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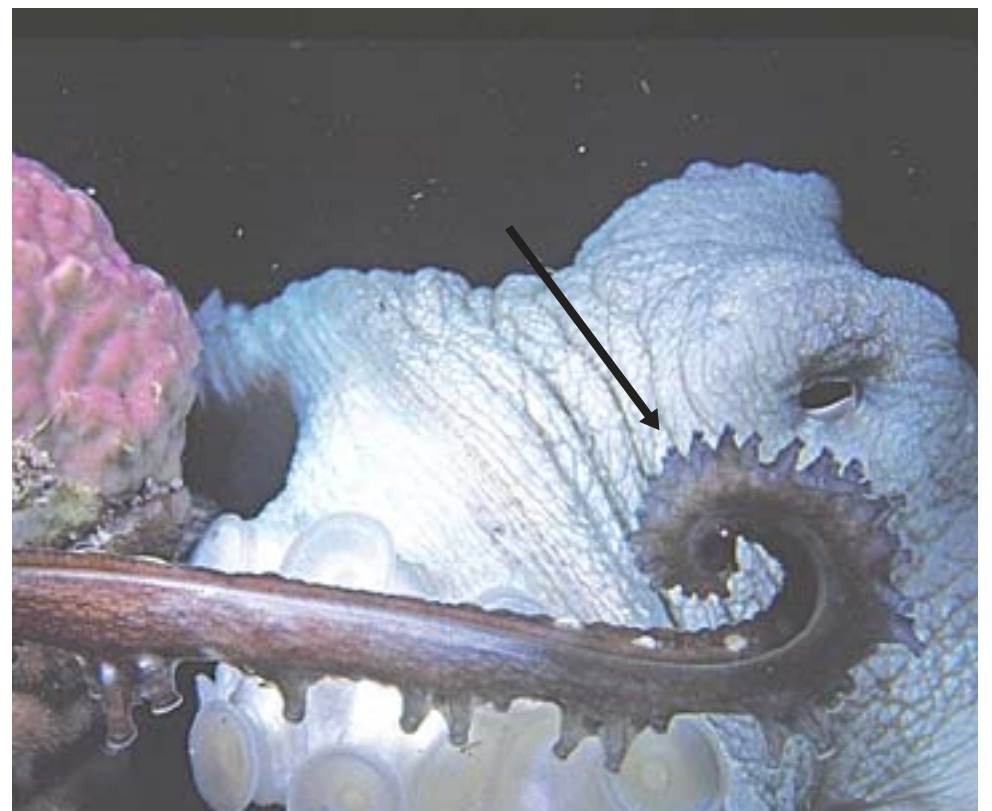
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1. Excited male octopus with larger white female in the background

## First photographs of mating octopi

*A sequence of mating octopi is rarely observed in the wild. It was painstakingly photographed by author Albert Bianculli. See story on page 8.*



2. The specialized third right arm is caressing the female's mantle



3. Close-up view of the tube-like arm adaptation



4. Female octopus flashing color patterns during mating and sperm packet transfer

# Flotsam and Jetsam

Continental Airlines flabbergasted the experts with superb third-quarter financial numbers. Despite record-high costs of jet fuel and hurricanes, Continental Airlines earned \$61 million in the third quarter of the ongoing year at a time when other major airlines were seeking bankruptcy protection. Continental said that the record high cost of jet fuel continues to adversely affect the company's financial results. Also, hurricanes Katrina and Rita adversely impacted Continental's operations. **The airline said that improvements in revenue were largely the result of continued expansion into international markets and higher fares, as the company tries to recoup increased jet fuel costs.**



► **Spirit Airlines** Vice President of Sales and Distribution Marc Cavaliere, in declaring, "We are the low-fare airline of the Caribbean and the fastest-growing airline in the region," announced **his airline's plans to serve 11 Caribbean destinations within the year.** The announcement of the low cost carrier's expanded itinerary, without specific references to destinations, was made during the just concluded 28th Caribbean Tourism Conference (CTC-28). What do you think would happen if visitors could fly from Ft. Lauderdale, Spirit HQ, to Bonaire for \$99, a typical Spirit fare?



► Bonaire hoteliers plans to fly a **weekly charter from Ft. Lauderdale** has run into some snags. The charter is still a go, but flights will originate in Miami instead. We will keep you posted.

► Dutch Antilles Express (DAE) Chief Executive Floris van Pallandt announced on Monday that **DAE's Bonaire call center would open Wednesday.** He said "dedicated" reservation personnel would be working daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The telephone number is 717-0808, fax 717-0880, or e-mail reservations@flydae.com .

Passengers can buy an e-ticket through the call center, Van Pallandt said, adding that the airline would also be launching its Website shortly that will accept bookings.

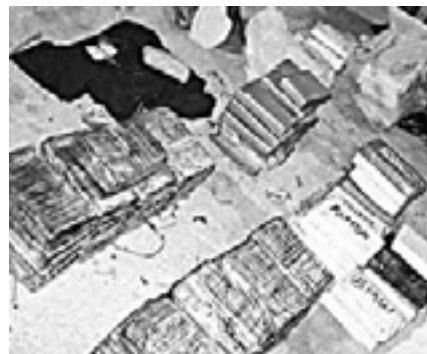
DAE is reported to be considering becoming a regional airline, may expand flights to other destinations in the Caribbean and fly larger aircraft.

► The **income tax** on interest earned in the Netherlands Antilles was reduced from 10 to 5% (only for interest over NAf1.000) in the Income



Tax Ordinance passed by Parliament last Thursday. It was part of an overall tax reform which reduced the income tax on lump-sum payments and back pay from between 15 and 30% to between 13 and 26%, as well as making interest payments from government bonds tax free and reducing the income tax on dividends from 25 to 15%. This was combined with a wage tax reduction of 12.5% in two phases – 6% this year and 6.5% next year.

