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Captain Don, Donna DeSalvo,
Hendrik Wuyts and Phil Katzev
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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



American Eagle has announced additional flights between Puerto Rico and Bonaire. In March they will offer six flights per week; in April, daily flights, using Super ATR 72s, with a 64 seat capacity. For May through July there will be four flights a week. American Eagle leaves San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 6:30 pm, arriving in Bonaire at 8:36 pm. Return flights are at 7 am, arriving in Puerto Rico at 9:05 am.

► Last week the Dutch airline company, **Air Exel, filed a claim of 12 million euros against its former sister company Dutch Eagle Express (DEE).** Harm Prince, now back as a Director of Air Exel after being indicted on several corruption charges, says it was a loan to DEE. Air Exel is in severe financial difficulties and many of its operations are shut down. However, DEE rejected the claim by AirExel. It said the participation of the Exel Aviation Group (EAG) in DEE was "for own account and risk." AirExel and KLM made aircraft and expertise available.

Entrepreneur and Bonaire resident, Niek Sandmann, who also owned part of EAG, reportedly took over DEE from the Bonaire Government in August 2004. Problems surrounding Exel co-owners Erik de Vlioger and Harm Prins, were stated as the reasons for his breaking with the EAG and concentrating on making

DEE a regional airline in partnership with KLM.

► **Last year was the safest since World War II for commercial air transport,** both in terms of passengers killed and aircraft lost or irreparably damaged, the industry's global body, IATA, said last Monday.

IATA data showed the chances of dying in an airline accident in 2004 were one in every 10 million people flying against nearly three in 2002 and more than seven in 1996. Just under eight airliners were destroyed or irreparably damaged for every 10 million sectors flown (industry jargon for the distance covered between a take-off and a landing) compared to more than nine in 2002 and 13 in 1996.



► **The first Boeing 777-200LR Worldliner took off** from Paine Field in Everett, Washington State, last Tuesday, on its maiden flight. It's the world's longest range commercial airplane capable of flying non-stop between virtually any two cities in the world. It's suspected that KLM will use 777s to fly directly from Amsterdam to Gyaquil and Lima within a few years, thus bypassing the "technical stop" in Bonaire.

► **Bonaire will soon have its first private high school** if plans by a local parents group come true. The first public announcement was made last week and more details will be forthcoming. Verbal approval has been granted by the government.

Digicel

► **Get ready for a cell phone free-for-all that should benefit all customers through increased competition.**

Last week we reported that the Ministry of Communications removed minimum rates on cellular calls. It seems that was a precursor to the long-awaited announcement that Digicel would take over Curaçao Telecom (CT). CT has been waging, and winning, court battles against UTS, the Curaçao government-owned telecom giant, similar to how BonairExel had to fight DCA's monopoly.

Digicel was founded in 2001 and has cell phone systems in seven Caribbean islands: Jamaica, Barbados, Cayman Islands, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, Aruba, and now Curaçao. The company will try to establish operations on more islands. According to company figures it has 60% of the market and has 1,000 employees. It is admired for its low rates, customer service and aggressive marketing. Digicel will use GSM technology and introduce Internet, picture, e-mail and other new cell phone features. It may also enter the Bonaire market.

► **About 115,000 people will be eligible to vote in Curaçao's constitutional referendum** on April 8. As was the case in Bonaire, 16- and 17-year olds will be

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allowed to vote for one of the four options. This added 4,700 names to the voters' list. Curaçaoans living off-island have no vote. All of Curaçao's political parties are recommending a vote for an Aruba-style status aparte. However, various pre-Referendum polls indicate that

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(*Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2*) about half the people want closer ties with Holland, especially for law enforcement.

Just 56% of eligible voters (5,352 people) cast their vote in Bonaire's referendum, held in September 2004.

► **2004 was another record year for the tax collection in the Netherlands Antilles.** Collections amounted to NAf1.337.463.783 in direct and indirect, excise, and import taxes. That was about NAf50 million more than collected in 2003, which was the previous record year.

Curaçao was again the 500 pound gorilla having just over 80% of the tax collections with NAf1,070,000,000.

St. Maarten, the second biggest island of the Antilles as far as population goes, collected NAf193.6 million, NAf10 million more than in 2003. Bonaire collected NAf62 million in 2004, same as in 2003. Statia collected NAf6.8 million in 2004 compared to NAf5.4 million in 2003. Saba almost doubled its proceeds, from NAf2.5 million in 2003, to NAf4.8 million in 2004.

► Based on results of a survey conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) on all Antillean islands, **Bonaire entrepreneurs believe the island's economy is improving.** Slightly over 70% of the respondents said they experienced improvements versus 60% six months ago. Eighty companies in Bonaire were surveyed.

However, 30.2% of those responding said they felt there were obstacles in their way to doing more business because of government policy and a shortage of

qualified staff. They indicated that their investments were positively influenced by the availability of financial resources and by favorable market expectations.



Valero oil refinery

► The general manager of the Valero oil refinery in Aruba announced that production will increase by almost 25 % soon. Construction of two 'visbreakers' would increase the daily production to about 285,000 barrels. **The refinery produces gasoline for cars, diesel and kerosene for Bonaire's airport**

► **Spain has adopted the Netherlands Antilles.** In a recent meeting of the International Olympic Committee it was decided that there was a need to raise the level of sports in the Caribbean region. Larger countries which routinely win medals at Olympic Games were asked to help countries that had yet to produce medal winners. Spain offered to assist the Netherlands Antilles, St. Vincent and Barbados.

The assistance program will be a four-year-long pilot project. So far Spanish sports officials have visited only Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

► **The Bonaire Music School will be revived under government and private auspices.** Deputy Jonchi Dortalina recently met with members of the board of the Bonaire Music School, *Skol di Músika Boneiru*, Jackie Bernabela, Gilbert van Arneman and Ricardo Vos. It's anticipated that AMFO (Antillians Medefinancierings Organisatie – Antillean Co-sponsorship Funds) funds would be used for the project.



Jacky Bernabela, Deputy Dortalina and Gilbert van Arneman, President of the Music School

► Buddy Dive Resort has a new **special for 2005** to celebrate its 25th anniversary. When booking the regular Drive & Dive Package guests will receive a complimentary upgrade to unlimited Nitrox – a savings of \$99. And for those divers who are not Nitrox-certified, Buddy Dive is offering a Nitrox-certification course for only \$99, a savings of \$76 off the regular price. The complimentary upgrade is valid for bookings between April 1 – 14, 2005, and the entire month of May 2005. Seven-night Drive & Dive packages are available from \$715 per person. Other conditions apply. For more information and reservations call 1-866-GO-BUDDY, email buddy-dive@travelmarketing.com or visit <http://www.buddydive.com>.

► Michael Obersi of Dew Point N.V. reports that they are now carrying the very well known and reliable **Robin Brushless Generators**. Kunukeros have been using them on their kunukus for 10 to 12 years without problems, Michael says. Dew Point also carries a full complement of **MAC batteries**, from 40 amp. to 200 amp. They're good quality, reasonably priced and come with warranties. Dew Point is now the distributor for **Speed Queen heavy duty (commercial) washers and dryers.**

► The Jong Bonaire model in this week's **Benetton ad on page 11 is Farley Mercera.** □ *L./G.D.*

MEET THE CHILDREN?

