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## PELIKAAN SCHOOL OPENS

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# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

**There will be no Bonaire Reporter next week in keeping with our policy of publishing four issues a month. (Four times a year there are five Fridays in the month.) The next issue will be available on October 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**T**he Exel Aviation Group will take over the independent airline, DutchBird, effective November 1, 2004. This will add five planes and 250 employees to the Exel family. Reportedly, two new Airbus 320s will be assigned to Curaçao for "the Caribbean operation."

According to published reports, this will enable the airline, which had already purchased a Boeing 737, to start flying to more regional destinations quicker. The target is to start flying the Miami route, to be left open when Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) stops operating, as soon as possible under a November 1 "wet lease" arrangement with DutchBird (the planes can operate with their current Dutch registration and crews). Look for a more in-depth story on the history and demise of DCA on page 6.

► Curaçao's Commissioner of Economic Affairs, Ivar Asjes, visited **American Eagle** headquarters in Puerto Rico in company with the island's Tourism Bureau Director to discuss transitional flight arrangements and the possible takeover of some of Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) routes. There was interest but no commitment.

► **The first flight of CuraçaoExel** landed at Princess Juliana International Airport in St. Maarten shortly after noon on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. "We can assure St. Maarten that we have a warm heart for you," said Managing Director Raymondo Saleh of Dutch Eagle Express, CuraçaoExel's parent company. Saleh said he was "really surprised and honored" by the

"warm welcome" at the airport. The flight originates in Bonaire with a stop in Curaçao with a new, speedier, longer range ATR-500 model turbo-prop.

► **Former Antillean Prime Minister Ben Komproe died in hospital** on Curaçao on Monday. He was 62. Komproe, a former Antillean justice minister as well, had been sick for some time and underwent an emergency operation on his stomach in St. Elisabeth hospital last month. He had been in intensive care since. Komproe was Antillean Prime Minister for several months in 2003, filling in for the leader of the FOL party, Anthony Godett, who was accused of fraud. Komproe was arrested on September 7 this year on suspicion of corruption and being a member of a criminal gang. While serving as Justice Minister, Komproe had issued Colombian and Bolivian prostitutes with residence permits, despite claims he was not authorized to do so. It was that incident that began the fall of the Mirna Godett government that resigned shortly afterwards.

► The choice of becoming a UPG (Ultra-Peripheral Territory) or LGO (Countries and Territories Overseas) should not be for financial reasons, said visiting Kingdom Relations Minister Thom de Graaf, but for political reasons. De Graaf says an island must ask itself, "What type of country do you want to be in relation to the rest of the world?" Bonaire officials said they will schedule a second Referendum to make the choice sometime in the future.



► Last week in a series of 13 raids, 11 houses in Curaçao, St. Maarten and Holland, as well as two companies in the Curaçao Free Zone, were searched by police. A total of 11 foreigners, mostly from South America, were detained. With this operation authorities managed to break up an international drug gang known for transporting

drugs from Colombia through Venezuela to Curaçao and St. Marten. The ultimate destination for the drugs was Europe and the US.

The suspects are believed to have transported or sold hundreds of kilos of cocaine. A total of 120 police officers from different departments of the police corps, the RST (Criminal Investigation Unit) and members of the HARM team (Hit and Run Money Laundering team) formed part of the actions. During the entire investigation the police were aided by the Customs Department, the Coast Guard and the American Drug Enforcement Agency.

► The Bonaire Island Government has decided to create a **central management for the airport and harbor authorities, named Bonaire Ports Authority N.V.** The Ports Authority will oversee the operation of the Bonaire International Airport N.V., Bonaire International Seaport N.V., and Port Security Services N.V.

► To meet the **standards to obtain ISPS certificate** (International Ship and Port Facilities Security Code) Bonaire's ports have been fenced; a security organization has been appointed to carry out all security duties such as I.D. control, luggage, vehicles and cargo; TV cameras monitor the ports when there are no security guards or no ships visiting the harbor. Lighting has been improved; port security officers completed a security course; and a port security plan has been completed.

► Due to the increasing cargo arriving in Bonaire by container from Curaçao, immediate plans are to **build a new roll-on, roll-off (Roro) pier** to be used as a back-up pier during the cruise ship season in order to release the pressure on the south pier of Kralendijk. A possible location for the new Roro pier is south of WEB in Hato. The supply boats, *Doña Luisa*, *Don Andrés* and *Ronald*, will use this pier to deliver the containers transported from Curaçao.

► Up until 2002 the island government was in charge of the management of the airport. Since then the management has been in the hands of the government company, **Bonaire International Airport N.V.**, (B.I.A.). B.I.A.'s primary task is to manage,

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operate, maintain and develop the airport. The airport has almost completed its privatization. At present the negotiations with the labor union are in

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progress for the transfer of personnel and a labor agreement.

Infrastructure and commercial improvements at the airport include: the extension of the platform, a new departure and transit hall (tax free shops, restaurants, toilets and waiting areas), a catering facility, a new main access road and an extension of the runway. Planned infrastructure improvements are: an arrival hall (including baggage conveyers), renovation and pavement of platform strips, improvement of drainage and grading the strip, purchase of the fuel farm by Oil Trading Bonaire, security installations, a new fire department building and renovation of airport fencing. Commercial

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improvements and expansions will include: a business lounge, a flight information system and Internet facilities.



Don Andrés and Doña Luisa

► Good news as we

go to press: **There have been 125 confirmed reservations so far for the massive Free Sterilization Program, October 18 to 30.** The aim is to combat multitudes of unwanted litters of puppies by sterilizing 200 to 300 free-ranging dogs on the island. Veterinarians from the US, Canada and Holland are donating their services.

To sign up, call Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema at 717-4989. □ G/L.D.



## Referendum Followup -

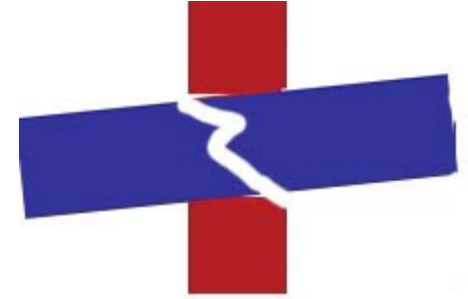
### Dutch/Antillean Commission Recommends Breakup of the Antilles

The result of last month's Bonaire Referendum turned out to be a preview for the recommendations of a work group on administrative and financial reforms. The study group report titled, "Now's the Time...Now's the Moment!" (informally named the "Jesurun Report" after its leader, Edsel "Papi" Jesurun), counseled that the three Antillean islands with the least population - Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba - should get direct ties with Holland. The more populous islands of Curaçao and St. Maarten should become autonomous countries within the Dutch realm.

The island of Bonaire polled its population on September 10, 2004, on the governmental structure they preferred for themselves. The referendum, conducted under United Nations guidelines, showed that 59% of the voters wanted closer ties with The Netherlands. The next favorite was to become an autonomous country within the Dutch Kingdom (as is the island of Aruba). Only 16% wanted to maintain the status quo where Bonaire would remain a part of the Netherlands Antilles. Less than 1% chose independence.

The work group also proposed that Holland take over and refinance a large part of the 4.8 billion Antillean guilder (US \$2.71 billion) debt of the Antilles.

Bonaire attorney, Michial Bijkerk, who advised Bonaire's political leader Ramonsito Booi and the Bonaire Island



Council on referendum matters said, "This will open the way for many great opportunities, more than one could imagine. The breakup of the Antilles is now an irreversible fact, but not one done out of malice."

But Bonaire's opposition leader, Jopie Abraham, sees things differently. According to him a direct link with Holland is out of line with Dutch policy as stated in the 2005 Dutch Budget Agenda. Abraham said the policy directed, "maximum Bonaire, minimum together-with-the-others and crucial affairs with Holland." Abraham believes that Bonaire should become an independent country in the Dutch Kingdom.

