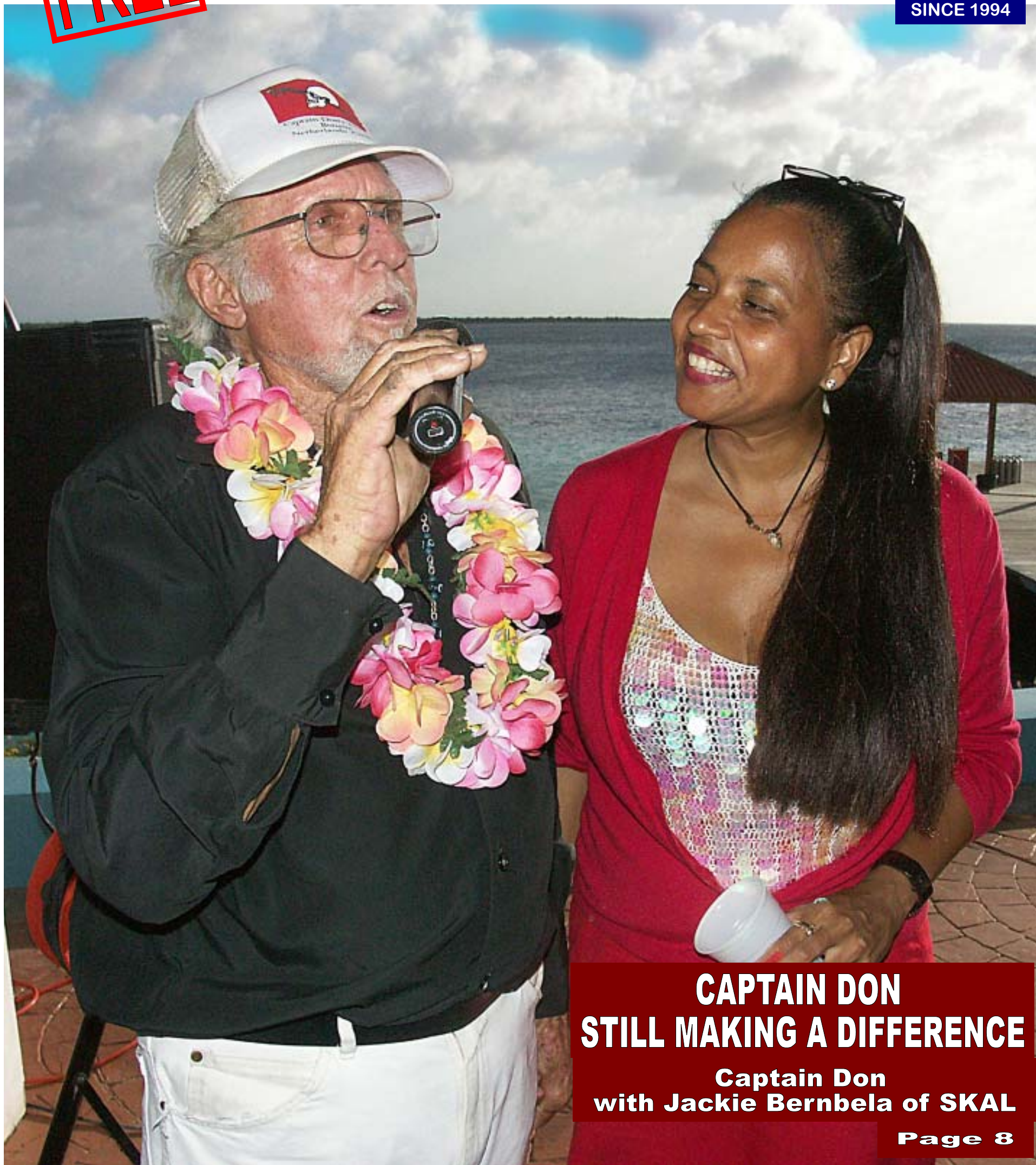


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# The **BONAIR** REPORTER

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## **CAPTAIN DON STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**Captain Don  
with Jackie Bernbela of SKAL**



# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

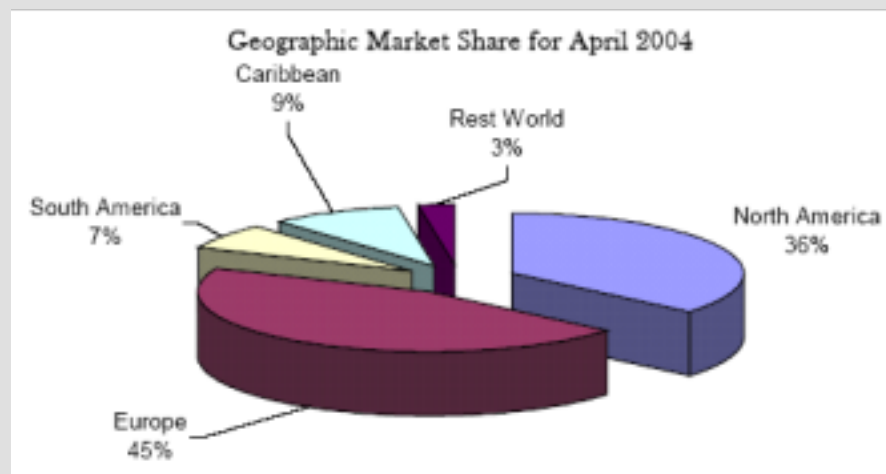
## BONAIRE TOURIST ARRIVALS UP 6.2% IN APRIL



Last week an article published in a local Dutch language daily newspaper claimed that one-third of the population of Bonaire is, in one way or another, involved in the drug scene. It was based on a recently published report by Reda Sosial (Social Net Foundation). It said Bonaire had 680 addicts, or 6.7% of the 10,114 population. It further noted that approximately one-third of the island's people were involved in the drug scene.

The numbers were so bizarre that they defied reason. It meant that one of every three people you meet in Bonaire is mixed up in drugs somehow. **Now it's revealed that it was based on a number, 680, that was misinterpreted.**

The Bonaire Agency for Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation, OMAR, reported that during 1998-1999, 680 persons visited its office. That number included not only addicts but also just visitors or persons on other business. It appears that figure was misused by the Reda Social report writers to indicate drug addicts. Then a commonly used practice was employed to multiply the number of addicts by five to arrive at a viable estimate of how many people are involved in the drug scene, including users, pushers, mules, etc. Do the multiplication and you come out to about a third of the Bonaire's population.



Bonaire recorded an estimated total of 6,549 tourist arrivals for the month of April 2004, 6% more than last year. Visitors from the US increased 8%, from 2,065 arrivals last year to 2,222 this year, but are still below their previous more than 50% ratio. The traffic from Europe dropped 9%; The Netherlands decreased 6.8%. The South American market recorded an increase of 44% on the whole while the Venezuelan market decreased by 24%. The Venezuelan political situation continues to be a negative factor.

It's interesting to note that European tourists spend the most time on the island as compared to visitors from other destinations. □

Elvio Cecilia, the head of OMAR, said his office has 50 addicts registered. If you multiply that by five you come up with 250 people, a more realistic figure. Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius said his office did not have statistical data on drug abuse. However, he noted that of the 225 traffickers arrested last year, 15 were from Bonaire.

► Dutch Minister of Justice, Piet Hein Donner, wants to send Antilleans home

after having done jail time in Holland.

He suggested that the Curaçao based Central Government lend them the cost of a one-way ticket to the Antilles. Alternatively, he suggests that Antilleans be required to have a return ticket when traveling to Holland. He added that in case a return ticket expires because of imprisonment, it should be made possible to buy a one-way (return) ticket at a reduced rate. Perhaps that's payback for the past practice of one prominent Curaçao banker

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who paid for one-way tickets to Holland for accused Curaçao criminals who had their charges suspended once they departed.