The premiums for fire and disaster insurance have been made tax deductible again. This is in addition to the standard deduction of up to NAf3,000. This applies to all the houses a person owns unless they are rented properties.



► The Coast Guard intercepted a **shipment of 150 kilos of cocaine** and some heroin between Bonaire and the eastern

tip of Curaçao. When the cutter *Panther* approached a suspect boat, it headed full speed for the shore on Curaçao and was beached. The two men aboard then ran off, leaving the drugs behind.

► Bonaire hopes to **attract more tourists via an online game.** The online Panoramikarace (www.panoramikarace.nl) is an addictive simple mind game that shows the features and beauty of Bonaire and is challenging. The more you play, the more chances you have to win the first prize - a trip to the island or one of the many other prizes. Although it is a Dutch language site English readers should have no problems playing the game



► Musician Henk Roozendaal writes, "Guus, Pieter, Lando and I came back from Paramaribo last week, where we've been playing at the **Surinam Jazz Festival.** We've had a great time, made con-

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*Flotsam and Jetsam* (Continued from page 2) tact with other musicians from Surinam and the Netherlands. And we've learned quite some things that will benefit the organization of our next jazz festival in Bonaire - both positive (things we still can improve) and negative (stupid things that we'll never let happen). The visit and performances of the Bonaire Jazz Group were covered in newspapers, tv- and radio stations!"

► **An American woman, Grendel Hardie, 60, was swept from the "iron shore"** on Bonaire's east side last Wednesday. Despite attempts to save her by her husband and two Bonaire National Marine Park Rangers she drowned. The rough seas prevented her rescue, but the rangers were able to get a rope to her. Her body was finally recovered by the Coast Guard helicopter.

In addition to the Marine Park and Coast Guard the Bonaire fire department responded to the accident near Boka Spañó. Preliminary information indicates that the woman was involved in picture-taking when a large wave swept her into the rough surf. Mrs. Hardie was on vacation from her Arizona home and a guest at the Flamingo Beach Resort.



Marine Park officers, **Ramon De**

**Leon** (left) and **Din Domacassé** (right) were recognized for their exceptional heroism during the rescue attempt by STINAPA.

► The "**Projekto pa Pueblo**" (PPP-**Project for People**) was inaugurated last week with the **start of construction of 34 homes** in Nikiboko North. It's a joint project of the government, a private developer and the Postal Savings Bank. It's aimed at providing affordable housing. Additional PPP homes are planned near Wanapa and Tera Kora.

► The provisional lists for the sessions of the **Justice Court for the 7 and 8 November**, 5 and 6 December and 19 December have been issued by the Public Prosecutor's office. The November docket includes prosecutions for purse snatching, parole violation, break-ins, burglaries, firearm importation, drug dealing, drug use, bolita (swallowed drug balls) smuggling and spousal abuse. The case against the suspects in the double murder of two young Bonaireans will be conducted in a special session on 19 December.

► This coming Sunday, November 6th, The **Divi Flamingo Resort** will again hold their super-popular **Caribbean Night**. This week featured are the internationally famous **Tutti Frutti** music group and The **Ginies Dance Troupe**. The price is only \$20 per person and includes a welcome drink. Kids up to 12 pay their age in dollars.

For Thanksgiving there will be a special as well as a regular menu.

► **The BONAI youth and science stimulation program needs your help.** BONAI youth group and Sea & Discover are documenting and mapping historical artifacts in the calm waters of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire. They are interested in the locations and histories of items such as old anchors, canons, and shipwrecks located in depths shallower than 120 feet (we are especially interested in snorkel sites). Artifacts such as the tugboat in front of Sunset Beach, the anchor in front of the Divi Flamingo, the water barge in front of the WEB are all included. If you have any information concerning these artifacts or other artifacts that you might know of please contact Caren Eckrich at 717-5322.

► Two party-giver girls, Sharon and Roosje, invite "girls" of all ages to a **"Girls' Night Out" on Saturday, November 12**, at Kon Tiki from 9 pm until midnight. Come "as you are" and enjoy cocktails, music, tapas and watch Liz Rijna, winner of the Taste of the Caribbean "Bartender of the Caribbean," make simple but great cocktails with easy-to-find ingredients on Bonaire. Her demonstration starts at 9:30 pm. Cost is NA/35 and includes three cocktail tastings, two large cocktails, four different tapas and a handy booklet with the featured cocktail recipes.... and of course all the fun of a "Girl's Night Out!" (Other drinks are available at the bar and are not included.)

For tickets, call Sharon at 786-5581 or Roosje at 786-7984.

► Put it on your calendar now: **Special Olympics Bonaire's big fundraising event—a jazzy evening on the Freewinds on Monday, November 14** starting at 7 pm. Special musical guests including Julius Andre. Tickets \$10 at Croccantino Restaurant. More details next week.

► The Public Health Administration in Aruba has sounded the alarm because there were **12 cases of dengue fever in one district**. While no official notice has been posted in Bonaire, people should take care to eliminate mosquito breeding sites whenever possible to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Recent rains have left lots of standing water and that's the environment mosquito larvae thrive in.

► It's getting even more pleasant to **visit the Cinnamon Art Gallery**. There's a small wood patio at the entrance, and thanks to some nice donated furniture, you can now enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee there. Soon there will be an awning.. While you are there pick up a copy of the Official 2006 Bonaire Calendar. It's a perfect gift. Another affordable gift idea is a reproduction of Linda Richter's latest painting.

