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# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

**A**ir connections to Bonaire from the US are continuing to expand. Continental Airlines is flying from New York's Newark airport non-stop to Curaçao every Saturday (fares \$670-\$850 beginning in December). Its non-stop Houston-Bonaire flight is booked to near capacity (available December fares from \$679) and the Ft. Lauderdale to Bonaire non-stop (see below) will offer greater convenience to US East Coast visitors.

Last Friday Continental reiterated that it expects to post a significant loss for the year due to record high fuel prices but maintained its forecast for a healthy year-end cash balance. Continental shares are down 6.9% so far this year, but they have still outperformed the beleaguered US airline sector by 23%.

► The Bonaire Airlift Consortium (BAC), a group of enterprising Bonaire businesses and resort owners, has arranged for **non-stop flights between Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Bonaire.** Charter flights, are planned to be offered as part of economical vacation packages as well as direct to flyers. The first of the weekly flights will be on **Saturday, November 19, 2005**, and at least 22 round-trip flights are scheduled. The carrier will be Falcon Air and depart Ft. Lauderdale at 2 pm, arriving in Bonaire at 5:40 pm. The return flight will depart Bonaire at 6:40 pm and arrive in Ft. Lauderdale at 8:30 pm. Beverage and cold meal service is included. Beer, wine and alcoholic beverages available at an addi-



tional charge. Contact your favorite Bonaire resort for details or e-mail [airlift@goldenreeffinn.com](mailto:airlift@goldenreeffinn.com).



**Prime Minister Ys and Dutch parliamentarian Tom de Graf**

► Dutch Minister of Kingdom Relations and Administrative Reform, Alexander Pechtold, has backed down on tying conditions to constitutional reform. A meeting is now being scheduled tentatively for September 17th to discuss new constitutional relations. According to the Antillean Minister of Constitutional and Internal Affairs, Richard Gibson, Pechtold has confirmed that he will attend the meeting, formally called an administrative consultation (*bestuurlijk overleg*), which will be held in Curaçao. Gibson and Antillean Prime Minister Etienne Ys met with Pechtold in The Hague last Wednesday.

Following the meeting the Antilles government released this statement prepared for Antillean Prime Minister Etienne Ys: "The Netherlands should

► Bonaire Customs is recognized throughout the region for being efficient and friendly. Last week the service got a new boss. A man who has been with Customs for over 16 years.

Congratulations to new head of Customs (*Duana*) Eddy Thielman who replaced retiring Ubaldo Anthony at a ceremony last week.



**Customs Chiefs Ubaldo Anthony and Eddy Thielman**

respect the fact that the people of the Netherlands Antilles are entitled to make use of their right of self determination. This right is derived from the Charter of the United Nations (UN), three resolutions of the UN, and the BUPO Treaty, which deals with civil rights of the European Union (EU). As a consequence, The Hague can't attach conditions to the process to arrive at



**The Van Amstel**

constitutional reform in the Kingdom."

► **The Dutch Royal Navy frigate Van Amstel left from Curaçao last Friday to assist with humanitarian aid in New Orleans that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.** The American authorities have accepted the Dutch offer to deploy the frigate, said the ministry of Foreign Affairs. The *Van Amstel* carries 10,000 liters of fresh drinking water, medical personnel, medical supplies and food parcels on board. The ship also has a desalination system on board that can produce 1,000 liters of drinking water per day. Go to the Red Cross website <https://give.redcross.org/> if you want to help finan-

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► Bishop Luis Secco has asked the Curaçao community to **support the new interim board of the St. Elisabeth Hospital (Sehos) Foundation**, which is owned by the Roman Catholic diocese.

The new board will start on September 15 with Giro Bank manager Eric Garcia as chairman and attempt to transfer its responsibilities to a new, yet-to-be-formed Administrative Council by December 3. The Council will manage the hospital and correct the problems that came to light following a devastating report of Sehos by health inspectors. Sehos is the regional medical center for Bonaire patients to transfer to once the capabilities of the local San Francisco Hospital are exceeded.

► **Joran van der Sloot**, who was held for almost three months without evidence in connection with the Natalee Holloway disappearance in Aruba, moved to the Netherlands last week to attend school. Joran is going to study International Business and Management Studies, an English-language HBO education.

His lawyer said that Joran would have preferred to stay longer with his family, but classes start this week. He must remain available for the investigation in the Netherlands. Aruban Judicial orders are also executable in the Netherlands.

► Long time Bonaire visitor and

lover, Lillian Jacob, 82, passed away August 17. Many people on the island remember her and her husband Emile (who passed away in 2001) from their many visits – 35 years in a row - to their favorite island. They always came in February, as part of the “February Club,” and stayed at the old Hotel Bonaire (Sunset Beach) until its demise. Our condolences to their family.

► A 54-year old psychologist from Curacao, Paul Thijssen, **paddled his kayak from Bonaire to Curaçao and on to Aruba last week**. The last leg to Aruba took 28 hours. He departed the previous Sunday from Bonaire to Curaçao. He had few problems except for sunburn on his back.

► **Crocantino Restaurant, the popular and romantic dining spot, reopens Thursday, September 15, after a brief closing for vacation**. Crocantino specializes in the finest Tuscan dishes. They're in Playa, behind the Maduro Curiel's Bank on Kaya Grandi.

► Two Italian divers have accepted a challenge **to live under water for 10 days** to gauge the effect on the human body. The couple completed the first full day in their watery home on Thursday, and organizers hope to more than double a US record of 107 hours living underwater, though that record was set in a lake rather than the sea. Stefania Mensa, 29, and Stefano Barbaresi, 37, dove off the island of Ponza last

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► **This year's hurricane season is breaking all records**. The record for the most named storms in a single season is 1933. There were 21 tropical storms and hurricanes.

--Tropical Depression 16 was named "Ophelia" and threatens the US Southeast coast with hurricane force winds as we go to press.

-- Tropical Depression 14 was named "Nate" on September 5 and dissipated far from land in the North Atlantic

-- Tropical Depression 13 named "Maria" on September 2. Experts predicted the storm will remain over the Atlantic, never posing a threat to land.

-- Tropical Depression 12 named "Lee" on August 31. Lee moved

around in the Atlantic, posing no threat to land and dissipating on September 1.

-- Tropical Depression 11 was named "Katrina" on August 24. Katrina struck south Florida as a weak Category One storm then headed out over the warm Gulf of Mexico. It struck the Louisiana/Mississippi Gulf Coast as a Category Four storm, causing billions in damages due to the storm and resulting storm surge. Katrina goes down as one of the worst natural disasters in US history.

-- Tropical Depression 10 named "Jose" on August 22. Jose fizzled after one day, never posing a threat to land.

-- Tropical Depression 9 named

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"Irene" on August 7. Irene moved around in the Atlantic, never posing a serious threat to land.

-- Tropical Depression 8 named "Harvey" on August 3. Harvey lashed Bermuda before heading back out over the Atlantic.

-- Tropical Depression 7 named "Gert" on July 24. Gert hit Mexico's coast on same day it was named as a tropical storm.

-- Tropical Depression 6 named "Franklin" on July 21. Franklin never made land, fizzling over the Atlantic.

-- Tropical Depression Five named "Emily" on July 11. Emily hit the Yucatan Peninsula on July 18, then headed back out over the Gulf of Mexico. Emily then hit northeastern Mexico on July 20 with sustained winds at 125 miles an hour.

-- Tropical Depression 4 named "Dennis" on July 5. Dennis hit Florida's Gulf Coast on July 10, dropping to Category Three just before landfall.

-- Tropical Depression 3 named "Cindy" on July 5. Cindy began as a depression off the Central American coast and came ashore in southern Louisiana on July 6.

-- Tropical Depression 2 became "Bret" on June 28. Downgraded on June 29. Bret started off the east coast of Mexico and hit land in the same area.

-- Tropical Depression 1 named "Arlene" on June 9. Downgraded on June 11. Arlene started off the Central American coast and came ashore near the Florida-Alabama border

The hurricane season lasts until November 30th.