Sometime in the next year the rest of the Antillean islands will hold similar referenda. St. Maarten in 2000 voted to become an autonomous country in the Kingdom. If the results of the first two referenda are duplicated it would reinforce the recommendations of the Jesurun

## OPINION

### TERRORISM IN BONAIRE

This past Monday evening a retired American couple, residents of Bonaire, were tortured and beaten by three masked men looking for money and valuables. You can read the police report on this page for basic details. What the police report doesn't tell about are the terrible injuries (see photo at right and be glad it's printed in black and white) and mutilation sustained by the victims and the impact this crime has on the American community in Bonaire. This is the latest of a series of crimes against retired Americans and the level of violence is escalating with each one.

They are gentle people, involved in the local community. She works as a volunteer. They are not wealthy or conspicuous about material things.

Why were they singled out for this attack? "Are Americans a special target?" asked one of their American neighbors whom we won't identify. Another American family isn't waiting to find out. They're moving away from Bonaire right now.

One can't help but draw a parallel between these recent crimes and the double murder of Alfons Pleumeekers and his wife four and a half years ago. In that case the killers committed crimes of escalating violence but until those two people were murdered and almost half of Bonaire's population marched against crime, competent police weren't brought in.

Torture and brute violence are instruments of terrorism. And terror is what is stalking Bonaire suburbs right now... and anger as well against the criminals and a police department that takes over an hour to appear on the scene of that violent crime. Just what were those officers doing?

Instead of the police force's pathetic "Zero Tolerance" effort aimed at "criminals" with a burnt-out tail light or expired license, Bonaire must declare a war on the terror and lock up the terrorists. And let's get police whose officers have the guts to go after criminals and not motorists. And do it now. □ G.D.

## POLICE UPDATE

### POLICE HOT LINE -108

### PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - 717-8626



### Charles Souriel of the Police Department reports:

•On October 12, just after midnight, there was a **brutal attack and robbery** of an American couple living in Sabadeco. Three men, armed with machetes and guns broke into their bedroom and terrorized them by tying them up, beating the woman until she was unrecognizable (see photo above) and slashing the man's back with machetes and burning him with cigarettes. The attackers were completely masked so as not to be identified. The house was torn up as the robbers attempted to find things of value. The robbers escaped in the victims' car which was later found abandoned on the property of Rudy Boezem. The vehicle was found

later by the police and taken to the police station for investigation. SSS (Special Security Service—a private firm) was on the scene quickly and transported the victims to the hospital to treat their serious injuries. The police are working hard to solve this case as soon as possible.

•On October 6 in the early morning hours a Special Security Services (SSS) agent saw a man, F.P., **stealing a case of beer** from Montecatini Minimarket. He called the Police in Playa and the man was arrested. In searching the suspect the police also found a pipe for smoking crack (*base*).

•Also on October 6 in the evening at about 8:10 there was a **fire at Koop Tjuchem N.V.** reported. The fire department battled the blaze for about 40 minutes before it was extinguished. It's suspected that the fire began in the machine that makes asphalt. Police are investigating.

•Last Saturday, October 9, a man, R.D.A., 19, suspected of committing a murder in the Kust Bateriaj area of Curaçao, was **caught at Flamingo Airport**. Authorities on Bonaire had been alerted by Curaçao police. The suspect was attempting to fly via the KLM to Holland. He was taken into custody and sent to Curaçao for question-

ing.

•Last Sunday, October 10, police were called when there was an **altercation at the wharf** where the Tribon ferry is docked. Passengers were irate because only 16 of the 30 cars waiting on the dock were going to be allowed on the ferry to be transported to Curaçao. The owners of the ferry appeased the crowd by explaining that there had been reservations made for the 16 cars three weeks before. They promised that the remaining 14 cars would be transported the next day, on Monday.

### Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius reports:

•Last week there were four drug arrests at the airport by the Flamingo Team and one burglary.

**Jail update:** The jail in Playa should be ready to receive prisoners soon. Apparently the delay is a result of waiting for delivery of water taps for sinks and showers. The Prosecutor was told that it should open by the end of this week, October 15. That jail can handle about 35 prisoners, but according to Wesselius it's never completely full.

The jail in Rincon at the Police Station, which was to be used while the Playa jail was being refurbished, is taking longer to complete than the Playa jail. □L.D.

# THE "CRASH" OF AN AIRLINE



**The original Snip. The Snip was flown for a time by the father of Bonaire's Rene Hakkenburg**



**The Snip being fueled in Curaçao**



**One of the Convair 340s used by ALM**

Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) died not with a bang, but a whimper. The airline made its last flights early this week after announcing on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> that it would declare bankruptcy. There is no money to pay salaries for October; the electric company said they would cut off service unless NAf100.000 was paid; the UTS phone company had been blocking outgoing calls since Monday for non-payment; and DCA's insurance was running out.

The Curacao Executive Council made the decision to declare the company bankrupt, not for reorganization, but for dissolution. The airline has debts that far exceed its "book value." One cannot help but be saddened by the loss of jobs, service and competition in the Antillean airline picture.

The story of DCA goes back a long time, back to ALM, and further to KLM. It was 70 years ago in December, 1934, when the first trans-Atlantic KLM flight from Amsterdam to Curaçao was flown by the Fokker F -XVIII *Snip*. KLM's intention with the *Snip* flight was to make Curaçao the hub of their American operations and provide an American link between the Far East and Europe. Pan American had already started Caribbean and South American operations with Charles Lindbergh acting as a goodwill ambassador. Pan Am had been flying to Curaçao and Aruba where the Lago oil refinery was run by Esso. KLM started flying with their F-XVIII between the islands and South America. Before this could mature WWII intervened and Amsterdam-Curaçao flights did not resume until after the war.

KLM incorporated the KLM West-Indisch Bedrijf (West Indies Division) in 1964 as ALM (Antilliaanse

Luchtvaart Maatschappij) Antillean Airlines with three Convair 340 Metroplanes. When the Antillean government took over most shares in 1969, these were replaced with two Fokker F-27 Friendships and two Douglas DC-9s. Ironically, the last ALM/DCA planes flying on Thursday were DC-9s.

Shortly afterwards ALM added more DC-9s and two Short SD3-30s to its fleet. Windward Islands' WIN-AIR was also bought along with its fleet of De Havilland Twin Otters.

In 1978, KLM began more extensive cooperation with ALM. Two DC-8s were brought into service and served the Curaçao-New York route. KLM was still hoping to build its hub with ALM; CUR-AMS KLM flights often had an ALM cabin crew during those years.

The final cooperation between ALM and KLM was when KLM invested in ALM's new catering building in Curaçao four years ago. But when KLM started using Aruba and Bonaire for their Latin-America flights, ALM's ca-

tering department had nothing more to do.

The fact is that ALM could have done very well indeed. Remember the good New York, Miami and Atlanta connections, leather seats, free drinks and excellent meals, to say nothing of the hot pastiche and frozen orange juice snack between Curaçao and Bonaire?

But the airline became overstaffed as it was sometimes used by politicians to give jobs to supporters. When Aruba started Air Aruba, giving ALM the first real competition they ever had, ALM quickly bought two Fairchild F-27s to replace the Shorts. They practically rebuilt them at high expense. Not long after, these were replaced by Havilland Dash 8s. The then still very marketable Friendships were abandoned at Hato airport where they're still sitting.

Meanwhile, ALM also operated, and lost, a Lockheed Electra turboprop air freighter.

In February 2003, ALM announced they were going back to Twin Otters, but after a brief experiment, bought more old DC-9s instead.

