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**Returning the dogs to their owners:
Volunteer Jella van Berkum, Dr. Hans
Lambeek, Dog catcher Garry, Shelter
Manager Jurrie Mellema**

**NEUTERING DOGS FOR
A BETTER BONAIRE**

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

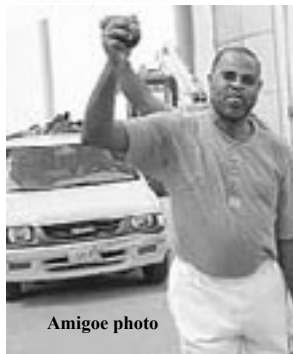
A court in Curaçao has officially declared Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) bankrupt and appointed two attorneys as trustees, to be supervised by judge of instruction Frans Vennix. The final flight from Trinidad was flown October 19. Many members of the flight crew went to the airport to welcome back their colleagues on the airline's last DC-9 to land. Later that night the flag at DCA was flown at half-mast, but in the morning management gave instructions to raise it to the top again.

► **The successor of Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) will be flying in three months**, Curaçao Aviation Commissioner Ivar Asjes predicted. Asjes, in Aruba attending the Caribbean Tourism Conference 27, told the *St. Martin Daily Herald* that the government would not have shares in the new company. Talks are ongoing with American Eagle, and Air Jamaica has also shown interest.

"The agreement will be on the basis of outsourcing operations and management," said Asjes. He said that if an airline was chosen to conduct the flights the agreement would be that the airline would have an Antillean identity. "The Executive Council hasn't chosen a name yet, but it will most likely have something to do with 'Curaçao Air.' It will have our identity and our colors. The crew will be Antillean. The idea is that the people who work for DCA will have employment again. We're looking for a sustainable solution to the DCA problem," said Asjes. He revealed that though other airlines had also shown interest, his personal preference was for American Eagle, as a deal with this Puerto Rico-based daughter company of American Airlines would mean unlimited access to its code share agreements. "We hope to have the new carrier operational within three months," the commissioner said.

Companies that fly the same routes that DCA serviced have in the meantime increased their flight frequency

and, said the commissioner, if any new company wants to come in now – without demanding government support – he would welcome that.



Amigoe photo

Anthony Godett

► The conference on the Kingdom Charter organized by University of St. Martin and the Constitutional Affairs Bureau last weekend emphasized that the presentation of the Jesurun report, which proposes to eliminate the Netherlands Antilles and make St. Maarten and Curaçao autonomous countries, with Bonaire, Statia and Saba becoming Kingdom islands, **surfaced a possible objection to the process**. Aruba's ruling party indicated that Aruba is extremely reluctant to make any major changes in the 50-year-old Kingdom Charter because it fears this will affect its own separate status.

► "Today I am free and the struggle for a better Curaçao continues," said **FOL leader Anthony Godett** after he was released from prison last week pending his trial in the Campo Alegre brothel corruption case. "The grounds on which the detention was based are no longer present," ruled the court.

The detention of FOL advisor Nelson Monte, Giovanni Van Ierland and Campo lawyer, Leslie Franklin, was also annulled, but since they are already serving other sentences, they remain in prison.

Godett was arrested at the start of September on allegations he was a member of a criminal organization, accepting bribes and fraud. He was also accused of being involved in the alleged illegal activities of the recently deceased former Antillean Justice Minis-

ter, Ben Komproe. Godett has denied the allegations. In another case, Godett was convicted on appeal in June and sentenced to 15 months jail for bribery, fraud and money laundering. He is appealing to the Dutch Supreme Court.

► Arian van der Werff, BonairExel Station Manager for Curaçao, sent us **the new (winter) schedule beginning Sunday, October 31st for Bonaire/ CuraçaoExel flights affecting Bonaire**. You can get more information on line at www.exelaviationgroup.com, fly@bonairexel.an, at the airport or call 717-0707. Highlights of the schedule include:

- More flights between Bonaire and Curaçao: 7 departures per day, 7 days per week, roughly every two hours from 7 am to 7 pm.
- More flights between Bonaire and Aruba: 3 departures per day, 7 days per week, one non-stop and two flights via Curaçao.
- A daily flight to St. Maarten via Curaçao, 7 days a week

► The Netherlands Antilles Postal Service announced that it has made an agreement with the **Exel Aviation Group to use its services through the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba for the transportation of mail**.

The company noted in a recent press release that it had in the past used the now defunct Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) and had to seek alternative means of transporting its mail through the islands.

► The escalation of violence in home robberies has prompted the leader of the ruling PDB party, Ramonsito Booi, to invoke Article 26 of the ENRA (The fundamental law defining the relationship between the Netherlands and the island territories of the Antilles) to **ask for direct help from Holland to solve the crimes**. See pages 6 and 7 for more details.

► Frequent burglaries are forcing the Bonaire Government to rethink the care provided by its general practitioners ("house doctors"). **In Antriol and Rincon clinics are regularly burglarized**.

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One clinic reports break-ins several times a week. In most cases the syringes and medical supplies are the target. A preliminary study of the situation indicates that most of the clinic buildings are in bad condition. The services of an architect have been secured for the purpose of creating new quarters. Draft sketches of a medical center in Rincon have already been drawn.

► This Thursday, October 28, there will be a presentation and signing of **Dos and Bertie Winkel's new book, "Eye on St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius"** at 5:30 pm, followed by a **film showing of "Eye on the Caribbean,"** photographed by Hendrik Wuyts of ScubaVision. The "Eye on the Caribbean" DVD will also be for sale. Both events are free and will be at Bongo's Beach Bar at the Eden Beach

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►Television Distribution Systems (TDS), the Curaçao-based wireless cable TV company, provided, at no charge, a **connection with its network for the Bonaire public library.** In a brief ceremony last week TDS representative Hugo Zimmerman handed over the remote control to Dorothy Cicilia of the library.

► **The first Rincon Cooking Festival**, the “Promé Festival di Kòkinan di Rincon” will be held this **Sunday, October 31st at the Terrasa La Tropicana** in the heart of Rincon. Pass by between 11 am and 3 pm for tasting and find out why Rincon cooks are some of the best on the island!

► KonTiki Restaurant at Sorobon has organized a **Salsa-Meringue party** with the popular **Rumba-Band** from Curaçao. The last two times they played nearly everyone in the audience was dancing or could just not sit still. **Don't miss it this Sunday, October 31st from 5 to 8 pm!** □ *G/L.D.*

RAMON DE LEON, BONAIRE'S NEW MARINE PARK MANAGER

The new Bonaire National Marine Park Manager, Ramon de Leon, brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the job. He has the added advantage of having lived and worked on Bonaire for the past six years. “I feel very comfortable on Bonaire; the people are very open and I have many friends.” It was, in fact, his friends and colleagues on the island who encouraged him to apply for the Marine Park Manager position. After two months on the job he is convinced it was a good decision: “The job is ideal - it combines science and diving. There's so much to do; every day is different. I'm really having fun and the staff is great.”

It almost seems that Ramon was preparing for this job since childhood. Born in Carmelo, Uruguay, November 1, 1962, Ramon has always been interested in science and nature. He learned to dive when he was 12 while visiting his father in Mexico. (His father was one of some 400,000 Uruguayans forced to flee the country during the reign of the repressive military dictatorship of the 1970s.) His fascination with the sea led him to select the rather unusual major of Oceanography when he went to college in Montevideo. “I came from a very small town and even my family thought it was an unusual choice.”