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Wednesday and will be constantly watched by television cameras until they surface on September 17.

Although they won't surface for 10 days, they'll be allowed to enter a special dry chamber every five hours to eat, change their full-face masks and attend to basic physical needs.

► **It's a pleasure to have a professional, dedicated "computer store" on Bonaire.** Bonaire Automation has the expertise, hardware and software in stock to solve all your computing



Don't you want to ride trails like this on Saturday afternoon?

needs. They are in the small plaza next to HiTess electric supply.

► Brad Swanson reports: "Mountain bicycle riders had so much fun last weekend that group rides will become a regular Saturday afternoon event. The plan is to meet in front of the Bonaire Caribbean Club (Hilltop) at 4 pm each

**Saturday** and go Just show up to join these "Fun Training Tours" in the coming months, similar to the old Bonaire Cycle Club bike rides. Everyone welcome, no matter your skill level.

► Bonaire Lions Club and JCI Bonaire announce to all those people who bought a ticket for their raffle "Ban mobilá bo kas (Let's furnish your house)," that the raffle will take place on **September 16**. The original date was June 19.

► On October 21 the Nikiboko Sentro di Bario on the Kaya Pos di Amor will hold its **first-ever festival**. Everyone's cooperation is requested to make the day a big success. There will be activities to allow everybody to pass a pleasant day.

Organizers include: Johni Leoneta, Boeboei Frans, Onny Emerenciana, Jonathan "Tochi" Makaai, Wolter de Palm and Chali Anthony.

If you want to take part contact Edichi Agostien. The Nikiboko Sentro di Bario phone number is 717-3905.

► Congratulations to the staff of the **Caribbean Laundry on their 20th anniversary** of being in business. Their service is always friendly and helpful and they've always been a credit to the island community. Pabien!

► **Can it happen here?** Guyana lowered a tax on gasoline and diesel imports by nearly half over the week-

## International Day of Peace

Photo by Piero Mannini



UN Peace Day 2003 in Rome

**N**ext Wednesday, September 21, is the **International Day of Peace** which has been sponsored by the United Nations since 2001. The intention of the resolution is to have the entire world observe a day of peace and nonviolence. All peoples and organizations are invited to commemorate the day in an appropriate manner.

It all began with the *Peace One Day* film project, a vision of British director Jeremy Gilley. *Peace One Day* is the story of one man's attempts to persuade the global community via the United Nations to officially sanction a global ceasefire day, a day of non-violence, a day of Peace. It shows that an individual genuinely can make a difference. Launched in 1999, with the support of countless individuals and organizations, the film documented and inspired the establishment of the United Nations International Day of Peace as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, now fixed in the calendar as September 21 annually.

All sectors of society are being asked to honor and celebrate the Day on September 21. The vision of the Day extends far beyond the cessation of violent conflict and represents an opportunity for individuals to join in a moment of global unity. For more information you may go to the *website: WWWidp.org* or *peaceoneday.org*.

**How will Bonaire commemorate the day?** L.D.

end to counter rising pump prices, the state-run news agency said. Import taxes for unleaded gasoline and diesel will be cut by about 40 per cent each effective immediately, the third such decrease in the last two months. The move came as residents of the South American nation struggled with high pump prices fuelled by a spike in world oil prices.

► The two Jong Bonaire models in this week's **Benetton ad** on page 10 are **Rhoda Celestijn and Joman Vlijt**. G./L.D

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THE "IT"



Although it was seven years ago since he last visited the island every impression he absorbed at that time was printed in his memory. He'd never returned since that time, but kept on pushing his superiors to start investing on the island and finally a few weeks ago he convinced them.

"Ok, Art, that island has the potential to become a second Aruba? Pay a visit and give us a full report. We want to get a confirmation of all those stories you have been telling us."

Not even 10 minutes after his private jet touched the landing strip he was standing eye to eye with his friend 'Tonchi.'

"Tonchi, good to see you again. It's been too long. Hope the family is doing fine. Did you arrange the hotel? Give me a quick but full island tour before we go there."

"Aruba potential for our island? You must be kidding, Art. Where have you been the last couple of years? The moon?" Tonchi replied after Art outlined his plan in a few sentences.

"Well I have good news for you, Art, since the arrival of the 'It' we are lacking the leadership to get to that level. Leadership and management potential," he repeated. "Those are the resources we just don't have. The persons who are professionally trained in the tourism sector on the island can be counted on one hand, but that is at the end the 'chicken or the egg' story. However, right now it's

blocking the island from going to the next level. Just a few stand up against the 'It.' For those with ambitions, visions and knowledge like you, Art, it's no fun here."

"What is the 'It'?" Art insisted on asking.

"Pssttttttt. Not too loud. The 'It' is everywhere. 'It' has the entire island in its power—all official and nothing illegal though, but a monster. The 'It' repairs the roads to keep the people temporarily happy but doesn't mention where the money came from to do the repairs. 'It' passes laws when the others are not on the island. 'It' tears down historical buildings, allows our children to go to school without having breakfast, convinces the people to step out of the constitution but forces everybody to be a member of 'Its' organization and....."

"Why are some of the resorts, hotels and buildings painted black?" interrupted Art.

"Those are the properties of the people who refused to comply with the 'It.' Those same people invested in the island, brought airlines to the island and the 'It' claims all the good things those people set up and did. Believe me, Art, it's no fun here anymore. One company just left the island and actually went to Aruba because permits were not issued on time as promised. Call your pilot, not to take off, but to take you back in half an hour or so. I'll give you a quick tour and then get the hell out of here. Spend your millions somewhere else. Not here. It's a waste as long as the 'It' is here.

"How is this all possible, Tonchi? People must resist those practices, shouldn't

# Rayvah Brings Hi-Tech To Rincon

"Service should be available and affordable for everyone," is the philosophy of Malva Thielman, Project Coordinator of the Rayvah Hi-Tech and Training Institute which just opened their new office-classroom in Rincon last Friday. Their main office is in Playa. The prices for the services they offer are low, and for students even lower.

"We're a corporation," says Malvah, "but with a social conscience. This is the business of the new century. Rayvah Bonaire is keeping Bonaire connected to the world."

Rayvah has work stations to surf the net, chat on line send and receive email. They offer computer courses and already have graduated classes of adults and mem-



Opening the new facility in Rincon are teenager Nicole Pourier, youngster Reuel Trinidad and Maria Koeks. All ages are welcome.

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they?"

"Oh, yes, they do, but as I told you the 'It' doesn't listen and abuses its powers. 'It' follows those without a vision, without professional background and only those with personal gain and interest in mind. You tell your bosses it isn't going to be another Aruba here. Over there they don't have the 'It' that blocks development and prosperity. Leave before it's too late! Come back in a year or so. The

story goes that every four years there is a possibility the 'It' leaves its hole and goes to another place. I hope that story is true. I've heard enough lies the last couple of years." Bert H. Gadoed

**Note:** The opinions expressed in this section are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Bonaire Reporter.

