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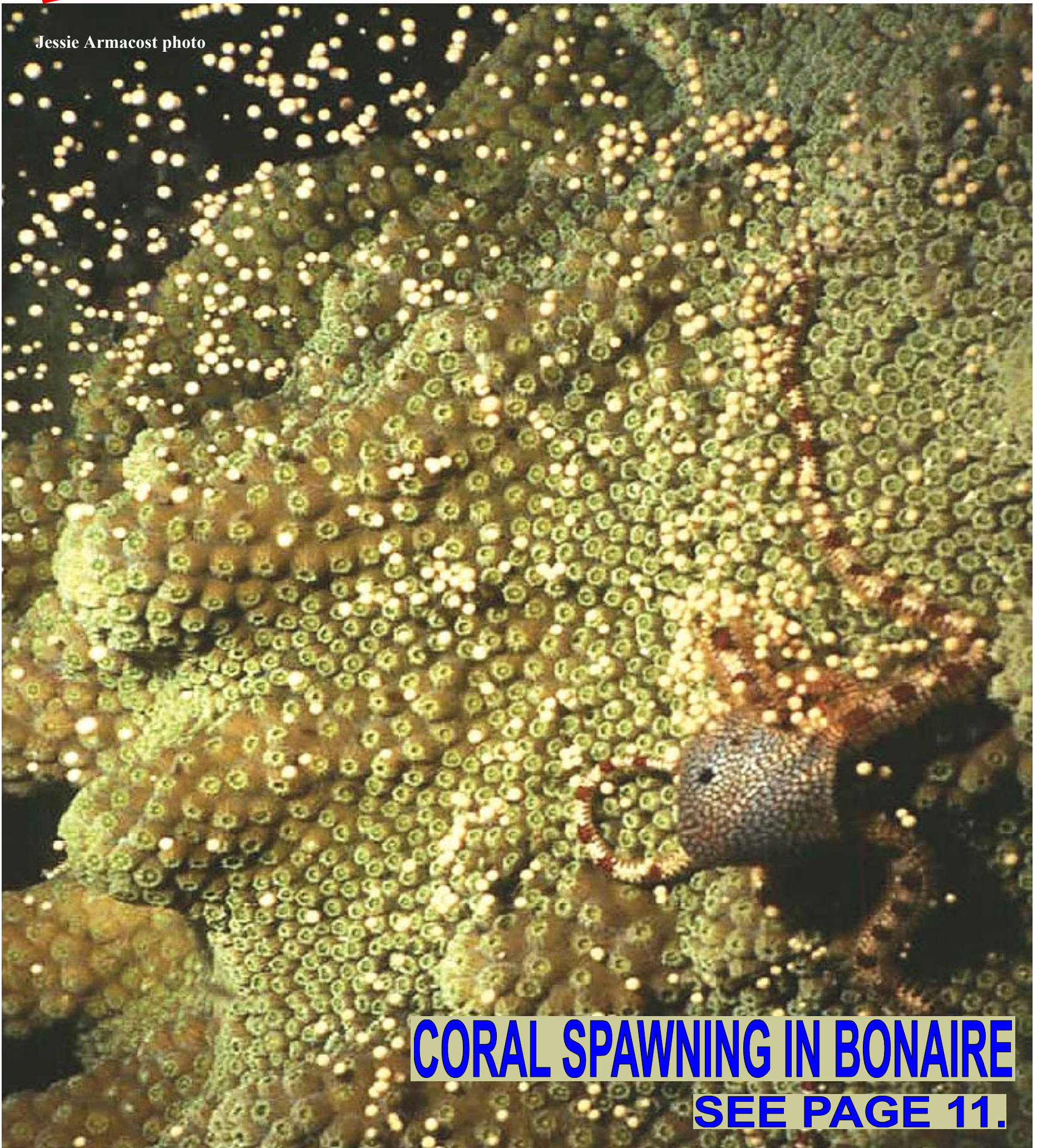
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**CORAL SPAWNING IN BONAIRE
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



What will fill the "Flotsam" section if we can't report the activities of DCA? That day may be coming soon. And with it the loss of competition on air routes between the Antilles. **Curaçao officials are saying that further attempts at keeping the company operational are pointless**, considering the seizure by creditors whenever government financial support is provided. The PAR political party believes the bankruptcy advised by the General and Legal Affairs department from the start of the recent "salvation" exercise should be begun immediately.

DCA is upside down. Of a fleet that used to consist of three MD-82 jets, four DC-9s and two Twin Otters, only two DC-9 jets are still flying. Schedules and routes can't be maintained.

PAR doesn't see the point of continuing to support the practically bankrupt company. "The Island Council shouldn't put more money into DCA because it simply can't be done." The last transfusion of NAf12 million in support of DCA was seized by creditors. To circumvent this, the party suggested establishing an institute called "Emergency Welfare for DCA Employees," to be subsidized with NAf4.5 million, which would cover the airline's employee salary expenses for three months.

They further suggested providing guidance to airline employees so they can find other jobs quickly. PAR will insist that the Minister of Traffic grant permits as soon as possible to other companies so they can take over the open DCA routes.

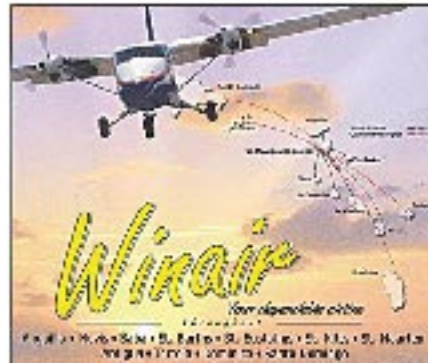
► **The promise made of flying to the US from Bonaire** may soon come true in an unexpected way, not via BonairExel, but via CuraçaoExel. CuraçaoExel expects to start flying Bonaire-Curaçao-St. Marten next week, on Monday, October 4. Meanwhile requests were made to the Transportation Ministry for flights to New York (Newark), Memphis, Miami and Panama. The company plans to open those routes in a few weeks. Two leased Boeing 737-400s are on order. CuraçaoExel is not a separate company, but a subsidiary of Dutch Eagle Express (DEE), as is BonairExel. They are all part of the Exel Aviation Group with its head office in Amsterdam.

► **CuraçaoExel has scheduled a morning and afternoon flight to St. Martin**, Monday through Friday. The morning flight will depart from Hato, Curaçao, at 10 am, and the afternoon flight will depart at 4 pm. The return flights from St. Martin will be at 1 pm and 7 pm. On Saturdays and Sundays there will be only a morning flight. Passengers from Bonaire can connect through Curaçao without having to change planes. The flight schedule offers connection to the flights of the Dutch

CaribbeanExel (on Mondays and Thursdays) from Curaçao to Amsterdam.

CuraçaoExel will conduct the flights with an ATR that can fly to St. Marten in 1 hour and 40 minutes, only a few minutes more than a jet. The aircraft is supposed to arrive in Curaçao with CuraçaoExel livery this Friday. Round trip tickets to St. Martin from Bonaire will be NAf397 guilders, the same as from Curaçao.

► **ArubaExel can't seem to be able to get into the air.** Obtaining the necessary permits from the Aruban authorities is going much slower than anticipated. The aircraft reserved for ArubaExel, and painted in its colors, is being used by BonairExel because one of its planes is awaiting a new engine.



► **When and if it is taken over by the Exel Aviation Group, Winair**, the Central Government-owned airline that services the SSS islands (Saba, Statia and St. Maarten), will be renamed WindwardExel, announced Exel's President Harm Prins last Friday. Prins said he was "quite confident" that Exel would take

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over Winair's operations but kept all options open, as there is no final agreement yet. The deadline for the takeover is October 15, when Winair's moratorium on debt payments ends. The airline has been in financial difficulty for some time.