► Four pickpockets-two men and two women-were arrested by airport police at Curaçao's Hato Airport last Sunday. The pickpockets joined the check-in lines. By pushing up from behind against the

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# PET of the WEEK



"Ellen"

two years old and has been sterilized. Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema says she'll make a good watch dog; she's a fairly big dog and is very protective. The adoption fee for dogs is NAf105 and that includes assurance of a healthy and social dog: shots, testing, worming, even sterilization. If you had to pay for that separately it would cost considerably more. You may see Ellen at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

Don't forget the **Shelter's Massive Sterilization Program** which lasts for two weeks, **October 18<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>**. Get the word out! The goal is to sterilize 300 dogs, the target animals being those who may be being fed by someone but who run freely. Veterinarians from North America and Holland will be coming to perform operations, gratis. Volunteers are needed to assist in the operating room and to help pick up the dogs. Call the Shelter at 717-4989 if you can help. Thanks to volunteer Bea Jones of Colorado who has been keeping the Bonaire Animal Shelter website up to date: [www.bonaireanimalshelter.org](http://www.bonaireanimalshelter.org). See what a great job the Shelter is doing with education, lost and found pets, sterilizing programs, fund raising and more. Thanks, Bea! It's a labor of love. And thank you too to NetTech for hosting the site. You guys are great! □ L.D.

Smiling "Ellen" was found by some kind people after she had been abandoned and brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter. As with all the other pets brought in she was checked out by the vet to make sure she was in good health. She passed that hurdle and further qualified for adoption because of her "social" attributes of having such a sweet disposition. And she always tries to please. Not only that but she gets along well with other dogs and even cats! Ellen is about

## FREE STERILIZATION PROGRAM

**OCTOBER 18 to 30.** Call 717-4989

**Animal Shelter's Community-wide Program**

# POLICE UPDATE



*No matter what, Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius tries to stay positive and keep smiling, he says.*

**P**ublic Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius reported that things are still active at Flamingo Airport with the Flamingo Team. Last week 12 drug traffickers were arrested, seven of them between Saturday and Sunday trying to get on the same flight to Holland. These seven were all bolitas swallows. The Prosecutor recently received a report from Holland's Schiphol Airport saying that during the last weeks the **flights coming in from Bonaire have been "completely clean" (drug free)**.

On Tuesday June 29 the Prosecutor General came to Bonaire to confer with Prosecutor Wesselius, Lt. Governor Domacassé and Police Chief Daantje. The Police Chief wasn't able to attend as he was off island. Results of the conference were too late to be included in this issue.

Those suspects arrested for Belnam and Sabadeco burglaries and robberies are still being held. If anyone has any information that is pertinent to the break ins, please call the **Police Hotline 9208**

**Charles Souriel of the Police Department reports** that traffic accidents and burglaries were the big news last week. On Friday at 7 pm there was a car accident at the crossing of Kaya Gilberto Betico Croes and J.A. Abraham Blvd. The driver who caused the accident had a cut on the head and complained of pain in the right arm. Both cars suffered frontal damage. The police are investigating further. There was another accident at dawn on Sunday when a donkey crossed the road and the driver had to swerve into the wall of a ditch. The passenger in the vehicle suffered some scratches and a broken tooth.

On Sunday night at 7:10 pm near the Antillean Rice Mills a driver lost control of the car which rolled over. The driver suffered some internal injuries and a broken rib and was taken to the hospital by the ambulance. The driver remains in the hospital. The accident is also under investigation.

It has come to the attention of the police that in many of the barrios and in Les Galeries in Playa the people are not taking adequate precautions against intruders.

Last Friday in one of the barrios some of the inhabitants were sleeping with their windows and doors open during the times when it would be an invitation to be robbed. The police recommend that people make their lives easier by making life more difficult for the culprits. □ L.D.



(*Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2*) person in front they created the opportunity to steal. Two passengers reported having had their purses stolen. The four are suspected of being part of a larger gang. operating in Curaçao.



► **DCA will continue to fly from Curaçao to Amsterdam with a Lockheed Tristar from Air Luxor.** DCA has been using the aircraft for twice weekly flights since late May. On July 1 it will fly four times per week. How long the relationship with Air Luxor will last is not clear. DCA does not have certification to fly trans-Atlantic flights on its own. Statistics show that DCA, on average, transports three times as many bolita mules as other carriers flying into Amsterdam from the Netherlands Antilles. This has prompted Dutch State Secretary of Finance Joop Wijn to warn that a flight ban is under consideration. DCA offers the lowest prices for the trans-Atlantic flight, which might be the appeal for the cost-conscious bolita swallower.

► **Dutch Caribbean Exel begins flying the same route on July 15.**

► The Dutch Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) notes in a report released last week that, **for the first time in 20 years, more people emigrated from Holland in 2003 than immigrated to the country.**

## JAN MOL

8 November 1938 – 25 June 2004

Last Friday our friend, fellow journalist, maritime engineer and retired ship captain, Jan Mol, died in the hospital in Curaçao after a two-year, long, hard and uncomfortable battle to survive his failing kidneys. Jan's kidney problems started following an extended period of taking medicines for gout combined with high blood pressure. The medication slowly deteriorated his kidney functions until their failure killed him. He was 65.

A resident of Bonaire since 1993, Jan was well known for his articles about Bonaire in the local papers, written in Dutch, Papiamentu and English. He was a man of the sea and was involved in many aspects of it: as a member of the team attempting to set up a maritime museum in Bonaire and as the organizer of a marine exhibit at Harbour Village.

Jan was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He was a marine pilot in Aruba, then worked for the Coast Guard in Canada. Later he returned to Holland to work in the boat simulation center. In 1993 he



and his wife, Amy, came to Bonaire where he worked for a time as a pilot before his retirement. In addition to maritime articles Jan wrote many stories about the people of Bonaire and their island, which appeared in *The Bonaire Reporter*, *Extra*, *Amigoe* and *Aruba Today*.

Jan is survived by his wife Amy, one son and two daughters. His children reside in Holland. There was a service on Wednesday, June 30, at the *Kas di Sosisiego* chapel. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate a donation to the Bonaire Animal Shelter.

His death brings into sharp focus the need for Bonaire to have its own kidney treatment center. An initiative to get this established very soon at San Francisco Hospital was announced last month. Jan prolonged his life through CAPD - Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (Peritoneal Dialysis). It is a method by which a system of tubes is used to flush the peritoneum, via a "port" into the stomach with a special fluid. It's time consuming, uncomfortable and boring for it must be done four to five times daily. For a terminal kidney patient, leading an active life, the way Jan Mol did, is only possible using a kidney-function-replacing therapy. It's not a cure; only a kidney from a human donor might correct the problem. But the waiting list for new kidneys is long and a "match" with a donor is a strict requirement. There are many patients with failing kidneys in Bonaire for a number of factors. Being able to have a first line kidney center here would make their lives more comfortable and healthier.

All of us at *The Reporter* offer our sympathy to Jan's family. □ *G./L.D./Arjan Luijken*

CBS says the reason for this turnaround is the decline in numbers of Antilleans migrating to Holland and the rise in numbers returning to the islands (104,800 left and 104,500 came in). In 2002, 24,000 more came in than left.

► **Geraldine Dammers has joined the Bonaire Island Government** as the fourth Commissioner on the Executive Council. She is expected to be responsible for education. Bonaire's Commissioners, the Lt. Governor and Island Secretary make up the

island's executive branch. Ms. Dammers has the reputation of being intelligent and knowledgeable.

Traditionally Bonaire has had three commissioners but there were complaints that the workload on individual commissioners was too heavy and another was needed. That moved was nixed by the previous Lt. Governor, Richard Hart. Opposition party leader Jopie Abraham has called the move illegal and points out that Curaçao with a population of 140,000 has seven commissioners, while Bonaire, with less than a

tenth of that number, has four.