Dear Editor:

After a recent trip to watch the movie "Meet the Fo**rs" I was once again struck by the absolute lack of control on screening of kids going into an adult movie.

Although I have endured worse while surrounded by kids, "Meet the Fo**rs" was by no means gentle or discreet. It was inundated with senseless and unnecessary actions, and meaningless, tasteless phrases were overused.

The point is this should not be our kids' classroom.

Where is the outrage? Where is the control? Where is the guidance? Where are the parents and civil leaders? Who will address this important issue? *G. B.*



"DER PROZESS" REVISITED



Dear Editor:

He knew he'd seen this before. Was it a book? A movie? A play?

Sitting in the middle of a big room that resembled the island city hall where many before him stood. Not charged with a crime, like he was though, but getting married. He never thought that the room that he always associated with love, happiness and joy could turn cold and sterile.

In front of him were people he remembers, but doesn't recognize anymore. He's had meetings with them, happy hours. Discussions and email conversations on how to solve certain problems. Now he was charged and had to justify his acts. Which acts? No charges were mentioned.

"We hereby find you guilty on all charges."

"You will be sentenced to a solitary existence. We won't share any information with you, won't finance projects together, you are not allowed to stand beside us in public gatherings and we will avoid having contact with you."

Our price for your sentence is that we won't tell you our findings and data since you might question it or might have better ideas, useful information you have can't be shared with us and our budget deficit will be higher due to a lack of contribution from your side for our joined expenses. We hope you understand those burdens hurt us a lot. We are determined to continue the path we have chosen."

"But sirs," he stumbled, "guilty for what?"

"We hereby close this court sitting." The men walked away and left him alone in the cold and sterile room.

The lights in the garden went out. The AC didn't blow cold air anymore. The radio stopped playing. Another power black out!

He couldn't wake up. This can't be true! The last words from the reporter on the radio; "And the propaganda machine seems to have done its work with this result that indicates that our island is determined to step out of the country."

Never thought that the story he imagined impossible would ever happen actually be taking place, but luckily it was a dream.

The alarm on his cell phone went off. "BHG meeting at 2 pm" it displayed. That's right he thought; it was just a dream right?

Bert H. Gadoed

This allegory comments on the relationship between The Bonaire Hospitality Group and some Bonaire tourism policies. BMG members include: AB Car rental, Buddy Dive Resort, Belmar Apartments Bonaire Lagoen Hill, Bonaire Inn, Bonaire Seaside Apartments, Diver's Paradise, Jibe City, Sun Oceanfront Apartments, Sun Rentals and Tropical Travel. Ed.

WONDERFUL BONAIREANS

Dear Editor:

I just had to write to you about my wonderful adventure in Bonaire that left me looking forward to not only going back but also having my new friends visit Boston if they come through here.

I spent a week learning how to scuba at the young age of 60...and everyone at the resorts was helpful and the experience was wonderful underwater. But what I truly remember and cherish was my most difficult and uncomfortable time when I missed my return flight to Boston. Imagine my panic and discomfort, trying to figure out how to get back while the airlines looked quite blank and were not willing to figure out how to get information for possible future departures.

Nobody seemed to be able to know how to get info except maybe fly to Curaçao, maybe fly to Miami. But no one could quite grasp how to be helpful...when out of the darkness a voice spoke up. "I think I could help." What? Someone willing to extend themselves and take their time to try to plan what to do? Mr. Edward Thielman and his lovely wife, Nydia, talked to me and spent their time helping me figure out what the best way to get information and what to do next. My relief was amazing. They and their family, two gorgeous children., one who looked like the image of a young English-speaking Barbie doll, took me in and got me settled at a small hotel and got the info about a flight when it seemed so difficult for most. Well, we all had a great time and went to dinner at their favorite restaurant.

My memories are not just from under the sea but of these wonderful Bonaireans and their most gracious time with me. Thank you all.

Alan Ornstein, Cambridge, Mass

A SAD FIND

Dear Editor,

This week I discovered the body of a dog that had been tormented and killed (hanged) under a tree on Seru Largu. I called the police and they came and took photos. But with no clues I don't think the cruel people who did this deed will be easily caught. This horrible deed is out of character for a place like Bonaire that cares for its household pets with a beautiful Shelter and provides a Sanctuary for its donkeys.

If a reader has information about the people who did the killing, please pass on the names to the police. If they are brought to justice there may be an opportunity for them to get treatment to cure them of acts like this.

G.D.W.L.

BONAIRE'S "WINDOWS" SNAKE VALLEY 1966

ON THE CORAL REEF:

“Look out! It's loaded!” Wancho danced away from the bar and cried out again, “Be careful! It could explode!”

“Let me see that thing,” a strong voice shouted. “I'm NRA, and there's not a gun made I don't know.” He picked up the old flintlock pistol from the top of the bar.

I rounded the counter and took a chair opposite Wancho who was laughing as Mr. NRA moved over to the table.

“Very funny!” said Mr. NRA as he rudely dropped the pistol on the table in front of us.

“Very funny!” I mimicked and picked up the pistol to examine it. A flintlock, cocked, and in pretty good condition, considering the remnants of coral still clinging to the butt.

“Deep?” I queried. Wancho stopped laughing, looked me directly in the eyes, and replied, “Two hundred plus.” He waited for my reaction and then asked, “Want to go?”

“Weather side?” I asked.

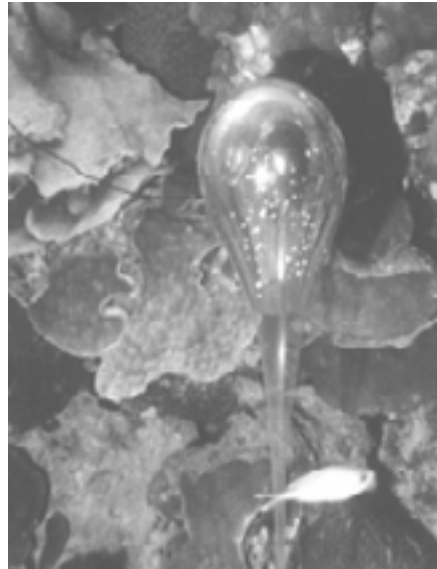
“No,” he said.

“Willemstoren?” I tried again. I thought for a moment, then growled, “You ba#*@*t. You got the *Sirene*.” The *Sirene* is an old Dutch Man o' War, lusted after by more of us than I care to imagine.

“Don, if I found that one, would I be here talking with you?”

Insulted, I asked, “Is that so? Where would you be?”

Wancho thought about that and



A Trojan Dive Marker (see story)

added, “I'd be right here drinking whiskey with my old friend Captain Don, except I'd own this place, and you would be working for me.”