In 2002 ALM started competing with KLM on flights to Holland using equipment from the Belgian airline, SobelAir, which went bankrupt itself in early 2004. The price was a third lower than what KLM asked. In 2002, ALM said they made almost \$1 million profit from those CUR-AMS flights.

Contrary to reports, that was not their first profitable year. During the years 1973 through 1978 they made a total profit of NAf14.3 million. From 1970

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(Crash of an Airline. Continued from page 6) through 1982 their average loss was NAf 1.2 million/year, according to then director Tawa Yrausquin (*Amigoe*, July 29, 2004).

Only the CUR-AMS flights kept ALM going during the last few years. But then KLM lowered their prices, after claiming for years that they were so cheap already it couldn't possibly be done.

Meanwhile, ALM changed its name to DCA, Dutch Caribbean Airlines, and, for Aruba, DCE, Dutch Caribbean Express, in a move designed to pare a workforce that had more people than the total number of seats in all its airplanes. In the process, they also tried to get rid of a NAf340 million debt, but this scheme didn't work out.

Air Holland joined the fun by bringing prices down to \$135 for the CUR-AMS fare, making it one of the best deals in the world. Later, DCA entered into an agreement with them. But before that they refused to do business with the travel agents who dared sell Air Holland tickets. But Air Holland went bankrupt in February 2004, leaving many DCA passengers stranded in Amsterdam and Curaçao.

Since SobelAir folded, DCA could not seem to do any better than lease old airplanes for the CUR-AMS flight. DCA linked with Air Atlanta/Icelandic (AA/I), but when a new 767 became available to AA/I it was chartered to another client. On some flights DCA was thus forced to make a fuel stop in the Azores. Meanwhile, they chartered TriStars from Portugal, but those soon

broke down. They also had brief arrangements with Dutch Bird, Air Luxor, EuroAtlantic, My Travel Airways, Royal Jordanian and Air Serbia. It was conceded that the only way some aircraft were kept in operation was by cannibalizing others. Credit for spare parts had long since run out.

In March, 2004, DCA asked for and got money from the Curaçao island government to bail them out with NAf15 million from *Korpodeko*, a government organization explicitly set up to promote new business.

By August 2004 public confidence in DCA dropped to an all-time low. People stranded at Schiphol Airport because of cancelled flights did not even get hotel accommodations, contrary to passenger transport regulations. ("We just have no funds."). The 40 passengers stuck in Curaçao were kicked out of the Van der Valk Plaza Hotel as DCA could not pay the bill. All in all, about 3,000 passengers were inconvenienced.

Dutch and Curaçao trade unions started actions to force DCA to keep to their contract. DCA personnel at Hato Airport had to hide themselves in the offices, and airport security guards had to break up what was turning into a riot.

DCA meanwhile came up with a business plan, once again with the by then familiar request for a money injection only, the amount having grown to NAf40 million, of which NAf 4.5 million was needed immediately for engine parts. In the space of less than two weeks, this turned out to be NAf 7M

By mid-August, 2004, DCA had built up a foreign debt of NAf27M and a local debt of NAf 6M. It's not clear if this includes the NAf 7M of SobelAir claims.

In 2003, BonairExel, operating under the Bonaire company, Dutch Eagle Express, announced its plan to fly between Bonaire-Curaçao/Aruba/St. Martin/Venezuela and the US. After a long legal harangue with the Central Government, BonairExel began flying on a much less grandiose scale than first announced. By the start of 2004 only two ATR turboprops were in use on inter-island routes.

In June 2004, Caribbean Exel announced they would start two or three flights weekly from Amsterdam-Curaçao from July 15, with new plans to build their own Caribbean/South American hub. CuraçaoExel is flying the Curaçao-St. Maarten-Bonaire triangle. And within two weeks, Dutch Bird, now a part of the Exel Group, will start flying some of DCA's longer routes out of Curaçao.

We're sad to see ALM/DCA disappear, but they weren't fair with Bonaire in the final years. Can you imagine the chaos we'd have now if Bonaire's elected officials hadn't taken the initiative years ago to attract American Eagle, Air Jamaica and the Exel Group?

□ G.D.



# A NOT-TO-MISS DOUBLE PRESENTATION

Plan to be at Bongos Beach Bar on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to meet the authors of a new book on our sister Antillean islands and the photographer of the Award Winning Nature Adventure Series, "Eye on..."

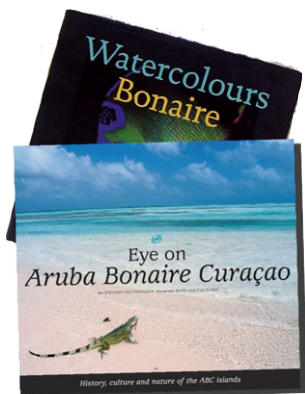
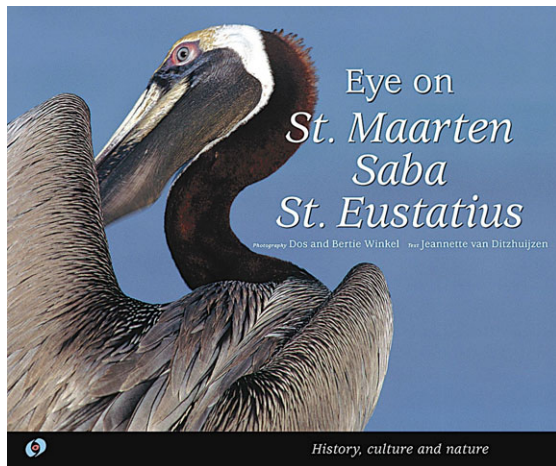
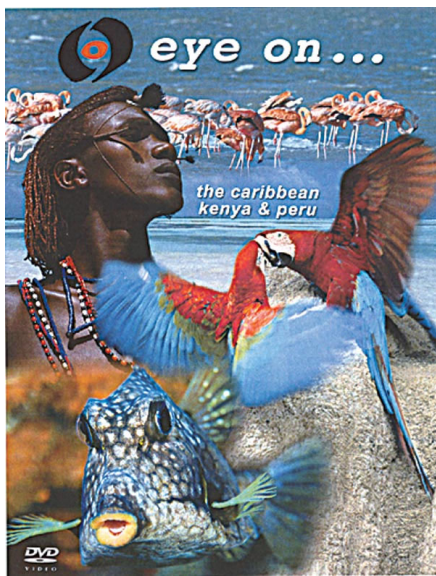
At 5:30 pm, husband and wife photographer team, Dos and Bertie Winkel, well-known for the books, "Watercolours Bonaire," "IslandColours Bonaire," and "The Nature of Saba," will present their latest book, "Eye on St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius." It's the second book in the series "Eye on..." from Dos and Bertie Winkel, former Bonaire residents.

At 7 pm, Hendrik Wuyts, who is best known on Bonaire for his ScubaVision operation, shows that he's more than a great underwater cinematographer. He will present the "Eye on..." film he shot that shows the Winkel family's travels to Peru, Kenya and the Caribbean. A highlight is Dos Winkel's quest aboard the modern windjammer *Stad Amsterdam* for the Caribbean's most nearly perfect photograph. The ship calls at Saba where Dos meets with Tom van der Hof, who was the first Bonaire Marine Park Manager. They explore the high peaks, deep crevasses and ocean pinnacles of Saba.

Dos and Bertie's works have appeared worldwide in dive and travel magazines, including *BBC-Wildlife*, *National Geographic*, *Terra* and *Naturfoto*.

On this special evening the book will be available for NAf 65,00, a discount of NAf34,00 from the usual NAf98 price.