After graduating, he had an opportunity to travel to France to participate in a fresh water ecology project. When he returned to South America he combined teaching and research at the University in Montevideo with summer work at Chile's Antarctic Institute, studying marine plankton

ecology and water chemistry. He worked primarily on King George Island where he met people from many nations stationed in Antarctica during the summer. Upon returning from Chile, he decided to become a dive instructor and completed his training in Brazil. Subsequently, he and a friend opened their own dive school in Uruguay: “No, the diving in Uruguay is not so good - not like Bonaire, but the beaches are beautiful.”

In 1998 he came to Bonaire on a dive trip and liked it so much that he decided to try to get a job here. Fluent in three languages - Spanish, Portuguese, and French - and experienced in diving with nitrox and other mixed gases, he was immediately hired by Plaza Resort. While at Plaza he added English to his linguistic repertoire and progressed to manager of their dive operation. Ramon met Silvia de Boer, his future wife, there. After leaving Toucan Divers he worked for several other dive operations before applying for the Marine Park job.

When asked about his “vision” for the future of the Marine Park, Ramon noted that he and STINAPA staff have been meeting weekly for strategic planning. “I believe you need to protect the reef for people (both tourists and locals) to use and enjoy. Education is critical. If you need to continue to spend the same significant portion of your budget on enforcement, you aren't doing the job right. Bonaire has a history of conserving nature and we must ensure that this attitude continues in the future.”

Ramon views the Marine Park volunteer organization as a valuable resource.



Ramon de Leon

In addition to special projects such as tying the sponges that were dislodged by Hurricane Ivan back onto Town Pier pillars, he wants to use them to solve larger, long-term problems. He closed by commenting again on the support he has received from the larger Bonaire society - government, NGOs, businesses and individuals. Such support is critical for both the Marine and Land Parks.

After chatting with Ramon for over an hour we were struck by the extent to which his varied life experiences - marine research, teaching, dive operation management, underwater rescue - have prepared him for this job. But perhaps even more important here on Bonaire is his affinity for people from all backgrounds and nationalities. A telling example of the extent to which he has become a true resident of Bonaire is that after his recent wedding, over 80 people from 15 different countries dropped by to celebrate this event. Ramon is a valuable addition to Bonaire's Marine Park and we look forward to seeing the Park thrive under his management. □ *Laura Buchbinder*

COVER

ANIMAL STERILIZATION PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS



Volunteers Jella van Berkum and Greta Kooistra prepare a patient

It was a community-wide effort and a lot of good work was done sterilizing dogs who are present and future puppy factories. The turnout of residents bringing in dogs was impressive. As of Tuesday morning, the 26th, 151 dogs were sterilized, mostly females (nine males). Many of the females were already pregnant, at least two with 10 pups each. A number of the dogs were malnourished and anemic. One female's life was saved by the program when it was discovered that she had a diseased uterus that would have eventually killed her. Everyone has been very enthusiastic – the vets, the volunteers and those people from the community who brought in the dogs.

Dr. Mary Lovie, who has been part of sterilization programs all over the world, said she was impressed with the “fabulous organization, the volunteers, the whole program.”



The patient is carried to the operating room.



Dr. Mary Lovie and patient

Others added, “As we work together everything goes smoother and smoother.” All the vets brought their own instruments, but due to the stringent security laws in the US the vets from the US and Canada couldn't bring medicines but did bring operating room materials (sutures, bandages, pads, rubber gloves, etc.) The Dutch vet, however, was able to bring all the medications. Volunteer vets are: Mary Lovie and Cheryl Yuill, Canada; Charlie Brown, Trisha Durrance and Tom Nemetz, US; Hans Lambeek, Holland.

Thanks to all the generous volunteers and donors who have made the Sterilization Program a huge success. □ L.D.

LETTERS

THE IMPACT OF CRIME

I would like to express my concern regarding the seriousness of crime in Bonaire and the impact it has on all of us. Safety and security is a basic human need. If this need is not met it interferes with how we develop as individuals and the choices we make for ourselves and our society. When people no longer feel safe at home in their beds and the incidence of crime becomes commonplace it ultimately affects the decisions we make about where we will live and work, where our children are educated and what plans we make for the future.

Factors such as government, finance, the economy, tourism, are all inter-related in this sense. For an economy that is largely dependent on tourism, the increase in crime has already made a dent in the numbers of tourists who return to Bonaire. The accuracy and frequency of crimes being reported to the police and via the newspapers does not speak to the number of tourists and visitors who report them when they return to their respective homes elsewhere in the world. Whether annoyance crimes or violent, it has an effect on everyone. Bonaire may be a diver's paradise, but divers have to surface now and then. When they do, if they cannot feel safe, they will not return. Crime affects real estate values, home sales, rentals, the development of new businesses, banking and financial decisions; hence, the prosperity of all Bonaireans. As such, the attitude of individuals, those in government and those in

criminal justice must realize how the future of Bonaire depends on their efforts in response to crime.

There are those who may remark that the average person should not be concerned about becoming a target of serious crime. They may make the claim that it is mostly those whose homes are in Sabedeco or Santa Barbara that are at risk. Others state that most crime is limited to having one's car ransacked with belongings taken. The remedy is not to leave your belongings in the car or to take precautions. This way of thinking is a method of blaming the victim. Don't give in to this. We're all victims here. Blaming the victim is a psychological technique that allows one to diminish the fear and reality of danger.

Others may comment that the crime rate is small compared to other places in the world, as such, not a matter of great concern. Don't delude yourself. If one considers the number of crimes given the population, the rate is perhaps higher than imagined.

How many would not choose to live in places such as Miami, Los Angeles, Columbia, South America, etc. in view of the rates of crime known to those areas. The concept that this small piece of paradise, Bonaire, could not possibly have a crime rate consistent with that of many ghetto areas elsewhere in the world is perhaps unthinkable. If one thinks in terms of percentages versus numbers it is yet another matter.

People want to believe that their lives will go on as usual and that the current assault on our neighbors in Sabedeco is saddening and unfortunate for them.

POLICE UPDATE

POLICE HOT LINE - 108 PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - 717-8626



S abedeco armed attack update- The police say they are working diligently on solving the crime and ask the general population to please cooperate and give any information they can to help. Prosecutor Wesselius asks that informants give specific information if possible, not just a name. It was from tips that the double murder case of the Pleumeekers in June, 2000 was solved after the police specialty team was brought in from Curaçao. A NAf5.000 reward for information is being offered. Get more details on page 7.

- There were eight drug arrests at the airport by the Flamingo Team this past weekend. The carriers' passports were confiscated and they were returned to where they came from. This is what occurs for those individuals who have less than 2 ½ kg. of drugs; more than that and they are taken into custody.

- Neither the jail in Playa nor the one in Rincon have been reopened as we go to press.

- The Zero Tolerance Unit in Bonaire

closed down the local Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet because of a lack of hygiene and an expired permit. It reopened within 24 hours. The fast food restaurant was inspected by a team consisting of police, the Hygiene Department and the Voluntary Corps VKB. The decision to close it down was not appreciated by clients standing in line at the take-out counter.

The authorities cited the facts that KFC was operating illegally since its business license was for only five years (from April, 1994, to April, 1999) and that there were sanitary infractions in the kitchen. The hygiene problems were mainly attributed to an ice machine that leaked water on the floor.

