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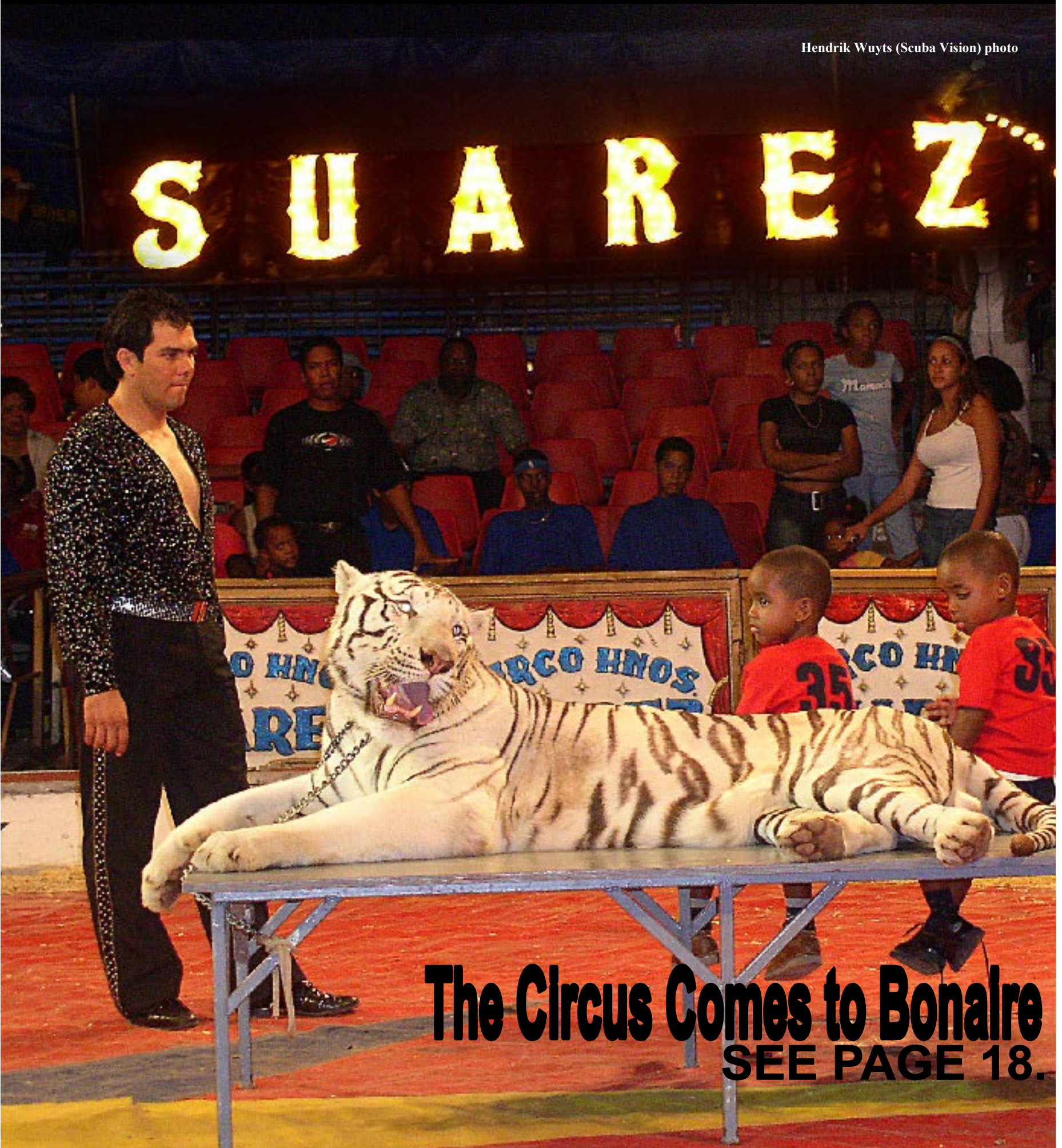
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The Circus Comes to Bonaire
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

At the request of the prosecution, a judge in Curaçao has prolonged the detention of FOL leader Anthony



Anthony Godett

Godett by another eight days. Godett's co-suspects in the Campo Alegre brothel corruption investigation, FOL advisor Nelson Monte, Campo owner Giovanni van Ierland, and Leslie Franklin, were also formally placed under arrest even though they are already serving sentences in prison. Because they have been rearrested in this case, the time they serve now will not be deducted from the sentences they are serving for other convictions. The detention of the other suspects, former FOL justice minister Ben Komprou, his then-assistant Gilbert de Windt, and Van Ierland's mother Xiomaira Bakhuis, had already been prolonged. The case centers on a letter with which Komprou allegedly tried to circumvent the mandatory visa requirement for Colombian and Dominican prostitutes to work at Campo.

Franklin, Campo's attorney, has been transferred to Pointe Blanche prison on St. Maarten. Though it is unclear why he is there, it is possible that judicial authorities in Curaçao want to prevent Franklin from being in contact with the other suspects in this case.

► The owner of a MD-82 jet leased by Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) has

grounded the aircraft because the Curaçao airline cannot come up with the payments. So DCA's fleet is now limited to three planes. One of those, a DC-9, will have to go for its annual major maintenance soon. Meanwhile, Finance Commissioner Eugene Rhuggenaat (PAR) has said DCA cannot have the 12-million-guilder financial injection approved by the Island Council until the Legal Affairs Department has provided clarity about a possible lien on the money by the airline's creditors.

► According to Prime Minister Etienne Ys, the agreement of the Dutch Government to write off NAf105 million of the Antillean debt to The Hague is a

"start of the intention" to clear the entire debt. Ys told reporters in a press conference via telephone that he is "quite confident" the remaining NAf400 million will be forgiven as well. "That is what we are going for," he said. Talks to write off the remainder of the debt will start in January next year. The Dutch Government, however, is tying the write-off to the execution of the Ys cabinet's Urgency Programme. "We have to do our job first. If we do that, that will enable Holland to help us with the other NAf400 million," he said. The islands and Central Government will all receive a "proportion" of the 105 million write-off.

The additional NAf60 million the Dutch Government has pledged will mainly be



Prime Minister Ys

used to finance projects to combat poverty and crime. Part will be used for a "quick study" into poverty. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Bank, which are currently also conducting a comprehensive study into poverty in the Netherlands Antilles, will carry out that quick study, which should be ready in two to three months. A comprehensive study is also being conducted, but it will not be completed until the end of 2005 or early 2006. "We can't wait that long, so it has been agreed to have Reda Sosial start with NAf5 million and to have a quick study so that we can start with some projects," said Ys. Also co-financed with the NAf60 million will be a larger project to improve "social forming" of less privileged youngsters. That project will cost NAf25 million and will cover three years.

► In Curaçao, procedures have begun to extradite 61-year-old main suspect J. Y. "Matador" V. and other alleged members of the Valencia drug gang to the United States. The authorities searched jewelry stores owned by Matador in Curaçao and in Philipsburg. During these searches heroin, firearms, computers and documents were confiscated. According to the US, Colombian suspect 'Matador' V., his sons M.A. and J.M., their compatriots D.M. and O.D.M., and Dominicano R.P. belong to the 'Valencia Organisation' and were nabbed in Curaçao in March, after a joint operation by the US, Antillean and Colombian authorities. The gang is accused of having transported large quantities of cocaine, heroin and other hard and soft drugs via containers and go fast boats from Colombia via the Netherlands Antilles to the US over a period of many years. During the investigation into the criminal opera-

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tions of the gang, telephones were tapped in three countries and 4,438 kilos of cocaine, 34 kilos of heroin, 484 kilos of marijuana, 15 kilos of methadone, US \$180,000, 21 firearms, seven boats and two companies were confiscated, among other things.

Jail penalties in the USA for drug crimes are much more severe than in the Netherlands Antilles. If extradited, some of the accused could face life imprisonment.