► The Jong Bonaire model flexing his muscles in the Benetton ad this week is **Michael Trenidad**. He's shown on the steps to the La Terraza Mall on Kaya Grandi. The Benetton ad is on page 20. □ *G./L. D.*

## **Self defense, Self confidence, Self discipline, and more benefits for Yourself**

**H**EEYAAH! That karate-kind -of-kick looked cool in the mirror! Now let's go for the real thing I thought, while heading to my first class of self-defense. Top Health, the 'overall health company', once again organized a course according to the philosophy of the company. Well, I didn't know this last part until I attended what I thought would be a how-to-kick-behind-of-mean-wicked-perverted-men kind of class. It turned out to be a greater inner-journey experience than I thought. I was even more surprised when I was informed by Angélique Salsbach, one of the founders and manager of Top Health that I should come to this extra course of general physical condition training. "What! I don't think so! I'm really not eager to spend my little free time doing those boring and silly jumping jacks, I already walk regularly!" was my instant reply. I'm happy she had enough patience to explain that this was a completely different thing, absolutely necessary and complementary to the self-defense class. Follow me on this journey of emotional intelligence, long-time health, oriental philosophy and ... of course, self-defense techniques.



**Bigalda Demarchena "attacks" instructor Peter Silberie**

### **Self Defense**

Peter Silberie, a longtime martial arts expert (see interview), is in charge of the self defense course. Although you would think that only female participants would attend, this course is definitely intended for everyone. The warming-up part includes stretch exercises and different abdominal and (upper) leg firming training. Silberie doesn't just do martial arts, he lives and breathes the whole philosophy behind it. We get different exercises to build self confidence and relax the muscles in case of an attack. This is necessary, as most people tend to be too constrained by stress when defending themselves. If you're too tense, it will wear you out, causing your opponent win. "Observation and anticipation of the

behavior of the aggressor is very important," Silberie keeps reminding us.

Every class we get three or four new moves. It surprises us each time how simple it is to overpower the heaviest and strongest person even if we're petite. We've learned how to block different kinds of blows from different directions. Attack from behind? Someone pulling your hair? A strangle attempt? Think of any kind of attack and *voilà*: Silberie demonstrates flexibly and quickly a move to counter it.

Every week we repeat the different techniques before moving on to some new ones. Real life case demonstrations are also common during the class: for example, two men attacking you while you're standing alone in a corner. Silberie just doesn't talk about it but has hired two men to attack us. After cooling down, Silberie always wraps up with a quote from a real life lesson or an Oriental expression, philosophy etc. His standard closing golden advice: "Practice every day. If you don't have time, just imagine in your mind doing all the moves. They will become yours eventually."

### **General Physical Conditioning**

Still a bit skeptical, I attended the first class of general physical condition training given by Glenn Albertina. No



**The author assisting Rosaida Rosaria**

stranger to the Antilles or the international field track sport, Albertina is considered a skilled and experienced physical condition trainer (see interview). The first sign of his professionalism already showed at the door. There were forms to fill in: weight, pulse/heartbeat at the beginning of the session, at the end of the session etc. - questions that later on appeared to be more important than I thought.

Every class begins with taking your pulse and weighing in. Just as in Silberie's class, Albertina continues with the rituals of warming-up exercises, walking and stretching. He brings variations to the training by incorporating different accessories: weight balls, mini-stairs etc. And don't forget his impressive voluminous voice - coaching, shouting, and even singing to us to achieve that last hard couple of seconds of an intensive exercise. Albertina always explains the reason behind each exercise and the long time effect. Furthermore, he teaches how to know and understand your body's reaction during certain

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# All About Antriol

## The First Commercial Center of Bonaire

### Early History

#### The Spanish Occupation

An influential Spaniard, Juan de Ampues, established the first European-influenced settlement on Bonaire in 1527 for the officially stated purpose of harvesting timber. Instead, some say, he captured Caiquetio Indians in Venezuela to sell as slaves. This may be true and explains the selection of the geographic site for Rincon, hidden in a valley, giving it passive protection from marauding pirates and other passing ships. During this time of exploration and conquest, the Spanish monarchy needed vast amounts of gold and silver to finance and support its great fleet, the Armada, and the army of Conquistadors. The Spanish colonial possessions provided the trade goods, supplies and bases for further conquest and exploitation of the South American Continent. The inevitable conflicts at sea and disputes over sovereignty led to war with the other European seafaring powers, principally England and Holland.

#### The Dutch Colonial Period

Almost 100 years of Spanish occupation and neglect passed until a Dutch ship visited Bonaire in 1623. When Spain, already at war with the Netherlands, annexed Portugal, the Dutch merchants needed an alternative source of salt for their European trade. These events may have started the exploitation of Bonaire and her natural resources of



military forces on Bonaire that were here to protect the east flank of Curaçao. That all changed in 1639 when Jan Claessoon van Campen, from the Dutch West India Company, with the support and authority of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, began the development of Bonaire and Aruba to "serve the interests of Curaçao" under the control of Peter Stuyvesant. Additional settlers were not permitted on Bonaire and the population was limited to slaves, a penal colony for convicts and soldiers being punished, the overseers and their families and the military forces needed to guard them. This situation continued and grew to supply the demand of the Kingdom, until the demise of the DWIC in 1791, when all the slaves then became the property of the government called "king's slaves" or "katibu di rei".

From 1799 to 1816, during the "period of confusion," ending with the departure of the British, many tradesmen began to establish themselves clandestinely on Bonaire. Until 1863, with

of early religious activities and home to many "devout" people. Since some of these were women who chose not to marry, their small neighborhood became known as *Konbento* (convent). The streets in Antriol *Pariba* (above) or northeast of Kaya Korona are named for women (Kaya Maria and Kaya Isabel, etc.). This area contains *Buraku Blanku*, (white hole), named for a depression from which people obtained whitish soil (possibly chalk for plaster), good for making walls. Unfortunately, some of the people who lived here drank as hard as they worked and a small police building was needed to control the trouble.