KFC manager, Roy Celestijn, admitted that he had forgotten to collect the permit papers but insisted that there was no hygiene problem. "KFC International has to comply with the highest standards of hygiene, quality and customer care, and we have always done so," he said. □ *L.D.*

The hope is for the perpetrators to be apprehended so that we can all feel relieved. This would be a mistake. What happened to our neighbors is a symptom of what is happening to Bonaire. It is a reminder of the changes that have taken hold of our country.

As concerned citizens it is our responsibility to make certain that these types of crimes are not tolerated. We can only do that by persevering in making our voices heard. Perseverance should also be shown by our officials not only when a serious crime occurs but throughout the

months that follow. The policies towards youth offenders, drug related offenses, immigration, education and job training are all involved in making Bonaire a safer place again.

Everyone **except** the criminals should be able to have a sense of safety and security when they place their heads on their pillows at night without the fear that someone will come into their home with machetes and guns to terrorize them. This basic human need cannot be rationalized away. The future prosperity of Bonaire depends on it. □ *Oceana*

FOLLOWUP: TERROR ON BONAIRE

Albert and Barbara Bianculli have returned home following their night of terror on October 11, 2004. Asleep in their home around 11 pm they were awakened and instantly overcome in their bed by three armed, masked intruders. The robbery was a meticulously planned assault down to the use of tie-wraps, similar to those used by riot police, that were used to secure the victims. The hoodlums spoke English to the Biancullis and only Papiamentu among themselves.

The Biancullis were secured hand and foot and methodically beaten and tortured for over an hour. Although one said, "We are not going to hurt you, we only want the money," he began savagely beating the couple when they said there wasn't much money in the house. They put pistols into their mouths saying, "Where's the money, we only want the money!" Barbara later required sutures to repair the damage from the barrel of the pistol.

After being blindfolded with packing tape Albert couldn't see much of what was happening to his wife. He heard the words "Someone is going to die tonight... you bitch" Then a shot. The bullet ricocheted through the wall air conditioner into the ceiling.

The assailants closed the bedroom curtains, turned on a table lamp and began ransacking the room. Then they began a systematic hour of torturing Albert in an attempt to get him to reveal the location of any valuables in the

house. When his tape blindfold slipped a bit he could see that Barbara appeared to be unconscious.

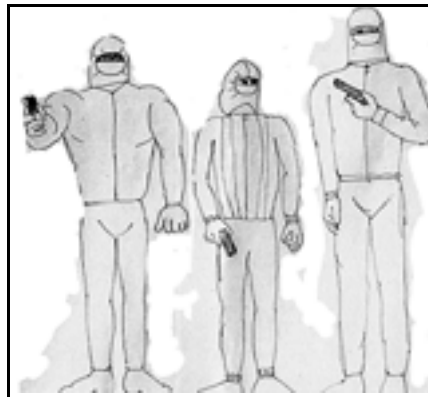
At first they beat Albert in the head, ribs and stomach, then departed briefly to search the house. The third time they did this they threw him into a face-down position. They tortured him by burning his back and slicing it with a machete. They threatened to behead him with the same weapon.

This routine was repeated over and over. After they repeated this the seventh time they took car keys from Barbara's purse and left in the family car. The car was found a few hours later abandoned near a soccer field in North Saliña, in exactly the same spot where the car from a similar Sabedeco assault-robbery, but with less violence, was found some months ago.

After some difficulty Albert was able to free himself and his wife. They shouted to their neighbors for help. They activated the "panic button" that they had been unable to reach because they were so quickly overcome which summoned SSS, the private security service. SSS responded in minutes. Neighbors rushed Barbara to the hospital where, after being treated, she was admitted.

Albert dialed 911 twice but only got a "busy signal." Eventually the SSS dispatcher called the police. The police didn't respond for over an hour and by then Albert too was at the hospital.

This incident seems related to other



The three intruders were dressed in nylon windbreakers of a type available in Bonaire shops. Their built-in hoods were drawn up tightly. Masks covered their faces up to their eyes. They all wore latex gloves.

assault-robberies that have happened over the last few years. Last Sunday, on the Mega FM noon radio show "Forum," two other victims joined the Biancullis to relate their similar, but less violent, experiences. All of these robberies remain unsolved.

The victims of these crimes have demanded that trained police specialists be brought to Bonaire to conduct an investigation since the local police force has proven ineffective. Nothing has yet been done.

The current situation bears an uncanny similarity to a number of violent robberies that occurred in the years 1999 and 2000. Then a series of escalating violent robberies culminated in the June 22, 2000, robbery-murder of Alfons and Maria del Carmen Pleumeeker. Finally after AKIB, the Association of Commerce and Industry,

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Reward administered by the island prosecutor.

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Police: 717-8000**

and others, organized a massive "Citizens' March Against Crime" on June 26th, the specialists arrived and gathered evidence that resulted in the conviction of the killers.

People are asking, "Will it again take a murder to get action?" □ *G.D.*

HUSH-HUSH SEASIDE SPOTS

This is the last article of the “Hush-Hush Seaside Spots” series, and I did reserve the best seaside spot of Bonaire for last. I’ve had a wonderful time these past few months trekking around the island to discover the best spots to relax and enjoy the many, sometimes elusive, beaches of Bonaire. I am certain that there are still many spots yet to be discovered, but I do hope that this series will have given you some incentive to search for these wonderful unexpected pieces of paradise yourself.

This week I’ve spent my time visiting Klein Bonaire, but I must confess I’ve only been there a few times since my arrival to Bonaire last March. As with many other residents of the island I’ve had Klein Bonaire in my field of vision at least once a day. However, my daily routine prevented me from taking some much deserved down time to visit this wonderful spot. Visitors to Bonaire flock to Klein Bonaire on a daily basis. Why can’t we residents take time from our busy schedule to enjoy Mother Nature’s gift to Bonaire?

In my view, Klein Bonaire is a never-ending beach. I’ve spent quite some time walking around the west side of the island, from one beautiful sandy beach to the next. Most of the beaches are actually less than a few meters away from one another. But I must add that no one is able to describe a visit to Klein Bonaire without mentioning its

most popular beach, No Name Beach, and its shack where most visitors take refuge from the hot sun. I am certain that many folks with a cold drink in hand held some very interesting talks in the shade of this shack over the years.

Wildlife spotting on and around Klein Bonaire is beyond belief and I do hope that visitors to the island will respect their environment. At No Name Beach, when you snorkel, you don’t need to look for fishes; they come to you and en masse. As with most residents of Bonaire, I’ve followed the hatching of the turtles in the papers. But even if I haven’t been lucky to see any hatchings, nests, or turtles, a sign explaining the wildlife found on the island indicates that there were 72 nests so far this year.

As everyone knows, the snorkeling is fabulous on Klein. You will never be disappointed by the quantity of sea life you will spot in the area. Try walking along the shore south of No Name for a kilometer or so, then let the current carry you back to No Name while you investigate the underwater life around the many reefs. You will be amazed at the number of different fishes you will be able to spot and identify.

Klein Bonaire is an oasis where nature will provide your entertainment. Nature enthusiasts will have a wonderful time exploring this deserted island and appreciating its wildlife in their natural habitat. In my view, Klein Bon-



The east coast of Klein Bonaire from the air



No Name Beach

aire is a wildlife reserve that should be respected and protected as much as Washington Slagbaai National Park.