Giving Back to the Community:

## The Sentro di Bario of North Saliña



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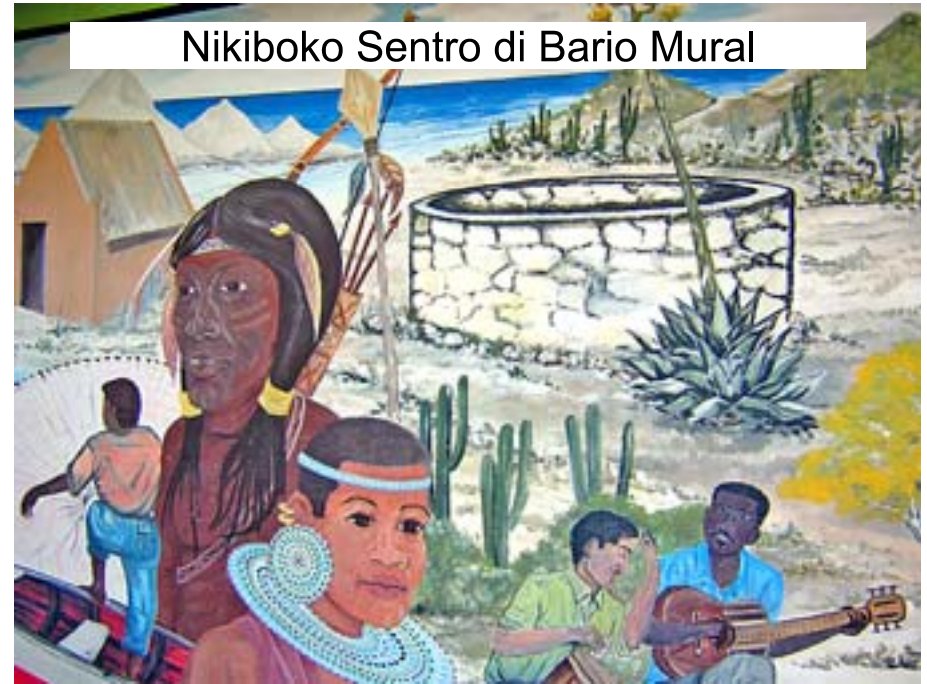
Southeast of Kralendijk is the village of Nikiboko. Its early inhabitants were Indians and later Africans; they netted fish from Lac Bay and harvested salt from the salinas. You see their pictures in the Nikiboko Community Center's exterior mural, which was first painted by Arnold Thielman in about 1992 and later by Norwin "Nochi" Coffie. A large, circular well is prominent in the fresco as well as in the history of Nikiboko. At the well people gathered to get water and to visit. Stories were shared and sometimes . . . love! In fact, it was called the "Well of Love" or *Pos de Amor*, which is also the name of the street where we find the modern-day meeting place, the Nikiboko Sentro di Bario.

"See those two men in the painting?" Wolter de Palm asks me. "They played music up on that hill and people went to enjoy themselves. There was no elec-

tricity then, no radios or TVs. When I was young, I came here to the Centro for recreation. Now people have electricity and can sit in their houses and listen to music or watch TV, so the role of the Sentro di Bario changes." Wolter has been on Bonaire for almost 20 years. He arrived at age five and only left for 11 years of school and work. "When I returned from in 1986, my childhood scout leader asked me to help out in this community center. I've been involved ever since."

Trophies from ping pong shine in the display case, a testament to the talents of the neighborhood. Football and dominoes are also popular here after school. Once a week, from 1 to 4 pm the older adults from Nikiboko as well as Antriol and Playa (Kralendijk) gather to socialize. Cur-

Sentro di Bario Nikiboko



rently, for about three months, children 8 to 12 years old learn to cook snacks twice a week. Martial arts are taught once a week to basic (grammar) school age children and also to high school students. A ladies' group meets twice a week, every other week. "We are basically facilitators of activities," adds de

Palm. "Besides our recreation, we provide the building to groups with worthwhile activities for a minimal fee. People also use our facilities for private parties and celebrations. We've had cultural gatherings, Mother's and Father's Days festivals, and more. On October

21 we're having cultural and market activities for Antilles Day. The preparations have begun. I'm working on the art gallery; Johnie Leometa is the stage manager for the music and dancing; and Jacinto Frans is organizing the tents and food booths. Activities for the children are being coordinated by Unni Emerenciana; and Marcelo (Charley) Anthony is in charge of our publicity." It will be a great day.

"If money were no object, what would you hope for Nikiboko Sentro di Bario?" I ask Wolter.

"I would ask for talented and dedicated workers – paid and volunteers. We need people who have the energy and willingness to help – someone whose

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heart beats, 'I am a volunteer.'"

I know that much has been accomplished in Nikiboko with their volunteers. For example, they have an excellent three-week program for basic school children (ages 6 to 12) during summer vacation time. "We have a dedicated team of three coordinators and volunteers who serve about 60 kids each summer with our themed programs." One

year the theme was 'The Sea' and children learned at STINAPA and then went snorkeling near the old Sunset Beach Resort and Klein Bonaire. They visited one fisherman who explained the history of fishing on the island, one fisherman who told about the fishing business today, and another who demonstrated how to make fish nets. The

children also took beach walks and did handicrafts. Another year, the summer program theme was 'Flora.' To help them learn about plants and growing things, Wolter videoed along a trail the children would later be hiking. He helped them identify the species even before their walk. Then community members explained how some plants are used as food and medicine. Another year the theme was 'Communication,' and they visited Telbo phone company, *extra* newspaper, Flamingo TV, radio stations and printing shops. The kids were able

to interview and video each other about the experiences. This past summer, the theme was *Norma I Balor*, everyday caring and helping people and our environment, and the kids visited the kunuku, *Rooi Lamoenchi*, among other activities. I wonder what next summer will offer!

Wolter ensures that everything for the vacation classes is well organized. "Kids don't want to just come and hang around until some activity begins." Instead, the

Nikiboko parents receive a detailed schedule for each of the week's events. It includes the times as well as the person in charge. "Song time, prayer, morning activity, etc. - details of all are included in the booklet we send home to the parents. We also make sure that the cost isn't too much for any families. If some kids

stop coming, we visit them at home to make sure that money isn't the problem." Jong Bonaire has also helped by training the teens in its KREBO - *Krea Boluntario*, or 'Create Volunteers' program. Six of our volunteer teens were trained there." Besides the teen volunteers, adults are responsible for the younger group of children, the older group, and coordination of the foods and transportation. Organization is very important.

"Is there more you would like to offer in Nikiboko?" I ask.

"A teen club," Wolter replies without

hesitation. "A light is starting to blink for the creation of such a group. I hope that one of the KREBO volunteers will begin a club once we have a coordinator to assist. One of our wishes was recently fulfilled; we now have a worker here from 9 am until noon and from 3 to 8 pm. Next, we'd like to offer more sports and other activities during those hours, perhaps with the assistance of the sports department, INDEBON. It's a big help if we have staff who are well trained to work with children and teens. I'd also like to offer programs for kids from ages 3 to 12. When I was a kid, it was called the Flamingo Club.

Before we offer more activities, however, we want to conduct a survey of the neighborhood. We must know the needs and desires of the community; we can't just offer what we think they want." Especially important to Wolter is the leadership and organization of the Sentro de Bario. The six-year term is up for many people on the board, so now capable new volunteers must be found. In addition, he hopes for a neighborhood platform group with representation from the nearby schools, clubs, churches, businesses and more.


"I also hope for help with our Nikiboko 60 Plussers (seniors). We need someone willing to arrange their get-


together and work out the transportation. In Nikiboko, the 60+ adults are part of our 'family' and we don't want them sitting at home alone with nothing to do. But we need a younger person with the desire and heart to lead them." Wolter's mother now helps organize the 60+ activities. "She has a helping nature; she was born to help," he smiles.

Wolter also possesses a helping nature, but he doesn't show it off. He's a volunteer here because, he says, "Thirty years ago this community, through their taxes and support, gave me an opportunity to study in Curaçao. I was able to learn a profession, air traffic control. My family could not have afforded this on their own. Now, I want to give back to the community."

Our interview ended and we stood in the entryway where I saw another mural covering the entire wall of a large room. Between the painted sunrise and sunset are some common elements of Bonaire - a man and a donkey, a goat, rooster, flamingo, a kunuku and A boat. Near the center, the words to the old Bonairean Anthem says, "*dushi Boneiru nos tera stima*" "sweet Bonaire our love." Wolter adds, "It's true, and if we love Bonaire, we should be doing something for it."