I never coaxed him, but finally, Wancho did leak a clue. “The new Trans World Radio tower... straight out to the second drop off.” I cleared my throat, tried to relax and appear nonchalant.

Wancho chuckled; he knew that I coveted that pistol. “Now where was I?” he questioned.

“At 250 feet!” I exclaimed.

“Awww yeah, 250 plus feet,” he said. Then he picked up the pistol,

knocked back the rest of the whiskey and headed for the door. “Ciao!” and he was gone.

The NRA fellow came over to the table and said, “Sounds to me like that fella's setting you up... maybe.” I could see he was thinking about the pistol too.

It was several days before I got free for a private little dive. I loaded the old '57 VW van, topped off my tank to a full 2,300 psi, tested my 'J' valve, bought a pack of Trojans at the gift shop and finally, cut myself a 10-inch piece of red ribbon.

The route south could scarcely be called a road, but I reached the tower and pulled close to the water's edge. There, almost unseen, was a motor bike, leaning against a rock. I saw the NRA sticker on its fender.

“What the hell,” I thought, “he's probably fooling around in the shallows. Forget him and get on with the dive.” It wasn't too long before I was over the drop off and looking for reference points. Then I saw my guy, down in the corals, resting like a lizardfish,



Garden Eels

legs spread for balance. He had a spear gun, about six feet long, and his breathing was deep and slow. I knew I was watching a hunter.

I shoved my regulator in my mouth, exhaled deeply, and started to drop. At 40 feet I touched down in a sand clearing just 10 feet behind him. The spear gun was an SMG with a balanced grip. Its stainless steel shaft had an NRA sticker wrapped around it and was armed with a power head big enough to take out a young whale.

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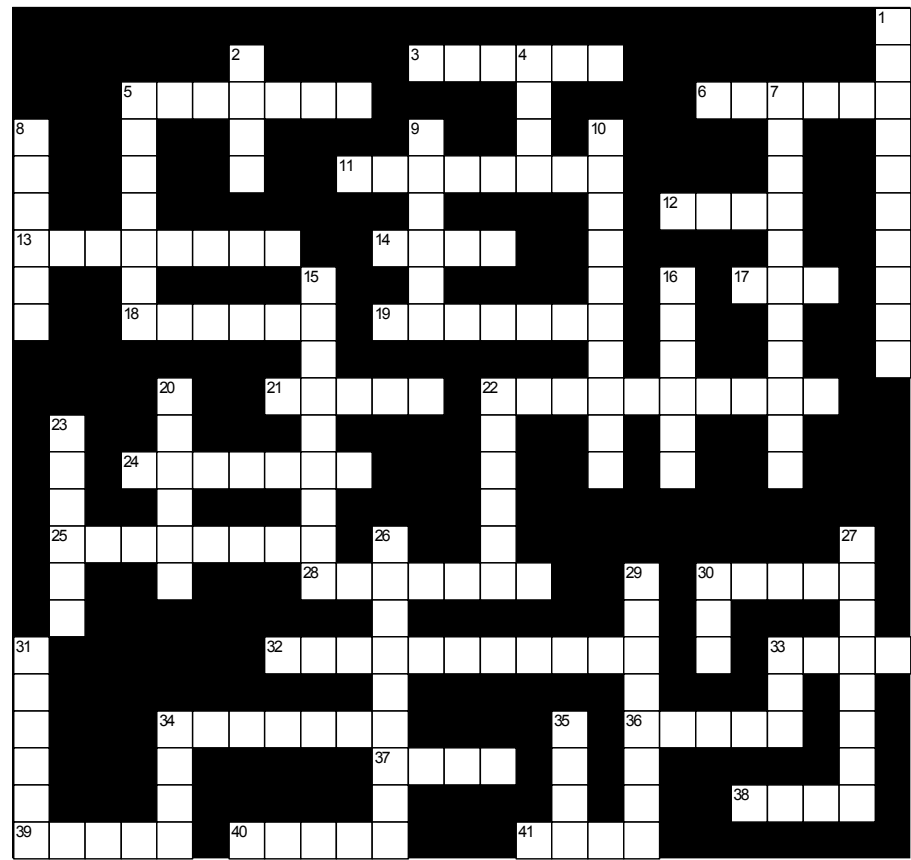
**By popular demand of puzzle fans we present the:
Bonaire Cryptic by *The Hilltopper*
English, Dutch and Papiamentu words from our island**

Across

- 3 Put on the access code, you ass! (6)
- 5 Our Island (7)
- 6 Take a non-ecclesiastical taxi to quiet water (3,3)
- 11 Bail a gas: difficult spot to be in (7)
- 12 Plant reverse on Dutch meets with French approval (4)
- 13 Backward relations and I have crazy item to read in this place (8)
- 14 Shift self without the last for swimmers (4)
- 17 A fish opposite opposite the wind.(3)
- 18 Eighth mon. in a confused creature (6)
- 19 Incomplete alias mixed up here (7)
- 21 Hear a kind of piano on the beach (5)
- 22 If I was not there, running child with insect, you would see a lovely tree. (10)
- 24 Location is mixed in lora tin (7)
- 25 News again: dark beer (8)
- 28 Somewhere in the farandol Phineas heard the French heir in English. (7)
- 30 Does Cuba conceal swimming surprises?
- 32 Mix him lora hoke for his low boat (5,6)
- 33 Contained in this alternative (4)
- 34 To get here, just continue stealing (7)
- 36 Little Hawaiian necklace between 11th and 14th place (5)
- 37 Mixed up African country with a lake (4)
- 38 Arrange roman robe for animal (4)
- 39 Jet propelled creature from British coins (4)
- 40 Farewell gestures first with Latin birds (5)
- 41 Harold reverses without Lawrence Bird (4)

Down

- 1 Throw around a club with 14A: to get a surprising creature (6,4)
- 2 Lamp confused tree (4)
- 4 A Tibetan ox goes down the street in reverse (4)
- 5 Welcome, Bob, in and within (3,4)
- 7 Ship Tom's makeup? (6,5)
- 8 Area is complicit in rebel nemesis (6)
- 9 Backwards manilas almost envelop this briny pond (6)
- 10 Sounds like beans and bed wear makes a wreck (10)
- 15 Last of the waves sounds dull and sick inside (9)
- 16 Backwards but rejuvenated lady lives in quiet bay (6)



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- 20 Place water in concentrate for French rinse (6)
- 22 Beach enjoyment with Greek letter (6)
- 23 Golf game for the birds, not the birdies (6)
- 26 Flags omni- present confusion to a birdbrain (8)
- 27 A small pig lacking hours, but first with French garlic inside, is pleasant on the water (8)
- 29 Bad rate okra here (4,4)
- 30 Contained in this each time (3)
- 31 Antic act usually follows sitting on such plants (6)
- 33 Contained in this unusual feature (3)
- 34 Contained in this and everything else (4)
- 35 Place in hat or socks (4) □

Answers on page 15.

