the sheer pleasure of each moment.*

- Roger Wendorf

This statement is so true, it's all about accepting.

This week I was wondering what to write about. During my personal yoga practice the words frustration and acceptance kept popping into my mind.

Knowing that I was feeling frustrated because I couldn't move into the asana (pose) as comfortably as I did the day before made me realize I wasn't accepting where I was at that present moment. This can be true in any situation in our lives, but doing yoga on a regular basis quickly brings this to your attention.

I have been fortunate to train with two yoga masters, David Swenson and Beryl Bender Birch. To witness their practice and their calm peacefulness was pure beauty. You see strength and softness in their eyes and expression. You see strength and softness in their bodies and postures. The years of dedicated practice have given them back acceptance of who they are with each breath on the mat and the ability to accept who they are each moment off the mat. Its truly that dedicated daily connection between their minds, bodies and breath that makes it all possible.

So next time when we feel frustrated, in an

asana pose or any other aspect of life, let's not fight it. Stop pushing, stop pulling, try to feel it, experience it. Then try inhaling into it and exhaling, releasing it. Let it go, accept where you are right now at this present moment.

That's where you need to be. Then become aware of your peace of mind.

So when we are accepting, nothing can throw us off balance.

Now let's take a look at our tree pose.

Vrksasana Tree Pose develops the power of mental concentration and single mindedness of thought as well as physical balance.

How to practice tree position:

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- Then place the foot on the thigh of the straight leg. Reach up high through your arms, fingertips touching.

Give change a chance □ *Desirée*

Don and Desirée of "Yoga For You" offer classes in yoga, from beginners to advanced.

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Vrksasana Tree Pose

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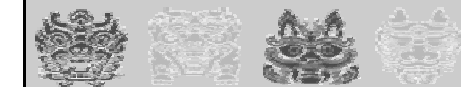


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Former Dutch Conservation and Environment Officer (CEO) **Enit Scholtens would like to house-sit** from the 12th of July till the 9th of August while she is here visiting Bonaire. If your house is available for all or part of this time please contact-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

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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

PERSONALS

3 May 1999 **3 May 2004**
"JAY"
He was so carried away by his enthusiasm that he promised me a miracle
Jackie

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

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A PARABLE
...BY MARIE

THE NECKLACE AND THE QUEEN

Once upon a time there was a kingdom in a far away land. The king, known as a warlord, had gone to a foreign country with his army and conquered the enemy. Unfortunately the King himself was mortally injured during the battle. This left the Queen with the total responsibility of guiding the kingdom, not an easy task.

But the Queen was a strong woman and fulfilled the task with clarity, honesty and wisdom. Yet it was a stressful and very demanding occupation.

At one point she was called to attend a very important meeting with her ministers. The meeting would be a crossroads for her and her future depended on it. She remembered that the late King had given her a beautiful necklace and it was her wish to wear it to the meeting, but no matter where she looked she couldn't find it. The royal servants were called to help in the search. Every corner in the palace was checked and every stone overturned, but no one could find it.

Desperate and sad, the Queen went into the bathroom to freshen up, and as she looked into the mirror her eyes fell on the necklace around her neck. Well, what do you know! There it was - the necklace she was looking for. It was there all along. It had never left the place where she had put it right after she had lost the King.

Everybody in the world wants peace.

They are even willing to fight for it and yet even when the enemy is conquered there is still no peace. Today a lot of people try to improve themselves and their lives with a few hours of aromatherapy a week or a massage, or go kite-flying, build models, go swimming or whatever, just to have experience a moment of peace. We pay a lot of money just to get



to Bonaire but, mysteriously, once we are here and something happens on the home front..... bang.....gone is the peace. That's when we start looking in our wallets, purses, handbags and into all kinds of activities just to get a little bit of peace because if not, our mind starts looking at the negative side of life, and it's so easy because it is always there.

Looking for the good, more positive side is more challenging because sometimes we have to dig deeper, but the good is always there. It's just like the necklace....very near by.

