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► Dutch Caribbean Exel's (DCE) successful first flight from Amsterdam to Curaçao

was not greeted by any representatives of the Curaçao Island Government, (although the Curaçao Lt. Governor and other officials were especially invited) when it landed at Hato Airport because of "other commitments." The Curaçao Government owns DCE's local competitor on the trans-Atlantic route, Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA), which

experienced extraordinary difficulties last week (see next items).

DCE is offering a special fare of NAf699 (\$395) round trip to Amsterdam. See their ad on page 3.

► The Lockheed Tristar, which Dutch Caribbean Airlines leased from Air Luxor of Portugal to fly from Holland to Curaçao and back, had to **abort its takeoff from Schiphol** airport last Tuesday. A Dutch "plane spotter" reported that several bangs had been heard and flames were seen coming from the left engine. The abrupt stop caused all four left and two right tires to blow as the brakes locked and the plane was engulfed in smoke. After a few minutes the plane was given permission to taxi back to the terminal, but because of overheating and possibly an oil leak, there was a small fire in the right landing gear. The plane was



The My Travel Lockheed Tristar

then ordered to stop and the runway closed. After an hour the passengers were able to disembark. Efforts to move the plane under its own power during the rest of the day failed, so the cargo and remaining fuel were removed and the plane was towed to the cargo platform. Most of the 310 passengers were housed in hotels nearby and Air Luxor sent another plane to try again on Wednesday.

"It's not our fault," was the first reaction of Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) commercial manager César Prince concerning the incident.

Then the replacement Tristar, leased from Air Luxor's subsidiary, Portugal's Luzair, had to also abruptly **abort its takeoff on its flight from Curaçao** to Amsterdam because of engine problems. A fire in the left engine was the reported problem. The airplane, tires squealing, stopped just before the end of the runway. The 221 passengers were able to disembark safely. Four tires were blown out and the aircraft spent the next week parked at the runway's end awaiting engine repairs and four new tires. In a press release DCA stated that a delegation would travel to Portugal to discuss the Tristar fiasco. A witness who viewed the aircraft in Curaçao said it was in a visibly bad state of repair.

DCA then leased another plane, again a Lockheed Tristar, from Euro Atlantic Airways, also from Portugal, to get its passengers to Amsterdam the next day. This DCA flight with Euro Atlantic Airways was a

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one-time only affair. The return flight from Amsterdam was with a DC-10 owned by My Travel Airways.

Then as we go to press DCA announced they will fly this weekend using, of all things, a Boeing 767 leased from Dutch Caribbean Exel. The fare is NAf650.

In Miami, a DCA MD-80 was also grounded. "Engine problems," reiterated Prince. He believes the entire engine will have to be replaced. Meanwhile, DCA is flying to the US using one of its ancient DC-9s.

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► **Mario Evertsz has tended his resignation as director of Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA).** Evertsz, who was visiting Cuba, confirmed the news. He declined to comment on the reasons for his stepping down.

Mario Evertsz was appointed Director of the national carrier ALM, the predecessor of DCA, on August 23, 2000. At the time it was predicted that privatization of the airline was three to six months away. But close to four years later this still does not seem to even be on the horizon, especially since the ownership of the airline was assumed by the island government of Curaçao. Under Evertsz's leadership personnel were cut and profitable trans-Atlantic flights were initiated. Now an injection of NAf15 million from the Curaçao Island Government is not enough to help the company overcome its debts. Evertsz tended his resignation once before at the end of last year but reconsidered his decision under pressure. He may have to do it again.

► **The Dutch Government is willing to station members of the Dutch military police, Marechaussees, in the Netherlands Antilles** but says the manner in which they are to be deployed must still be discussed. The new Ys cabinet mentioned using the *Marechaussees* to help tackle the serious crime problem in the islands. It is envisaged that they will be placed under the Prosecutor's Office. The Antillean police union, NAPB, does not favor the idea, nor does the police commissioner in St. Maarten where *Marechaussees* were stationed in the early 1990s.

► **The brother of Curaçao FOL leader Anthony Godett allegedly conspired in a death threat against PAR leader, now**

Prime Minister, Etienne Ys. The FOL leadership had claimed that the 24-hour security provided Ys had nothing to do with politics but rather his love life. Godett's brother is mentioned in an Antillean Security Service VNA document according to a prominent member of the Curaçao community who saw it. It also says the brother tried to hire a hit man to execute Ys, then an opposition Island Council member. Based on the intelligence, Lt. Governor Lisa Richards-Dindial decided to provide 24-hour protection for the PAR leader.

► **The Appeals Court has upheld all the convictions of FOL party leaders and others who were convicted earlier this year.** Anthony Godett, the leader of the popular Curaçao political party, FOL, had his sentence for corruption extended to 15 months (from 12) plus five months suspended. The judge strongly castigated all the convicted public officials for their criminal behavior when they should have



Prime Minister Ys.

► The Rotary Club of Bonaire invited two guest speakers to present ideas and thoughts on how it can assist the Bonaire community in social development programs. **Ruth Bernabela** from Bonaire's SASO requested the Club to actively assist in educational support, not just financial support, for her top projects: Family Values, Child Abuse, Elder Care and Drop Outs. **Rob Glaser**, a former environmental government inspector and advisor from Middelburg, Holland, suggested various ways of organizing and funding by organizations to assist the commercial and private sector in the waste water recyclable methods and energy plant developments. The Rotary Club of Bonaire, headed by President **Evert Piar**, is taking a proactive role in investigating the community needs and in researching projects where the Rotary Club of Bonaire can assist.



Ruth Bernabela and Evert Piar

been models of honesty and good citizenship. Nelson Monte, the behind-the-scenes FOL advisor, got four years in prison without possibility of parole. These two defendants plus Hendriks Abraham; De Antillean, plc; George Lichtveld; Edsel Lourens; Eugene Middehof; Rob Salas; Foundation Papa Godett (fined NAf40,000 for money laundering); Johnny and Chris Winkel have 14 days to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Godett says he's run out of money for legal defense. He has already spent NAf150,000 on his court battle. He said that if every one of Curaçao's 130,000 residents contributes one guilder to his cause, he will surely appeal and will almost have paid off his legal bills.

► **The future plans of the Valero oil**

refinery in Aruba which supplies fuel for Bonaire's Flamingo Airport include more profit, cleaner production, cleaning up rubbish left on the refinery grounds by its predecessors, Valero Chief Executive Officer Bill Greenley said during a company reception. He said the refinery was processing more than 200,000 barrels a day, to be increased to 285,000. If Bonaire separates from the Curaçao-based Central Government, Valero may be able to supply other fuels to Bonaire at lower prices than Curoil.