COVER STORY Captain Don, the Movie

An affectionate, insightful and graphically spectacular account of the story of Captain Don's love affair with Bonaire was presented Saturday at an invitation-only gala at Movieland. The almost hour-long film was made entirely on Bonaire by documentary filmmaker Hendrik Wuyts, assisted by Donna DeSalvo. The film relates how aspiring actor, Don Stewart, bought a 70-foot-long schooner and, with almost no sailing experience, set out on a voyage that ended in Bonaire and marked the beginning of a new era for the island. It follows Captain Don as his awareness of nature evolved from exploitation to protection as he recognized the potential for Bonaire's unique underwater environment.

Titled "Island Adrift" the film connects Captain Don's life with the course of Bonaire's development. With his innovations to protect Bonaire's reefs he began the era of dive tourism that sustains the island today.

It lets the viewer understand why the Captain, rather than becoming rich from the founding of an industry and several dive operations, is rich in friends and a legacy of a healthy under-sea environment.

Astounding images of Bonaire's corals and sea creatures are woven with recollections of individuals whose lives were affected by their contact with the man. Captain Don turns 80 this year. He continues to work to promote Bonaire as a leader in the conservation of the environment and to expand world awareness of the environment through his Accolade Foundation.

Production of "Island Adrift" was made possible by emotional and financial support from Phil and Laraine Katzev.

Now everyone can share the experience. A DVD of "Island Adrift" is available for \$25 (NA/\$45). Proceeds help support the Accolade Foundation, to further the recognition of persons who have devoted themselves to protection of the environment. Copies of the DVD are available from ScubaVision, Kaya Grandi #6, 717-2844 or



Captain Don, sporting his new peg leg, was the host for the evening.

786-2844. Email info@scubavision.info. □ G.D.

The Bonaire Accolade Award

Following the big-screen debut of the movie, "Island Adrift," Captain Don Stewart presented the first award of his Accolade Foundation. The award, quoting from its charter, is an "...international salutation, an award to recognize, acclaim and honor the ocean environmental pioneers of Earth's last frontier..."



The first Accolade Award is presented to a surprised Laura and George DeSalvo by Captain Don.

It was given to Laura and George DeSalvo of *The Bonaire Reporter* for their sustained efforts to preserve Bonaire's environment.

Quoting from the Award text:

"First order environmentalist and dynamic newspaper editors, George and Laura DeSalvo are people who have relocated on terra firma to carry on a firmer allegiance to the environment.

For more than ten years, they have kept readers up to date on major Bonaire issues through the 'still free' *Bonaire Reporter*.

On the front lines as well as behind the scenes, George and Laura have worked to keep Bonaire's environmental issues on the 'front burner.'

They helped to spearhead efforts to save Klein Bonaire from development and were instrumental in the making of the award winning film, 'Saving Klein



The Accolade Medal is designed by Bonaire's own Luty DePalm.

Bonaire.' For all this and more, it is fitting that George and Laura DeSalvo are the first recipients of the "Bonaire Accolade Award."

Future recipients of the Accolade award can be drawn from on-island and off-island candidates. □

BONAIRE'S BEST SOUVENIR



"Island Adrift" DVD on SALE

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Windsurf Scene at Sorobon Pro Kids Freestyle Worlds 2005



Kids of all ages love windsurfing

The playground and training ground of the world famous Bonaire Sailing Team will be the site for the premier Pro Kids Freestyle Worlds, May 20-22.

Talented young freestyle sailors are invited to attend this event being held following the 3rd Bonaire PWA King of the Caribbean Competition. The best young sailors from the region and the world will compete in the most dazzling windsurf discipline, freestyle. In the years to come some of these top talents will soon be on the PWA Tour. Starboard windsurfing equipment will sponsor this premier event.

With moves bearing zany names like the *Flaka* and *Grubby*, freestyle is one of the hottest water sports. Freestyle is fun and exciting and can be affordable,

requiring only one board and a few sails. More than 12 riders from Bonaire have international sponsorship. It is fitting that Bonaire will host the first Junior World Freestyle Championships.

Contact Elvis Martinus at the-place@telbonet.an in Bonaire or Tinho Dornellas at Tinho@calema.com in the US for details. Registration and information for this event are at www.bonaireworldfreestyle.com. For flight, car, gear and accommodation information contact : ann@bonaireworldfreestyle.com. □ Ann Phelan

Ann Phelan, owner Caribbean Wind & Sun Vacations, a windsurf and eco tour specialty travel service, is the Event Coordinator of the Annual Bonaire PWA King of the Caribbean. ann@bonairewindsurfing.com

Haulout Here



One of Bonaire's best kept secrets is that boats - sail and power up to 15 tons and 40 ft. + - can be safely and expertly hauled out for maintenance. Jon Blonk's boatyard, just north of WEB, does this and more for Bonaire boat owners and yachts passing through. In this photo a 15-ton Ferro cement yacht is being launched following comprehensive maintenance. An interesting fact is that it is less expensive to store a boat on land at the Blonk boatyard (NA\$10/day) than afloat (\$10/day). □ G.D.



KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
3-18	8:00	1.9FT. 16:50	0.8FT. 35
3-19	8:36	1.9FT. 17:26	0.8FT. 32
3-20	9:18	1.9FT. 17:54	0.8FT. 36
3-21	9:52	1.8FT. 18:16	0.9FT. 43
3-21	9:52	1.8FT. 18:16	0.9FT. 43
3-22	1:27	1.2FT. 10:25	1.8FT. 18:37 0.9FT. 52
3-23	3:35	1.2FT. 11:07	1.7FT. 18:51 1.0FT. 61
3-24	0:22	1.4FT. 4:50	1.2FT. 11:47 1.6FT. 18:48 1.1FT. 71
3-25	0:45	1.5FT. 6:22	1.2FT. 12:28 1.4FT. 18:22 1.2FT. 79

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Adesso	Jan Gerardus	Sapphire
Alessa	Jasokinbah	Sarah
Amante	Jel-jok France	Santa Maria
Antigone	Laetitja	Sandpiper, USA
Argus, USA	L'Aquila, BVI	Sea-iesta
Bright Sea	Lisa Light	Seute Deern
Camissa, Chan Is.	Luna C. USA	Simplicity
Cape Kathryn	La Escotilla, Caymans	Significant Other
CCD 65	Maebelle	Sirius
Flying Cloud, USA	Maki, France	Solvig of Lorn
Gabrielle	Meruva	Sylvia K
Galandriel	Miz Mae	Tagora
Goeie Mie	Moana	Ti Amo, USA
Gerda	Mulloka II	Ulu Ulu, USA
Glad	Neliandrah	Unicorn, Norway
Guaicamar I, Ven.	Pearl	Varedhuni, Germany
Honalee	Sabbatical	Ya-T, BVI
Infinity	Sanuk	Zahi, Malta

Get your tickets now!