► **Bonaire's airport will remain simply "Flamingo Airport."** After the birth of Princess Amalia, the local Orange Association spread rumors about changing the airport's name to Princess Amalia Airport. Ruling party leader, Ramonsito Booi, confirmed the no-name-change at the end of last week.

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# CHOSEN CHEFS PREPARE FOR ITALY

Here they are--The Italian Connection--the group from the SGB Hotel School, Chez Nous, who will be going to Italy's prima food region, Emilia Romagna, where they will study cuisine, Italian style, for four weeks this October. The Emilia Romagna region is considered to be the very pinnacle of cuisine and produce in Italy.

Two years ago, as a pilot project, a group of seven students from Bonaire were invited to come to Italy to study. The group made such a good impression on the school's administrators that they were invited to return. Due to time and money constraints the invitation couldn't be accepted last year. However, this year not only is Bonaire sending a contingent but there will be students coming from Aruba and Curaçao as well. The idea is to broaden the students' education, demonstrate another way to learn and give them a cultural and social experience.

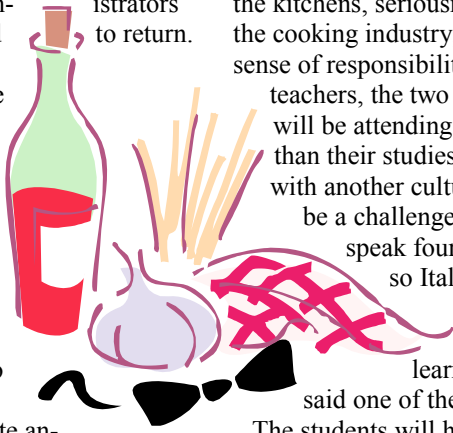
The program this year has progressed to one with three phases. There will be the four-week study program in October from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a summer work program in 2005 for the students which could last from three to six months. (Presently four students from Bonaire, three from the 2002 program,

are now working in Italy). The third phase is an exchange program whereby Italian culinary students will study in Bonaire, Aruba and Curaçao next year.

Bonaire's contingent this fall will be four students and an alternate: Bram Schmit, Isidro Statie, Luthgarda Serberie, Wendy Heredia and Jenny Silberie.

Choosing the students was a tough job for the teachers. Choices were based not only on the student's practical and theoretical class work but on the student's attitude and maturity, willingness to help in the kitchens, seriousness in continuing in the cooking industry, independence and sense of responsibility. According to the teachers, the two Italian schools they will be attending are at a higher level than their studies here, and coping with another culture and language will be a challenge. Most of these teens speak four languages already, so Italian shouldn't be a hurdle. "But these are smart kids. They learn quickly and well," said one of the teachers.

The students will have a total immersion experience in Italy. They will sleep, eat, study, cook and "work" at schools designed as "mock" hotels and resorts. These schools, the Serramazzoni School and the Cesenatico School, are equipped with multiple kitchen work stations to allow for optimal hands-on training. Students from the ABC islands will have practical sessions dedicated to cooking. They'll focus on subjects such as wine



**Student chefs with their teachers and parents: (Standing) teacher Vernon Martijn, Bram Schmit and his mom, Isidro Statie with his dad, Luthgarda Serberie with her mom, teacher Liz Rijna. (Front) teacher Kees Leeman, Wendy Heredia with her mom and dad. Not pictured: Jenny Silberie**

making, olive oil pressing, agro-tourism, etc. After school hours in the dorms they'll mix with students from other countries. On the weekends there will be excursions to wineries, balsamic vinegar and Parmesan factories.

In order to help finance their trip, as in the past, there will be fundraising gourmet dinners at Chez Nous for the public, starting in September. (Remember those three-course extravaganzas two years ago?) The Bonaire Culinar foundation will help raise money as well for plane tickets. Once the students are at the schools in Italy, their room and board is

provided by the respective schools. When the students return they'll be conducting cooking skills workshops for their peers.

This project was conceived and accomplished by Sara Matera of the Bonaire Restaurant Association (BRA) and the Bonaire Culinar Foundation in conjunction with the staff of the SGB and contributing members of the island. Last time the entire community and visitors to Bonaire helped support the group in the form of money, airline award points, advice, free labor, production and goods at no charge and a wonderful spirit. □L.D.





## PUPPY INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Getting a puppy is a challenge not to be undertaken lightly. Baby dogs can be almost as time consuming as baby humans. So, first be sure that you have the time and energy to care for this new member of your family, and then be prepared.

**Before you bring puppy home** you will want to have a place set up for him. Ideally this will be a "play pen" at least 6' x 6' x 30"H, placed in your kitchen or other area with washable floor. He will be very lonely at first, missing his mama and his littermates, so an area with some activity will help distract and reassure him. If you must be gone for long periods you may want to leave a radio on. Line the puppy's pen with newspaper to start, then gradually reduce the area of paper, always leaving some soiled paper behind to encourage him to eliminate in the same spot. Include some toys in his pen-hard rubber balls or nylon chews are best (never rawhide or soft toys he might choke on). The ideal puppy bed is a small hard-shelled carrier crate (door removed) with a towel in it. It needs to be small enough that he won't want to eliminate in it (dogs instinctively do not soil their beds). Dogs are den animals; your puppy's crate will be his den where he can rest and feel secure, so never disturb him when he is in his crate. Whenever puppy is out of his pen he should be supervised and any areas he has access to should be baby-proofed.

Also be sure to have an appropriate (safe) collar with ID tag, and a lightweight 4' leash, before you bring your puppy home.

**Feeding:** If your puppy is just weaned he should be fed 4 times a day. You want him to eat as much as he will for the first few months, unless your vet recommends otherwise. Start by mixing 1 cup puppy chow with warm water (dry is fine as soon as he is eating well), see how much he eats in 15 minutes, and adjust the amount accordingly. Food and water pans should be low and hard to spill (pie pans are perfect) and kept clean at all times. Put his dishes near his bed, as far from his "bathroom" area as possible, and always clean the pen before feeding him. At 3 to 4 months you can cut him



*This puppy was "dumped" with his brother and mother north of Sabedeco. He's now on the road to recovery.*

back to 3 times a day, and at 4 to 6 months, twice a day. Feed at set times and pick up the food dish when he's done. Having a schedule will help with future training.

**Veterinary and routine care:** Your pup should have received at least one puppy shot (for distemper and parvo). Most vets recommend booster vaccinations at 10-12 weeks, and again at 14-16 weeks, and then annually. Consult your vet about regular deworming.

The Rabies vaccine is given at 4-6 months (the first is good for 1 year, then he will need it every 3 years). Your pup should be neutered at around 6 months. He should also be tested for heartworms at 6 months, and be given monthly heartworm preventative.

He will also require flea and tick prevention, as well as regular grooming including ear cleaning, nail trimming, and brushing.

**Remember that your puppy will grow into a dog,** who will live 12 or more years. So be sure you have the resources (time and money) to provide housing, food, exercise, training, and veterinary care for him.

Animal Shelters are full of dogs whose families were not prepared. Dogs Are For Life!

Next time we'll begin training your puppy... □ *Susan Brown*

*Susan Brown is a professional dog trainer on the island who has been in the "pet business" for 28 years. "I do anything related to pet care," she says, "training, pet sitting, grooming, even help with the after care of recuperating animals." For all your dog training or pet care needs contact Susan at the Pet Professor, e-mail: bandbfarm@yahoo.com or call 717-2620.*

# Referendum Chronicle



**NOS FUTURE, BAN P'EI  
(OUR FUTURE-LET'S  
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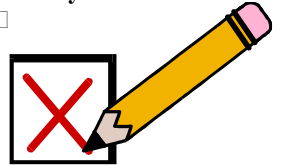
The big news this week is the planned **shift from a two-ballot referendum to a single ballot.** The September decision date was confirmed (September 10<sup>th</sup>). It remains non-binding on the Bonaire Government, The Netherlands or the Central Government. The change was set to be discussed at a Monday morning Island Council meeting which was cancelled but was announced by government legal advisor Michel Bijkerk on the Sean Paton weekly Mega 101 Forum radio show. As of press time it remains only a proposal. The next Island Council meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>. Voting rights remain extended to five-year permanent residents and age 16 and up. Bonaireans residing overseas are not excluded, but no infrastructure to vote overseas has been defined. Replacing the previous two-stage format is a single ballot with four questions. It is very similar to the 1994 Referendum where Bonaire overwhelmingly voted to maintain the status quo and remain part

of the Netherlands Antilles.