► Curaçao, which intends to hold its own constitutional referendum in the first half of next year, is now forming a refer-

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THE ELUSIVE RESIDENCY PERMIT

and how to get it ... this to a

When you're born in a country and live there most of your life, the thought of jumping through hoops to live somewhere else probably never crossed your mind. Until, that is, you decide to make The Move. The Move is a multifaceted situation, a time when so many decisions have to be made and thoughts and plans for a new way of life occupy most of your waking (and some of your sleeping) moments. But inevitably the 'fish or cut bait' time arrives and the transition process begins. First after deciding on where you want to live is finding out what you have to do to live there. Since you've decided that Bonaire is your promised land, off you go to find out how to become a genuine, tax-paying citizen of your new homeland. While the process isn't going to require a genius IQ, it will require some co-ordinating skills and, most importantly, a LOT of patience. You might as well begin increasing your 'patience quotient' as things move slowly on Bonaire, and if your expectations lean towards a rapid response to situations you're in for some serious behavior modification.

In researching this article I consulted both the Office of Immigration and the Office of the Lt. Governor. The information presented here is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and up to date. That's not to say, however, that there will be no changes made in the near or distant future. An official brochure dealing with the Residency Permit subject has been discussed in the past but so far it has not become a reality. In the meantime you will have to make do with my best efforts.

Paperwork requirements:

NAf350 must accompany each application the first time it is submitted.



1. A copy of a valid passport. Be sure that there is more than one year left on your passport as it must be good for at least one year at the time your application is considered. Applications can sometimes take up to 90 days to process.
2. Two (2) recent passport-size pictures.
3. Your most current bank statement at the time you submit your application. Your monthly statement must reflect enough money that when multiplied by 12 it will show a minimum of NAf45,000 per year available to you for living expenses on Bonaire.
4. A medical certificate from your doctor saying you are in good health and giving the results of tests for HIV and Hepatitis B. These tests cannot be more than one month old when submitted.
5. A "good conduct" or "visa application" letter from your local police department attesting to your good character. This cannot be more than two months old.
6. A birth certificate legalized with an *apostille certification. The certification cannot be older than one year.
7. If you are married, a legalized copy of your marriage license with an *apostille certification. If you are divorced, single, or widowed you must have an *apostille certification for your category.

*An apostille certification is an internationally accepted form of authentication issued by the Secretary of State of the state issuing the certified documents.

Also note that two copies of all original documents are required.

Now here comes the part where you get to apply your co-ordinating skills and, at the same time, increase your 'patience quotient.' Your collection of paperwork can be presented at Government House on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 8 am and 10 am. If you are on the island and submit the paperwork yourself you must then leave the island as soon as possible. You are not allowed to remain on the island while your application is being considered. If you are not on the island and want someone to submit the paperwork for you, your paperwork must be accompanied by a letter authorizing that person to act on your behalf. While your application is being considered you may not visit Bonaire, period. No. You can't come here or to any island of the Netherlands Antilles until you have been granted the permit or been rejected. The reason given is as follows. If your permit is denied and you don't have enough money to leave the island, the Government would have to pay to deport you and they don't want to do that. Strange but true.

Because of the time limitations on some of the documents it is suggested that you first gather your marriage license (divorce decree, etc.), passport copies and pictures, then immediately get the paperwork with time limits, i.e., medical certificate, bank statement, and police report. FedEx all of

friend or whomever is your representative on the island. That way your entire package will fall within the accepted time limit and you'll be on your way.

The Exit Letters

Here's more information that while not directly related to applying for a permit, is pertinent for when you become a resident. If you have a residency permit and want to leave the island you must go to Immigration with your residency permit, your sedula (residency card), your passport, and your plane ticket and request an exit letter. You may leave for a maximum of 30 days only. If for health, business, or any other reason you want to be gone longer you must apply for an extension at Government House. If you are working here on the island you must also bring a letter from your employer stating your reason for being gone and that you will have a job when you return. There has been much discussion about whether or not this rule is being enforced. The answer is yes it is and no it isn't. When you return to the island and go through the Immigration line sometimes you are asked for your exit letter and sometimes you're not. The penalty for not having an exit letter, if Immigration chooses to enforce it, is the loss of your residency status. You will then have to leave the island and reapply. It's sort of like playing Russian Roulette - you never know when that bullet will have your name on it. It's no big deal to get your 'get out of town' letter so better to be safe than sorry.

Good luck in your quest...enjoy the challenge... because life here in Paradise is worth every bit of what you're going to go through! □ *Dabney Lassiter*

LETTERS: THE Op-Ed PAGE

A CALL FOR DONATIONS

The BONHATA Hurricane Relief Fund Account

As we all breathe a sigh of relief and rejoice in getting back to normal, we must not forget that there are many of our colleagues on other Caribbean islands that were not as fortunate as us. Many have lost not only their businesses, but also their homes and all their possessions and possibly loved ones. I realize there are times on Bonaire that we complain about this and that, but in the grand scheme of things, we should all consider ourselves as some of the luckiest people in the world... lucky that we live on island so blessed as Bonaire, lucky that we have our health, our businesses, our homes and our loved ones.

I was taught from a very early age that you "reap what you sow", and now is the time to sow some seeds of compassion, goodwill and brotherhood to our Caribbean neighbors so catastrophically affected by one of the most disastrous hurricane seasons in our recent history.

Therefore as a result of a vote by the Board of Directors of BONHATA, a BONHATA Hurricane Relief Fund Account at Maduro & Curiel's Bank has been established. BONHATA received the following from the Director General and CEO of the Caribbean Hotel Association, Mr. Alec Sanguinetti.

The Caribbean Hotel Association has

received hundreds of queries from allied, hotel members and national hotel associations, pledging their support and desire to help our colleagues in the Caribbean affected by the passing of hurricanes Frances and Ivan. We are genuinely moved by the spirit of support and camaraderie.

Following discussions with CHA hotel members affected, as well as representatives from organizations actively providing relief assistance, it has become clear that the most efficient way to contribute is by supporting the recovery programs implemented by the governments of the respective destinations.

To that end, we will keep the BONHATA Hurricane Relief Fund Account open until such time as it is no longer needed. Our treasurer will monitor the account and as funds are available we will distribute them to the appropriate Caribbean island agencies for Hurricane Relief.

We are asking that you please dig deep and donate generously to the fund and ask others to as well. **You may make a direct deposit to the BONHATA Hurricane Relief Fund at the Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire or to the BONHATA Office. The account number is mcb 112.077.08.**

BONHATA would also like to thank MCB Bonaire for being the first to make a deposit to the account in the amount of \$500.00.

Remember, "you reap what you sow"... for next time we may not be so lucky.

With Thanks That We Are All Safe,
Jack Chalk, President
Bonaire Hotel & Tourism Association

SHOULDERING THE BLAME

There have been quite a number of complaints about the difficulties for foreigners to vote at the referendum.

About a week before the elections the official government advertising about the upcoming referendum was in the Algemeen Dagblad, the Extra and the Amigoe, so I would think also in the few other news papers. In that announcement it was clearly stated that non Netherlands nationalities have not only to bring an identification as cedular or drivers licence but also the residence or work permit. Even if they live longer than 10 years on the island, these persons should all have the permanent residence permit which is handed to them once they do not need a yearly permit anymore.

And if they don't read this government announcement, it is a pity, but it is still not fair to blame anybody else.

Kind regards
Brigitte Kley

Editor. After the required ten years many residents were not 'handed' permanent permits. They were told they no longer needed permits. Other voters were turned away when they presented the temporary document that is supposed to confirm their residency while their new permits are being processed.

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2)
endum committee comprised of various social groups. The committee will formulate the various options and propose a voting date. It is hoped the committee can be installed in October.

► Recent announcements from St. Maarten may shed light on two matters that have been troubling residents of Bonaire.

