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Suzy Lee Swygert swims among Bonaire's corals

Albert Bianculli photo

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# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



Following the lead of Bonaire, Sabana voted overwhelmingly, 86%, for direct ties with The Netherlands in their Referendum last Friday. Leading Sabana elected officials told *The St. Martin Daily Herald* they were very satisfied with the outcome and with the turnout of voters, which was 666 of the total of 856 eligible voters or 77.8%. The total number of valid votes was 645.

The now bankrupt Dutch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) has not flown to Venezuela since October 10 and because of this, Bonaire was deprived of regular service to South America. **Transaven Airlines/Jasta Travel (see story in last week's issue) has now begun flying to Valencia.** In addition, BonairExel and Aeropostal have shown interest in flying this route in cooperation.

The Jamaican Parliament heard last week that the national carrier, **Air Jamaica, owed the Government J\$4.2 billion in unpaid taxes.** Early last month, Air Jamaica, which transports 51% of all travelers to Jamaica, announced that it would shave up to US\$50 million of its annual costs in an effort to pull itself out of serious economic trouble. Air Jamaica's losses of US\$83 million in 2002 and its yet undefined deficit in 2003 come amid new forecasts that the world's airline industry will lose about US\$5 billion this year. The industry has been unable to recover since September 11, 2001. (*Jamaica Observer*). **Air Jamaica is a prime provider for American tourists visiting Bonaire.**

**Goddard Catering Group USA** recently signed a contract with KLM to start catering their aircraft beginning at the end January, 2005. Curaçao will be added to Goddard's list of client airports: Barbados, Bermuda, Grenada, Tobago, Trinidad, St. Lucia, St. Thomas, Jamaica (Montego Bay and Kingston), Cayman Islands, St. Maarten and of course Bonaire. Donovan Wright, the general manager of Bonaire operations will, at least in the start-up phase, also act as general manager of the Curaçao operation. The re-construction and technical upgrading of the former ALM/DCA catering building is in the hands of Moedt Bouwbedrijf Curaçao and has already started under the supervision of Norman Evertsz.

**The Isla oil refinery (in Curaçao) management says between \$240 and \$340 million are needed to make the facility environmentally acceptable.** The Island Territory of Curaçao, as the refinery's owner, and the Venezuelan operator, "Petrólcos de Venezuela Sociedad Anonima" (PdVSA), will split the investment 50-50.

Management pointed out that Isla's emission of sulfur dioxide (an average of 125 tons per day in 2002) is far less than when the refinery was owned by Shell

(265 tons per day in 1982). The lease contract with PdVSA ends in 2019. The refinery contributes 200 to 225 million guilders per year to the local economy, 85 million of it in wages and wage tax. It employs 1,000 people directly and another 450 through (sub)contractors.

Following in the footsteps of the successful "Save the Lora (Bonairean parrot) campaign is the year-long joint Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire's (STCB) and STINAPA's initiative, **Protect Our Turtles (Protehá Nos Turtugonan).** Headed up by the island's Nature and Environment Education (NME) officer, Debby Wauben, the campaign's objective is to educate Bonaire's population on the value of protecting sea turtles, an endangered species.

In decades past sea turtles were plentiful in Bonaire's waters and were a regular menu item in restaurants. However, the number of turtles has drastically declined over the last quarter century because of over fishing and fishing fleet fishing practices that kill turtles as a byproduct of their normal activities. The number of most varieties of sea turtles is now so diminished that they are in danger of extinction. For more information or to sponsor activities call 717-8444 or 717-4163 or email nme@stinapa.org.

During the debate surrounding the 2005 Kingdom Relations budget in Dutch Parliament, **two "gifts"** in connection with the 50th anniversary of the charter for the Antilles were proposed and accepted:

- The installation of artificial grass sports fields on the islands
- A trust fund for Antillean nature management

The "Dutch Rooster" Sea Side Apartment complex construction in downtown Kralendijk reached its **highest point** last Friday and, as traditional, the event was marked by a party.

Construction began in December 1997, then stalled from August 1998 until January 2004, when it was resumed. Completion is now planned for April 1st 2005. The four-story high building has an elevator, 17 apartments, a 400 m<sup>2</sup> penthouse with a terrace swimming pool, a common garden with pool, a Deli France restaurant and shops. An extensive security system is built in.

Last week, **Rigoberta Victoria Janga-Anthony, the oldest resident of Bonaire, died at 104.** "Tantan Beka," as she was called, spent her last years at the island's retirement home, the Kas di Sosiegu. Her sister, Sani Anthony, previously was the oldest person on the island and also died at 104. She was laid to rest Saturday. Our condolences to her family.

The **Lost Penguin**, downtown across from the MCB bank, is offering a **fantastic Thanksgiving dinner**, buffet style, featuring about 22 items: turkey, dressing, two kinds of gravies, green bean casserole, cranberries, several salads, fruits, breads, pecan, pumpkin and apple pies, etc. etc. It's all you can eat for NA\$47.50. Not only that but you get a coupon for a **free drink afterwards** at



ings: 3 and 7 pm **Reservations definitely 717-8003.**

**MORE RESTAURANT REVOLUTIONS** Lots of good news as restaurateurs get ready for the busy season:

\* Wil and Sue, who owned and operated the Lighthouse Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina, will be opening their new place, "**Wil's Tropical Grill**," in town across the street from Exit Bakery, most likely as early as next week. The menu will have all the spicy Caribbean favorites that Chef Wil served at the Lighthouse. The décor is fresh, clean and soothing, and could it be the only restaurant on the island that has very old trees growing in the dining room?

**Casa Blanca**, the Argentine steakhouse, will be moving to new, slightly larger quarters soon. The new site is just across the parking lot from the present restaurant.

The **restaurant at the airport**, previously known as Le Mirage, has been taken over by well-known restaurateur **Moreno Binelli** (who once owned Croccantino and who now operates the restaurant in the airport's departure hall). "The menu has a local flavor and we've kept the prices low," said Chef Moreno, "We haven't picked a name for it yet, but we won't use the present one. Our company's name is Technobar N.V."

**Croccantino Restaurant** is open once again with a brand new chef from Tuscany, Fabrizio Bernardini. Chef Fabrizio can create not only sumptuous dishes from his native Tuscany but we hear **he does magic** with other regional recipes as well. Stop in and try some great authentic Italian food made from products imported from Italy. They have a **stellar but affordable wine list** too. Croccantino is open every evening except Monday, from 5:30 to 11 pm. They're located in a beautiful old restored Bonairean home on Kaya Grandi, around the corner from the MCB Bank and across the street from Rent-o-Fun. Call **717-5025**.

The **Last Bite Bakery** has announced the arrival of a shipment of fresh pecans just in time for Thanksgiving Day festivities. If you've never tasted one of their pecan pies do yourself a favor and order one or more. The supply is limited so order as soon as you can.

The **Cellular One office has moved** to the interior of the Royal Palm Galleries (the former Chogogo office). To celebrate the move Cellular One will offer **free calls on the weekends** (from Friday at midnight to Sunday at midnight). Another great offer is a **free Nokia or Motorola cellular phone** when you buy NA\$300 worth of calls. Manager Harold Vaseur says, "We are definitely customer friendly. We try to make it as easy as possible for our customers to use our service. For example, when you call Curaçao you don't need to dial 09. It's already programmed into the phone." See their ad on page 8 for more information.

On Saturday, November 20 the SEBIKI Foundation will organize activities for the **International Day of the Child**, along with the rest of the world. SEBIKI works with families, schools, *skolnan di bario* (neighborhood after-school programs), and youth groups in order to give them opportunities for optimal success in their lives.