► According to published reports, if the Curoil distributing company, which supplies Bonaire with most of its petroleum products gets its way, **the price of gasoline will go up to almost two guilders per liter in the third quarter of 2004.**

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LETTERS

THANKS FOR THE PRAISE

Dear Editor:
 Congratulations on your 10th Anniversary of *The Bonaire Reporter*! I just read the anniversary issue and fondly remembered the journey of your newspaper from *Port Call* to its present day professional newspaper. We read *Port Call* in those early days and got hooked. You two have done such a service to the island of Bonaire by your work as well as informing us "off-islanders" of what's happening on our beloved island.

That information has been so critical to our decision making that we are now seriously planning to retire to Bonaire in 2006. We are soon to make an offer on a condo at Sand Dollar (thought about a house, but wanted to be close to the water), so we'll be seeing more of you soon. Perhaps I can volunteer my services to your newspaper when we arrive. Am thinking about volunteering at the donkey sanctuary too! Keep up the good work.

Diane Amos

Diane Amos was one of the first subscribers to the mailed edition of Port Call (the predecessor to The Bonaire Reporter) and still subscribes. She has just bought a condo on the island. Ed.



Diane Amos

POLICE UPDATE



Police spokesman Charles Souriel

Charles Souriel of the Police Department reports:

- On July 14 and 15 police arrested three persons in connection with robberies against tourists. On July 14 a suspect, C., 13 years old, was arrested after sufficient information was gathered by Public Prosecutor Wesselius. The following day two more suspects were brought in: A., 23 years, and M., 20 years. All three are suspected of robberies against diving tourists. The suspect C, after being interrogated and coming before the *fiscal auxiliar* was set free due to his age during investigation of the case. The other two have been jailed pending further investigation.

- Last week the police received a call

from residents of an apartment at Kaya Amsterdam, saying they had just **apprehended a young man breaking into their home**. A patrol car was immediately dispatched to the scene. The police arrested 15-year-old suspect S.J. B. on the spot. The young burglar tried to convince them that he was only trying to pay a surprise visit to a woman whose name he couldn't remember. The police didn't buy his story and he was immediately taken to the police station. Once they arrived there it turned that another complaint had been made against him for the theft of a car. The youngster still had the car keys in his pocket and was arrested pending further investigation.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Justine Gonggrijp reports:

- Although the big jail in Playa is temporarily closed for repairs due to the fire set by one of the inmates recently, **newly arrested suspects are still being kept in the holding cells** upstairs from the Police Department. These holding cells

are normally used to hold suspects for two or three days until they can be charged and transferred to the regular jail. The regular jail is expected to be ready to receive inmates by October. The Bonaire jailhouse is designed to hold 30 prisoners, with most cells housing four inmates.

The more "hardened" criminals have been transferred to Curaçao. In the meantime, police authorities are looking at the old jailhouse in Rincon which they feel can be readied for occupancy in two to three weeks. There has been a verbal agreement from Holland allocating the funds for the repair. Police are awaiting a written confirmation.

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The Bonaire Jailhouse

(Police Report. Continued from page 5)

- As of last Thursday, July 15 a new policy has been established whereby the **passports of all accused drug traffickers will be confiscated** for a period of two and possibly three years. The accused will be deported via one-way ticket to where they came from and the *bevolking* (population registry) offices will be notified so the accused cannot get another passport. In cases where the accused has had a previous conviction the passports are confiscated for three years.

- **Current cases** such as the Customs Officer allegedly attempting to shoot his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend and the assault in their home of a man and a woman by another man **will come up before the judge in the early part of August.**

- **What can you legally do if someone attempts to break into your home and before the police get there?** Anyone is allowed to make a "citizen's arrest," notifying the intruder that you are doing so. You may try to grab them to keep them from running but cannot tie them up or hit them unless you are defending yourself. The best idea is to photograph them, possibly by setting up a security camera which automatically takes a photo when movement is detected. Police are very familiar with the faces of many of these intruders and can make an arrest based on the photo. (These cameras can be ordered through a security company on the island such as SSS). □ *L.D.*

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 4)

► The Antilles Central Bank management team was on hand for the presentation of the **2003 annual report, described as "a year of lost opportunities,"** especially where it concerns tackling the national debt of 4.4 billion guilders, which comprises 90% of the annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The budget deficits and the debt increased again. While Curaçao and the Central Government complied with rules of financial and budget discipline protocols the islands of St. Maarten, Saba, Statia and Bonaire did not.

The Antilles also failed to make use of historically low interest rates, which are now increasing again, to refinance the debt. This could have saved 24 to 75 mil-

lion guilders a year.

Interest payments alone have grown from 9% of the budget in 1996 to 16% last year. The 2003 report also revealed that unemployment in the Antilles had increased from 14.6% to 15.3%, with some 5,000 more people out of work. While there was economic growth of 3.3%, because of inflation the real growth amounted to just 1.4% and is expected to level off at 1% this year.

The country's most important economic pillar is tourism. It produces one third of the country's foreign exchange earnings,

► **The Bonaire Bankers' Association (BBA) announced its new Board.** The President is Ms. Orphaline Saleh of Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) N.V.;

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BONAIRE'S
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Nazario Alberto (center), The North Salinja Road Runner, departs. He is the sixth Bonaire entrant.

After months of preparation, Bonaire's delegation to the 88TH edition of the world famous "Four Days of Nijmegen" left for Holland last week. The International Nijmegen Four Days March took place from July 20th through the 23rd but results did not arrive by press time.

In addition to Nazario Alberto, the group consisted of Arie Marsera, Bò Antoin, twins Roy and Rollie Martines and Marcel Nahr. The latter had already successfully completed the (longest) 50 Km category and was approached by the others in the beginning of this year to help organize another trip. The group has thoroughly prepared itself by organizing several walking and hiking events to help cover the costs.

The Four Days of Nijmegen (www.4daagse.nl) originated in 1909 with 300 participants as a military exercise

and was held annually except for the periods during the two World Wars, after which the march was opened to male civilians and even later to females.

It has grown to a world famous event and this year marks the first time that a registration ceiling has been made to stem the flow of participants. The maximum number has been set at 47,000 with an expected drop-out rate of 10-12%.

The group wishes to thank the following sponsors: Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire, Goddard Catering Bonaire, Krioyo Paint Bonaire, Bopec NV, City Shop, Bous Scholts, WEB NV, Napa Bonaire NV, Rentofun, Yacht Club Apartments & Total Car Rental, Caribbean Laundry Services, Pasion S Services, and a few more that did not wish to be mentioned. □ *Marcel Nahr*

Secretary is Ms. Judy Diaz of RBTT Bank N.V. and Treasurer is Mr. Norbert Goyla of Banco di Caribe N.V. The new Board will continue to promote the Association's objective to achieve an im-

proved performance of the local banking sector, as well as the island's economy in general. □ *L./G. D.*

Referendum Chronicle

The past weeks were eventful ones in the process leading to a Referendum on the future political structure of Bonaire. First, the new Referendum date of September 10th was confirmed by the Bonaire Executive Council. Then, a second Referendum, to choose the precise type of closer arrangement with Holland, was documented, according to Michael Bijkerk, the government advisor for the Referendum (a suggestion that was made several months ago in *The Reporter Referendum Chronicle*. Ed.). And finally, a report detailing the consequences of the choices presently available to Aruba and the territory of the Netherlands Antilles (not individual islands) was released. The report, “The European Union Commission Inventory of Options,” was under the direction of the respected Dutch ex-ambassador to several European countries, Ronald van Beuge. It paints a dismal picture for the Antilles should it choose to become a foreign (ultra peripheral) territory of the European Union (UPT). On July 7, the final report, six months in preparation, was presented in Aruba.