The first revealed that **United Telecommunication Services (UTS) has offered to install a new state-of-the-art telephone system at police headquarters in Philipsburg.** "I believe that the problem with the faulty telephone being used by police will be solved within a short while, as I have received confirmation from UTS that they will donate the new state-of-the-art system, which they will also install for police," said State Secretary Erno Labega. The St. Maarten Police Force had been accused of neglecting telephone calls from the general public for some time, until it was discovered that the system it is using is outdated and many of the calls made to the telephone number 542-2222 are dropped, never reaching the intended persons within the department. Many Bonaireans have reported that calls to the police here have gone unanswered as well.

The second announcement revealed that **the island government of St. Maarten will acquire, at its own expense, a machine that will produce credit card-size ID cards, or sedulas.** Previously Commissioner Louie Laveist told reporters that St. Maarten had been trying to get a machine for some time,

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BONAIRE'S "WINDOWS": 1000 STEPS

In this issue we continue a series of stories by Captain Don Stewart—one of Bonaire's "Living Treasures" and the man credited with focusing Bonaire on Dive Tourism.

1968

Hattie, the breakfast waitress, roughly set another beer on the table in front of me. I stared at it, then at the Queen's Birthday party clutter lying ankle deep in the dining room and pleaded, "God, Hattie, a lotta ice." I looked out the window at the blue Caribbean and wondered if the coin from the party had been worth it.

As I watched two divers jump off the end of the pier and swim the few feet into the reef, I could see the exact place where my wonderful ship the *Valerie Queen* had sunk. Growing nostalgic, I thought about our days in San Francisco, the craziness of the weekend parties in Sausalito, drinks until dawn at the No Name Bar and how some things never seem to change.

Baldi, the leader of a small group diving with me, pulled up a chair, sat down, looked at my beer, and hollered, "Hattie... Beer and a lotta ice." Then I suddenly became aware of naked flesh in my proximity. I turned to find Baldi's traveling companions, bikini clad and pretty, at my elbow. Pointing to some empty chairs, I tried a smile and ordered, "Sit."

The tall one said, "Happy Birthday, Captain!"

I muttered, "Thanks. It was our Queen's Birthday, but I'll pass it along."

The redhead asked, "Captain Don, were you really a pirate?"

I replied, "I have been called that when checking out guests." The Queen's Birthday was beginning to tell on me, and I wondered how I was going to make it through the day. I watched Baldi knock back his beers across the table and knew I had found a guy crazier than myself. Good with people, he taught diving well, told tales of building brick walls for a living in Boston and traveled to Bonaire for some great diving and lots of fun. I was impressed.

The rented garbage truck finally arrived. "Okay, Ephraim, load up and let's get this truck on the road. We have a dive to do."

Then, "DON! DON!" Maria, head of housekeeping, panting frantically, ran up to the truck. Ephraim slipped the truck into neutral and looked out the window. Maria breathlessly reported, "De yu di Doktor Binkhorst tin lolo den zip." Ephraim leaned back and switched off the engine. I dismounted.

Baldi, the group leader, stuck his head over the side of the truck. "What'd she say? What'd she say?"

I briefly considered my options, then growled a literal translation. "Baldi, she just told me that Doctor Binkhorst's kid has his penis caught in his zipper. Now, why don't you grab your tool box and get your butt down here and give me a hand."

I won't give you the details; after all, it was just another day in the hotel business. Things ended well, though, and many years later at an island reception,

one of the few that I hadn't attended, I got the report back from Janni that a young man, who obviously knew that she was my lady, approached her saying, "It wasn't me, it was my brother," and disappeared into the crowd. Janni failed to comprehend his meaning or motivation until she was told that the lad's name was Binkhorst. Then the penny dropped, since Janni had known the story of the trapped penis for years.



Ingi feeding the masses

As a further follow-up, in April of 1999 a letter arrived from Dr. Binkhorst, the young man's mother. She wanted me to know that Gordon, whom I had rescued some 30 years before, had obviously suffered no ill effects from my ministrations since he was now the proud father of four children, one a set of twins.

"Baldi, get your people back on the truck. Let's go diving." In 1968, divers were still a novelty and heads turned as we moved through the heart of town and finally to the Queen's new tourist road which ribboned north and made the entire shore line available. Near Barcadera, a small coral cluttered beach about 85 feet below the road, stone steps had been built. The truck pulled off the road near Radio Holland's transmitter site opposite the steps.

Horrified, I ogled the modern dive gear falling out of the truck, all over the road. Certified divers sometimes surprised me. One of my lady divers nicknamed the Goat was diving with us that day, a real Captain Don diver. Steel tank high and firm on her back, snorkel through her belt, mask strap hung over the snorkel, and the flippers where they belonged, on her feet. She was already moving down the steps while Baldi's people were fumbling and dragging their gear down the steps, one piece at a time.

Barcadera, like most other beach entries, had been totally blocked by antler coral which grew tight to the beach, and I had cut paths to deeper water where antler coral gave way to star coral and gorgonians.

My normal procedure on every site was to mark the window with an inflated Clo-rox bottle that I secured about three feet from the bottom. The system worked. I also used floating condoms tied into the soft coral. They were best, but expendable and very expensive.

The chromis and yellowtails with their incredible appetites never failed to entertain, and one of Baldi's princesses was bitten, but otherwise the always pleasant and easy dive was an uneventful 35 minutes and back to the beach for sun and

warm beer. I moved on down the beach to give Baldi the shade of the tree and some private time with his divers.

Suddenly came some loud words, some bad, a few in Italian, and then the coral stones commenced to fly, bad luck for me. I became a shield for the guy who was the target. The first two stones missed everything, the third killed a cloud, and the fourth clobbered me. I never saw it coming. Moments later a red Texas gusher welled from my head.

The guy behind me said, "Oh, Christ!"

And Baldi said, "Hey! Why the hell did you get in the way?"

The Goat said, "That's a big hole, Captain Don. I can see inside your head."

The last of my secrets gone! "Okay, fix it."

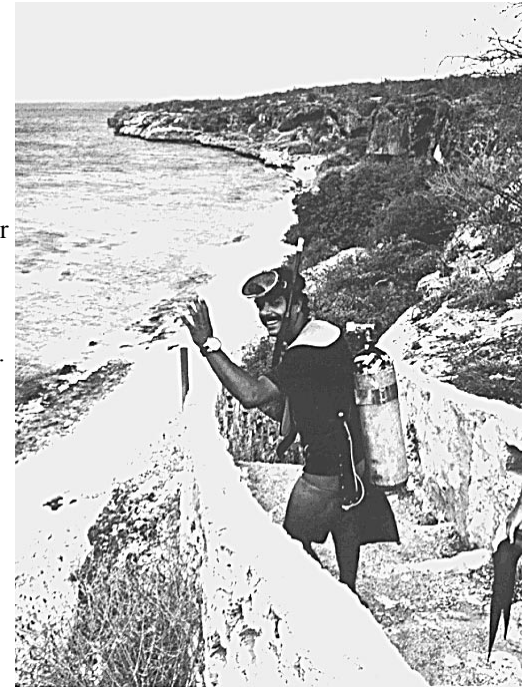
She replied, "A piece of cake," and gathered some hairs from each side of the hole, twisted them together to form string, then pulled the string until the cut closed, poured some more beer over it, and said, "Come on, Captain, let's go swimming."

It was 20 minutes before the truck was loaded, and I nodded at Ephraim to get going. One guy said, "Great dive!" The redhead said, "Boy! That was sure some nifty first aid work." Baldi said, "Why'd ya get in the way?" A guy with sea urchin spines in his hand said, "That's a bunch of steps, must be a thousand of them."

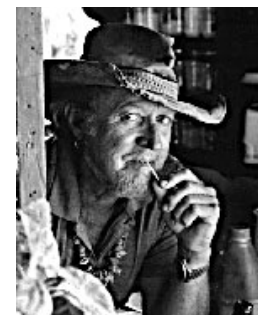
"Only 67," I corrected. He looked up at me and replied, "Yeah, down! And 933 back up!"

I glanced at the Goat who was laughing, "He's right. 1,000 steps!"