The "Eye on..." film series has won four medals, Golden Camera and a York Film festival in 2002 and two Gold Medals in the 2002 and 2004 Los Angeles International Film Festivals. Look for more details in the next issue of *The Reporter*. □ G.D



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY RE/MAX



Vronie Sieverding Photo

**RE**Max Paradise Homes celebrated its first full year of operation in Bonaire to an overflow crowd last Saturday night. Catering was by Fundashon Mariadal. The RE/Max staff and friends: Kristin Jonsdoptir-Sedney, Bob Bartikowski, Yvette Hageman, Bob Lassiter, Donna DeSalvo, Monique Bergsma.



# CONFERENCE CENTER OPENS

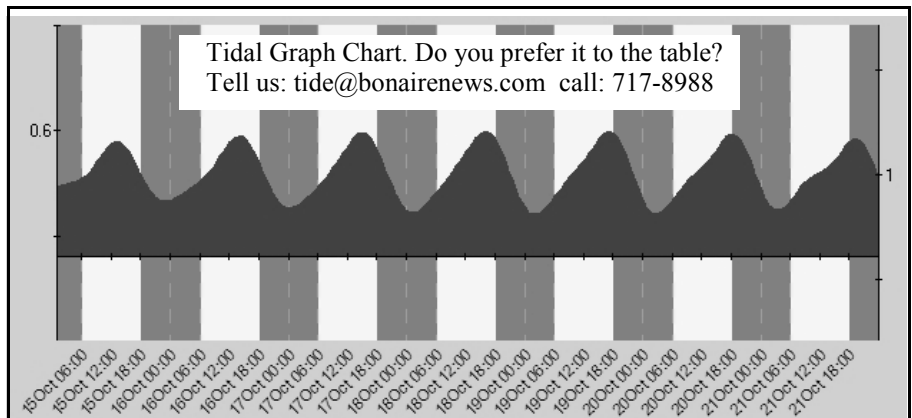
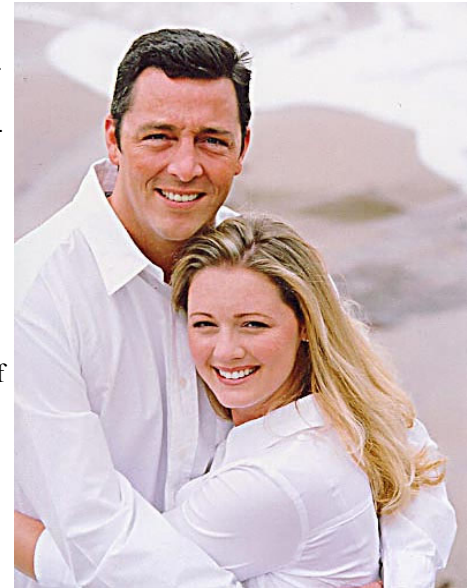


**C**aribbean Club Bonaire at Hilltop opened a new Conference Room facility with a party October 9<sup>th</sup>. Irish singer Dave Mullins from Curacao and Bonaire's Famous Kibra Hacha Folk Dancers entertained. The tastefully decorated room, featuring a Dutch Master-like mural on one wall, offers fine facilities for meetings and conferences. Sean and Marjolein are your congenial hosts. Call 717-7901 for more information. □

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**M**att Sellars and Sara Fielstra have a special feeling for Bonaire. Matt produced the "Save Klein Bonaire" video that helped get the attention needed for the island of Klein Bonaire to be purchased from private developers and turned into a nature preserve. He's Local News Director for CBS TV Channel 8 in San Diego. Sara is Assistant to the Station Manager. Matt and Sara will be married this weekend in San Diego, California. Matt is the son of Laura and George DeSalvo who bring you *The Bonaire Reporter*.

*Readers are invited to send their photos of their engagement or wedding to The Reporter. The photo will be printed free of charge.*



**KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)**  
Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
10-15	13:19	1.8FT.	95
10-16	14:06	1.9FT.	97
10-17	0:55	0.7FT.	95
10-18	1:47	0.7FT.	88
10-19	2:30	0.6FT.	80
10-20	3:09	0.7FT.	69
10-21	3:44	0.7FT.	60
10-22	4:11	0.8FT.	56
10-23	4:33	0.9FT.	57
10-24	4:47	1.0FT.	64
10-25	4:45	1.1FT.	72
10-26	4:15	1.1FT.	80
10-27	2:21	1.1FT.	85
10-27	2:21	1.1FT.	85
10-28	12:42	1.8FT.	87
10-29	13:25	1.9FT.	86
10-30	14:02	1.9FT.	83

## VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Angie	Indigo	Reward
Alegria, USA	Inoma	Rumbacon
Alaluya	Josina	Safari
Alina	Karacoli, Venezuela	Sagittarius, Aruba
Acaroa, Curaçao	Leprechaun	Sandpiper, USA
Apache	Lucky Lobster, Anguilla	Santa Maria, Sweden
Bahia	Luna C. USA	Scintilla, Germany
Baku	Makai	Sea-ista
Bon Vivant	Marathon	Side by Side
Bright Sea	Maribomba	Sirius
Camissa, Chan Is.	Marvin	Skylark 2
Cap du Long, Curaçao	Marnel IV	Sol y Mar
Cape Kathryn	Melody, Curaçao	Sommer Fuglen
C'est la Vie, St. Martin	Michelle	Sojourner
Casse Tete V, Curaçao	Moon Rice	Sylvia K
Chacuco	Natural Selection, USA	Synergy, St Martin
Chamba II, Curaçao	Ninfa di Awa, Curaçao	Sylvester, USA
Cocorobi	Nessie, Aruba	Teshi, Aruba
Dauntless, Curaçao	Oasis	Ti Amo, USA
Delphinus	One Way Wind	Tsih
Dos Primu, USA	Ottifant	Time Out
Dream Catcher, I USA	Paganini II	Ty Dewi, USA
Elven	Pamela Jean	Tween
Escapade	Papyro	Ulu Ulu, USA
Eva Luna, Aruba	Pastime	Unicorn, Norway
Fan-Fan	Piragua	Varedhuni, Germany
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Frajola	Pomona	Venus Callipyge
Gatsby, USA	Possibilities	Volare, Venezuela
Gosi	Precocious Gale, USA	Windboer III
Grey Lady	Propinquity, Curaçao	Wind Hush II, Curaçao
Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	RBTT, Curaçao	Windmiller, Canada
Honalee, USA	Revid	Ya-T, BVI
Hotel California Too, USA	Reved	Zahi, Malta



# REGATTA ROUNDUP

All agree, the Bonaire Regatta has been reborn to greatness again. It had more activities, more racing and more festivities than any of the previous 36 Regattas. Credit must go to Byron Tromp, Elvis Martinus and the other organizers and workers of the Bonaire Sailing Foundation and the enthusiastic participants in all the events from the Nations Parade at the start, the numerous races and heats of the on-water competition to the awards giving for the Softball Championship on Saturday night.

Race Director Martinus announced that a record number of participants took part in the 37<sup>th</sup> Bonaire Regatta. Last year there were 168 participants, this year there were 266, the highest number since they began to be recorded in 1987. As usual there were entries from the ABC islands as well as the US, Holland, St. Maarten, Venezuela and even Norway.

Windsurfers raced and competed on both sides of the island: the IMCO/Olympic in Kralendijk Bay and the Freestyle at Sorobon. The 'Bonaire Kids' put on their usual display of competence. The Freestyle King was diminutive Kiri Thode who beat out the fabled Frans brothers, Tati and Tonky. The Queen and Prince of the Bay titles went respectively to Aruban, Sara Quita Offringa, and Bonaire's Bjorn Saragoza, both 13 years old. (See the windsurfing scene section following this article for more information.)

The fine breezes of the first day that allowed the fastest yacht, *Hotel California*



A glittering display



Ard, Just and Philipine van Anholt from Curaçao – the family who swept the Optimist A Class



The Catamaran Class top three- Geelof and Anita van der Wal, Pieter Zweers and Gijs Hoogerkamp got their prizes from "DJ" Medhorst of Budget Car Rental.