"There will be a solution by next week. I would be surprised if that would not be the case," Prins said. The Central Government, Winair's owner, has to be willing to sell the airline's shares to Exel, explained Prins. "At this stage we have a fair agreement with the Central Government," he said.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

Winair's shares would be transferred to **Dutch Eagle Express, the holding company established in Bonaire**. The three Windward Islands will each hold a "golden share" that will enable them to discuss inter-island connections with Exel. According to CEO Robert Gibbs, "We are committed, without pressure from government. We have to make sure the islands are connected. My family from St. Eustatius would also never accept anything else," he said. In Curaçao, Exel has CuraçaoExel, in Bonaire, BonairExel, and in Aruba, ArubaExel.



The ASSA airplane

► It's been impossible to travel to Venezuela directly from Bonaire for some time. To remedy this Jasta Travel has organized **charter flights to Valencia**, a popular destination for tourism and medical treatment. The charter airline, *Venezolano Aereo Servicio Sur America (ASSA)*, will fly its 19-passenger aircraft three times a week on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Jasta Travel at 786-9444, 569-6962 or 563-1697 or pass by their office at Flamingo Airport. The possibilities of flying to Los Roques or Margarita are being considered as well.

► While clearing Immigration in New York last week we noticed **passengers entering the US who were not US citizens were required to have their fingerprints taken** as part of the country's additional security measures. The new procedures began September 30 and will apply to almost all non-US citizens, with the exception of passengers under age 14 and over age 79.

An inkless fingerprint scanner was used to take fingerprints. A digital photograph was also made.

The process took only about two minutes. A US government release stated "As of October 26, all Visa Waiver Program (including Dutch passports) travelers entering the US must have a machine-readable passport. All regular passports issued by the Kingdom of the Netherlands since January 1, 1995, are machine-readable. For more information and questions on US entry requirements, go to Websites www.dhs.gov/us-visit www.travel.state.gov or www.state.gov.

► On top of all the usual **electric power outages, lightning caused a short-circuit** in the WEB power plant at the Trans World antenna site last Sunday. According to a WEB press release, 85% of the island was without power. The outage lasted from 4-10 hours depending on location. There were continuing outages and surges that day and the next. *The Reporter* lost power in its offices six hours the next day as well. WEB apologized for the inconvenience the power loss caused. We heard a figure of 17 outages in the

POLICE UPDATE



Charles Souriel of the Police Department reports:

For the year 2003, the Detective Department reported 200 drug related arrests and 5 other arrests, totaling 205. They confiscated 256 kg, 134.4 grams of cocaine, 2,355 grams of heroin and 4,029 grams of marijuana.

The police in Playa made 109 arrests. Rincon police arrested 22. Police in Amboina made 4 arrests.

Some of the police activity in the last week:

- Zero Tolerance control over drugs and guns continues at the SGB high school with cooperation from teachers.
- Wednesday, September 18, at dawn, J.P., 29, from the Dominican Republic was arrested for possession of drugs (cocaine, hashish, marijuana) on Kaya Jan N.E. Craane.

- Wednesday, September 18, a man reported that his car was blocked by another and four persons jumped out, two with machetes and one with a gun. A shot was fired into the right car door. The suspects were arrested but the gun wasn't found.

- Sunday, September 19, the Flamingo Team at the airport intercepted 1,085 grams of cocaine in the suitcase of suspect E.W., 32, who was leaving on the KLM for Amsterdam.

- Monday, September 27, at 4 am police apprehended a suspect (F.) in the Maduro Travel vestibule. He'd allegedly stolen a cell phone from a pickup parked in front of Montecatini Supermarket. He and another suspect (M) were taken to jail. After interrogation by the Fiscal Judge, M was released but F remains in custody. □L.D.

last two weeks. The cost of power outages to the Bonaire economy is monumental.

► **The consumer price index for Bonaire rose 0.3 % in August** compared to June of this year, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Cooking fat, meat, fish and other foodstuffs increased but was almost balanced by a price decrease of potatoes, vegetables, and fruit. The price index figure for the food sector went up by 1%. Other sectors rose a fraction of a percent but others didn't change. The so-called 12-month average of price change was 1.6% in August of this year compared

to 1.5 % in June and 1.3 % in April.

► Visiting Rincon is an authentic and laid back Bonaire experience but that doesn't mean Rinconeros aren't up to date in **making people aware of the village's attractions**. Rincon, known as the cradle of Bonairean culture, now has a website (www.infobonaire.com/rincon) which provides all the information a visitor to Bonaire needs to enjoy the Rincon area. The site, which was put together by Caribbean Design & Marketing, highlights the cultural events, marketplaces, shops, restaurants and tours that Rincon has to offer.

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A 'SMILING' FAST BALL FOR THE BONAIREAN SOFTBALL LADIES TEAM

Date: October 7th-9th
Place: La Sonrisa Ballpark
(Tera Kora)

Entering their home almost made me want to join the cast of the movie 'A League of Their Own.' Two corners of the living room of Claudette Raphaela, 34, and Edsel Pieter, 37, were full of impressive trophies and medals. The enthusiastic welcome of the friendly and dynamic couple was a good kick off for our interview.

As coordinator of the 3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament (from 7-9 October) Edsel has an impressive sports resumé. Volleyball was his first love at the age of eight. The family tradition of volleyball combined with the strict sport discipline at school made him excel. Not long after he joined the most famous sport in his hometown: baseball. At 17 he had to make a choice between the two sports due to school obligations. Volleyball made it. During the next years he participated in international competitions.



When he was 21 a talent scout discovered his talent for softball and offered him the opportunity for a 'Fast Pitch' (the highest division in softball). He has an official international degree as volleyball trainer of the FIVB (the French official international volleyball organization). In addition to this he's an official international softball trainer and nationally recognized softball umpire. Last but not least he's part of the veteran soccer team and loves to cycle with Claudette. Edsel is currently working as a purchaser for an engineering company.

Claudette also has a long and impressive history as a sportswoman. She was already playing softball at primary school. Billiards was her next 'thing' during her late teens. The physical drilling at the Police Academy on Curaçao paid off during several tournaments of both sports. From '91 until '95 she received several medals and trophies for, among others, 'most valuable player' and 'batting champion.' She's a fervent swimmer, cyclist and is the current chairperson of the board for the ladies softball

team, *Sonrisa* (which means smile; the male softball team's name is *La Sonrisa*). Claudette is currently serving her island as a police officer.

"A stable and well-structured youth sport policy is essential for Bonaire," explains Edsel. "It prevents that (situation where) talented Bonairean youngsters stand out abroad instead of on their own island." He provides several painful examples of Bonairean boys and girls who, once recognized and admired for their talents abroad, were forced to play against Bonaire.

Claudette totally agrees and explains the existing situation in the ladies softball team. "It's hard to get women over 35 to come to training as their tight family schedule and work make it difficult. If they had the opportunity to start when they were kids, it would be much easier to make it a regular life style." Both Claudette and Edsel explain the success

of the Curaçao and Aruban sports teams: they all got their motivation as kids, and possibilities are created for upgrading to divisions.

Edsel and Claudette have a well prepared program for hosting the 3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament, a tradition that started two years ago on Curaçao. The Regatta board applauded the initiative by recognizing this tournament as part of the official Regatta events. This tournament is dedicated to Ms. Bernadette Windster who worked hard to start ladies' softball teams back in 1992.

After months of preparations and hard work Claudette managed to hand in this program two weeks in advance to the participants and press. It's indeed a sports program, but still there will be plenty of time to socialize through gatherings and parties. Don't let them pass you a 'fast ball' and miss this event! □
Natalie A.C. Wanga

Schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 7
Opening Ceremony 18.30
Aruba v/s Bonaire 19.00
Curaçao v/s Sint Maarten 20.30

Friday, Oct. 8
Anguilla v/s Aruba 14.00
Curaçao v/s Bonaire 15.30
Sint Maarten v/s Anguilla 17.00
Bonaire v/s Sint Maarten 18.30
DANCE at Tera Cora Ranch
(Naf10) Glenn and Friends
Dj. Juan Danger, and
Dj. Shanon Isabella.