Do visit, enjoy and respect this wonderful piece of paradise! Almost everyone has always wanted, at one time or another, to be on a deserted island. We

have ours - less than a 20-minute boat ride from the center of town. So enjoy Klein Bonaire... and be sure that the only sign of your visit that you leave behind on this oasis are your footprints.

□ *Joseé Bolduc Frosst*

YOGA FOR YOU MEDITATIONS from the MAT

Connective tissue, in its various shapes and consistencies, forms a continuous net throughout the entire body. It contains many specialized structures, but it is really all one piece, from scalp to soles and from skin to marrow. If all the other tissues were extracted, the connective framework alone would preserve the three dimensional human form in all its details.

Deane Juhan

This week I would like to share with you the writings of Rolf Gates from his book, *Meditations from the Mat*.

“Connective tissue, like consciousness, expands and contracts. In asana (yoga poses) we work to expand the connective tissue. Rather like a plastic bag that has been stretched, the connective tissue contracts again, but not to its original dimensions. The progressive nature of this lengthening and expanding process over time explains why such amazing feats of flexibility are possible and why no amount of stiffness is reason for despair.

For today, just begin to experience your practice at the level of your connective tissue. Arriving on your mat, you first encounter your connective tissue as limiting and stiff. Then, as you move deeper into the practice, it warms and softens. Expansive openings are available to you that you could not achieve even a half hour before. At the end of the practice, your body feels loose and comfortable. Your entire system of connective tissue, the organ that defines your physical form, has been expanded and filled with oxygen and life. In this process you are both the sculpture and the sculptor.”



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YACHTING AND WATERSPORTS PAGE

FOLLOWING HIS DREAM

It's quite common for students finishing high school to take time off prior to embarking on employment or educational opportunities. A young man from Curaçao decided Bonaire was the place to take his year off and what else? Windsurf! Eighteen-year-old Rene Zande from Curaçao had the full support of his parents in following his dream to spend a year in the Windsurf Capital of the Caribbean - Bonaire. His hard work as a VWO (highest secondary-school educational level available in Curaçao) paid off and now he has a year to train, play and enjoy the tranquility of this island.

Rene is a freestyle enthusiast hoping to use the year to perfect some moves, learn from the Bonaire guys and have some fun along the way. You can see him almost every day at Jibe City, either sailing or waiting for the wind.

Rene came here for *dushi vida*, the good life. He finds Bonaire most friendly. Rene has no favorite Bonaire sailor. They all impress him. Rene attributes the success of the Bonaire sailors to the good wind and the team effort of motivating each other. He wishes he was raised on this island blessed with good wind and a near-to-perfect launch. Right now Rene is working on some light wind sail tricks, but when it's blowing, he is trying some of the harder moves with names such as Flaka and Spock.

Rene is happy with his decision to live here. Most days he misses his friends



Rene Zande

back home. He also finds Bonaire very expensive. Not having public transport available makes the daily trek to the launch a challenge on windy days.

And for his future plans? Well, his family and friends hope he continues his education in Holland, but Rene is very ambivalent. Right now he is too comfortable in a place he now calls home. Rene is one of many windsurfers who come to this windy isle to experience the magic and to follow the wind. □ Ann Phelan

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF	
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10-30	14:02	1.9FT.		83
10-31	0:58	0.7FT.	14:46 1.9FT.	77
11-01	1:38	0.7FT.	15:32 1.9FT.	69
11-02	2:11	0.7FT.	16:13 1.9FT.	61
11-03	2:40	0.7FT.	17:04 1.8FT.	52
11-04	3:06	0.8FT.	17:47 1.8FT.	43
11-05	3:27	0.8FT.	18:32 1.7FT.	37
11-06	3:36	0.9FT.	19:25 1.6FT.	34

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Angie	Phryn II
Alegria, USA	Pomona
Aurora	Possibilities
Bingo	Precocious Gale, USA
Bright Sea	Prism
Camissa, Chan Is.	Promesa
Cape Kathryn	Revid
Cocorobi	Safari
Delphinus	Sagittarius, Aruba
Destiny	Sandpiper, USA
Dolphin Street	Santa Maria, Sweden
Dream Catcher, I USA	Scintilla, Germany
Elven	Sirius
Escapade	Skylark 2
Fan-Fan	Sojourner
Flying Cloud, USA	Southern Cross
Frajola	Sylvia K
Indigo	Sylvester
Gatsby, USA	Ti Amo, USA
Grey Lady	Tsuh
Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	Ty Dewi, USA
Honalee, USA	Tween
Lady Alice	Ulu Ulu, USA
Leprechaun	Unicorn, Norway
Luna C. USA	Varedhuni, Germany
Makai	Ventura II, Costa Rica
Melaka ii	Venus Callipyge
Michelle	Vite Vite
Moon Rice	Windboer III
Natural Selection, USA	Wind Hush II, Curaçao
Oasis	Windmiller, Canada
One Way Wind	Ya-T, BVI
Ottifant	Zahi, Malta
Panta Five	

THE BONAIRE GARDNER

It's been a while since I've written a story about gardening. For the past weeks I've been enjoying the beginning of fall in Holland. As always, I was amazed by the variety of plants, shrubs and trees you can buy there. Staying close to my family's tree nursery I watched the season beginning for picking up and selling trees. Every year new varieties, not necessarily improved, come from all over the world, making it difficult for gardeners to choose the right plant for the right spot.

We don't have that problem here as much. As I've said many times before, we should not create another Florida or other tropical place simply because the weather and environmental conditions are very different. But it pleases us and hopefully you too to see that more and more varieties of good groups of plants have proven to do great here. Even with the Cactus or Succulent types we can find new things. In future articles I will continue to describe some of those families.

Hurricane Ivan proved once again the importance of the right plant in the right place. We see now that most of the plants in the seaside gardens are coming back, and those that are still suffering are not really good for the seaside environment.

What we are always trying to do when propagating new plants or at least trying to propagate, is to look for healthy, good colored plants when taking cuttings. With a lot of plants, like the Bougainvillea or Oleander, there are a lot of different col-

ors available on Bonaire and in other places. We always take cuttings from those plants that are healthy, growing the way we want them to, and rich in flowering. In that way, we are sure to get the best plants. When we take seedlings like from the Coconut trees, we always look for those plants that are, again, not full of diseases, preferably green, so they do not need a lot of fertilizer and can grow fast. And with seedlings from trees like the Carawara or Neem tree, we try to find the ones that grow straight, don't make too strong branches and don't drop their leaves all the time. It's not 100% guaranteed that they come back the same way, but they will be sure to have some good heritage from their mother plant and they have proven to do well on Bonaire.

In this way, you don't need to look for new varieties all the time, but instead use the ones we have in our surroundings in a good way. It makes it simple for home gardeners and you have a better guarantee that your plants will stay healthy longer. But of course, like the recently found really Red Bougainvillea, we always try to look for truly new improvements!