During the day at Wil-

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helmina Park the children will be painting tee shirts which they will wear during the Parade of the Lights which begins at 6 pm at the park. The program will close at 8. (The number of flights is limited so children may bring their own). Donations of

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any amount would be very much appreciated. SEBIKI is at Kaya Pedro P. Silië 4. For more information call SEBIKI at 717-2436.

**Being a fat person is now said to cause environmental pollution.** A new US government study reveals that airlines increasingly have to worry more about the weight of their passengers. America's growing waistlines are hurting the bottom lines of airline companies as the extra pounds on the heavier fliers have created heavier fuel costs, according to the government study.

Through the 1990s, the average weight of Americans increased by 10 pounds, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The extra weight caused airlines to spend \$275 million to burn 350 million more gallons of fuel in 2000 just to carry the additional weight of Americans, the federal agency estimated in a recent issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. **The extra fuel burned also had an environmental impact, as an estimated 3.8 million extra tons of carbon dioxide were released into the air, according to the study.**

**The percentage of obese persons for the US and Bonaire are about the same** according to the Bonaire health study conducted in 2001. □G/L.D.



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► **JONG  
BONAIRE  
NEWS:**

STINAPA has loaned, for an unlimited time, five sets of dive equipment - BCDs and regulators - to Jong Bonaire. Jong Bonaire Assistant Manager, Mabel Nava, says the youth center invites every teenager who goes to school to join them for great activities. "We even have kids from four different cruising boats in the harbor now. The kids just have to be studying, not necessarily go to SGB. We welcome all kinds of kids, even if they're here just for a couple of months."



**LETTERS**

**SPEED KILLS**

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the paper for covering the Pet Sterilization Clinic so thoroughly. Hats off to Jurrie, the volunteers and all who made this possible. There is a lot of love and care for the pets of our little island. Sadly there are some matters that still need to be addressed.

I reside on busy Kaya Gob. Debot near the Yacht Club Apartments. The speed some drivers exercise while driving is scary. Late Saturday night my dog Ruby slipped out the gate and was killed by a speeding vehicle. The lovely people who pet sit for me told me the driver admitted he was driving too fast. The sad fact is Ruby has been out of the yard only a few times in the 10 months I have had her. She is a very shy and gentle dog, very timid of cars and strangers. It is sad that on one of these rare moments her life was cut short by a speeding vehicle. I am grateful the driver stopped to assist my friends. I am sorry he didn't take time to travel more safely.

Can we all slow down the pace and drive at a safer speed? I know I promise to, so I do not hurt anyone's pet or child.

Ann Phelan

**FREEWINDS FAVORED**

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the one who wrote the article, "Why the *Freewinds*?" in *The Bonaire Reporter*, Nov. 5-12, 2004.

I want to give you positive advice:

Next time please take your time; consult with the related authorities before you write your feelings in *The Bonaire Reporter*.

This vessel is calling our Island regularly and most Bonaireans know that they contribute to our economy and even more they participate in a lot fundraising activities on our Island.

I also just want to correct one of your concerns.

The *Freewinds* is not dumping dirty sewage water on our island but treated water from an approved sewage plant of the vessel. The vessel is complying with our marine park regulations.

About the rest of your questions, I am happy to inform you that the local authorities are more than willing to answer your questions. What I know is that all you wrote in this article is just the opposite.

By the way if you are a faithful reader of this paper you should be better informed about all the positive activities of the *Freewinds*, because they are regularly announced in *The Bonaire Reporter*.

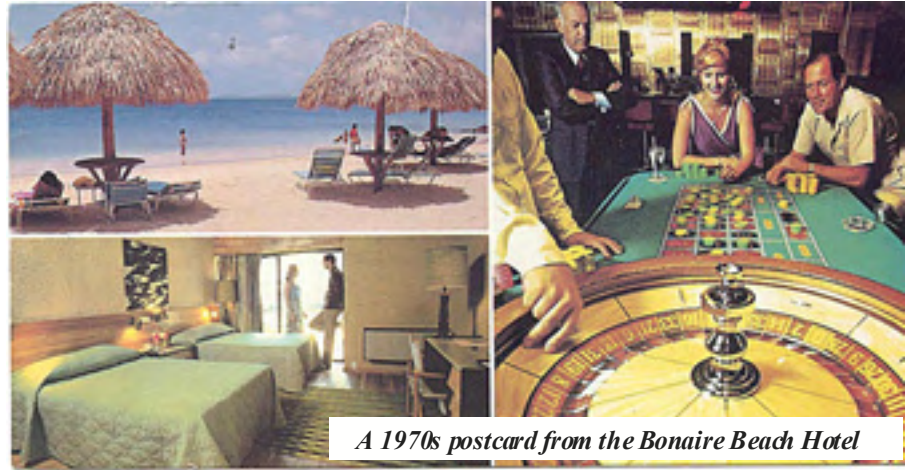
You should be one of our guests? We Bonaireans are thankful people and like to treat and inform our guests correctly.

I am not afraid to publish my name  
Ilva Sint Jago de Jongh

**BONAIRE NEEDS MORE ROOMS?**

Dear Editor:

Since the beginning of tourism on this island, someone has always said Bonaire needs more rooms. When Hotel Bonaire was the only large facility, it was said that



A 1970s postcard from the Bonaire Beach Hotel

we would not get better airlift unless we had more rooms. Flamingo Beach Hotel increased its size dramatically and soon Sand Dollar opened, making more than the number of rooms someone said we needed. But even after that someone again said we needed more rooms.

No matter how many rooms Bonaire got, we needed more rooms. It reminds me of a movie named "The Money Pit" where, no matter what the project was that the homeowner needed, when asked how long it would take, the contractor always answered "two weeks." Now it seems no matter how many rooms Bonaire has the answer is 600 more rooms.

One of the major arguments for more rooms is airlift. It is claimed that the more rooms we get the more flights and airlines will we get. We got the airlines and most have cut back flights. In actuality the airlift was better 30 years ago than it is now. But we need 600 more rooms.

Has anyone done any math? Rooms are going up all over the place but we need 600 more. Are all the rooms now on Bonaire running at 100% occupancy year round? It would be surprising if all the rooms on average were running 60% occupancy year round. So why more rooms?

The other argument for more rooms is more employment. But more employment for whom? The foreign work force is huge. If that many foreigners have had to be brought in, how can anyone claim unemployment?

Others say we need more rooms to give the economy a boost. The same arguments apply. Many have always complained that the economy has needed a boost. They argued this when we had 150 rooms. They argue it now that we have hundreds more rooms. They would argue it if we had 600 more rooms.

As more and more businesses open on Bonaire without some of these entrepre-

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## POLICE UPDATE

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



The Police report that Zero Tolerance continues with checking cars, businesses without censes, people illegally on the island, possession of drugs and illegal arms. During these checks the police confiscated marijuana, cocaine, three guns, rum, whiskey and beer.

\*During September and October 419 cars were stopped; 267 were given warnings.

\*On Friday, November 6, there was a meeting in Rincon between the police and the community to discuss how they can come together to fight crime. The police believe when the people are educated and informed it can help reduce crime. Other neighborhoods are encouraged to have meetings with the police as well. For information call 717-3503.

\*The jails in Kralendijk and Rincon are still not ready to be occupied. Some sources say they will be opened next week.

\*Public Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius reports that the police continue to be occupied with the Sabadeco case.