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# Aruba Gears Up for Bonaire Regatta



Enthusiastic Aruban sailors with Byron Tromp (right)

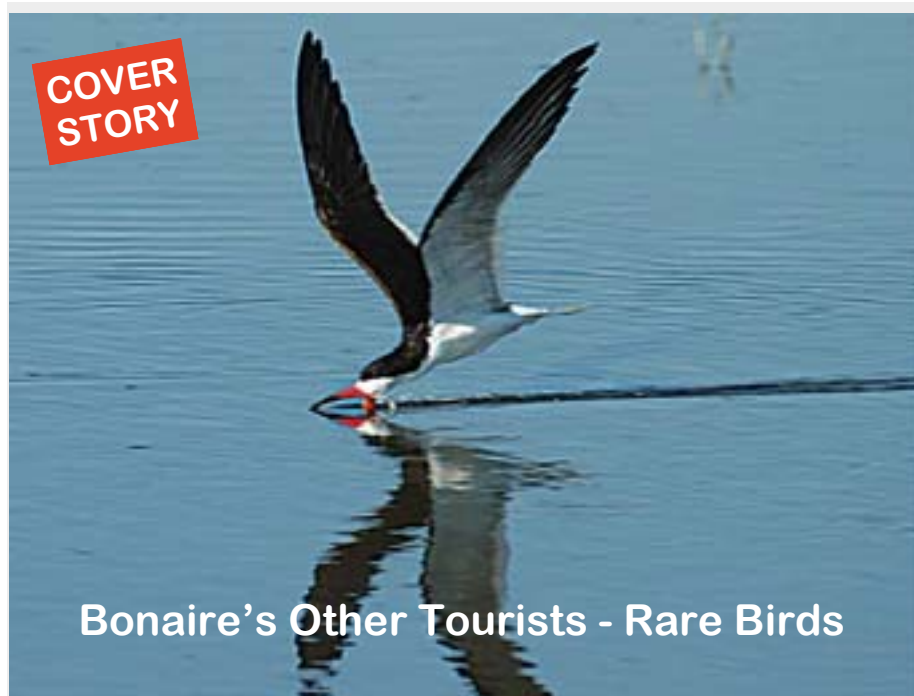
Byron Tromp of the annual Bonaire International Sailing Regatta went on a flying visit to Aruba last weekend. He met with several captains of participating yachts on Saturday afternoon, while on Sunday he spoke with board members and sailors of the ever-popular micro boat division. Aruba is always overwhelmingly represented in this fun-to-watch category, with sometimes more than 30 Aruban micro boats sailing in front of the Boulevard in Kralendijk.

Five "macro" yachts from Aruba will also sail in Bonaire this year.

This year's Regatta is in its 38<sup>th</sup> edition, and the excitement is building. What started out as a race for a few cases of beer has grown to a mega-sized event in which the entire population of the flamingo island participates. For the

first time in all those years, however, the school holidays on the islands do not coincide: Aruba's Regatta Holiday is one week earlier than the one in Bonaire and Curaçao. So the local Sunfishes, most enthusiastic to participate, as well as many young windsurfers will have to stay home. The event will be held from October 9 to 15 this year.

The Bonaire Regatta is undoubtedly one of the sailing highlights of the year for several Aruban captains. Among them Henk Weustink and his *Teishi*, Sander Vellinga and the *Sagittarius*, Eric and Anita Mijts with their *Eva Luna* and newcomers *Quivina* and the fast catamaran *Cruzancat*. Even with the upwind haul of the trip to Bonaire most challenging, the races competitive and the companionship enjoyable, they do not want to miss even one edition.



## Bonaire's Other Tourists - Rare Birds

Two Black Skimmers were seen on August 20th on the large pond near the entrance to Boca/Slagbaai Park on a birding tour led by Bonairean Naturalist Jerry Ligon and island guests, Lynn Tute and John Williams. This is only the third record of this species on Bonaire. It appears that these birds nest along broad rivers in northern South America. They move towards the outer estuaries and continental coasts during the season of highest water levels, usually July through November, which has recently been the case in northern Columbia and Venezuela. *Jerry Ligon*

Registration for the Regatta is possible via its website [www.bonaireregatta.org](http://www.bonaireregatta.org), where sailors as well as non-sailors will find lots of information.

As is well known, the Bonaire Regatta is not only about water sports. Downtown Kralendijk becomes the buzzing cultural meeting place for young and old. Lots of live music, dancing and a market with food and drink stands make the event a super *krioyo* spectacle. *Press release*

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

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
9-16	6:55	1.0FT.	85
9-17	0:09	1.7FT.	94
9-18	1:14	1.5FT.	99
9-19	2:28	1.4FT.	101
9-20	4:50	1.2FT.	98
9-21	0:26	0.9FT.	91
9-22	1:46	0.8FT.	81
9-23	2:41	0.8FT.	69

### VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alina	Freestyle	Marisol	Sirius
Alter Ego	Gallivanter	Mimo	Slow Dancin
Angie	Good Hope	Moana	Sylvia K
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Augustine			Tish
Bright Sea	Jan Gerardus	Orion	Ulu Ulu, USA
	Josina	Paws	Unicom, Norway
Camissa, Chan Is.		Samantha Nova	
Cape Kathryn	Key Lara	Samba	Valenza
Chalice	Luna C. USA	Santa Maria	Valkerie
	La Baronne	Sandpiper, USA	Varedhuni, Ger.
Deneb	La Serena	Seascape	Ventoso
Delphinus	Lazzorone	Sea Witch	
Elenoa	Live Your Dream	Sho Fun Time	Wingin
Endangered Species		Side By Side	Ya-T, BVI
Flying Cloud, USA	Maggi	Sintella	Yanti Paratzi

## Captain Don Stewart Named "Sir Donal" and Made an Honored Citizen of Bonaire



Extra Photo

### Commissioner Dortalina presents the award to Captain Don

Captain Don Stewart became the first foreigner named an official "Honored Citizen of Bonaire" during the commemoration of Bonaire Day on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Based upon nominations from the Executive Council of the Island (*Bestuurscollege*), the title of Most Honored Citizen of Bonaire is conferred upon citizens who have made useful contributions to the community.

This year The Minister of Culture, Reginald Dortalina, presented Captain Don, *Sur* (Nurse) Virginia and Theo Scherptong official decrees in their names during the celebrations at Parke Tamarein in Tera Kora. Captain Don's certificate mentions his contributions to the development of Bonaire tourism in general, especially diving tourism, while always doing his best to preserve Bonaire's natural resources, helping make Bonaire recognized worldwide as a model for sustainable economic development.

Captain Don used the opportunity to make a surprise announcement of his request for Bonaire citizenship with a

Bonaire 'passport:' "... If I had been born in Bonaire - like Ramonsito Booi, Jopi Abraham, or Jacki Bernabella - my umbilical cord may have been buried in Bonaire soil, but my contribution has been a sizeable leg." Captain Don's leg was amputated in a Curaçao hospital following a long battle with an infection. He insisted it be buried in Bonaire. *Sur* Virginia was honored for her lifetime work in education, social work and spiritual support for children and the elderly in all the neighborhoods of Bonaire. Theo Scherptong was honored for his long musical career, most notably as a founder and 40-year member and mandolin player in the world-famous musical group, *Tipiko Boneriano*.

Janet Thibault

### Captain Don's Official Certificate read:

#### THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ISLAND OF BONAIRE

The advice from the Section of Culture, Art, and Literature from the island of Bonaire dated 17 August 2005 (arch. No. 25012746) to confer this year the title of Most Honored Citizen of Bonaire upon Sir Donal Adams Stewart;

#### Considering:

That the Governing Body year on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September on occasion of the celebration of "Dia di Boneiru," honors a citizen who has made himself useful for the community, by granting the title of Most Honored Citizen of Bonaire;  
That Sir Donal A. Stewart gave a big contribution to the development of tourism on Bonaire in general and more specifically diving related tourism, by which Bonaire nowadays on a large scale is known as a tourist destination;  
That Sir Donal A. Stewart always gave his best forces for the preservation of the natural resources of Bonaire;  
That also by the accomplishments of Sir Donal A. Stewart, Bonaire is being recognized as an example of a successful long-lasting economic development.

**HAS DECIDED** -As of the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2005 on occasion of "Dia di Bonaire" to confer to Sir Donal A. Stewart, the Title of Most Honored Citizen of Bonaire.

