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The Italian Connection

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The Bonaire Democratic Party celebrated its 50th birthday this past Tuesday. It is the oldest political party on Bonaire, founded the same year as the constitution (ERNA) that formed the Antilles. The founder was Julio Abraham, the father of the present party leader, Jopie Abraham. The Democratic Party is the only Bonaire political party that has political affiliation on other islands. The party had its roots in the time when there were only about 2,500 people eligible to vote, when women cast most of the votes because men were off working in other places and the issues seemed more straightforward. In addition to Julio Abraham, people like Cola Debrot, LD Gerharts, Momon Marchena and Shon Bubu Booi were prominent. There will be another all-day celebration on Friday, August 13th, at the party headquarters in Antriol. Activities for 60-plussers, children and families will begin at 9 am and run until midnight. Congratulations, Democrats.



A Bonaire media frenzy greets Jopie Abraham



Curaçao political leader Errol Cova with Riet Sealy



Ladies at the Pirate House buffet

► **The economy of the Netherlands Antilles continued to expand in the first quarter of 2004**, supported by the further recovery of the world economic climate, says the Central Bank in its latest Quarterly Bulletin. The Real Gross Domestic Product is estimated to have grown by 0.9%, a deceleration compared to the 1.4% growth in 2003. The expansion stemmed from higher domestic demand, driven by private sector spending. Consumer spending gained strength, supported by an increase in consumptive borrowing.



Avior Air

► **The Venezuelan carrier, Avior Airlines, has shown interest in joining with DCA and making Curaçao its hub.** The airline gave the Curaçao Executive Council a presentation of its plans to terminate DCA operations and continue as Curaçao Airlines. Avior Airlines is a privately owned carrier established 10 years ago and is the second largest in Venezuela, after Aero-postal. Up to three years ago it flew to Curaçao. It still flies Venezuela - Aruba. The Curaçao Government held talks earlier with the Dutch Exel Group about its plans, but Exel director Harm Prins does not agree with Commissioner Ivar Asjes' request to submit a business plan as long as there are still talks with others. He also expressed doubts about using DCA personnel in the Avior Air plans, "because a pilot is considerably cheaper in Venezuela than in Curaçao." Prins does not believe government should support any airline. Exel is also in talks with Winair about pos-

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sible cooperation as St. MartinExel. They have submitted a request to fly Curaçao-St. Maarten. Prins said they had asked to process it with urgency, "because the way DCA going now is a disaster." "We want to fly twice a day, with a new type ATR 42 - twice a day and on time."


► **ArubaExel's first flight (to Curaçao) is set for August 27.** Initially, it will only fly to Curaçao and Bonaire, but future plans are also to fly to Venezuela and Colombia.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)
 Flights to the US and South America are promised. ATR-42s similar to Bonair-Exel's will be used. ArubaExel flights will supplement BonairExel's. ArubaExel will fly twice a day to Curaçao and once a day to Bonaire. For the time being, Bonair-Exel pilots will fly the ATRs. The Dutch Exel Aviation Group is the owner of ArubaExel. This Group has 36 airplanes in Europe and the Caribbean, like HollandExel and DutchCaribbeanExel. ArubaExel has recently received the re-quired business permits and expects to receive the Air Operator Certificate within a few days.

► **Things became tense at the Dutch Caribbean Airlines' (DCA) counter at Curaçao's Airport last Thursday morning** when it was discovered that only one plane was available for all the regional flights. Then about 20 angry DCA ticket holders to Holland showed up, demanding refunds because they were stuck in Curaçao be-



cause the airline has been unable to fly them home. Consequently, DCA employees barricaded themselves in the office and airport security had to restore order. The day before an official had become physical with a DCA telephone operator and reportedly grabbed her by the neck. "The combined problems were too much for the personnel," confirmed DCA commercial manager Cesar Prince. At the end of the morning there was one DC-9 available for takeoff. To where? "All regional routes," answered Prince. When negotiations to receive payment failed, the Curaçao Van der Valk Plaza Hotel had no other option but to force 40

guests - all stranded DCA passengers - to leave. The Trupial Inn gave these people lodging.

► It's like buying an old car. The up-front price is low and maintenance costs are high. Last year DCA acquired three aging, uneconomical, noisy DC-9s. **Last week only one plane in their jet fleet was operational.** The DC-9s, first introduced in 1965, are used on the longer flights as well as short inter-island flights. Last week



1960s DC-9 Cabin

only one was flying. Another was stuck in Haiti with technical problems. A third was grounded for technical reasons in Curaçao. Of the remainder of their jet fleet, more modern MD-80s, one was in Miami for work on the engine. The other two MD-80s were still undergoing mandatory maintenance. Despite announcements that a Twin Otter would be pressed into service for inter-island flights, it remained in the hangar, as it has been for months. Consequently, DCA cut most flights including ones to Bonaire. BonairExel took over several flights after obtaining a payment guarantee. Some flights to St. Maarten were cancelled, and others were carried out after major delays. KLM helped DCA out by leasing a plane to transport Curaçao students to Holland last week. Offers to fly DCA passengers on other KLM flights were declined.

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POLICE UPDATE



If you see or hear something suspicious, call the **POLICE HOTLINE – DIAL 108. You may remain completely anonymous.** The Police can use your eyes and ears. If you were a victim of a crime wouldn't you appreciate someone giving a tip to the police? FYI, The police tell us that if you have a local phone you may call 911 and get Bonaire police. However, if you have a Chippie phone, 911 will connect you to Curaçao police.

It has been a month since the jail has been closed for reconstruction, but there is no reconstruction going on so far. According to sources it is the chief of police who is responsible for maintaining the jail, but if there is no money to pay the contractors nothing is going to happen. There is supposed to be 1.5 million guilders allocated to Bonaire, which was to be distributed by the Minister of Justice in Curaçao. Police Chief Daantje has not been available for comment.

Minister of Justice Norberto Ribeiro (PAR) is asking Holland to ship "container" cells from the Netherlands to the Antilles to offset the shortage of cells. Ribeiro got the idea when he heard that a few container cells were exported from the Netherlands to eastern Europe. There are still a few containers available with a total capacity of 100 cells. Hopefully Bonaire can get its share.

Special Security Services (SSS) Reports:

Last Monday morning around 4 am SSS received an alarm from Littman's Jewelers on Kaya Grandi. An SSS patrol was sent and the owner of Littman's was notified. Police patrols also arrived on the

scene. Together, the SSS patrol and the police surprised the suspects who were hiding on the flat part of the roof between the Shopping Mall and Littman's. The suspects were trying to get through the roof using crowbars which were found on the roof. The two suspects were arrested and sent to jail. According to Littman's owner, the same suspects had been arrested for break-ins in Belnem and other neighborhoods and released after two days because of lack of jail space.