Plants are living creatures and I hope they will keep on surprising us! □ *Ap van Eldik*



Red Bougainvillea

Ap van Eldik owns Green Label Landscaping, a company that designs, constructs and maintains residential and commercial gardens. He has two nurseries and a garden shop in Kralendijk which carries terra cotta pots from Mexico and South America. Phone 717-3410

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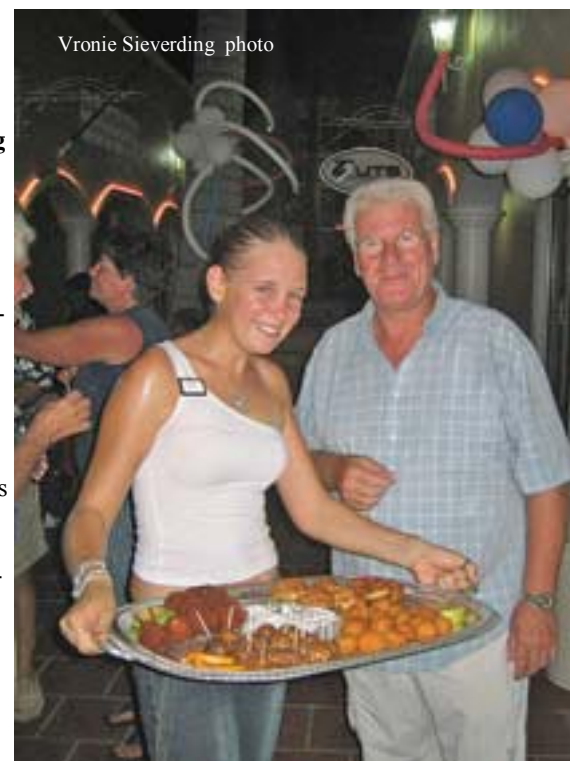
It's more than just a hospital! **The Fundashon**

Mariadal, which oversees the hospital, also does large scale catering with mouth watering snacks as they did for the Re/Max's one-year birthday party recently. It makes sense when you realize the hospital now is endowed with a complete professional kitchen with the capability of making numerous meals. According to Chef Pieter Mokkenstorm, the new hospital kitchen is a marvel, with new appliances like convection ovens and other devices that make high speed cooking possible. He and Chef Shirley Frans have had years of experience working in restaurants as well as the hospital. "We're doing 150 meals a day now," says Pieter, "but we can go up to 300."

As in other hospitals they prepare meals for all kinds of special diets- normal, salt free, low fat, diabetic, vegetarian - for example. "But we want to be able to offer the patients and our customers menu choices. We want to serve the people." He continues, "This catering started as a hobby, but we've seen that people like it. We enjoy it too because we can be creative and it's something new." Pieter emphasizes that the hospital kitchen is not in competition with the restaurants. They don't do small parties, only large ones of 75 people or more. They're non profit and all the proceeds go to the hospital's Fundashon Mariadal.

The kitchen also prepares "Meals on Wheels," hot meals delivered every day to those who are housebound. They also deliver meals to the two houses where some of the handicapped from the FKPD are living semi-independently. Twice a week they deliver hot meals to K'ai Mamina, the elderly day care facility in Tera Cora.

For more information call Chef Mokkenstorm or Vronie Sieverding at 717-8900 or email vsieverding@fundashonmariadal.org. □ *L.D.*



Sabina Ter Borg and Chef Pieter Mokkenstorm at Re/Max anniversary party

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER



Cedar Key, Florida

Marja Schut writes, "Here we are on Florida's Cedar Key with two of your favorite girls reading the *Bonaire Reporter*. From now on you'll never forget the girls' names (ha ha): Our daughter Linda is standing, and the other one is Sabina Ter Borg.

The Caribbean Sea- Bonaire



Hanny Kalk writes: "Early this month when we were sailing the Regatta, there was so little wind that we had enough time to take a swim around the boat. One of us had the idea of picturing ourselves with *The Reporter* while swimming. □

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Netty and Netto Bernabela were married on September 27, and held their reception at Capt. Don's Habitat. You can find Netty behind the counter at the Sand Dollar Grocery. Netto is a popular dive master at Captain Don's Habitat. All the best to this popular couple.

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

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Reinhold Paul (Postfach 100 119; 52301 Dueren, Germany) a 25 year old male would like to correspond in German or English with men or women on Bonaire. His interests are writing letters to pen friends, music and sports like swimming and basketball.

WANTED

**Looking for second hand dryer (gas)
Tel: 717-8444 - 717-5919**

FOR SALE

**Bon Bini Divers
Year-End Sale.**

All clothing and hats 45% off, dive equipment (masks, fins, snorkels, and wetsuits) 30% off, while supplies last. Located on the water at the Lions Dive Resort, between Buddy Dive and Captain Don's Habitat.

Call 717-2848 for:

Two end table lamps, mint green with beige shades, in the shape of a cactus. Very good condition. Originally, NAf 480 for the set, now both for NAf 240.

Two chairs, can be used outdoors or inside. Plastic heavy duty "wicker" seat and back with dark green tube frame. Very good condition. Originally NAf 240 for the set, now both for NAf120.

Two storage cabinets, perfect for clothing or as a linen cabinet. Three panel doors, wood construction. Excellent condition. Originally NAf440 each, now each only NAf220.

Two beach chairs in the butterfly style, with brand new, never-been-used black mesh covers. NAf80 each. For more information on any of these items, please call **717-2848**.

**Would you like to buy
a baby macaw? (hybrid)**

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PROPERTY

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PET of the WEEK

This handsome white cat, "Lucky," with the long elegant tail, is a special needs cat because he is deaf. Lucky was adopted and brought to a kunuku to live, but the neighboring wild male cats ganged up on him. It was tough for him because he couldn't hear them coming! So, for his own safety, the people who adopted him brought him back to the Animal Shelter in hopes that he can find a better home. He's content and well adjusted and gets along just fine with all the other cats at the Shelter. Lucky is a loving and affectionate cat who would do well as either an "only" cat or with other animals who are not aggressive. He's had all his shots, is neutered and is in excellent health. You may meet Lucky at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.



"Lucky"

Some interesting pet lover data from the US: The pet business, \$34 billion a year, surpasses the toy industry by \$14 billion a year, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturing Association. Sixty percent of American households own a pet. The Jupiter Research firm calculates that more than \$300 million a year is spent for online dating services. Couple that with 40 million single pet owners (according to Dan Cohen, CEO of animalattraction.com.) and you have a fertile field for the half dozen online or under construction dating services which match up people who love pets. □ L.D.

Note: See page 5 for a report on October's Animal Sterilization Program.

NEW CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED



photo by Joseph "Sjè" Rodriguez, Ultimo Notisia Bonaire

FKPD staff and visitors look on while President of the Board Benito Dirksz, Marisella Smith-Petronella and Merugia Janga sign a financial agreement for NAf2,5 million for the construction of the new FKPD buildings.

On Friday, October 22nd, the entire FKPD (handicapped center) "family" gathered at E Terras to witness one of the greatest moments in its history, the signing of a NAf2.5 million contract with BZV (organization that pays for health care) to build a new complex in Playa. In the presence of Herbert Piar, President of Fundashon Kas Bonaireano, Boy Clarendra of Fundashon Mariadal, and the Deputy of Health, James Kroon, the visitors of FKPD and their family members, the group leaders, the staff and members of the board and friends of the FKPD, the contract was signed by Benito Dirksz, FKPD Board Chairman; Marugia Janga, FKPD Secretary; and Marisela Smith Petronella, a department head of the BZV.