It should be noted that the van Beuge Commission **did not consider the possibility of a single island of the Antilles selecting a particular status**, but rather the five islands of the Netherlands Antilles as a single entity. Therefore, the conclusions do not specifically apply if Bonaire (separate from the rest of the Antillean islands) chooses to achieve closer ties with

Holland. However, inferences can certainly be drawn for Bonaire.

The report outlines the options available if the Antilles/Aruba should retain their OCT status (Overseas Countries and Territories) or shift to UPT (Ultra-Peripheral Territories, which are territories that do not lie within Europe but are part of an EU member state and to which the complete EU treaty applies) or some other status, without making specific recommendations. Among other things, the report compares the options of OCT and UPT. The consequences of each choice are described. *The Bonaire Reporter* Chroniclers have highlighted the major conclusions below. The complete report (in English or Dutch) can be found on the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations website (English at <http://www.minbzk.nl/uk>).

CONCLUSIONS:

- The Commission considers the OCT and UPT status **both realistic options for the Antilles** at present.
- The Commission does not doubt that the particular association of the EU with the OCT will continue to exist until there are no European countries and territories with a special tie with one of the EU member states. **For many this is new news, because OCT status was once considered a transitory status that would eventually lead to complete independence from the**



“mother” country.

- The Commission **has not been able to establish any convincing financial and economic advantages for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in the event of a transfer to the UPT status. A preliminary estimate indicates that the balance in due course of time will most likely be negative.**
- The Commission holds the view that the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, in the event of a **transfer to the UPT status, will have to introduce the euro currency.**
- The choice for the desired status is **explicitly a political choice** which cannot be made on the basis of finances.
- In the event of integration into the EU, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba will have to take on the implementation and maintenance of the total EU regulatory framework. This **puts too heavy a burden on the capacity of the countries**, according to the Commission. The Commission

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.

calls it an illusion to think that the relations within the Kingdom could remain basically unchanged; the autonomy of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba would be put under great pressure. Changing the Charter of the Kingdom in the event of choosing the UPT status is practically inevitable. **The capability of Bonaire, whose capacity is a small fraction of either the Antilles or Aruba, to handle UPT obligations was not even considered by the commission.**

- Also in the case of maintaining the present OCT status it would seem reasonable to work on a scenario in which the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba and the Kingdom would better use the possibilities of the OCT status. The commission dubbed this “OCT plus.” The Kingdom should make concrete plans to this end. **Again this is new news—that an OCT plus status is even conceivable.**

- It is, according to the Commission, imaginable that one country chooses to maintain the OCT status and another, UPT status, although that would be complicated. **The situation in which one island territory of the Netherlands Antilles opts for the UPT status and another for the OCT status is, according to the Commission, incompatible with the unity of the country. This means that Bonaire would have to secede from the Antilles, precisely one of the four current Referendum Choices.**

- A choice for the UPT status is not considered irreversible; it will not change anything with respect to the right to self-determination. □ *Chroniclers*

THE PET PROFESSOR



PUPPY TRAINING

Early Leash Training: Start with a lightweight 4 ft.-long leash. Attach it to the puppy's collar and let him just run around with it the first few times (make sure he is in a secure area where he can't get the leash caught on anything). Then pick up the leash for short periods and say, "let's go," using a treat to encourage him to walk with you. Praise him as long as he stays with you, and ignore him when he doesn't (NEVER drag him). If he runs ahead and pulls on the leash, simply stop and wait for him to notice that you're not coming with him. As soon as he returns to you, praise him and continue walking.

House Training: You should be able to train your pup to eliminate outside by about four months (depending on the individual dog, breed etc.). To start, you will want to take him out every hour or so, especially after naps and after feeding. Always take him (on a leash) to the same spot in the yard, tell him to "go ahead" or "hurry up" or whatever command you choose, and simply wait patiently till he goes. Then reward him with a treat and lots of praise (make sure you wait quietly till he's done before you reward him, or you'll just distract and confuse him). Using a command, and a

particular spot are important so that he learns the difference between "taking care of business" and just going out to play (you can play with him after he takes care of business!). As he gets older, take him out less and less frequently. Never scold him for having an "accident" - he won't understand. Just clean it up and keep track of when he goes so that you can try to prevent future accidents.

Success will only come from praising him when he goes in the right place, not from scaring and confusing him when he goes in the wrong place.

Crate Training: As your puppy grows you will need to get a larger kennel crate for him (large enough for him to stand and turn around). Every now and then, for varying lengths of time, coax him into the crate with a treat and close the door. As he goes into the crate say, in a cheerful tone, "go to bed" or "kennel" or any command you choose. With early training, he will love his crate, and this will be very useful for taking him to the vet, traveling, or for whenever he may need to be confined (e.g. when service people or non-dog people come to your house). Crate training gives him security and gives you a way to keep him safe and out of trouble.

Remember the following: Call your puppy often, saying his name and "come," and always praise him every time he comes to you. Never punish him for behaviors you don't approve of - ignore him if possible, distract him if not. Never allow him to put his teeth on you



Susan Brown and pupil

or jump up on you (walk away from him, refuse to play with him). Be careful not to reward the wrong behaviors (e.g. don't bribe him with a bone every time he barks at you while you're trying to talk on the phone), and don't allow him to dominate your life.

Establish from the start what is and is not acceptable behavior (is he allowed on the sofa or not?) and don't change the rules. Be worthy of his trust, be worthy of his respect, BE CONSISTENT!!

Next time: some basic obedience commands. □ *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.

BONAIRE'S BEST RIDERS OVERSEAS

As some of you might know the young talented windsurfers are on the professional windsurf tour once again. **Kiri Thode** (sponsored by Gaastra, Starboard, Fiberspar, Jibe City), **Taty Frans** (Gaastra, Starboard, Fiberspar, Jibe City), **Tonky Frans** (Gaastra, **Jayson Jonge**



Photo by author.

Ruben's spock maneuver

(Worldsails, HiFly, Jibe City), and **Ruben Petrisie** (Brunotti boards & sportswear, Palm Trading, Solar) left Bonaire about two weeks ago to take part in the Professional Windsurf Association tour of events.