Some people worked outside of Antriol in Tra'i Montana, on the way to Rincon. Maria Angela, for example, worked as the supervisor of kunuku Leeuwarden, a job normally filled only by men. It was in Tra'i Montana that KLM's plane *Oriol* landed in 1936 on Bonaire's first air strip.

During WWII, Dewachi Thielman of Antriol opened a successful store in Tra'i Montana, offering supplies to the 150 American soldiers stationed there on watch for enemy ships.

The tradesmen of Antriol began to expand their stores, buy land and open additional shops in the prospering port of Kralendijk, called "Playa" by the local people. One shopkeeper, Pemigio Anastasio Booi, sold charcoal at his Antriol store *Dios con Nos* ("God with Us") which still stands today on Kaya Dr. Hernandez. Another shopkeeper, Nene George, was famous for his imported "pure" rum that his wife combined with well water and sold in small bottles. Today, when we need shoes, we pick them off the store rack. In Antriol's earlier days, customers had their feet measured by Dochi de Jongh and then returned to his store for their custom made shoes, a luxury in this time when most people wore simple sandals. Besides selling shoes, Dochi had a permit to sell liquor and his wife sold "beer." It wasn't beer for drinking, however, it was beer for making bread



rise!

In 1866, workers from Antriol started making roof tiles at the Aruba-Amboina plantation. The next year, hard, strong bricks were produced in southwestern Antriol from that area's red clay. Locally, the bricks were used to construct ovens for processing aloe and baking bread, and later they were exported for the construction of Curaçao's oil refinery.

Many men from Antriol made their livings from the sea. The Soliana family of Antriol Pabou was well-known for their fishing skills, even in Curaçao, where they taught Bonaire's advanced fishing techniques to the people of Boka Sami. Bonaireans fished locally as well as at the islands of Los Roques, Orchila and Tortuga. Fransisco Mercelina of Antriol, who became a ship's captain, studied in Boston, an opportunity usually reserved only for men from Kralendijk. Others from Antriol worked on oil tankers and served on ships during World War II. □ Photos & Story by Barbara Mason Bianculli

Next week: The religious influence and present-day Antriol



Brazil trees (dyewood) and salt pans, further fueling the slave trade from Africa because of the need of a cheap labor force to work on the isolated island. On April 10, 1626, a group of Portuguese and Spanish prisoners were released on Bonaire by Boudewijn Hendricksz, a Dutch burgomaster from Edam, and founded a settlement in the "interior," Antriol, also called "Den Tera." The outlying plantations that developed from this meager group of entrepreneurs came to be known as Guatemala, Washikemba and Bolivia stretching to the East coast, with Columbia and Montana on the north toward Rincon.

In these very early days there was little organization of trade, and most of the food production was shipped to the Dutch naval base at Curaçao or consumed by the plantation workers and

the abolishment of slavery, all of Bonaire was exploited as a government plantation. There were 151 privately held slaves and 607 king's slaves freed at this time. The government sold all of the "crown land" to two men, J.F. Newman and E.B.F. Hellmund, who, in turn, started to sell parcels and plantations to others. Some of these original Antriol settlers had extensive families - Statie, Hellmund, Boom, Hart, de Jongh, Hermanos, Anastasio, Booi, Winklaar, Thielman, Marten, Zjil and others—that still live in the many barrios of Bonaire.

#### Antriol Trade and Businesses

Antriol is in the central part or "belly of Bonaire." The Antriol *Pabou* (below) streets, or southwest of Kaya Korona, are named for fish like Kaya Barakuda and Kaya Gatu. This area was the center



Old milk barn made of lodo (mud) and bara (sticks).

## Foks Exhibition at Cinnamon



*Sculptress-painter Edith Foks-Ferrageau de Saint Amand at her exhibit opening last Saturday evening at the Cinnamon Art Gallery. The prolific artist showed sculptures in stone and wood and paintings, many of which are inspired by Bonaire. The show continues until December 1.*

*Bonaire's popular artist, Nochi Coffie, at the Foks exhibit last Saturday at Cinnamon.*



## 5th Annual Deep Blue Swim- Nov. 5th



2003 start

The 5th Annual Deep Blue 5K Swim and Ocean Festival including three open water-swimming races will be held next Saturday November 5th. The swims include, as in previous years, a long distance 5K Race, a 1500-meter "Metric Mile" Race, a 200-meter "Kids Fun" Race and a 10k race starting at Capt. Don's Habitat, swimming along the coast to Plaza Resort Bonaire and back to Capt. Don's Habitat.

The races are open to men and women of all ages and abilities. Masks and snorkels can be used without penalty. Fins may also be used, but then you will be placed in a different prize category.

While there will be "elite" swimmers competing at top speeds, the race is really for FUN and designed for all who wish to swim at their own pace, simply for the joy of swimming in the pristine waters of Bonaire.

The registration fee for all local participants is NAf35 or US\$20. This includes the registration fee, a pasta dinner, T-shirt, swim cap and other goodies that you will find in a goody bag. For entry forms, drop by the BONHATA office next to the lighthouse at the Harbour Village Marina and talk to Diana Sint Jago. Remember – this need not be a competition! Join in and have some fun in this 5th annual swim event! □

*Press Release*

# THE FATAL MATING RITUAL



*Parachute feeding octopus*

I have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. As a youngster I destroyed more than my share of household items by disassembly and examination. When I observe or experience something unfamiliar, my first reaction is: Why is that happening or, what is going on?