The necklace in the story above represents Peace. It's always there, inside us, not very far. It's a real quality each and every one of us possesses internally, and it is just a matter of giving it a little bit of attention, just like a plant needs water and attention. So whenever you get that feeling of being lost or upset, go find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed for awhile. Concentrate on the rhythm of your breathing and dive inside yourself. □

Marie

Have you ever had a creative inspiration? Have you ever been charmed and tempted with an idea that pulls you into your creative self? Do you follow through with the idea or do you just let it pass?

The answer may be that you are not prepared to follow the idea and that your daily life does not include a time frame to make it happen. What you need to do is try to combine your inspirations with your daily activities. This is the way to open up the door to creativity, no matter what your artistic interests may be.



Hibiscus

Here are a few tips to “Get into the Artistic Habit”

- 1. Look Around** – For some of us, creating a good habit involves our surroundings. Do you have a space allocated for your art? This space doesn't have to be big. It can be a small space in your house that has a chair and desk. Clear the table, move the checkbook and bills under the desk! Use something like a plastic box so that all the art supplies are in one place and easy to find. Make it convenient and easy to get started on your project.
- 2. Get Moving** – We can be stimulated with creative ideas during long walks or long snorkel swims! Jot down your ideas afterwards or act on them right away. The key is to “get into a habit” with your schedule. Schedule in one hour or even 30 minutes a day for your artistic self.
- 3. Use Your Experience** – If you do not have an inspiration today, use your daily experiences to create one. “Getting into the habit” of using your brain to think of something to create makes creating easier as time goes on. Think of one thing you experienced the day before that can be drawn or painted. Keep it simple!
- 4. Make it Real** – If an everyday habit is not what you are looking for, what about once a week? Pick a day and an hour. Keep to your schedule and you will find yourself looking forward to that time allocated to creating and enjoying your creative self.

Have a “Getting into the Artistic Habit” kind of day! *Janice Huckaby- JanArt*



This article is part of a series by Janice Huckaby of JanArt. Call 599 717-5246 or 791-5246 for information on art lessons or to view her artworks ☐

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER



MT. VERNON, VIRGINIA, USA

Occasional Bonaire visitors Mitch and Mickey King sent us this photo of themselves with *The Reporter* at George Washington's family home, Mt. Vernon, Virginia. Both work for the US Government; Mitch is a liaison between Capitol Hill and the post office while Mickey works for the controller of currency. ☐

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5.	10	2	EL MEDICO (CUBA)	CHUPA CHUPA
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7.	5	9	USHER/LUDA/LIL JON	YEAH
8.	8	3	SUGAR DADDY	SWEET SOCA MUSIC
9.	12	1	ALPHA BLONDY	LALOGO
10.	13	1	RUMBA BAND	DESTINO (ORIG. LESLEY VOS)
11.	15	1	ELVIS CRESPO	PEGATE
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13.	N	N	TAPON	A MI ME GUSTA
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BONAIRE POPULATION STATISTICS

Some More Interesting Statistics from Bevolking (Census Dept.)

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm

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

SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM
Taking Lives

THIS WEEK

June 6-18 Bonaire Dive Festival.

Saturday, June 12, 9 am to 4 pm - **Parliamentary Procedure** course organized by the Junior Chamber Bonaire. Learn how to formally conduct a meeting. At Jong Bonaire. Cost is NAf10. Everyone is invited. Call 790-9450, 565-7499 or 785-7828.

Saturday, June 12 -Workshop "How to Heal with Crystals," from 9 am to 1 pm. Cost is NAf50. Tel. 790-9450.

Saturday, June 12, 6:30 am, Guided Walk on Ruta Dos Pos trail. Meet at Dos Pos, the windmill on the Rincon tourist road. NAf5 kids NAf10 adults.

Sunday, June 13-Workshop on *chi* (energy): "Learn How to Channel Your Energy" 6:30 to 9 am, Sorobon. Cost NAf50. More information & to register, call 790-9450.