Too, to round Bonaire in just only an hour less than her record time, disappeared for the remaining four days of competition. Fitful breezes made for lots of sail handling and long duration races. Windsurfers and all racing classes had slow going and some race courses were shortened, but the gusto wasn't diminished.

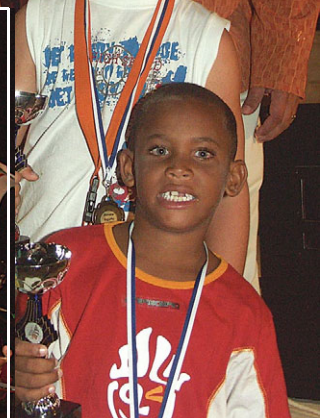
Spectators lined the Promenade for most of the day with the most activity at Regatta House.

A popular sidelight, the Working-Boat Parade, kept up the on-water fun into the evening hours on Thursday. The coordinator, Ulf Pedersen, captain of the charter trimaran, *Woodwind*, donated a case of beer to the crew of *Harbour Lady* for the best decorated boat.

The Friday award ceremony at Regatta House, with its blinding array of trophies, was attended by a standing-room-only crowd. One standout among the many class winners was Curaçao's "pocket rocket" J-24, *Chamba I,I* which also won the Overall Trophy. Other Yacht winners included *Ninfa di Awa* from Curaçao, *Synergy* from St. Maarten, *Volare* from Venezuela, and *Marvin* from Curaçao. Geerlof and Anita van der Wal from Bonaire took the Catamaran Class; Sipke Stapert, the Sunfish Class. There were three Optimist class winners: Ard van Anholt of Curaçao, Urs Schukthess and Mackenzie Barnwell of Bonaire. G.D.



Karel "Papichi" Soliano aboard Unico beat his brother Jopie in Class C Fishing Boat competition.



Amado Vrieswijk and Jurgen Saragoza, both winners in the Windsurfer competition



The New Generation Dancers were a hit of the Regatta Festival

# REGATTA WINDSURFING SCENE

Fifty-two windsurfers registered for the 37<sup>th</sup> Bonaire Regatta, competing in winds that were uncharacteristically light for breezy Bonaire.

Racing for Formula (large boards) and IMCO (one design boards and sails) was held in Kralendijk. The races held offshore were difficult for the spectator audience but the best center for wind. Local stars Taty Frans, Patun Saragoza and Ethiene Soliano were on hand to match skills and wit in an attempt to make it to the top places in racing. Daniel Badell from Venezuela flew in from Valencia to compete in the Formula races along with teammate Arturo Barro who was in the IMCO class.

Some of the junior competitors have been training rigorously in hopes of a win. Arturo (Payo) Soliano and Jeager Sint Jago are friendly rivals, duking it out in unfamiliar massive sails. These freestyle hot shots are more accustomed to high winds and small sails so they certainly faced some challenges in this Formula competition. Local freestyle wiz Christopher Bernabella, now an MTS student in Aruba, returned to his home base to compete but was ill with *griep*. His younger brother, Jairzinho, competed in IMCO along with two talented brothers, Ayouk and Achmed El Moubochar.

Three women registered in the windsurfing competition. Local legend Femke van de Valk, just returning from her first Pro Tour in Europe, and who is also a *Bonaire Reporter* writer, had to borrow gear from locals as her own gear had been damaged on Tour. She faced the challenge of another talent, Mylene de Vries from Curaçao. Mylene is no newcomer to the winner's podium in Bonaire. She is one of the fastest regional female sailors in the sport and is emerging in freestyle.

The crowd favorite is often young Sara Quita Offringa, a gregarious Aruban sporting a red Afro. Sara Quita was hoping to ride on her board donated by F2, but winds were too light. If she proves her skill, F2 is contemplating sponsoring her as a team rider. This no fear kid has what it takes to shine. She is also the funniest kid around. Her brother Quincy, another great talent, came along with two other Aruba kids. Five from Curaçao competed including Mylene. One, Rene Zande, has since moved to Bonaire to train for a year after a success in VVO. He prefers Lac Bay to the boat-congested



**Femke van der Valk.**  
*Ladies Windsurfer Class winner*

launch at Curaçao's Caracasbai.

Tinho and Susie Dornellas, owners of Florida-based Calema Windsurf School and Pro Shop ([www.calema.com](http://www.calema.com)) returned for their 15<sup>th</sup> year as organizers of the windsurf competition. This enthusiastic couple brought their youngest of three windsurf children, eight-year-old Phillip, who also competed in the Super Kids Class. They formed half of team USA. Tinho competed in the Men's Formula, showing his skill on his fast AHD Boards and large sails. Phillip returned under the coaching of his mom and dad. New to the Bonaire scene were Josh Huss and Alex Stankie.



**Queen of Lac Bay,**  
*Sara Quita Offringa*



**Jose Fajardo Rivera, an exciting**  
*newcomer to the freestyle scene*

Newbie to this local regatta is José Fajardo Rivera. This emerging freestyler has just become a team rider for Gun Sails and Island Sports (Newport, RI). He is also sponsored by Italian Windsurf Company, RRD. The winds proved too light for this talent, but he made it into the double ladder elimination despite non-existent winds. Look for José to shine when the winds are more suitable for freestyle.

Despite light winds, most spent each night enjoying the sites and sounds of Regatta.

They danced to the nightly entertainment, ate the local food and contributed to the camaraderie Bonaire's windsurf community is known for. Windsurfing, a sport which didn't exist when the Regatta began, brought color and diversity to Bonaire's pristine waters for the 37<sup>th</sup> running of the event. □ *Ann Phelan*

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**PET of the WEEK**

“**M**ariana” and her two sisters, “Stella” and “Erna,” were brought into the Shelter by someone who has “too many dogs,” an often heard explanation. The three sisters are just over three months old and are just the right age to adapt to a new home and start their training. Just one look at Mariana’s intelligent expression and you just know this little husky-look-alike will be a fun companion and an eager student. All three have been examined by the vet, had their tests and shots and are ready to go. The adoption fee, as always, includes sterilization when the pup is old enough. You may meet Mariana and her sisters at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.



“Mariana”

These puppies are lucky. Someone cared enough to bring them in to the Shelter, and hopefully they’ll find good homes, but so many other unwanted puppies are just dumped. With unsterilized dogs running free there will continue to be whole litters of unwanted dogs. It’s so sad to see these homeless little ones, skinny, sick and often covered with mange, destined to die a slow, agonizing death of starvation or disease. The aim of the Sterilization Program that begins next week is to sterilize those dogs that are running free and drastically cut the number of unwanted pregnancies.

**Sterilization of either males or females does not change their personality or their character or their body shape.**

Contrary to old wives’ tales, females do not have to get fat after they’ve been sterilized. Lack of exercise and too much food is what does it, according to veterinarians. It’s been proven that it’s only beneficial and healthy for both males and females to be sterilized. Females will no longer go into heat and be out looking for a mate and ending up with the trauma of having litter after litter. Males won’t be jumping fences, looking for females; not to mention cutting down on the number of “sex shows” on the street.

Support this effort by telling your neighbors and friends. □ *L.D.*

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## ASK THE DIETITIAN LOW FAT AND LOW SUGAR RECIPES

Angélique Salsbach

Following a low fat, especially saturated fat, and low sugar menu plan helps you achieve a healthier body. By following these guidelines you make it easy for yourself to manage your weight and prevent developing all kinds of chronic diseases. It's also been proved that excessive use of sugar not only affects children's behavior, but it makes it difficult for them to maintain healthy teeth. It's possible, easy and highly recommended to step out of those bad habits we have (too much fat and sugar) in order to make more space for healthy habits. Nowadays it is easy to make low fat and low sugar meals, appetizers and desserts because of all the low fat and low sugar products the market has to offer.