Assistant Prosecutor Justine Gonggrijp Reports: The suspects from the Belnam, Plaza break-ins were indeed released by the Preliminary Judge because of lack of jail space. Curaçao was asked to take them but their reply was that they have to incarcerate more serious criminals (like murderers) and have no room for "youngsters." However, they will now accept the two from the Littman break-in. As well, two brothers (H.M.O. 15 and K.R.O 24) will be shipped to Curaçao after they severely beat a man (Z.T.) in Rincon this past weekend. Z.T. is in a coma in Curaçao. The two brothers turned themselves in.

A theft suspect was brought in Monday morning.

At the airport, since the new policy of taking away passports from drug smugglers was begun, the number of arrests has decreased dramatically—only 4 so far.

In jail are 3 who assaulted and threatened the police, the Public Prosecutor and the Preliminary Judge. They will be prosecuted, their sentences depending on their prior records. L./G.D.

(Flotsam and Jetsam Continued from page 4)

Reportedly there are about 1,200 DCA passengers stranded in both Curaçao and Holland. DCA requested an immediate 4.5 million guilders from its sole shareholder, the Curaçao Island Government, to tide it over its immediate problems.

► Last Monday the **Curaçao Executive Council coughed up NAf7 million** so that DCA could pay salaries, cover short term debts and return some 1,200 stranded. It also accepted the resignation of longtime president Mario Evertsz. The government's auditors will be given access to all financial data for a thorough audit. Based on the results and recommendations of a tripartite committee (yet to be established) Curaçao will decide whether and how to continue with the airline.

► As a result of negotiation between the airline and Bonaire tourism officials **American Eagle will be flying to Bonaire three times a week in the coming season.** Southbound service from the US via San Juan (SJU-BON) will be on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, with the reciprocal flights (BON-SJU) on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

► During a two-week period ending last Monday the **Curaçao District Attorney confiscated 90 passports from drug couriers caught at the Curaçao airport with 2.5 kilos or less in drugs.** These were not cocaine-ball (*bolita*) swallows but people who concealed the drugs in their luggage or on their body. The measure was taken to further curb the stream of drug couriers. Previously smugglers were sent home with



a summons (the penitentiary is full) – giving them an opportunity to try again. They could also risk another try after their verdict. Most couriers don't show up for court and are sentenced to unconditional jail time. Ironically they can't serve their time anyway because of the lack of space at the prison.

► Ex-Curaçao FOL advisor **Nelson Monte**, convicted of corruption, has twice refused to be transferred to the hospital, despite the recommendation of the prison doctor. **The reason: he wants to receive first class hospital accommodation.** Monte was sentenced to four years in prison on several counts of forgery and accepting NAf460.000 in bribes while a civil servant. After giving Monte a checkup, the doctor concluded that he should be transferred to the hospital because of his health problems. Once they got to the hospital and Monte realized he was being placed in a third class room, he refused. As a result he could not be seen by a specialist. "We cannot give him special treatment," said acting prison director Jaime Andrea. "All inmates who must go to the hospital are placed in third class."

Monte suffers from a heart condition and had a pacemaker installed in Miami last year. Upon his return he was taken to a first class hospital room, with the blessing of



Nelson Monte



Dushi cooks at the Marshé

IF YOU GO TO ONLY ONE PLACE THIS SATURDAY MAKE IT THE RINCON MARSHÉ

Rincon Marshé - August 14th

This Saturday Marshé's theme will be "Back to School" with the emphasis on kids with fun activities, foods, drinks and music by DJ Eddie. Come and enjoy the kids competing in old time activities like roll the hoop, carrying eggs with spoons and other nearly

forgotten games. Bring your own kids too and join the fun. Stands will be selling local snacks and sweets, barbeque, fruit smoothies, gifts, fruits and vegetables and more. Open at 6 am for breakfast.

Next Saturday – August 21st – a Big Cultural Marshé with the *Kibrahacha* Dancers, *Los Veteranos*, *Kaňa Brabu* (band that plays only folkloric music). There will be a competition, "Mara Kabes" (the colorful fabric head pieces worn by the ladies in traditional garb), where ladies will show their artistic talents in making these head pieces. *Los Veteranos* will start off the Marshé at 6:30 am. They're old time guys playing old time music. They'll be accompanied by some of their friends from the 50 plus group.

Coming on Saturday, August 28 – The theme of this week's Marshé will be the sea. Hear Pal'I Wiri, taste *pastechi di karko* (conch), buy fresh fish, more.

L.D.

then-Justice Minister Ben Komproe (FOL). He stayed there rather than being returned to prison, even after his heart specialist had discharged him. When that was revealed, a motion of no confidence against Komproe was passed and he was forced to step down, followed by the collapse of the national government.

► Hurricane forecaster William Gray of

Colorado State University has slightly **reduced his prediction for the number of tropical storms in the Atlantic and Caribbean** this year but said he still expected there to be more than normal. His team now expects 13 tropical storms to form. He had predicted in May that there would be 14 tropical storms.

"Based on atmospheric changes from late

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► **It's a scuba diver's worst nightmare:** stranded in the middle of the ocean while scuba diving on vacation. And now there's a movie about it. The film, "Open Water," has generated media buzz after playing at the Sundance film festival and will soon hit local theaters. It is sure to draw viewers in Bonaire. Husband-and-wife filmmakers, Chris Kentis and Laura Lau, avoided special effects, instead choosing to shoot 20 miles off the coast of Hawaii amid the sea life, including real sharks.



Pretty much the entire movie consists of a young married couple, Susan (Blanchard Ryan) and her husband, Daniel (Daniel Travis), bobbing up and down in the water after their dive group leader miscounths, thinks he has everyone back on board the boat and motors away. Their initial annoyance gives way to boredom (they kill time playing word games) followed by panic once the jellyfish start stinging them. Then the sharks begin to circle. It escalated deftly, becoming not about job or the money they paid for the trip, but survival. One reviewer said the film intertwined the ethereal being of the natural world with the meaninglessness of those two "bobbing heads." Calling "Open Water" the second coming of "Jaws" is a reach. Another reviewer said it simply doesn't have enough narrative momentum to be considered an instant horror classic to mass audiences. But divers may think differently; in fact they may not get enough of the experience because "Open Water" is so short (79 minutes). The film's low-budget look is admirable and, at times, startlingly effective. Filmmakers Kentis and Lau do take time to craft a surprising, elegant ending. "Open Water" is rated R for language and some nudity. We'll let you know when it's scheduled to be shown at Movieland.

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 5)

May to early August, including an unexpected minor warming of sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific indicating possible weak El Nino conditions, we have slightly decreased our seasonal hurricane forecast," Gray said in a statement. "We expect storm activity in August and September to be above average, however, October is expected to be below average." As we go to press Tropical Storm Charley is passing north of Bonaire set to clobber Jamaica. Except for a short switch to a west wind Bonaire was unaffected.