Get your tickets now for the **big Wine and Cheese Fundraiser** to send our team to Miami. It's **Saturday, March 19 at the Fountain Plaza of Harbour Village, from 6:30 to 9 pm.** Participating local wine purveyors are **Village, ALCON, Antillean Wine Company (AWC), Bonaire Gift Shop and The Island Supplier (TIS).** Sumptuous appetizers and cheeses will be supplied by Bonaire's leading restaurants. Donation is **NAf50.** For tickets call Sara Matera at 786-9299 or Laura DeSalvo at 717-8988 or 791-7252. **These culinary events are always highlights of the year!**

□ *L.D.*

Bonaire Culinary Team Readies for "Taste of Caribbean"

Bonaire's Culinary Team of professional chefs is continuing its practices in preparation for the "Taste of the Caribbean" competition in Miami in June when the teams of the finest chefs in the Caribbean come together to compete. It takes a lot of work and dedication on the part of these professionals who already put in long hours in their restaurants.

There have been a series of "tastings" by the committee, gourmets, and fine chefs from the community. Patrice from Bistro de Paris, Martin Bouwmeester of Blue Moon and Douwe Dooper from Mona Lisa, have given their advice and recommendations. Each of the three courses is critiqued based on the same criteria the judges will use in Miami: presentation, culinary techniques, portion size, team work, taste, color, Caribbean feel, balance, etc. etc.

Bartenders practicing are Brad Conner of Rum Runners and Andrew Gabrielse, Plaza. They're being coached by Liz Rijna who's won six gold medals and was Best Bartender in the Caribbean once at "Taste of the Caribbean."

The team is doing its part by practicing hard, but it takes money to send our team to Miami. It's estimated that hotel and air, even with discounts, will come to NAf17,000. So to raise funds there will be the Wine and Cheese event this Saturday (see left). And to raise funds and let the team

Creating the world's most delicious dessert



Team Captain Floris van Loo flames the roast

practice there will be a series of lunches where the public is invited to enjoy the team's three-course meal. Two glasses of wine are included. Only 30 seats will be

sold each time. They'll be at La Flamboyant Restaurant at 1 pm on Sundays, March 20, April 10 and 17. Tickets are NAf30. Call Sara Matera at 786-9299. □ *L.D.*



Floris van Loo (right) gets advice from top chefs Martin Bouwmeester (Blue Moon) and Douwe Dooper (Mona Lisa)

Our thanks to . . . Sending a culinary team to the Taste of the Caribbean could never happen without the support from the Bonairean community and businesses. A big thank you to the very generous wine purveyors and restaurants who will be supplying all the culinary delights at the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser this Saturday, March 19 at Harbour Village. They couldn't have done it without you!

ALCON, Antillean Wine Company (AWC), Bonaire Gift Shop, The Island Supplier (TIS), Airport Restaurant, Antriol Catering, Bella Vista, Bistro de Paris, Blue Moon, Bongo's, Capriccio, Chez Lucille, Chez Nous, Chibi Chibi, China Nobo, City Café, Croccantino, Den Laman, Donna & Georgio, Eddy's Goumandaise, Eden Garden (Great Escape), Garden Café, Goddard Catering, It Rains Fishes, KFC, Kon Tiki, La Guernica, La Luna, Le Flamboyant, Lion's Den, Mango's, Mona Lisa, Nadia's Snack, Nonchie's, Pasa Bon Pizza, Plaza Resort, Rendez-Vous, Ribs Factory, Rose Inn, Rum Runners, Wil's Tropical Grill, ZeeZicht □ *L.D.*

Winning Student Chefs Work for Trip



Winning is only part of it; the team has to get there and pay for a place to stay as well.

Last Sunday in Wilhelmina Park, Bonaire's SGB (high school) student chefs who won the ABC-Sint. Maarten culinary competition rolled up their sleeves and worked the barbeque at the Park during the Brass Band, Dutch Dixies and Glen and Su Gang performances promoted by Bonaire's Rotary Club in celebration of their 100 years.

As a result of their winning the students were awarded a week's free instruction at the Culinary Institute in Ft. Lauderdale in June. However, they need money to pay for their air fare and hotel while they're in the US. So the industrious team,

helped out by teachers Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn and Liz Rijna and coordinator Sara Matera, made a delicious barbeque with salad and rice to sell to the audience.

Team members shown above: Bram Smit, Samantha Statie, Andres Cicilia and Wendy Heredia.

Phil and Laraine Katzev, who produced the Hendrik Wuys Documentary on the ABC-Sint Maarten Student Chef Competition, were so impressed with the team's spirit that they said they'd sponsor an evening for the team at one of their favorite restaurants in Ft. Lauderdale, The Cheesecake Factory.

The Rotary Club ran the beverage concession which benefited their Breakfast in School Program. □L.D

Pet of the Week

Here's "Fred," a very good looking Dalmatian mix. It's not just his looks that are interesting; it's his personality. He's full of spirit and energy and has a very positive view of life. He's playful and has a nice character and is very friendly. He'd be a willing student for someone who can take the time to train him. Not only would the final result be worth it but you'd have a friend for life. Fred is about a year and a half. His adoption fee includes his medical exams, tests, worming, shots and sterilization. And you may be sure that Fred, like the other adoptees at the Bonaire Animal Shelter is healthy and social. You may see him for yourself at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm; Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.



"Fred"

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Artist Willie Dijkstra Exhibit at Cinnamon



Willie Dijkstra (3rd from right) with fellow artists Nina Ledezma, Linda Richter, Avy Benhamron, Renate van der Byl, Catherine Salisbury

Last Saturday evening the doors of the Cinnamon Art Gallery were thrown open to the public for Willie Dijkstra's one-woman show. Well wishers came to congratulate Willie and to see her work, many of whom are her fellow artists who've had shows at the gallery.

The show was opened officially by Willie's friend and colleague, Nolly Oleana, who spoke in Dutch.

Toe tapping music was provided by the jazz group of Guus Gerritsen, Lando Tjin-a-Sjoe and Bentje. As is what's become a tradition at the gallery openings, the party spilled over into the street. The exhibit will run until April 14. Cinnamon Art Gallery is at Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. It's open weekdays 9 to 12, 2 to 5. Tel. 717-7103. For examples of Willie's work visit www.cinnamonartgallery.org/willie-dijkstra-mar2005.html. □L.D.



Nina Ledezma and her daughter, Taddie Aruelo, admire the work of Willie Dijkstra

Picture Yourself with the Reporter Noordwijk aan Zee, Holland



Here are Helma van Gelsdorp-Beekman and Hilde Bos-Hagens with *The Bonaire Reporter* in Noordwijk aan Zee in Holland, in front of the statue of Queen Wilhelmina, inspecting the Dutch troops. They add, "Recently we came back from a marvellous stay in Bonaire. The cold in Holland makes us 'Bonaire-sick.' It was not a good idea at all to return to Holland. We miss especially the outdoor breakfast with fresh fruits at the Caribbean Club Bonaire and the lunches at Jibe City, but we are already making plans for coming back next year." □

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(Bonaire Windows. Continued from page 6)

With my hammer, I smacked the bottom of my tank. The sharp ring brought him springing off the bottom. His body swung and he aimed that gun directly at my solar plexus. At that moment I thanked God that Mr. NRA was a conscientious hunter who never pulled the trigger until the quarry was certain.