The options are:

1. **Remain part of the Netherlands Antilles (Status Quo)**
2. **Form a "direct link" with The Netherlands (Integration with Holland)**
3. **Be an autonomous part of the Dutch Kingdom (Status Aparte)**
4. **Become an independent country**

In another Referendum development, **Filomena 'Stanley' Janga and Rudolf 'Dolfi' Davelaar** were appointed as new members of the Referendum Committee. In the same Island Decision, the Governing Board (BC) approved the resignation of Walter Coffie and Chairman Hans Els. Adely Jansen withdrew her request to resign. **Arthur Sealy** will be the new chairman. □



The aim of the **Chronicle** team of editorial and staff writers is to inform, not to influence public opinion or "sell" a particular option. Critical comments, useful additions and questions by the readers are welcomed and published whenever possible.

# RINCON MARSHÉ



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAPTAIN DON

What began nearly five years ago as a once-a-month outdoor market, then progressed to one large and three weekly smaller markets monthly, has now expanded to an every-Saturday big market. The super successful Rincon Marshé began with the help of Rincon Uni and Rinfa, a Rincon women's club. Enthusiasm by the organizers and stand operators was high from the beginning and has continued so until today. Improvements have been made along the way like new stands, programs with featured speakers and a shaded sitting area and furniture provided by RBTT bank, but the essence of the Marshé remains the same: a sharing of Rincon hospitality, foods, crafts and traditions. The stand holders are local entrepreneurs who produce local products. Their customers are local residents, tourists, divers, eco-visitors – all those who want to get a glimpse of the living anthropologic museum called the Rincon community.

**The Marshé is now open at 6 am for**



**BBQ at the Rincon Market**

**the early birds who enjoy the cool of the day. They'll be serving local breakfasts with selections such as meat soup, cactus soup, corn pancakes, pumpkin pancakes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate with peanuts, corn porridge and more. It will remain open until 2 to 4.** Stands sell fresh fruit and vegetables, candles, arts and handicrafts, home made juices, jewelry, local sweets and snacks. At lunchtime they fire up the grills and

We welcomed the opportunity to once again wish Captain Don Stewart a Happy Birthday... his 79<sup>th</sup>. Jack Chalk, manager of Captain Don's Habitat, threw him a party of about 100 of his closest friends last Friday. A special treat for the Captain was the visit of his daughter, Gwen, who spent some of her growing-up years on Bonaire. Since Captain Don's retirement about 15 years ago from running the resort he founded he's been a nurseryman and landscaper. He has specialized in landscaping using native plants that need no fertilization or irrigation. At the entrances to SABADECO you can see how beautiful native plantings can be. With his current emphasis on plants his contributions to Bonaire's dive industry may seem to be forgotten by newcomers to the island. But the Dive Museum, organized for the just-completed Dive Festival, served as a refresher for many of us. Be sure to see ScubaVision's 45-minute-long documentary about Captain Don if you want to be informed and at the same time entertained as you follow the career of Bonaire's foremost dive pioneer. □ G.D. Contact ScubaVision at 717-2844 or 785-9332, e-mail [scubavision@bonairelive.com](mailto:scubavision@bonairelive.com).



**Captain Don and his daughter, Gwen**

you can get ribs, chicken, fish accompanied by *funchi* or fries. A visit to the Rincon Marshé is a real Bonairean experience. Admire the town that actively strives to maintain its culture and

traditions and appreciate the fact that they want to share it with the rest of the world. □ L.D.



## kitesurf scene - KITESURFERS TO REPRESENT BONAIRE AT ARUBA HIGHWINDS

Not only will Bonaire be represented at the Aruba Highwinds for windsurfing; now the Bonaire kitesurfers will be entering this year's Highwinds competition too! Last year the organizers of the Highwinds combined the windsurf event with the popular and spectacular sport of kitesurfing, adding a new breeze to the action.

The Bonaire competitors are: Martin Cicilia, Zwaantje (Zwanet) Kooij, Jeroen Roevros and Pieter Zweers. They look forward to testing their skills against those of the other participants and hope to put Bonaire on the map for good kitesurfing. (It's about time...) They are sponsored by BonairExel (thanks!) □ *Martin Cicilia & Zwaantje Kooij*



## NEW BOATLIFT



*Windmillier's owners and Jon Blonk*

Hauling your boat out of the water in Bonaire has just gotten easier. A massive hydraulic trailer that should be able to accommodate sailboats and powerboats up to the 40' class has been added to the facilities at the Blonk Boatyard located next to WEB. Many yacht owners prefer to be hauled in this way because it offers the most security for their vessel. Last week the Canadian yacht, the Tartan 37, *Windmillier*, was the first boat hauled for inspection and repair. Call 717-6800 or 567-0871 for more information. □ *G.D.*

## DIVING AND FISHING AT TOWN PIER STILL OK

Have you noticed the fencing and new construction along Bonaire's commercial waterfront? It's part of the changes taking place to bring Bonaire into compliance with the International Shipping and Port Security (ISPS) code, which goes into effect worldwide on 1 July 2004. Most international ports will be ISPS-compliant; ISPS-compliant ships may only visit ISPS-compliant ports.

How does this affect those of us who live on Bonaire? ISPS certification is necessary for Bonaire to be an acceptable port for most international shipping, including car carriers and cruise ships. Once the ISPS code goes into effect this week (July 1<sup>st</sup>), the differences here will be minor. There will be a security presence on Bonaire's piers, but fishing and diving will still be allowed.

The heart of the matter, for many of us, is that wonderful phrase, "diving will still be allowed." Of course, it won't be as simple to arrange as it was before July, but then nothing is as simple as it used to be... **Both dive masters and divers will be required to provide identity information, in advance**, to the Harbormaster's Office, and Security Officers will be checking diving permits on site. Other restrictions may be imposed as the system is perfected, but **diving will still be allowed**.

Diving will still be allowed, that is, under circumstances of lowest security. When ships are in port, or when security levels must be heightened, diving will not be permitted. Diving hasn't been permitted with cruise ships at the Pier for several years already, so that's not a change. We'll know diving isn't permitted because the sign, "NO DIVING BEYOND THIS POINT" will be posted.

Those of us who love the Pier are indebted to our Harbormasters, who have worked hard to create an acceptable security plan that includes recreational diving at the North Pier. The ISPS code was designed by the International Maritime Organization at the request of the United Nations. You can buy a copy of the ISPS code, or find out more about it, at [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org). □ *Dee Scarr*

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

*Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides*

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Camissa, Chan Is.	Jandroso	Sylvia K
Camperdown	Jupiter	Triumphant Lady
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# Miss ARUBA in BONAIRE



*Once again the Miss Aruba candidates and their entourage held court during a big party at the Divi Flamingo Resort with Tico Janga of éxtra newspaper.*

Thanks to A.D. Productions for helping to bring the beautiful Miss Aruba contestants to Bonaire for a little R and R and an opportunity to meet the press. Ten years ago A.D. formed the "Happy Teen Dancers," which performed during Regatta and nearly every other festival on the island. The name has been changed to "The New Generation Dancing Models," and they're bursting with talent and showmanship, so watch out for

them. A.D. sponsors everything having to do with models and dancing, starting with children as young as four and going up to 21 years. "But we have mothers too," says Vice President Coffy. "We have the best dancers and models on Bonaire!"

