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Scenes from last Sunday's
CELEBRATION OF HEALTH

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



A rare sight: Kralendijk Harbor is deserted

Bonaire is having a spell of almost unprecedented rainy weather with westerly winds. According to the weather gurus the reason is: "THE TAIL END OF A MID/UPPER LEVEL TROUGH HAS SAGGED INTO THE NW PART OF THE AREA REACHING FROM CENTRAL CUBA ACROSS THE CAYMAN ISLANDS TO THE GULF OF HONDURAS. THIS FEATURE HAS DRAGGED DRIER AIR SWD OVER THE NW CARIBBEAN BUT HAS ALSO INDUCED BROAD S/SW FLOW OVER THE REST OF THE AREA WITH PLENTIFUL MOISTURE STREAMING TOWARDS THE CNTRL ATLC. A WEAK 1009 MB LOW IS CENTERED

OVER THE SE CARIBBEAN NEAR 13N64W WITH A TROUGH EXTENDING FROM THE CNTRL VENEZUELAN COAST NEWD PAST GUADELOUPE INTO THE ATLC." This "tail" has brought over two weeks of mostly cloudy skies with occasional heavy rain and rare bright sunshine. Bonaire's plants must feel as if they've been transported to a rain forest. Some varieties are growing more than an inch (2.5cm.) a day. Yachts moored in Kralendijk bay have had to abandon their moorings and seek shelter in the marinas to avoid uncomfortable swells and often breaking seas. The sea has risen over the coast road several times. Salt spray is browning trees and rusting automobiles.

But diving on the normally rough east side has been great, and the farmers are happy. It makes one think that perhaps Global Warming could modify the Bonaire's climate so it would become a producer of agricultural products. Will that mean bananas from Bonaire?



Drug Bust

A & A Coast Guard photo

► For the third time in six days the Dutch frigate *Willem van der Zaan* intercepted a major drug shipment. This time it was 62 bales at 30 kilos each of cocaine most probably. There were five people on board the intercepted speedboat, four from Colombia and one from Mexico.

The Marine's Orion patrol plane spotted the speedboat around 9 am in the western Caribbean Sea. The boat was heading towards the northwest. The Dutch ship joined forces with the American Coast Guard cutters, *Gallatin* and *Thetis* with their on-board helicopters. A helicopter of

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the British ship *Wave Ruler*, which was in the Curaçao harbor, joined too. The speedboat occupants threw the bales overboard, and the boat was finally stopped by the *Gallatin's* helicopter after they fired warning shots.

Last Friday and Monday the *Willem van der Zaan* also intercepted two drug boats. These contained respectively 1,700 and 3,400 kilos of cocaine. The catch of 3,400 kilos on Monday was the largest bust from a speed boat since the launch of the Joint Inter Agency Task Force South (JIATFS) in 1989.

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The latest catch brings the total to almost 7,000 kilos in three actions.



► The new Dutch Royal Navy station ship for the Antilles and Aruba, **the supply ship Amsterdam**, will take over from the frigate *Willem van der Zwaan*, which is off to Chile for the maritime exhibition, Expo Naval, for a month. The *Amsterdam* has a crew of 143 and a helicopter on board.

► **CuraçaoExel made its inaugural flight to Statia** last Friday, landing at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Airport at 12:34 pm and taking off at 1:09 pm. Aboard flight #2530 were 34 passengers, many of them students and Statia-born persons who wanted to go home for Tuesday's Statia/America Day celebrations.

► The joint Dutch and Antillean committee to **examine how many Royal Marechaussees (special military police) the Netherlands Antilles needs** is in a deadlock. Justice Minister Norberto Ribeiro told the press last Friday, "I would assume between 20 to 25 Marechaussees will be the total, but this is a personal assessment."

► **The Netherlands has dropped three positions on the list of least corrupt countries** in the world and is now listed 10th on the Corruption Perception

Index 2004. Antilles Parliament member Marco DeCastro points out that The Netherlands, which had been reporting a lot of negative things about the Antilles in these last few years, now seems to be suffering from the same contagious disease. The yearly index is done by Transparency International, a non-governmental organization that researches corruption. DeCastro noted that the corruption in the Antilles mostly stems from Dutch companies established in the Antilles. "In many of the cases the corruptor is a Dutch company."

► Based on an investigation conducted by agencies in Holland and Curaçao, **more than half of the Dutch population (55%) believes that the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba should become completely independent.** Antillean and Arubans' beliefs are very different: only 17% of them expressed a desire to become independent from The Netherlands. Another area of difference regards financial aid. Only 28% of the Dutch population believes more money should be sent to the islands. However 69% of those polled in the Antilles and Aruba want more money.

► The *MV Lady Mignum* recently took on board from St. Eustatius (Statia), **37 live donkeys** for the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts. Dr. Robinson of Ross University supervised the loading of the animals. University students spend their first semester on St. Kitts and the last eight semesters in the US. The donkeys that were taken from the island **will be used for the study of large animal anatomy and for large animal surgeries.** Dr. Evert Rijlaarsdam, Head of the Department of Agriculture and Husbandry on Statia, said

he was happy to see the donkeys leave for such a good cause. Under the new program, roaming animals are tagged and taken off the streets.

► Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Aubrey Sealy, **thinks the development of Bonaire's dive industry is out of control.** In his opinion the excessive number of shops is endangering dive tourism itself, the mainstay of the island's economy... and is mostly controlled by foreigners.

Sealy bases his opinion on the Pourier Report, considered the bible of the Bonairean economic development plan favoring sustainable tourism. "The way things now stand the Executive Council seems to be ignoring the Pourier Report and, in my opinion, the term sustainable tourism gets more and more forgotten," said Sealy in a press release. "Cash strapped hotels in combination with the overburdening of the reefs by an increasing number of divers is certainly causing big short term problems. Fundamentally, only resorts with over 60 rooms have the right to have a dive operation. The growth of dive shops is currently getting out of hand because the government has no notion of the amount of legal and illegal dive shops that are currently in operation on the island. There is no control on the quality and especially the quantity of the number of dive shops. Night diving is a free for all." Sealy is concerned about unsupervised shore diving and the fact that the majority of the dive sites have English names.

In a radio interview last week the Commissioner in charge of Economic Development, Burney el Hage, said that it is current policy that there are limits on new

business affecting Bonaire's environment, diving included.

► **Flamingo Airport is planning on opening a VIP lounge for Business Class passengers.** The lounge, managed by Moreno Binelli (who has the bar-restaurants in the airport and transit lounge), will offer a comfortable place to relax between flights. There is flat screen TV, DVD and video, wireless laptop computer connections to the Internet, drinks, etc... The lounge is expected to open within the week.