The sea captured me long ago. I have been exploring and uncovering its mysteries for more years than I care to remember. Living on Bonaire has given me a chance to satisfy these dual obsessions on a daily basis. As we prepare for our late-night entrance into the black water, I gaze at the millions of stars in the vast mid-night blue sky and wonder what great secrets are yet to be discovered in our natural universe. Tonight, our target subjects for inspection are the sleeping parrot fishes, wrapped in their protective cocoons, safe and secure from the nocturnal roving predators beneath the calm sea.

## **The search begins**

The water feels cool and, as planned, we swim over the flat sand and descend to a depth of 30 feet (10 meters) on the first reef off the south coast. We probe in and around the rocks and crevices of the coral heads with our underwater lamps. The beam of my light catches a flash of color or move-

ment above us. I signal my partner and she follows me to the crest of the reef. Here there are many large overturned coral heads, the result of several storms in the recent past. They are wedged together in abnormal positions with the dead stumps more or less pointing toward the surface. The exposed outer edges of these massive formations reveal some brain corals and star corals clinging to life with their polyps extended in search of floating food particles.

Here, sitting in an upright motionless pose, we see a reddish-brown, undulating form with two large prominent eyes on top. We are delighted at our chance encounter with a fairly large Common Octopus that appears to be surveying the surrounding rocks. During our daytime dives in this area, we have seen numerous patches of broken and discarded shells around holes and rock piles in the sand flats, evidence of the deserted dens of these shy animals.

## **Habitat and feeding**

Octopi are found in all marine habitats of the world and are an important food source for human consumption. Bottom dwelling octopi are territorial individuals that live in holes in the sand flats and under rocks usually in the shallow area near shore. They can

crawl along the bottom using their arms and suckers. Octopus bites are painful, can be poisonous, and unless treated properly, will certainly result in a serious infection.

Most octopi are capable, unlike many animals and even man, of postponing immediate gratification. Instead of eating prey at the spot of capture or running home after each catch, most octopi out hunting crabs and shelled mollusks will collect several individuals, as many as five or six, before returning to its lair for a feast. Alert snorkelers and divers can spot the residence of an octopus because of its habit of eating crabs and clams at home in coral or rocky holes and tossing the shells out the front door, leaving a telltale pile of prior meals.

## **Behavior and scientific importance**

The Caribbean species normally reaches a maximum of 3 feet (1 m.) at maturity and has an average lifespan of only 15 months. Octopi have a well developed muscular body with a tough skin capable of considerable, instantaneous changes in shape, color and texture, which are an integral part of their behavior. Their ability to quickly change and adapt to the surroundings, as they travel over it, is made possible by many nerve endings stimulating

pigment-filled sacs and reflective cells located just under their skin. The 8 arms usually have 2 rows of suckers and are connected to the body by webs that aid in trapping prey in a behavior called "parachute feeding."

Rapid locomotion is achieved by drawing water into the mantle cavity and then expelling it, jet like, through the funnel. To confuse predators, they also have an ink gland that opens into the rectum and releases a cloud of black fluid as they speed away from a threat. I have observed the residue of the ink cloud transform into black, thread-like filaments that were eaten by small fish patrolling the water column.

Octopi are also important experimental animals in the field of biomedical research. Their highly developed brain and sensory organs give them a great capacity to learn and remember experiences, rendering them valuable in behavioral and comparative neuro-anatomical studies. They also possess the largest number of single nerve endings in the animal kingdom and are used extensively in neurophysiology.

## **The nocturnal encounter**

As we concentrate our lights on our disinterested subject, one of the arms starts to uncoil toward a nearby light colored rock. As it makes contact, we are startled by the sudden movement of the white form. Two eyes appear on the top. It is a slightly larger, fleshy body of a second octopus. We stare with excitement at the scene unfolding before our eyes. We have encountered a mat-

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ing pair of adult individuals, rarely observed in their natural environment! In the male Common Octopus, the third right arm has been specially adapted as a hollow tube, open at the tip, for transferring sperm packets to the larger female.

The mating we are observing on this occasion has the male perched tall and tense looking, high on a rock approximately 2 feet (0.6 m) away from his blob-like female partner. His color is a mottled and veined, dull red over a pale beige background. The texture can only

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An octopus is a master of camouflage

**Fatal Mating** (Continued from page 8)

be described as bumpy with many protrusions. The female's skin is wrinkled and white. The arm of the male uncoils and gently strokes the side of her mantle. Both participants appear to be firmly positioned and are unaffected by our close approach. The male proceeds to insert his arm into the opening of the female mantle cavity, alongside her siphon funnel. It is secured by its small suckers. She starts to blush and repetitively flash color patterns, similar to those of her mate.

We take all our photos and continue our close observation as long as our air supply will allow us to stay beside the nonchalant couple. Fertilization will take place within the female oviducts as the eggs are laid. She will lay as many as 150,000 eggs in great grape-like clusters and strands in her lair or under a rock. Baby octopi are miniatures of the adults, and from birth, have the ability to camouflage themselves by changing colors.

In the insect world, the deadly, female Black Widow spider and the leaf-like Praying Mantis devour their mates after copulation. Under the sea, the script for our octopus partners is somewhat different.

After mating, within a very short

time, the male will die. The female octopus will continue her devoted parental caretaking. She will use her siphon to continuously aerate the eggs with pumped water currents, lift, inspect and move the clusters with her tentacles, and zealously guard them for the 30 to 50-day incubation period. However, after her eggs are laid, the female will stop open water feeding. She will occasionally consume any unfertilized eggs, and finally die almost immediately after the hatching of her offspring!

Biologists attribute this fatal mating trait to a dramatic decrease in the production of digestive enzymes after spawning. Perhaps this phenomenon, upon further research, will lead to the "Ultimate Weight-Loss Diet" for humans! □ © Albert Bianculli

**Self Defense** (Continued from page 5)

training. He's not afraid to incorporate newly acquired knowledge. During an international workshop a couple of weeks ago in the Dominican Republic he got the latest theory and training from someone considered to be the best track and field trainer in the world. This new method proves to be at least 10% more effective than traditional methods. Albertina put this immediately into practice with us during our training at the waterfront promenade.