Their next happening is the Mini Modelo event on July 10 at Jong Bonaire at 6 until 11. For more information call Viola Coffy at 785-0059. □ L.D.



*The group that got them to Bonaire, A.D. Productions: Tica Sealy, Soulaeka Rosaria, President Angelo Domacasse, Evelin Rolldak, Viola Coffy.*



**Delbert Bernabela at Croccantino**  
A ruban jazz great, Delbert Bernabela, will give a special performance at Croccantino Restaurant this Saturday, July 3, from 7 to 10 pm, during the dinner hours, when he'll introduce his new CD. Don't miss seeing and hearing this very versatile performer who will be teaming up with Bonaire's own Benje on the guitar. Enjoy a marvelous Italian-style superb dinner from the menu and delight in the musical masterpieces by two entertaining guys. Delbert's new CD will be on sale. There is no cover charge for the show. Reservations are recommended. Call 717-5025.



# BONAI MUSEUM OPENS

*the newest museum of the Netherlands Antilles*



*The Bonai team poses proudly as Commissioner Dortalina unveils the entry sign. Jay Haviser on the right.*

“It’s all about empowerment,” archeologist Dr. Jay Haviser declared at the opening last week of the Bonai Museum at Fort Oranje. “These students, members of Bonai, have a sense of the feeling that when they take action that it will have an impact!” This follows the group’s success with getting the Government to protect the Indian rock paintings at Onima last month. The Museum, which is the 24<sup>th</sup> and newest of the Netherlands Antilles, was conceived and put together by Dr. Haviser and the teenagers who have been studying and working with him for the last year as a culmination of their project. The after-school study program, a pilot for the rest of the Antilles, involves the teens in cultural anthropology, pre-Colombian archeology and historical archeology. The Museum displays the results of what they found in their various digs around the island and in the Fort Oranje, Wilhelmina Park, Passengran areas. As well, artifacts from

Dr. Haviser’s digs in 1997 add to the collection. There are ceramic shards and a fascinating bottle collection. The Museum incorporates some of the new “museology” of the 10 different museums the students visited on a field trip to Curacao recently, one of which is interaction where the visitor can play a *bari* (drum).

The room for the mini-museum was lying fallow, but with the cooperation of the Government, the Justice Department and money from AMFO and the Prince Bernard Funds, the museum has become a reality with the “students doing the painting, writing the text – all the bulk of the work,” says Dr. Haviser. “The museum is self-sufficient,” he explains. There are motion detectors for the lights and airco that go on when someone enters. It may be small, but it’s progressive!”

Special guest at the opening was Director of National Museums, Ieteke Witteveen. The Bonai Museum is open from 8 to 12, 1:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. □L.D.



*Dortalina Drums*



*Inside the new museum  
On the right is Director of  
National Museums, Witteveen*

# GREAT ANNUAL FISH COUNT 2004



Jessie Armacost photo

Susan Porter counts the fish

A very special fish event happens every year in July. The Great Annual Fish Count sponsored by REEF (Reef Environmental Education Foundation), an organization founded by Paul Humann, is an occasion that encourages everyone to participate in providing a record of the fish species present in Bonaire. This year, with fisheries management one of the goals of STINAPA, the information is even more valuable.

### How It Works.

REEF fish surveyors use the roving diver survey method to collect the information. Each participating diver or snorkeler carries a slate with a preprinted list of the most common fish. As they swim they simply check off the species they see. Then after the dive or snorkel they record the data onto a form that is used to process the information into the REEF data base. This data base is available to scientists and fisheries managers over the internet at [www.reef.org](http://www.reef.org). Anyone with some fish knowledge can help to contrib-

ute this valuable information.

### Accompanying Events.

Yellow Submarine and Photo Tours Divers, one of Bonaire's REEF Field Stations, is planning several events to encourage participation in this year's event. On Wednesday evenings, June 30, July 7, July 14, and July 21, at 7 pm, anyone interested in learning to identify fish is invited to play FISH-O at Yellow Submarine. This is a fun activity similar to BINGO that is designed to help you remember fish names. One FISH-O card will be provided free. Additional cards can be "purchased" with a completed fish survey form. Great prizes will be awarded for each winner. Supplies for fish surveys can be acquired at the Photo Tours shop in town on Kaya Grandi. In addition, on Sunday, July 18, at 2 pm Yellow Submarine is hosting the First Annual Fish Survey Challenge. Buddy teams will survey the reef in front of the dive shop and compete for prizes. It will be like a treasure hunt with prizes given for certain specific species found and to

the team at each survey level that finds the most different species. Tanks will be provided and following the dive a pot luck BBQ will be enjoyed by all participating divers. To participate, buddy teams must register prior to that day by calling 717-2929.

### Levels of Surveyor Expertise.

REEF has designated several levels of surveyor expertise determined by the number of surveys submitted and scores on tests of fish knowledge. Everyone starts out as a Level 1 surveyor, but after completing 2 surveys and passing a test of 25 common fish that designation changes to Level 2. Serious surveyors can earn Level 3 by passing a test of 100 common fish and submitting 25 surveys. An invitation to join the REEF Advanced Assessment Team is extended to anyone reaching Level 4 or 5. Level 4 requires the completion of 35 surveys and a score of 90% on a test of 100 uncommon fish. Level 5

requires completing 50 surveys and a score of 95% on the same test of 100 uncommon fish. Anyone gaining Level 4 or 5 can be considered an expert at fish identification. Each year during the Great Annual Fish Count an opportunity to take the test is given to qualified individuals interested in reaching the Advanced Level. This year the test will be given on July 20. For more information on the test please contact Jessie Armacost at 717-3976.

The recreational diver is seldom given a chance to be a valuable contributor to the scientific knowledge about coral reefs. REEF fish surveys are designed to provide that opportunity. Information on fish populations has become very important particularly here in Bonaire. So, take advantage of the events offered for The Great Annual Fish Count and become a contributor. □ *Jessie Armacost*

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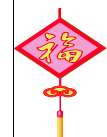


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# PUPPET THEATER DEBUT



*Puppet master Gina Maria Correa*

Puppet theatre for children, *Je-PoBon!*, has arrived with the premiere this weekend of *Rèk Buriku Rèk'e* ("Stretch, Donkey, Stretch"), a Grimm's fairy tale adapted to Bonaire. In this type of theatre, the puppeteer doesn't pull the strings or use hand puppets. He's the actor who plays a part along with the puppet, their having an interchange with each other, moving together sometimes as in a dance.

Actors are Kathy Thielman, Gina Maria Correa and Jean-Marie Winklaar. Carlos Jiménez plays percussion. The costumes and puppets were created by the Speeltheater of Holland, a famous Dutch theatre company for children which specializes in theatre with actors and puppets. The script was written by Saskia Janse. Onny Huisink directed. Jackie Bernabela translated it into Papiamentu. *JePoBon!* was set up in February, as-

sisted by the expertise of the Speeltheater cast. President of the governing board is **Mrs. Maria Elena "Lena" Domacassé**, wife of the Lt. Governor. The premiere of *Rèk Buriku Rèk'e* will be this Saturday, July 3, at 5 pm at Jong Bonaire. The performance will be in Papiamentu. Later performances will be in English and Dutch. □ *L.D.*

*If you're interested in theatre give them a call. The Foundation is looking for volunteers for costumes, lighting, sound, stage sets, tickets, posters. For more information call Jacky Bernabela at SKAL, 717-8868.*

# PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER



## Paramaribo, Surinam

**J**anto and Mariella Djamin sent us one of their wedding pictures and it included *The Bonaire Reporter!* Although they were officially married in Bonaire on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2003, they promised their parents they would return to Surinam and have a church wedding. They retied the knot at the Hotel Torarica in Paramaribo this June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Janto is an IT specialist for Beltech and Mariella works for the van Egmond Dental Clinic. □ *G.D.*

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# ST. LUCIA FISHERMEN ON BONAIRE

About five years ago, around the island of St. Lucia, several coastal areas were placed off limits to fishing. It was to let the reefs in those areas “rest” and allow fish to breed and grow large. Now five years later the “spillover” from those ar-



*At Canti Awa: Patrick Alexia, Kai Wulf, Peter Butcher, Edward Mangroo and Anthony Leonce represented St. Lucia*

reas has resulted in more and larger catches nearby. This past week five representatives came to Bonaire to describe their experience with this experiment. STINAPA hopes that local fishermen and other groups will be convinced to try the same experiment here. But what did those St. Lucians think of Bonaire? We asked each of them to give their impressions:

Chief Ranger **Peter Butcher** said he agreed Bonaire had a “healthy reef, but the fish were depleted, and there are no sea urchins.”