► **American Thanksgiving** is nearly upon us. It's Thursday, November 25, and Buddy Dive's restaurant, the Bella Vista, will be having a **gala Thanksgiving Buffet on the Beach.** Tables will be laden with turkey and all the trimmings, a creamy pumpkin soup, glazed ham, sweet potatoes, fresh salads – beets, corn, green, TC's green bean casserole, etc. etc. Follow that with a slice of Caribbean pumpkin pie and you can waddle away happily. The buffet is NAf40 (\$22.50) and begins at 7 pm. For reservations call 717-5080, ext. 535

► Welcome to our new advertiser, **Julimar, which helps to process all the paperwork for residency permits and procuring Dutch passports.** Owner Juliet Somer is experienced in these matters, having worked in Immigration for a number of years. She does all the trips to the government, waiting in line and following your papers from beginning to end. Need to write a letter to the government but don't know Dutch? Let Julimar do it for you. The office is just around the corner from Re/Max, on the way to Telbo. See the ad on page 14. □ G/L.D.

LETTERS



AVOID TRAGEDY

Dear Editor,

Today Bonaire experienced a tragedy. A child was killed in a horrible automobile accident.

I cannot speculate, and do not know whether or not the occupants, including the child, were wearing safety belts. An educated guess, however, looking at the drivers around me here, is that they were not. Nor can I speculate that the child's life would have been spared had he been wearing a seatbelt.

I can only say that I truly grieved. As a mother and human being I cried for that family's loss and pain. And I remembered a similar experience of my own, only with different results. My and my son's lives were spared in the accident we had. I had on a seatbelt, and he was in his child safety seat. He had NO physical injuries. I had significant injuries, but judging from the fact that the steering wheel was on my chest, and the motor on my legs; I

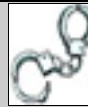
would not be here today were I not wearing my seatbelt. The other passenger in our car had life altering injuries. He hit the dashboard with his knees, shattering his hip, and windshield with his face causing massive blood loss and eventual loss of an eye—he would not wear a seatbelt.

How many times I feel actual anger when I drive and see a child standing on the front passenger seat—those all too gruesome dashboard and windshield taunting fate should the driver have to make a sudden stop. Isn't it time that Bonaire, a place that cherishes its children as much or more than any place I know, start protecting them in this simple, rudimentary way? BELT THEM. IN THE BACK SEAT. The cost of a child safety seat is so minimal in comparison to the cost the poor family of today is suffering. It only takes a minute to do. It becomes such a habit that you are no longer aware of doing it. Teach your children from NOW. My son does not, to this day, get in the car without buckling up. And he will remind any passengers who fail to do the same, without prompting from me. In other places it is an expensive infraction to have unbelted minors in the car. It should be here as well. An adult can choose to be stupid; our children depend on us to keep them safe.

Elise Seraus-Dietrich

POLICE UPDATE

POLICE HOT LINE - 108
Police main line 717-8000
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE - 717-8626



Public Prosecutor Ernst Wesselius reports:

- Three suspects were arrested this past week in connection with the purse snatching of the owner and workers of Garden Café.
- Another two persons were arrested because they allegedly were trying to break into a house to steal air conditioners. They are suspected of a break in at another house.
- There were two arrests by the Flamingo Team at the airport of persons trying to smuggle cocaine.
- A fight was broken up late in the evening and one person arrested. The cause of the fight is unclear at this time.

The Prosecutor has asked for help from Holland to send Royal Marechaussees to aid the Flamingo Team at the airport. "We need some kind of assistance there," he said. The responsibility of the Marechaussees is to protect the borders of a country.

As we go to press a report was received of a break-in and theft at a waterfront home in Belnem. The occupants were not at home when the break-in occurred but surprised the intruders when they returned.

ENVIROWATCH



The workers aboard the barge placing new pilings for the QM-2 are hosing off sand and silt into the water. While not the worst possible hazard to the environment since the sand is from the sea bottom, the resulting silting can smother coral over a wide area. □G.D.

There were reports that at least two shots were fired as the thieves departed, but no one was reported hit. No one has yet been arrested. Investigation is continuing. □L./G.D.

IN MEMORY

It is not often that I cry. But, as I watched Big Bas Marin's coffin carried through the doors of the San Bernardo Church, my eyes filled. Following close behind was Ebo Domacassé, Bonaire's first dive guide, and as I looked at him, I realized that the founding fathers of our diving industry are slipping away. Now only Ebo and I remain with memories of the beginning. Baselio had not only been a superb and beloved dive guide to all those early divers, but he was my friend. Together we had opened many exciting new reef sites.

My favorite site was Nu Kove. In 1974, Aquaventure, operating from the beach of the Hotel Bonaire, owned a big diesel boat called the *Coral Queen* whose captain was the lovable giant of a man, Baselio Marin. Bas captained the long hauls, usually to the western end of the island. They were all-day runs, great diving, the best. However, Hotel Bonaire's food and beverage department could not be convinced that Baselio needed the lunch boxes early if he ever wished to get back before dark. Because of this constant battle, I tried another tack. "Bas," I said, "enough is enough! We will buy a piece of property up at the end of the island near the Park and build another dive station, a restaurant, with beaches and a pier." We thought of this special dream as Nu Kove.

To take on a project of this magnitude required an influential friend. Hugo Gerharts, an early pioneer of Bonaire's tourism, threw his weight into the project and threaded our way through mountains of bureaucracy.

Baselio and I knew the general area in which Nu Kove was to be found. It had to be in a sheltered area many miles to the northwest. We had searched from the sea as well as the land without result. Hugo suggested that the Land Office had aerial pictures of the island, which we scrutinized with excitement. Then, yes, under



Baselio Marin 1927-2004

powerful magnifying lenses, we discovered our Eden, protected by heavy reefs seaward, and a half-mile of impregnable foliage on land. Here, amidst all of this, the lens showed a splendor of a 12-body sandy beach. However, there was no entrance from either land or sea. To purchase it, as I had hoped, was not possible. We did get a five-year renewable lease, which was more than enough, a permit for the construction of a small building and a slap on the back to "get on with this project."

Our excitement wavered as realization of the distance from Aquaventure started to present problems.

Tools, materials, cement mixers, water, sand, and all the things it would take to produce this small dream. Axes, picks, and shovels to clear a path to the site. The ingenuity of waiting for low tide to build a concrete dock atop the coral. Wooden ramps to bridge the upper structure to the dock. A path to be cut into the coral embankment to reach the beach.

Lastly, there was still the seemingly impossible task of cutting by hand a channel from the shallow pool by the beach to the open sea beyond, as daunting as the Panama Canal's Gaillard Cut. Baselio looked out across the barrier to the open sea and said something in Papiamentu that might have translated as "a piece of cake." With new admiration, I turned and

looked at Baselio, his six foot two inch frame, wrestler's imposing weight and strength, shoulders capable of moving a 12-pound sledge with ease. From that moment the project was "all go."

Bruce Bowker and Eddie Statia were the fellows in charge of outfitting the special truck required for the project: a ton and a half stake truck. Space for a dozen divers, many steel tanks, two small outboard engines, fuel, enough food, sizeable roll-out shade awnings, drop-down lunch tables, guitars, and a set of horse shoes, just for fun. And a Daisy B-B gun for plunking. There was a lot more on the truck, of course: binoculars for bird watchers, a cot for those who wished to snooze, and a first aid box, but radios were a "no-no."