I signed 11 logs that afternoon. "Dive location-1,000 STEPS." □ *Story and photos by don*



1000 steps



Captain Don



ANXIETIES AND PHOBIAS

STRANGER ANXIETY

Just like humans, dogs can suffer from anxieties and phobias. A typical example is “stranger anxiety.” The dog is afraid of anyone new; he runs and hides, trembles and cowers. (This is not to be confused with dogs who are both fearful and aggressive, or “shy-sharp,” and dogs whose exposure to life outside the home is limited.) It may be compounded by factors such as prior abuse. Some dogs are innately “shy.” Others learn to be this way, taking their cues from experience, other dogs, and humans (even well meaning ones).

The First Step

In any case, the most effective approach involves a program of retraining. The first step is to reinforce a “dominant” relationship with your dog, creating an environment in which the dog looks to you for guidance and approval. This includes obedience training and, ideally, a dog who is treat motivated. If you do not have this basis, you will not be very



much help to your fearful dog.

The Second Step

The second step is to eliminate any cues or reinforcement which may be coming from you. Don’t make a big deal out of meeting new people with your dog, and don’t invite them to pet him, or coax him to allow it. The more indifferent you are, the more confident he will be. Never reinforce fearful behavior by petting him or otherwise praising him.

The Third Step

The third step is to develop a protocol for when strangers come to your door. Start by enlisting a friend (known to the dog) to help you by visiting regularly

for a few days. Keep a leash and a bowl of treats near the door. When your friend knocks, calmly get up and call your dog to the door with you. If he won’t come, just ignore him and answer the door. Have your friend pick up a treat on the way in, and go sit down somewhere to chat. If your dog makes an appearance, have your friend call him, and if he does not run away, have your friend give him the treat. Soon your dog will realize two things: there are treats living near the door, and visitors are giving them to him. Call him to go with you every time you answer the door. When he comes, ask him to sit, put the leash on, and open the door. Ask every visitor to take a treat from the bowl and hold it out to him, saying his name but NOT trying to pet him. If he doesn’t take the treat, ignore him. If he tries to run away, hold the leash, ask him to sit again (this is why you need prior obedience training), and then ignore him until your visitor has either left or come in and sat down. Then say “OK” and release him.

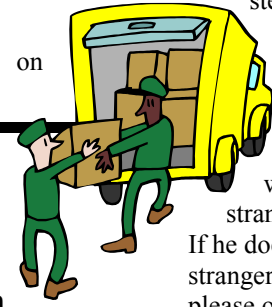
You will need the cooperation of friends and family, delivery people, everyone, for this training to be successful.

You will need the cooperation of friends and family, delivery people, everyone, for this training to be successful. Eventually, your dog will associate strangers at the door with treats and nothing but treats, and he won’t remember what it was he was so afraid of. The final

step is to carry treats with you on walks and whenever you take him new places. If he acts afraid when meeting a stranger, ignore him. If he does not, ask the stranger if he would please offer him a treat (without touching him).

Remember, don’t make a big deal out of it, don’t coax him, and never pull him towards a stranger. Stay quiet and unconcerned, and if he shows any interest in a new person, make sure he gets rewarded.

Some fears are easier to address than others. We can control who our dog meets and how, but we can’t control the weather. Next time we’ll discuss “thunder phobia.” □ 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.

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 but uncooperative civil servants in Curaçao kept "moving the goal posts." The machine was supposed to cost NAf60,000, but now the cost seems to be only NAf14,000. Bonaire has also been without an ID making machine since before December, 2003.

► You have heard of cars and trucks being hijacked. **KLM recently announced it had become a victim of "jumbo jacking"** after gunmen robbed a cargo plane at Johannesburg's international airport. "The group of armed men struck while freight was being unloaded on the ramp," KLM said in a statement. "The police intervened and shots were exchanged, but neither passengers nor flight and ground personnel sustained any injuries. The gunmen es-

caped in the ensuing chaos." KLM, now part of Air France, declined to say what was stolen from the Boeing 747-400 Combi. South African media reported the thieves had taken gold and diamonds.

► **The Regatta Committee** invites: Dive Boats, fishing boats, sailing boats, dinghies, pleasure boats, visiting yachts, glass bottom boats and all other floating, moving objects to take part in the **2004 Boat Parade** October 7, Thursday. The parade will start at the Regatta House 5:30pm. The route will be: Regatta House to Capt. Don (turn around). Then south along Playa (speed 2,79 kn.) to Plaza Resort. Turn around again, going north to Regatta House. Boaters are asked to use a lot of lights, have fun and make a lot of

hubaluba! Also to decorate the boat and crew if you have a chance. If you want a "good" position in the Parade or more information: Call or E-mail Capt. Ulf Pedersen on "Woodwind" today: **Ph: 786 7055 or E-mail: woodwind@telbonet.an**

► Volunteers are needed Sunday, September 26 for **STINAPA's Annual Clean-up of Klein Bonaire**. If you want to help, please sign up at STINAPA offices, Tel. 717-8444, or 717-4163. On Sunday, two boats will leave for Klein from Harbour Village, at 6.30 and 7.30am. There is no place to beach the boats, so plan on a wet trip getting from and to the boat (you'll want to leave your cel phone at home). The plan is to clean the coast from Nearest Point south. They expect to be done by 12

noon. Bring water, sunscreen, a pair of gloves. Plastic trash bags will be provided. The volunteers signed up so far include a group of school children.

► **The Bonaire Dartclub** has started its new season playing every two weeks at City Cafe. Their next event will be on Sunday, September 26th starting at 6.00 pm. All events are open for those are interested in an afternoon of dart-playing and sportsmanship. There's no entry-fee.

► **Bonaireanse Aquatics Club** now has a new Adult division open to fitness swimmers. Please contact Valarie Stimpson at valarie@telbonet.an if you are interested in participating. □ *D.R./B.L.*

IVAN and the CLEAN-UP



► This photo by Edmar Thode of Bonaire showing the rough seas during the passing of Hurricane Ivan was chosen as "**Photo of the Week**" of the popular Dutch news Website www.nu.nl. He won an Olympus digital camera.



The debris removed from Playa Chachacha



► And the reef cleaning continues. **Dive Inn reports that their housereef looks much better.** They have been fanning the sponges and turning over a lot of coral colonies. Because the tissue is still alive, the colonies have a chance to survive. If divers want to help, they may pickup a tank at the Dive-Inn. Divers are asked to take a pre-cleaning orientation because extra caution is needed for the next few weeks. Many creatures and fishes are in a state of distress right now because their homes and territories have been rearranged by the storm. □ *Babs Meulink*

KITESURFING- HOT IN THE WORLD, HOT IN BONAIRE

Bonaire is well known as the premier Caribbean windsurf destination thanks to a radical group of windsurfers who have made the scene hot. They use the natural elements of air and water to enjoy one of the most visually appealing sports. The newest most challenging sport to come to Bonaire is kiting. Kites use the wind and the water but instead of a sail, they have a large parachute type sail that allows them to glide over the water. Several kites in Bonaire used to be windsurfers but once they crossed over to kiting, they never went back. Kiting is not only hot in Bonaire, it's the fastest growing sport on the market all over the globe.



A Skygrab

Kitesurfing is the newest sport on water. In fact, in 1999, there were probably only a few hundred kitesurfers in the world. Today there are tens of thousands. The population of kitesurfers is growing rapidly.

The idea behind kitesurfing is pretty basic. A kitesurfer stands on a board with foot straps or bindings and uses the power of a large controllable kite to propel him/her and the board across the water.

Bonaire has one of the best regional kites sailing the south coast waters almost daily. Meet Jeroen Roveros. Jeroen makes the sport look easy. It seems effortless as he floats high in the air, performing some dazzling aerial tricks. A physical education teacher at SGB, he considered the sport a way of life. He started windsurfing 15 years ago in Holland and graduated to kiting.