Tuesday, June 15, 4 pm- **Bonai Opening** at the Onima Indian Inscriptions

Friday, June 18- Aruban jazz great Delbert Bernabela introduces his new CD at Croccantino Restaurant. Details in the next issue of *The Reporter*.

COMING

Friday, June 25, 3-4:30 pm- Opening of the **Bonai Museum at Fort Oranje**

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 introduces 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

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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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

AI-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.

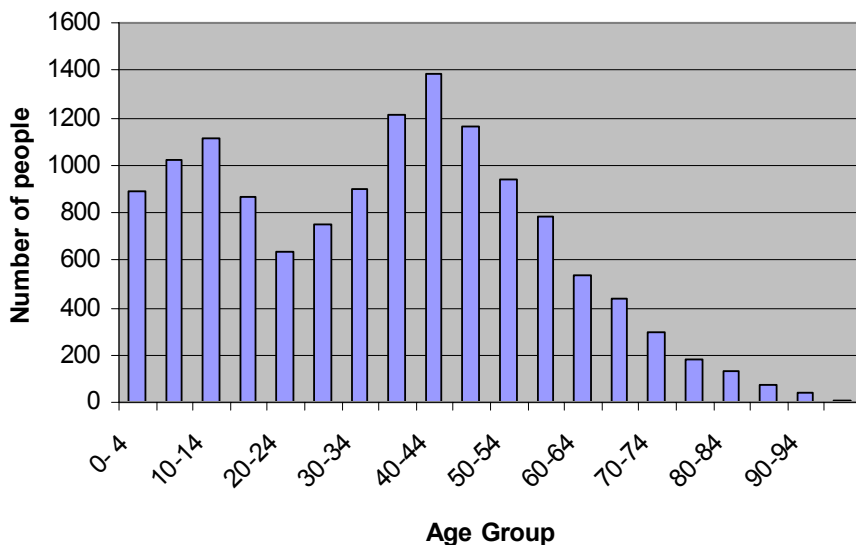
Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, every other **Tuesday,** 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, secretary Jeannette Rodriguez.

Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th 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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

POPULATION by Age



COMING AND GOING

During the months January 2003 through April 2004 (16 months) there were a total of **290 new people** on the island (44 through birth, 246 through immigration). On the other side, we lost a total of **173 people** (26 died and 147 emigrated). Therefore, as of April 2004, Bonaire had **117 more people** than at the end of December 2002.

Speaking of **Immigration**, there were **140 new European Dutch and 46 Antillean Dutch** who came to the island during this period, a total of **186 new people**. The remainder of immigrants were from 15 different countries, the most coming from the US (11), Venezuela (9) and Colombia (8).

Those who **Emigrated** or **left** the island were primarily Dutch: **87 European Dutch and 35 Antillean Dutch**. (That makes 53 more European Dutch on the island than before and 11 more Antillean Dutch.) The remainder of emigrants was from eight different countries, with Arubans being the highest (14). The dramatic increase in European Dutch may be explained by the relaxation in the requirements for

that group to obtain work and residency permits. It also shows that the departure of Antilleans that drove the population decline of the late 90s has reversed, probably because of less rosy economic conditions in The Netherlands and an improvement in the Bonaire economy.

AGE MIX

According to Bevolking, the highest population group covers the ages between 38 and 60 years. An interesting fact is that the **male (6,882) and female (6,498) populations of the island are nearly the same**. For many years there were a lot more women than men, the men having left the island to get work on ships and on other islands.

The table above shows the distribution of ages of the 13,380 people who live on Bonaire. The normal smooth distribution of age is distorted by the 20-34 age group. One factor may be the number of students and young adults who leave the island to study and work in Holland. □ L./G.D.