Everybody at Aquaventure was excited about the Nu Kove project. The crew looked forward to their turn to guide divers through this special portal to the reefs. In time, the road entrance, the parking area, the ramp and dock were completed. The time had come to begin The Cut. This horrendous undertaking required three weeks of back breaking toil to complete the channel. After The Cut was finished the rubble was removed and the sea was ours. In my opinion, there was no lovelier place.

A boat we called *The Bull*, not as pretty as it was functional, with the two small outboard engines, could take a group of eight or so excited divers north to the normally inaccessible, beautiful reefs on the west coast of Washington Park. We could easily do three trips a day from the Nu Kove hub. Nu Kove was an exciting experience, a happening of that early year 1974, whose memories should be shared with all.

Peter Hughes at Flamingo was the only other dive shop on island, and Peter did



The original pier at Nu Kove, now long gone.

not encourage diving freedom. Therefore Nu Kove was for a special time our own private domain. However, other dive operators came later, and shore diving escalated. There were storms from the west, and I was busy building Habitat. Things changed. Dive staff found new ventures. *The Bull* was swept from its mooring and bashed against the cliffs. Nu Kove became a memory. Big Baselio drifted to other ports, and life went on.

Now, 30 years later, as I look upon his coffin, my memories are alive and acute, as if all of this had only been yesterday. □don



Captain Don

ASK THE DIETITIAN

MORE INFORMATION FOR DIABETICS

As a diabetic you should create healthy eating habits. This means:

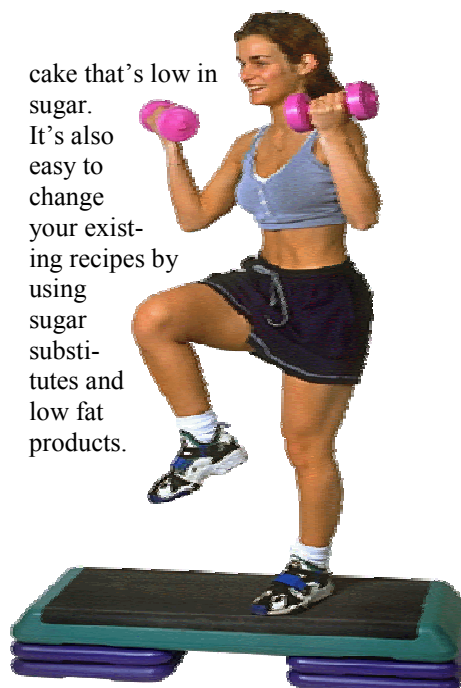
- Eat a Wide Variety of Food Every Day** Eating a wide variety of foods helps you get all the nutrients to maintain good health.
- Be Physically Active Every Day.** Try to do 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Start slowly and build this up gradually. During the Diabetes Campaign a week ago we had aerobic and fit walking activities with blood pressure and blood glucose check ups before and after exercises. It was very nice to see that more than 50% of the participants' blood pressure and blood glucose dropped after the exercise. **This shows why exercise is so very important for diabetics.**
- Eat High Fiber Foods such as Fruits, Vegetables, Whole Grains and Beans.** These foods provide lots of vitamins, minerals and fiber.
- Use Less Added Fat.** It is well known that eating many foods that are high in fat, particularly ones with too much saturated fat and dietary cholesterol, can contribute to the development of clogged and narrowed arteries. This can lead to heart disease, and people with diabetes are at an even greater risk for developing it.
- Use Less Added Sugar.** Sugary foods like soft drinks and sweets, like ice

cream and cookies, are not healthy for anyone. They provide a lot of calories with little or no nutrients. So practice moderation.

- Use Less Added Salt and Sodium.** Most of the salt we eat comes from processed food. Use your salt shaker lightly and use more fresh and unprocessed food.
 - If You Choose to Drink Alcohol, Limit the Amount and Drink It with Food.** Don't drink on a daily basis and then not more than two glasses.
 - Eat about the Same Number of Calories Each Day, and Never Skip Meals.**
 - Check Your Feet for Cuts, Blisters, Red Spots and Swelling that can Result from Diabetes- Related Nerve Damage.** Ask your doctor to refer you once a year to a podiatrist for a foot and proper shoe check up.
- SOME EXTRA TIPS TO CONTROL BLOOD GLUCOSE:**
- Test your blood glucose. Ask your doctor when and how often.
 - Keep a record of your blood tests, medications and daily events. Revise this with your doctor and your dietitian.
 - Take your diabetes medication as prescribed. Your medication plan should make you feel better and fit.

The following recipe is to give you an idea how to make a delicious snack

cake that's low in sugar. It's also easy to change your existing recipes by using sugar substitutes and low fat products.



Tropical Snack Cake

(12 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole oats
- ¼ cup granulated sugar or 2 tablespoons of heat-stable sugar substitute
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1, 8-ounce can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
- ½ cup fat-free milk
- 1/3 cup mashed ripe banana
- ¼ cup egg substitute or 2 egg whites, lightly beaten

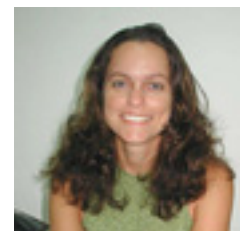
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour an 8x8-inch square pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, oats, sweetener, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix well. In medium bowl, combine pineapple (including juice), milk, banana, egg substitute, oil and vanilla; blend. Add to dry ingredients all at once. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not over mix). Pour batter into pan. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Serve at room temperature. Store tightly covered.

130 calories per serving, 3 gram fat 22 gram carbohydrates

On November 26th you can have your blood pressure and blood sugar tested and, of course, get the proper information. This will go from 8 am to 3 pm, in front of the MCB-bank main branch and will be handled by the Xavier Medical School. □