**Patrick Alexis**, a professional fisherman, fishes the deep water between St. Lucia and St. Vincent in his slender canoe boat made from a hollowed-out log. He said his fishing remains good.

Park Manager **Kai Wulf** said that there are differences in purpose and hydrography between St. Lucia and Bonaire. St. Lucia has few reefs compared to Bonaire and functions as a comprehensive Marine Protected Area rather than focusing on coral reefs. St. Lucian waters are zoned for fishing, recreation, and yachting. “It’s about managing people, not resources,” he said.

The head of the fishermen’s cooperative, **Edward Mangaroo**, talked about the differences and similarities between fishing techniques. “We use nets,” he said, “you don’t. But we both use hand lines, not fishing rods.” He was surprised by the absence of a fishing cooperative on Bonaire. “Ours was established in 1974, and after some difficult years, has 130 associates. Low fuel costs and higher prices for fish are just some of the advantages for our members.”

**Anthony Leonce** runs the dive centers that support the three Sandals all-inclusive resorts on St. Lucia. Like Bonaire, St Lucia uses a mooring system for its dive boats. In fact the vast majority of St. Lucia dives are boat dives. But all divers must have local guides; no unaccompanied diving is permitted. “A typical dive costs about \$50 per person, all inclusive,” he said.

All added they enjoyed their Bonaire experience. □ *G.D.*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm

### Troy (Brad Pitt)

Early Show (usually 7:00 pm)

### Van Helsing

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NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM Pietje Bell 2: De  
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SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM

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### THIS WEEK

**Saturday, July 3-** Aruban jazz great **Delbert Bernabela** introduces his new CD at **Croccantino Restaurant**, 7-10 pm. Dine and enjoy the show. No cover charge. Reservations 717-5025.

**Saturday, July 3** Surinam Freedom Day Foundation **Miete Makandra** presents a Surinamese Fiesta. Surinamese music and delicious Surinamese food. Everybody is welcome, admission is free. Kunuku JOS at Kaya Nieuw Amsterdam. Info: Call Hugo Leter at 717-4101/ 785-0187

**Saturday, July 3, Rèk Buriku Rèk'e**, 5 pm at Jong Bonaire in Papiamentu. See page 13.

**July 4 - Sunday Dia di Arte**, "Art Day," 10 am-10 pm Wilhelmina Park For more information contact Emma Sint Jago at 717-7420. See page 18.

**Wednesday 7 pm, July 7, July 14, and July 21, play FISH-O** at the Yellow Submarine. (similar to BINGO, FISH-O helps you remember fish names. One card will be provided free. Additional cards can be "purchased" with a completed fish survey form. Great prizes. See page 12.

### COMING

**Saturday, July 10- Soldachi Dos Pos nature tour**, beautiful vistas. Learn about the plants, trees, birds, culture and history in an informal and friendly way. 6:30 am. Call Maria at 717-6435 or 790-5657 to reserve. A small donation is requested: NAf10 for adults; NAf5 for children.

**Saturday, July 10 - Opening of art exhibit by Winfred Dania** at the Cinnamon Gallery, 7 to 9 pm. Traditional Bonairean music and food. Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just

off Kaya Grandi, behind the Banco di Caribe. Exhibit runs until August 6. See page 18

**Saturday, July 17- Soldachi Alta Mira nature tour**, third Sat. of month. 6:30 am. Call Maria at 717-6435 or 790-5657 to reserve. NAf10 for adults; NAf5 for children.

**Sunday, July 18**, 2 pm Yellow Submarine hosts the **First Annual Fish Survey Challenge**. Buddy teams will survey the reef in front of the dive shop and compete for prizes. Tanks provided; followed by a Pot Luck Barbecue. Buddy teams must register prior to July 18. Call 717-2929.

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### 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 -Meditation at Donkey Beach** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Open to all. Call S. H.Y. 790-9450

**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.

**Saturdays during summer Rincon Marshé opens at 6 am**. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop: fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets and snacks, arts and handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music.

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4.	6	4	ELVIS CRESPO	PEGATE
5.	9	2	IZALINE CALISTER	WOW'I CARIÑO
6.	10	3	LUCKY DUBE	THE OTHER SIDE
7.	4	7	AGR. PAL'I WIRI	KI NODI BO TIN
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9.	12	1	LUCKY DUBE	DING DING
10.	14	1	D.J. MILORY	A DIOS LE PIDO MIX
11.	15	1	MAGIC SOUND	KARISIAMI
12.	N	N	SADY	DUSHI DI MI
13.	N	N	EVELIEN BAMFO	STEP BY STEP
14.	N	N	D.J. MILORY	MAFIA MIX
15.	N	N	CHAMPAGNE 4-EVER	STREA A PAGA

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

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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### FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

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

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**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

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**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.

**Rincon Marshé-** every Saturday - 6 am to 3 pm. Open market in Bonaire's historic town. Soldachi Tours show you the Rincon

area starting at 10 am. Call Maria at 717-6435. To reserve.

**Dos Pos Scenic Walk- Second Saturday of the Month.** NAf10-Call Maria 717-6435

### 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.

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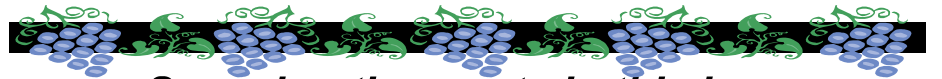
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<b>Croccantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Skilled chef direct from Tuscany prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and romantic setting make dining a total delight. Get 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 NAf25 Beach Pass, a NAf15 credit is given for meals Bonaire's best seaside location.
<b>The Last Bite Bakery</b> 717-3293 <b>Home Delivery or Take Out</b>	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>Nonchi's at Cultimara</b> 791-4280	Low Open 5 am-8 pm Monday-Saturday	Delicious local and international food to take out, or eat there. Everyday a different combo. Sandwiches and roast chicken too.
<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

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## BEAUTY PARLOR

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## BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS

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

## 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.

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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

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**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.

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**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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**Tropical Flamingo** is convenient, clean, modern, efficient and has the lowest prices on Bonaire. Located behind NAPA.

Visit **Warehouse Bonaire** to shop in a large, spotless supermarket. You'll find American and European brand products. THE market for provisioning.

## 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

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**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.

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The most advertising for your guild.  
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## Marjorie Krens and Roy van der Veen

“I always knew I didn’t want to die in Holland, and besides, I never liked the cold. So, one day I thought, if I don’t do it now I’ll never do it, and I left for Bonaire.