The link with the self defense class becomes clear after the first class. Albertina and Silberie clearly work as a team to complement each other for our maximum benefit. Albertina treats us at the end, just as Silberie, to some wise quotes, life experience stories or health advice. My skepticism at the beginning just burnt away with some of the fat during the exercises! □ Photos & story by Natalie A.C. Wanga

Next week: interviews with the instructors, in-depth explanations of different theories, techniques, philosophies.

Albert Bianculli has been visiting Bonaire since 1970 and now lives on Bonaire full time. See his show every Sunday night at Captain Don's Habitat Aquarius Conference Room beginning at 8:30 pm. All images are original, unretouched slides, shot on location and composed within the viewfinder.



**To join this health journey and learn self defense techniques, contact Top Health Manager Ms. Angélique Salsbach at 790-9450. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 pm. Please register before attending**

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

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

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# Antique Living Houses of Bonaire



## Dios Coe Nos (God With Us)

**T**his house is a beautiful example of a simple old building with a lot of character. It's located in Antriol at Kaya Dr. J. G. Hernades 22.

The house is owned by the Bernabela family who live on Aruba.

Mr. E.L. Balentien, known as Rieki, has been working in this shop for almost 30 years. He is 75 years old and drives twice every day between Antriol and Rincon where he lives.

Originally it was a "Romshop." According to Rieki a "romshop" is a place for "drinking rum, playing dominoes and then fighting!" It was a men's social place for the neighborhood.

Now it is more of a *toko* (store) - without the rum.

As you enter the toko you will step over "luck" because, in the doorway, lying on the ground, is a horseshoe, and of course doesn't that always bring good luck? □

Photo collage and story by  
Wilna Groenenboom



*This bi-monthly series is by artist-photographer Wilna Groenenboom who noticed that on Bonaire there are some simple old buildings —the unsung heroes of the unique architecture —with very attractive details. These are not ruins but buildings that are still in use.*

*At the rate that so many of our old buildings and houses are being torn down we felt some sort of photographic record should be made. Wilna will be capturing them in her photography.*

# Big Marshé in Rincon

## This Saturday, Nov. 5th

This Saturday, the Rincon Marshé (Market) in the center of town opens at 6 am for the early birds who enjoy the cool of the day. They will be serving local breakfasts with selections such as meat soup, cactus soup, corn pancakes, pumpkin pancakes, corn porridge, coffee tea, peanut flavored hot chocolate and more. Stands sell fresh fruits and vegetables, candles, arts and handicrafts, home made juices jewelry, local sweets and snacks. At lunchtime they fire up the grills and you can get ribs, chicken, fish accompanied by *funchi* or fries. Action goes until about 2 pm.



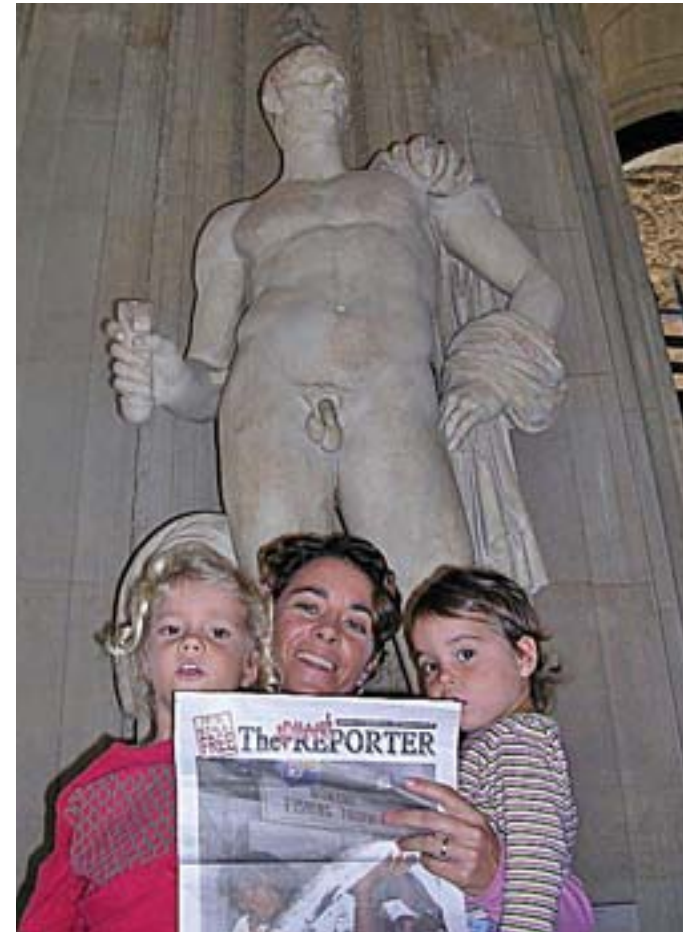
It began nearly six years ago as a once-a-month outdoor market, then progressed to one large and three weekly smaller markets monthly. The super successful Rincon Marshé began with the help of Rincon Uni and Rinfra, a Rincon women's club.

Enthusiasm by the organizers and stand operators was high from the beginning and has continued so until today. Improvements have been made along the way like new stands, programs with featured speakers and a shaded sitting area and furniture provided by RBTT bank, but the essence of the Marshé remains the same: a sharing of Rincon hospitality, foods, crafts and traditions. The stand holders are local entrepreneurs who produce local products. Their customers are local residents, tourists, divers, eco-visitors – all those who want to get a glimpse of the living anthropologic museum called the Rincon community.