Correction: It wasn't Santa Claus who was robbed (last week's *Reporter*), it was his wife, Esperansa, (Mrs. Claus) her sister and another woman who works at Garden Café. According to reliable sources the three men who accosted them are known to the police but they are still at large. □ L.D.



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## CRIME FIGHTING FOLLOW UP

### COORDINATOR OF SECURITY ASSIGNED

Governor Domacassé is following up on his promise to better organize against crime. During a press conference he announced that as of November 15, **Charlon Willems will be Coordinator of Security for Bonaire**. Mr. Willems is a former police officer, has studied criminology and has worked in Dordrecht, The Netherlands. It's expected that Bonaire's new crime fighting czar, in addition to tying together the work of the different law enforcement and security services on Bonaire, will focus on the problem of drug use among Bonaire's youngsters. The Governor perceives this as one of the root causes of the increase in crime on Bonaire. Domacassé wants to establish such teams on Bonaire.

Willems will have to formulate policy, acquire funds, talk to relevant organizations to list the problems and prevention possibilities, contribute to an awareness process, give information on drugs and establish advice and an information center for concerned parents. □ G.D.



Governor Domacassé

### VIOLENCE PUNISHED

Some justice has been obtained in the case of a Bonaire resident who was so severely beaten in an unprovoked attack that he had to spend more than four painful months off his feet in a full leg cast and will have to undergo a long period of physiotherapy before being able to walk without crutches.

Judge Luis de Lannoy fined Nils Teeuw, 46, a frequent visitor to Bonaire from Holland, NA/\$5,000 and sentenced him to 120 days in prison. According to court proceedings, the victim, Hans van der Ende, was sitting on his patio on Kaya Grandi late in the evening on June 25th, 2004, when Nils Teeuw entered his property uninvited, unexpectedly punched him in the face, knocked him down and kicked him so hard that he sustained fractures of the leg and other serious injuries. Mrs. van der Ende was also struck. Neither had ever met their assailant face to face before that night.

Teeuw said he had come to discuss a financial matter, was provoked and acted in self defense. The judge ruled otherwise and had to consider that Teeuw had a record of multiple violent acts dating back to 1987. Additional civil action against Teeuw is pending. Attorney Murray, Teeuw's local lawyer, had in the courtroom as his advisor the prominent, and expensive Dutch criminal attorney, Mr. Sprong.

It is interesting to note that Judge de Lannoy levied a heavier fine than first requested and mentioned that a crime of this magnitude is often punished in the Netherlands Antilles by an eight-year sentence. □ G.D.

Correction: In last week's *Reporter*, in the article "Crime and Accountability—There's Much More to Do," we inadvertently changed the meaning of the sentence "Recent events have helped the Bonaire Community realize that the island crime has no focus." By adding the word "fighting" where the - marks are we changed the intent of the sentence, which was to make clear that crime in Bonaire is widespread, not focused on a particular neighborhood. The error was in the notice of the November 8, 2004 meeting to discuss approaches to crime and accountability. We are sorry for any problems this error may be caused. □ G./L.D.

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Because there has been such a great interest in basketball on Bonaire, Jong Bonaire and the Federation of Bonaire Basketball (BBF) organized a very successful basketball tournament last Saturday at the Sport Hall. There were two teams in the 10 years and above category: 14 kids between 10 and 12 years. From SGB and Jong Bonaire there were 21 teenagers participating. In the adult category comprising four divisions, 24 adults battled it out for the prizes.

A great door prize, a basketball backboard complete with rim, was donated by DeAntillen in the name of Jong Bonaire. Eduart Winkel, a student at SGB, was the very happy winner.



Rudsel Chirino photo



Rudsel Chirino photo

### *One of the youngest teams won Movieland tickets*

The first and second place winners in the three youth categories won free tickets to Movieland, also thanks to Jong Bonaire. The adult team, Sint James, fought hard and won first. Their prize was a case of beer donated by Green Label Landscaping and Nursery.

Anyone who is interested in basketball or training for kids from eight to 12 years may come to the Sport Hall on Kaya Amsterdam on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 pm. It's completely free. For teenagers from SGB and Jong Bonaire the training is on Monday and Wednesday, from 5 to 6 pm, also completely free. For adults the training is on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm. The adult cost is NA/5 or NA/15 per month.

All the training is made possible by the sponsorship of BBF. □Paco Veeris/L.D.

*Coach Paco Veeris with one of the winning teams*

# PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER

## French Polynesia

Will and Mary Ament from Waukon, Iowa, USA got their dive certification in Bonaire in 1993. They've returned every year since and will be back this November. This past May they went diving with the sharks and mantas in French Polynesia- Bora Bora and Moorea. They just happened to have a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* along with them at the Pearl Resort in Moorea. □



### WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES. Mail photos to Bonaire Reporter, Kaya Gob. Debröt 200-6, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles (AN). E-mail to: [picture@bonairereporter.com](mailto:picture@bonairereporter.com). (All 2004 photos are eligible.) □

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jan and Margreth 1964



Jan and Margreth 2004

Margreth and Jan Kloos celebrated 40 years of marriage last Saturday at the Rose Inn in Rincon. Over 100 friends and relatives, many of whom flew in for the event (a total of 24), were at the fabulous party to toast the couple, drink, dine and listen to the music of Glenn and su Gang. □ *L.D.*

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

# TURTLE TRAVELS



'STINAPA', the female Green turtle that was fitted with a transmitter last week, is still moving in a westerly direction. In one day she covered over 90 km and is approximately 365 km from Bonaire. One guess is that she is headed to the same area, a large shallow ledge that extends from Honduras down to Nicaragua, which 'Extra', our female Loggerhead, traveled to in July of this year. If that is the case, she still has about 1200 km more to go. □ *Andy Uhr*



## SAFE! THANKS TO THE COAST GUARD



The Coast Guard came to the assistance of American yacht *Fan Fan*, which ran into problems last Tuesday morning while sailing between Curaçao and Aruba.

The yacht's rudder had broken for unknown reasons some 15 nautical miles east of Aruba, making it impossible to control the vessel. The patrol boat P4 reached the yacht in the early afternoon and towed it to Barcadera harbor. The two elderly American men on board were in good condition. □ G.D.



Bonaire's harbor is being prepared to receive large cruise ships such as the Queen Mary II, which will visit the island twice in December. Harbour and Civil Construction Curaçao (HCCC) is installing an extra dolphin. The apparatus had to move to open water during the wind reversal this past Tuesday afternoon. □ G.D.

## YACHT KIDS COLLECT FOR SHELTER

Instead of going for the "treats," kids from cruising boats in the anchorage this Halloween collected NAf450 from the other yachts to be donated to the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Shown are the kids handing over the bucket of guilders to Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema at the Marina last week. Trick or Treaters were: Ashley from *Precocious Gale*; Ava, Bennie and Michiel from *Tween*; Allison, Isabel and Mackenzie from *Aeluya*. "All the boats were very supportive," said one of the moms. "We got NAf10 and NAf25 notes from the cruisers, not just coins." To thank the kids Shelter Manager Jur-



rie Mellema picked them up at the marina and took them for a visit to the animals at the Shelter. □ L.D.

### KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
11-12	12:10	2.0FT.	92
11-13	12:58	2.1FT.	98
11-14	13:47	2.1FT.	101
11-15	0:24	0.6FT.	99
11-16	1:13	0.6FT.	93
11-17	1:53	0.6FT.	84
11-18	2:26	0.7FT.	73
11-19	2:53	0.8FT.	62

### 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
Guacamara I, Venezuela.	Ty Dewi, USA
Honakee, USA	Tween
Lady Alice	Ulu Ulu, USA
Leprechaun	Unicom, Norway
Luna C. USA	Varechuni, 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	

**DUTCH AID BEGINS TO FLOW**  
**"We Dare to Care" Foundation Gets NAf436.000 From AMFO**



*Werner Wiels, AMFO Executive Director for all the Antilles, signs agreement for NAf436.000 with "We Dare to Care" officers, James Fines and Davika Bissessar.*

The foundation, "We Dare to Care," which began collecting funds a year ago to establish a playground for Bonaire's children, received a very generous contribution of NAf436.000 from AMFO\* last week. This amount will enable the foundation to complete the work on the playground and hopefully finish the project within one year.

Led by founder and President Davika (Vicky) Bissessar-Shaw and Vice President James Fines, the foundation was formed by people who want to see things better on Bonaire - better for the children, elderly and the community as a whole. Their first effort is a playground on a centrally located plot of land given by the Island Council. The plot consists of 3,480 square meters and is behind San Francisco Hospital. The landscaped park will have a path for jogging, exercising and walking, tricycling and roller-blading and will be accessible for wheel chair-bound persons. The park will be fenced and gated and will have security personnel. □

L.D.

**WHAT IS AMFO?**

During interviews with Werner Wiels, Executive Director for all the Antilles, and Alan Gross, Treasurer of the NGO Platform Bonaire, we learned that AMFO stands for Antillean Co-Financing Organization. It was set up in 2003 as a means for the Dutch government to give funds directly to individual islands' non-governmental organizations (NGOs) via each island's Platform Committee rather than going through the Central Government in Curaçao.

As of April 2004 AMFO had available NAf20.4 million from the coffers of the Dutch government to be given to the islands of the Netherlands Antilles. AMFO was established for two years with the proviso that its contract could be renewed, conceivably existing forever.

On each of the islands is a Platform Committee which has established criteria for funds to be given to their respective NGOs. So each request is measured against the island's criteria. The gift to the "We Dare to Care" Foundation was a case in point.

In Bonaire, according to Alan Gross, the NGO Platform's aims are to: 1) strengthen families; 2) help the needy (disabled, young, old, poor); 3) strengthen the socio-economic situation of the Bonairean people; 4) improve social relationships 5) strengthen the NGOs so that they can deliver better services (for example, conducting seminars and training programs, giving



*Werner Wiels, AMFO's Executive Director for all the Antilles*

advice, procuring computers, setting up offices, helping with bookkeeping services).

There is now an AMFO office here on Bonaire to administer the fund giving to Bonaire and Curaçao. The Project Manager on the island is Lisandro Cicilia. The AMFO office is on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 31.

Werner Wiels explains, "We have to find what they (the NGOs) need. We'll start with small steps, but we have to create a task force. We have to be different, otherwise we'll have the same results."

He continued, "AMFO is funding projects for the elderly, for Jong Bon-

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*(What is Amfo? Continued from page 10)*  
 aire, increasing the facilities for young people. We are adding to and boosting FORMA (re-education program for dropouts).” Wiels continues, “We must take measurements as to where new jobs are needed and train the people accordingly – for instance beach watching special skills taught at community centers. We’ve aided REDA Social in Amboina, a community center where people have been hired to work as social workers, and we’ve given money for furnishings. FESBO (centro di barios) got NAf300.00 for salaries for social workers to aid children and the elderly,” he said.

Some of the best news we heard is that AMFO will give funds to for psychiatric help with FORMA and FESBO.

Wiels added, “Even if an organization is not an NGO itself it can apply to the Platform Committee for help to either become an NGO itself, or become associated with a relevant NGO.”

Alan Gross sums it up, “This whole system of what’s happening on the island now will pay off in the long haul. (Of all the other Netherlands Antilles islands) Bonaire is in the lead, on a size and per capita basis. We’re doing more than the other four islands. It’s because we have a good staff with people like Irene Winklaar and Pancho Cicilia.” □ *L.D.*

## DIVI EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Last week at a special party at the Chibi Chibi Restaurant awards were made to the Divi Employee of the Quarter. The employees are judged by their supervisors on personal appearance, their relations with the staff, their willingness to work shifts or overtime and how they perform their jobs.

The winner was **Abdala Jancharsel** of Food and Beverage. First runner up was Carmen Abadia of Housekeeping; second runner up, Richinelo Abrahams from the Front Office. Congratulations to all and



*Divi Employee of the Quarter Award Winners*

keep up the good work. It’s people like you who make the Divi Flamingo a great place to visit.

At the same party the employees who graduated from a hotel supervisor course received their diplomas: Alvin Clemencia, Rudsel Pourier, Anne Mieke Silberie, Davillo Josepha, Radella Martinus and Rudmila Beaumont. □ *L.D.*



*Hotel Supervisor Course Graduates*

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**PEN PAL WANTED**

**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. Interests are writing letters to pen friends, music and sports like swimming and basketball.

**FOR SALE**

**Almost new stroller**, NAf100 Tel. 717-7977

**Sony Viao Laptop Computer.** Intel Pentium4, 2.66GHz, 512MB DDR Ram, 40GB HD, 64MB; Ram ATI Video, CDRW+DVD, 15" XGA LCD Screen, Memory stick drive. NAf2.200 - Negotiable. Tel: 786-2388

**HP Notebook model:** ze 5400. P4 (2.4Ghz), 40GB, 512mb, Wireless e-card. Almost brand new, carrying case included, US\$1900. Info (599)785-7425 after 3pm.

**Refrigerator-** 24 cu. ft. GE refrigerator, 220v. Like new. NAf800. Call 790-1111

**WANTED**

**2-3 bedroom furnished house needed** Jan. 1- June 1. On-island references available. Email tyson-poor@hotmail.com

**Wanted: clothes and toys for boy of 3.** Tel. 717-7977

**SOMEONE TO WATCH OUR KUNUKU**

We are looking for someone to watch our kunuku from Dec. 20 to Jan. 5. Celebrate the holidays kunuku style with a beautiful view of the fireworks. Call 786-2569

**1-2 bedroom furnished house or apartment needed** Nov. 25- Feb. 25. Divers with on-island references seek a clean and secure rental. Please email anita@divemad.com

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**Narwahl rubber boat** (5 meters) with polyester bottom, colors red with black, needs little fixing, 1500 Naf

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



(Letters. 600 Rooms. Continued from page 5)  
neurs giving much thought to the process, risks and need for such a business, they find they fail and blame the government for not supplying them with customers. This meaning that we need 600 more rooms.

What Bonaire needs is to look at itself and see what has worked and what has failed.

As an example, there was a time when Bonaire had good access from the East Coast of the US. This worked so well that those in charge of promoting Bonaire simply let that promotion fall behind. They decided it was time to look for new markets, spending money on such places as Japan and France, neither of which brought in a penny. There was even talk of Russia!

Many people do not return to Bonaire because it just isn't the place they fell in love with many years ago. It has changed too much. It has become too much like other destinations with more traffic, more building, less beach access and higher crime. As far as being unique, Bonaire is becoming homogenized into a world that sadly may just be one huge planet with

everything the same.

Hotel Bonaire is about to come down. The argument we need 600 more rooms is being pushed for the reason to convince people a huge hotel must be built there. Many say this will largely be staffed by foreigners anyhow so an employment issue is not true. Will it bring new airlines and many more flights? It is doubtful. What it will most likely do is simply cut the slice of the pie even smaller.

Many are suggesting that a beautiful public beach be made there. At each end concession stands could be owned and operated by Bonaireans to supply those visiting the beach with food, drink and perhaps water sports items. The area is central, easy to access and would have a huge parking area. Bonaire lacks a good public beach and the people of Bonaire deserve better.