► Watch out if you haven't paid your car license fee. **Already the police are check-**

ing. For the remaining half year the fees are NAf174 for a gasoline-powered car/pickup, NAf 754 for diesel power and NAf125 for a motorcycle.

► **The International Bible Church of Bonaire has moved their prayer service** on Sunday nights from 7:30 pm to 7 pm. On Sunday morning, August 22, one time only, the service will be at 10 am. Dr. David Tucker, President of TWR, will be giving the sermon. The public is invited. There will be a reception at the church after the service.

► **Cinnamon Art Gallery continues its Guest Artist Program** with an exhibition August 21 to September 25 featuring works

Referendum Chronicle

Nos futuro, ban pe!



Things were quiet on the Referendum scene last week without any new developments to report. The four Referendum questions are:

- A. Bonaire **remains a part** of the Netherlands Antilles;
- B. Bonaire obtains **direct ties** with The Netherlands;
- C. Bonaire becomes an **autonomous country** within the Dutch Realm (perhaps Aruba-like);
- D. Bonaire becomes politically **independent** of the Realm (independence).

Should option B or C be selected by the population, a second

Referendum will be scheduled to determine the specifics of Bonaire's connection with the Netherlands.

As we go to press advisors to the government are preparing to publish a detailed comparison of the four alternatives. To make things easier for the many first-time voters, next week we'll provide information on casting your vote. *Chronicler*

of **Juan Guillermo Norwin "Nochi" Coffie.** His exhibition opens with a special reception on Saturday, August 21, from 7 to 9 pm at the Gallery. The event is open to the public and will include 27 of Nochi's paintings, live Bonairean music and appetizers from Bonaire's popular Middle Eastern restaurant, **Garden Café.** The Gallery is located just off Kaya Grandi in Kralendijk, behind Banco di Caribe. (Kaya APL Brion #1). For more information, call the Gallery at 599 717-7103.

► In Papiamentu, another performance of the puppet play *Rék e Buriko Réké* as well as "Safari Through Africa" by storyteller Emerita Emerencia on Friday, August 13, 6 pm, Rincon Sentro di Bario; Saturday, Sunday, August 14, 15, at Movieland 4 pm. *L./G. D.*



Ramon de Leon,
New Marine Park Manager

► Last week (page 8) we told you about our new **Marine Park Manager, Ramon de Leon.** Here he is, already on the job.

COVER

The ITALIAN CONNECTION

On the cover: Italians and friends in Rincon

In a tree at Rose Inn: (front, in white) Sponsor Elizabeth Wigny, (behind) Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn, Sara Matera, Valerio Vignoli, Fabrizia Monti (in white).

Fabrizia Monti and Valerio Vignoli, officials from the schools in the Emilia Romagna region of Italy that are hosting the SGB (high school) Bonaire Culinary students, have been vacationing in Bonaire with their friends and families. Fabrizia is Executive Manager for Professional and Vocational training for the region. Valerio is the Executive Program Manager.

Last Sunday they spent the afternoon dining Bonaire style under the trees at the Rose Inn along with family, friends and supporters of the young chefs program. Serving the appreciative crowd was Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn, one of the organizers of the program and a teacher at the SGB culinary school. Nonchi accompanied the students to Italy two years ago and will do so this October as well. He and his family run the restaurant at the Rose Inn and can always be counted on to offer a real Bonairean gourmet feast.

The project, to send Bonairean culinary students to Emilia Romagna, Italy's prima food region, to study for four weeks, was conceived and accomplished more than two years ago by Project Coordinator 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. Fabrizia and Valerio have been in contact with them since that time and because of that association and their connection with Bonaire, they decided to spend their vacation here.

This October from the 4th to the 31st, four students and one teacher, Nonchi Martijn from Bonaire, will be greeted by Fabrizia and Valerio in Italy. As well, this year, for the first time, culinary students from Aruba and Curaçao will be joining the Bonaire contingent. The schools, the Serramazzone School and the Cesenatico School, will offer the students a total immersion experience in the culinary arts. LD

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. 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.



Can I practice yoga and lose weight? is a frequent question from all ages - kids, teenagers and adults. Like everything else in life,

"The key to success is motivation, regular and committed practice, keeping an open mind and learning from experience."

Swami Shivapremananda



it's about dedication, practice and really trying to change your life style (only if you really want to lose weight or change your lifestyle, that is).

Yoga is not a quick fix but can be an excellent long-term approach to losing weight- and keeping it off.

Yoga also creates many other positive changes: it improves self-esteem, increases mental focus, reduces stress, promotes flexibility and increases strength and balance. Twisting poses, back bends, forward bends and inversions are used to stimulate the endocrine system and boost metabolism. Do remember though that the age-old weight loss formula of reducing the calorie intake and increasing calorie output is still important to follow. Practicing the sun salutations will be especially helpful in boosting the body's metabolism as will the *vinyasas* between any series of poses. Do not attempt a fast paced *vinyasa* until you have a basic understanding of the poses.

The standing poses, especially the warrior and lunging poses, are used to strengthen and tone the muscles, build endurance, warm the body and increase caloric output. The standing poses are empowering and grounding, and regularly practicing them increases self confidence and self esteem.

Incorporating a yogic diet and lifestyle will create a weight loss program and positive long-term change. A yogic diet is high in fiber, whole grains, legumes and vegetables and low in fat, animal protein and processed foods. A yogic lifestyle encourages awareness and consciousness, compassion, self knowledge, and the practice of the principles of right conduct and lifestyle of the *yamas* and *niyamas*:

Yama - respect for others, includes nonviolence, truth, honesty, moderation, and non hoarding.

Niyama - positive self-action, includes purity, contentment, discipline, self-study and devotion.

Yoga is a process and should be approached as such. Focus on slowly increasing your commitment to the yogic practices outlined above and enjoy the gradual changes that appear. Ideally, practice yoga six times a week or alternate your yoga practice with other forms of movement, taking one day off per week for rest.

Give change a chance. *Desirée*

Don and Desirée of "Yoga For You" offer classes from beginners to advanced. Call 717-2727,785-7688

On every first Saturday of the month at 6:30 am there is a meditation at Sorobon Beach by the wooden fisherman's hut.



THE PET PROFESSOR



OBEDIENCE 101

The following are a few of the basic commands every dog should know. **“Watch me”** (pay attention): Take a treat (or squeak toy) and bring it to your mouth as you say “watch me.” The second he makes eye contact with you, throw him the treat. Do this often, and use it before new or unfamiliar commands.

“Sit”: Take a treat and point it at the dog's nose, raise your hand (palm up) above his head (pointing at his rear end), and say “Sit.” He will sit automatically as he follows your hand with his eyes. Reward him the instant he sits, and say **“OK”** to release him. At first, give the **“OK”** immediately, and then gradually lengthen the time between “Sit” and **“OK”** (delaying the treat).