Once my breathing got back to normal, I pried out a Trojan, fingered out a single rubber, carefully inflated it to about two feet in diameter and secured it to a soft coral where it shimmered like an inverted teardrop. Then I stared down that underwater mountainside, wondering if the *Sirene* was really down there or if Wancho had set me up.

We left the spear gun and a Trojan standing sentinel on the edge of that precipice, started down that steep slope, coasting just above the reef. Soon, we came to a flat sand channel. I pulled my red ribbon away from the mask to study it (*Red ribbons turn blacker as the red light is absorbed at deeper depths—a primitive depth gauge. Ed.*). Hundred, hundred-ten, maybe. The second Trojan inflated and took station there. Visibility was incredible. I wondered how far the sand flat went, maybe to Curaçao. There was nothing out there at all. Except for the snakes - sand eels, actually - by the thousands. The sand flat was alive with 'em.

We lifted from the sand and swam out perpendicular to the reef, only three feet above the sea floor. I was exhilarated by the snakes. I stared at them as they glided tail first into their holes.

Five minutes into the crossing, I sensed company: two eight-foot sharks, coming in like gangbusters. I looked at Mr. NRA, no fear in his eyes but lots of hostility because I'd made him leave his gun behind. But he was all hunter; a gleaming knife, the size of a small sword, jumped into his hand. The sharks were now closing in, and I began to understand his anger. I was defenseless with only my hammer, but then thought, "and my buddy."

Those damned sharks had us spinning about like tops. Then as quickly as they arrived, they were gone. It had been a fine show, but it had cost us time, and more than that, our sense of direction. Then I remembered the current ripples in the sand. We had moved perpendicularly across them before we met the sharks. Re-oriented again, we moved out. As the ripples came and went, I knew we were getting closer to the pistols.

I had become fascinated by the

snakes again, their tails deep in their burrows. I watched the back of their heads turn as we approached, and then, all of a sudden, the penny dropped. It had been their faces we had watched as we crossed before, not their backs. We were 180 degrees off course. As I turned around, Mr. NRA kept swimming furiously toward his gun and the shore. I bid his departing bubbles farewell, turned, and regained my course out across the wet Sahara.

Wancho had been right. I did find a second reef. I swam up and over it to the far side drop-off. At that point I set my third and final Trojan and pointed my nose down at the *Sirene* and Wancho's pistols. My ribbon was growing darker by the moment, and I knew that I had entered the forbidden zone beyond 250 feet when my red ribbon went coal black. No pistols, but time to go up.

The trip back was uneventful. A slow vertical ascent to 20 feet, watching for the reflected beacons from my Trojans and enjoying what I could see of the reef far below. The snakes in the valley were too deep below me to see, but I thanked them anyway for their help.

As it turned out, Mr. NRA beat me to the pistol, hustling back and buying it from Wancho before I could. No pistol for me but a new "window," Snake Valley. □

Story and photos by Captain Don



Captain Don

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call to make sure: Usually 9:00 pm

Elektra
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Early Show (usually 7pm)

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High Schoolers - NAf7,75

NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM
Fat Albert

THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 19 – Wine and Cheese Fundraiser for Bonaire's Culinary Team – Fountain Plaza of Harbour Village, 6:30-9 pm. Donation NAf50. For tickets call Sara Matera –786-9299 or Laura DeSalvo 717-8988, 791-7252. See page 10

Until April 14—Willie Dijkstra Art Exhibit Cinnamon Art Gallery is at Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe.

Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday
March 21-26th Singles Week in Bonaire-Membership is open to all. Email ann@bonairewindsurfing.com or call 011-5999-786-3134 to join in the fun

Friday, March 25—Good Friday—Banks and shops closed.

Sunday, March 27- Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 28- Easter Monday. Banks and shops closed.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: Tues., Mar. 22-*Aida Vita*

COMING

Friday, April 1 -Simadan (Harvest) Festival in Rincon

Saturday, April 2 - Big Rincon Marshé-gifts, food, drinks, music, friendliest people on the island.—6 am to 4 pm.

Sunday, April 3 - Contest di Fli, (Kite Contest) at the Juventus Field, the big ballpark behind Kooymans, near the Pauw gas station. Entry fee for ages 7 to 15 years is NAf3,50. 16 and up it's NAf7,50. Sign up at the Flamingo Book Shop on Kaya Grandi #21 before March 28 or 29.

MICRO MOVIE REVIEW

Seen recently in
Movieland Cinema:

The Aviator by Martin Scorsese, starring Leonardo di Caprio. I was really looking forward to seeing this movie after all the press and favorable ratings. And this film absolutely delivers. It did just what the Hollywood filmmakers can be very good at: take you away into another world, forget you're in a chilly theatre on Bonaire. I was totally mesmerized by the beautiful shooting and the flying scenes are every boy's wet dream. The flickering of Alan Alda's eyes when he looks up to the picture was such excellent acting it makes almost the whole movie worth watching. I certainly wouldn't recommend it for the younger viewers (it is a bit long) but for the rest of us, go and see it. □ *Dodo*



Saturday, April 16—Padrino Fashion Show at Croccantino Restaurant—to raise funds for Bonaire's Special Olympics Team. 7:30 pm. NAf125 donation includes multi-course Tuscan dinner. Well-known singer Monica Millar will perform. Tickets at Croccantino Restaurant. Tel. 717-5025.

April 15 - 22 - Dive into Earth Week - check with your hotel or dive shop for activities including beach and underwater cleanups

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting Days: Sun. Apr. 24-*Endeavor*

Saturday, April 30-Rincon Day, Queen's Birthday

Saturday, April 30— COMCABON MCB 5 km / 17.5 km run with prizes. 7 am. Call Richard Pietersz at 717-8629, 780-7225.

Saturday, April 30 - Windsurfing Race

MAY 2005

May 15th to the 22nd - King of the Caribbean at Lac Bay. The event will kick off the 2005 PWA Freestyle Tour. For info, see www.pwaworldtour.com or www.bonaireworldfreestyle.com

May 19 to 22—Bonaire-Harbourtown JAZZ FESTIVAL May 19 - 22!!

EVERY WEEK

Saturday 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

Sunday -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical

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

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.

Daily- The **Divi Flamingo Casino** is open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm- 4 am; Sunday 7 pm- 3 am.

Every day by appointment -Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours Bonairean kunuku. \$12 (NAf12 for residents). Tel 717-8489, 540-9800.

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Saturday- 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.

Monday Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide experience cancelled until **March 28th.** (Then at the Aquarius Conference Center, Capt. Don's Habitat, 8:30-9:30pm.)