Instead of trying to make Bonaire a small Aruba, why not make it a unique destination once again. Huge resort islands are a dime a dozen. Places like how Bonaire used to be are harder to find and becoming more in demand. □ BB

**PETS of the WEEK**

**K**itten sisters, "Ruthie" and "Rita" strike a pose to show how much they love each other. White-furred Rita with a black splash of color on one ear doesn't look much like her sister, Ruthie, who



"Ruthie" and "Rita"

has grey and black striped fur, but their dispositions are nearly alike – both kittens are very sociable and fun loving. Having been born in June they're nearly five months old. They've been tested for feline leukemia, were wormed, had their shots. They're in perfect good health and will be sterilized when they're adopted.

Having two kittens who've been together since birth can be a fun experience. Each has always known the other as a playmate so no matter how old they get they can still be silly and playful with each other and give you a lot of laughs. And of course, they're always company for each other.

You may meet Ruthie and Rita at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen

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

More good news from the Shelter: As of the end of last week there were 137 adoptions of dogs and cats. People realize that only those dogs and cats up for adoption at the Shelter are those that are in the very best of health and are very social, otherwise they don't qualify. And the adoption fees (NAf75 for cats; NAf105 for dogs) include all the testing, exams, shots, even sterilization. What an excellent value. From then on it's up to you, the new owner, to give love and some basic training. And what a good time you all will have! □ L.D.

# THE BONAIRE GARDNER

This week's article will deal with a very beautiful group of plants - the **Jasmines**.

But first we'll try to update you on the current weather situation. As all of you have noticed we've been surprised with a lot of nice rain. As I've written many times before, there is nothing better for plants in your garden and in our nursery than this past week's slowly pouring rain that soaks down deep into the soil. This time is excellent for doing some serious pruning on trees and shrubs because they will grow back very fast.

Be aware also of weeds growing very fast now and try to deal with them before they spread their seeds. There are several good weed killers available, but only use them when the weeds are not too high and thick. It's better to chop them off first; then when they do grow back you can spray them with a weed killer. The systemic ones like Round-Up or Touchdown are preferable because they can also kill the roots and are much less toxic than the contact types. The best times to use these chemicals are early in the morning or late in the afternoon because then it's not too hot and the liquid will not evaporate into the plants.

This brings me to the new group of plants, the Jasmines. These Jasmines are very vulnerable to evaporation, especially with Round-Up, because they have so many green leaves that absorb the toxic liquid.

The Jasmine is actually a general name for several groups of plants. The Latin name is *Jasminum*, and this family has several nice varieties, however, most of them are not so very drought resistant. Later I will describe the best ones.

The most well-known Jasmine on Bonaire is the one some people call the **Gardenia**, or its official name in the US, the **Crape Jasmine**. They have fragrant double-white flowers, and the plant itself is a very nice deep-green colored shrub which can grow up to five feet. But it's not a Gardenia. The Gardenia looks the same, is more fragrant, but doesn't do well on Bonaire and will hardly ever bloom. This one's Latin name is *Tabernaemontana divaricata*, but I don't expect you to remember that! They like regular water, not a lot, but regular.

We have found a new variety that doesn't get so big but stays nicer and fuller on the bottom. The flowers are the same. They seem to be the most fragrant in the morning. Also a new variety found on Curaçao they named the *Jasminum multiflora*. I don't know if that is official, but we use this one a lot these days. They get a lot of small white flowers; the shrub blooms all the time - very rich. It is a perfect plant for borders where you need height or on the ground, and I haven't seen any diseases on them. The only problem this plant has is with the propagation, but that is our problem! We will figure that out.

Next time I will continue with this beautiful group of plants and also how to take care of them. □ *Ap van Eldik*



Jasmine

*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. NOW OPEN SAT. NON-STOP 9 TO 4.*

## PERSONAL GROWTH TRAINING FOR WOMEN THE FEMALE WITHIN YOU

**A**ttention all Ladies! Are you a woman between 18 and 108 years old who is interested in joining us for an inner journey? Are you curious about what the female within you has to say and how this can benefit you in your daily life? If so, please join us for this special training.

During the last centuries we have placed a higher value on the male elements in society rather than the female elements. Doing, taking action, competition and rationality are considered ingredients for success. Connecting, feeling, sympathy, compassion and intuition are not. How do we women maintain our balance as a part of current male dominated society?

The purpose of the session is to become aware of yourself as a woman and your balance between your own male and female sides: the fine balance between your intuition and your mind, between being and doing, controlling and trusting. To experience the difference between have to and want to!

Together we will examine whether you experience harmony between your female and male qualities, how they can add to each other and how to establish a fertile cooperation between the two. In short: a search for your own dreams and a balanced life.

When there is a balance between your male and your female energy you will notice you attract more of what you wish for, and life will go more smoothly. You will experience your daily actions aligning with your heart, not only with your head.

The training takes place in an intimate homey environment, but that does not

Using stories and myths, visualisations, meditations, body work and practical exercises, you will have the chance to discover how you experience the female in you.

Furthermore we will show you easy-to-use tools which will assist you in powerful communication based on feelings and your specific needs. □ *Annemiek le Noble L.D.*



**The Workshop in English:  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of  
November from 9 am until 5 pm.**

The cost will be NAf 165 This includes coffee, tea and materials.

Location: at Old Lagoon in a very warm, relaxed beautiful place

There is space for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 women. You can confirm your participation by contacting Annemiek or Birgit as soon as possible.

Annemiek le Noble T: 717-2837 W: 717-7030 E: annemiekln@hotmail.com

Birgit Voogt (in Holland) W: +31204277100 T: +31650242595 E: info@birgitvoogt.nl

**The Workshop in Dutch:  
Dec. 2-3 7to 11pm**

**Dec. 4 9 am to 5pm**

## YOGA FOR YOU

# The HEALTH BENEFITS of YOGA

Yoga and health are two words that are very closely related. The health benefits of yoga are widely known. Yoga is a popular aid in improving and attaining both physical and mental health. This is basically the most common reason why people practice yoga- for health reasons. They want to ease their back pain, find a method to ease stress or ways to deal with their health problems.

### Let's focus on Yoga for Diabetes and Obesity this week.

Diabetes means that the body does not produce or use insulin properly. Insulin is the hormone responsible for converting sugar, starches and other food into energy. Diabetes may be caused by genetic factors or through lack of exercise. Obesity and stress may also cause this disease.

Both obesity and diabetes are highly preventable through proper diet, exercise and a change in lifestyle.

The yoga principle of a healthy diet and the practice of the asanas (poses) will help balance the endocrine system, tone the abdominal organs, stimulate both the nervous and circulatory systems and reduce stress.

Yoga also helps one to gain a better understanding of one's self leading to acceptance and appreciation, which may help eliminate the psychological reasons for obesity.

The practice of yoga deals with all the aspects of an individual: the mind, body and spirit, giving a person control over his mind and body and making the effect more permanent than other techniques.