The new project will be built at a site between the SGB (high school) and Kaya Nikiboko North. In all, eight buildings will go up: a new recreation center, day care for the elderly and for the children, a multi-disciplined center and five houses for people to live independently, but under guidance and supervision. In fact, the entire Pasadia, now in Rincon, will move to Playa, while ATV Stanislaus, the work and training facilities, such as the souvenir shop, the greenhouse, the kitchen and the candle, postcard and handicraft workshop and all the offices, will stay in Rincon.

In her speech, Director Lupe Uranie mentioned that they had received a gift of 302 thousand euros from "Katholieke Noden," a Catholic organization in Holland, and an amount of US\$750 from UTS (United Telecommunications System). The ceremony was emceed by Claudette Domacassé and ended beautifully when everybody held hands and sang "Grandi Bo Ta" ("Great is the Lord"). □ *Greta Kooistra*

FATUM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



This year marks the 100th birthday of Fatum Insurance, and the administrators, considering the future, challenged kids, via the Youth Foundation of the Netherlands Antilles, to create art works – drawings and three dimensionals – to "Express Your Future." Here are two entries from Bonaire which again show the artistic talent that is coming out of the schools these days:



"Helicopters" (top) by Daniela Elisabeth Marquez and "Fatum 3000" by students of the TUB class. Entries are on display at the Fatum office on Kaya Gob. Debrot. Prizes to be awarded to the winners are BMX and Mountain Bikes. Thanks to Fatum, Bonaire: Yvonne Badloe and Michael Heymans. □ *L.D.*

TURTLE TRAVELS



“Tom” the turtle is on his way northeast. The beautiful hawksbill is Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire’s (STCB) first male turtle equipped with a transmitter. After being fitted with the satellite communication device in July he hung around Bonaire and Klein Bonaire until October 14 when he headed offshore. After some dilly dallying he decided to make a beeline for Puerto Rico, averaging 30 to 70 km. per day. He’s now about 570 km. from Bonaire. At this rate he may reach a suitable habitat near the Virgin Islands, or even Saba, around about the time this issue of *The Reporter* is on the street. At this writing he’s in water that’s nearly 5,000 meters deep.

Robert van Dam, the project director, arrived back on Bonaire last week and brought two additional satellite transmitters with him, bringing the number of available transmitters to four. With the end of the 2004 nesting season rapidly approaching STCB still hopes to fit all four transmitters on turtles. We will keep you posted of the progress.

Monday was the first of several trips to patrol No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire in search of a nesting hawksbill to fit with a transmitter. Hopefully a turtle who nested two weeks ago will return to nest again but so far no luck.

Also STCB will attempt to find a few more nesting turtles to track, hopefully a hawksbill from Klein Bonaire and possibly a green turtle from Playa Chikitu in Washington Park.

Hopefully, not all the adults have departed yet. Also, the rangers from Washington Park reported recent green turtle nesting activity at Playa Chikitu. It may be useful to go out there to await the return of turtles. Should it be successful there, it would be the first green turtle to be tracked from Bonaire. □ *Robert P van Dam and Andy Uhr*



LIVE JAZZ AT CROCCANTINO RESTAURANT IS BACK!

Hear Guus Gerritsen and his pals play some of the coolest jazz on the island. It’s every Friday night from 7 to 10. Croccantino, the home of the best Tuscan food in the Caribbean, is on Kaya Grandi, around the corner from the MCB Bank. Tel. 717-5025 for reservations. □ *L.D.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm
ANACONDAS: THE HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID
Early Show (usually 7pm)
RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE

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
The Manchurian Candidate

THIS WEEK

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. 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.

Sunday, October 31st - Salsa-Meringue party with the popular Rumba-band, Kon Tiki, 5 to 8 pm

Rincon Cooking Festival, at the Terrasa la Tropicana in the heart of Rincon. Great food tasting. 11 am to 3 pm.

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 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 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 Valrie@telbonet.an

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

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

Sister Maria Hoppner Home (Child

Care) Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.
Special Olympics - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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

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

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

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

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 Papiamentu, Spanish and English.

Catholic San Bernardus in Kralendijk - Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304 . **Saturday at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriol, in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). Services in English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194
New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.
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2.	1 5	LL COOL J	HEADSPRUNG
3.	7 4	KASSAV/LADY SWEETY	JUMP
4.	6 4	JUAN LUIS GUERRA	PARA TI
5.	3 5	FORSA DOS	WAK BO BIDA
6.	8 3	MARC ANTHONY/JLO	ESCAPEMONOS
7.	11 4	EL MEZCLADOR	WHAT HAPPENED
8.	12 2	LL COOL J/R KELLY	I'M ABOUT TO GET HER
9.	13 2	SCORPIONS	SHE SAID
10.	14 1	LUIS MIGUEL	EL VIAJERO
11.	15 1	TRIVALES/IVY QUEEN	VAMO PA ALLA
12.	N N	TONNY TUN TUN	NO TE PONGAS BRAVA
13.	N N	WIMPY DUNK	SI MAÑAN NO YEGA MAS
14.	N N	MARCO A. SOLIS	MI MAYOR SACRIFICIO
15.	N N	VOZ VEIS	PARA VOLVER A COMENZAR

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. □ *Zamir Ayubi*

DINING GUIDE

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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Bistro De Paris Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	Real French Cooking in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
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 Home Delivery or Take Out 717-3293	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.



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BONAIRE'S "WINDOWS": NEAREST POINT OR ADAM'S DILEMMA



Sea Urchins

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

1965

My old Flamingo Beach Club days were quiet compared to the excitement I came to know at Habitat some years later. But there were days, of course. At Flamingo in 1965, for example, the johns (toilets) in all the cottages were identical. A heavy cast iron water tank of 50 pounds or more was fastened to the wall some distance above the toilet bowl. When the chain was pulled, the tank would empty with a loud roar and the toilet flush. As the cottages at Flamingo became older, the braces holding the overhead iron tank had been known to dislodge, letting the tank and all come tumbling down as did the one in Cottage 13 early one morning.

That day the morning silence was suddenly pierced by a scream. I ran, seeking the source. I discovered some tourists in front of Cottage 13; then came the scream again. I motioned the guests back, tested the door and found it bolted. "Miss Gilmore." Louder, "Miss

Gilmore, are you okay?" knowing that anybody who would scream like that couldn't possibly be okay.

"C*#*, no, you schmuck," came a female's voice, richly tainted with panic. "Get me out of here."

"Get you out of where?" I hollered back.

"Get me out of this f*##* john!"

That was some pretty rough language coming out of a nice New York lady like Miss Gilmore. Maybe she was mad. "Miss Gilmore, Miss Gilmore, the door is bolted. Would you please open it?"

"You crazy-dumb Captain. I can't open the door. I'm held captive by this G*##* iron john of yours! I don't give a s*##* how you get the door open. Just get me the f*##* out of here!"

"Watch your language, Miss Gilmore. I've got children here." Then I drew my hip knife and neatly sliced a rent in the cheesecloth large enough for my hand to slip into and pull back the bolt. I hated doing this because I would have to repair the damage myself.

For a fellow who had seen everything, I was frankly a bit shocked as I looked into the narrow toilet stall and saw a naked Miss Gilmore sitting on the porcelain stool, her body forcibly doubled forward. She was held firmly in place by the steel flush pipe which was still attached to the cast iron reservoir which had torn loose from the wall. The heavy tank had fallen forward, smashing into the wall just above her head. The thin copper water tube had snapped and was spewing a formidable spray of brackish water over the entire back of the cottage.