“Down”: First ask him to sit, then point at the ground in front of him (holding a treat), say “Down,” then lower the treat to the ground in front of his nose and move it slowly away from him (keeping it on the ground). Give him the treat the second he lies down. Say **“OK”** to release him etc.).

“Leave it” (stop doing whatever you're doing immediately): Simply say “Leave it” and then distract him with an appropriate toy or activity for which you can praise him (e.g. “Leave it...let's play with your ball...”). Always praise him the second he stops.

“Move” (get out of my way): Make eye contact briefly, and then calmly say “move.” If he does not move, don't ask him again or look at him, just walk right through him, shoving him out of the way if necessary. He does not get rewarded



Author and student

for this command -- he is only giving you the respect you deserve. Never walk around or over your dog -- ask him to move. (Note: if you are intimidated by your dog or have any concerns about his temperament, then consult a professional before shoving him around!)

“Off” (get off me, the couch, the counter): Unfortunately “Off” requires physical handling sometimes, which can make it seem like a game to some dogs and can therefore be hard to teach. To teach a dog to not jump up it is helpful to have two people - one to hold the leash, say “Off”, and prevent the jumping up, and the other to praise and pet the dog as long as he remains down, ignoring him (arms crossed) whenever he tries to jump up. To teach him to stay off furniture, say “Off” and then call him to his own bed and reward him for lying there.

“Wait” (until I say “OK”): This command tells him that he needs your permission before going ahead. It can take a while to teach, but it is worth it. Start by

asking him to “Sit” and “Wait” for his food (wait until he is still and looking at you, then put his food down and say “OK”). Next, insist that he allow you to walk through doorways first. Swing your hand down by your side, palm towards his nose, and say “Wait!” as you keep walking. If he hesitates at all then immediately say **“OK”** and wave him through and reward him. The key is to gradually lengthen the time between “Wait” and **“OK”**. He will learn that he doesn't get what he wants (reward) until you say **“OK,”** and that you won't say **“OK”** unless he stops and waits for it. Once he gets it going through doorways, you

can use it for going through gates, getting out of the car, etc. (Note: always use a quiet and cheerful tone when you say **“OK”**)

“Come”: A trainer's worst nightmare is an adult dog who won't come when called. “Come” is best taught when the dog is a puppy. Say the word often, and reward it ALWAYS, no matter what the little guy has just done. So, you have established your role as Alpha Dog, and taught your dog some commands, but he still doesn't behave?! OK, at some point you may have to correct your dog (next time). *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.

WINNING PARTNERSHIP

For the past two years, Real Wind owner and board designer, Rob Wymore, has been looking for a way to promote his brand in international waters. But until recently his exposure has been mostly on North American shores. Enter Clay Emer, a 17-year-old windsurfing fanatic from the Caribbean island of Bonaire. The up-and-coming freestyler, who has been refining his technique on the Columbia River over the past few weeks, was looking for a way to expand his windsurfing resumé. Meantime, Wymore was looking to maximize exposure of his brand, which has called Hood River home for the past 17 years. Both parties realized that a partnership could be mutually beneficial, and just like that, the Clay Emer era was born.



Bonaire's focus on windsurfing has presented opportunities for Bonaire's youngsters. And it works both ways too. Bonaire sailor Clay Emer has partnered up with a Hood River ("The Gorge" Oregon) company, Real Wind, to promote their products, and has found it much to his liking. Clay has been in Hood River for the past few weeks to compete in the Gorge Games.

"I was pretty stoked when I got the news," said Emer, the 2004 Gorge Games Junior Freestyle champion who met Wymore through his coach, Elvis Martines. "Back home it's very expensive to own nice gear, and Real Wind has some of the best stuff out there. I figured I would give it a try, and now that I've been riding for them for a year, it's only getting better," he said. Likewise, Wymore said the partnership has been a huge step in the right direction for his com-

pany, which he runs along with his wife of 24 years, Laury. "I haven't had a lot of luck with team riders in the past, but Clay is such a good kid that I thought I would take a gamble," Wymore said. "He's a good student, he isn't into drinking or drugs, and he is getting involved for all the right reasons. That's why I wanted to see if we could help each other out."

Wymore began outfitting Emer with boards, sails and booms last year, and Emer has taken full advantage, winning nine amateur titles in the past two years. He has also been spreading the word around the Caribbean. "I want to let the world know what a great brand Real Wind is," said Emer, who had been looking forward to sailing in the Gorge since

TURTLE TRACKING UPDATE

It would appear that Loggerhead 'Extra' is back on her home feeding grounds. She continues to meander slowly and is spending little time at the surface. Her current position is over 1,500 km from Bonaire and about 170 km off the coast of Honduras near Gorda Cay. Since 'Extra' is home, I will no longer be issuing tracking reports on her movements. Should she decide to start traveling again, I will alert you. With good fortune we will see her back at Bonaire in several years.

In the meantime, male Hawksbill 'Tom' remains near Klein Bonaire. An email received yesterday reported his being sighted by divers off Jerry's Reef on the east side of Klein. I'll let you know when 'Tom' starts his journey. *Andy Uhr*



March, when the Gorge Games dates were announced. "Since I have gotten on Rob's boards, I have won nearly all of my competitions. His equipment helps me sail faster, but it is also very sturdy for freestyle. I feel like this gear has helped me progress as a windsurfer," he said. Wymore prides himself as being the only shaper-owned, old-style board company in Hood River. He wants to produce the best-quality products possible, and hopes that people recognize how much work he has put into building the Real Wind brand over the past 17 years. "My products have always been based on performance, not marketing," Wymore said. "We have relied mostly on word-of-mouth advertising. But now that I have a committed rider like Clay working for me, I'm really going to push the brand internationally."

Real Wind has expanded its business into the kite boarding arena, and Wymore's goal is to develop a 100% vertically integrated line in which all the pieces are manufactured by Real Wind. He has also considered the possibility of running a windsurfing school in Hood River that Emer and Martines could run. But for now, Wymore and Emer are taking things one step at a time. "My goal is to help improve the sport by getting new kids involved," Emer said. "That is what is missing right now. I believe that the people who are into the sport should give everything they have to help it grow. It's not about what your sport can do for you; it's what you can do for your sport." *Dave Leder* Reprinted from the *Hood River News* (Oregon)

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
8-13	8:21	0.8FT.	57
8-14	8:56	0.8FT.	65
8-15	0:04	1.9FT.	73
8-16	0:40	1.8FT.	80
8-17	1:17	1.7FT.	84
8-18	1:58	1.6FT.	86
8-19	2:54	1.4FT.	85
8-20	1:32	1.2FT.	82

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Angie	Luna C, USA	Sirius
Alegria, USA	Macaby, Netherlands	Sojourner
Alaluya	Makai	Sovereign III
Alk Wmix	Natural Selection, USA	Sylvia K
Avatar, USA	Nonesuch, USVI	Ta B
Bright Sea	Pamela Jean	Ti Amo, USA
Camissa, Chan Is.	Panda	Ty Dewi
Chacuco	Pau Hana	Ulu Ulu, USA
Delphinus	Polecat	Unicorn, Norway
El Sabor	Pomona	Varedhuni, Germany
Flying Cloud, USA	Precocious Gale, USA	Windborne
Gatsby, USA	Sandpiper, USA	Windmiller, Canada
Goril Too	Santa Maria, Sweden	Wingin It
Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	Scintilla, Germany	Ya-T, BVI
Hydra	Side by Side	Zahi, Malta

PET of the WEEK

THE SAGA OF SUSIE *by Laura Buchbinder*

S ometime last spring, I noticed a new dog in the neighborhood. She seemed friendly and was playing with one of our neighbor's dogs. I didn't pay much attention to her until a couple of months ago when she began to look very pregnant. "Should we take her to the Animal Shelter? What if she belongs to someone? Maybe if I wait, someone else will do it—how can anyone abandon a family pet?"