Saturday, Oct. 8

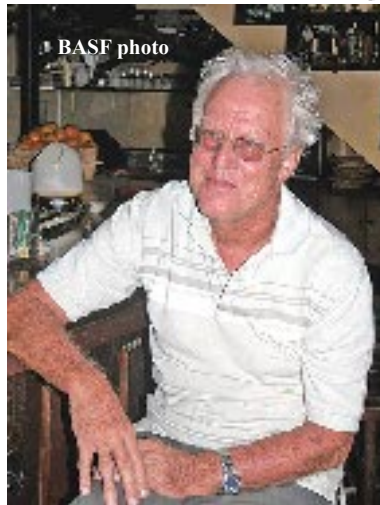
Anguilla v/s Curaçao 10.00
Sint Maarten v/s Aruba 11.30
Bonaire v/s Anguilla 13.00
Aruba v/s Curaçao 14.30
FINAL 16.00
Prize Giving 18.00

The Teams:

Anguilla Anguilla Doves
Aruba Valero Angels
Bonaire SBT Sonrisa
Curaçao The Champion
Mercedes Benz
Sint Maarten The Traitors

REGATTA

Regatta 2004 is dedicated to Dutch/Aruban Captain Frans Hogesteeger who has participated in the Bonaire Regatta since 1968 when he was a crewman aboard Mike Hagedoorn's yacht Rex. Following that he competed in his own yachts, Lady Samantha and Lady Samantha II. He actively promotes the participation of Arubans to compete in our Regatta.



Captain Frans Hogesteeger

It's Regatta Time again in Bonaire. This year the Regatta returns to a full program of events after last year's laid back event. Following the traditional **Skipper's Meeting** at Regatta House on Sunday, October 3, the public events will begin with the **Parade of Nations** through the streets of Kralendijk. Everyone is welcome to march along the waterfront and through the streets to represent their country. Did you know that among Bonaire's 13,000 or so people, over 40 nationalities are represented? So join in, show up, dressed up in clothes representative of your country or carry flags at 6:30 pm Sunday at Regatta House. Carin Eckrich, head of the American contingent, would like to see a big group of Americans dress in Red, White and Blue and carrying flags.

Racing begins out in Kralendijk with the event's longest races to Lac Bay and around the island bright and early at 7:30 on Monday morning. Come out to the promenade and enjoy the spectacle of fast boats and billowing spinnakers.

Races continue all week, the **windsurfers** at Lac, the **sailboats** and **microboats** in Kralendijk Bay. After the races there



Tambu under sail.

are **happy hours** and later in the evening the **Regatta Festival** with booths and entertainment for all. Later in the week look for more **parades, kayak races, running, swimming, a bike show and the Ladies International Softball Tournament at the Sonrisa Ballpark!**

The 37th Edition of the Regatta marks a resurgence of the event. Be there and be part of it. □ G.D.

37th BONAIRE REGATTA 2004 PROGRAM

Saturday October 02nd 2004

1400-1800 Pre-Registrations Kas di Regatta

Sunday October 3rd 2004

0700-1000 Pia Pia Regatta Walk * Kas di Regatta
 0900-1400 Registrations, Kas di Regatta
 1830-1930 Skippers Briefing/Opening Regatta, Kas di Regatta
 1930-2030 All Nations Parade * Kralendijk Streets
 2000-0100 Opening Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Monday October 4th 2004

0730-1700 Sailing Races Kas di Regatta
 1230-1300 Press Briefing Kas di Regatta
 1400-1730 DJ Music/Activities Kas di Regatta
 1600-2000 After the Race Happy Hour Kas di Regatta
 2000-0100 Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Tuesday October 5th 2004

1000-1700 Sailing Races Kas di Regatta
 1230-1300 Press Briefing Kas di Regatta
 1400-1730 DJ Music/Activities Kas di Regatta
 1600-2000 After the Race Happy Hour Kas di Regatta
 1900-2030 Fishing Boats Registration Kas di Regatta
 2000-0100 Regatta Festival Regatta Boulevard

Wednesday October 6th 2004

0830-1030 Kayak Races Round Kl. Bonaire * Kas di Regatta
 1000-1200 Fishing Boat Races Kas di Regatta
 1000-1700 Windsurfing Freestyle Sorobon Beach
 1230-1300 Press Briefing Kas di Regatta

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1300-1600	Micro Boat Races/Swimming contest	Kas di Regatta
1400-1730	DJ Music/Activities	Kas di Regatta
1730-1830	19 th Comcabon-Web Regatta Run	*Web Office
1830-2130	Participants BBQ Party	Kas di Regatta
2000-0100	Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

Thursday October 7th 2004

1000-1700	Sailing Races	Kas di Regatta
1100-1300	Kayak Races *	Kas di Regatta
1230-1300	Press Briefing	Kas di Regatta
1400-1730	DJ Music/Activities	Kas di Regatta
1500-1700	Fishing Boat Races	Kas di Regatta
1500-1800	Windsurfing Kids Races	Sorobon Beach
1600-1800	Micro Boat Races/Swimming Contest	Kas di Regatta
1600-2000	After the Race Happy Hour	Kas di Regatta
1730-1900	Working Boat Parade *	Kralendijk Harbour
1830-2300	3 rd Int'l Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
2000-0100	Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

Friday October 8th 2004

1000-1700	Sailing Races	Kas di Regatta
1200-1230	Press Briefing	Kas di Regatta
1400-1900	Music/Activities	Kas di Regatta
1400-1800	3 rd Int'l Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
1500-1700	Fishing Boat Races	Kas di Regatta
1500-1700	Windsurfing Kids Races	Sorobon Beach
1600-1730	Micro Boat Races/Swimming Contest	Kas di Regatta
2000-2130	Awards Ceremony/Closing Regatta	Kas di Regatta
2130-0300	Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

Saturday October 9th 2004

1000-1800	Final Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
1600-1800	12 th Niki Tromp Youth Bike Show *	St. Bernardus School
2000-0300	Closing Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

- For Information about the Nations Parade, contact Felix (Papy) Cicilia tel. (5999) 5607440 or at Dept. of Culture
- For Kayak Races, contact Andre Nahr at Bonaire Dive and Adventure tel. (599717) 2227

- For the Comcabon/Web Regatta Run, contact Mr. R. Pietersz at tel. (599717) 8629
- For the Working Boat Parade, contact Capt. Ulf Pedersen of Woodwind at tel. 5607055
- For the Niki Tromp Youth Bike Show, contact Mr. Churney Bomba at tel. (599717) 6873 or (5999) 5684565
- For the 3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament, contact Edsel Pieter at 7860406
- For the Pia Pia Regatta Walk, contact Dalitza Victorina-Rijna at 7860299 or Natalie Wanga at 7862225

The above general program is subject to changes. Regatta Festival offers a variety of stands with food, souvenirs, games, shirts, bars, and shows nightly with live local and international bands.

PIA PIA REGATTA WALK

WARM-UP THOSE FEET BEFORE GETTING THEM WET DURING REGATTA!