The first competition was on Lanzarote, a Spanish island in the Atlantic Ocean. It was a three-day freestyle event with a lot of great competitors like Ricardo Campello (VEN), Kauli Seadi (BRA), Robby Swift (UK) and Diony Guadagnino (VEN).

The venue provided gusty offshore winds, sometimes over 30 knots, and instead of flat water like in Lac bay, there were big breaking waves up to four meters high. In the beginning most of our boys had to get used to the sailing in these heavy duty conditions, but they did the best they possibly could.

Ruben survived the first round several times. Unfortunately, he had some equipment difficulties but even that could not take the big smile off his face.

He ended 31st. Kiri, our youngest rider, stole the show once again, showing everybody that size really doesn't matter. He was content with 26th position. Jayson wasn't very lucky on the water, but his funny stories on shore totally made up for that. He ended 36th.

Taty really needed a warm up. But in the end he got to show a double forward loop in one of his heats, which he, of course, won. He had to settle for 16th place but he will definitely work himself up in the standings for next event at Fuerteventura.

Tonky had a great time. He displayed all kinds of maneuvers and combinations. His new double spock scored a lot of points. He fought a good battle and even ended up on the award stage one day. Overall he was 4th in the event.

In the final standings it was World champion 2003, Ricardo Campello, on top, followed by Kauli Seadi, and in the 3rd place Diony Guadagnino.

The Bonaire boys are getting ready for the next event, Fuerteventura. The wind is around 19 knots at the moment, perfect to show the world that Bonaire really does have unforgettable top sailors. □

Femke van der Valk.



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Tonky's back loop



KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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7-26	6:00	0.9FT.	20:38 2.0FT. 52
7-27	6:36	0.8FT.	21:24 2.1FT. 58
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VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

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Camissa, Chan Is.	Natural Selection, USA	Ta B
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Lady Alice	Side by Side	
Luna C, USA	Sirius	

SMALLEST FISH ON BONAIRE IS ALSO THE SMALLEST IN THE ATLANTIC

Another distinction for Bonaire's reef fish was documented with photographs in July 2001 by the Wilk family. It was the first photographs ever taken of the Pygmy Goby, *Lythrypnus minimus*, and after receiving their 3rd Edition CD in March of this year, I have been trying to find this rare and difficult-to-see species. It is not found or mentioned in Paul Humann/Ned DeLoach's ever popular fish identification field guides for the Caribbean. In fact the only photos are on Wilk's CD. Even a Google search turns up another fish by the same common name, but the species name indicates that they are not the same species, and the other Pygmy Goby is found in the Pacific. The Guinness Book of World Records lists a category for the world's smallest species of fish as one found in the fresh water streams of Luzon in the Pacific and it measures 9.5 mm in length in the adult stage. In trying to visualize the size of Bonaire's Pygmy Goby with something in our everyday world, consider that it is almost exactly the length of one and a half grains of rice.

Recently, on a dive with my excellent friend and excellent fish documenter, Candace Platz, I found one and actually was able to show it to her with the aid of my ever handy magnifying glass. This one measures only 11 mm in length, and even though the fresh water species tops this one for the Guinness Record, it is

still known as the smallest fish in the entire Atlantic. On that documentation I returned to the site, at a depth of 46 feet, repeatedly in order to see it out on the open coral head after it had first disappeared into a tiny hole near a small patch of black encrusting sponge.

It was an early morning dive, around 9:30 am. The site was along Bonaire's north shoreline, Barcadera, that was still in shadow, a habitat and time of the day that I prefer when looking for those tiny species that prefer the darker, shadowy places. Diminutive size means that a fish must use this type of shadowy habitat as an aid in its defense considering that the hungry predators are all bigger than they. With the aid of Candace's flashlight and my magnifying glass we were able to see it for five or six minutes and it appeared quite active during that time.

Its description is: reddish or brown with tiny white stripes across the back and down each side. These stripes are tiny, about the width of a human hair and appear to be broken, not solid and conspicuous, and impossible to see without magnification. The ReefNet CD describes the stripes as 10 in number behind the pectoral fins and two in front, but this fits only the adult male, and not the immature or the female.

Nothing is known about their ecology - what they eat, how they reproduce or how frequently - and the photos taken by the Wilk family were confirmed to be the



first ever taken of this species in its natural habitat. That is to say that museum specimens exist, but up until July of 2001 no authentic photos had ever been taken in its natural habitat. For me this makes this species even more of a treasure hunt than ever especially since Les Wilk told me that the photos were taken on Bonaire and I was determined to find it. In the process I passed over more common and tiny species: Orange-sided Goby, *Gobiosoma dilepsis*, Flagfin Blenny, *Emblemmariopsis signifera* (Spikefin Blenny in Paul Humann's ID book) and even others that I could not identify. But these species are very common and are two to three times larger than the Pygmy Goby, measuring usually over one to one and a half inch. The Pygmy Goby measures 0.4 inch.

I obviously wish everyone a lot of luck in finding these Lilliputians, but what really helps is to study the ReefNet CD (for details see www.reefnet.ca), which has not been distributed to dealers and to dive shops on Bonaire that I am aware of. By the way, the ReefNet CD, especially now that the 3rd Edition is out, is my preferred medium for teaching my Fish Watching courses at Bonaire Dive and Adventure. Oh, and start diving with a magnifying glass as standard equipment.

□ Jerry Ligon





ASK THE DIETITIAN WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHOLESTEROL LEVEL

When you have your regular blood checkup, the results will say something about your total cholesterol level and LDL and HDL cholesterol. But does everyone understand what these terms mean exactly?

Angélique Salsbach

What is cholesterol?

Cholesterol is a fat-like substance produced in your body in your liver. Cholesterol is also contained in certain foods that you eat, such as eggs, meat, shell fish or organ meats. When you eat these foods often, the amount of cholesterol in your blood will increase. Foods high in saturated fat also raise the amount of cholesterol in your blood.

Cholesterol travels through the blood in different types of packages called lipoproteins. The low density lipoprotein (**LDL cholesterol - the bad one**) delivers cholesterol to the body. The high density lipoprotein (**HDL cholesterol - the good one**) removes cholesterol from the blood stream.

How can a high cholesterol level hurt your health?

Too much cholesterol in your blood can raise the risk of a heart attack or a stroke. Extra cholesterol may be stored in your arteries (large blood vessels), causing them to become narrow. The amount of cholesterol in an artery wall may be so

high that the artery becomes blocked and blood can't flow through it. If an artery that supplies blood to your heart becomes blocked, you may have a heart attack. If an artery that supplies blood to your brain becomes blocked, you may have a stroke.

What can I do to lower my cholesterol level if it is too high?

Eating healthful foods can lower your total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol level, and it may protect you from the damaging effects of cholesterol. You can raise your HDL cholesterol level by exercising, quitting smoking and losing weight.

Eating healthy foods that are low in fat usually lowers cholesterol level.