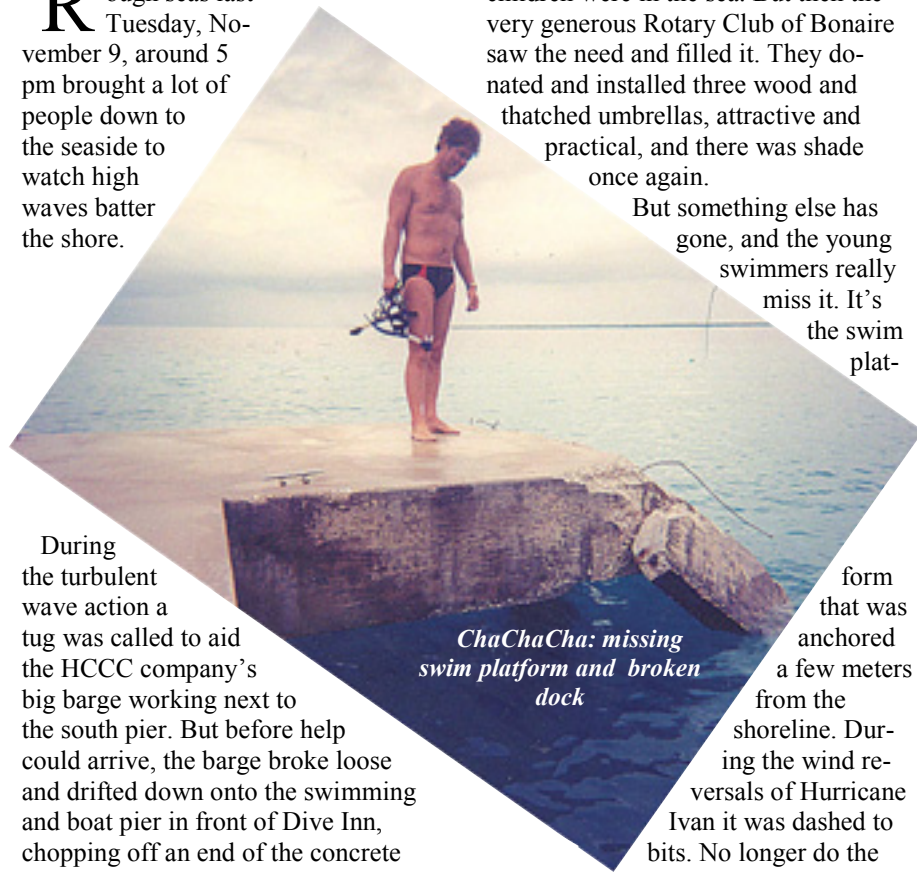


Angélique Salsbach

Angélique Salsbach, a dietitian with Bonaire's Department of Health and Hygiene, has a radio program every other Tuesday 9 to 9:30 on Bon FM. Write her at dietitian@bonairenews.com □

STORM CASUALTIES

Rough seas last Tuesday, November 9, around 5 pm brought a lot of people down to the seaside to watch high waves batter the shore.



ChaChaCha: missing swim platform and broken dock

During the turbulent wave action a tug was called to aid the HCCC company's big barge working next to the south pier. But before help could arrive, the barge broke loose and drifted down onto the swimming and boat pier in front of Dive Inn, chopping off an end of the concrete structure and weakening the rest of the pier.

ChaChaCha Beach, one of the island's favorite family spots, where generations of children have learned to swim, seems to be getting a rough deal in the last few years. First, the big old shade tree on the shore got cut down when the boulevard was built. For years the tree had given shade to the families who came to watch while the

children were in the sea. But then the very generous Rotary Club of Bonaire saw the need and filled it. They donated and installed three wood and thatched umbrellas, attractive and practical, and there was shade once again.

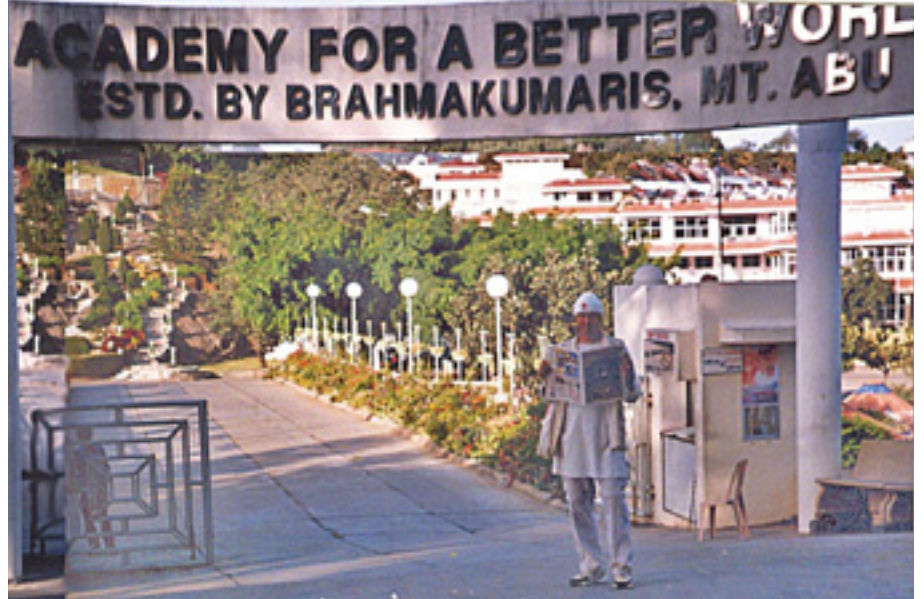
But something else has gone, and the young swimmers really miss it. It's the swim plat-

form that was anchored a few meters from the shoreline. During the wind reversals of Hurricane Ivan it was dashed to bits. No longer do the kids have something to swim to and take a little rest before heading back. What we hear from reliable sources is the swim platform (was) the property of the Bonaire government. So how do we get it replaced? These same reliable sources say letters should be written to the Lt. Governor who can bring it up at the Island Council meeting. Maybe they're just not aware of it. □ L.D.



Last Sunday at the SGB (high school) the Health Department organized a Health Fair with representatives from health food companies, the hospital and all the organized dance, fitness yoga and walking groups. There was free testing for diabetes and blood pressure. Shown above are some of the organizers with Commissioner James Kroon: Dietitian Angélique Salsbach, Marugia Janga and Sharine Loozen □ L.D.

PICTURE YOURSELF WITH THE REPORTER IN INDIA



Here's SGB teacher, Jon Hilgers reading *The Bonaire Reporter* at the headquarters of the Brahma Kumaris on the top of Mt. Abu in the state of Rajasthan in India. It's an ethereal place where all is peaceful and spiritual. It's nice that he was thinking of *The Reporter* while he was there. □

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WINDSURF RACE GURU

INTERVIEW WITH TINHO DORNELLAS, US-BASED WINDSURF INSTRUCTOR AND RACE DIRECTOR FOR BONAIRE REGATTA AND KING OF THE CARIBBEAN AMATEUR AND JUNIORS

I met Tinho Dornellas about six years ago when he was volunteering at a kids' windsurf clinic up in Cape Cod. He was wearing a large pink-brimmed hat and was running around helping a mass of kids get on the water. I could tell from my first impression that this man had a lot of heart and soul for his sport. Tinho is well known in the windsurf world for his feature articles on learning to windsurf in *Windsurfing Magazine*. He and his wife own one of the best windsurf schools in the US. He is also an all-around great guy. His sidekick and lovely wife, Susie, is every bit as wonderful, lighting up the mood of any event. They are a well known couple in the US and abroad for hosting one of the world's most popular regattas, "Midwinters." In fact, annually a crowd from the Bonaire Sailing Team heads north to compete in this event.

Tinho Dornellas and Susie were recently in Bonaire for their bi-annual pilgrimage. This year they brought one of their three windsurfing sons, Philip, who shares their love for this sport. They were seen coaching kids, arranging gear for kids, running the windsurf races and enjoying the Bonaire Regatta festivities of the week. I caught up with Tinho and Susie during the event to chat about their recent visit on the island. In our conversation I was surprised to learn just how long they had been coming to Bonaire. I knew what personally drew me to this island, but what about this man of energy and passion? Tinho was almost too busy to conduct an interview, but once he got going he had the spark to share and chat.

"Tinho, I understand you are a veteran here at the Bonaire Regatta. How did you come to your first Regatta 15

years ago? When did Susie come along?"

"The first time in 1989, I came alone with some of my friends who told me how much fun the race was. After that it has been a race that Susie and I look forward to all year long."