Give change a chance, □ *Desirée*

*Don and Desirée of "Yoga For You" offer classes from beginners to advanced. Call 717-2727 or 786-6416*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm

**Ladder 49**  
(John Travolta)

Early Show (usually 7pm)

**Cellphone**

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 Disney Animation

SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM

Home on the Range

### THIS WEEK

**Saturday, November 13** – International Cleanup Day – Coastal cleanup at Yellow Submarine 717-2929

**Sunday, November 14** – Multi-media dual-projector Bonaire debut of Albert Bianculli's production of **BONAIRE HOLIDAY**, 8.30 pm, Capt. Don's Habitat  
**Friday, November 19** – Celebration with David Cape, "the Footwasher." Bonaire Christian Fellowship, Lagoen Road, 7:30 pm, tel. 785-9530 – See page 18

**Until November 25** - Cinnamon Art Gallery show of paintings by Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad, Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. 717-7103 or 786-9563.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: **Sunday, Nov. 14 – Bremen; Monday, Nov. 16 – Aidavita**

### COMING

**Saturday, November 20** – International Day of the Child - Children's activities during the afternoon, Children's March 6 pm, Wilhelmina Park, Sponsored by SEBIKI (see Flotsam, pg. 4)

**Wednesday, November 24** – Dart Tournament – City Café – tel. 717-8286

**Thursday, November 25** – American Thanksgiving

**Saturday, November 27** – Opening Gallery Show artist- Renate v.d. Byl, Cinnamon Art Gallery. Until January 7

**Saturday, Sunday, November 27, 28** – The Female in You (in English) See pg. 13

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 2, 3, 4** – The Female in You (Dutch) See pg. 13

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: **Sunday, Nov. 21 – Adonia**

### 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 **Flamingo** with great prizes, starts 7 pm, Divi Flamingo

**Monday -Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire**, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

**Monday -Rum Punch Party on the beach at Lion's Dive**. Dutch National Products on Time Sharing and how to save on your next vacation. 6:15 to 7 pm

**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, 5:30-6:30pm

**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. www.infobonaire.com/rincon  
**Every day by appointment -Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** 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, pool bar Buddy Dive, 7 pm 717-5080

**Sunday - BONAIRE HOLIDAY -Multi-media dual-projector production** by Albert Bianculli, 8.30 pm, Capt. Don's Habitat, 717-8290

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

**Friday- Week in Review** Video Presentation by the Toucan Dive Shop at the Plaza's Tippy Seagull, 5 pm. 717-2500.

### 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@tebonet.net  
**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.

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

**Special Olympics** - Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

### CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

## COVER THE BEST FREE SHOW IN TOWN?

This Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, be at Captain Don's Habitat for the multi-media dual-projector Bonaire debut of Albert Bianculli's production of **BONAIRE HOLIDAY**. Albert is a past winner of the Nikonos Shootout and has been featured at top notch dive shows like "Beneath the Sea" and the "Boston Sea Rovers." He's a quiet guy and doesn't say much, rather letting the images and music speak for themselves. However, he will be on hand and will answer the audience's questions.

You will find many of your underwater friends and Bonaire dive personalities among the over 200 images. If you love what Bonaire offers underwater you can't miss this show. The show begins at 8:30 pm. □ G.D.



Unicorn?-Seahorse?



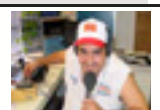
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7 January	Activities at Rincon
8 January	Activities at Playa
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23 January	Youth Tumba
28 January	Election of the Queen
29 January	Youth Parade Rincon
30 January	Youth Parade Playa
5 February	Adult Parade Rincon
8 February	Adult Parade Playa
8 February	Farewell Parade
12 February	Festival Closing

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## BONAIRE HIT PARADE



TW	LW	#W	BAND	SONG TITLE
1	1	6	KASSAV	JUMP
2	7	4	SCORPIONS	SHE SAID
3	6	4	LL COOL J/R KELLY	I'M ABOUT TO GET HER
4	2	6	JUAN LUIS GUERRA	PARA TI
5	3	7	LL COOL J	HEADSPRUNG
6	8	3	LUIS MIGUEL	EL VIAJERO
7	9	2	TONNY TUN TUN	NO TE PONGAS BRAVA
8	10	2	MARCO A. SOLIS	MI MAYOR SACRIFICIO
9	12	1	GRUPO RITMIKO KARABELA	BAN DERA GOBIERNU
10	14	1	TEGO CALDERON	LEAN BACK REMIX
11	N	N	TSUNAMI	SPERANDO RIBA BO
12	N	N	BASIC 1	HOTMAIL
13	N	N	DÉJÀ VU	CHULA
14	N	N	SHERRELL, AYA Y SU GRUPO	TA KEN TA KU MI
15	N	N	EMINEM	JUST LOSE IT

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 ranks songs as: this week's (TW), last week's (LW) and number of weeks (#W). □ Zamir Ayubi

# DINING GUIDE See advertisements in this issue

RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Break fast, Lunch, Dinner, Theme nights only . Open every day	<b>Magnificent Theme Nights:</b> Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
<b>Bistro de Paris</b> Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (hal fway between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	<b>Real French Cooking</b> in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
<b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b> At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Break fast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and turquoise setting when enjoying a break- fast buffet or a la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restau- rant & bar. Inspiring vistas and a highest standard of cuisine.
<b>Croccantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Tuscany chef prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and ro- mantic setting make dining a delight Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
<b>Garden Café</b> 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
<b>The Last Bite Bakery</b> <b>Home Delivery or Take Out</b> 717-3293	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6- 7:30 pm , Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers <b>gourmet class items</b> - always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Break fast, 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.
<b>Nonchi's at Cultimara</b> 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-
<b>Pasa Bon Pizza</b> 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 <b>Real Thing!</b> 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



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## AIRLINES

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

## APPLIANCES/FURNITURE/COMPUTERS

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

## BANKS

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

## BEAUTY PARLOR

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

## BICYCLE / SCOOTER / QUADS

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

## BOOKS

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

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

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

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

## CELL PHONES

**Cellular One** - Special Offer -Free calls on the weekend. Buy NA/300 worth of calls and get a free Nokia or Motorola cell phone.

## CLEANING SERVICE

**Conetal Cleaning Service** cleans homes, apartments, offices. Offers babysitting, gardening, laundry.

## DIVING

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

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

## FITNESS

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

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

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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

## GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS

**The Bonaire Gift Shop** has a wide selection of gifts, souvenirs, liquor, dive watches, digital cameras, things for the home, T-shirts all at low prices.

## HOTELS

**Caribbean Club Bonaire** is in a tranquil setting at Hilltop, adjacent to Oil Slick Leap dive site. Cool breezes, fresh water pool, cozy bar and restaurant.

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

## METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP

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

## PHOTO FINISHING

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

## REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

**Harbourtown Real Estate is Bonaire's oldest real estate agent.** They specialize in professional customer services and top notch properties.

**Re/Max Paradise Homes:** International/US connections. 5% of profits donated to local community.

**Sunbelt Realty** offers full real estate, rental, and insurance services. If you want a home or to invest in Bonaire, stop in and see them.

## REPAIRS

**Bon Handyman** is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. Electrical, plumbing, woodworking, etc.

## RESORTS & ACTIVITIES

**Buddy Dive Resort** offers diving, Adventure Fun tours including kayaking, mountain biking, cave snorkeling and exploration.

## SAILING

**Woodwind** has it all: Smooth trimaran sailing, to Klein Bonaire, affordable prices, snorkeling with equipment, guide, drinks, snacks. Call 560-7055

## SECURITY

**Special Security Services** will provide that extra measure of protection when you need it. Always reliable. Call 717-8125.

## SHIPPING

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## SPA—DAY SPA

**Face and Body Day Spa** offers the ultimate in advanced beauty treatments, facials and massage. Call 717-2622

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**Tropical Flamingo** is convenient, clean, modern, efficient and has the lowest prices on Bonaire. Located behind NAPA.

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## WATER TAXI

**Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.** Call Bonaire Nautico at 560-7254. Ride the *Kantika di Amor* or *Skiffy*. Hotel pickup too.