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

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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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Caribbean Club Bonaire at Hilltop 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.
Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar 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.
Crocantino Italian Restaurant 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.
Garden Café 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
La Balandra 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.
The Last Bite Bakery 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 gourmet class items -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
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The Lost Penguin 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.
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Lupe Uranie

“I was born in Curaçao, in Dominiguito, and lived there with my family until I was 21. My father was a messenger and a chauffeur with the water company and mom was a housekeeper at a kindergarten. We were eight children, all very attached to each other and to our cousins. Sunday was our ‘cultural day’ at Grandmother Rosa Rosalia’s. We made up poems (later in life I had a book of poems published—just two copies for my family), gave recitals, formed dancing groups and performed plays. The winner would get a scoop of ice cream, but as Grandma loved us all the same, everyone got it! It was a happening! Creativity was highly appreciated; with very little you had to invent a lot to come out a winner. I had an incredibly happy childhood. At 15 I had a group who sang Christmas carols in Spanish for government events and at church. From that group another group started and performed on TV in Tante Irma’s ‘Telefiesta.’ We danced, recited and imitated a Venezuelan TV show, ‘Show di Renny,’ including our own interpretation of the commercials. It was great fun!

At 17 I was asked to give dance classes at the Maria College with 40 students. Ten were really talented and we performed in a play in Sentro Pro Arte. I’d wanted to be a teacher, but after high school I worked for Spritzer and Fuhrman jewelers. Then I was the announcer for Radio Hoyer I, II and IV, in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. It was one of the greatest times of my life!

Before I was hired to work for the radio I’d fallen in love, gotten married and was pregnant, but I hadn’t told them when they hired me. One day my boss mentioned that I’d grown a lot. I had to admit I was pregnant. I got fired, but only for a day and a half! The owner said he didn’t want to lose such a beautiful voice, but I should have told him. The producer of the news, Juan Camelia, was very exacting with Papiamentu and would correct me and make sure I pronounced the words correctly. Being a musician, he taught me to appreciate classical music. He was the one who came up with the name for my baby: Ornella, after Ornella Fanoni, a Puerto Rican singer. I was 21 when she was born in 1976.

I quit working for the radio and started a day care at home for children up to four. Soon I had 35 children and three people working for me. It wasn’t really a lucrative business. I wasn’t much of a business woman so after four years I started working as a secretary for a fancy fashion shop in Punda and did accounting for another business.

In 1980 my second daughter, Pharetsa, ‘Phara,’ as we call her, was born. I was lucky to find Tante Lichi to take care of her and Ornella. Hers was a very special family. When Ornella had her own daughter in 2001 she said, ‘Where is Tante Lichi to help me raise my daughter?’ As a mother I feel that that lady gave my children more love and attention than I ever did. But my daughters say, ‘No mom, you couldn’t have done it better!’ So, from them I got my diploma!”

Lupe Uranie is an extraordinary bubbling personality, full of life and laughter, very strong and stable and capable of moving mountains.

“One day a friend of mine who was working with the mentally disabled

asked me if I wanted to work for their small foundation. They needed a chauffeur to drive them back and forth from their homes to the daycare. I took some hours off to volunteer. The first day was a complete disaster.

When the first client was carried to the car I got literally sick and had to stop the car several times to vomit. I just couldn’t believe people like

that existed. I didn’t even want to bring them back, but the director said, ‘We have nobody else!’ Little by little I got used to it and developed a strong bond with our clients’ families. By 1983 I was working half time as a chauffeur and half time as a secretary for the foundation. Later on I became a full time secretary; then I replaced the daycare head for a couple of months. After 11 years my husband and I got divorced, and life became really tough money wise. Don’t ask me how, but I managed to buy a little house. We cleaned it up and moved in. Little by little, penny by penny, we fixed it up. I remember Phara’s fifth birthday present: Zinc roof plates with *awa di lamoenchi* (lemonade) and fried funchi



that the neighbor brought over. On the weekends I cleaned houses together with a girlfriend; the mop and the buckets in the car and off we went! I stayed with the foundation for more than 13 years, but I was making very little money there, so I resigned and started my own cleaning company to improve my finances. Luckily we did well.