"You are an event coordinator along with your wife, producing one of the most popular races in the US. How does Bonaire Regatta differ from a US event?"

"The Bonaire Regatta is an international event that has all classes of sailing vessels competing, whereas our race is windsurfing

only. The Bonaire Regatta is unique because the whole community is behind the race. There are vendors at night serving food in Wilhelmina Park, and every day something is happening during an entire week. In my view the Bonaire International Regatta is a lot more fun. I like racing on my board while all the boats are all sailing as well. It is a celebration of sailing as a general sport. That is so unique to the Bonaire Regatta."

"What makes Bonairean windsurfers so successful?"

"Well, it helps a lot when you live in paradise and have good winds almost every day. And the fact that Bonaire has a history of very fast and good windsurfers. It started with Elvis Martinus and Patun Saragoza. They would totally dominate other racers when we started coming to Bonaire back in '89. Now you have a new generation of really fast sailors with the Frans Brothers, Christian Dammers and Juvanie



Tinho and Susie Dornellas

Thielman. These guys are fast!!"

"Which Bonaire Kid has exceeded all your expectations?"

"Every Bonaire kid has exceeded my expectations. I am amazed at how well they progress."

"Do you see any up and coming new kids we should watch for possible star status in windsurfing?"

"In the Super Kids, Amado Vrieswijk is very competitive. He only started racing last year. Jurgen Saragoza has his dad's racing blood going on super drive, Bjorn as well. In the Big Kids, Bjorn Saragoza and Archuendro Finies are very polite and good competitors. They have such good hearts, representing the Bonairean spirit. In the Juniors, I was impressed with Clay Finies who did a great job racing against guys with bigger sails."

"As a parent, how key is your role in the success of your children who windsurf and how can parents foster this sport?"

"I believe that parents are key in bringing the kids to the beach and exposing them to windsurfing. This is the sport of a lifetime, and you can learn a lot of important lessons that apply to real life. Schools should make windsurfing a mandatory development discipline because you will learn to focus, to persevere and to get up when you fall. Parents understand these 'life lessons' and can use windsurfing as a means of teaching kids these qualities without lectures or sermons."

"Could you live full time in Bonaire?"

"OH YES I COULD!!! I am waiting for Bonaire to adopt me as its child."

"When you are not running an event, doing a photo shoot for your freelance work and sailing, what do you and your family do while on Bonaire?"

"We just sit back and soak in the warm friendly air and peace of Bonaire. We go snorkeling and sometimes diving. And I make sure I eat my ration of *Kabritu* from Papi Martinez, some ribs and grilled chicken from *Hulandes Grill*, go to *Rincon* and check out the shops and mostly try to keep up with *Elvis Martinus* and his never ending jokes." □ Ann Phelan

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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11-26	12:17	2.0FT.	22:23 0.8FT. 81

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Adagio	Gatsby, USA	Sandpiper, USA
Afterglow	Grey Lady	Santa Maria, Sweden
Angie	Guaicamar I, Venezuela.	Scintilla, Germany
Alegria, USA	Honalee, USA	Sirius
Aleuya	Ishmael	Sylvia K
Bingo	Lady Alice	Sylvester
Bright Sea	Luna C. USA	Ta-B
Camissa, Chan Is.	Makai	Ti Amo, USA
Cape Kathryn	Maggi	Tsih
Cerevela	Michelle	Tutu
Cintra	Moon Rice	Tween, Netherlands
Clemencia	Natural Selection, USA	Ulu Ulu, USA
Dallia	Ocean Breezes	Unicorn, Norway
Delphinus	One Way Wind	Varedhuni, Germany
Da Capo	Odetta	Ventura II, Costa Rica
Destiny	Panta Five	Windmiller, Canada
Dolphin Street	Papillon	Ya-T, BVI
Dream Catcher, I USA	Precocious Gale, USA	Zahi, Malta
Dulcinea	Promesa	
Fan-Fan	Pura Vida	
Flying Cloud, USA	Sagitarius, Aruba	



“Oreo” was a border collie/australian mix. She was brought to me by some folks who said they could not manage her any more. Her initial problems were the product of simple genetics. Both of these breeds are herding dogs, and there weren’t any cows, sheep or even geese where we lived. Many herding dogs who are deprived of this activity will refocus all of that natural drive onto their chosen human(s), not wanting to let them out of sight. At the time I worked as a ward nurse in a veterinary hospital and lived in an apartment in the back, so I was able to see her often throughout the day. I also took her to the beach daily to run.

Even so she developed anxious behaviors, such as gathering various of my personal belongings (clothes, eye glasses, book, ATM card...), piling them in front of the door, and lying on them until I returned, occasionally chewing on them if I was late.

I’d only had her for a month when we had an earthquake. I had grown up in California and was used to earthquakes, but this one measured 7.1 on the Richter Scale. It was followed by weeks of frighteningly large aftershocks -- every 10 or 15 minutes the first few days, and dozens per day after that. Our building (the vet hospital and my apartment) survived, but being only 10 miles from the epicenter, we were surrounded by destruction.



After the initial quake the vets and other staff left to check on their homes and did not return for two weeks. There was no power or water. Surrounding buildings continued to fall in the aftershocks. The National Guard took over the town. Power and water came back on twice during this time, but the power was grounding itself in the water pipes (causing electric shock when I turned on the faucet), so I had to disconnect it again both times.

I had around 25 animals in my care, some of them very sick (the hospital specialized in Oncology), and it was 10 days before owners were able to pick up the last of them (many no longer had homes). Needless to say, this was a very stressful time for Oreo, made so much worse because of the stress I was under. Having survived this together, I took Oreo and the rest of my pets and left California. We drove across country, and day by day Oreo became increasingly nervous about being left in the car for even short periods of time. Eventually she became destructive if I was out of sight for even a minute. Pets can suffer from post-traumatic stress just as humans can. The earthquakes and moving had exacerbated Oreo’s existing attachment disorder. She only felt safe when I was with her. When we arrived in North Carolina I had to start working immediately, leaving her alone

for many hours at a time. She was miserable and became more and more destructive.

Finally, I had to face the fact that, as much as I loved her, I simply could not meet this dog’s needs. I could not be with her every minute, nor could I provide her with a sufficient outlet for her natural energy and focus. So, I found Oreo a home and a job on a nearby farm. There she happily took to herding cows and was never left alone again. □ Susan Brown

Susan Brown is a professional dog trainer on the island who has been in the “pet business” for 28 years. “I do anything related to pet care,” she says, “training, pet sitting, grooming, even help with the after care of recuperating animals.” For all your dog training or pet care needs contact Susan at the Pet Professor, e-mail: bandbfarm@yahoo.com or call 717-2620.

CHEZ NOUS / SGB YOUNG CHEFS BACK FROM ITALY



The young chefs, having returned from Italy, serve the press at Chez Nous: Bram Schmit, Luthgarda Serberie, Wendly Heredia and Isidro Sinto

The ABC Italy stage students are back. The Bonaire students arrived on island October 30th full of excitement from what they learned and experienced in the last month. Plus they were a few kilos heavier!