A visit to the Rincon Marshé is a real Bonairean experience. Admire the town that actively strives to maintain its culture and traditions and appreciate the fact that they want to share it with the rest of the world.

Check out their website: [www.MarshediRincon.html](http://www.MarshediRincon.html). □ L.D.

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Yourself  
with The  
Reporter  
in  
The Louvre  
Paris, France



Bonaire's biologist Caren Eckrich didn't know if we would print this photo of her and her girls, Bonnie and Annabel because the statue behind them. Of course we would. The statue in the Louvre in Paris is seen by thousands of people every week. So why not *Reporter* readers?

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## MCB's History Book- A Labor of Love

Last Thursday, October 27 the Managing Director of Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) N.V., Evert Piar, presented Governor Herbert Domacassé a valuable historical reference book commissioned by the Bank. The book narrates the history of the Maduro Bank in Bonaire, including chapters about the island itself and the community of Bonaire. The book commemorates the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of MCB Bonaire's Hato Branch. The book covers the history and development of Maduro & Curiel's Bank (Bonaire) N.V. from its founding in 1962 until the present day. Editors and contributors include Henri Toré, Frans Booi and Bôî Antoin. Leonard Domacassé of MCB Bonaire was in charge of coordination. It's easy and informative to read and in both Papiamentu and English. For a copy, contact MCB at 715-5520. □ *Press release*



*Evert Piar presents the book "Our Friendly Bank" to Governor Herbert Domacassé*

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## Turtle Tracking Reports



“Jenni,” Bonaire’s female hawksbill mother, continues to move to the west. Her rate of travel is about 85 km per day and she is currently over 765 km from Klein Bonaire. □ Andy Uhr

## Another Turtle to be Tracked

Working into the early hours of Thursday, October 27, STCB staff members and volunteers released the fourth and last turtle that we will be tracking this nesting season. “Mariposita” returned to the sea at 2:45 am, after getting a satellite transmitter glued to her carapace. The turtle came ashore at No Name Beach, Klein Bonaire at approximately 9:15 pm the previous evening to lay her eggs.



Bonaire’s “Turtle Technician” Funchi Egbrechts, discovers that Mariposita has only one rear flipper. That was the reason she took twice as long as usual to dig her nest, said Funchi.

“Mariposita” is the smallest adult female STCB has observed nesting and the staff think she is quite young. She measured only 80 cm (straight carapace length) and her weight is estimated to be only 60 kg. Typically it takes anywhere from 15 to 30 years for a Hawksbill to reach maturity and they can live to be 60 years old or more.

Students from the local high school, SGB, submitted names for this turtle as part of the year-long STCB conservation education campaign initiated by the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA). The winning name was submitted by by freshman Angelina Maria Julia Rodriguez. “Mariposita” is Spanish for Little Butterfly, an absolutely perfect name for our tiny Hawksbill. Angelina will be presented with a STCB custom made tee shirt from Gia Productions. Mariposita’s transmitter is sponsored by the Rotterdam Zoo which also sponsored “Happy’s” transmitter.

Earlier, this season, the female Loggerhead Happy was tracked from her nesting beach at Klein Bonaire to her feeding area off the Vieques passage, over 730

km away. Male Hawksbill “Albert” is currently around Klein Bonaire and we expect him to leave any time. “Jenni,” another female Hawksbill, currently traveling in a northwesterly direction, is over 400 km away from Bonaire.

As this year’s turtle nesting season comes to an end, STCB will begin planning for next season. Potential sponsors for next year’s turtle tracking effort are invited to contact Mabel Nava (599 717 2225, 780 0433, stcb@bonairecturtles.org) for details.

STCB exists to ensure the protection and recovery of Bonaire’s sea turtle populations throughout their range. Founded in 1992, the STCB is a Bonaire-based, non-governmental and non-profit organization, part of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network.

□ Story & photo by Mabel Nava

## Ask the Dietitian

Kids: “Keep moving and eating healthy!”

The children at elementary school hear this a lot these days because of their project theme, “Eat healthy, Live healthy.”

Healthy eating and being physically active improves health and well-being and thus the quality of life. By living healthy you can prevent obesity and chronic diseases.

### Some Health Tips:

- **Start your day with breakfast.**

Breakfast fuels the body with energy and nutrients for good concentration during an active school day after a long night without food. A child may not make up the nutrients missed at breakfast, so do not skip it. And, it is a fact that having a healthy breakfast helps keep a healthy body weight.

- **Snack smart**

Think of snacks like mini meals for “in between” that help provide nutrients and food energy your child needs to grow, play and learn. Time snack time at least two hours before meals so your child will be hungry at meal time. Choose smart. Choose snacks that are low in fat and sugar. Smart snacks can be for instance: fruit, fruit shakes, cereal bar, whole wheat crackers filled with fruits, popcorn, low fat yoghurt, etc.

- **Balance your food choices.**

Don’t serve more than the quantity a child from 4-12 needs. When buying food and eating out think of kid’s portion sizes. So don’t buy extra large sizes of beverages, fries, etc. for a child with his very small stomach.

Avoid food choices high in fat and sugar. Make rules with your child for eating candy and fast food, which should be eaten only now and then.

- **Eat enough fruits and vegetables**

These foods gives you carbohydrates for energy, plus vitamins, minerals and fiber.

- **Choose whole-wheat products.**

Teach your child to eat more whole wheat bread, crackers, cereal and pasta. From these your child gets more fiber, iron and Vitamins B.

- **Encourage your child in physical activities**

A child should have at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day. Encourage activity choices that fit a child’s life style—playful ways for kid to move - jumping rope, bike riding,, dancing, roller skating. Get involved in active sports programs like swimming- sports that the child likes.