I was born in Indonesia and we had a nice life, but my parents decided it would be better for us children if we could get our education in Holland, so we left and it was a big change for all of us. I had a good time and many friends, but I never felt at home in Holland. I did a lot of different studies. I can’t do just one thing at a time. My mom always told me, ‘Be sure you never have to depend on a man!’ So I studied chemistry, data analysis, process control. I studied at the sports academy and I studied sports massage. I worked for the Dutch Marketing Institution, I sold kitchens and I started my own company importing kitchens. I was a magazine photographer, a newspaper journalist. I did wedding videos and photography. I was a cheerleader, and always, all my life, I did every kind of aerobics and I danced. I was a student, a teacher and a performer and I was never at home. I never had time for my family. I was always busy and now, being so far away from them, I

found out that family is very important, and I miss them and my friends and my dancing life.” *She laughs:* “That’s why we started the dance school. We thought if we can teach everybody here how to dance we don’t always have to dance together!”

“We met a couple of weeks before Marjorie left for Bonaire,” *Roy says.* “We didn’t really impress each other because Marjorie doesn’t even remember the first time she danced with me! The second time we talked and she told me she was going to Bonaire, she said, ‘It would be nice if you would hop by some time!’ I myself had been thinking for the last three years about leaving Holland, but I wasn’t sure where to go. In 2000 I went back to Surinam after 25 years and I’d also made a stop in Curaçao. I didn’t like the social climate of either place, the criminality, the lack of safety and the negative feeling in general. So I was interested in what Marjorie was doing.

There have been many parallels in our lives. I was 10 when we left Surinam. My dad had a great job with an American company, but he gave it up because he thought it would be better for us children to study in Holland. When you’re young you see the world in a completely different way. You don’t have an opinion. You make yourself at home in the new environment your parents choose for you and that’s it. I had a happy childhood, but like Marjorie, I always felt different. I was a loner, someone who didn’t socialize, who didn’t belong to a group. Because of the way I was I always had my own ideas

about what I wanted to find out, to learn and to know, especially about life in its essence, the reason for being here. I started playing the piano when I was 10. At 13 I became interested in psychology and read many books about the subject. My dad always took time for us, time to discuss, to hear our opinions, time to listen and to teach us. After psychology I started reading all about astrology, the human body and nutrition. I studied electronics. I was good at repairing motor-bikes. At technical school I studied electro-technique as well. After that I went to an aviation and electronics school. I went into the army and became a non-commissioned officer and specialist of the F104 Starfighter. That’s how I got my diploma as a ground engineer for aircraft maintenance and worked on KLM’s 747s, DC10s and DC9s. I loved that job because technology is beautiful. Then I went to the States to study management philosophy. It’s a never-ending study, but I did it for two years. When I came back to Holland I worked for 13 years for KPN, the National Telephone and Communication Company.

In addition to all my official and self studies, all my jobs, I was always busy with music. I played in a band, ‘Tropical Special,’ and we toured Europe until I started dancing. I went to a dance school and found an excellent Brazilian teacher. It became a big part of my life. I performed in shows,

gave workshops and ran a dance school. When you start doing Salsa you discover it’s not just a dance, it’s a way of life, like surfers have their thing or skaters. After a while you can’t do without it anymore. It becomes a way to express yourself. If you don’t feel well or when you’re sick, when you dance you feel better... always! That counts for both of us. We never cancel a lesson. The show always goes on and you’re never excused even if you’ve just been operated on or your tooth has just been pulled out. There is no way you fail to show up! That’s the message we are teaching our students.”

*Marjorie Krens (40) and Roy van der Veen (41) are extremely attractive people, inside and out. They’re sweet; they have a good sense of humor; they know what they want and they’re great in what they’re doing. They’re outstanding performers.*

“We don’t drink, we don’t smoke and we don’t do drugs. We don’t need any of that,” *Roy says.* “Dancing is an art form that you create alone or together, just for the moment, and from that creation you get this feeling of tremendous joy and excitement, this blissful sensation that inspires others and that you share with other people. It’s a very personal experience. In the first place you’re doing it for

“If you don’t feel well or when you’re sick, when you dance you feel better... always!”



Roy van der Veen and Marjorie Krens

yourself, but the second biggest joy is that you can share it with someone else. By teaching people how to dance you take away their barriers. Many people feel insecure, but once they learn dancing, another dimension is added to their lives. You’re creating your own pleasure and other people love to share it with you. When I met Marjorie we found out that we have the same mentality. We also believe that everything is for a reason. When she left for Bonaire our relationship had just begun, and we thought, ‘We’ll see.’”

“When I arrived here at the airport in the morning, I thought, ‘Finally... I’m finally home...’ *Marjorie smiles.* “I found a job immediately. It was funny; when I was here all alone it was then that I fell in love with Roy! After two weeks I called him and we both were so sad that I told him I’m coming back.”

“When Marjorie came back to Holland we got to know each other better and I decided to come to Bonaire with her. I’d never been here but I liked it and I saw lots of possibilities. After three weeks I had to go back. The relationship we had felt good; it simply felt good,” *Roy says,* “and I had made up my mind. Shortly after I resigned my job, packed up two households, arrived September 2003, organized a house for us and found a job. In March this year Marjorie stopped working and we started giving dance

classes. Now we’ve got 35 students, but it’s just because of the fact that we didn’t have our own location that we had to turn down many children and adults and we’re sorry for that! It was Movieland who saved us when we’d just started, by giving us their place to practice. We’re very grateful for that and for all the cooperation and goodwill that was given to us by many people on Bonaire.

This week we’re moving to the Sentro di Bario in Antriol for a week. Then we’ll be permanently at the Hollandse Patio at Kaya Uruguay #8 in Tera Cora. Our goal is to give everybody the pleasure of dancing. Whether you’re 6 or 106, slim or fat, tired or fit, talented or absolutely not, we’re going to teach you Salsa, Zouk, Bachata, Street Dance, Bolero, Samba, Axe and Meringue, and in the end we will have created the only thing we’re missing here: our own dance family on the island!” □

*Greta Kooistra*

For more information go to their web site: [WWW.vandevecte.com/dance](http://WWW.vandevecte.com/dance)



Greta Kooistra



► Gunnard Gouverneur, the owner of the mini cruise ship, *Seamaster*, which recently returned to Curaçao from a school cruise across the Atlantic, plans to make **Kralendijk his ship's new home port**. The 25-year-old *Seamaster* will undergo a thorough maintenance before beginning cruises between the Bonaire, Curaçao, the Aves Islands and Los Roques. →



(*Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 4*)



► Artist Winfred Dania will be the first featured guest artist at the Cinnamon Gallery from July 10 to August 6. Dania's paintings hang in the Bonaire museum and several private collections. He is the artist who created the mythic representation of Klein Bonaire that was made into the poster, "Preserve Klein Bonaire." Hundreds of copies of the poster were sold to help with getting the island back for the people of Bonaire. His exhibition will open on Saturday, July 10 from 7 to 9 pm, when you may meet the artist. It will be an evening of traditional Bonairean music and food. The Cinnamon Gallery is on Kaya A.P. L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind the Banco di Caribe. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 to 12, 2 to 5, or by appointment. Call 717-7103 or 786-9700.

► It's been announced that **Robert Sorenson will become the new Consul-General** of the US in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. Sorenson, who is currently

assigned to Pristina, Kosovo, worked during the 80s as the Consul-General in Willemstad. The departing Consul-General, Deborah Bolton, will leave the Curaçao consulate in August for Colorado Springs, where she will become the foreign affairs advisor for the commander of the Army's Northern Command. Sorenson will take up his post in Curaçao in October. Vice-consul Christopher Degnan will be acting Consul until his arrival.

► **Bonaire's Special Olympics team** will travel to Jamaica from July 7-14 to take part in the Caribbean Games. *The Reporter* will bring you news direct from Kingston, and a recap upon return.

► **Bonaire had a bad air day this past Monday.** First DCA announced that four of their six jets (2 DC-9s and 2 MD-80s) would not be flying and that they were curtailing schedules for their entire Caribbean system, including Bonaire. (It seems inefficient to fly a DC-9 jet between Bonaire and Curaçao, a 35 mile flight, but that's what they do.) Bonair-Exel had one of its two prop-jet aircraft out of service for repairs and the American Eagle Sunday night flight was cancelled, stranding US-bound passengers until the next day's flight.