Thus laid down at the date of this island decree and signed on 02 September 2005.

#### Authorized:

-Lt. Governor

-Island Secretary

## New on Bonaire – Saturday Night Wine Tastings at AWC



*Some of the happy tasters*

It's a happening! Not only can you enjoy rubbing elbows with other wine lovers but where else on Bonaire can you get a class of fine wine for only NAf2,50! Wine pros, Noel and Marjolein Hayden, owners and operators of Antillean Wine Company for the last five years, and their assistant, "Marjolein Too," have come up with a weekly happening – a **Wine Tasting every Saturday evening from 6 to 8 pm at their shop-warehouse storage area at Kaya Industria 23**. That's across the street from Warehouse and Rocargo, on the same side of the street as Cash and Carry (Consales).

Each Saturday evening a different group of great wines is offered. Last Saturday it was the "Italians" – two reds, a Chianti and Sangiovese – and two whites, Galestro and Vernaccia from Rocca delle Macie. The whites were so good that we had to have a case of each. Other evenings will feature different wines from different areas – maybe a group of rosés. "It's always a surprise," say both Marjoleins. And you get quality snacks appropriate to the wine of the evening.

The bottle prices are reasonable. After pricing wines in the US, even in California, we found AWC's wines so much less expensive for the finer labels. We don't know how they do it! Their shop/warehouse storage area is now open during the mornings—every Tuesday through Saturday—from 9 am to 12:30 pm so you may stop by and see what they have. There are not only wines but accessories like gift boxes, wine coasters, cheese knives, wine coolers, Italian li-

queurs like Marsala, extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and Italian honey. The wooden gift boxes that hold your wine are particularly ingenious. There's a bird house, an old fashioned wooden shoe polish box, even a wooden CD rack. What a great and different gift, and there's even a bottle or two of wine inside!

AWC is not just a wine shop. They carry British and Irish beers – Old Speckled hen, Strongbow Cider and Guinness. Right now there's a special on Guinness: buy four cases and get five. Of course they still do deliver their wines to your house – for free. As they say in their ads, "You Ring; We Bring." Call them at 560-7539, fax 717-2950 or email wine@antilleanwine.com L.D.



*The two Marjoleins- your hostesses*

## New Exhibition at Cinnamon

Sipke Stapert and Dianir Rivas Torres will be the Cinnamon Art Gallery's special guest artists starting on Saturday, September 24th, highlighting an exhibition of their latest works, including a variety of ceramic pieces, jewelry, underwater photography and driftwood sculpture. The exhibit opening, which is open to the public, will take place from 7 pm to 9 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> and refreshments will be served. This exhibition will continue through October 24, 2005.

Sipke and Dianir met in 1997, and they were both impressed by the unique nature of Bonaire. Using the environment as their inspiration, they combined their individual talents, and, soon thereafter, they opened up their own studio. Dianir creates one-of-a-kind pieces made with driftwood and drift-seeds from the South American mainland, which find their way to Bonaire's shores via ocean currents. She adds a burst of life to her works of art by garnishing them with the flora of Bonaire, with which the island kindly supplies during rainy spells.

The images presented in this exhibition are Sipke's unique and colorful close-up photographs taken in the shallows of the Bonaire National Marine Park.

The driftwood has been used in different ways: solitary one-of-a-kind pieces, lamps, mirrors, and more. A large collection of drift-seeds is the basis of beautiful pieces of botanical jewelry. In addition to the drift-seeds, sea-glass, gemstones, crystals, and freshwater pearls are also employed in their jewelry creations. The ceramic pieces are inspired by both the under- and above-water world. The different techniques used to create these ceramic pieces result in some surprisingly innovative designs.

Sipke Stapert lived the first seven years of his life on Curaçao where, under the guidance of his father, he developed a life-long interest in nature. After graduating from the Academy of Physical Education in Holland, he came to Bonaire in 1995 for a three-year teaching contract. With underwater photography as one of his hobbies, he had some award-winning images in various Bonaire Dive Festivals. Some of his images have been published in the well known Reef Fish and Reef Creature Identification series. Other images have been used by the Tourism Corporation Bonaire, *Scuba Diving Magazine*, and *National Geographic*. Sipke added to his mastery by taking additional courses in wood-turning and borosilicate glass.



*Art Exhibit by Sipke Stapert and Dianir Rivas Torres*

Dianir Rivas Torres was born in Venezuela where she studied artistic handicrafts and high- and low-temperature pottery at the *Universidad de los Andes* in Merida, Venezuela. She participated in several expositions in Venezuela and Cuba, and her pottery is well known and sought after in Merida, Caracas, and Puerto la Cruz. Dianir took additional courses in: wood painting techniques, jewelry-making, borosilicate glass, glaze, and painting technology. Here on Bonaire she was invited and sponsored by the Venezuelan Consulate to teach some basic clay courses. Dianir is a regular participating local artist at the annual *Dia di Arte* on Bonaire.

Cinnamon Art Gallery is managed by Bonaire Artists' Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the work of local artists in a permanent gallery setting. The Gallery does not accept any payment for the work of its featured artists. When guests purchase Gallery art, 100% of the monies received flow back directly to the artist. Private donations provide all of the funding for exhibits and the on-going cost of maintaining the Gallery.

The Cinnamon Art Gallery is located at Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1 in downtown Kralendijk, just off of Kaya Grandi. For more information, contact the Gallery at 717-7103 or info@CinnamonArtGallery.org.

*Susan Davis*

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### BONAIRENET

The leading consumer and business information source on Bonaire. Telephone (599) 717-7160. For on-line yellow pages directory information go to <http://www.yellowpagesbonaire.com>

### CAPT. DON'S ISLAND GROWER

Trees and plants, Bonaire grown. 8000m<sup>2</sup> nursery. Specializing in garden/septic pumps and irrigation. Kaminda Lagoen 103, Island Growers NV (Capt. Don and Janet). Phone: 786-0956

### Bonaire Images

Elegant greeting cards and beautiful boxed note cards are now available at Chat-N-Browse next to Lover's Ice Cream and Sand Dollar Grocery. Photography by Shelly Craig [www.bonaireimages.com](http://www.bonaireimages.com)

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Interior or exterior design advice, clearings, blessings, energy, healing, China-trained. Experienced. Inexpensive.  
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I am compiling a list of WEB customers who've experienced isolated, outrageous monthly water bill charges, so that as a group we can recover our excessive payments. The problem is not your "running toilet"! Please send a confidential email with your contact information to [honestwater@yahoo.com](mailto:honestwater@yahoo.com).

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### JODY'S FASHION

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### For Sale

Boat Trailer can accommodate up to a 30 foot boat. NAf2.500 Call 790-9156 or 717-5246

**Wooden Baby Crib** (no mattress) full size, top quality (USA), excellent condition. NAf 250,00. call: 786-5209 or 786 2489

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**Beautiful Indonesian Teak Desk.** 180x90 cm, 14 drawers, 2 cabinets. Modern / Classic design. NAf2.500 Rogier: 791-2439

**Toshiba HD projection TV-61A62**, a.g. a.n, biggest in Bonaire: (1,3mx1,5mx0,65m) (4ftx5ftx2ft) with warranty: 2600Naf Sony MHC-GN800 prof. Hi-Fi component surround system with 5 speakerboxes,MP3,mic,c.d. (3), double tape deck etc. NAf700 (was NAf1.100)

**Stroller** NAf100 Tel.:717-7977

**1989 Green Jeep Cherokee** with automatic transmission. In good condition. NAf10.000 or nearest reasonable offer. Call 717-5571 or 785-9409

**LADA NIVA** (jeep) for sale 1991-4X4 drive 1.6 Cyl. 95.000km NAf5.400 717-2844 or 786-2844

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**For Rent:** Fully furnished **one bedroom apartment** in Hato. NAf425. Water and electricity included. Available immediately, Tel.790-7674

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**For Rent:** **Comfortable 2-bedroom beach villa**-weekly or monthly-choice location-privacy & security. Phone (Bon) (599) 717 3293; (US) (570) 586 0098. **May 20 until Jan. 8th.** [info@pelicanreefbonaire.com](mailto:info@pelicanreefbonaire.com) or [www.pelicanreefbonaire.com](http://www.pelicanreefbonaire.com)

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Dutch actor couple wants to **house sit** from Oct. 1 for 6 or 7 weeks. Call 717-2015 in Bonaire or Holland: 0031-20-673-6526

Wanted: **Panasonic A 100 phone charger.** Call 786-3134 or email [ann@bonairewindsurfing.com](mailto:ann@bonairewindsurfing.com)

### URGENTLY NEEDED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL YOUTH PROJECT

Small School Bus or Large Transport Van suitable for 10 passengers, daily Use Noon to 6 pm. Softball & Bat, Computer Printer & Paper, Ink Cartridges. Call Mick Smit 786-6816, Stichting Project, Teen Training Center, North Salina

LOOKING TO BUY: **Home Exercise Weight Training Equipment** for Captain Don. Used, good working condition. No electric treadmill or step machine. Call Don & Janet 786-0956.