## WINES

**Antillean Wine Company.** You've tried the rest; now try the best: best prices, highest quality wines from around the world, kept in a cooled warehouse. Free delivery.

## YOGA

**Yoga For You.** Join certified instructors Desiree and Don at Jong Bonaire for a workout that will refresh mind and body. Private lessons too.

**ATTENTION BUSINESSMEN:**  
Put your ad in *The Bonaire Reporter*.  
The most advertising for your guilder.  
Phone/Fax 717-8988, Cel 791-7252



## "TC" PANECALDO

"I first came in 1991 to dive and stayed at Captain Don's Habitat. I'd found out about Bonaire through my dive shop in Atlanta, Georgia. We didn't know anything about the island and nobody had ever been here. That first time the diving was beautiful, but as I was living such a fast paced life I said after two days in Bonaire, 'I'll never come back!' I didn't know how to relax; I wanted to go, go, go... but there was nowhere to go. After the fifth day, however, my body and my mind said, 'This is nice!' It takes time for your body and soul to learn how to relax when your life is so stressful all the time. But once you've learned it, it's the best medicine in the world and you don't want to go back to your old life anymore.

I'm an Army brat; my father was in the Army and we traveled all over. We lived in Germany from when I was six till I was nine. I was the oldest. After me my parents thought they couldn't have any more kids, so in Germany they adopted my sister. But once she came the pressure was off and I had another sister and a brother.

My education was in Virginia, then I moved to Northern California. I was 15 when I graduated from high school, so I went to college because at that young age there was nothing else to do. In Northern California I worked with the Forest Service, driving the railroad crews in a nine-passenger, four-wheel drive suburban taxi. Sometimes there was so much snow that I'd have a snowplow attached to the front of my taxi to make my own roads. Then for 10 years I worked with the sheriff's department between Northern California and Oregon. After that I was a firefighter for 10 years in Oregon and in Atlanta, Georgia.

Then I opened my own business as a transportation broker, putting the shipper and the trucking companies together. I was the middleman. I did that for 12 years and I was doing very well.

After my first trip to Bonaire I went back to the States and put another dive group together right away. From then on I came five, six times a year with large dive groups. Being the 'quiet' person that I am, I was able to bring groups and find things in Bonaire to do that make people want to come back over and over. I'd also take groups to other places, but I'd always return to Bonaire, and every time I came back I'd extend my trip after I got here. The last time, before I came to live here, I was supposed to come for two weeks but I stayed for five. After that trip I took an extended diving and scenic va-

cation for two and a half months to Egypt, Israel, Brazil and Peru. When I got back to Atlanta I still wanted to go to Bonaire. I still missed it. It had become part of me."

*She's pretty, she's vulnerable and she's tough; she's the one and only 'TC' Panecaldo, and once you know her, you like her.*

"In 1998 I got a work permit with Rob, the owner of Rum Runners restaurant at Captain Don's Habitat, and I was hired as a head bartender. Rob, who knew what kind of life I'd been living in the States, told me, 'TC, you'll never last six months!' But the reason I'd chosen Bonaire over every other place I've been (and I've dove almost every island in the Caribbean) is first of all I could drink the water. I didn't want to brush my teeth out of a bottle of water for the rest of my life. Second: The Bonairean people were the friendliest people I'd ever met in my life, and third, the diving has everything.

In the US I had it all - everything anybody could want. Here it's different; you change as a person. Your priorities are totally different, and you find out that there's very little that one really needs. You learn to like who you are as a person.

**"I also love to dance, I'm a real good dancer... come by Friday night at Buddy Dive and dance with me... I'm the dancing bartender!"**

After Rum Runners I became the manager of Coconut Crash at the Plaza. Now I've been the head bartender at Buddy Dive for almost three years. My frozen cocktails are famous. Repeat guests come back for them. In spite of the hours I like it. I can talk to the guests about diving, about anything. Bartenders are supposed to listen," she laughs, "but I listen and I talk!

One of my most famous cocktails is called 'Forbidden Passion,' and telling you this I'm thinking of something else: It is difficult in my age group to find a **single** man with some of my same interests, so now that I have the opportunity to say it", a *big grin shows on her face*: "You (reader)! If you're interested - come to the bar and have a 'Forbidden passion!'"

When I'm not working I'm diving. Still after all these years I dive four,

five times a week, and of course I have my motorcycle Suzuki 800 Intruder, but - with mini ape hangers, red leather seat, two-in-one pipes and my 'motorcycle bitch,' Sassy, my dog that rides with me on my gas tank. I'm a member of the Bonaire Motorcycle Club and we travel to Curaçao and

Aruba every year with our bikes. We're like a family. If I ever really need anything I know I can count on them. I also love to dance; I'm a real good dancer. Come by Friday night at Buddy Dive and dance with me. I'm the dancing bartender!

Another passion of mine are my dogs. Growing up I never had one as we were constantly traveling, so when I came to Bonaire I just happened to stop in at the Animal Shelter, 'just to look.' Yeah! Right! There was a dog that was very sick; they didn't think she was going to live. Nobody wanted her. And they said if I wanted to take the time to get her healthy again that I could have her for free. That was my first dog and her name is 'Skinny,' and she's wonderful and healthy as can be. Then somebody had a 'mostly Cocker spaniel' puppy, so I figured Skinny needed a playmate.

Then Karen and Bud from Sand Dollar Grocery said, 'TC, these people are leaving the island and they have two BIG dogs. Would you like to take them?' I went to see them and it was all over but the shouting. I started picking up hungry and sick dogs from the streets that needed a home. Laura De Salvo had her column, 'Pet of the Week,' so I went to the Shelter and there was a mother with two puppies. I took all three and swore I would never go back to the Shelter! Now I have 15 dogs and I haven't been back except for these last weeks to volunteer for the sterilization program. It was a very worthwhile program and fun and a good learning experience and I hope they'll do it again next year. I'll be right there to help!



I love my dogs and I don't ever want to get rid of them, but 15 is a lot. They get their shots every year and Jan Laarakker is one of the best vets I've ever met, but it is expensive. So, if there are any good sales in the States, like dog shoes, toys, tick and heartworm medicine, please feel free, especially when you're coming to the island, to contact me by e-mail: TSEA1@hotmail.com. Any donations would be greatly appreciated; however, I'll be more than willing to pay for anything. It's got to be cheaper than in Bonaire.

To me Bonaire has it all. You just have to look for it and see that it's there. I go on my bike, the wind in my face, the freedom, and do the same roads over and over again, but it's always different and I never get tired of it. Then when I come home my dogs are there and their beautiful little faces are the last thing I see before I go to sleep and the first thing I see when I wake up in the morning.

My office is the bar and every day I see the sun set. How many people see the sun set every day and appreciate it? And when I go diving there's utter peace and beauty. So, in spite of some things that are not right, still... to me Bonaire is the closest I've found to the perfect world."

□ Greta Kooistra



Greta Kooistra



## FOOTWASHER MINISTRY *Walk of Honor*

He's known around the world as "The Footwasher." David Cape, a South African, has carried his cross with the mounted bowl along the highways and byways of the world, going through 26 countries. It's his way of demonstrating Jesus' love and servitude. "Serving is a dignity and a delight," he says. During the last 15 years David has washed the feet of presidents of countries, the feet of prostitutes and the feet of lepers.

David is now in Bonaire, having been called to continue his pilgrimage in places where he's most needed. He and his team will be here until November 21, walking the island and working with different churches on the island. He spoke at a service last Sunday at the Bonaire Christian Fellowship and *Iglesia Baranka di Resurekson*.