► It's Bonaire's biggest Art Event. **Don't miss Bonaire's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Day Celebration ("Dia di Arte") on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** from 11 am till 10 pm at Wilhelmina Park. Get to know the Bonairean artists, musicians and writers and some international stars. After the official opening there will be local dancing and a magic show for the children. All day long there will be live bands and

## MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL



**A**ttention Bonaire businesses: Look what's coming out of the SGB high school these days. With such creativity right here on the island why look somewhere else for your design needs. Art is everywhere and the theme is Recycle! SGB teacher Wilna Groenenboom reports that the students at the high school have had some interesting projects that are now on view to the public. Kooyman very kindly donated broken pieces of mirrors to the students of the "Case and Welfare

Group" who turned them into art pieces. Take a look. They may inspire you to do something with mirrors yourself. They're on display at Kooyman's on the left wall near the office as you enter.

Another group of students was given paper bags, paint and odds and ends and asked to create a shopping bag design for a particular store: fruit and vegetable shop, fashion store and others. Those creations you may see at Warehouse displayed over the entrance and exit door. □ L.D.

you can buy cassettes and CDs of local artists, paintings and handcrafts. Sample delicious Creole dishes, seafood, homemade candy and chocolate. Let the kids enjoy organized games while you relax with a cold beer or a soft drink at the well stocked bar. Have a look, admire, applaud the talents. remember to buy some-



An entry for this year's contest by Lianne Dykhuizen - 12 years old

thing from the art collection to remember your visit.

**JanArt** will be hosting an art contest for children and young adults, ages 4 - 19. Prizes will be awarded for different age categories. Bring your best picture to the JanArt tent before 4 pm. Art supplies will be available if you would like to create a picture that day. □ L./G. D.





# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

## The Earth at Aphelion and Two Super Close Meetings of Four Cosmic Goodies

Mark this Saturday and Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, for a close meeting of the brightest planet and the eye star of **Taurus the Bull**.

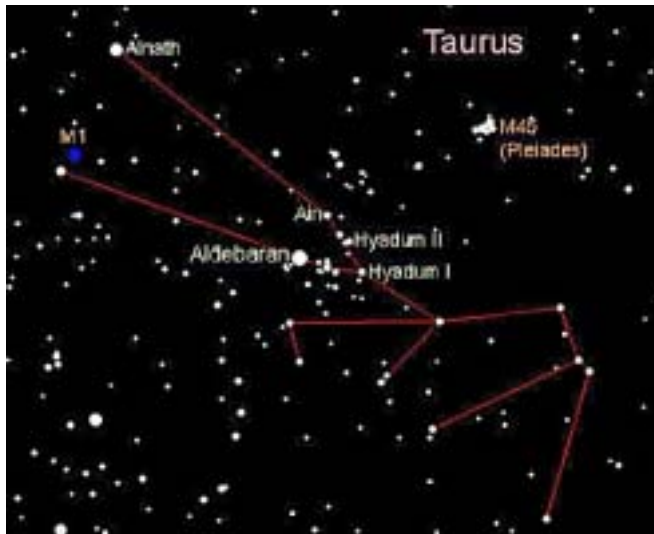
Then Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> our **Earth** will reach aphelion, and finally, Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the M&M planets have an absolutely super close meeting you won't want to miss.

During this weekend, Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, one hour before sunrise, face east where just above the horizon you will see the most brilliant planet of them all, **Venus**, which is almost always mistaken for a UFO when it appears just before dawn. And right next to it, only one degree away (which means that we could fit only two full Moons between them because one full Moon is half a degree wide) is **Aldebaran**, the bright red eye star of Taurus the bull. But its usual brightness will be out-dazzled by brilliant Venus. And once again I must remind you that this close meeting is only an illusion. In reality this weekend, 8,000-mile-wide Venus will be only 35 million miles away, while Aldebaran, which is as wide as Venus is distant from us, 35 million miles wide, will be 68 light years away, which is 11 1/2 million times farther away than Venus. Don't miss this pre-dawn sight.

Next up on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 am Eastern Daylight Time our **Sun** will be at aphelion. That means it will be at its farthest point away from our Earth for the entire year, almost 3 million miles farther away than it was when it was at perihelion, its closest, last January 4<sup>th</sup>. And then get ready for a super goodie on Saturday night, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at dusk, about 30 to 40 minutes after sunset, because for a brief few minutes you'll be able to see the two M&M planets - tiny 3,000-mile-wide **Mercury** and only slightly larger 4,000-mile-wide **Mars** - in an absolutely super close spectacular meeting. Look west northwest and they will be only two tenths of one degree apart, which means that less than half a Moon could fit between them. But once again, even though they'll look as if they're almost touching, it's only an illusion because of our perspective here on Earth. In fact, on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, tiny Mercury will be only 103 million miles away from Earth while Mars will be a whopping 238 million miles away.

Now I advise that you use a pair of binoculars to find them and make sure you look while it's still light out because they'll be below the horizon when it gets dark. And might I also remind you that the farther north you live above the equator the more difficulty you'll have in finding them because they'll be closer to the horizon the farther north you are.

So there you have it, a super meeting this weekend between Venus, the goddess of love, and Aldebaran, the red eye of Taurus the bull, Earth at its farthest from the Sun on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, and on July 10<sup>th</sup> at dusk a super close meeting of the M&M planets. What a way to begin July! □ *Jack Horkimer*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: July 2 to July 9, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Be sure to catch up on overdue correspondence and help those you love find solutions to their dilemmas. Strong willpower will come to your rescue. Be aware of any emotional deception. Do not sign legal contracts or documents this week. Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You have been stagnating for some time now and you need a change of pace. Voice your opinions and contribute to the debate. Be careful not to take on other people's problems. You may find yourself in a financial bind. Your creative imagination will help you in coming up with unique ideas. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Take advantage of your attributes and lure the mate of your choice. Socially, you need a fast paced form of entertainment. You might find it difficult to control your emotions. Throw yourself into your work. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Communication will be the source of your knowledge and you must be sure to spend time with those who have more experience. Avoid joint ventures and steer clear of groups that want you to contribute financial assistance. Don't even bother trying to get their approval on the things you want to do. Think twice before you volunteer information. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Positive connections can be made if you get involved in environmental organizations. Money may slip through your fingers. You have more than enough on your plate already. You are likely to be left alone if you aren't willing to bend just a little. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't shy away from potential mates they want to introduce you to. Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs. You are best to ask questions if you aren't certain about issues that are confronting you. Accommodate others but not before you do your own thing. Do the proper safety checks before you go out. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Hard work will pay off if you refrain from expressing your opinion to superiors. Don't let relatives stand in the way of your personal plans. Make changes regarding your status in society. Short trips to visit others will do the whole family a world of good. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't let others bully you into agreeing with them. You can ferret out secret information if you just listen to what others have to say. Don't offer to pay for others. Younger relatives may seek your advice. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Get involved in sports events that will benefit your physical appearance. You need time to make things better. You may want to try your hand at a little creative writing. Don't let your boss get the better of you. Take the initiative and go after your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Problems with skin, bones, or teeth may mess up your schedule. This will be a good time for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. You will gain valuable insight and knowledge through the experiences you have along the way. You may be confused regarding your love life. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You should not be concerned with co-workers who insist on spreading rumors. Try to stay calm and understand both sides of the situation. Talk to your mate about a vacation and discuss the expectations of your relationship. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Verbal abuse may lead to walkouts; don't make any rash statements you may regret later. You will be accident prone if you aren't careful this week. Any contributions you make to organizations will enhance your reputation and bring you offers. Get into some activities that will help you in making new friends. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday. □

### Moon Info

Full Moon on July 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Quarter on July 9.

New Moon on July 17. Last Quarter on July 9.