In 2000 I came to Bonaire. I’ve always loved Bonaire! Really! To me Bonaire is like its old slogan, ‘Unspoiled, Unhurried and Unforgettable!’ Every Regatta my daughters would get a ‘lift’ to Bonaire for a week. During the summer holidays they would come the very first day to Bonaire to stay with Chinta and Donny Wout in Rincon. The last two weeks I would come to pick them up. After my divorce I almost came to live here, but it wasn’t practical because of the schools. So, when both children left for Holland, I felt free to go.

I applied for the job of secretary with the FKPD and was hired in February. In April they asked me to take over the management as the previous manager had left unexpectedly. In July 2001 I became the director.”

She leans back in her chair and gives me a big smile. “So much has happened in the last four years and it has been one of the best times of my life because I’ve got so many people with whom I can share my knowledge and experience. Because I show that I’m proud of myself, of what I’m doing, of our clients and the staff, I taught them to be proud of themselves too, of their work and of each other. Last year, for my 50th birthday, the entire population of the FKPD threw me a big party fit for a queen, so I suppose they love me as I love them. Reorganization can hurt people, but if you want to reach a goal you have to be tough and honest. Still, with all the help of the board, it has been very hard for

me to reach that point. I’ve been working like a horse. Every Friday I feel like a rag and there have been moments that I wanted to go back to Curaçao by foot! Now we have 46 clients who come every day to work at *Pasadia*. We have 15 people who live independently, but under guidance, in houses in Rincon and Playa. The children’s daycare has six children and we have a staff of 26 people. Few call in sick and hardly anyone shows up late to work.

With the 3.2 million guilders from AVBZ we’re going to build our new complex in Playa. We’ve already broken ground on the land which is behind the high school. All the building plans were dated 14 years ago, but preparations took a lot of time and there was a lack of know-how. Professionals came from other islands and *Fundashon Kas Bonairiano*, which has been involved from the very beginning, will supervise the technical aspects. We hope to start building before the end of the year. If not I’ll pack my things and go!”

She roars with laughter: “I hope that will scare them! Nevertheless, I love my job intensely. Every day gives me great pleasure and I hope to stay for a long time. When I’m old, I’ll still have my cozy little house in the countryside in Curaçao. There is this huge apple tree that knows all the stories, all the secrets and all the declarations of love. We cried and celebrated there, and it’s there where I’ll live. I’ll sit in my rocking chair and they will come, one by one, to visit me; the tales of my life.” □

Greta Kooistra



HE DID IT. THEY DID IT...TWICE!!!!

That morning his day started at 5 o'clock just as usual. At 7:30 he received a nervous call from his friend and promoter Natalie. His answer to her question about possibly canceling the event because of a rainy day? Laughter, and the answer "Weather or not I'll just go on till the end!" A typical answer of the 53-year-old athlete, Nazario Alberto (see article *Bonaire Reporter* May 27). His schedule on that June 4? To establish a record by walking 102 km in less than 20 hours: the fearful *Torno to Torno* (Tower to Tower) walk, twice. At the same time he wanted to collect funds to represent Bonaire at this year's *Vierdaagse* of Nijmegen. (The five-day walk centered at the city in Nijmegen in Holland.)



Nazario Alberto

Felipe Melaan, a fellow *Norteño* (person from the village of Nort di Saliña) well known in the soccer world and also for his remarkable speed.

Around 6:20 pm they returned from the Malmok Lighthouse in Washington Park, heading to Kralendijk. Nazario's nephew, Rashid, who started with them, stopped at the gates. In two hours they reached the WEB plant in Hato where the 'circus' started: people cheerfully hooting in the cars. The whole event reached its peak around 8:45 pm on the Promenade where the Bonairean nightlife is concentrated. People stepped out of the cafés and restaurants and started cheering and applauding. A whole caravan of at least 20 cars covered the whole area, hooting a symphony of joy.