The next time I saw the dog she was a fur-covered skeleton, obviously having had her pups. She looked hopefully at us, as Ruffles, our well fed, long haired dachshund, and I went on our morning walk. I would say a few kind words and she would come over for a pat on the head. The next morning she was waiting for us and —JUST THIS ONCE—I took her home and fed her. She devoured whatever I could find to give her. We bought extra dog food for her. (We can't let a nursing mother starve can we?) As the days went by, we could see that she was a really nice dog, waiting patiently outside on our porch for whatever food



Susie and pups

or companionship might come her way. Of course she disappears for long periods of time—probably to care for her young. I wanted to take her to the Shelter, but I couldn't until I located her puppies, which were hidden somewhere. Time passes. "Susie" (even a stray deserves a name) now gets fed on the porch, considers herself one of the family and a regular participant in morning walks—much to the dismay of Ruffles and our two cats, who are totally traumatized by this new development in their lives. But still no puppies. Then, one morning after breakfast Susie headed over to the planter boxes by our back door. She seemed to expect me to follow so I did. There in my planter box were two puppies - one black, one brown, both healthy - along with the con-

cerned mother who felt I should look but not touch. The next morning when I checked on mother and babies, I saw not two but FIVE PUPPIES, one white, one black and three brown/black combinations. (I guess it took a while for mom to finish transporting them to doggie Mecca.)

Susie and her pups are now at the Shelter, waiting for new homes. We wanted to keep Susie, as she is smart, eager to please and very protective of "her" yard. However, Susie chases our two cats whenever she spies them. So if there's anyone out there who would like a smart, loyal, and protective friend, please stop by the Shelter and meet Susie. You won't regret it. *L.B. photo by author*
Editor's note: One of Susie's puppies has already been adopted.

STERILIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

S helter Director Jurrie Mellema reports that they now have a full contingent of volunteer veterinarians to conduct the Free Sterilization Program October 18 to 20. There will be five vets working the first week and six the second week. Tentatively they have found lodging for the vets and their wives but **still needed are rental cars so they can get back and forth from their lodging to the Shelter where they will be doing the sterilization operations. If anyone can sponsor one or more cars it would be deeply appreciated.**

Right now there are lots of puppies on the island. If you know someone whose dog is either pregnant or has recently had puppies tell them about the free sterilization program in just two months from now. It will be the perfect time to have their pet sterilized.

Another happy note: Little "Renaldo," the darling pup who was Pet of the Week last week, has been adopted. All the best to him and his new owners for a wonderful life together.

In 2002 there were 90 adoptions from the Bonaire Animal Shelter. In 2003 there were 110. This year, and it's only just August, there have been 98! *L.D.*



HELPING HANDS DIVI AWARDS



Frank Bohm; Kimberly; physiotherapist Antje Günther; Kimberly's sister, Conny and Kimberly's father, Ceferin

Kimberly Vasquez is now proudly riding her new bike, one especially designed for her. Since she was born with a handicap it is not as easy for Kimberly to walk, let alone play or ride a bike as it is for other kids. In order for Kimberly to discover the joy of riding a bike, the team at Bon Fysio physiotherapy searched for a special bike in Holland but soon found out that this would cost thousands of euros and would take months to be delivered. However, with the help of Frank Böhm, from Bonaire's De Freewieler bike shop, they were able to find a bike in the right size. With some necessary adjustments done by Frank, this bike now fits the needs of Kimberly. The costs for this bike were considerably lower and were borne by Kimberly's parents and an anonymous donation.

Thanks to all who made it possible for Kimberly to get that bike. *Antje Günther*
Antje Günther is a therapist at BonFysio



A party was held last week at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant at the Divi Flamingo to honor the Divi Employee of the Quarter. To win the coveted prize, employees are judged by their supervisors on personal appearance, their relations with the staff, their willingness to work shifts or overtime and how they perform their jobs.

Winner of the Divi Employee of the Quarter was Astrid Priest of Housekeeping. First Runner Up was Ivy Josephina of Food and Beverage, and Second Runner up was Nydia Thielman of Accounting. The winners got gift certificates from Warehouse in the amounts of NAf150, NAf100 and NAf50, respectively. Shown above are Astrid Priest, her boss, Violetta Martina, Nydia Thielman, boss Gersham Binns, Ivy Josephina, boss Caroll Ann Soliano. *L.D.*

A PARABLE TWO MONKS

...BY MARIE

Two monks set out on a pilgrimage. They'd left their families behind because the journey was planned to take at least a year. Customarily, as you might know, during a pilgrimage any form of contact with the opposite sex is not allowed.

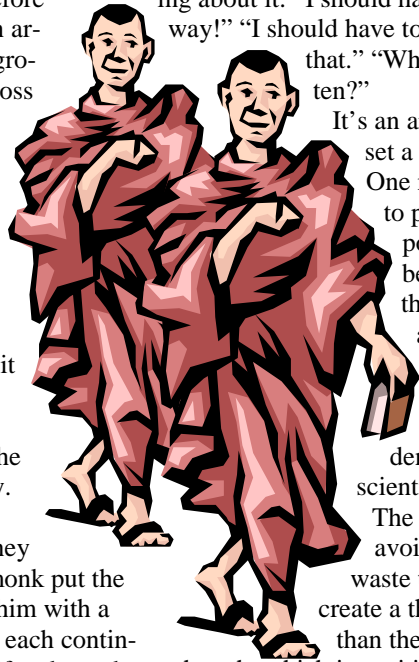
As the monks approached a wide river they stopped to rest before crossing. Just then a woman arrived with two big bags of groceries. She too wanted to cross the river but because she was so small and her bags were so big it was impossible. One of the monks stood up, walked over to her and asked if he could help her. She was pleased with the monk's offer and answered that if she could sit on his shoulders and the other monk carry her bags, then all three would reach the other side of the river safely.