LOOKING TO BUY: **Hewlett Packard HP Deskjet** Old Model Computer Printer compatible with HP45 ink cartridge (42ml). Used, good condition. USB or SCSI. Many compatible models include Deskjet 710c/712c/720c/722c/820cse/820cxi/830c/832c/850c/855c/870cse/870cxi/880c/882c/890cse/890cxi/895cse/895cxi and the DeskJet 930, 950, 960, 970, 990, 995, 1120, 1220 series. Call 786-0956.

Wanted: **Black bookcase.** Please call 786-3134

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## Bonaire Young Chefs in Italy

Four students who've graduated from the SGB (high school) hotel school are working in Riccione, Italy, in the Emilia Romagna region, past their required stage (trainee) period. They are gaining experience in Michelin star restaurants and learning advanced food preparations, organic and non-organic product selection, flavors and experiencing overall cultural activities.

The executive chef who oversees three of our boys is more than pleased with their skills, attitudes, and willingness to learn and work. Chef Antonio Palmisani is the executive chef for Locando il Girasoli as well as the catering operation for the Motor Bike & Car Race Track (serving up to 2,000 meals a weekend) and banquet facility of the Hotel il Girasoli. This is an awesome experience for our chefs. The company provides an Italian villa in the countryside for our Bonaire chefs to live together, and it's close enough for them to walk to work. All expenses are paid.

Cayenne Restaurant and Music Lounge, a hot new trendy and contemporary spot in Riccione, is the new job site for Yoan Lopez. He's the second chef and has been working every day since the opening three months ago. I asked him if he is tired since the opening. "Yes," he admits, but because the work environment is so full of life and energy working there is no problem.

We are very proud of these young



chefs who are making a name for themselves and Bonaire as they mature into young professionals as well as respectful adults in the world of HORECA. We know they will return home in due time, but meanwhile the worldwide opportunities are at their doorstep, waiting to give them yet more experiences in life and careers.

Working hard? "Yes!" Enjoying life? "Absolutely!"

Want to return home? "Yes, but not immediately. There's still more to learn." Sara Matera

## Picture Yourself with the Reporter Newport, Rhode Island, USA

Bob Tseng finished certifying his class up at Newport, Rhode Island, in June. Water temps were 58 to 61 degrees F. He wrote, "So, during my surface interval, I am reading my favorite newspaper *The Reporter!*"

**WIN GREAT PRIZES!** Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. **THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES.** Mail photos to Bonaire Reporter, Kaya Gob. Debrot 200-6, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles (AN). E-mail to: [picture@bonairereporter.com](mailto:picture@bonairereporter.com). (All 2005 photos are eligible.)



Reporter Publisher, George DeSalvo, presents Jake Barlass this year's prize: A "Night on the Town Award" (a large Pasa Bon Pizza and a movie for two) for winning the 2004 Picture Yourself competition. Jake's winning photo showed him and his buddy reading *The Bonaire Reporter* in a trench in Iraq. Jake's parents live in Bonaire.



## Pet of the Week

This pretty little calico cat looks like she's trying to impersonate Charlie Chaplin with that jaunty mustache, but she is her own individual self. Her name is "Christine," and although she does have her comical moments she's a loving, affectionate girl who needs a home where she can be appreciated. She's about a year old and she even has a "hotel background," which means she came from Buddy

Dive where she was found and brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter by some people who were concerned for her future. Christine gets along beautifully with the other cats in the cat cage. Nothing seems to bother her; she's truly a mellow individual.

As are all the other pets for adoption Christine is in excellent health, has had her feline leukemia testing, shots and is sterilized. The NA\$75 adoption fee for



cats includes all of the above.

Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema reports that there are a lot of cats for adoption at the Shelter right now. So if you want a lot of choice, now's the time to stop by. The Shelter is on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. L.D.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

### Late Show

Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

**Dukes of Hazzard  
(Jessica Simpson)**

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)

### Stealth

**Kaya Prinses Marie  
Behind Exito Bakery  
Tel. 717-2400**

**Tickets - NAF14 (incl. Tax)  
Children under 12 - NAF12**

**NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY  
CLOSED MONDAY TUESDAY AND  
WEDNESDAY**

**SATURDAY 4 PM  
Charlie and the  
Chocolate Factory**

### This Week

**Saturday, September 17**—Bike rides starting this Saturday. All ages and abilities invited. Meet at Caribbean Club, Hilltop, across from Stinapa office at 4 pm. (See page 4)

**Saturday, September 17** - Underwater Cleanup in conjunction with International Cleanup Day, sponsored by Yellow Submarine and NetTech. Meet at 1 pm, Yellow Submarine

**September 21-27, October 20-26** -Coral Spawning on reefs of Bonaire

**Wednesday, September 21**—International Day of Peace (see page 4)

**Thursday, September 22**—Autumnal Equinox

### COMING

**Saturday, October 1**-Rincon Big Market

**Wednesday, October 5** - C-Run with prizes, 2/4/5 km. 5:30 pm, sponsored by COMCABON. Call 717-8629, 780-7225, Richard Pietersz

**October 9 - 15**- International Bonaire Sailing Regatta

**Sunday, October 9**—Jong Bonaire 5th Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire, 8 am, Eden Beach Resort

**Friday, October 21** - Antillean Day, Market & Cultural Activities all day, Niki-boko Cento di Bario

**November 24-26**— Bonaire Investment Conference

### 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.

## MICRO MOVIE REVIEW

Seen in  
Movieland Cinema:



**STEALTH** by Rob Cohen, starring Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel and Jamie Foxx. I reckon this is a typical boys' movie. The acting is so-so; the story is shallow; the girl is stunning; and the special effects are superb. It has a good pace, lots of energy, so basically, I think that within its genre it's actually a pretty good film. The bikini scene with Jessica is worth a bedroom poster. So guys, leave the girls at home, get ready for a fun ride and go see the film. *Dodo*

www.infobonaire.com/rincon

**Sunday** -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambience at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar**. Open daily 5 to 10 pm. Live **Fla-Bingo**-great prizes, 7 pm, Divi Flamingo

**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.

**Every Tuesday Night @ 6:30pm** - BonaireTalker Dinner/Gathering at Gibi's,

known for great local food. Call Gibi at 567-0655 for details, or visit www.BonaireTalk.com, and search for "Gibi."

**Friday** -Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort, 5:30-6:30 pm

**Friday** - Open House with Happy Hour at JanArt Gallery Kaya Gloria #7, 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 Slides 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.

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

**Wednesday** -Buddy Dive Cocktail Video Show by Martin Cecilia pool bar Buddy Dive, 7 pm 717-5080

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Bonaire Arts & Crafts** (*Fundashon Arte*

*Industrial Bonaireano*) 717-5246 or 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. 717-7103.  
**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 Roosje 717-4685, 566-4685

### 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

**Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's** - **Tuesday - 6:30 pm** - call 567-0655 for directions.

**Bridge Club** - **Wednesdays**, 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank. 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.