What happens when a beautiful mermaid falls in love with a handsome hiker? You can guess. The same synergy occurred when the official Regatta board and the walking group, *Pia Pia Kumuku Bieu*, started working together. For the first time during the famous Regatta week there will be a warming-up kick-off with Bonaire's most famous and jolliest walking group. You're invited on Sunday October 3rd for a 10k walk starting from and finishing at the Regatta headquarters (*Kas di Regatta*) on the boulevard (*Malecon*). It will be an early bird walk at 7 am, but who can resist the breathtaking sunrise, spectacular ocean view and



fresh air? Besides, everyone will be having breakfast at the end. And all this for only NAf7,50 per person (including water supply during the walk). Want to show off your new official Regatta shirt? For only an additional NAf12,50 it will be yours (normal price NAf15). You don't have to be in extremely good shape to participate. It will be a fun walk and assistance is available if you decide to stop on the way. For tickets or more info call Natalie Wanga at 786-2225 or Dalitza Victorina at 786-0299. Tickets are also available on Sunday, but be on time. □ *Natalie.A.C. Wanga*

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► **Sapphira Coffie was awarded a Doctorate in Human Resources Management** by the University of Rotterdam. Her parents are magistrate Walter Coffie and radio host Linda Coffie. Congratulations to all and success to Sapphira in her new career.



Sapphira Coffie



► Artist Janice Huckaby writes: "Did you know that Bonaire Arts and Crafts, a little octagon shaped building in front of the SVB Bank building, is a non-profit art foundation for the artists of Bonaire? The official



► **The TCB office staff celebrated Rolando Marin's 10th year Anniversary working at TCB Bonaire. Rolando is one of the TCB's most familiar faces since he is in the front office and is the main tour guide for all VIPs and press agents coming to Bonaire. Congratulations Rolando!**

name is Foundation *Arte Industrial Boneriano*. The director is Ms. Lydia Welvaart.

The building really needs a fresh coat of paint. Donations of paint and paint brushes, new or used, would be appreciated. Volunteers will be painting the building with art murals of the island. The children of this Foundation also need paint and brushes to continue making driftwood and calabash souvenirs to be sold at the store. If you have any supplies that can be used please phone 717-7117 or 717-5246. We will

be glad to pick up the supplies, or you can bring them to the Bonaire Art & Craft Store. Hours are from 8 am to noon; 2 to 5 pm weekdays."

► This Saturday, October 2, the Cinnamon Art Gallery will host an opening of guest artists **Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad** at the Gallery from



LETTERS

Dear Editor:

It's about that five-story building in Flotsam and Jetsam. (Reporter Sept. 17-24 edition)

"We want a vacation in nice and quiet places with some fine and beautiful views," said my family. "We'll never go to Aruba again (because of) those big building we see all over America."

One of the Arabic states has a building restriction: "You have permission to build as high as a palm tree grows." How wise !!!

Roest.

7 to 9 pm.

Come meet the artists and enjoy traditional Bonairean music and food.

The exhibit will extend to November 3. Cinnamon Art Gallery, of the Bonaire Artists Foundation, is on Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. (See their ad on page 13.) □ G./L.D.



WINDSURF SCENE AT SOROBON

WINDSURF WALKABOUT IN BONAIRE

Bonaire has a magical quality that attracts people from all walks of life. The sea adventures and a wide variety of land activities offer something for everyone. Some people are really addicted to this island, coming back two and sometimes three times a year.

One windsurf addict is Jeff Adams from Las Vegas, Nevada. Jeff is taking a hiatus from life and is doing "A Walk-about," visiting friends and family and traveling to some windsurf hot spots such as Bonaire. Jeff was back for his third trip this year, and he came back with a vengeance in hopes of nailing some more freestyle moves to his current repertoire.

When Jeff first came to Bonaire, rumor had it that he was the skateboard champion, Tony Hawk. He is tall like Tony, but his sport is windsurfing, not skateboarding. The name has stuck and many on the beach simply call him "Tony." This 43-year-old is a friendly approachable guy sporting a wide grin almost daily. He is a natural athlete in tiptop form. Jeff's dynamic personality makes him a favorite repeater amongst the windsurf crowd. He is in Bonaire so frequently that he is considered one of the locals.

In Jeff's earlier days he coached seven Olympians at Florida State University and the University of North Carolina in Track and Field. Jeff was formerly a world class pole vaulter with a personal best of 5.65 meters. Before his walk-about, he was VP of Marketing for the

largest home builder in the world, D.R. Horton Homes.

As a lifelong jock, Jeff is inspired to learn as many freestyle moves as possible. He finds Bonaire offers the perfect freestyle conditions to perfect his kooky maneuvers. Jeff was currently recuperating from a windsurf-related rib injury, which prevented him from nailing down some of the more difficult moves. When he's not sailing he's producing windsurf videos for his personal use. He likes to capture images of the windsurf scene in Bonaire. Jeff's most recent video, "The



2004 Bonaire Wave Challenge," was premiered at Gameland in June. The house was packed with young and old sailors hoping to get a glimpse of themselves in the latest flick. There was no disappointment this time as Jeff's film captured some of the best of Bonaire windsurf bloopers as well as incredible tricks thrown by the local talent.

Adding a nice music dub made it an entertaining yet imaginative film effort covering one of the many windsurf events that is regularly a part of this island community. The crowd loved his latest production and eagerly awaits his next cinematic endeavor.

Jeff travels here often with his life partner, Tina. They are so enchanted by Bonaire that they are scouting around for a second residence. Jeff and Tina embrace Bonaire for the simplicity it offers in contrast to the lights and sounds familiar



Ann Phelan photo

Jeff Adams—Windsurf Addict

to their home base in Las Vegas.

Jeff represents the heart and soul of windsurfing. He seeks to challenge himself and immerse himself in an island community that offers a healthy wholesome lifestyle. Jeff is one of many Bonaire Windsurf Junkies. □ Ann 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

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
10-01	0:09	1.0FT.	85
10-02	1:27	0.9FT.	77
10-03	2:16	0.8FT.	67
10-04	2:54	0.8FT.	56
10-05	3:32	0.8FT.	46
10-06	4:01	0.8FT.	37
10-07	4:26	0.8FT.	31
10-08	4:51	0.9FT.	31

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Akka	Iliza	Santa Maria, Sweden
Angie	Jeanius	Scintilla, Germany
Alegria, USA	Joy	Side by Side
Alaluya	Leprechaun	Sirius
Alina	Macaby, Netherlands	Sommer Fuglen
Baku	Maggie	Sojourner
Bright Sea	Makai	Southern Cross
Camissa, Chan Is.	Marathon	Starlight Dancer
Camperdown	Marina Em	Sylvia K
Cape Kathryn	Marnel IV	Sylvester, USA
Chacuco	Moon Rice	Ti Amo, USA
Cop Out	Natural Selection, USA	Tothill
Delphinus	Ottifant	Ty Dewi, USA
El Sabor	Paganini II	Tween
Escapade	Pamela Jean	Ulu Ulu, USA
Fan-Fan	Pastime	Unicorn, Norway
Flying Cloud, USA	Pomona	Varedhuni, Germany
Frajola	Precocious Gale, USA	Windboer III
Gatsby, USA	Revid	Windmiller, Canada
Gosi	Reward	Ya-T, BVI
Grey Lady	Rumbacon	Zahi, Malta
Guacamar I, Venezuela.	Safari	
Honalee	Sandpiper, USA	

Entry Fee: NAF 15,-
Includes lunch and drink



4th swim to Klein Bonaire

Sunday 03 October from Bongo's Beach
Be there at 8 AM

Tickets at Jong Bonaire,
Bonfysiotherapie, Croccantino & De Freewieler

A Jong Bonaire fundraiser
for anyone who can swim.

It's this weekend! Sunday, October 3rd at Bongo's Beach. For the fourth year in a row, the public is invited to swim to Klein Bonaire (and back too, if they wish). There aren't many rules. You can use fins, masks, snorkels, even a dolphin assist or nothing at all except your swimsuit. There's no time limit; it's not a race either. Last year participants ranged from ages 3 to 73. It's simply loads of fun and a great chance to get together.