The Serramazzone Hotel and Catering School in the Emilia Romagna region of Italy were their hosts and gave a world wide view of food and cooking as a profession to these young students. Renowned chefs, who were their pri-

vate teachers, radiated passion as they spoke about different food and wines.

The future is bright for Bonaire's Tourism, and we are confident this program will enrich several young professionals in Horeca here on Bonaire.

A press conference was held at Chez Nous, the SGB hotel school, last week. Commissioner Geraldine Dammers spoke about her experiences as part of the ABC delegation which was hosted by the Emilia Romagna region. She

saw first hand the facilities where our students leaned and met the director and teachers.

Life is full of learning and growing experiences. We continue to work closely on Bonaire with both the public and private sectors to enhance the education process of our future labor force.

Great thanks to the NGO (non-governmental agencies) Platform, especially Pancho Cicilia, for helping to secure the funds to send the students to Italy. □ *Sara Matera*

The four culinary students – Luthgarda Serberie, Isidro Sinto, Wendly Heredia and Bram Schmit – returned with a heightened sense of maturity about them. They had been a month in a new environment with a new language, learning about their chosen profession from some of the finest chefs in Europe. They roomed with Italians as well as students from all over the world who had been invited by the Emilia Romagna region to come and study. Friendships were made, tee shirts, CDs and caps exchanged. There were flirtations. Connections will be maintained with the Internet, they said. Proudly they announced they got used to the cold weather and even found Bonaire too warm since they returned.

They bubbled over with enthusiasm in telling their stories. Fun times with pastry and pasta making, the wine tasting, the difficulties in learning all the

terminology for wine culture. The rigid discipline. The laughs when they said one of the hardest things was eating all the food – too much, too many courses.

So what now? They all want to finish SBO, the highest level now in Bonaire for the hotel school. Bram hopes to go to Italy soon for a stage (training) session for a half year. His aim is to “work in an Italian kitchen.” Another wants to get as much education as possible so she can manage a restaurant.

The coordinator and organizer of this whole program, Sara Matera, was with the students for the entire four weeks. It was she who was instrumental in getting the students from the islands of Aruba and Curacao to attend as well. The “Dad” who was there through all is Vernon “Nonchi” Martijn, who is one of the culinary teachers at the SGB. Nonchi accompanied the first group two years ago and now considered a veteran. Moreno Binelli, well known chef from Bonaire, was there as interpreter (Italian to Papiamentu), but his visit this time was cut short. However, his role of interpreter was filled by Joan Lopez who went with the original group two years ago and is now working as a chef in Italy. His Italian is flawless, we were told.

The words (with a couple of minor changes) to an old WWII song come to mind: “How can you keep them down on the island after they’ve seen Italee?” □ *L.D.*

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FOUND

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PETS of the WEEK



There's something special going on at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Every Saturday, starting last weekend, four girls from the SGB (high school), as part of their Social Studies program, will be volunteering 48 hours to help out at the Shelter. This fine program of community service offers students the opportunity to volunteer either at the Shelter, STINAPA or the *Kas di Sosiego* (old folks home).

We caught the girls on their very first day, and they had a great time getting acquainted with the four young pups in

the photo. Left to right the girls are: Claudine Amattabri, Anny Mendoza, Aleixandra Mendoza and Paola Rendon. The pups they're holding are all about three months old, two females, two males. They're short-haired and thus easy to care for. And, as the girls can attest, they're outgoing, very social and extremely well adjusted and adorable.

You may see these pups for yourself at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989. □ L.D.

BONAIRE'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES LEAVE FOR ARUBA

Bonaire's Special Olympics Team headed for Aruba this week to compete in the National Games. They'll be competing in Bocce, Swimming and Athletics against teams from Aruba and St. Martin. Our team is made up of some experienced athletes as well as some new faces. Accompanying the team are Head of Delegation Onnie Emerenciana, Bocce Coach Pedro "Lendy" Leito, Athletics Coach Sylvio "Chio" Semeleer and Assistant Aura Engelhart. At the right of photo is Head Coach (and Swimming Coach) Elizabeth Wigny. Go for the Gold, guys! □L.D.



ART EXHIBITION *Marjolein Fonesca-Verhoef*



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THE WORKSHOP—In English (In Dutch: Dec. 2-3, 7-11 pm; Dec. 4, 9-5 pm)

November 27, 28, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm

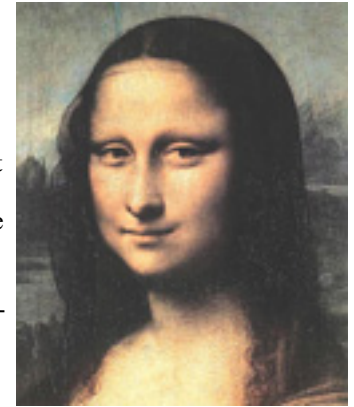
The cost will be NAf165 including coffee, tea and materials.

Location: Old Lagoen in a very warm, relaxed, beautiful place

Confirm your participation by contacting Annemiek or Birgit as soon as possible.

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Birgit Voogt W: + 31204277100 T: + 31650242595 E: info@birgitvoogt.nl □



WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm
Taxi
(Queen Latifah)

Early Show (usually 7pm)
Ladder 49

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
Cellphone

THIS WEEK

Friday, November 19 – Celebration with **David Cape, "the Footwasher."** Bonaire Christian Fellowship, Lagoen Road, 7:30 pm, tel. 785-9530

Saturday, November 20—**Art Exposition, Marjolein Fonseca-Verhoef**, one night only, Capt. Don's Habitat Conference Room, 7 to 11 pm.

Saturday, November 20 – **International Day of the Child - Children's activities during the afternoon, Children's March** 6 pm, Wilhelmina Park, sponsored by SEBIKI Tel. 717-2436

Nov. 26-27, Friday and Saturday Round Bonaire 2-day walk 44/41 km. 717-8629

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: Sunday, Nov. 21- Adonia, Nov. 25/26-Legacy

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.

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

Thursday, November 25 – **American Thanksgiving**

COMING

Saturday, November 27—**Opening Gallery Show artist- Renate v.d. Byl**, Cinnamon Art Gallery. Until January 5

Saturday, Sunday, November 27, 28 – **The Female in You (in English)** See pg. 14

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 2, 3, 4 - **The Female in You (Dutch)** See pg. 14

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: Nov. 29 - *Oceana & Veendam*

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 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**, 5:30-6:30 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. 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

Monday **Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea** slide experience at the Aquarius Conference Center, Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30 – 9:30 pm.

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 Topsy 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@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, Jeannette Rodriguez.

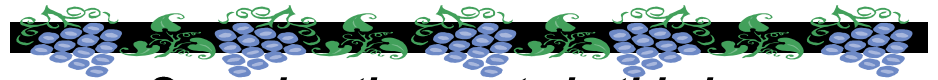
Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th**

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

Next week Happenings will return to its longer form.