Bonaire Cryptic Answers (for puzzle on page 7)

Across

3 DON KEY
5 BONAIRE
6 LAC BAY (anagram of LAY CAB)
11 SLAGBAAI(anagram of BAIL A GAS)
12 POUJ (OP rev., OUI)
13 NIKIBOKO (KIN rev., anagram of BOOK)
14 FISH (anagram of SHIF[t])
17 EEL (LEE rev.)
18 IGUANA (anagram of AUG IN A)
19 KARPATA (anagram of PART AKA)
21 PLAYA (player piano)
22 FLAMBOYANT ([i]F LAM BOY ANT)

24 ANTRIOL (anagram of LORA TIN)
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36 KLEIN (K [LEI] N)
37 GOTO (anagram of TOGO)
38 GOAT (anagram of TOGA)

Turtle STCB slide show is canceled for March....It restarts April!

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

CHURCH SERVICES

International Bible Church of Bonaire – Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle) **Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm** in English. Tel. 717-8332

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am. Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm.** Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kaya Sabana #26 Sundays 8:30 - 11:30 am. Services in Papiamentu, Spanish and English.

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

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194

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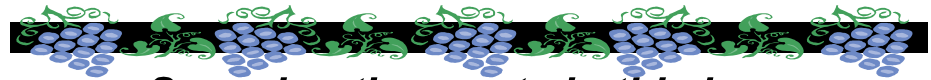
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DINING GUIDE



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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 525	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Saturday: 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 by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
Caribbean Club Bonaire On the Tourist Road 2 mi. north of Town 717-7901	Inexpensive-moderate Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	Quiet country setting, lovely landscaping, friendly staff Happy Hour from 5-7 pm Inexpensive Bar Hap dinner plus regular menu
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 sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine.
Crocantino Italian Restaurant Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Tuscan chef s prepare 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 Great Escape EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488	Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 days	Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof. Cuban Chef prepares Caribbean cuisine. Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon. Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
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.
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Fer de Wit

“Welcome to ‘Casablanca,’ the real ‘Casablanca!’ When I was about 40, I was sitting on a bus in Amsterdam and I heard two girls saying, ‘Look...! It’s Humphrey Bogart!’ I always wear a hat and there must have been something else in my appearance that resembled the great actor. Ever since that time it became a thing between my wife and me. When the house was ready in 1995 we named it ‘Casablanca,’ not only because of my ‘resemblance’ to Bogart, but also because the house was white and my name, de Wit, means white as well - I like to play with words! Come on in and make yourself comfortable.” *Fer de Wit gently pushes a giant German shepherd aside and we sit at the table.*

“In Amsterdam I studied construction engineering and education. I worked at architect offices, was teaching at night schools and three years at a day school. All my life I’d suffered from asthmatic bronchitis, and it became so serious that the doctor advised me to go and live in a warm, dry climate. A week later I saw an ad in the paper looking for a teacher in construction engineering for a school in Aruba. Nobody knew anything about the island and neither did I, but I thought, ‘I’ll make it somehow.’ I guess I’m a bit of an adventurer. It was 1963, I was 28.

I took the train from Amsterdam to Lisbon, from there a cruise ship, the *Santa Maria*, to Willemstad, Curaçao; then I flew to Aruba.

For 14 years I taught in Aruba, the last five years as the assistant school director. I was the only Dutchman active in a political party, the P.P.A. As I love dancing, I founded a dance school and for eight years it was a big success. When I arrived in Aruba I was married. Son Ed was born in 1964, Rob in 1966. They were great kids. From the time Rob was very young he was fascinated by the sea. At four or five he went snorkeling all the way out to the reef with a teacher. They picked up Papiamentu, Spanish and English in no time and they mixed all the words until they’d sorted out what word belonged to which language. Children, especially the very young ones, are capable of learning every language they’re surrounded by.

My wife and I were divorced when the boys were 12 and 10. They left with their mother for Holland. I’d met Elly, my second wife, on one of my trips to Holland, and we were married in Aruba in 1976. When I was offered a job as the director of Lower Professional Education School on Bonaire, Elly and I went first to have a look. There were two supermarkets, Henderson and Cultimara, 9,000 inhabitants. It was quiet indeed.

When I arrived in Aruba in 1963 it also was very tranquil. We liked Bonaire. We looked around a bit and the first impression was okay. So, we moved here in 1977.

After I’d been working for three months I got ill and had to go to Holland where I was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. I gave up the idea of ever returning to Bonaire and felt very homesick. From my hospital window in Amsterdam I could see the planes taking off, I thinking, ‘Which one is going home?’ Miraculously, I was cured. The disease disappeared without any treatment. They couldn’t find a trace of it anymore, and after four months I was allowed to return to Bonaire.

I went back to school. However, two years later I had problems with the teachers, and after consultations with the school board and the local authorities, I was offered a job with the government as a municipal architect. Amongst other projects, I designed the slaughterhouse and the L.V.V. office. I retired in 1992 when I was 57.

“From my hospital window in Amsterdam I could see the planes taking off, I thinking, ‘Which one is going home?’”

Life has never been only about work; I have too many hobbies! Since I was 18 I’ve been interested in photography - taking pictures all my life. Dick Eisley, an American who was sent to Bonaire by the United Nations to map out and conduct tourism together with Nicky Tromp, became a good friend of mine. He was the one who told me I should make postcards of my pictures! Except for some from Karl Mayer, there were hardly any postcards for sale on the island.

We started in 1989 and Elly ran the business. The first six had pictures of birds. They went extremely well, and in the end we had between 55 and 65 different images. My son Rob, who’s a master at it, did the underwater photography. My great friend, the late Jim Brandon, used to say, ‘There’s nobody on the island who can do what Rob is doing!’ We had the business for 11 years, then I sold it to my daughter-in-law, Marion. She’s German, married to my son Ed, who’s living on Bonaire and working with Radio Nederland Wereldroep. Rob lives in Holland. He’s an airbrush artist working for advertising



Fer de Wit

companies. He’s also a rock artist, a guitarist in his own band; they just brought out their first CD.

Well... jeez, let me get you something to drink, I completely forgot... sorry... don’t tell Elly, she’s very particular in those things, she’s a great hostess! Okay, we’re settled, where were we? Making postcards is not the only thing I’ve done with my pictures. Over the years I’ve had several exhibitions, not only on Bonaire, but also in the Antillean House in The Hague and other places in Holland.

Another thing I started doing when I arrived here was giving dance classes for adults and children. We started with the quickstep, the waltz, the tango and meringue and my favorite, the calypso! For the Antillean dances we had two local teachers - Nochi Willem’s wife and Lilian de Geus - because we thought it wouldn’t be appreciated if a Dutchman was going to teach Antillean dances to the Antilleans! We also organized a Christmas ball, a Carnaval ball, international ballroom dancing at the Hotel Bonaire and the weekly Beach Hut dance party at Hotel Bonaire. With too few people it didn’t work out, but as long as it lasted it was really fun!

We started giving bridge classes and when the lessons were finished people said, ‘But now we want to play!’ So, I founded bridge club, ‘Ups & Downs,’ on Abraham Boulevard. We had lots of American players; they were the perfect guests. It lasted 11 years. I still play occasionally and if people are interested I’m still willing to teach them. I also love to play billiards and whenever possible I go out fishing.

I like so many things and I feel I’ve made the best out of my life - I never stood on the side lines. I got very involved when they were talking of setting up an oil refinery on the island. Together with Amigoe di Tera, people like Jack Chalk and especially Edith Strauss and

the support of environmental groups all over the world, we managed to stop the project. It was a hectic time.