Below are two recipes to give you an idea how to make a low fat meal and a low fat, low sugar dessert.

### Couscous with Lentils, Tomatoes and Basil



2 tablespoons sautéing liquid	1 medium onion (chopped)
1 ½ cups water	1 cup vegetable-cocktail juice
1 cup lentils (rinsed and drained)	1 bay leaf
1 cup whole wheat couscous	1 medium tomato (chopped)
½ cup chopped fresh basil	
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese (optional)	

Sauté onion in liquid of your choice for 2-3 minutes or until tender. Stir in water, juice, lentils, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low; cover, and simmer for 30 to 45 minutes, or until the lentils are soft but not mushy.

Remove the pan from the heat and discard the bay leaf. Stir in the couscous, tomatoes, basil and Parmesan. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes or until the couscous is soft. Uncover and fluff with a fork to separate the grains.

### Low Fat Carrot Cake

(This will be like a loaf cake, and it contains only 1 gram of fat)



1 lb. carrots, peeled	1 ½ cups raisins
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour	1 cup flour
1 tbs. ground cinnamon	2 tbs baking powder
1 can (12 oz) unsweetened frozen apple juice, thawed	
1 tbs. dark corn syrup	1 tbs. vanilla extract
4 egg whites	1 ¼ cups unsweetened applesauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Cut parchment paper circles to line the bottoms of 2, 9-inch cake pans. Grate the carrots into a bowl (2 ½ cups). Mix in the raisins and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the flours, cinnamon and baking powder. Add the apple juice concentrate, using an electric mixer on medium speed. Beat in the egg whites, one at a time. Add the apple sauce mixture.

Pour the batter into the lined cake pans. Bake for about 40-45 minutes or until done. Remove the cakes from the pans and cool on wire racks. Remove the parchment paper. □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 [dieta-tan@bonairenews.com](mailto:dieta-tan@bonairenews.com) □

# BIENVENUE



Frederic Minne and Patrice Rannou

Parlez-vous français? Oui? No? It really doesn't matter whether you speak French or not when you visit Bonaire's newest restaurant; all that's needed is an appreciation of French cuisine. Located on Gob. N. Debrot, next to Pasa Bon Pizza and the Volunteer Corps building, the little white house with the big yellow umbrellas on the terrace is where you'll find authentic French cooking, the likes of which Bonaire has, until now, not experienced.

The restaurant is small; it seats around 25 people total in the two dining rooms and about eight more outside on the terrace. The atmosphere is cozy – much like dining at home except the food is a whole lot better and you don't have to cook it. That task is in the hands of skilled chef Frederic Minne, a native of Grenoble in the French Alps, who has been chef to fine restaurants worldwide. One of his most interesting positions was as chef on the Orient Express traveling through London, France, Italy, and the mysterious Istanbul.

Patrice Rannou, a native of Bretagne in southwest France, is the proprietor of this charming bistro. He has a strong food background as an executive chef in French restaurants in Germany, Norway, Israel, the Bahamas, and, of course, France. And what stroke of good fortune brought Patrice to Bonaire? A romantic one, what else could it be with a Frenchman? While working in the Bahamas he met the lovely Kerenza Frans, a native of Bonaire. They married and came here where Patrice ultimately became Executive Chef at Plaza Resort. As years passed the desire to own his own restaurant became stronger and Patrice finally decided that the time had come to do it. As he would be the genial host, owner, administrator and manager it was necessary to find a suitable chef.

Past experience told him that chefs coming to Bonaire would, within a few months, get bored and leave and that simply would not do. But a spark of French ingenuity gave him an idea. He placed advertisements for a French chef who liked to windsurf! And guess who answered the ad? None other than Frederic Minne who not only is a passionate windsurfer, but has become a diver as well. How serendipitous! And, according to Frederic, he's here to stay, enjoying creating his enthusiastically received dishes yet loving the ability to hop on his board or go for a dive in his free time.

And time is at a premium for Patrice and Frederic since the bistro serves lunch and dinner six days a week. Lunch offers soups, salads, several types of French sandwiches, and *tartes* made just as you would find them in the south of France. Sandwiches can be made with croissants, baked in-house daily, or *baguettes*, homemade as well. And you certainly won't want to overlook the selection of French *tartes* called *Pissaladières*, a filled puff pastry.

Dinner is another subject altogether. Enter the world of the French gourmet and sample an array of succulent dishes. Monsieur Patrice was very clever to create a

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# BONAIRE HIT PARADE



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10	14	1	MARC ANTHONY/JL O ESCAPEMONOS
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**BIENVENU** (Continued from page 13)

menu that is limited and manageable. To begin, there are two soups, *soupe a l'oignon gratinee* (onion soup with melted cheese), and *chaudron de conches a la bretonne* (conch chowder made as it's made in Bretagne, Patrice's birthplace). Both of the soups are served in delicious bread bowls which are made fresh daily at the restaurant.

For an entrée consider an *entrecote de boeuf au beurre de tomates seches*, a skillfully prepared rib-eye steak with a light sauce of sun dried tomato butter. Or *carre d'agneau servi avec un cassoulet au jus de thym*, a superbly prepared rack of lamb served with grilled vegetables. There are three salads, all excellent of course, but the one that is always requested by a certain patron who has eaten there so often she has gained five kilos, is the *salade de Roquefort*. Two seafood dishes are offered - a grilled fish with artichokes and a roasted tomato sauce, or a rosemary-seasoned prawn en brochette with a mint pesto. On the menu too is a chicken dish, grilled with fresh asparagus and mushrooms, as well as two traditional French dishes, frogs legs and *escargots* (snails).

Even the vegetarians are remembered with three selections to choose from: Artichoke hearts filled with melted camembert; an eggplant steak served with chickpeas *ratatouille*; and a *tartiflette savoyarde aux legumes*, a traditional French dish of potatoes and vegetables in a cream sauce topped with reblochon cheese. And speaking of cheese, you will be pleased to learn that all of the cheeses – Roquefort, reblochon, and brie- are ordered from France.

With an excellent meal behind you the perfect finish is, of course, a little something sweet. The *tarte tatin* (apple tart), made daily at the restaurant, is served with vanilla ice cream that, as it melts, combines with the cinnamon and sugar juice from the *tarte* to make an indescribably delicious sauce. Other choices are a really excellent *crème brulee* and a sweet dark chocolate *mousse*.

How lucky we are to have another culture joining the variety of cuisines available here on Bonaire. Authentic French food prepared by a French chef and overseen by a French owner – it just doesn't get any better than that. Enjoy lunch or dinner at Bistro de Paris and, as you leave, Patrice will say, "*merci beaucoup pour votre visite*".

Be sure to make dinner reservations as the seating is limited. The telephone number is 717-7070. All credit cards except American Express are accepted. Lunch is 11 am until 3 pm. Dinner is 6 until 10 pm. The Bistro is closed on Sunday. □ *Dabney Lassiter*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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**NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY 4 PM Two Brothers**  
**SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM**  
**The Clearing**

### FOR THE WEEKS Oct. 15-29th

**Thursday, October 28-** presentation and signing of Dos and Bertie Winkel's new book "Eye on St. Maarten Saba St. Eustatius," 5:30 pm Bongo's Beach Bar at the Eden Beach Hotel.

**Thursday, October 28-** film showing "EYE ON THE CARIBBEAN," photographed by ScubaVision Bonaire's Hendrik Wuyts, 7 pm, Bongo's Beach Bar at the Eden Beach Hotel. Free admission. The "Eye on..." DVD will be available

**Until November 3 - Cinnamon Art Gallery show of paintings by Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad,** open weekdays 9-12, 2-5 or by appointment. Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. Tel. 717-7103 or 786-9563.