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 and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only . 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 turquoise setting when enjoying a breakfast buffet or a la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine.
Croccantino Italian Restaurant Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Tuscany chef prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and romantic setting make dining a 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 6-7:30 pm, 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 NAf6,50
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



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

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HOTELS

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

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

SAILING

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Luis Lazo

“I was born December 24th, 1948, in Valparaiso, Chile. My father was a carpenter, specializing in furniture. We had seven children in our family. When I was nine I started to work in an aluminum factory sweeping the floors. I went to school until noon, then I worked in the factory till 6 pm. After a few months they taught me how to make lids for pots and pans with a machine. The owners of the factory were Germans and they said it was good that children learned how to do the job. I was the youngest person working at the factory; there were no regulations, no inspections. We had to survive and take whatever job we could get.

Starting when I was 11, I worked for several years with my father and brother as a carpenter, but when there wasn't enough work we did construction. I enjoyed it. I liked to lay bricks, and when we worked for a company that built 2,500 houses we became specialized in building roofs. Then I went to another company where I learned how to take measurements. I learned about weight and resistance of the concrete. I specialized further in masonry, laying bricks and tiles, and I became an all-round mason.

When my father was young he worked in the copper mines in the interior of the country, and he'd told me fascinating stories about it. That got me curious. One of the stories was that when you go into the mines when they're empty, when nobody is working, you would still hear all the noises - the hammering, the voices - as if everybody was still there. And you know, I found out it was true. Very strange.

I went to the copper mines of Ramayana, in Tiltit, a place in the interior, when I was nearly 17. I lived in a camp that the corporation had built for the employees. We also got our food from the corporation. I worked two shifts: in the day I worked until 6 pm building the mine tunnels, and from 7 pm till 2 o'clock in the morning I worked down in the mines. I was young and had a lot of energy.

We worked seven days a week, and every five months we would have weekends off. Then we did a lot of dancing with the girls from Tiltit! The miners drank a lot of Chilean wine, but after one month they'd stop drinking for months, then they start all over again.

The mountain was 4,500 meters high. The mines were halfway down into the mountain and they were about 150 meters deep. I was never afraid to go down. I worked there for a year and a half, and I returned to Valparaiso loaded

with money. My family and I had a really good time buying all sorts of things that we needed for the house.

I went back into construction and, when I was 21, I left to work on the Juan Fernandez Islands in the Pacific, 400 miles off the coast of Chile. They are beautiful islands, much smaller than Bonaire, and they're supposed to be Robinson Crusoe's islands. I even saw his cave! I like to see places, I like to travel, but after a year I got bored and went back to Valparaiso where I worked days and studied at night to become a contractor, and I learned plumbing as well. Everywhere in the world plumbing and electricity go together with construction, however, not in Chile. We have earthquakes so frequently that they come secondary. It's far more important to learn how to build a solid structure.

In '79 there wasn't enough work in Chile anymore. I saw an ad in the paper asking for carpenters, masons, etc. to come to Venezuela. I applied and got the job with an international organization in Caracas. I worked in different places all over the country, and I had 68 people under me.

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In 1988 I saw an ad from Tecno Consult, asking for builders for Bonaire. I came and started working for Harbour Village. Then in 1991 I went to St. Martin to work for an Italian company building a hotel there. I stayed one year in St. Martin, then I went back to Caracas, to Tecno Consult, but I had to wait some months for them to arrange my papers for Bonaire.

It was then and there, in Caracas, that I met lovely Carmen Campos on the street, in the marketplace where she was selling blue jeans. I went back to the market every day to see her, and we dated for three months, always meeting in the street or in a restaurant, but she never took me to her house to meet her family.” *Carmen (33) laughs:* I never took him home because I thought there might be some girls in my neighborhood who would snatch him away from me!”

They make a lovely family: Luis Lazo, strong and good-looking; Carmen with her beautiful smile; pretty and quiet

Deisy (11;) and little charming Cinndy (6) who never stops talking and who makes some drawings for me in up-tempo: 'Cinndy in the bakery,' 'Cinndy sailing the ocean,' 'Cinndy happily riding a horse' and 'Cinndy's encounter with a giant snake.'

“Well,”

Luis proceeds, “after three months I had to go back to Bonaire and I wrote Carmen but I never got an answer. So, I went back to Caracas to ‘buy more blue jeans,’ but Carmen wasn't there anymore. I asked a mutual friend about her whereabouts, and we met again in a restaurant, both of us with long faces because of the misunderstanding caused by the lost letters. However, we went to the post office together and it turned out the letters were there!

She took me to meet her family and I became very good friends with my mother-in-law, who's actually some years younger than me. Carmen's mother also had an extremely poor childhood, very tough and sad and lots of suffering like me, and we understood each other, and apart from being my mother-in-law she became my friend.

Carmen and I got married in Caracas, and Deisy was born there. When the baby was nine months old they both came to Bonaire where I'd started working for Silvosa.”

“If it had been up to me, I would have gone back the same day I got here,” *Carmen laughs,* “but now I like the tranquility and the schools are very good. Here the children have to go to school, not like in Caracas where nobody cares. Both girls are in Kristu Bon Wardador primary school, and they're doing well. I also work there with a government project, *Obra di ma.* Deisy likes to swim and to ride her bike and she likes to eat the fish Luis catches, but when she's in Caracas she likes it better there.

Cinndy is the one to tell you when you



Luis, Deisy, Carmen and Cinndy

say something that's not so nice about Bonaire: ‘Don't talk bad about my country!’ She was born here; she's our Bonairean!”

“I like Bonaire,” *Luis says,* “I like it much better than St. Martin. The people here are nice, more educated and you find beautiful places like Karpata, the caves, the Saliñas, Piedra Pretu and Bolivia. I love to fish, and whenever I get the chance I go to the coast or to the Saliñas.

Our children speak Dutch, Papiamentu and Spanish, and Cinndy loves to try to speak English. Here you can live in peace. It's not like when you're in the streets in Caracas, the crowds of people, everyone worried and stressed out, looking for a better opportunity, looking for a way to survive. Here you don't have that tension. In the 16 years since I've been here I've worked for many companies. I also started my own construction company, but it is asleep now, and until I know how to go about it I'm working for somebody else. When I look back at my life I know that I've been fighting to survive, like everyone, like all of us. I improved my life by coming here and now we have a higher standard of living. I'm in the process of getting my papers and I'm staying here for good.”

□ *Greta Kooistra*



Greta Kooistra

NEW ISLAND SPA

Intermezzo at Capt. Don's Habitat

The Intermezzo Day Spa will be coming to Capt. Don's Habitat in January with all the wraps, massages, facials and scrubs. But right now, adjacent to the pool at the resort is a little piece of paradise where you may have massages and facials, right at the water's edge, enclosed in a private little cabana with pleasant aromas, soft music and wind chimes accompanying the sound of the waves. To introduce Intermezzo to the island they're offering a special package right now – a massage and a Piccolo facial *both* for only \$75.

Intermezzo is a family business, begun in Aruba in 1998. Bibi, a physical therapist, and her sister Marcella, an esthetician, wanted to do something together to combine the clinical with the beauty aspects. Enter Marcella's husband, Mike, a businessman, and Bibi's husband, Martin, a P.R. business person. Together they run six successful spas in Aruba in major hotels, having opened one new one each year.