One of the toughest parts was heading south from the shrimp plant to Willemstoren due to the harsh salty wind. Despite this they reached the Willemstoren at 11:50 pm, one hour ahead the schedule! Joselito Melaan, Felipe's nephew, then accompanied them for three more hours.

After that Joselito 'switched' with Ibi Everts on his bike. Around 3:45 in the morning they reached the Promenade again. Despite the late hour there were still some people besides Reina (his wife) and Natalie who were in their car co-

ordinating everything. Charlton Thomas, the first official Bonairean FIFA certified soccer referee, helped them until the end with professional massage.

The *Subi di Broertje Janga* road with its tough hills was no match for them at 6:30 in the morning. The press was then alarmed that they would definitely reach the gates long before the scheduled 10 o'clock. Due to an unfortunate incident of two cameramen not showing up on time, the crew, Reina and Natalie, had to rush back to Kralendijk to look for alternatives. This prevented Nazario and Felipe from reaching the gates before 8 o'clock, as they had to wait.

Around 8:40 the emotional countdown started. Tired, but walking proudly with their heads held high, they entered the gates of Washington Park with family and friends. Risky low-sugar levels in Nazario and Felipe's heavily cramped calf muscles were no hindrance to them. The huge Bonairean flag carried by Nazario and Felipe

Natalie A.C. Wanga photo



Nazario en-route

with everyone singing the national anthem was a touching sight even for people listening at home.

As the PR /promoter who arrived back in Bonaire after being away for 20 years, this was a very emotional experience for me: a reencounter with the real Bonairean characteristics as a proud, involved and friendly nation. I tended to forget that these existed, thanks to years of (often exaggerated) negative media attention in the Netherlands. **No one** who accompanied Nazario, either for fun or for serious purposes (Felipe, medical reasons, massage, holding the harsh salty wind with cars, etc.), were programmed or asked for. Everyone, without exception, arrived spontaneously and helped. Besides, 95% of the collected money along the way was from locals, often people with little resources. What started as a beautiful dream of one Bonairean ended twice as good ! □

Natalie A.C. Wanga



Nazario talks to the media

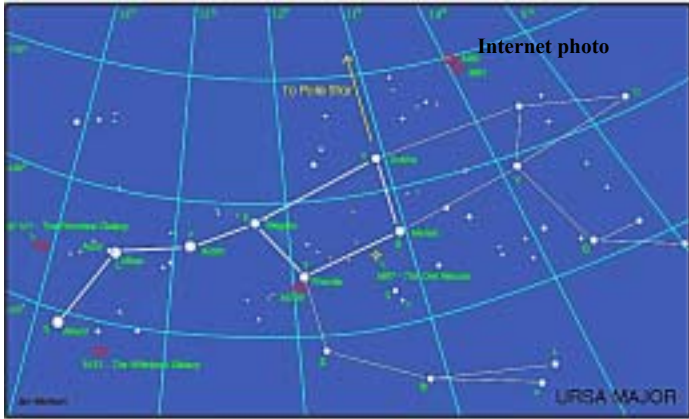
After an official ceremony at the entrance of Washington Park with family, friends, members of the press and government representatives, Nazario started at 3:20 pm for his long journey. The start, finish and in-between broadcasts were done live by Digital FM. During his 102- km walk different people offered to join him for part of the trek. Among the people who accompanied him from the beginning was



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Although you may never have thought of it before, for people who live in northern latitudes June is the month of the shortest nights for star gazing. At the time of the Summer Solstice, the first day of summer, which this year is Sunday June 20th, the hours of daylight



The Big Dipper, also called Ursa Major

are the longest and the hours of darkness are the shortest. For us in Bonaire the difference between the length of the days is only about 1½ hours, not the five or six hours occurring in the high latitudes of Europe or the US.