### 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 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 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.

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

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**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. NA\$5 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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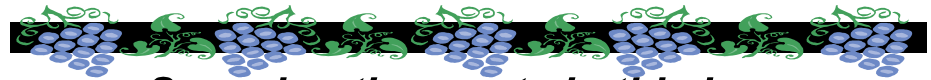
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## Aimed Ayubi

I came from Curaçao to Bonaire in 1986. A year before my father, Eddy Ayubi, came to start his business, selling fruit and seafood to the restaurants and hotels. My mom, Mena Ayubi-Martijn, is a real Bonairean, born here. Every summer we'd come for six weeks, staying with our grandmother, Grada Martijn, so we got to know everyone and everyone knew us.

When I was 10 I got interested in radio because of my Aunt Ligia Martijn who worked for Radio Hoyer III here; later, Voz di Boneiru. Whenever I had the chance I'd go with her. She let me choose the music for her program and showed me how to work the mixer and the microphone.

Just before I finished HAVO I was offered a job at Radio Hoyer. I was 16 and took it immediately. At first my mother didn't agree; she wanted me to finish school, but after a while she said, 'Well, go ahead.' However, with my brother Zamir, a year younger than I, she was very strict. He finished MAVO and went to Aruba for MEAO (Economic Administration Education). Zamir is my only brother from my mother's side. On my father's side we have four more brothers, not one girl. Zamir and I are the youngest.

Working for the radio was just great; I felt I was right where I belonged. At first I wasn't allowed to talk so they called me 'DJ-Muda' (Mute DJ). I could only play the music and jingles, no talking, because my trainers told me I shouldn't talk until I was completely ready. For eight months I took courses, recording my voice and listening to it. I had three mentors: Claudette Domacassé, who was strict and serious; Erwin Albertus, who was easy going and gave me lots of tips; and Elston Thode, who had the same taste in music as I did and with whom I got along very well. I feel very privileged that they were my teachers. They were the best and every one of them taught me something important.

After three years with Radio Hoyer I went to Ritmo FM 97.1 to open the station for the owners on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1990. I was the station's first DJ and announcer. Everybody knows how successful Radio Ritmo was. I stayed there as a broadcaster, DJ and newsman for 10 years, the last five years also as the station manager. In 1995, when I was 22, I did a special course with one of the best and biggest radio and TV stations in Latin America- Radio Caracol in Colombia. For 12 hours a day they taught me the basics of how to talk on the radio.

Well, after working for other people for all those years, it happened. My brother said, 'I need you! We're going to set up our own radio station!' I'd introduced Zamir to Ritmo FM where for two years

he had his own weekend program. Digital FM 91.1 was entirely Zamir's idea; he deserves all the credit. He found his two business partners in Edmond Croes and Gregorio Ostos. Edmond owns a radio station in Aruba, Top FM 95.1, and getting him involved was a real good move because we could get our hands on anything we needed technically. Gregorio is the owner of 'Music You Find,' the CD shop on Bonaire, so we had all the music we wanted. In one move we had it all: the two best broadcasters, the technical facilities and all the music in the world! Zamir did all the paperwork; we got our frequency FM 91.1 from the telecommunications office; and on October 3, 2003, we officially went on the air. Now the station is Number One, the top, the best on the island!

We have a great variety of programs of music and information, not only for Bonaireans but also for people from Curaçao, Aruba, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia and Surinam. Every day we're live on the Internet, so the whole world can go to our site to listen at [www.digital91.1fm.com](http://www.digital91.1fm.com).

**"Working for the radio was just great; I felt I was right where I belonged."**

Twice a day, at 7 am and at 12 noon we air local news, and we are the only ones - and we've become extremely popular because of that - with breaking news. That was my idea, inspired by CNN, because I'm always watching CNN or ESPN, sports and news. The breaking news is a direct Number One hit. The moment something happens, you get it first on 91.1. As soon as you hear the special tune, you know something is going on! When Hurricane Ivan was threatening Bonaire we broadcasted live news and information for at least 12 hours straight.

I work about 10 hours a day, not only as an announcer or a DJ, but as the station manager and head of the news department. Zamir is the director and does the paperwork; Gregorio does the marketing; but it is the people of Bonaire and the business owners with their advertisements who made us Number One, and we're very grateful to all of them!" *Aimed Ayubi (31) is a radio-a-holic, a man with a mission, someone who believes 100% in what he's doing and he loves it; he worships it; it is his life.*

"Digital 91.1 FM is one big family and we're very happy with all our announcers



*Aimed, Aymee and Amaryllis Ayubi*

and DJs. Our youngest broadcaster is my daughter, Aymee Ayubi. She's only six, but every Saturday she has her own children's program from 9:30 to 11 am together with Miss Katty who was her kindergarten teacher. Aymee loves it; she's got the feeling for it; she's got it in her fingertips. I enjoy it so much. There's nothing better than when someone does something they like - then it always goes well! Maybe it's in the family, in the blood; she's got it! I also trained my wife, Amaryllis, who's always been my great support, to do her own show, every morning, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 11, and it's very successful. Zamir has his music program in the mornings and afternoons and he does special events. We have fights but we always stick together. He's a person who never worries. Not like me; I worry about everything, but I'm in charge, you know!

My job is a tough one. I always have to evaluate what goes on the air. I'm very strict about information: it must be correct and complete, always. I have a broad range of information sources: the police, customs, the hospital, the fire brigade and the politicians. You need these people if you want to do a good job. The secrets I can't tell on the radio I'll take to the grave. I'm the only one who decides what goes on the air and what doesn't, but I have two people whom I consult.

A great inspiration to me was Bernard Shaw. He was the best, but he's no longer with CNN. I believe in myself, in

everything I do, and I'm always looking for new innovations. We did well our first year financially, and everything we planned came out the way we'd hoped. I haven't had a holiday this year, except for one day when I went to Aruba for a concert. That was it! My job is my hobby and that's the most beautiful thing! Years ago I started at the police academy. I went to school for two days, then I left. I thought it was boring and monotonous! If everyone could do what they like best the world would be a better place.

To me Bonaire is the only place I want to be. You've got good people on Bonaire, but there's also a small group of people who are antiquated and negative. However, I learned one thing: As long as they talk about you, good or bad, it means they're listening to you, and if they're listening to you you've got a good product. I'm straight, real straight. I like people who are correct; I try to be always correct myself. If I have something to say I'll say it.

This is a unique job and it's my life. I'll never give it up, not for anything in the world. If you do it well, you're successful. Nobody can tell me if I'm doing it right - I feel I am doing it right and therefore I'm successful!"

*Greta Kooistra*



*Greta Kooistra*

## PELIKAAN SCHOOL OPENS



*Kids had a good time at the open house too*

Learning can be fun and the Pelikaan School is showing us how. The school, opened on August 12 in the Trans World Radio building, has 25 children, ages four to eight, with more on the waiting list. Although the official teaching language is Dutch, you'll hear the kids conversing in other languages because there are so many nationalities represented. Ten of the 25 were born on the ABC islands, but the others come from the US, Switzerland, Austria and Venezuela.

Why the name "Pelikaan?" Principal and Teacher Wilma Böhm explains, "The pelican is a very special bird. It flies freely; you never see it in a cage. It's extremely focused on its work of diving and getting fish to eat. And with its special beak it keeps what's important and what it wants and the rest of it goes away. That's what we want for our students. By working on the environment, the (classroom) climate, relations and competence the students can gain self confidence, an 'I can do it myself' attitude."

Ms. Böhm is eminently qualified to run this school. Since 1978 she's been in the education field, both as a teacher and a principal in elementary schools. For the last five years she's been Education Counselor for all the schools on Bonaire. To open such a school on the island has been her dream, and together with others who have the same philosophy and vision she's seen the project come to fruition.