Jeroen says, "I was addicted to this sport. I still think it's a cool water sport." He traveled all around the east

coast of Holland but lives here now, kiting near Atlantis and Pink Beach. This expert kiter is impressed with the conditions here. "Kiteboarding on Bonaire is great because the trade winds are blowing almost every day," says Jeroen. He also ventures to other regional kite sites such as Aruba and Venezuela. Currently his favorite site to sail is secluded Las Aves, one of the little island groups east of Bonaire. Jeroen is so good he has the support and sponsorship of Brunotti Boards and Naish Kites.

As with anything new, there is controversy surrounding this extreme sport. There are some hazards. Many beaches around the world monitor the times kiting is allowed or have even issued bans on kiting. Bonaire is one such destination. The authorities here have decided Lac

Bay is not safe for kiting. It's currently allowed on the southwest coast where offshore winds prevail. Jeroen's outlook on the ban is reasonable but concerned. "I think that in most places where kiteboarding has been 'banned' people made a right decision. On crowded beaches and places where lots of people are swimming in the water, you should ban kiteboarding. In more and more places, kiteboarding is not being banned because people figured out some kind of regulation of the sport."

He goes on to say, "Also on Aruba, where because of the very gusty winds it's a good idea to keep the windsurfers apart from the kitesurfers. So they banned kiteboarding from 11 am till 5 pm. I think that's a very good idea," says Jeroen. He has a realistic view and a solution which avoids bans but creates structured times to

ensure safety. The same applies in Maui. Surfers and fisherman have the water until 11 am; then kites and windsurfers are allowed to play. It's all about a balanced compromise to ensure safety yet equity.

Kiting is a beautiful sport and enhances the sporting community of Bonaire. There are a handful of responsible kites who take to the southwest shores to challenge their skills in the pristine waters that surround Bonaire. This is a not-to-be-missed spectacle, so head southwest, anywhere from Pink Beach to Atlantis and you will be in awe of the colorful kites that grace the skies. You will also have the opportunity to see one the region's best kites. Jeroen and his team of kiter buddies will astound you. □ Ann L. Phelan

Ann Phelan is the Bonaire based owner of Caribbean Wind & Sun Vacations, a windsurf and eco tour specialty travel service. She is also the Event Coordinator of the Annual Bonaire PWA King of the Caribbean. To book a trip or consult with Ann email her at ann@bonairewindsurfing.com

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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9-27	6:45	1.1FT.	12:07 1.4FT. 17:28 1.1FT.	87
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VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

3T	Guacamar I, Venezuela.	Rumbacon
Abu Dai	Honalee	Sandpiper, USA
Angie	Macaby, Netherlands	Santa Maria, Sweden
Alegria, USA	Maggie	Scintilla, Germany
Alaluya	Makai	Side by Side
Aleria	Marathon	Sirius
Aurora	Marina Em	Sojourner
Avatar, USA	Marnel IV	Southern Cross
Bright Sea	Misty Blue	Starlight Dancer
Camissa, Chan Is.	My Dream Israel	Sylvia K
Camperdown	Natural Selection, USA	Sylvistre
Cape Kathryn	Nonesuch, USVI	Ti Amo, USA
Chacuco	Nut N Honey	Too pfarr out
Cop Out	One Way Wind	TopCat
Delphinus	Ottifant	Tothill
El Sabor	Pamela Jean	Ty Dewi, USA
Escapade	Pastime	Tween
Fan-Fan	Polecat	Ulu Ulu, USA
Flying Cloud, USA	Pomona	Unicorn, Norway
Frajola	Pow Wow	Varedhuni, Germany
Gatsby, USA	Precocious Gale, USA	Windmiller, Canada
Gonzo II	Revid	Ya-T, BVI
Grey Lady	Reward	Zahi, Malta



ASK THE DIETITIAN SOME NICE RECIPES ESPECIALLY FOR DIABETES

In the last article I wrote about how to manage diabetes nutritionally. It is important to eat:

- Angélique Salsbach**
- foods that are low in fat, saturated fat and sugar
 - complex carbohydrates (your dietitian can give you recommendations about meal portions)
 - foods that are high in fiber.
 - fruits and vegetables on a daily basis

Most of the time people with diabetes are afraid to eat a dessert, a little snack or complicated meals. It is good to know that nowadays recipe books especially for diabetes are easy to find, and you can always look for diabetes recipes on the internet. Or...the easiest way is just to adjust your traditional recipes by changing the ingredients rich in fat to low fat versions and by using sweeteners instead of sugar. For instance you can use reduced fat margarine instead of margarine and low fat milk instead of full cream milk.

Below are two very nice recipes. They will give you an idea of how to manage the ingredients when making cakes and cookies for those with diabetes.

OLD FASHIONED APPLESAUCE CAKE



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| 1 cup all purpose flour | 1 teaspoon baking powder |
| ½ teaspoon baking soda | 2 teaspoon cinnamon |
| ½ teaspoon ginger | ½ cup reduced calorie margarine |
| ½ cup egg or egg substitute | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup Splenda granular | ½ cup unsweetened applesauce |

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8x8 in. metal cake pan with vegetable cooking spray. In small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and ginger. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat margarine with an electric mixer on high speed for approximately 1 minute. Add egg or egg substitute and vanilla and blend on high speed for 30 seconds. Mixture will be very liquid. Add Splenda and beat on medium speed until very smooth, approximately 1 ½ minutes.

Add flour mixture and applesauce and beat on low speed until mixed, approximately 45 seconds. Spread batter evenly into prepared pan and bake for 30 minutes at 350 F. Serves: 8

LOW-SUGAR OATMEAL COOKIES (makes 3 dozen)



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| 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature | 1 egg |
| 1/3 cup granulated Splenda | 1 cup whole wheat flour |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla extract | ¼ teaspoon nutmeg |
| ½ teaspoon cinnamon powder | 2 cups oats |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 1/3 cup raisins (optional) |
| 1 cup chopped pecan or walnuts | |

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheets with parchment or spray with non stick cooking spray. With an electric mixer, mix butter and Splenda until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and baking soda. Gradually beat into butter mixture. By hand stir in oats, nuts and raisins (if using). Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto prepared sheets. (the dough will be stiff. Use the back of the spoon to flatten each cookie slightly.) Bake for about 15 minutes, or until browned. □ **Angélique Salsbach**

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. Write her at dietitian@bonairenews.com □

YOGA FOR YOU THE DOWNWARD DOG.

"The soul that moves in the world of the senses and yet keeps the senses in harmony... finds rest in quietness."
Bhagavad Gita

What can this pose do for you?

So, the history of yoga tells us, 5000 years ago yoga postures came from watching animals and other natural structures.

Watching my dogs stretch themselves after their sleep, I am amazed at the similarities of their stretch to our downward dog pose in yoga. They are stretching and lengthening out their spine, shoulders, chest, back of their legs, opening and stretching out their claws, their tail gets to stretch, and then they have the tendency to open and stretch out their jaw by yawning. Then they go about their daily activities.

Generalizing, we humans don't stretch after we sleep, so our bodies start out each day neglected. As the day goes on we bend, twist, stand for long periods of time, and sit behind computers for hours. We then wonder why we feel tired at the end of the day.

The Downward Dog (Adho Mukha Svanasana) is one of the best yoga-based exercises you can do. It promotes a true balance between flexibility and strength. And when done well it is a beautiful pose. If you are doing the Downward Facing Dog correctly, you'll feel a primary stretch in the center of your hamstrings. You should also feel a broadening of your shoulders and a lengthening and opening of your chest. Your torso, abdomen, spine, arms, legs, and neck should feel long and expanded. If you feel any pain or discomfort behind your knees or back, bend your knees and lift up your heels.

Take a few minutes out of your day—go ahead try a downward facing dog pose—feel and experience the difference it can make in your life. My challenge to you is to do this for one minute each day for a week. Give change a chance, □ **Desirée**



George tries it too.