"Will you stop staring, you pervert, and get me the h*##* out of here!" The panic was now gone from her voice, which had turned to pure fury.

"Don't move," I told her and ran to the front of the cottage. I sought out Richard, my driver, and barked, "In." To Maximera, the housemother who stood staring with big eyes, I said, "Phone for the ambulance," and wondered to myself just what the police might send.

Richard stood terrified, looking at the tangle of the iron reservoir, its pipe across Gilmore's shoulders and a ball of white flesh with a pinched face matted with wet hair staring at him.

"Turn the water off. Be careful, don't hurt her." He stood transfixed. "The water, Richard, get that friggin' water off before she drowns."

An American tourist named Spencer materialized alongside me, analyzed the whole thing in one glance and said, "I'll reach over the shower wall and lift the tank. You pull her out. Take it easy; she could have a broken neck."

"Get me outta here!"

I motioned for him to start lifting. Spencer got the tank raised a few feet, and I extracted Gilmore. As it turned out, Miss Gilmore did not have a broken neck.

I joined Spencer at the bar later and listened to a progress report on the health of his friend Adam, who, a once-a-year sailor, had rented one of our Sunfish and set a course directly downwind. From the Flamingo Beach Club, downwind was directly across the channel to the nearest point on the little island of Klein Bonaire just west of us. With our swift trade winds, he literally flew across that quarter mile channel and onto the shallow reefs of the island which were not only rich with corals but home to millions of big, black, long spined sea urchins. The dagger board keel of the Sunfish rammed into the coral, the boat became unstable, and, of course, flipped over on its side. Newton's Law prevailed and the skipper slid off the deck of the Sunfish and onto the reef.

It was Teddy the boatman who called the alarm. He had the small Boston whaler tied to the dock, engine running, waiting for Ebo and me to jump in with rope and snorkel gear. That rescue took the better part of the afternoon. Once at the island we hurriedly unfastened the mast and sail, dumping them onto the reef, then after righting the board struggled to get Adam back onto the narrow

deck. We stretched him out on his back with his rump shoved down into the cockpit. God, he was a mess. Eyes rolled up into his head in pain.

It wasn't easy for Ebo or me either. I took a dozen spines in my ankle. Poor Adam had them everywhere. I had never seen worse. Teddy was holding station against the short bay chop just outside the drop off in deep water. He hollered and tossed me a half a flask of Jack Daniels. I grabbed it as it floated by, opened it, and took a deep swallow, then poured a bit into Adam's mouth as he grimaced in pain. I got a shallow smile from him and shoved the bottle into his hand but not before helping myself to another sample. Ebo had joined Teddy in the whaler, handling the towline and giving orders to Teddy about his speed, trying to convince him that it wasn't water skis that he was towing. I clung onto the board, making sure Adam stayed put and didn't let the bottle slip away. My job was to keep him on the board and keep him from drowning. I secured my mask on his face and stuck my snorkel tube upside down in his mouth then hung onto the rudder to enjoy the ride back.

As I was dragged slowly along behind the Sunfish, I thought about the area that I had just seen. Before donating my mask to Adam, I had a moment of viewing not only broken urchins but also of an absolutely pristine reef. The shelf couldn't have been more than two feet deep and only feet away was the drop off. I marveled at its splendor. It fell off the earth like a tablecloth hanging from a table, not exactly down but easily a 60 degree fast slope. As I've said, I'd never dived here before and I decided do it someday soon. It was deep and looked spooky. I had always referred to this place as our nearest point, and it was just that. Thus, out of Adam's mishap and rescue came a new window, "Nearest Point." □



Captain Don

Hendrik Wuyts

“In 1993 I left Belgium and went to Jamaica to work as a dive instructor. I’d worked five years for General Motors in Belgium as a robot technician, but after the robots cut me up several times I gave up the battle and the stress and I took off.

After Jamaica I came to Bonaire. I’d been looking for jobs on the Internet and it was actually through Pascal De Meyer (now of Photo Tours) that I ended up here, working for Buddy Dive as a dive instructor. Back then Buddy Dive was still a family resort, and it was there that I met Donna De Salvo. It was love at first sight. Donna was staying with her parents on the charter yacht *Oscarina* and had come just for the holidays. Bart Snelder (Wannadive co-owner) and Laurence (his wife) had just met and it was through Bart that I met Donna. We spent New Year’s Eve on a motorcycle heading for ‘Lagoen City,’ ‘Beach Boys’ it was called then. The party was wild and crazy, fire-crackers going off in the middle of the dance floor and everybody was there: Henk Ram, Hans Voerman, Murph, you name it. It was great!

After two weeks Donna went back to Hollywood to her job as personal assistant to film director Michael Bay (*Armageddon*, *Pearl Harbor*). I left for Australia to work again as a dive instructor on the Great Barrier Reef. Every week I taught groups of 12 to 22 students at a time. I did my best diving there. But after a year I felt burned out so I continued my travels.

I traveled through Thailand, Laos and Malaysia until I got a job in a place called Sipaden, in northeast Borneo. On every dive I could spot about 20 turtles, 20 sharks and schools of barracudas. If you went deep you encountered the hammerheads. I picked up a video camera and started filming. I got to thinking that I’d like to start my own film company in Indonesia, but it was too difficult to get a permit.

So I went back to Bonaire as I already knew the island and also because I knew nobody was doing filming there. I started ScubaVision on Bonaire in 1997.

I’d studied photography in Antwerp when I was in my 20s so I knew about light, structure and composition. In Australia and Indonesia I’d seen people working with video cameras, and I thought, ‘I can do that as well!’ I worked for (the now defunct) Sunset Beach as an instructor, and in my spare time I filmed tourists on their dives. They took the video home and it was their souvenir of the island. Very soon I started filming at all the resorts, and

by the time Sunset closed down I had my own NV (corporation) and my own business.

My dream was to make documentaries for TV, but I soon found out that there wasn’t enough money to spend on creating good programs. I did some promotional videos, though, for a resort on Sulawesi and for one on Irian Java.

Then I began working with Bonaire’s famous underwater photographer, Dos Winkel, filming the ‘Eye On...’ series. First we spent two months in Peru where I filmed the Winkel family in search of ‘the perfect picture.’ Then we visited Kenya where we spent a month living with the Masai people. In my eyes they are the most incredible people on this planet. I think they are way more advanced than we are, and they control the balance between nature and themselves in an absolute perfect manner. They have their cattle and they live on blood and milk. They’re capable of making fire with their hands. I tried it a million times myself but I never managed; it’s a mystery, it is magic.”

Hendrik Wuyts glows as he tries to explain, and far away in the pitch black sky nature itself is endorsing his efforts by giving a breathtaking show of its own: lightning strikes in every imaginable pattern and in complete silence. The kunuku with the smoldering fire pit high up in the Lagoen Hills seems to be an island of its own; less than a grain of sand in an immense universe.

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“For our latest project,” *Hendrik continues*, “Dos Winkel and I filmed Saba and Bonaire. ‘Eye on the Caribbean,’ and the premiere will be the same day *the Bonaire Reporter* comes out, Thursday, October 28th, at Bongo’s Beach Bar at seven o’clock.