The cost, a donation to Jong Bonaire, is only NAF15, and includes lunch and a soft drink. You can buy your tickets at BonFysio, Croccantino Restaurant and De Freewieler bike shop.

Last year a record 199 swimmers took part. Peter Zweers was first to finish in about 27 minutes, 38 seconds. The strong trade winds kicked up a chop and encouraged a strong northward-flowing current which made the 1,600-meter round trip challenging. The last swimmer needed over two hours to complete the round trip. □ G.D.



One of the escort boats

Where were you during last Sunday's Thunderstorm storm?

Elsmarie Beukenboom photo



Part of the group that braved rain, thunder and lightning
to clean up Klein Bonaire

Last Sunday morning the planned cleanup of the turtle nesting beaches on Klein Bonaire was hampered by rain and an electric storm which kept some participants away. Nevertheless 11 people did show up and filled 50 sacks with beach trash. Most of the trash found from south of Nearest Point consisted of plastic bottles. The volunteers deserve high marks for fortitude. And the nesting turtles of Klein Bonaire can continue to find clean beaches to prowl to lay their precious eggs. □ From press release by Elsmarie Beukenboom

CORAL SPAWN 2004

Sept. 5 2004 Time: 21:23:47
Sea Aquarium reef, Curacao
Photo: Maryke Klotzowsky



Spawning Coral and Christmas Tree Worms

The annual coral spawn takes place five to seven days after the full moon in September and October. This year the spawn is more difficult to predict by the months because the full moons fall at the end of the months of August and September. So the full moon that was the trigger for the September spawn was really in August. The moon was again full on September 28, creating the October spawning event.

In August the spawn was modest. Some corals produced eggs and sperm for release, but the main spawning event is more likely to be on October 3, 4 or 5. This is an exciting time for the coral reef. Sponges, Brittle Stars, and Sea Cucumbers also spawn at this time of the year. Corals produce their dramatic show late in the evening between 9 and 11 pm, but some of the other creatures spawn during the day.

A good coral spawn insures a new generation of corals, thus perpetuating the coral reef. It is great fun to watch. So Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 3, 4 and 5, are good nights to be out on the reef after dinner enjoying the show. □

Jessie Armacost

Background: Information:

Individual Corals spawn only once a year, mostly at night. How they manage to synchronize the event remains a mystery. Fewer than 20 years ago, conventional wisdom held that coral reefs did not propagate sexually, but passively and vegetatively, like some plants. Then in the mid-1980s scientists began to document a remarkable natural event. Once a year several species of reef-building corals spawn en masse, spewing out billions of eggs and sperm into the water. The discovery of this phenomenon has shed new light on the intricate workings of the reef and is especially significant in recent efforts to rebuild and reconstruct reefs.

Now that scientists know that coral reefs time their mass reproduction according to a lunar calendar, they are getting better at predicting spawning times, but how the corals synchronize their reproductive cycles to go off once a year remains a biological mystery. Bonaire is at the forefront of helping to solve the mystery. □ *G.D.*



Montastraea coral spawning

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

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Big Yard Sale This weekend, 10-2 and 2, corner of Kaya Mandolin and Nikiboko South. Only 60 shopping days until Christmas.

WANTED

Wanted: **clothes and toys for boy** of 3. Tel. 717-79778

PEN PAL WANTED email: ali_mun2001@yahoo.com or chat only: munawarali13@hotmail.com Mr. Munawar Ali, A-17, 106 Depot Lines, Karachi 74400, Pakistan

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.

Female dog, short hair - light tan in color.

Found near the traffic circle by Sand Dollar Grocery. She is wearing a black buckle-style collar.



If these dogs are yours, or if you think you may know the dogs' owners please contact the Animal Shelter at: #717-4989. Open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

PROPERTY

WANTED: 2-3 bedroom furnished house Jan. 10- June 10. Budget 500-700,00 NAF per month. Email tysonpoor@hotmail.com or call 785-6820. Island references available.

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

Oceanfront, furnished, 2 bedroom apartment for rent in Belnem. Call 717-8603.

BOATS & ENGINES for SALE

For sale: **Narwahl rubber boat** (5 meters) with polyester bottom, colors red with black, needs a little fixing, NAf1500 . Tel. 717-7977

JUST IN TIME FOR REGATTA

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



FOR SALE

For sale: **Almost new stroller**, NAf 100. Tel. 717-7977

PET of the WEEK

Smiling little "Ashley" was found all alone on a road and brought into the Shelter. Now that she's in a place where she feels secure her real personality has come out. She's perky and a very upbeat little pup and is about two and a half months old. She's been checked over by the vet, given her shots, wormed and declared ready for adoption. Ashley should grow up to be a small dog, so if you're looking for a lap dog, she could be it. You may see Ashley and all the other social and healthy cats and dogs up for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

clean the cells of toxins. Digestive glands secrete their fluids better and the bowels move more easily.

Join your pet in jogging, taking a walk, playing ball or chasing sticks and Frisbees.

Nearly all dogs benefit from half an hour or more of daily vigorous exercise. If your pet is old and weak or has a bad heart, settle for slow walks around the block.

Cats, on the other hand, are not inclined to chase balls or jog, but they usually get enough exercise if they are allowed outside part of the time and have a suitable place to scratch. Most love to play 'thing on a string,' chasing and batting at a piece of string with a loop or mouse toy attached." □ L.D.



"Ashley"

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



The Bonairean Aquatics Club, "Barracudas," was officially founded on September 14. Its purpose is the practice and promotion of aquatic sports including swimming and water polo. The club also plans local aquatic sports competitions. Club officers are President, Simone Sweers; Secretary, Valarie Stimpson; and Treasurer, Maya Oleana-Claassen. The Barracudas have 45 members in the 6 to 16 age swim division, 15 members in the Jong Bonaire swim program and 10 members in the water polo group. The Barracudas have petitioned for membership in the Swimming Association of the Netherlands Antilles (NAZB). Once the affiliation process is completed Bonaire swimmers will be eligible to compete in NAZB sanctioned aquatic sports competitions.

Bonairean Aquatics Bond

The Bonairean Aquatics Bond was also formed on September 14. This association is charged with overseeing local aquatic sports competitions, including Bonaire championships, representing the interests of Bonaire aquatic sports participants in the exterior, promoting aquatic sports locally, giving support and technical advice to various aquatic sport concerns, assisting and supervising present and future Bonaire aquatic sports clubs, and the arbitration of aquatic sports issues in general. Association officers are President Simone Sweers; Secretary and Commissioner of Competition, Valarie Stimpson; Treasurer Maya Oleana-Claassen; and Commissioner of Water Polo, Frank Böhm. With the founding of this organization Bonaire becomes only the second island in the Netherlands Antilles to have its own aquatic sports association.

New Barracuda Training Schedule

Effective October 1st the following training schedule for the Bonaire Barracudas Aquatics Club:

Age Group I & II and Fun Swim I & II (Ages 6 – 16)

Monday 17.15 – 18.15

Wednesday 17.15 – 18.15

Friday 17.15 – 18.15

Jong Bonaire and Adult Swim

Tuesday 17.00 – 18.00

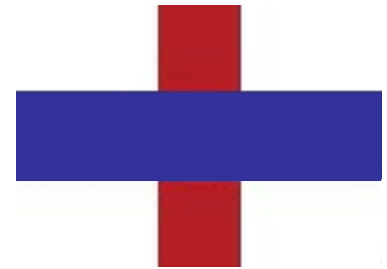
Water Polo

Tuesday 18.00 – 19.00

Adult Swim is a new club division open to fitness swimmers. Please contact Valarie Stimpson at valarie@telbonet.an if you are interested in participating. □ Valarie Stimpson

Referendum Followup - The Jesurun Report

A New Structure for the Netherlands Antilles?