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

HUSH-HUSH SEASIDE SPOTS

Last week's hurricane warning was my first...and along with many residents of the island, I did venture to the coast to witness the fury of the Caribbean Sea as Ivan slowly (and luckily) changed its course. As our everyday lives returned to normal, again I was one of the many residents who scouted the island to see the changes in the coastline. Some of my secrets spots are gone... however, some of the so-so beaches have changed for the better and Playa Manteka is a good example.

Playa Manteka

Not long after the hurricane watch was lifted, I started hearing of a new and improved beach... so I had to check it out. The power of the waves from Hurricane Ivan flattened and cleared Playa Manteka from all the debris that the Caribbean Sea rejected over the years. As you may know, Playa Manteka is just after the hatchery when you drive south from Sorobon Beach. As you drive along the shore road, you will notice that you can now see the beach whereas before, there was an embankment blocking the view. I spent quite a long time strolling along this incredibly long beach, discovering the many sandy spots along the water's edge, and taking in the incredible view of water crashing on the reef at Lac Bay with the distant backdrop of the mountains of conch shells at Lac Cai. When you visit Playa Manteka, I hope you will notice as I did, that some of the beaches have pink coral specks mixed with the white sand giving them an amazing pink tint, while other beaches are of beautiful white sand. The waves were still too strong to enter the sea safely the few times I've visited Playa Manteka since its new face-lift, but the constant roaring of the moving water, the crashing of the waves and the blowing wind did provide me with a wonder haven of peace and quiet.

Ol'Blue

I visited Ol'Blue with a new friend I've made earlier this week. I met Franklyn along the water's edge near Jeff Davis. I was hoping to find new beaches as a result of Ivan's fury... he was looking for coquillages. He mentioned to me that Ol'Blue is one of the most under-used beaches on the island. As I admired the most beautiful aqua-colored water I've seen in a long time, Franklyn explained that because the beach's location the currents and tides rarely affect the beach's calm waters. The actual beach is located at the bottom of a one-meter cliff and is about 150 meters long. Ol'Blue is made up of mostly loose coral; however, you will find it easy to stroll this 150-meter beach if you walk along the water's edge. Small sandy spots along the shore make entering the sea extremely easy compared to some of the beach I've visited recently. Visitors to the beach will need to swim quite far to find some good snorkeling sites, but the calm waters make the swim enjoyable. The top

of the cliff is all of fine white sand and an ideal location to set up for a picnic, relax and enjoy the magnificent vistas that only Ol'Blue offers. Most of the people visiting Ol'Blue are avid divers -- only enjoying this beautiful location to set-up before disappearing into the water. I do hope that you will, as I did, consider Ol'Blue as an alternative to your favorite beach, the peaceful environment you will find at this beach will quickly win you over. □ *Josée Bolduc Frosst*

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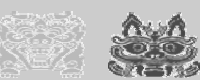
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LUNCH TO GO- Starting from NAf5 per meal. Call **CHINA NOBO 717-8981**



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FOUND

A young **female Dalmatian mix**, approx. 6 months old, was found in the Santa Barbara area. Her owners are lost. If anyone finds them, please bring them to the Bonaire Animal Shelter. This well-fed little bundle of energy misses them very much. If this dog is yours, or if you think you may know the dog's owners please contact the Animal Shelter at: #717-4989



PROPERTY

WANTED: 2-3 bedroom furnished house needed Jan. 10- June 10. Budget is 500-700,00 NAF per month. Please email tyson-poor@hotmail.com or call 785-6820. Island references available.

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PETS of the WEEK

Two rollicking brothers are blond "Gary" and black and brown "Rudy." These adorable puppies are a little over two months old and were found dumped into someone's yard. These guys are funny and full of pep. Both will grow up into medium sized dogs. One dog is fun to have, but two are doubly fun when you see what silly antics they can get into with each other. Another nice thing is that they keep each other company, so you don't have to leave the house riddled with guilt that you're leaving your precious puppy all alone. If you'd like to see Gary and/ or Rudy, stop by the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the



"Gary" and "Rudy."

Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

The Massive Free Sterilization Program is coming soon – October 18 to 30. If you can help – either in the operating room or with transportation – give Shelter Director Jurrie Mellema a call at 717-4989. He'll tell you how you can fit it. A lot of people are putting a lot of effort into making this program a success and you can help! And don't forget to spread the word to people who have unsterilized dogs. □L.D.

**FREE STERILIZATION PROGRAM
OCTOBER 18 to 30.
Animal Shelter's Community-wide Program
Tell Your Neighbors!**

ART FOR FUN

Live Up the Neighborhood with a Newly Painted Mailbox



Painting your mailbox can be a very creative project. First you will need to think of a design that is appropriate for you and your family. Think of things you enjoy and colors that you like. Plan a design that will make going to the mailbox a pleasurable experience. There seem to be a lot of bills in the boxes these days, and to have something to smile about before you open the mailbox can take away the stress!

You can use the mailboxes from the hardware stores, or build your own if you happen to have carpenter skills. I used an aluminum box from the hardware store. Mailboxes found in Bonaire have several different finishes: plastic, enamel painted metal, and flat aluminum. All three can be used for this project.

Here are the steps taken for the Mailbox pictured:

1. Sand the mailbox to get a rough surface. An electric sander works best to get a quicker start on the project. Sanding gives the paint a surface to adhere to and prevents premature peeling.
2. Start with one layer of white water-based acrylic or latex paint. Let it dry.
3. Next paint your background color. You may need several coats to build up a solid color foundation. The key is to paint each coat lightly and let it dry thoroughly before applying the next layer.
4. Draw your designs on paper or lightweight cardboard.
5. Cut out your designs and put a piece of rolled tape on the backside. Move the design around the box to find the best placement. Be careful with



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

6. Draw around the designs with pencil.
7. For lettering take advantage of *Word Perfect* and print your letters on the computer, then transfer with carbon paper on to the box.
8. Now paint!
9. Let the paint dry and apply a coat of water-based varnish (available at Global-Krioyo Paint).
10. Install your box in front of your house and wait for fun mail to arrive – or at least have fun looking at your new mailbox when the bills come in!

Alternate Ideas:

- Splatter paint or dribble paint on your box with various colors.
- Let your kids do free-style - they always amaze me with their artistic talents when given a chance.
- Use pre-cut plastic stencils to paint your designs (found at Firgo's and Flamingo Bookstore)
- Glue on small driftwood and sea glass pieces for a natural look.

Mailboxes are a definite avenue to "Art for Fun!"

Please feel free to come by the JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7, to see the mailbox featured here! □ Janice Huckaby, JanArt

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

Bavaria, Germany



Annock and Benji just returned from their latest European vacation and took along a *Reporter*. The beautiful castle in the background is called "Neuschwanstein" and is located in southern Bavaria, Germany. They felt like doing a really touristy thing and joined the crowd on the tiny steel-frame 1890s bridge that crosses a 300-foot-deep gorge across from the castle. Since Benji is very agoraphobic, he didn't have much time to direct the volunteer photographer

WIN GREAT PRIZES! 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.) □



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		5.	FRUKO Y SUS TESOS	FRUKO'S BOGALOO
		6.	MICHELE HENDERSON	LAS LESSE MWEN
		7.	O-ZONE	DRAGOSTEA DIN TEI
		8.	LL COOL J	HEADSPRUNG
		9.	FORSA DOS	WAK BO BIDA
		10.	THE FINN BROTHERS	A LIFE BETWEEN US
		11.	MC WILLIAM/STEPHEN	PIEDRA PRECIOSA
		12.	NINA SKY	MOVE YA BODY
		13.	MC FARAH	WEG'I BASEBALL
		14.	NELLY FEAT. JAHEIM	MY PLACE
		15.	CELINE DION	AIN'T GONNA LOOK THE OTHER WAY

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

This list is compiled by the staff of Digital FM 91.1 and shows this week's (TW) and last week's (LW) songs. □

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm
The Bourne Supremacy
 (Matt Damon)

Early Show (usually 7pm)
White Chicks

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 **Two Brothers**

SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM

King Arthur

THIS WEEK

Until September 25, at Cinnamon Art Gallery an exhibition of "Nochi" Coffie's works.