Eating smart tips:

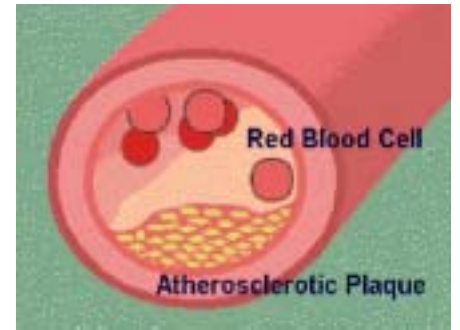
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Use low fat cooking techniques, like broiling, grilling, stir frying, etc.
- Eat skinless chicken and less fried meat
- Choose lean meat and meat products
- Cut down the amount of meat you

eat to 75 grams prepared weight

- Eat fish at least two to three times a week
- Eat a meatless meal (vegetarian) at least once or twice a week
- Eat a variety of fiber-rich foods, like oats, whole-grain bread, whole grain rice, whole-grain pasta, potato, fruits and vegetables. Fiber helps reduce cholesterol levels. **Fiber-rich foods can also help when you're trying to lose weight because they make you feel full.**
- Limit your intake of saturated fats, like dairy fats (in ice cream, full cream milk, heavy cream, butter) and palm and coconut oils. It helps to read the labels on food packages. A label may say the food is low in cholesterol, but the food could still be high in saturated fat. You should look for the total fat, and from this total fat the greatest part should consist of unsaturated fat.
- Limit high cholesterol foods like egg yolks and liver. Eat no more than three eggs a week. Eat shellfish or organ meat no more than once every two weeks.
- Use low fat dairy products such as low fat or skim milk or milk products and low fat or non fat yogurt.
- Avoid eating fried foods

Of course, besides eating healthily you should exercise regularly, avoid too much alcohol, quit smoking and manage stress.
□ A.S.

Effect of excessive Cholesterol



Foods with Cholesterol



Foods with little Cholesterol



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. Her patients successfully win the battle of the bulge and become healthier! Write her at dietitian@bonairenews.com □

PET of the WEEK

Here's "Cliff."

This pup is a perfect model for a toy maker who wants to create the cutest stuffed toy puppy that will sell like hotcakes.

What a sweet face and what beautiful blue eyes Cliff has. And his longish fur is soft as silk. Cliff, along with his mom his three siblings were brought into the Shelter after they

were found, having wandered onto someone's kunuku. Cliff's mom looked after her pups very well, and Cliff, now three months old, inherited his mom's sociability. You may meet Cliff at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. The most "in" tee shirts sold on Bonaire are those from the Animal Shelter. All the profits go to helping the Shelter keep their doors open to unwanted pets. Tee shirts are available in chil-



"Cliff"

dren's and adults' sizes and you can find them at Carib Inn or at the Managers' Parties at Buddy Dive, Habitat and Divi Flamingo Hotels.

If you have a houseful of pets already but want to help out, drop your extra change in the artistically decorated little dog houses around town that say "Bonaire Animal Shelter." It's your donations that help keep the Shelter open. Stop by the Shelter and see for yourself how your donations are helping the "orphans." □L.D.

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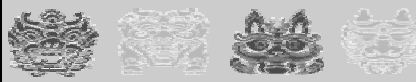
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WANTED

Looking for home for Rabu. Rabu needs a new owner! Rabu is a very sweet, well-trained dog. He's a real Bonairean dog, but we can't take him with us to Holland. If you want to give it a try please call 785-9008.

Wanted: HOUSE TO RENT- We are looking for a house with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and if possible, a not-too-small porch. Kind of garden would be marvelous. Please phone 717-4200.

Couple looking to rent a kunuku long term. Call 785-9013

FOR SALE

For Sale: single beds, mini fridge (bar), fridge, 6-sided table with 6 bench seats, kitchen sink (good for kunuku), tennis rackets, misc. items. call 717-8603

For Sale Tel / Fax / Copy machine Sharp UX-355 LR Only for NAf 280.- Call 717 6860 or e-mail: ieffner@yahoo.com

For Sale for Divers BCD Scubapro with R2 (Regulator) for only US\$50.- Call 717 6860 or e-mail: ieffner@yahoo.com

12' hard bottom (RIB) Carib dinghy w/15 hp. Yamaha outboard, good condition, about 4-5 years old. \$2,000. Contact Yacht *Methuselah* in the harbor or *The Reporter* at 717-8988/786-6125. Leave name and phone number.

Lots of Things For Sale: Double bed & mattress NAf175; Strijkblank (Ironing Board) NAf10; 2 stereo sets & speakers NAf50; Answering machine NAf15; 2 hammocks NAf40; transformer NAf25; stove NAf175. Call 785-9008.

For Sale: several **Dutch Oak Closets** with stained glass. Kaya Neerlandia 31, across from Gas Expres.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

'87 **Nissan pickup** in excellent condition. NAf3,800 791-0343 (don't call Thursday morning).

For Sale: **Chevrolet S10 Pick up**, Single cab, metallic gray, good condition. NAf4.500. Call 785-9008.

PROPERTY FOR RENT.

For Rent: Comfortable 2-bedroom beach villa-weekly or monthly-choice location-Privacy & security- July 15 to Jan 15-Brochure available-Phone (Bon) (599) 717 3293-or (US) (570)-586 0098-e/mail larjaytee@aol.com

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Traditional **Bonairean Sailing Sloop**. Wood, traditional construction, about 21' long. Fiberglassed in and out for minimal maintenance. Two time winner of Bonaire Regatta, Class A. A dream to sail. Bargain at NAf9,999. One of the last of its kind. Call 717-8988 or 785-6125.



RADIO TURTLES RESUME

Sea turtle nesting is in full swing at Klein Bonaire this summer, which means lots of nests on the beach, baby turtles running towards the water and big mother turtles that make it all happen. These big turtles visit Klein Bonaire only during a few months every two to three years, and it remains a mystery where they go after leaving Klein Bonaire. Building on the success of last year's tracking of two hawksbill turtles, 'Schillie' and 'Nautila,' Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is continuing this research in 2004 with the placement about two weeks ago of the first transmitter on a massive female loggerhead turtle. The aim of this work is to find out where 'our' turtles live, how they get there and learn of potential threats they face during their migration.

This loggerhead has a shell measuring over one meter in length and is estimated to weigh at least 140 kg. She was captured on a Friday morning at 'No Name' beach, Klein Bonaire, and quickly fitted with a small transmitter that was glued onto the carapace before her release back into the water. The turtle was very cooperative and remained calm throughout the procedure. Upon release she swam straight back to the reef, where she will rest until she needs to crawl onto the beach again to lay another nest. As soon as this turtle has laid her last nest, containing about 120 eggs, she is expected to migrate back towards her feeding grounds. The turtle tracking works through signals sent out by the transmitter which is switched on whenever the turtle comes to the surface to breathe. These transmissions are then collected by Argos system receivers onboard weather satellites that circle the



Release of transmittered female 'Extra' (Kawama)

globe, yielding location data for each turtle that are e-mailed daily to STCB and mapped on the website www.bonaireturtles.org.