If the Dutch daily newspaper, *NRC Handelsblad*, is correct about the draft of the final report of the Jesurun Committee, it could offer firm direction and impetus toward a new structure for the islands of the Netherlands Antilles.

The *NRC Handelsblad* obtained a copy of the draft of the final report of the Jesurun Committee which makes recommendations on the future of the Netherlands Antilles. Its recommendations coincide with the outcome of the Bonaire Referendum. The report prepared, by a work group on administrative and financial reforms headed by Edsel "Papi" Jesurun, is to be presented to the Dutch and Antillean Governments next week.

It will propose reforms making Curaçao and St. Maarten autonomous countries within the Dutch Kingdom. Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire would get direct ties with Holland. A majority voted for that option in the recently completed Bonaire referendum. This would also spell the end for the Netherlands Antilles, says the Dutch newspaper. The work group will also propose that Holland take over a large part of the NAf4.8 billion debt of the islands. The interest would still have to be paid by the Antilles, but at a much lower rate of 3% to Holland instead of some 9% to financial institutions in the Netherlands Antilles.

"Both Minister Thom de Graaf (Kingdom Relations) and the Antillean Cabinet have already indicated that the advice will weigh heavily," *NRC* writes.

For Curaçao and St. Maarten to become autonomous countries, considerable investments will be needed in law enforcement, public finances and proper governance. In addition, the 50-year-old Kingdom Charter, the Antillean Constitution and the Islands Regulation ERNA will have to be amended. The committee urges quick decision making. A "Round Table Conference" has been scheduled for mid-2005, at which the dragging constitutional issue must be resolved for once and for all. Up to now the impression was that the committee would advise keeping some Central Government, but in a slimmed down form.

The Dutch 2005 budget mentions the premise of maximum authority for the islands, minimal tasks for the Central Government and crucial responsibilities for the Kingdom. The proposal is not entirely new. Then Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers had already suggested in the early 1990s to make Bonaire, Statia and Saba "Kingdom islands," where the Dutch Government would take care of the most important government tasks. The proposal sees voluntary cooperation between the islands for justice, monetary policy, the Social Insurance Bank-SVB, the pension fund and education. New tasks would have to revert to Kingdom administration.

Granted, it is only the advice of a work group, but it is one that carries considerable weight, as an initiative of the Dutch Kingdom Relations Minister, Thom de Graaf. Up to now The Hague had always insisted that a breaking up the Antilles or separate status such as that of Aruba was out of the question for other islands, yet that's what the work group appears to be proposing. □ G.D.



BONAIRE HIT PARADE



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3.	2	1	X-CLUSIVE	BERDAT SIN MIEDU
4.	5	1	FRUKO Y SUS TESOS	FRUKO'S BOGALOO
5.	9	1	FORSA DOS	WAK BO BIDA
6.	6	1	MICHELE HENDERSON	PAS LESSE MWEN
7.	11	1	MC WILLIAM/STEPHEN	PIEDRA PRECIOSA
8.	12	1	NINA SKY	MOVE YA BODY
9.	13	1	MC FARAH	WEG'I BASEBALL
10.	14	1	NELLY FEAT. JAHEIM	MY PLACE
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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 Clearing
(Robert Redford)

Early Show (usually 7pm)
Cat Woman
(Halle Berry)

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

Thursday, September 30—NEW DATE- SGB CULINARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DINNER, at Chez Nous, SGB (high school) 6:30 pm. To help send four students to study cuisine in Italy for 4 weeks. Call for reservations 717-8120.

Saturday, October 2—Cinnamon Art Gallery Opening of Artists Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad, 7-9pm (see ad on page 13)

Sunday, October 3—4th Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire sponsored by Jong Bonaire, from Bongo's Beach, 8 am (See page 10.)

Sunday October 3—Pia Pia Kunuku Bieu Early Bird 10k Walk, 7 am, finishing with breakfast. Start and finish at the Regatta headquarters. (See page 7.)

October 3-10—37th Annual Bonaire International Sailing Regatta (see pages 6 and 7 for full Regatta schedule)

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. **Dance Friday** at Tera Cora Ranch: Music by Glenn and Friends; Dj. Juan Danger, and Dj. Shanon Isabella. (See page 5 for complete schedule)

COMING

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 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 Topsy 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

Bonaire Arts and Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonieriano) 717-5246 or 717-7117

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

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

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

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

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



Marshe Rincon Saturday, October 2nd

Marshé Rincon celebrates a Grand Regatta Gathering.

Watapana and DJ Anibel entertain us from early in the morning till 4'o clock in the afternoon

Come enjoy our cultural harvest dance: the "Wapa."

Our booths will display art, handicrafts and souvenirs.

Indulge yourself with our delicious local dishes, grill, sweets and more.

From early sunrise breakfast to late afternoon Warapa refreshment

Come enjoy our Culture
Nos ta wardabo (We expect you)

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.

Rincon Marshé- every Saturday - 6 am to 3 pm. Open market in Bonaire's historic town.

Soldachi Tours show you the Rincon area . Alta Mira

Nature Walking Tour at 6:30 am.

Town Walking tour at 9:30, Bus

Tour at 10. Call Maria at 717-6435 to reserve.

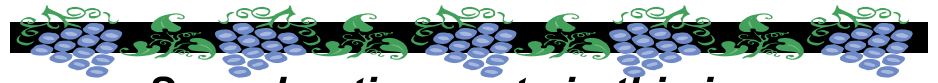
CHURCH SERVICES

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

DINING GUIDE



See advertisements in this issue

RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and beautiful turquoise setting when enjoying a breakfast buffet or a la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Enjoy inspiring vistas and a high standard of international cuisine.
Croccantino Italian Restaurant Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Skilled chef direct from Tuscany prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and romantic setting make dining a total delight. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
Garden Café Kaya Grandi 59 717-3410	Moderate Monday-Friday, Lunch & Dinner Saturday, Dinner. Closed Sunday	Finely prepared Middle Eastern cuisine plus Venezuelan specialties. Excellent vegetarian selections. Pizza and Latin Parilla
The Last Bite Bakery CLOSED Sept. 23 thro Oct. 14. 717-3293 Home Delivery or Take Out	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers gourmet class items - always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
The Lost Penguin Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side Caribbean-style bistro owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
Nonchi's at Cultimara 791-4280	Low Open 5 am-8 pm Monday-Saturday	Delicious local and international food to take out, or eat there. Everyday a different combo. Sandwiches and roast chicken too. Lunch from NA/7-
Pasa Bon Pizza On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 790-1111	Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday	Bonaire's best. The Real Thing! Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Call ahead to eat-in or take out 790-1111
The Seahorse Cyber Café Kaya Grandi #6. Phone 717-4888	Low-Moderate Open 7 am - 7 pm Closed Sunday	Tasty breakfasts, pastries, fresh tropical juices, homemade bread, special sandwiches, delicious desserts and more make this a favorite.



SHOPPING GUIDE

See advertisements in this issue



AIRLINES

BonairExel. Bonaire's own ON TIME airline flying between Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba. Look for *The Bonaire Reporter* on board.

APPLIANCES/FURNITURE/COMPUTERS

City Shop is Bonaire's mega-store for TV, Stereos, Air conditioning, large and small kitchen appliances, computers. Name brands, guarantees and service center.

BANKS

Maduro and Curiel's Bank provides the greatest number of services, branches and ATMs of any Bonaire bank. They also offer investments and insurance.

BEAUTY PARLOR

Hair Affair. Expert hair cutting, styling, facials, waxing and professional nail care.

BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS

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

BOOKS

Watercolours Bonaire and **Eye on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao** are the most original ways to remember Bonaire and the islands at their best. At Photo Tours and many other island shops.

Bonaire Diving Made Easy, Third Edition, is an essential in your dive bag. The latest information on Bonaire's shore dive sites.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

APA Construction are professional General Contractors. They also specialize in creating patios and walkways with fabulous sprayed and stamped concrete pavement.