So it was done, and when they reached the other side the monk put the woman down, she thanked him with a smile and good wishes, and each continued on their ways. After half an hour the monk who had carried the bags said to the other, "We might as well end this journey because we have touched a

woman." But the monk who carried the woman replied, "I put the woman down half an hour ago, but you are still carrying her."

What is this parable telling us?

So many times something happens to us and we carry it with us all through the day, and even when we are in bed it's still on our mind because we keep thinking about it: "I should have done it this way!" "I should have told him this or that." "Why didn't I listen?"



It's an art to be able to set a thought aside. One needs the power to pack up. That power can only be used when there is control and mastery over the mind. This doesn't happen by accident but by a conscientious process. The only way to avoid these kinds of waste thoughts is to create a thought better than the one you have - a thought which is positive and the truth, a thought which comes from a higher consciousness. Good luck! Marie

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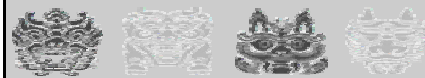
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HUSH-HUSH SEASIDE SPOTS

Playa Chikitu Revisited

Long-time residents of the island brought my attention to the potential danger of Playa Chikitu. "Hush-Hush Seaside Spots" is a series of articles on the discovery of the beaches of Bonaire, where I, as a newcomer, report on my personal experiences of the beaches and what I observe. I can only assume that I must have visited Playa Chikitu when the surf was quieter than usual because I did not find it unsafe at that time. Having lived on the eastern coast of Canada for more than a decade and having the temperamental North Atlantic ocean as my neighbor, I learned two things: to have a healthy respect for the ocean's power (or any large body of water) and to never dismiss the local knowledge of the coastline. Every year too many lives were lost during the tourist season because of the tourists' lack of knowledge of the coastline. I would like to thank Mr. Udo Lusse and Mr. Bob Lassiter for sharing their local knowledge of Playa Chikitu with me, and I do hope that the families of Bonaire will build sand castles at Playa Chikitu rather than bodysurf in the waves.

This week's beaches are also located at the Washington Slagbaai National Park. The beaches are as different from each other as black and white – another wonder of Bonaire's coastline.

visitors not to swim past the protective reefs, and after seeing the strong currents, visitors should understand the warning. The pool is full of small places to discover. We spent quite some time searching for the smallest shell at the bottom of the pool. As

you relax from your swim, you will probably wonder, as I did, how many storms this tiny cove endured in order for nature to create such an unusual environment.



Boka Kokolishi

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Boka Kokolishi can easily be a set for a Sci-Fi movie. Everything one expects from a beach is not present here. The beach is located on the northeast coast of Bonaire, and again, at a bottom of a cliff. However, the descent to the beach is not as rigorous as it seems.

Everything at Boka Kokolishi is either gigantic or miniature. The beach is at the end of a small cove and is surrounded by magnificent rock cliffs and freestanding rock formations. There is absolutely no sand on this beach, only a mixture of polished miniature shells and pebbles. A series of reefs stops the strong waves of the sea from entering the cove, creating a wonderful calm pool of salt water about one and a half meters deep. Even the fish in the pool are minuscule. The Park brochure does warn



Boka Slagbaai

Boka Slagbaai

No one should visit the Washington-Slagbaai National Park without stopping at Boka Slagbaai for a swim, snorkel or just to enjoy the scenery. Along with Wayaká II, Boka Slagbaai is one of the most beautiful beaches in the Park, and it's also the last one before leaving the Park.

The setting is ideal for a wonderful family time. There is a covered picnic area with tables for your mid-day meal or for some much needed shade. The vistas from this shaded area are absolutely wonderful. You can either enjoy the beautiful Caribbean

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

Bonaire's Kimberly Chirino visited Adventure Park, Sea World in Orlando, Florida, with Sue Haily and Sue Nick Offerman from Curaçao. They had a great time at the Dolphin and Shamu Show. Lucky for us, they remembered to bring a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter*.

Sea World, Orlando, Florida

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Sea on one side or the many flamingoes in the salt pans on the other. However, the best feature of Boka Slagbaai is the wonderful snorkeling in the quiet water of the bay. If catching a few rays and finishing your paperback is on your agenda, you will easily find a quiet area to lay your towel and enjoy the peaceful environment of this marvelous beach.

Spending time here is usually a wonderfully fun and relaxing experience. However, it is your responsibility to enjoy the wonderful beaches of Bonaire safely. Not even daredevils should underestimate the strength of rough water and its underwater currents. Do remember that a quiet safe beach one day can easily change to a stormy disastrous area the next. Please enjoy your time at the beach safely. *Josée Bolduc Frosst*

MCB MAKES MUSIC



Maduro & Curiel's Bank (MCB Bonaire) cooperated with Orlando Meijer to make life a bit more dushi for some of Bonaire's 60 plussers. They donated funds to buy guitars and kuartas to make music in the barios. In the photo: Orphaline Saleh (center), a member of MCB's management, accompanied by music teacher Jose Dortalina and Antriol's 60+ Group Director, Irene Saragoza, with the instruments. □

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm
The Terminal
(Tom Hanks)

Early Show (usually 7pm)

Shrek 2

Kaya Prinses Marie
 Behind Exito Bakery
 Tel. 717-2400

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

NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM **Shrek 2**
 SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM
Harry Potter III

THIS WEEK

Friday, August 13, 6 pm, Rincon Sentro di Bario; Puppet play *Rék e Buriko Réké* as well as "Safari Through Africa" by storyteller Emerita Emerencia, in Papiamentu also at...

Saturday, Sunday, August 14, 15, at Movieland 4 pm.

Friday, August 13 Democratic Party Aniversary Open House at Party HQ in Antriol. 9-11 am 60 plusser events, 4-6 pm youth events, 7-midnight Adult party.

Saturday, August 14, Rincon Marshé with an emphasis on kids— fun activities, foods, drinks, music by DJ Eddie. Opens at 6am (see page 5)

COMING

Saturday, August 21, 7-9 pm **Cinnamon Art Gallery** opens an exhibition of "Nochi" Coffie's works which runs August 21 - September 25.

Sunday, 22 August - International Bible Church of Bonaire - 40th Anniversary Celebration & Worship at the TWR Activities' Building on Kaya Amsterdam 3. 10 am to noon

Sunday, August 29-Special Olympics Bonaire Fundraiser -Let's Go Latin/Jazz Concert aboard the visiting cruise ship, *Freewinds*, 7:15 to 9 pm, tickets NAf17.50 from Croccantino Restaurant or any Special Olympics board member.