The big loggerhead female, named 'Extra,' is heading towards the northwest, now near Aruba and more than 600 km away from Bonaire. She continues swimming about 80 km per day, now in a west-north-westerly direction that puts her on a course towards Belize or Honduras. She is in deep open water, and we expect her to continue to swim many hundreds of kilometers further in order to reach a suitable feeding habitat. Her average dive time is about 10 minutes.

STCB's turtle tracking effort expanded again after the release of an adult male hawksbill turtle (*karet*) fitted with a satellite

transmitter at Klein Bonaire. The large turtle, with a shell length of 85 cm and distinguishable from females by its long tail and hooked nails on its front flippers, was caught in the morning by STCB staff Gielmon Egbreghs and Robert van Dam at Ebo's Reef and lifted into their research boat *Nancy Too*. A small transmitter was then attached to the shell of the turtle, which will make it possible to follow the movements of this animal for up to a year. The large hawksbill was released later in the morning at the same location where it had been caught. According to his radio reports he's still hanging around Klein Bonaire and spends about an hour underwater on his dives.

Male sea turtles almost never return to land after entering the water as hatchlings and very little is known about their behavior. Male hawksbills are thought to breed every year, as opposed to females who return only every two to three years. Also, males may not travel as far as females because of their need to return to the breeding area every year. Male sea turtles are known to depart from the breeding area earlier than females, which is why a male was selected for transmitter placement now, while it is still early in the hawksbill nesting season. Tracking of this hawksbill turtle is made



Turtle-tracking sponsor, Bob Bartikoski.



'Extra' (Kawama)'s Route. Half-way to the coast of Nicaragua

possible through a full sponsorship provided by Bob Bartikoski of REMAX Bonaire. This hawksbill is named 'Tom' in memory of Bob's late brother who was a resident of Bonaire. The movements of 'Tom' will be mapped regularly and this information will be available on the website www.bonaireturtles.org.

For more information contact: Robert van Dam, (599) 717-2225 or 790-0433, e-mail: stcb@bonaireturtles.org □ Robert van Dam

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm
Shrek 2 (Eddie
 Murphy, Cameron Diaz)

Early Show (usually 7:00 pm)
**Harry Potter and the
 Prisoner of Azkaban**

Kaya Prinses Marie
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 Tel. 717-2400
 Tickets - NAf10,50 (incl. Tax)
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NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

**SATURDAY 4 PM Pietje Bell 2: De
 jacht op de Tsarenkroon**
SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM
The Punisher

COMING

**Saturday, July 31 - Stress Management
 Training** – sponsored by the Junior Chamber International (formerly Jaycees). Practical ways to handle stress situations. Speaker: Julien deWindt, senior facilitator. Divi Flamingo Conference Room 9 am to 2 pm. NAf50, includes drinks & snacks. Call 520-5679 to reserve.

Sunday, August 1 - Mega FM Run, 5 km for Adults, 2 km for kids. Starts at 7:30 am at Mega FM. Sponsored by Comcabon. Tel. 717-8629.

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 **Flamingo** 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 - 2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop: fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets and snacks, arts and handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music.

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

Daily- The Divi Flamingo Casino is open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm-4 am and Sunday 7 pm- 3 am.

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

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

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

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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

Lions Club meets every **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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451 or Valrie@telbonet.an
Cinnamon Art Gallery - Volunteers to help staff gallery during the day. Contact Wendy Horn, at 717-3902 or 785-9700.

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center)- 717-4303.

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

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

Veterinary Doctor Niels Wuyts, a frequent diving visitor to Bonaire from Belgium, is showing some Iranian students from the Teheran University of Veterinary Medicine what turtles really look like. For lack of demonstration material he is using a picture from the *Bonaire Reporter*. Like always in Iran, everything happens under the watchful eye of the Ayatollahs. □

Iran

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Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES. Mail photos to Bonaire Reporter, Kaya Gob. Debrot 200-6, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles (AN). E-mail to: picture@bonairereporter.com. (All 2004 photos are eligible.) □



Special Olympics - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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

Go to the source. Visit the **Bonaire Museum** on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

Sunday at Cai- Live music and dancing starts about 12 noon at Lac Cai. Dance to the music of Bonaire's 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.

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

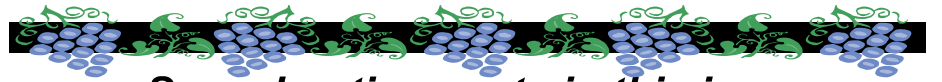
New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

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DINING GUIDE



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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Caribbean Club Bonaire at Hilltop 5 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, reservations only, NAf25.
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. Be 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 NAf25 Beach Pass, a NAf15 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.
The Lions Den Beach Bar And Restaurant 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.
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.
Nonchi's at Cultimara 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.
Pasa Bon Pizza 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 Real Thing! 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
The Seahorse Cyber Café 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.



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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.

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Jake and Linda Richter

“I was here first in January ’96 to go on a short dive trip with a friend. Linda had said, ‘No.’ She was tired of traveling. I liked it here so much that when I got home I told Linda she had to come back with me. So, we came in June that year. I was going to participate in a Nikon underwater photo shoot out competition and the second week was pure vacation. We stayed at Captain Don’s Habitat. Krystyana, ‘Yana,’ our daughter, was a year old. We had a local babysitter who took her all over the place and Yana charmed everybody. How absolutely wonderful and nice the people were! And how comfortably warm it was! We just loved it! We were looking for changes in life, a different work locale. I’d interviewed for a job with an organization called Ocean Futures and was one of the two final candidates for the job. We were either going to Washington DC or Virginia Beach. Then the chairman of the board left to run the Cous-teau Society and the whole selection process fell to pieces. But we were already convinced that we would move out of New Hampshire. At the same time our son Sebastian, ‘Bas,’ was born. So why not move anyway? Somewhere warm. I’d talked with Jack Chalk (then dive manager of Capt. Don’s Habitat) at a dive show in Boston and he’d mentioned that Bonaire had been connected to the Internet. We’d made a short list where we might want to live and within seconds Bonaire shot to the top of the list! On all accounts Bonaire met all of our needs. We came in mid April for a week for a ‘sanity-check,’ to make sure we could do it. Linda figured out how to make bagels herself and we submitted our application to start a business offering Internet services: web design and hosting as well as marketing consulting and related services. We went back, sold everything, packed up. On June 20th we arrived with 16 trunks, a cat, a baby, a toddler and a teenage babysitter for the summer.”

“I’d been living in New Hampshire my whole life, except for college in upstate New York,” Linda says. “Thirteen generations of my family lived in New Hampshire. My family still doesn’t quite approve of our being here, but it’s okay. They know we’re happy here, but given a choice they’d like to have us there. My mom comes to see us quite often, but my father and my sister don’t

like to fly and the ocean is also too deep, so they’ve never been here.”