Sunday September 26, the Bonaire Dart-club meets at City Café, starting at 6.00 pm for an afternoon of dart-playing and sportsmanship. (see page 8).

Tuesday, September 28—NEW DATE—SGB CULINARY SCHOOL FUND-RAISING DINNER, Chez Nous, at 7 pm. To help send four students to study cuisine in Italy for 4 weeks. Call for reservations 717-8120.

COMING

October 3-10—37th Annual Bonaire International Sailing Regatta

Wednesday, October 6—Bonaire Regatta Run/Walk, 5 km, 5 pm, sponsored by Comcabon. Tel. Richard Pietersz at 717-8629 to sign up.

October 7-9—3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament, Sonrisa Ballpark at Tera Cora. Games Begin at:

Friday, Oct. 7, 7.00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2 pm

Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 am; Championship Game at 4.00 pm.

Sunday, Oct. 10th at 5 pm at KonTiki, The Down Town Dixie Society band from the Netherlands. There will be snacks and drinks. Entrance is free. This concert is sponsored by Budget Rent a Car.

EVERY WEEK

Sunday -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambience 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 info.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451 or Valrie@telbonet.na

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.

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, 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 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.



GETTING READY for REGATTA

Regatta 2004 preparations are hotting up. You will be able to register for Regatta on Saturday October 2nd at the Kas di Regatta on the waterfront.

But Regatta is not only for sail boaters. During Regatta week there are many other activities, and if you want to know more about them, here are your contacts:

The Nations Parade, Sunday Oct. 3rd. Contact Felix (Papy) Cicilia tel. (5999) 560-7440 or at Dept. of Culture

Kayak Races, Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 6th and 7th. Contact Andre Nahr at Bonaire Dive and Adventure tel. (599) 717-2227

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The Working Boat Parade, Thursday October 7th. Contact Capt. Ulf Pedersen of Woodwind at tel. 560-7055

The Niki Tromp Youth Bike Show, Saturday October 9th. Contact Mr. Churney Bomba at tel. (599) 717-6873 or (5999) 518-4565

The 3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament, October 7th to 9th. Contact Edsel Pieter at 7860406.

HISTORY OF AMORC

Lecture organized by the Rosicrucian Order AMORC at Jong Bonaire



The origin of the Rosicrucian philosophy is in the tradition, philosophy and myths of ancient Egypt. Thousands of years ago in Egypt schools were founded to study the laws of life and the universe. Only serious students were admitted to these schools, where they were initiated into the so-called 'mysteries.' These were really natural laws, but to the ignorant they were mysterious. Today some of these laws are widely known, such as the law of karma and reincarnation. But although many people talk about these laws, they do not always have a deep understanding of them. The Rosicrucian Order AMORC, an international non-profit organization, can help you explore these topics. On 24 September 2004 the

Bonairean section of AMORC, the foundation Parthenon AMORC Bonaire, is organizing a public lecture on some aspects of the Rosicrucian philosophy. The lecture is entitled: 'Verlichting is verplichting' (Enlightenment entails obligation) and will be held by Mr. Michiel Bijkerk. The lecture will be in Dutch, but anybody should feel free to ask questions or join in the discussion in English or Papiamentu. The lecture starts at 7 pm in one of the rooms of Jeugdhuus Jong Bonaire. The evening will end before 11 pm. Anyone interested is welcome. Entrance is free. □ M.B.

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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

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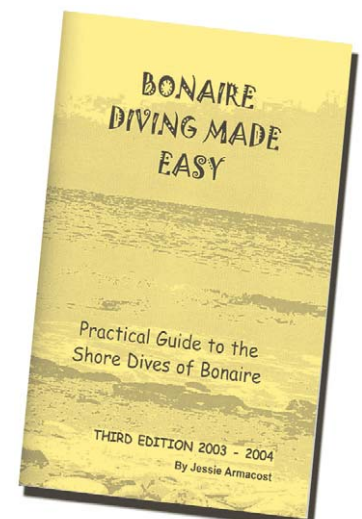
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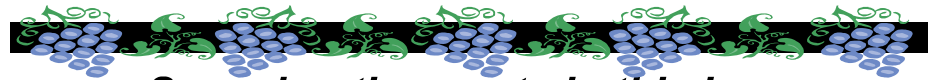
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Jan-Pieter and Roosje van der Hoek

“The first time I came to Bonaire was in 1992 when I worked as an intern for six months with ‘Bejolja,’ a construction company. I liked it so much that after I’d been in the military service I came back in 1995 to work for the same company as the assistant manager. Alas, the company went bankrupt after two years and I moved to Curaçao in 1997 where I started working for Habibe & Maia architects. Four years later I moved on to another company, IMD (design). One day some interns who were working for IMD asked me to come with them to Bonaire to give them a tour, as I had lived there. They went by boat, I went by plane and somehow we missed each other until I found them back at Karel’s. I started talking to some old friends of mine while the interns moved on to City Cafe and there comes this girl straight towards me and she says: ‘Hey, how are you doing!’ I said: Okay, but do I know you? Then she realized she was talking to the wrong guy and she apologized, we introduced ourselves and we started chatting and she told me she was studying in Holland and worked for the time being as an intern with the Tourist Office, TCB. That was Roosje Goeloe from Bonaire. I thought she was a nice girl, cute too... and it hadn’t been very often that a girl had made a pass at me.” “We actually met”, Roosje says, “because I thought Jan-Pieter was somebody else. That somebody also showed up that night and I ended up talking to two Dutch boys and I didn’t really know either one of them. It was August 24, 2002. We exchanged our phone numbers and when Jan-Pieter went back to Curacao the next day I called him to wish him a good trip.” “I thought it was very thoughtful of her to call me”, JP says, “but in Curacao it was back to the old routine. Three weeks later Roosje returned to Holland to complete her studies and life took its course again. But somehow, in those two little hours that we’d been talking to each other, we’d exchanged so much information that we kept in touch by phone and E-mail. Slowly but gradually we found out that we had a lot in common; the same upbringing, the same standards and values, the same way of thinking and the same interests.” “Funny thing was,” Roosje says, “that when we were chatting, I was typing something without looking at the screen and when I looked up I saw JP had written what I’d been writing! Scary! Still, at that time there were no butterflies... yet! What we did have was a foundation, a friendship that became more and more solid. I realize and I feel very strongly that it was a blessing the way Jan-Pieter and I met in Bonaire when neither one of us was living there at the time. I was born in Bonaire in 1979, I have a brother, Paulo,

who’s 15 and my sister Angela is ten years old. When I was little I always wanted to become a secretary, just like my mom. Later on I thought of becoming a lawyer as I was very capable of defending myself in the battles I had with my mother! When I finished HAVO I went to Holland in 1997 to study Tourism and Recreation at Breda University of Professional Education. I lived in Holland for five-and-a-half years, but always with the intention to come back to Bonaire.” “I was born in Amsterdam in 1970, but I grew up in Enschede, in the eastern part of Holland,” says JP. “I’ve one brother who’s 30 years old. First I studied MAVO, then I went to Polytechnic School and after that to Higher Professional Education where I became a Bachelor of Science in construction engineering. My father was a policeman, my mom a homemaker. She never came to the Antilles because of a lung disease

“As we had to fly back and forth all the time in order to see each other, we realized that something had to be done; somebody had to move so we could be together.”