Sunday, September 5th - Bonaire Local Fishing Tournament. Only Bonaire registered boats. Crew may be

from anywhere. Sign up at Doei Diaz' (next to Richard's Restaurant)

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 - 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

Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation Slide Show by Andy Uhr. Carib Inn seaside veranda, 7 pm

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

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

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

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

Special Olympics - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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 Catho-

lic 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 7:00 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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Andre Lendering

“I was born in 1964, in Ewijk, a small town close to Nijmegen, Holland. Within a year my parents went back to Curaçao. I don’t know anything about Holland and the country doesn’t appeal to me at all. I’ve only been there four times. I grew up in Curaçao. My father is from a family of builders. He and his two brothers owned Lendering Construction, the oldest construction company in Curaçao. It still exists. We are six children: the first two born in Curaçao, the second two in Canada, another in Curaçao again and I was born in Holland. My parents were planning to stay there, but circumstances brought them back to the Antilles. We lived in Santa Rosa; every day after school we went to play in the *mondi*, hunting iguanas or playing softball. I was just a normal Antillean boy.

Luckily (I would have never said so when I was young!) my parents were very strict. I had to be home for dinner every day at 5:30. I was hardly ever allowed to go out. Every Sunday I had to get up early to go to church; we were never allowed to sleep in, and they really checked on our homework. Boring, I thought, but now I appreciate the way they raised us. I’m sure I’d never have come this far without them. They kept up the pressure and the discipline, and when I finished M.T.S. (polytechnic school) my father said, ‘Either you’re going to study or get yourself a job... or you’re out of here!’ Knowing my dad, he wasn’t kidding!

Fact is that if I had done the studies I wanted to do when I was working as an intern with Smit International in Curaçao, I would never have gone to sea and never ended up on Bonaire! During my internship I decided I wanted to become an engineer so after finishing M.T.S. I went to Holland to enroll in a training college. I was already 20 and most of the boys were 14 or 15. As I walked through the building a boy came up to me and asked, ‘Sir, is your son going to study here?’ That did it!” *Andre Lendering laughs heartily and digs out a photo from a drawer.* “That was me at the time,” he says. *It shows a big guy with a beard sitting behind a desk, impressively mature.* “I didn’t fit in anymore. It was too late,” he smiles.

“Nevertheless, my internship with Smit was worthwhile. For four weeks I was on a tugboat, delivering a boat to Punta Arenas, Tierra del Fuego. Eight people together at sea: it’s then that you learn what you can and can’t do with people. You depend on each other; you have to support each other; you’re in the same boat, literally. It was one of the best life experiences - those four weeks at sea.

A year later I graduated and applied for a job with NAPA on Curaçao. The only help they needed (it wasn’t a real job) was on Bonaire. It was Friday and they told me that if I wanted I could start on Bonaire on Monday. In Bonaire there wasn’t much, just an empty building, the four of us from Curaçao and two girls from Bonaire. That’s how we started in 1986. After we got the business set up the owner asked me to stay and I answered, ‘Yes, but only for six

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months.’ Bonaire was definitely too quiet for me! After those six months they asked me for another six. I said I’d do it, but then I’d really have to go. However, before the second term was over I met someone who changed my whole life. Then I didn’t want to go anymore.

Ludwina Thielman was from Bonaire. She lived right across from what’s now Swiss Chalet. Friends of mine had a car rental and when they went on vacation they asked me to keep an eye on the business.

Ludwina, ‘Loetje,’ was working there for the holidays and one of my ‘obligations’ was to take her home every night. That’s how we got to know each other. Her personality is what I like best about her; she’s a happy person with a lot of initiative, a workaholic just like me, but not as bad! We went steady for a very long time. In 1989 she went to Holland to study MEAO (Middle Economic Administration School) and stayed for two years. We married in 1992. I’d started as a salesman with NAPA in 1986; in ’88 I became the manager; and in 1993 when I had the opportunity I bought NAPA with the help of the bank.

I never wanted to work in an office; I like to work with my hands; but it’s turned out exactly the opposite: I’m only doing office work. It’s okay with me as long as I have other projects to keep me busy. NAPA Curaçao and



Loetje, Mary Jo, Vincent, and Andre Lendering

NAPA Bonaire have fused and we opened a new business in Curaçao. We just took over NAPA Aruba where we want to start two new branches. I like the organization, the change, and I’m having fun! Loetje has worked for the tax collector’s office across the street, for Mesa, for the *Ontvanger*. She’s a person who calls it quits when she’s had enough. For two and a half years she’s been the director of *Wega di Number*, Bonaire’s lottery. We have two children: Mary Jo, nearly nine, and Vincent, seven. Mary Jo is a talented tennis player and she’s very ambitious! They are lively, very active, sharp children with great senses of humor. They never sit still and they always want to help. I no longer live for myself; I live for them. They brighten my day! I love to go fishing with them. They love the sea. I leave all my worries ashore and forget about everything for four or five hours.

Another passion of mine is car racing. In Curaçao NAPA has its own team of 21 people with four winning cars. I’m doing the organization with somebody else, and keeping the team going is not an easy job!

There’s another group of people who have captured my heart completely, the mentally disabled people of the FKPD in Rincon. In 2001 we celebrated our 15th anniversary on Bonaire and I made two donations, one to the FKPD. When we had our party with three race cars, stands and music, the FKPD staff came with their whole group and they touched my heart in such a way. If there’s one group of people I’ll do anything for it’s these people who cannot take care of themselves and who need our support in every way. It makes me proud to be their sponsor.

I am a patient man and I am a go-getter. If I want something, I make it happen. One of my main projects is to collect

the used batteries. I find that we also have the “obligation” to keep the island clean. Together with Selibon and *Fun-dashon Tene Boneiru Limpi* we started the campaign to collect used batteries. People get a coupon for NAf7,50 and I sell the batteries to the highest bidder (now the US). With what we get we can just cover the expenses of shipping. I’d like to do the same with used oil, but I’m not the only one who sells it. I haven’t figured that one out yet. I pay my taxes; I employ people; I do as much for the island as any other ‘child of this land.’ I wasn’t born here, but that’s about it because here I learned how to walk and to talk; here I played with my friends and I went to school with them. I fell in love and got married and became a ‘daddy’ here. My whole life of 38 years I’ve been living here as an Antillean. I feel I am from here, but somewhere along the way people don’t always agree, and they call me *Makamba* (Dutch person). I don’t blame anybody; there’s nothing I can do about it.

I feel very much at home on Bonaire. Life is good. Every Sunday we sit under the tree together with the children and Loetje’s mother and brother. We light the barbecue and spend a beautiful cozy day with the family. That’s the best Sunday you can wish for! I don’t know about the future. It depends on the business in Aruba, the school for the children. It’s just something, a decision, we have to make together when the time comes...”

Greta Kooistra



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BONAIRE'S RICHES – Over 150 fish species spotted

GAFC BONAIRE 2004 THE FINAL REPORT

The Great Annual Fish Count in Bonaire was very successful this year. Our goals of finding over 200 fish species, completing over 100 surveys and getting at least 10 new surveyors were all met.



clockwise: Chris Armacost, Chile Ridley, Melody Hamilton, Sharon Huang, Kimberly Jones completing the survey forms

The weekly FISH-O event at Yellow Submarine provided an exciting way to learn fish names and was very well attended. Prizes provided by "Bonaire Diving Made Easy," Photo Tours Divers, and REEF were

awarded to those who could recognize the pictures of the fish named on their FISH-O cards well enough to know if they had four in a row. The pictures were then reviewed with learning clues given so that by the end of the evening everyone in attendance could name most of the 48 fish in the game. Several people commented that it was fun finding their FISH-O fish in the water the next day.