Recently there was an open house for members of the community to come and see for themselves. The place was alive with action, the "stars" of the afternoon the kids themselves who were busily into the games and activities throughout the school.

In addition to the main "classroom" of the school where everyone gathers to meet at first, there are eight smaller "theme" rooms where only three stu-

dents at a time participate. There's a math room, a discovery room, one for art, for building, for games, for home/shop, language and computer. The school rooms have a light, airy feeling with bright colors, but there's a sense of tranquility too. It must work because, according to Ms Böhm there's no fighting. The kids are just too busy with their projects!

Recess is fun too. The children are taken across the street to an outside sports area to play and let off steam. There are bikes and scooters and soon there'll be a traffic maze set up for the kids to learn rules of the road.

There are definitely plans for expansion. Already there are 17 children on the waiting list and they're hoping to accommodate them in the near future. As for additional teaching staff, Ms. Böhm foresees no problem attracting those teachers whose values and beliefs coincide with those of the Pelikaan Schools.

"We must be doing something right for the community," Wilma explains, "because we have already received an unsolicited very nice donation to the school by someone who wants to remain anonymous." □ L.D.

*Editor's note: Just how important are good schools to the economy of a country? As well as the obvious-educating the youth- there's the issue of attracting high level executives and professionals whose top priority is often good schools for their children. A person in this category was prepared to move to Bonaire this past summer and wanted to enroll his child in the Pelikaan School. Because enrollment was full he was told his child would have to wait until January when there would be an opening. The executive postponed his move to Bonaire until that time. □*

## PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

Volendam, The Netherlands



Here's Emma Sint Jago reading *The Bonaire Reporter* during a visit to Volendam. Emma leads the folk singing group "Tutti Frutti" which was on an excursion during a Cultural Exchange in Holland. □

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# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

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**Don't Miss October 27<sup>th</sup> "Eclipse of The Hunter's Moon." It Will be The Last Total Lunar Eclipse For 2½ Years**

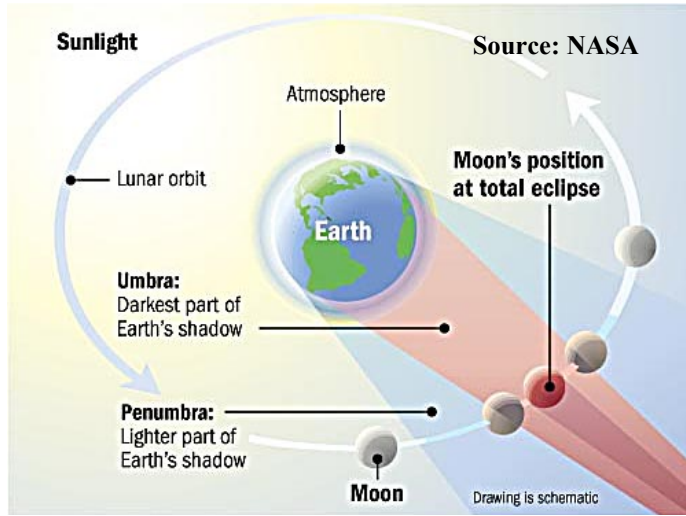
**N**ext Wednesday night, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Sky Park will have its third **total lunar eclipse** in 1½ years. And I strongly suggest

you don't miss it because it will be the last one we'll see until March of 2007. We're calling it "The Eclipse of the Hunter's Moon," which is the traditional name given to October's Full **Moon** because long ago hunters would use the light of this Moon to hunt small animals in the stubble of the recently harvested fields. Let me elucidate.

Let's imagine that we're out in space looking down on our Moon, **Earth** and **Sun**. Now as most of you know, our Moon does not make its own light. Moonlight is really sunlight reflected off the Moon and back to our Earth. So one half of the Moon is lit up by the Sun at all times. Although the only time we see the half of the Moon that is completely lit up is when we have a full Moon which occurs every month whenever the Moon is directly opposite the Sun as seen from Earth. Now usually when we have a full Moon the Moon is either above or below the plane of our Earth's orbit. But occasionally the full Moon will glide directly into our Earth's plane and will pass directly through our Earth's shadow cone, which will block most of the Sun's light from reaching it. In other words our Earth's shadow will eclipse the light of the Sun. So we call such an event an eclipse.

Now during a total lunar eclipse the Moon never completely disappears but always turns some unpredictable shade of reddish copper orange. And that's because the red rays of sunlight are always bent by our Earth's atmosphere into our Earth's shadow, filling it with a faint reddish copper orange light. So during a total lunar eclipse the reddish orange color you see is actually light from all the sunrises and sunsets around the world being refracted, that is, bent, into our Earth's shadow then onto the Moon and then reflected back again. And that's what you'll see Wednesday night October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Now if we could look at our Earth's shadow cone more closely we would see there are two distinct parts to it: a pale outer shadow called the "penumbra" and a smaller dark shadow called the "umbra." The penumbral phase of the eclipse is never very noticeable so I'm suggesting that you start watching at 9:14 pm Bonaire Sky Park Time, or your local equivalent when the Moon begins to enter the umbra. Then as minute after minute goes by you can actually see the umbra, our Earth's curved shadow, slowly creep across the Moon and gradually darken it and cause it to change color. The Moon will be completely within the umbra and totally eclipsed for 82 minutes from 10:23 to 11:45, after which the whole process will slowly reverse. But no one can predict what color the Moon will actually turn during totality and that's what makes it so much fun! Will it be bright orange, blood red or copper colored? Only the shadow knows. You'll have to see for yourself. Don't miss Wednesday night's "Eclipse of the Hunter's Moon." □ *Jack Horkheimer*



*When the moon is immersed in Earth's shadow, our atmosphere filters out blue light, illuminating the moon in a reddish cast, like that of a sunset.*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

**For the week:  
October 15 to 22, 2004**  
*By Astrologer Michael Thiessen*

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive. Those who have been too demanding should be put in their place or out to pasture. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction. Try not to let relatives or friends cause any friction with your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Think before you act. Unforeseen circumstances will disrupt your daily routine. You must get out and mingle. Children may be less than honest with you. Outings with relatives or good friends will provide you with stimulating conversation. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You may meet that special person if you attend fund-raising functions. Travel will enhance romance and adventure. Your partner may be erratic this week if you haven't paid enough attention to him or her. You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You can make extra cash by moonlighting. You should look into a healthier diet. Be cautious not to get involved in office chatter that will cause problems for others. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Travel for business or pleasure will be enlightening. Invite friends over. Mingle with individuals who are established and can give you some serious insight into business and future trends. Get involved in groups and organizations that are of a distinguished nature. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't bother complaining, do the work yourself. You will drive your emotional partner crazy this week. Your lack of interest in your partner is a problem. You are best to do something energetic with friends instead. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You will have to put those you live with in their place if they try to interfere with your work. You won't be admired at home if you haven't been taking care of your share of the work. It might be time to shake a leg and do a personal makeover. A long discussion is in order if you wish to clear the air. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You could find yourself caught in a one-sided relationship. You can come up with solutions to the problems responsible for inefficiencies at work. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Relatives will be cordial. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Comfort is a necessity. Check your motives. Catch up on correspondence. You need to clear up some important personal documents before the end of the year. Get back to basics and reevaluate what is important in life. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Rest and relaxation will be more favorable than you think. You are best to keep hard feelings to yourself. You may be fortunate while traveling. Your talent will be recognized. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Be careful what you say. Be careful of disclosing personal information. Your diplomatic nature will help you in straightening out unsavory situations. You can get ahead if you present your ideas to superiors. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Lovers will be demanding. You are best to sign your partner up for activities that will be tiring. Don't get involved in joint ventures. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday. □.

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