that wouldn’t allow her to fly. Sadly, she passed away this year, February 16th. My father and brother used to visit me frequently and my dad always carried his video camera around saying: I’m coming here with two pairs of eyes... as he put everything on video for my mom to see. My idea to come to the Antilles... I think I picked it up when I was about eight years old listening to my mother’s brother’s stories about the Antilles where he served as a marine,” he grins. Looking at Roosje, he proceeds: “Roosje came back to Bonaire in April 2003. Two days later she came to Curacao, but not to see me: Her little sister had fallen dreadfully ill and was institutionalized in Curaçao. Her mother had called me, what she’d done before, to ask me if I could take her and a friend from the airport to the institute, but she didn’t tell me that Roosje was coming too. The moment I saw her, her curly head, I felt this big smile appearing on my face and I thought: Is it really true? And that’s when it happened!” “We were good friends, we had a real strong bond, we were real soul mates and when we saw each other we knew it was more than friendship,” Roosje smiles, holding Jan-Pieter’s hand. “When Angela got encephalitis in December 2002 and on top of that a bad virus as well we feared for



Jan-Pieter and Roosje van der Hoek

the worst and I stopped my studies and came back to be with my family and to support them. When my mother brought her over from Curaçao to Bonaire it was a big thing, as Angela needed round the clock care and my mother couldn’t give up her job because she needed her income. But my mom fought to have her back. Angela is completely paralyzed and she can’t speak or eat, but once she was home, she became a different child within a month. She gained weight and started reacting. Now she’s fine, mentally, physically she will never be the same, but she’s fighting, she’s a fighter. I wasn’t prepared to come and work here and had to look for something. When I heard BonairExel was looking for stew-ardesses, I thought: Why not! I sent them my CV and it appeared that I was over-qualified, so I became the sales & marketing assistant. Now I’m their sales representative. As we had to fly back and forth all the time in order to see each other we realized that something had to be done; somebody had to move so we could be together. We tried Aruba, it was sort of neutral, but we couldn’t find anything there. Jan-Pieter applied for a job with Fundashon Cas Boneiriano, with Taxabon and Jacobs Architects on Bonaire and it was Jacobs Architects who wanted him as from March on, but he still had to resign his old job, so he started with Jacobs Architects April 1st 2004.” “I really had a great job with IMD and I liked my boss a lot, but I wanted to be with Roosje,” Jan-Pieter says. December 24th 2003, she’d proposed to me during a dinner at Mai Mai. She’d given me a beautiful watch and had left me totally speechless! It was a wonderful experience! Later on we heard that my parents were engaged the same day, 40 years ago. I didn’t want to tell my mom about the engagement as she was hospitalized and I was afraid the

excitement would be too much for her. We went to Holland but the day we left my dad called me to tell us that she’d passed away. I felt sad, I wished Roosje had met her, could have hugged her, they only knew each other through phone calls, but even so, my mom was crazy for her.” “I felt very disappointed that I’d never met his mom,” Roosje goes on, looking at JP, caressing his hand, “but JP told me: ‘Don’t you worry, because now she’ll be at our wedding. She could never fly, but this time she’ll be there.’” And at the cremation in Holland the whole family embraced me and told me: “She loved you and she wanted to meet you so badly.” We got married August 24th 2004.” “It was a special wedding,” JP says, “my brother Marcel told me: ‘Traditional is for people who can’t be original,’ and that tells everything in a nutshell about the wedding. We didn’t need God’s blessing spoken by someone we didn’t know. Our parents blessed us and we felt blessed, we are blessed...” He looks at Roosje with so much tenderness: “I am rich; I’ve got a wife who’s beautiful, inside and out, I can eat a sandwich every day and I have a roof over my head, that’s enough and it’s the same way for Roosje; we’re happy.” Roosje kisses his hand: “It can only get better. Sometimes I am afraid of so much happiness, but the last words of my dedication during the wedding were: ‘I don’t know where life will take us, but I know I will be there for you; to talk to, to listen, to laugh and to comfort you, to adore you, to long for you and to love you with all my heart.’” □ Greta Kooistra



Greta Kooistra

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The Five Nights Of The Harvest Moon! And Two Fun Things You Can Do With It!"

Next week we will be treated to several nights of the Harvest Moon. But what exactly is a Harvest



Harvest Moon by Angela Brad

Moon? Let me explain. A harvest, according to the dictionary, is simply the act of gathering in a crop or the harvested crop itself and for centuries at this time of year across North America and Europe the fall harvest took place. So traditionally the full Moon closest to the first day of fall, the Autumnal Equinox, was called the Harvest Moon. And since the Autumnal Equinox occurs this week on Wednesday the 22nd, next Tuesday night, the 28th, will be the official night of the Harvest Moon. Traditionally though, the Harvest Moon doesn't last just one night but also includes the almost full Moons two nights before the full Moon and the almost full Moons two nights after.

You see the Moon normally rises approximately 50 minutes later each successive night except for the Harvest Moon which rises only 20 to 25 minutes later each night. The astronomical reason for this is that the path of the full Moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox makes a much smaller angle with the horizon than at any other time of the year. Now before the invention of electric lights this was very important to farmers at harvest time because it meant that they could work after sunset for several evenings in a row gathering in their crops by the bright light of the Harvest Moon. Today however, with mechanized farming and artificial lighting, harvesting goes on 24 hours a day. So the Harvest Moon has lost its original significance.

One thing, though, it will never lose its incredible beauty because for five nights we will see it rise shortly before or shortly after sunset. And all rising full Moons always look bigger and more colorful, usually orangeish like a pumpkin, than when they're overhead. The reason the Moon looks more colorful as it rises is because we see it through thicker and dustier layers of our Earth's atmosphere than when it's overhead. And although it looks bigger at the horizon it is just an illusion, which you can prove to yourself.

In fact, if you take a dime and hold it out at arm's length when the Harvest Moon is close to the horizon you will see that it covers exactly the same amount of the Moon as it does when the Moon is at its highest. And if you want to try another Moon illusion, simply bend over at the waist and look at the rising Harvest Moon upside down between your legs and bingo! It will instantly look smaller than when you look at it right side up.

So don't miss the five nights of the Harvest Moon next week, beginning on Sunday night the 26th, through Thursday night the 30th. Believe me it will be more than a dime's worth of fun and a dozen times more beautiful! □ *Jack Horkimer*

Moon Info

● New Moon September 28th ☾ First Quarter October 6th
● Full Moon October 14th ☽ Last Quarter October 20th



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
September 24 to October 1, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Empty promises are evident. A long, quiet walk alone may help you sort out your thoughts. You should be raising your self esteem and confidence in order to promote your work. Do not react too harshly when dealing with partners. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Don't be afraid to talk to close friends or relatives about pressing personal problems. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Think about your priorities. Don't push your mate if you want to keep this union going. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Try not to argue about trivial matters. Your bank-book will suffer and your restrictions will put a damper on your relationship. You must make sure that all your personal documents are in order. Your charisma will no doubt attract a lot of attention. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Make sure that you make reservations early. Don't be too hard on your mate. Complete those hobbies you started a long time ago. Sort situations out as best you can. Watch your spending habits. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Don't push your mate away. Don't let individuals with wild schemes talk you into a financial deal that is not likely to be successful. Keep busy and let them fume while you're not around. Don't hesitate to go ahead with any plans for entertainment. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may have more to do with children this week; keep an open mind. You can make new friends and get involved in new hobbies successfully. Don't overextend your self in order to add luxury items to your entertainment center. Communication must be open, precise, and honest. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can meet friends who will let you know how valuable you are. You can meet potential new mates, but make sure that they aren't already committed to someone else. Your high enthusiasm will be sure to inspire anybody around you. You can ferret out secret information if you just listen to what others have to say. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) This will not be the best day for communication or travel. Don't count on getting any help from those you live with. Balance is required if you want stability. Use your intellectual approach to get the best results. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You need to take a break with the ones you love. You will be up and down emotionally. You are best to get out of the house this week. Compromise if you wish to have any fun at all. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your unique approach to life will interest others. You will easily charm members of the opposite sex. Your goals will be in reach if you direct your energy wisely. Acknowledge your lover's needs. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. Opportunities for new romantic encounters will unfold through the social events you attend. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool if someone backs you into a corner. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will have to control the way you feel. Attempt to face key issues with lovers or problems could escalate. Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results. Be tolerant, but don't let any one take you for granted. Your lucky day this week will be Friday. □

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