On Sunday, July 18, Yellow Submarine hosted the First Annual Fish survey Challenge Dive and Barbecue. Sixteen divers surveyed at Green Submarine Reef in front of the dive shop trying to find as many different species as possible. Prizes

were awarded in each survey level to the buddy team that found the most different species. Susie Arnold and Jeanie Brown won the beginners category with 91 species found on their very first fish survey dive. Maureen and Jim Rogers won the Level 3 prize with 105 species found. Competition among the advanced group was the toughest. Linda Ridley and Melody Hamilton won the prize in the advanced category with 129 species. All competing buddy teams in that group found over 100 different species on the dive. The Best Find Award was given to Gail and Ashley Drane for reporting Bantum Bass, a very small and unusual sea bass. Over 150 different species were found by the group on the dive.

All surveys completed during the GAFC by registered GAFC participants are entered in a drawing sponsored by REEF. This year Bonaire participants completed 123 surveys and found 213 different species in the three-week period. Along with the Bantum Bass, Chessboard Blennies, Cave Bass, and Mushroom Scorpionfish were among the group of unusual species reported.

Reef fish surveys can be completed by anyone on any dive or snorkel at any level of fish ID ability. Many people find surveying to be a useful tool for learning the fish names and for some it becomes a passionate form of treasure hunting. For these people REEF has established different survey levels that can be reached by completing



Maureen Rogers actually doing the Fish Survey Challenge survey underwater

surveys and passing a series of tests. During the Great Annual Fish Count several people moved to a new survey level by passing the appropriate tests and completing the required surveys. Phyllis Blackburn passed a test of 100 common fish to achieve Level 3 Rating. Melody Hamilton, Maureen Rogers, and Jim Rogers, gained the distinction of REEF's highest rating, Level 5.

The end of the Great Annual Fish Count does not end the fish survey effort in Bonaire. Fish distribution information is an ongoing need that anyone with a basic knowledge of fish names can help to provide.

If you would like to learn more about fish surveys or REEF you can visit the REEF website at www.reef.org or call Jessie Armacost at 786-0076.

Story and photos by Jessie Armacost.

**to the Moon
and the False Dawn
of Omar Khayyam**

Next week we have something very easy to find in the night sky, our nearest neighbor right next to the king of the planets and something not so easy to find, the **False Dawn of Omar Khayyam**. Just after it gets dark out next Tuesday evening the 17th, face due west where right above the horizon you will see an extremely thin sliver of a two-day-old crescent **Moon** parked right next to the

king of the planets, **Jupiter**, which is so huge 44 moons could be lined up side by side across its middle. Don't miss this because they'll be only four degrees away from each other, which is very close! If you do miss it, however, on the next night a slightly fatter crescent will be nine degrees to Jupiter's left, much farther away, but still making a very striking duo. So this is the easy part of what you can see next week.

To find the not-so-easy-to-see part means we have to turn around and face the opposite direction many hours later, just before dawn. On any morning next week face east two hours before sunrise before the real dawn. I say real dawn because we're going to look for a **False Dawn**, the one the Persian poet Omar Khayyam wrote about in his famous book of poetry, "The Rubaiyat," almost a thousand years ago. It can only be seen every August and September, provided you're far away from lights during the nights when there's no moon in pre-dawn skies to hide its faint, faint glow. You'll know you have a good chance of seeing this rare phenomenon if the skies are dark enough to see the **Milky Way** because it's about the same brightness. It will look like a wedge or cone-shaped patch of light, and it will extend from the horizon almost half way up to the zenith, an ethereal, faintly glowing rounded pyramid of light, which would capture any poet's imagination. And although this phenomenon remained a mystery to almost all of mankind, we now know its secret.

If we could go way out into space and look down on our solar system with super human vision we would notice a faint, almost imperceptible, vast cloud of cosmic dust extending outward from the Sun in the plane of the orbits of **Mercury, Venus, Earth** and slightly beyond. And while one would expect it would be impossible to see this super faint cloud from Earth, nevertheless we now know that this is the false dawn Omar Khayyam wrote about and which we now call the **zodiacal light**.

And next week when you see this false dawn, this ghostly cone of light, think of its poetry throughout the ages, but also remind yourself of what it really is which is equally wonderful because we now know it is simply pre-dawn sunlight bouncing off of all those tiny particles of dust in that enormous cosmic cloud that lies along the path of the planets. See what an ancient poet saw. *Jack Horkimer*

Jupiter Cozies Up



The moon and Jupiter

Moon Info ● New Moon on August 16th ☾ First Quarter on August 23rd
○ Full Moon on August 30 ☾ Last Quarter on September 6th



THE STARS HAVE IT

**For the week:
August 13 to August 20, 2004**
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Health problems may prevail if you haven't been getting enough rest. Your mate may not be too sure about your intentions. Don't let children or elders put demands on your time. Someone you care about may not be too well. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You must be careful not to ignore the needs of the youngsters in your family. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Travel for business will be advantageous. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You can make financial deals, but it may be best if you're not using your own cash. Expect some flak. You're best not to get involved in joint financial ventures. Travel will be enjoyable but could be expensive. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. Talk to your emotional partner about your intentions. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Concentrate on your job. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Don't depend on co-workers to help; they may only hold you back. Finish up any correspondence by early afternoon. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't count on your friends to be loyal when it comes to doing things. They won't pay you back and you'll be upset. You must refrain from overspending on entertainment. Tone down and put some of that hard earned cash into a safe, long-term investment. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. You can make money, but try not to let it slip through your fingers. Involvement in groups will be favorable. Business partnerships will prove lucrative. Friends and relatives may be hard to take this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Changes in your home will be positive. Children will be of major concern if you haven't kept the lines of communication open. Lend an ear to children; it can make a difference. Avoid any confrontations with colleagues. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Take some time to change your house around. You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing. Don't point your finger unjustly at others. Don't let your family put demands on you. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20) Be careful of disclosing personal information. You must use discretion when talking to others. Gambling should not be an option. You need to make your environment a better place, with more comforts and a better entertainment center. You're in the mood to get out and visit friends. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) This is a great day to beautify your living quarters or to entertain at home. Your ability to communicate with ease will win the hearts of those you are in touch with this week. Partnerships will be successful. Travel and entertaining conversation will be informative and uplifting. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You can make financial deals, but it may be best if you're not using your own cash. Don't be too eager to buy things for those who really don't deserve it. Read between the lines before you sign your name. Focus your efforts on your work. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.