CYBER CAFES

See Restaurant Guide for **The Seahorse Cyber Café.**

DIVING

Carib Inn is the popular 10-room inn with top-notch dive shop and well stocked retail store. Best book trade on Bonaire. Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q.

Dive Inn Seven studio apartments and dive shop/school directly on the waterfront in the heart of town. Friendly, highly experienced with an exceptional staff.

FITNESS

Bonfysio offers comprehensive fitness programs to suit your needs whether they be weight loss, sports or just keeping in shape. Convenient schedule.

Fit 4 Life at the Plaza Resort Mall. Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.

GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Green Label has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals.

HOTELS

Golden Reef Inn is the affordable alternative with fully equipped studio apartments in a quiet Bonaire neighborhood. Just a 3-minute to diving and the sea.

METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP

b c b- Botterop Construction Bonaire N.V., offers outstanding fabrication of all metal products, including stainless. Complete machine shop too.

PHOTO FINISHING

Paradise Photo in the Galleries Shopping Center offers fast, fine processing for prints and slides plus a variety of items and services for your picture-taking pleasure.

REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

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Luz Marina Lara-Gaviria

“I came to help my sister Lola and her husband who owned a restaurant on the road to Sorobon. It was called ‘Egretta,’ now ‘Kontiki.’ I was 22. It was very difficult for me to leave Colombia because I was doing theatre work and folk dancing; we didn’t get paid, it was just to be happy.

Bonaire was very different and small. I wasn’t planning to stay at all, so after three months I went back to Colombia. Then Lola called and said she wanted to come to Colombia for two or three months and she needed me in the restaurant. While I was working there the owner of Sorobon Beach Resort, Loes Rood, saw me, liked me instantly and offered me a job. I accepted and after one week Loes asked me if I had another sister. I said yes because we’re eight sisters and two brothers! But the one I was thinking of was Eunice, younger and prettier than I! Eunice was 18, still in high school. It was a hard decision, but she came.

It was so nice to have my sisters, but Eunice made our life miserable. She was very young, very beautiful and Bonaire was very small; there was nothing for her to do. At the time neither of us could speak a word of English, we didn’t have a driver’s license, so we were stuck at Sorobon, the very end of the island. We were young and full of life and everybody liked us. It was a perfect time! But Eunice didn’t want to stay; she wanted to go to university. One day when Lola and I were completely tired of her complaints, we told her, ‘Go back! But you have to tell Loes and Karl yourself that you’re leaving.’ That changed her mind somehow. She stayed. Three years later she found a perfect husband in Peter Lensvelt. They fell in love. It was really love! They have three beautiful kids and they’re living in Spain now. My sister Lola and her husband Robert Seket are living in The Hague and they have two beautiful children.

I’d been working at Sorobon for about two years when a very nice couple from Germany invited me to come and visit them. I didn’t take it seriously, but three months later the woman called me from Germany to tell me that she was pregnant and would I come to take care of the baby when it was born. At the same time a very attractive German boy came to work at Sorobon. He was sitting outside and I remember thinking, ‘Oh, how horrible! How white he looks!’ But that was before I noticed his eyes. He was only staying for six months and when he was about to go back the couple called me to tell me that their baby was born. Stefan and I were in love so to-

gether we left for Germany, he to Berlin and I to Hamburg. For seven months we traveled back and forth to see each other, but with my Latin soul and my hot blood I couldn’t live in such a cold climate. You see, we can do it, but just as a break, not forever.”

Luz Marina Lara-Gaviria (41) is a woman who knows how to tell a story; she has a great sense of humor; her English is perfect; she’s elegant and she’s pretty. “I came back to Bonaire. Loes was very happy and gave me my old job back. Stefan came several times to Bonaire and I went a few times to Germany, but he didn’t want to live on Bonaire and for sure I wasn’t going to live in Germany, so it ended.

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When Sorobon Beach Hotel was sold, Loes was very generous and gave me and Eunice some money. I had this dream of building my own house in Colombia, so I went back to find that the money wasn’t enough! One month later Loes came to visit me and the first thing she said was, ‘Don’t you want to come back to Sorobon?’ And again, there I went with my backpack to Bonaire!

Anyway, now I have a very beautiful house in Colombia, in Guarne, in the countryside, close to Medellin. My mom lives in my house and my brothers have their *fincas* and land nearby. It’s up in the mountains where it’s cold and green and where you can smell the earth. I love to sit in the kitchen with my mom and my sisters and talk all day. I am very happy with my sisters and brothers; it’s like having nine best friends!

Okay, where were we? I learned English because I needed it in my life and in my work. For three years I took courses and my vision of the world changed completely because I could communicate with more people. I could apply for better jobs and get ahead in life. But first I had to get my driver’s

license, to be able to go to Playa to my English course. I stayed with the new managers of the hotel for one year. Dolf Huijgers, the new owner of Sorobon Beach Hotel, asked me if I wanted to work at the ‘Red Pelican’ (now ‘Kontiki’). I did that for one year. Then I met this couple from Aruba, homeopathic doctors, who were opening the Crystal Light Center in Nikiboko. I went to their workshops for six months and they offered me a job in October 1996. It was only part time, so I worked at the Spa in Harbor Village in the afternoons.

A little bit earlier, July 20th, all of us Colombians had celebrated our Independence Day with a very big party at Kunuku Warahama. It was there that I saw Francisco Cano doing the horse show. He was so impressive that I fell head over heels in love with him! I asked a friend to introduce us. She did, but nothing happened as he had a girlfriend. Nevertheless, we became good friends. After he and his girlfriend split up we became involved and fell in love. It wasn’t much later that I found out that I was pregnant. I was 35 and felt happy and quiet inside. I stayed on Bonaire until I was seven months pregnant, then I didn’t want to be here anymore with the heat and the mosquitoes so I went to Colombia to have my baby. It was perfect! Everybody was very happy, except for Francisco. He had to stay because he was working.

Our son Jean-Paul was born in 1998. When I came back I brought my mom with me to look after the baby. I started working again for Harbor Village, but I also gave my brother-in-law, Peter, a helping hand at the reception at Lion’s Dive, I worked for Desiree at ‘A Place for You.’ I did all kinds of jobs.

Two years after my sister Eunice and her family left for Spain I decided it was time for me and Jean-Paul to go and live there too. Francisco couldn’t come because his Dutch passport wasn’t ready. We stayed for 14 months. I had my own massage center in a little town close to Malaga. It was very good in summer, but in winter there were too few people to make a living. And Jean-Paul missed his father very much. He’d started stuttering. I decided we should



Jean-Paul, Luz Marina, and Francisco

come back and live our lives again on Bonaire.

Well, for now I’m going to stay here. We have a very beautiful *kunuku* with all the animals. We have land in Nort di Salina and we’re renting this house in Antriol. I have a very strong love for Bonaire, but when my boy needs to go to university I think we’ll go to Spain. Our world is open. I’m rich, I have everything I want. I am an old mama, but I am very comfortable with my boy. I am a very adventurous person, but now I am quiet because I have a son and he’s the most important thing in my life.

I’m enjoying Francisco and Jean-Paul! I’m 41; I’m not a hot potato anymore! Bonaire has given me all the opportunities to make the best of my life and that’s what I did. When I get nostalgic I play my Colombian music, I dance, I cry and I laugh. It’s something the Colombian people have inside and it never goes away.