**JCI** - **First Wednesday of the Month**- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire or formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

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

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

**Rotary** lunch meetings **Wednesday**, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at Casa Blanca Restaurant. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

### BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon**. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit typical homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060 / 790-2018

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

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

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

### CHURCH SERVICES

**New Apostolic Church**, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

**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**. Wilhelmnaplein. 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 Our Lady of Coromoto** in Antriol, **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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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 525	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	<b>Magnificent Theme Nights:</b> Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
<b>Bistro de Paris</b> Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	<b>Real French Cooking</b> in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
<b>Brasserie Bonaire</b> Royal Palm Galleries Kaya Grandi 26, Next to Re/Max, 717-4321	Low- Moderate Lunch and Dinner Open 11 am -2:30 pm 5:30-9 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday	Lots of parking in big mall lot <b>Kitchen Open 11 am-2:30 pm, Dinner 5:30-9 pm</b> Breezy terrace with airco inside—Also serving big sandwiches at dinner
<b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b> 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 <b>highest standard of cuisine.</b>
<b>Croccantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	<b>Bonaire's Most Romantic Restaurant where dining is a delight!</b> Tuscan chef prepares exquisite dishes with authentic ingredients. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
<b>The Great Escape</b> EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488	Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 days	<b>Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof.</b> Cuban cuisine. Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon. Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
<b>The Last Bite Bakery Home Delivery or Take Out</b> 717-3293	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30 pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers <b>gourmet class items</b> -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side <b>Caribbean-style bistro</b> owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
<b>Pasa Bon Pizza</b> On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 790-1111	Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday	Bonaire's best. The <b>Real Thing!</b> Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Call ahead to eat-in or take out 790-1111



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## APPLIANCES/ TV/ ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS

**City Shop**, the mega store, has the island's widest selection of large and small home appliances. Fast service and in-store financing too.

## ART GALLERY

**Cinnamon Art Gallery** non-profit gallery for local artists has continuous shows. Each month a new artist is featured. Stop by. Free entry.

## BANKS

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

## BEAUTY PARLOR

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

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

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

## COMPUTERS

**Bonaire Automation B.V.** fills all your computer needs: hardware, software, supplies, service, repair and more.

## DIVING

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

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## FITNESS

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

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

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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

## GIFTS, SOUVENIRS AND LIQUOR

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

## HOTELS

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

**The Great Escape** Under new management. Quiet and tranquil setting with pool and luxuriant garden in Belnem. Cyber Café, DVD rentals, restaurant and bar.

## METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP

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## PHOTO FINISHING

**Paradise Photo** in the Galleries Shopping Center offers fast, fine processing for prints, slides, items and services. **Now-full digital services.**

## REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

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

**Mike Boom & Associates** - Broad assortment of homes and properties. View on their website [www.bonairerealty.com](http://www.bonairerealty.com) or office in town

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

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

## REPAIRS

**Bon Handyman** is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. Electrical, plumbing, woodworking, etc. 717-2345

## RESORTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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## RETAIL

**Benetton**, world famous designer clothes available now in Bonaire at prices less than those in US. For men, women and children.

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

## SHIPPING

**Rocargo Freight** Air and sea shipments in/out of Bonaire. Customs agents. Professional and efficient. **FedEx agent.**

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Visit **Warehouse Bonaire** to shop in a large, spotless supermarket. You'll find American and European brand products. THE market for provisioning.

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## WATER TAXI

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## WINES

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

## YOGA

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

## ATTENTION BUSINESSMEN/WOMEN:

**Put your ad in The Bonaire Reporter.**  
Phone/Fax 717-8988, Cel 786-6518



# Born on Bonaire....

## Emmy Schermer

"I was born in Rincon in 1942. My mother, Antonia Schermer, born Martinus, was a descendant of one of the daughters of Cornelis Marten, 'Papa Cornes,' a man from Curaçao who was very important to Antriol. We were a family of five children and mother was a homemaker.

I think one of the reasons why everything has changed and why there are so many problems with children nowadays is the fact that mothers are not at home anymore. There used to be serenity for the children, they were satisfied. You can't turn back the times, but you have to look for a solution because many children are being left to their own devices. Also a child needs to rest. I do respect the crèche leaders and I know they do their work with love, but is it necessary to put a seven-week-old baby in a crèche? Children are better off with their parents.

My father was a lighthouse keeper at Seroe Bentana in Washington Park and he worked as a substitute at Spelonk. When Hurricane Janet passed by in 1954 the lighthouse in Seroe Bentana was struck by lightning and burned down completely. My dad was lucky; he wasn't there when it happened, but somebody was burned alive and another one was severely injured. After the tragedy my father started working in Willemstoren.

We had a carefree childhood. We spent a lot of time enjoying nature in the Washington and Slagbaai plantations, when it wasn't a national park. We also owned a kunuku, like practically everybody else did. Ours was at *Subi Blanco*, halfway between Rincon and Playa. We had goats and grew corn, pumpkins, watermelons and beans which we sold. It was a very serious thing.

After elementary school when I was 12 I had to go to boarding school in Curaçao, because there was no high school on the island. I was homesick and became very quiet, but eventually I got used to it like you get used to everything.

At 16 I went to Holland, to Breda, to the Maria Kweekschool where I studied teaching. I lived with a family with small children. I think that period subconsciously marked my future because that's the work I'm doing now. I am an *orthopedagoog*, a child therapist, someone who works with children whose development is disturbed. I specialize in children with learning disorders (children with normal capabilities, but somehow they can't make it) and children with behavioral problems. It's a healing process and I am a follower of the humane approach because a child

has to learn to recognize why he or she is behaving in a certain way. It's not like input equals output.

People used to think genetics and environment were the two factors that would mold a person. Nowadays they say you have to look at the 'child factors,' like intelligence, character, temper, motives etc; the factors of the child's up bringers- like those of the father, the mother, the family and the teachers (with all the different up bringers a child has these days, it has become confusing and less clear for the child)-

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**I answered, 'Almost all the children of Bonaire are my children'..."**

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and last but not least, the environment of the child - the neighborhood, friends and the social setting. The most recent theory to explain behavioral development includes all these factors and their interactions.

After four years in Breda I became a teacher. I had not been in Bonaire all those years and I hadn't seen my family either, but we kept in close touch by correspondence. I went to Curaçao and worked at a primary school for one year and then I returned to Bonaire where I started teaching at the Saint Dominicus School, Bonaire's first friar school. At the same time I was very much involved in scouting. It was a good combination; I learned a lot - a bright student could turn out to be very clumsy, and a child who wasn't so brilliant suddenly showed good leadership, and that made a balance. I stayed on Bonaire for six years and then I went on leave to Holland and decided to stay there to do extra studying.

Going back to school was an eye opener. I had matured; I knew what they were talking about; at the same time it was very new. I lived in Groningen, a university city in the north and it was sizzling - very modern and lots of new views. It was a studious year. I started working as a teacher at a school in a low-income neighborhood. The children were difficult; they were restless and stressed and irritated because of all the problems they were facing at home. It was a school like many other big city schools. I learned a lot working

with these children. The way I see it now is that it defined my life's course.

I think I have a talent for it and the circumstances made it happen too, but if you do your work with love and dedication everything falls in its place. However, you don't get it for nothing; you have to work very hard. Many children come to

school with lots of worries. They go through so many things at home and it depresses them and makes them sad and they are not themselves. If they have a teacher who's dedicated and loving, they will feel happier and it helps them and it works curatively and preventively. A teacher like that can make a child strong."

*Emmy Schermer is a very special person; she's extremely passionate about her work. When you think about it, you know that she must have seen lots of misery and ugliness, but it never touched her, for Emmy has no malice or trace of bitterness. She's an angel, a wise and beautiful person.*

"I taught at that school for four years, and at the same time I was doing more advanced studies in education. It was a beautiful time. After five years in Groningen I returned to Bonaire. I wanted to be with my parents and my family, and I was longing for my country. They needed me here.