I’ve never been bored nor felt homesick for Holland. When I go to Amsterdam, I get lost! Bonaire is just unique; there are no words to describe what I feel for Bonaire. I hope my pictures express my feelings; I hope they speak for themselves. We feel we belong to the island, and I presume I’ll die here. When you’re here for so many years, there’s a risk of becoming lonely. There have been many goodbyes and tears shed. Luckily we’re still capable of making new friends, but the old well-known names, the old dear friends... they’re all gone. We’ve been through so many economic ups and downs. The way I see it, the foreign companies made their money, but for the Bonaireans everything is more or less the same; they’ve hardly improved.

I am a humanist and I’ve learned to accept that nothing can be changed. All the misery in the world is because people are naive...” “I found a real good man,” *Elly says from the kitchen.* “A man like him is hard to find. He has a heart of gold and he’s a gentleman; I saw it right from the beginning, that’s 28 years ago!” “It has been a good life, a very happy life,” *Fer responds,* “and I never could have done it without my wife; she’s always been a great support in every way. We’re very satisfied in our little hacienda on this unique island, and the way I see it: we’re all here because we love Bonaire.”

□ photo and story by Greta Kooistra



Greta Kooistra

Special Olympics Fashion Show



In 2004 we said that Bonaire is not exactly a Mecca of fashion shows, but that's before Juan Carlos Padrino came with his creations last April to put on a fantastic and exciting show to benefit Special Olympics Bonaire.

This year, on Saturday, April 16, at Croccantino Restaurant, the rising star of fashion, Juan Carlos Padrino, will show his haute couture clothing, modeled by local models from the island. Padrino, a young and very talented designer, is now the major influence in Venezuelan theatre as lead costume designer for all performances in that country. His clothing is beautiful, romantic and is designed for a "real" woman, not a thin, thin super model.

Tickets now on sale.

The Saturday, April 16 evening at Croccantino Restaurant starts at 7:30 pm and includes a three-course Tuscan dinner by Chef David with wine. This year's theme is "Broadway of the 50s." Singing star Monica Millar from Curaçao will be performing jazz and show tunes. Your ticket donation is NAf125, and all proceeds go to Special Olympics Bonaire. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now. Last year, there were many disappointed latecomers. Get your tickets at Croccantino. Tel. 717-5025. □L.D.



Designer Padrino



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Use the Moon to Find the Two Largest Planets the Next Two Weekends

If you're one of those who has difficulty identifying the planets, every once in a while the **Moon** pays a visit to some of them, thus enabling you to use the Moon as a finder. And such is the case this weekend and next when our Moon will visit the two largest planets in our solar system.

This week, around 8 pm, Sky Park time, face southwest where you'll see some of the brightest stars in the heavens all gathered together. That's because winter's skies have the brightest stars, and they are all relatively close to each other. Directly in front of you you'll see the wonderful stars that make up **Orion the Giant Hunter**, his dog **Canis Major**, **Taurus the Bull**, **Auriga the Charioteer** and **Gemini the Twins** with its two brightest stars, **Castor** and **Pollux**. And this year there's an object close to them which usually isn't there - the wonderful ringed world, 75,000-mile-wide **Saturn** - which is currently almost at its closest and brightest it gets. It's super for viewing, even through a cheap department store telescope.

But if you still have trouble telling a planet from a star, then wait until this Friday the 18th, when an exquisite gibbous Moon will be parked underneath Castor and Pollux and to the side of Saturn. Now one little hint if you're still not sure which of these three is Saturn. Just remember that only stars twinkle; planets never do. So if the air is rather turbulent this Friday you may see Castor and Pollux twinkling like mad and Saturn glowing with a steady light. Now if it's cloudy on Friday, then go out the next night, Saturday the 19th, and the Moon will be smack dab on a line with Pollux and Castor and even closer to Saturn, only 6 degrees away.

Once again: This Friday the 18th the Moon below and to the right of Saturn and Pollux and Castor and then Saturday the Moon on a line with Pollux and Castor and just above Saturn.

So what about the other bright planet, the biggest of them all? Well simply wait until the following weekend and go outside at the same time, 8 pm, on Friday the 25th and look east instead of southwest and just above the horizon you'll see a brilliant full Moon only 6 degrees above 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter**. And if you've got a small telescope handy believe me not only will the Moon look wonderful but you'll actually be able to see several bands of atmosphere circling Jupiter's equator and one, two, three or four of its largest moons. And if it's cloudy on the 25th go out the next night, Saturday the 26th, and you'll see just how fast the Moon moves in a 24-hour period because now a just-past-full Moon will be almost the same distance below Jupiter as it was above it on Friday.

Once again: Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th. So if you happen to be out with friends the next couple of weekends and want to impress them, around 8 pm point out Saturn and Jupiter. And it won't count against you if you don't tell anyone that you used the Moon as a finder. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



Chris Sharrer photo

Even with just a 200mm. lens the rings of Saturn are visible



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:
March 18 to 25, 2005
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your home may be in an uproar and you are best to stay out of the line of fire if at all possible. Relatives may not be telling you the whole truth about a family situation. You will be misinterpreted if you get involved in other people's problems. Residential moves should be considered carefully. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. Take some time to change your house around. You may have a hard time relating to children this week. Try to convince a good friend to take a holiday with you. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You may want to get involved in some kind of creative group. Relatives may not be telling you the whole truth about a family situation. You should visit a friend or relative who hasn't been feeling up to par. Cutbacks at work will be a cause for worry. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Your creative talent will prove to be lucrative if put to proper use. You can accomplish a great deal. Pleasure trips will induce exciting and passionate encounters with those of foreign extraction. Travel should be on your agenda. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Discord may arise with someone you're close to. Put your efforts into job advancement. You can make money through your own creative efforts. You can expect to feel confused about your personal prospects. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Financial limitations are likely if you take risks. Your need to get away could lead you into greater debt. Most partner problems are a result of both people not living up to their promises. Use discretion in your dealings and refrain from making verbal promises of any kind. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can help other people with their financial problems by setting up a budget for them. Finish up any correspondence by early afternoon. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Don't give in too quickly. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may be frustrated by the way situations are being handled in your personal life. Your honesty will not only win you points but also respect. Love and romance are evident. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Much can be accomplished if you compromise. Based on your excitement, serious-minded individuals will be more than interested in backing your ideas. A quiet restful day just staying in bed or catching up on reading will be your best bet. Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your health may have suffered due to neglect or abuse. You should put a little extra effort in at work. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Make sure that you have covered yourself legally and try not to let your temper get out of hand. A romantic infatuation from your past may surface if you frequent places that you both used to go. You're in the mood to party. You need to spend time with friends and family. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You may find that others do not do things the way you want; however, if the job gets done, let it pass. You can meet interesting new friends if you join worthwhile groups. Try spending the day catching up on any responsibilities that need to be taken care of. You may be tired of working for someone else. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday. □