He and his team, undeterred by the rain, started walking last Tuesday.

David appears just a regular guy, affable and friendly and someone you like to spend time with. He's genuinely and sincerely interested in the lives of others and asks questions. Then he starts to tell stories of his exploits and you realize you are in the presence of someone who truly follows his heart and his God, no matter where it takes him. He's doing something right because his and his family's needs are taken care of. "I haven't had a salary for 15 years," he says.

David and his wife Carol are from South Africa where 15 years ago he had a very comfortable ministry. Most of his parishioners were well heeled, driving Mercedes and BMWs. He and Carol had a nice home, a lovely environment. But all around them the horrors of Apartheid were happening. David and his church were living in a "gilded cage." Then something started to happen to him. He realized what was going on around him and he knew he had to do something about it. It came to him that washing the feet, an act that Jesus often did, was what he should do. He and his family left the comforts of his home and church and set off.

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Just before the fall of Apartheid David walked 3,500 kilometers across the length of the country during the very volatile political climate to declare the message of peace in Jesus.

Ten years ago he felt he had to go to the Sudan. After trying unsuccessfully to

get in via the regular governmental channels, he went directly to Nairobi where there was a big UN complex. He was flown in to a remote area where the people and the animals were so hungry that the cows were stunted and the people were unclothed, sick with diarrhea and nearly skeletal. He ministered to them, but after he returned home he "developed compassion," as he says. "I had to do something." He organized churches and groups and sent in materials and food. "We clothed 10,000 people," he says. And they initiated an agricultural self-help program. Recently he's launched a housing initiative in South Africa for the homeless.

He admits he seems to be called to areas of disaster. During the first Gulf War he ministered to both Americans and Iraqis. In Curaçao, he volunteered to minister to the inmates at the Bon Futuro prison. The head of the prison, delighted to see him, said, "We'll take you to the 'hard core' criminals first. They need it the most."

For the last three years David, Carol and his staff have been to some of the Caribbean Islands for month-long visits, working with local churches. Birthed out of a scripture in the book of Isaiah which says that "...the islands wait expectantly for the Lord..." and another saying that "God will visit the islands a second time..." God has called David to walk the islands, "A Walk of Honor," and to again prophetically declare the servant love of Jesus.

David and his team of 16 will be in Bonaire, walking through the island until November 21. Members of his team are from England, South Africa and from all



*David Cape, "The Footwasher."*

over the US. They will be serving the needy in different ways—feeding, clothing, repairing roofs, even painting. "They want to show that there is faith not just in words, but that we, like Jesus, have come to serve," he says. "We want it to be a blessing, not charity."

On November 19 at 7:30 pm there will be a "Celebration" at the Bonaire Christian Fellowship and *Iglesia Baranka di Resurekson* on the Lagoen Road, and David will tell some of his stories. For more information call Tess Cameron or Pastor Alex Senchi at 785-9530. □



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

**Leo the Lion's Meteor Shower Will Definitely Not Roar This Year but You may Find it A-meew-zing**

Every November visitors to the SkyPark are treated to a meteor shower that appears to originate from **Leo the Lion**. This event is labeled the **Leonid meteor shower**. And for the past few years it was absolutely wonderful because the comet responsible for the Leonid meteors was relatively close to Earth. But it's much farther away now so we won't see nearly as many meteors as we have in the past. Even so it should be better for us than last year because last year's Leonids were wiped out by bright moonlight and this year there'll be no moonlight whatsoever to interfere with seeing the fainter meteors.

Next **Wednesday morning, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, around 3 am, face east where, half way up from the horizon, you'll see our old friend Leo the Lion. The front part of Leo is marked by stars which trace out a sickle shape or a backwards question mark. And Leo's rear is marked by three stars

which form a triangle. And every November on the night of the Leonid meteor shower bright streaks of light which we call meteors flash across the sky and appear to come from a spot within Leo's sickle. But it's really an optical illusion because the meteors are millions of times closer. You see, meteors are nothing more than tiny bits of comet debris that slam into our Earth's atmosphere so fast that they incinerate and cause gases in our Earth's atmosphere to briefly light up, kind of like the gases in a neon tube.

The comet that causes the Leonids is the **Comet Tempel-Tuttle** which pays our **Sun** a visit every 33 years. But every time it visits the Sun it sheds some of its debris all along its orbit, its trail, so after hundreds of years Tempel-Tuttle's orbit has become filled with tiny specks of comet debris. And every November when our Earth plows into this river of comet debris some specks slam into our Earth's atmosphere, leaving trails of light, which we call the Leonid meteors.

Now most of the specks are very tiny and leave very faint trails, but there are always a few bigger specks and they can leave brilliant trails which will make you absolutely gasp with delight. So because we have no bright moonlight to interfere this year you may expect to see 15 to 20 meteors per hour, if you're patient.

Here's what I advise for optimum viewing. Start watching about 3 am, Wednesday morning, and make sure you're far away from the lights of Kralendijk. Lie back in a sleeping bag or blanket on a lawn chair with your feet pointing east. Then slowly scan the sky back and forth for at least an hour and you should see a few bright ones. You have a better chance to see more bright ones about an hour before sunrise because that's when Leo will be almost overhead.

Happy meteor hunting, and remember that although Leo will not roar as he has in recent years his meew-ing may still be quite awesome. □ *Jack Horkhimer*



*Engraving of 1833 meteor storm-made over 10 years later*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

**For the week:  
November 12-19, 2004**  
*By Astrologer Michael Thiessen*

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Be aware of deception when it comes to your position, and be sure not to jump to conclusions. You are best not to say too much to colleagues. Your creative talent will prove to be lucrative if put to proper use. Disharmony in your relationship may cause minor ailments. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Romance will be on your mind, and chances for ideal connections are in the works. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards. Romance will come through involvement with fundraising organizations. Someone may try to damage your reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Try to avoid being extravagant this week. Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who like to talk as much as you do. You may find that female colleagues will be more help than you anticipated. Try out for a local sports team such as volleyball, tennis, lawn bowling, or whatever interests you. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Try to get away with your mate. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash. Relatives may play an important role in your social activities. If you can get away for a vacation, do so. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You can make progress if you deal with the right individuals. It's time to reevaluate your motives. Implement your ideas into your projects at work. Romance appears. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Friendships will be ruined if you let too many people get involved in any disputes. Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are evident. You can make money but not through harebrained schemes or gambling. Put your efforts into making changes to your domestic scene. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Secret affairs may only cause complications in your life. Any capricious behavior will confuse loved ones and your mood swings will result in loneliness. Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you go out with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Seminars will provide you with knowledge and amusement. Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Your mate could get on your nerves if he or she backs you into an emotional corner or puts restrictions on your time. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) It may not be the best time to confront employers or to present your ideas. You can make changes to your living quarters that should please family members. Don't push your luck with authority. Refuse to get involved in idle chatter; it will only make you look bad. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Romantic encounters will be full of excitement. You can easily impress others with your generous nature. Make changes to your living quarters that will please the whole family. Be tactful if you see flaws in someone else's work. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Go out with friends. You can get the attention of important individuals, but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. You will enjoy lavish forms of entertainment and should consider making arrangements early. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You could expand your circle of friends if you get involved in unusual activities. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. You will feel better about yourself and you may also meet potential lovers. You are best to work behind the scenes on projects that require detail or precision. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. □

## Moon Info

New Moon November 12<sup>th</sup>    First Quarter November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Full Moon November 26<sup>th</sup>    Last Quarter December 5<sup>th</sup>