A good start for sky watching in mid-June is around 10 to 11 pm. Facing north you'll see the **Little Dipper** at its very highest above the **North Star**. In fact, the North Star is the star at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper and sometimes hard to see from some spots on Bonaire. Now the Little Dipper is not nearly as large or as bright as the **Big Dipper (Ursa Major)** which is directly to its left in the northwest. Four stars mark its cup and three stars mark its handle. And once you've found it you can shoot an arrow through its handle to find the third brightest star in the sky, **Arcturus**, which is the major star of **Bootes, the Herdsman** (although the entire constellation looks something like a kite). You can extend that arrow from **Arcturus** over to the brightest star of **Virgo, Spica**. Remember? Arc to Arcturus, speed on to Spica!

Now, we can tell from the stars alone that spring is almost over because spring's most famous constellation is just above the western horizon. A sickle-shaped pattern or backward question mark of stars mark the front part of spring's **Leo the Lion** and a triangle of stars mark his rear. And he looks like he's getting ready to lunge below the horizon before summer kicks him out of the evening skies.

Then just look south and there you'll see a giant fish-hook shaped pattern of stars which is none other than summer's infamous **Scorpius, the Scorpion**, which is always trailed by the teapot-shaped portion of stars which make up part of the constellation called **Sagittarius, the Centaur**. And as a special treat, there, low in the southwest is the **Southern Cross**, something those northerners never get to see. So there you have it, stars for a mid-summer's night around 10 to 11 pm! □ *Jack Horkheimer*

Last week we told you readers about the once-in-a-century or so event of the planet Venus passing in front of the sun. This past Tuesday morning we saw it for ourselves. We watched it through developed dark X-ray film with our bare eyes and binoculars as well as through a powerful telescope equipped with solar filters. It was awe inspiring to see that black spot, which was the planet Venus, move across the blazing disk of the sun. It brought home the majesty of the mechanics of the universe. As one of our fellow watchers said, "I hope the others don't get 'Venus Envy' after hearing of our experience." □ *G.D.*

Moon Info ● New Moon on June 17th ☾ First Quarter on June 25th
Full Moon ○ on July 2nd ☾ Last Quarter on July 9



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: June 11 to June 18, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) If you're looking to do something worthwhile, consider volunteer work. You can find out important information if you listen to friends and relatives. Don't let your health suffer because of abuse. Be discreet and don't reveal any personal information. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may make someone else look bad. Travel will promote new romantic connections. Don't be too quick to spend money. Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Try to deal with it quickly; don't dwell on past regrets. Misunderstandings could cause confusion and upset. You are best to do something energetic with friends instead. Someone envious of your popularity may challenge you to a debate. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't hesitate to go ahead with any plans for entertainment. Pleasure trips will ease the tension between you and your mate. Good time for romance. You could be tempted to overspend on unnecessary items. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) The advice you get this week may be based on false information. Don't overindulge in any way. Find a way to consolidate. Don't hesitate to visit someone who hasn't been well. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Get involved in a competitive sport that will bring the challenges you thrive on. Your persuasive nature will win the heart of someone you've had your eye on. You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. This might not be a day for hasty decisions. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. A romantic dinner, followed by a quiet evening with the one who is enticing you, should be most satisfying. You could be emotional if you didn't take care of problems with loved ones. Someone you live with may feel totally neglected. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your hypnotic eyes will capture the hearts of those who interest you. Empty promises are evident and deception probable. The personal problems you may be having are interfering with your productivity. Your partner may be somewhat irritable this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may become rundown if you take on too much. Major job changes or opportunities to get ahead professionally are apparent. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do. If you're already in a relationship, use this added energy passionately. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Regardless of your first reaction, the outcome will be favorable. Uncertainties about your living arrangements may be unnerving. You may have major blowups with someone you love if you don't back down. Focus on your domestic scene. Get together with friends or relatives. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Unique forms of entertainment could capture your attention and bring about a romantic interest. Don't let your jealousy be the reason for a decaying relationship. You can make money but not through harebrained schemes or gambling. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You can make money if you pursue your own business. Be careful what you consume this week. Don't let your mate talk you into going somewhere you'd rather not go. If you can include them in your plans, do so. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.