"We don't use any machines," says Bibi. "Everything is done by hand." Martin explains, "When we hire a therapist (we have 40 employed now) we train them to our system. So, no matter who



you have as a therapist, the work will be the same - a very personalized, special touch treatment that we have in all our spas." Bibi continues, "We want everyone to feel comfortable and at home. We even have our own products that are all natural – things like our Coffee Body Scrub and even a Chocolate Scrub!"

There will be a number of packages at the new spa, but you may mix and match too.

A nice touch is the fact that customers can request free pick up and return from wherever they are staying on the island. To make a reservation you may call them at 786-7069 or call Capt. Don's Habitat at 717-8290. □ L.D.

TURTLE TRAVELS



"STINAPA," our transmitter equipped Green turtle, is averaging almost 100 km per day in her travels away from her Bonaire nest. She has turned to the southwest and is headed in the direction of Panama. Her position is approximately 1,200 km. from Bonaire and about 500 km from a suitable habitat.

Early last week Sea Turtle Conservation (STCB) missed a chance to fit another female Hawksbill with a transmitter. Typically, a female will nest every 14 to 16 days during the nesting season, and the nesting pattern of this Hawksbill suggested that she was on a 15-day cycle. Plans were for STCB staff to go out last Tuesday evening to No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire in anticipation of the female's return. To our surprise, a new nest was discovered Tuesday morning, indicating that she had returned the night before, 13 days after her last nesting. We are holding hopes that she will try one more time. □ Andy Uhr

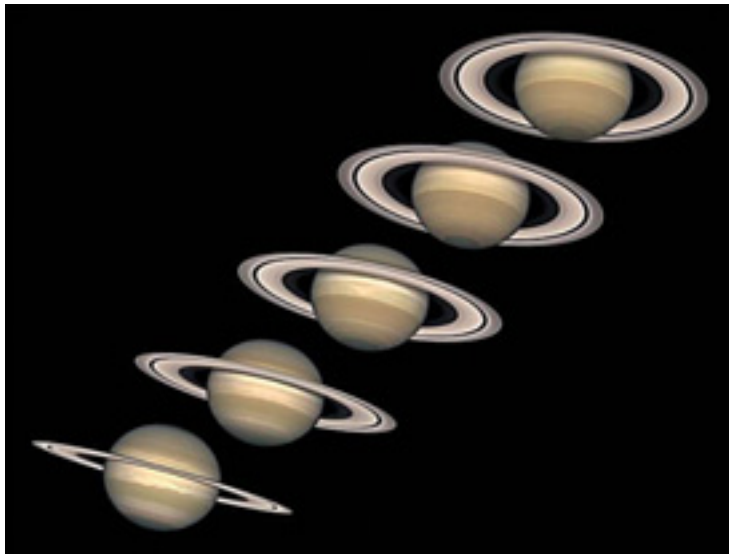


BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

The Lord of the Rings and the Gemini Twins

Most of you already know that in July our **Cassini** space craft went into orbit around the planet af-



fectionately called the "Lord of the Rings," the 6th planet out from the **Sun, Saturn**. And although it has not been visible to the naked eye in evening skies from **Earth** for the past five months, it has now returned for viewing and is in fact the only planet visible in evening skies before midnight. Plus it is on a straight line with two of my favorite stars, **Castor** and **Pollux**, the **Gemini** Twins.

On any night next week, Thanksgiving week, from 9 to 10 pm Sky Park time, face just slightly north of east where just above the horizon you will see three bright objects lined up in a row. The brightest and closest to the horizon is the Lord of the Rings, 75,000-mile-wide Saturn. And if you've never thought about getting a small telescope before, now would be a good time because Saturn will be available for viewing for the next few months and is almost everyone's favorite through even the smallest scope. Plus it will be up even earlier for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Now if you draw a straight line from Saturn just slightly up and to its left it will run through the two brightest stars of the constellation Gemini, first Pollux and then Castor. And I always like to compare these two stars whenever they're close to any planet. You see the brighter star, Pollux, is a lot larger than Saturn or any planet to say the least. In fact it is about 11 times the diameter of our own million-mile-wide Sun, which means we could fit about two million Saturns inside it. But don't let appearances fool you because even though Pollux is brighter than its twin brother Castor, Castor hides a magnificent secret because if we look at it with large telescopes and special instruments, Castor shows us that it is not just one star. In fact, it is not even a double star or a triple star or a quadruple star or a quintuple star. In reality it is actually six stars, three pairs all moving about each other in an outrageously intricate cosmic ballet.

So why is comparatively dinky Saturn so much brighter? Simple answer: it is so incredibly much closer. In fact the light from Saturn will take only 70 minutes to reach us next week, whereas Pollux is so incredibly far away it takes its light 35 years to reach us. And Castor's light takes 45 years!

So ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, start your Gemini and Lord of the Rings watch now. Just look for the three in a straight line any night next week. And if you're one of those who still needs help finding cosmic objects, well, on Monday night after Thanksgiving, November 29th an exquisite waning gibbous Moon will be parked just to the side of Castor and Pollux and above Saturn. And on Tuesday the 30th an even prettier gibbous Moon will be parked almost between Saturn and Pollux. So if you can't find them next week without help, wait until the 29th and 30th and the Moon will find them for you. □ *Jack Horkhimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
November 19-26, 2004
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You will reap the rewards for your kind actions. A passionate encounter with your mate should help alleviate that pent-up energy. Opportunities will develop through those you encounter while attending organizational events. Rewards for past good deeds will highlight your day. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Travel for business will not only bring you valuable information but also profits as well. You should get out and enjoy social events where you are likely to meet new potential mates; however, don't overspend. Try not to be too harsh with loved ones; there will always be two sides to an issue. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Networking will be a necessity. Read between the lines before you sign your name. You can enjoy social events and meet new potential mates; however, avoid being lavish. Set a limit on the amount you're willing to spend, and be sure to stick to it. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be careful while traveling. Investments will not be as they appear this week. You will have the discipline to make changes you feel are necessary. Someone you care about may not be too well. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your outgoing, aggressive nature will attract someone you've been eager to meet. Positive connections can be made if you get involved in environmental organizations. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. Travel will also be very informative. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. Talk to people who can give you important knowledge. Your mate could get on your nerves if he or she backs you into an emotional corner or puts restrictions on your time. Your tendency to take on too much will end in fatigue. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Entertainment should include your whole family. You will be prone to carelessness that could result in accidents. Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. Your involvement in groups will be favorable for meeting new and exciting individuals. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Someone may try to damage your reputation. Recognition will be yours if you meet your deadline. Spend time with friends and relatives. Travel for pleasure. Cultural activities will prove to be quite enlightening for everyone. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents. You're in a high cycle for romance. Involvement in groups will be favorable. Business partnerships will prove lucrative. Opportunities for partnerships are present; but get every detail in writing. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your practical approach to life may charm someone who has been observing you. This time was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. You need to sit back and enjoy. You will find that you can work progressively at improving yourself this week. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. Opportunities will come through behind the scenes activities. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory. Elders may get you going this week. You have worked hard and the payback is now. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. □