“I was born in Jackson Heights, Queens,” Jake says. “My parents had defected from Czechoslovakia and immigrated to the US in 1963, pretty much with nothing else but their suitcase and their clothes. I was born in 1964. We lived in a one-bedroom apartment. We stayed in the New York area for another four years while my parents learned English. After they’d become US citizens we moved to Germany because they decided they wanted to live closer to where they were from. For seven years we lived in Germany. Then we moved to Eugene, Oregon, because my parents had read that it was the best place to live in the US. Unfortunately they never questioned the source of the article! We stayed there for nine months, then moved to southern Florida where my dad got a job with the *National Enquirer* as a

photographer. In Czechoslovakia he had been the top-ranking press photographer in the country. We stayed in Florida for 15 months and then moved to Massachusetts because my parents wanted to be close to good schools for me and my brother. I had three more years of high school left, then I went to college in upstate

New York where I studied computer science. In my second year, when I was 18, 22 years ago, I met Linda. We were in the same dormitory. She thought I was charming, or at least... that’s what I thought she thought.”

“I was 18 and I went to college for architecture, but for me it was too unstructured, so I ended up in fine arts. Jake and I have a lot in common. We enjoy cooking a lot and eating it. We both love to read - science fiction and mysteries - and now we’re here I read anything. After a little persuasion I started diving and I know about computers.”

“She’s a geek,” Jake laughs. “She knows computer stuff.”

Jake and Linda Richter are fun. She’s pensive and witty. He’s got a great sense of humor and he’s bright and fast and obviously proud of his wife and children. They’re just nice and easy going people.

“We got married in ’89,” Linda continues, “and we did a fair amount of traveling before we came to Bonaire:

throughout the US and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Australia, Europe and Hawaii. When we came here we were both 32. In retrospect it was one of the best decisions we’ve ever made. We were and are living a family life. We’re not nightlife people so the quiet evenings on Bonaire were perfect and still are. But we do like to go to the movies. We’re just addicted! When we’re in the States we go as much as twice a day until we’ve seen everything that’s showing! Even the children have the same addiction!”

“At the time,” Jake says, “it took forever for business licenses to get approved, so during that time we were actually tourists and had to leave the island every three months, the first to Aruba where after three hours we wanted to go back to Bonaire! We did that for almost a year. I continued to write articles for US computer magazines and I also became a dive instructor. Linda, who’d been painting before the children were born and who’d won a couple of awards, tried to paint again, but decided that cat, dogs, toddler and baby were just too much. Almost a year after we moved to the island we had all our permits in place and started working.

We started some side projects. One of them was *Bonaire E-News*; a free, weekly e-mailed newsletter about Bonaire, like the *Reporter*, but a bit less formal. We had over 2,000 readers, but then the tour operators began to interfere with the news we reported, so instead of allowing other people to dictate what we should or shouldn’t write, we closed it down. It was a lot of work, no benefits, but fun and we got to know a lot of people on Bonaire. When we shut down *E-News* we put more focus on an on-line discussion group which ultimately became *BonaireTalk*. Combined with that we started Bonaire WebCams. We didn’t realize it, but it formed something of a cult and became very popular. Between 2,000 to 3,000 people were looking at the WebCams every day. Because one of the cameras was installed in front of our house, people learned the names of all the cats, dogs and children. We got to know lots of regular visitors to Bonaire and have made countless friends. There are people who actually sign up for Bonaire WebCams to see the



The Richter family: Bas, Jake, Yana and Linda

sunset every day or to see the ocean or the sun shine. Since we’ve moved all four of the cameras have moved to four new locations. There’s still one underwater; two are on the beach; and one is at Bongo’s Beach Bar where they have the WebCam sign box and a guest book. What WebCam and *BonaireTalk* ended up doing is expanding the feeling and the sense of community we have here, beyond Bonaire’s physical boundaries to all sorts of places around the world and to people who love and appreciate Bonaire as much as we do, but haven’t moved here yet! It’s all for fun. The work part is still our Internet business. Two and a half years ago Linda started painting again. In April this year, together with our friend Avi Ben-Hamron, we opened the Cinnamon Art Gallery. The Gallery always offers Linda’s and Avi’s art, and every other month we have a Bonaire-based guest artist who lives and works here.

About three years ago I became a registered US patent agent. Now I do quite a bit of consulting work for US patent lawyers. Between family and business, the gallery and our friends and lately our move we stay very busy, but we get to do it in a beautiful location. We were renting and now we’ve actually purchased a home. It’s not an investment in real estate; it’s an investment in our future! If you have your family with you, that’s the heart of your home wherever you are and Bonaire allows us to concentrate on that more.” □

Greta Kooistra



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Athlete Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

COVER

BONAIRE AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS JAMAICA



The goal of the Olympians- gold medals (before they ran out!)

Bonaire's Special Olympic Team of 10 athletes returned triumphant last week with eight Gold Medals and seven Silver Medals in the sports of Bocce, Swimming and Running. Not only should we be very proud of the athletes but of the great coaching staff as well who has spent untold numbers of hours training the athletes and preparing them for this momentous event. *The Bonaire Reporter* traveled with the team to record the events.



Denny Reina concentrates on rolling the ball

The Inaugural Special Olympics Caribbean Games were held in Kingston, Jamaica, on July 8 to 11 with 500 athletes representing 15 countries from around the Caribbean. As well there were 200 coaches and officials, 200 family members and friends and more than 200 volunteers – a lot for an island to deal with. Our athletes



Athlete Johnny Hellmund, Coach Monique van Gorp and Athlete Lucille Soliano anxiously await the start of the swimming events

were full of excitement and anticipation as they prepared to board the Air Jamaica flight on Wednesday, July 7, but since most of them have competed in other overseas events they behaved like seasoned travelers but with lots of humor and good spirits. Also aboard were their old friends, the team from Aruba. At takeoff, Gold Medal swimmer Lucille Soliana called out, "Bye Bye Bonaire," bringing a smile to everyone's lips. On landing in Montego Bay, Jamaica, some of them burst into song, singing the Bonaire National Anthem! Even during an unexpected five-hour wait in Montego Bay our team took a good sport attitude and didn't complain. The next day's opening ceremonies were emotionally stirring as all the athletes and their delegations marched in with the flags of their countries to the spirited accompaniment of drums and a marching band. The following day the games began, a little later than planned due to a few glitches, like the field event coaches asking that the "staging" tent for the athletes be moved close to the bleachers. The authorities replied, "You can do it yourselves." So all the coaches, looking like determined ants, walked the tent clear across the field. Other



Bonaire's Champion Bocce Team

coaches with hearing impaired athletes asked officials if there couldn't be a signal other than the gun to start the races. It was agreed to use a flag. Later that morning at the stadium the very first gold medal of the Special Olympics was awarded to runner, 52-year-old Antonio de Palm (in Ireland known as "The Barefoot Flash," but this time he wore shoes). Then there was a surprise visit to the stadium by the Governor General of Jamaica, Howard Cooke, who was there in time to present a Silver Medal to runner Siegmar (Ziggy) Celestin. During the Governor's visit to the aquatics area he took time to pose with swimmers Lucille Soliana and Johnny Hellmund. Governor Cooke, addressing the swimming athletes, said, "A prescription for peace and harmony is togetherness; learn about each other; meet each other." And that's exactly what was happening as our athletes interacted with those from different islands; having fun, cheering each other on, congratulating each other – everyone in high spirits. On the Bocce field our experienced team had close matches, especially when Denny Reina battled mightily and tied, game after game, with a young athlete from Montserrat. By an edge the Montserrat athlete won, but afterwards the two shook hands and posed for photos with their arms around each other.