And one day when I am old and my boy has gone his way, Francisco and I will return to Colombia. I will sit in my house and smoke big cigars and I will drink two *aguardientes* every day. My old sisters and I will be sitting there, talking all day and when my grandchildren come to visit me, I will tell them all the stories.” □

Greta Kooistra



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PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

Dominica, Caribbean

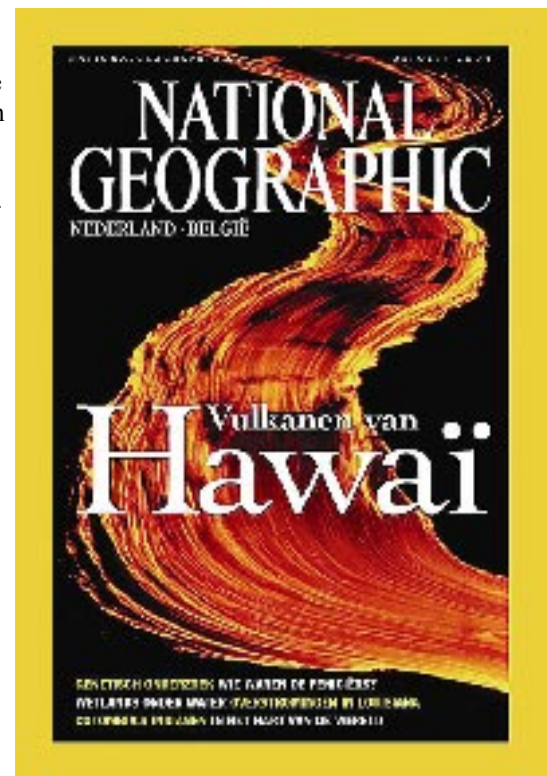


On a recent trip to Dominica, SGB Culinary Arts teacher (and two years in a row winner of “Best Bartender in the Caribbean”) Liz Rijna and her daughter Chelsea stopped to look at *The Bonaire Reporter* while at the famous boiling springs. □

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DUTCH EDITION OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES BONAIRE SEA TURTLES

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is featured in the October 2004 issue of *National Geographic* (Dutch edition). Satellite tracking of mature sea turtles has not only caught the attention of the public but has also caught the attention of renowned Dutch magazines like *National Geographic* and *Grasduinen*. This is the second time in two years that STCB has received coverage in the highly prestigious *National Geographic*, a magazine for science and education. The magazine has a monthly circulation of 200,000 issues. *National Geographic* is accessible on the internet at www.nationalgeographic.nl.



To date, four Bonairean sea turtles have been fitted with satellite transmitters. Two female hawksbills and one female loggerhead have been tracked back to their home feeding areas after nesting on Bonaire. One of the hawksbills traveled back to Mona Island near Puerto Rico while the other one returned to the Navidad Banks north of the Dominican Republic. The loggerhead is about 150 km off the coast of Honduras. Typically, female sea turtles return to the place of their birth to nest about every three years or so. The fourth, male hawksbill ‘Tom,’ is still right off Klein Bonaire where he was tagged in July. We expect him to start his journey to his home feeding grounds at any time. In October/November two to four more hawksbill turtles will be fitted with transmitters. For more information about Bonairean sea turtles and STCB, you can log on to www.BonaireTurtles.org. □ *Imre Esser*



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

The Goddess of Love Pays a Super Close Visit to the Heart of Leo the Lion and an Old Moon Makes a Foursome with Saturn and Gemini

On Sunday, October 3rd the brightest planet of them all, named for the goddess of love, **Venus**, will pay a super close visit to **Regulus**, the heart star of **Leo the Lion**, a cosmic duo that will take your breath away. Plus on October 7th a very old **Moon** will make a foursome, showing you how to find **Saturn**, **Castor** and **Pollux**.

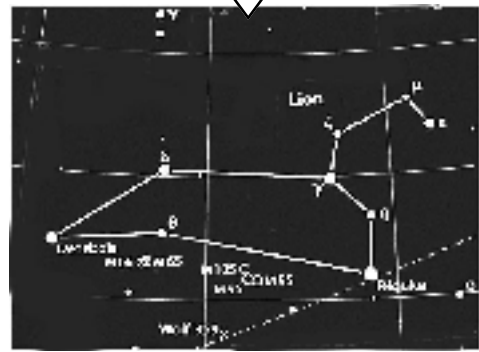
This Saturday, October 2nd just before sunrise, face east where the brightest thing you'll see will be our old friend, 8,000-mile-wide, super brilliant Venus, our so-called sister planet because it's almost the same size as Earth. And parked just below it, and usually looking very bright when it's in the sky all by itself but not so bright because it's parked next to super brilliant Venus, is Regulus, the heart star of the ancient constellation, Leo the Lion. Only one degree will separate them or, if you like to think of it this way since a full Moon is half a degree wide, two full Moons will separate Venus from Regulus which is visually very close.

But ta da! Every once in a while a super close meeting occurs which can be absolutely stunning. In fact the next morning, Sunday October 3rd, Venus and Regulus will be snuggled up side by side only 1/5 of one degree apart. That's less than the width of a quarter Moon. And I strongly encourage you to look at them through a pair of binoculars to get an even more exceptional view and see Regulus' blue color more vividly.

Of course with all things cosmic this close meeting is only an illusion. In fact, on Sunday the 3rd Venus will be 98 million miles away from us while Regulus will be over 5 million times farther away, 85 light years beyond. So Regulus must be pretty big and bright to be seen at such a distance. And in fact it is 5 million miles wide which is over five times the diameter of our own Sun and 160 times brighter. It's so huge we could fit 282 million Venuses or Earths inside it. Wow!

On Monday the 4th they will once again be one degree apart from each other, but Venus will now be below rather than above Regulus. And if you want to see how rapidly they move, go out the following Sunday, October 10th, and you will see they are a whopping 8 degrees apart and joined by an exquisite 26-day-old waning crescent Moon. Once again Saturday, the 2nd, Venus approaches Regulus, Sunday they practically visually collide, and then on Monday they change places in the heavens, and on the 10th are much farther apart and joined by an exquisite Moon.

But if that's not enough for you, next week, Thursday October 7th, just above Venus and Regulus you'll see an exquisite 23-day-old crescent Moon and directly above it the twin stars of Gemini, Pollux and Castor and beside it the wonderful ringed world, Saturn, which we are visiting right now with our Cassini spacecraft. Fabulous cosmic goodies just before sunrise. A great reason to get up with the chickens. □*Jack Horkimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
October 1 to 8, 2004
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You may need a physical outlet that will help you relieve your tension. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. Sort situations out as best you can. Watch your spending habits. You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Travel will promote new romantic encounters and additional cultural knowledge. Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. You may find it necessary to confront a situation that has gotten out of hand. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Your lover may cost you financially. Your ideas may be good, but they aren't necessarily right for everyone. You can offer your help to others but back off if they appear to be offended by your persistence. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Entertainment should include your whole family. Unexpected bills will be impossible for you to pay. Try to spend more time with children and relatives. You can make financial deals that will bring you extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) New methods and innovative technology will make your job far easier than you anticipated. You can take advantage of opportunities if you are quick to make a move. You will find that money could slip through your fingers. Don't believe everything you hear. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Someone you live with may cause drastic alterations in your usual routine. Prove your worth; concentrate on getting the job done and steer clear of office politics and gossip. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. You can accomplish a lot if you direct your thoughts toward starting your own small business on the side. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You are best to do your research before taking on such a venture. First find out if they're married. Look into some form of physical recreation. You could have a need to make some changes this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Children may pose a problem if they don't like suggestions. Try to get everyone involved; it will help bring you closer together. Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Opportunities for partnerships are present; but get every detail in writing. Risky ventures may turn in your favor. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. You could do extremely well in competitive sports events. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can find out important information if you listen to friends and relatives. Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation. Don't confide in anyone for the time being. You can expect opposition at work. Don't let your competition be privy to information that could be incriminating. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. You'll need to exercise control. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Communications with loved ones may be strained. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. Upgrading at this point is not a bad plan. Take a short business trip if possible. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. □

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