Nowadays ScubaVision films in every major resort. We film the divers and we still make topside and underwater nature DVDs. Just recently we finished ‘Island Adrift,’ a beautiful story about Captain Don’s journey, developing a pioneering vision in dive tourism and conservation for Bonaire. The film will be formally released next month. The premiere will be at Movieland.” *He looks at the pretty, petite, Italian-*

American girl next to him and gives her a smile that does not need any translation.

“I am especially happy, very happy, about this project because it resulted from collaboration between Donna and me. We found each other again after 10 years...”

“We missed each other in Australia by six months when Hendrik was working for Down Under Dive and I was traveling through,” *Donna says*. “But the universe had a higher plan! We met again in 2001, at Bongo’s of all places! I looked like complete hell, I’d just come back from China where I had been studying the art of Feng Shui, to visit my daddy. Hendrik actually knew that I was coming back because my father had mentioned it in *The Reporter*. But still, we were both shocked to see each other, and then it was just instantaneous love at first sight and we became inseparable. I wasn’t living here; I was intending to start my Feng Shui business in Santa Monica, California, so it was kind of hard for me to make the transition. However, after 9-11, I decided that life is too short to be away from the one you love most, so I packed up my cat and sublet my apartment and came to Bonaire.

In between, Hendrik came out to California and I showed him how my life had been and the beauty of that state. It wasn’t easy for me to decide what I was going to do. I felt it was a big step. I’d been very independent and now I had to start all over again, and I knew Feng Shui wasn’t going to pay the bills. From the moment I came here, I’ve done all kinds of jobs - helping people out, filling in - but I just couldn’t find what I was looking for. Now I’m with Re/Max and I am just where I am supposed to be, using my Feng Shui and other skills.

For me Bonaire always has had this



Donna DeSalvo and Hendrik Wuyts with Kimba

spiritual feeling. For example: I want to see so and so and then I run into them in the street. That’s what happens to me all the time here. For me the best thing of the island is the simplicity - few choices - that makes it easy! And for the first time since I’ve lived here I feel really good about where I am and where we are going, and I have big plans for Feng Shui in our new house that we are going to build in Bolivia, as this *kunuku* has been sold and we have to leave.”

“I think,” *Hendrik says*, “that in life you have to be able to change often. That’s how you grow up and become mature, by having the ability to change. We have Bonaire and now we’re changing at this moment because we’re going to build our own house, because I believe you can’t own something unless you create it with your own hands. And then... maybe we’ll change again. I think once the house is finished we still have to travel the world for a couple of years, but Bonaire will always be base camp.

Donna smiles: “I definitely see my future here with Hendrik because where Hendrik is, is my home.” *She nods resolutely*: “You can put it like that!” □ *Greta Kooistra*



Greta Kooistra



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Don't Miss Next Week's Super Close Meeting of the Two Brightest Planets Followed By an Exquisite Visit to Each by a Very Old Moon

Next week, Thursday, November 4th, and Friday, November 5th, the two brightest planets of them all will have a super close meeting which you'll not see again in the Sky Park until the year 2008. Plus on the 8th and 9th they'll be visited by an exquisite, very old waning crescent Moon.

On Friday, this week, October 29th, 45 minutes before sunrise, face due east where the brightest thing you'll see in the sky is our near neighbor planet and the brightest of them all, 8,000-mile-wide **Venus**, often called our sister planet because it's almost the same size. And right below it, only 7 degrees away or 14 full Moons apart because one full Moon is 1/2 a degree, the second brightest but largest planet of them all, 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter**. It's a planet so huge we could line 11 Venuses or Earths across its middle. And you might rightly ask if Venus and Jupiter are so close to each other and Jupiter is so much larger, why is it dimmer? And that's a very good question.

The simplest answer is that Jupiter is much, much farther away from us than Venus ever is. In fact on the 29th Venus will be only 114 million miles away while Jupiter will be 585 million miles beyond. But as close as they appear on the 29th the real action begins on November 1st when they will be less than 4 degrees or 8 Moons apart, on the 2nd less than 3 degrees or 6 Moons apart, and on the 3rd less than 2 degrees or 4 Moons apart. Finally on the two biggest days until 2008, Thursday and Friday November 4th and 5th, they will be at their very closest, less than one degree apart, which means that less than two full Moons could fit between them. Venus will be only 118 million miles away while Jupiter will be 5 times farther away, a whopping 580 million miles.

Now on Thursday Jupiter will be slightly below Venus to its right, but on Friday it will be just slightly above it. You see, all through October Jupiter was below Venus, but after November 5th Jupiter will rise above it. In fact if you go out on November 6th you will see that they will be about a degree and a half or 3 full Moons apart. But by the 7th they'll be 2 1/2 degrees or 5 full Moons apart. And then they'll rapidly move farther away from each other each successive day. Don't miss this super close huddle on the 4th and the 5th, please.

And as if this weren't enough, on Tuesday morning, November 9th, an exquisite slender sliver of a 26-day-old Moon complete with Earthshine will be parked right above Jupiter. And on the 10th, an even slimmer 27-day-old Moon will be parked right underneath Venus, and all three will be equally spaced and lined up in a row.

So mark the 4th and 5th as Venus/Jupiter super close meeting days and the 9th and the 10th as the visitation of each by an exquisite crescent Moon. Plus on the 9th you'll also notice that Jupiter is now way above Venus, 4 1/2 degrees or 9 full Moons apart. Isn't planet watching fun? □ *Jack Horkhimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:

October 29 to November 5, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your positive attitude and intellectual outlook will draw others to you. Passion is about the best way for you to relieve tension. Sudden disruptions will cause upset and a change of routine in your home environment. Any capricious behavior will confuse loved ones and your mood swings will result in loneliness. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? Be sure to cover all the necessary groundwork before signing binding contracts. Expect to have more people on your domestic scene. If you take on too much, you will find yourself in martyrdom. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Residential moves look hectic and sudden changes in your life are likely. Don't believe everything you hear. Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. This might not be a day for hasty decisions. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You have a tendency to think that no one else will do things properly. Try to ease any disappointment by making amends. Emotionally, things may not run so smoothly. An older loved one may be having problems. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) They didn't fully understand what was expected. It's time to consider putting money into long-term investments. Be sure to spend time helping children with projects that are too difficult for them to accomplish alone. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your dramatic approach to life has probably gotten to your mate. You will have original ideas for ways to make extra money. Financial difficulties may be worrying you. Be discreet about any information you uncover. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Children will keep you busy. Spend a quiet day with the one you love. Lowered vitality could affect your work. You need to be around friends and family. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You might be a tad overindulgent this week. Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Travel will promote new romantic connections. Losses are likely if you aren't careful where you leave your valuables. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Resist secret affairs that could be detrimental to your reputation. Passion will be your only answer. Moves or the possibility of having someone different living with you may be difficult at first. Try to spend some time on your own. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can make career moves that will bring you a much higher income. You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home. Chances to express your ideas and beliefs can bring popularity as long as you're not arrogant. You may have a problem keeping secrets. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Someone you work with could try to undermine you. Unstable relationships are likely. You would be wise to socialize with as many people as possible. Find out if they have other commitments. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Don't get so wrapped up in being rich that you overlook the fact that your plan may not be as solid as you thought. Your intellectual wit will bring greater popularity with your peers. Don't be too eager to spend money that you really don't have. Your lucky day this week will be Friday. □

Moon Info ☾ First Quarter October 20th ☽ Full Moon October 28th
☾ Last Quarter November 5th ● New Moon November 5th