I started working for the Department of Education for seven years at the pedagogic didactic bureau as a teacher's guide, after that for three years as an inspector at kindergarten, elementary schools and for special education. In the meantime I was studying MO-B, more advanced education, through Curaçao, and I decided, after having been on Bonaire for 10 years, to finish studying in Holland. I went back to Groningen where I was advised to get a university degree as a child therapist. But soon after I'd started I had to return to Bonaire because my mother became severely ill. Before she died she told me, 'You have to go on!' When she passed away May 1986 I went back to Holland. I finished my studies in three and a half years, with a scholarship, and returned to Bonaire where I started working for SEK (Educational and Cultural Service) in diagnostics,



Emmy Schermer

testing children with learning disorders. I did that until I retired. But...I never really stopped;" *she laughs* "it just went on!

Now I'm working part time, counseling youngsters and sometimes their parents, and for the last few years I've worked for the SGB high school, where they have a special class for children who have problems fitting in. It's very intense and I often worry about Bonaire, about its future and its youth. Children have become tougher and more indifferent. When there's a lack of love and attention it causes irreparable damage to the child, and parents should be more conscious of that.

I thank God for the talent he gave me. I'm grateful when I see a child improving. That's the reward. I'm still learning and I study every day. It's an ongoing process. But I would like to have some more time to be with my people, my family, time for myself and to be with my boyfriend in Curaçao. However, so far Bonaire is keeping me too busy! I know by now that it wouldn't be the end of the world if I'd stop working, but I wish there were more people interested in doing this work so they could take over. I never dreamt I would become a child therapist, but I know for sure that if I'd had children of my own, I never would have gone to work. I would have stayed at home with them! Some things just happen to you, and life takes its course. Once, a boy asked me very seriously, 'Don't you have children?' I answered, 'Almost all the children of Bonaire are my children'..."

*photo and story by Greta Kooistra*



*(Rayvah Opens in Rincon.  
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bers of the FKPD (handicapped center). "The people of Rincon," say ex-teacher and community leader, Maria Koeks, "are very happy to have Rayvah here in Rincon. They can take the courses here more conveniently than going all the way to Playa." She continued, "And the idea is everyone can use it, youngsters, teens and adults."

Rayvah is located next to the Rincon Marshe in the center of town, across from the gas station. For more information call Wesley Chirino at 717-5564 L.D.



***FKPD's Sandra and Oliva present a gift of appreciation to Rayvah's Monica***

## Sea Turtle Update

Photo by Roger Burnham



In 2003 Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) launched its satellite tracking program under the direction of Dr. Robert van Dam. The second turtle Robert fitted with a transmitter that year was a female hawksbill named "Schillie." We tracked "Schillie" as she traveled from Klein Bonaire to Mona Island, Puerto Rico, arriving there at the beginning of January, 2004.

Robert is now directing another project at Mona Island and informed us recently that "Schillie" had been found while they were conducting in-water surveys off Monito Island, an even smaller island near Mona. Her satellite transmitter was still in place, but the team carefully removed it from her shell prior to her release.

We believe that this is something of a first for sea turtle tracking: a Project Director, running two separate programs at different points in time, finding the animal in both its nesting and foraging places, approximately 700 km apart, and lovingly removing the transmitter.

We tip our hats to Robert and his colleagues at Mona Island and look forward to seeing "Schillie" back around Bonaire in the not too distant future.

Also, the male hawksbill turtle sponsored by the *Freewinds* cruise ship was still with us as of August 8<sup>th</sup> when he was photographed off Ebo's Reef by Roger Burnham. *Andy Uhr*



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

## Shine on Harvest Moon!

Mark Wednesday, September 21st as a night you can use the Moon to find the brilliant planet Mars, which is racing toward us. And mark this weekend as the weekend of the Harvest Moon.

On this Saturday and Sunday nights, September 17 and 18, just after sunset face east where you will see an exquisite full

Moon called the Harvest Moon, which is the name given to the full Moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox, the first day of autumn. And since the Autumnal Equinox this year is on Thursday, September 22nd, this Saturday's full Moon becomes this year's Harvest Moon. Now although the Moon is officially full at 10:01 pm, Bonaire Sky Park Time this Saturday, thus making Saturday the official night of the Harvest Moon, traditionally the Harvest Moon lasts more than one night. And it includes the two almost full Moons two nights before the official full Moon and the two almost full Moons two nights after. So we have five nights of the Harvest Moon.

You see, normally the Moon rises approximately 50 minutes later each successive night, except for the Moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox, which rises only 20 to 25 minutes later each night. The reason for this is that the path of the Moon closest to the Equinox makes a much smaller angle with the horizon than at any other time of year. Before the invention of electric lights having a full Moon several nights just after sunset was important to farmers at harvest time because it meant they could work after sunset for several evenings in a row to gather in their crops by the light of the Harvest Moon. Today farming at night is done with artificial lighting and harvesting goes on 24 hours a day. So the Harvest Moon has lost its original significance, although one thing it has not lost is its incredible beauty because for five nights we'll see it rise shortly before or shortly after sunset.

And all rising full Moons always look bigger and more colorful, usually reddish-orange, than when they're overhead. That's because when the Moon is close to the horizon we see it through thicker and dustier layers of our Earth's atmosphere. And it is the dust in our Earth's atmosphere which causes the orangeish color and at this time of year reminds a lot of people of the orange color of a pumpkin. In fact some say that the man in the Moon face may be what started the tradition of carving Jack O'Lantern faces on pumpkins.

And this year something has been added because if you wait until around 10 pm you'll see the planet which is racing for a super Halloween rendezvous with Earth, brilliant Mars rising over the horizon. And to make sure you've found it, go out around 10 pm, Wednesday September 21st and you'll see an exquisite waning gibbous Moon only 5° above Mars, which means you can use the Moon as a Mars finder that night. So happy Mars finding and happy Harvest Moon.

Jack Horkheimer



## THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:  
September 12 – September 18, 2005  
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Overindulgence may cause conflicts. Look into alternate means of supporting your financial burdens. You will do best to entertain those you wish to close deals with. You can convince others to follow suit. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- may 21) You need some rest. Get into fitness programs to keep in shape. Your ambitious mood may not go over well with loved ones. You can't live your life for others. Problems with skin, bones, or teeth may mess up your schedule. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) This could be a serious relation ship. Home improvement projects will go well if you delegate work to all your family members. Your involvement in groups will be favorable for meeting new and exciting individuals. Use your charm, but don't sign or agree to anything. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Stick to your own projects and by the end of the day you'll shine. You can make money through solid investment plans. You may want to make changes that will turn your entertainment room into a real family affair. Don't be too confident that coworkers are on your side. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You need a day to rest and relax with the ones you love. Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. Concentrate on your career and on making money. Do your chores and get on with the things you enjoy doing. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Opportunities may come up at prestigious affairs. Outings with relatives or good friends will provide you with stimulating conversation. You need more space for the whole family. You may find a rare antique this week. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) It's doubtful anyone will try to stand in your way or cut you off at the pass this week. Offer good conversation and a nice soothing lunch. Travel should be on your agenda. Home improvement projects will go well if you delegate work to your family members. Your lucky day will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're foolproof. You can expect your mate to get fed up and make the choices for you or back off completely. Get back down to earth and to basics. Someone may be trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You can get others to do things for you but be sure not to overpay them or lend them money. Make career changes that may increase your income. People who try to persuade you to do things their way will annoy you. Don't get upset. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Children might be on your mind. Don't hesitate to make special plans just for two. Put your thoughts on paper. You can enhance your reputation if you treat family and friends with respect and dignity. Don't be too quick to respond to a plea for help. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Take the time to sort out your personal papers and double-check your financial investments. Opportunities to pamper yourself may unfold. Children could cost you more than you can afford. Do your own thing and everything will settle down. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Take care of your personal needs. Use your added discipline to get what you want. Do your own research and be prepared. You have to take hold of your life and make some crucial decisions. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.