Disappointingly, during the last two days the gold and silver medals ran out, so the top winners got ribbons instead. Sunday's closing ceremony was at the University of the West Indies where all the athletes and their delegations were housed. Everyone was relaxed, having completed four days of great games. The reggae music soared and dancing began. Local food was served and long lines waited patiently for a taste of Jamaica. The team had to wait until Wednesday to return to Bonaire on Air Jamaica, so Head of the Delegation, Delno Tromp arranged free tours to the Bob Marley Museum and to Ocho Rios. A tired but happy team boarded the flight on Wednesday, calling out, "Bye Bye, Jamaica" as we rose into the air. **Unlike the other islands where the local governments subsidize their Special Olympic teams, the Bonaire team has to raise all the money itself.** Thanks to all the very generous sponsors who made it possible for the team to make a showing in Jamaica: UTS (United Telecommunication Service), BonairExel, Air Jamaica, Crocantino Restaurant, Bonaire Gift Shop, Ennia Insurance, Captain Don's Habitat and individuals Anna and Art Kleimer and Sharon and Scott Barlass. □L.D.



Ziggy at speed



Ziggy Celestin gets his medal from Jamaica's Governor General



Runner Antonio de Palm was awarded the first gold medal of the Caribbean Games

Islands represented at the Special Olympics in Jamaica

Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Montserrat, Suriname, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago
The goal of Special Olympics is to help bring all persons with mental retardation into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens. Bonaire has fielded teams for the past three world games and is looking forward to attending the next World Games from October 10-19, 2007, in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. □



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Every summer in late July my favorite summer star and constellation reach their highest points above the horizon just after dark. And next week you can use the **Moon** to find them. Let me tell you how.

On any night in late July just after dark, which is about 8 to 9 pm in the Sky Park, face due south where you'll see a pattern of bright stars shaped like a giant fish hook or the capital letter J. It's my favorite summer constellation, **Scorpius the Scorpion**, and it contains my favorite summer star, **Antares**, which marks his heart if



you imagine the scorpion looking something like this. And not only is Antares in the right place for a scorpion's heart but it's also the right color, red. And the reason it's my favorite summer star is because it's the biggest star we can see in summer's skies. In fact it is 700 times wider than our own almost-one-million-mile-wide **Sun**. So huge we could fit 350 million Suns inside it. Or if you like to think of it this way, it is so gigantic that if we placed one edge of it where our Sun is it would reach out past the orbits of **Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars**, even beyond the orbit of **Jupiter**. Wow!

But if you're one of those beginning star gazers who has a hard time finding the stars, next Monday you can use the Moon as a finder because on Monday night, July 26th an exquisite 10-day-old Moon will be just to the right of the three stars that mark the top of the scorpion. Plus on Tuesday the 27th an 11-day-old Moon will be just to the left of super humongous Antares. And although they'll look close, keep in mind it's just an illusion because our tiny 2,000-mile-wide Moon will be only 227,000 miles away, whereas Antares will be a whopping 13 1/2 billion times farther away, 520 light years beyond. Or if you like to think of it this way, it takes only 1 1/5 seconds for light to reach us from the Moon, but it takes 520 years for light to reach us from Antares, which means that when we look at Antares we see it not as it exists now but as it existed 520 years ago, just before Columbus set sail.

Now if you look at Scorpius on a night when there's no Moon out, during the time of the new Moon, and if you're far from city lights you will notice that the bottom half of Scorpius, including the entire stinger, is located in that faint ribbon of light we call the **Milky Way**. And if you have really good eyesight or a pair of binoculars you'll see two fuzzy clouds just above the stinger. They're called **M-6** and **M-7** and they're wonderful. Indeed M-7 is a cluster of 80 stars about 800 light years away which means that the light we see right now is the light that left it in 1200 A.D. M-6 likewise has 80 stars in it but it is 1,600 light years away which means that the light we see now left it in 400 A.D.

So there you have it: the Moon visits Scorpius on the 26th and humongous Antares on the 27th, and on a clear moonless night you can see two clusters of stars many hundreds of light years away. Now you know why Scorpius is my summer favorite. □ *Jack Horkimer*

Moon Info



First Quarter on July 25th.



Full Moon on July 31st,

the second full moon of July, a "blue moon."



Last Quarter on August 7th



New Moon on August 16th



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
July 23 to July 30, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You will find good buys and you will lift your spirits. You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. This will be a great time to invite friends over to visit. Listen to the advice given by others. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Plan your days carefully. Relax and enjoy what you've accomplished when you're finished. Focus on forming business partnerships. New emotional connections can be made through business contacts. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Go with the flow and don't be concerned about your own job. Outbursts of passion may cause arguments with your mate. Opportunities for new friendships are apparent. Make arrangements to meet friends at your local dance club. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions. Think twice before you say something you might regret later. Don't turn down offers that include sports activities or children. Take advantage of your attributes and lure the mate of your choice. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Travel for business will be advantageous. Real estate investments will pay off. You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them. Try not to allow others to burden you with additional responsibilities. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Compromise if you wish to have any fun at all. Don't overspend or give too freely to others. You may be able to get some good advice about your personal problems. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Make arrangements to spend quality time together. Do what you can to help them but don't neglect your own family. You need to keep everyone on your domestic scene too busy to complain. Hidden matters are likely to surface. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Communication will be your strong point and you should be able to persuade others to see things your way. Don't go hog wild when it comes to entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Try not to be too lavish with your lover. Be cautious who you deal with financially. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional integrity. This is a great time for a trip. Don't be too quick to judge. Take time to do something nice for yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your mate may want to pick a fight, but if you're persistent with your affections their anger should dissipate. Focus, and concentrate on yourself and your future. Lack of cash might be partly to blame for the problems at home. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. You can't do everything on your own. Don't expect romantic encounters to be lasting. Your high energy should be spent pleasing your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Older family members may try to put unreasonable demands on you. Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Find out all the facts before you jump to conclusions. You can put in some overtime and make extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday. □