**So move it .....parents and kids!**

**Your body counts on you to be active to help strengthen your bones and heart and build muscles.**

### Tips to keep your child moving:

**SPEND LESS.....** time sitting around watching TV or using the computer. **TURN OFF THE TV FOR A DAY !**

**DO ENOUGH.....**strengthening activities to keep your muscles firm.

**DO MORE.....**more intense activities that warm you up and make you glow !

**DO PLENTY OF .....**fun activities like walking, wiggling, dancing, funny games, and more. □ A. S.



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



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# Ghouls' Night Out

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It was dark, it was scary, it was terrifying and a huge success!  
"It" was the fantastic Haunted House at Captain Don's Habitat last weekend for Halloween. Cars lined the road and parking was nearly non-existent as throngs descended upon Habitat to visit the touted "Bonaire's Original and Creepiest Haunted House." Nearly every teen from the SGB was there as well as their parents, tourists and friends. The place was rockin'! The ghouls and vampires who put the place together deserve a big bucket of blood for all their creative energy! And the weird thing is that they really seemed to enjoy scaring us out of our wits!

All the proceeds went to Special Olympics Bonaire. Tickets were only NAf5 but the attendance was so good that Special Olympics got boost for its many activities.

We loved it! □

*L.D./Photos by Marcel Nahr*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

### Late Show

Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

## Into The Blue (Paul Walker)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)

## The Cave

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### THIS WEEK

**Saturday, November 5—Rincon Marshé—Big Monthly Version** – outdoor market in Rincon, the soul of Bonaire. Criollo food, drinks, gifts, music, fruits & vegetables, plants, candles. Friendliest people. Opens at 6 am until 2 pm. (see page 11)

**Sunday, November 6** - The Divi Flamingo Resort will again hold their super-popular Caribbean Night with Tutti Frutti music group and The Ginies Dance Troupe. (see page 4)

### COMING UP

**Saturday, November 12—Girls Night Out** at Kontiki- 9 pm to midnight—Cocktail demo, tapas, more (page 4)

**Monday, November 14—Big Special Olympics Bonaire Fundraiser Concert** on board the Freewinds. Begins at 7 pm, \$10. Tickets at Croccantino.

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

**Saturday & Sunday, November 26, 27—Long Distance Walk**—29/44 km & 29/41 km. Comcabon 717-8629, 780-7225

### 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](http://www.infobonaire.com/rincon)  
**Saturday and Sunday—Mountain Bike Ride**— Everyone is welcome, no matter

what your skill level. It's free. Just bring a bike and your own water. Fitness trainer Miguel Angel Brito leads the pack. Telephone him at 785-0767 for more information.

**Saturday -Wine Tasting at AWC's warehouse,** 6 to 8 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Wine NAf2,50 a glass.

**Sunday** -Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar.** Open daily 5 to 10 pm. Live **Fla-Bingo**-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](http://www.BonaireTalk.com), and search for "Gibi."

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

**Friday- 5-7 pm Social Event at JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7.** Meet artist Janice Huckaby and Larry of Larry's Wildside Diving. New original paintings of Bonaire and diver stories of the East Coast every week

**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.

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### 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

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**Donkey Sanctuary** - 560-7607.

**Jong Bonaire (Youth Center)** - 717-4303.

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**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.

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

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**New Apostolic Church,** Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.  
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**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 Antrio, 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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| <b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b><br>Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort<br>717-5080, ext. 525                             | Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch<br>Dinner during Theme nights only.<br>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><br>Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46<br>(half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070                          | Moderate<br>Lunch and Dinner<br>Closed Sunday   | <b>Real French Cooking</b> in an informal setting<br>Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef<br>Owner-operated Eat in or Take away  |
| <b>Brasserie Bonaire</b><br>Royal Palm Galleries<br>Kaya Grandi 26, Next to Re/Max, 717-4321                                | Low- Moderate Lunch and Dinner<br>Open 11 am -2:30 pm 5:30-9 pm<br>Closed Saturday and Sunday | Lots of parking in big mall lot<br><b>Kitchen Open 11 am-2:30 pm, Dinner 5:30-9 pm</b><br>Breezy terrace with airco inside—Also serving big sandwiches at dinner   |
| <b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b><br>At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront<br>717-8285 | Moderate-Expensive<br>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner<br>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><br>Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025  | Moderate-Expensive<br>Dinner<br>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><br>EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar<br>717-7488  | Moderate<br>Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner<br>Open 7 days   | <b>Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof.</b> Cuban cuisine.<br>Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon.<br>Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.  |
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| <b>The Lost Penguin</b><br>Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk<br>Call 717-8003.                                    | Low-Moderate<br>Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm<br>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.  |
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# Born On Bonaire

## Marie Craane

“Our house was a happy home as my dad loves music. He would play the guitar and sing and lots of people were always visiting us. My dad was, and still is, the captain of the BOPEC tugboat. He’d meet many people from abroad, like from the yachts, and invite them for dinner, so the house was always full and very cozy.

I was born in 1974, in the hospital here on Bonaire, the second child of “Betty” Craane-Eybrecht, a girl from Nikiboko, and Johnny Craane from Playa Pabou, the grandson of Kachi Craane. I have one older brother, Jacques, and a sister who’s six years younger, Elizé. My childhood wasn’t an easy one; because of a traumatic experience many memories have been wiped out. I became rebellious, but I also developed a strong sense of justice, especially concerning children and women who are vulnerable.

I believe it’s very important who you meet in your life. I’ve met many wonderful people and I believe that because of them my life changed in a positive way. Because of them I grew stronger and I was able to develop myself and become who I am now. Mr. Lepelaar, the director of Reina Beatrix elementary school at the time, was one of them. Also, I always say I have had several ‘mothers’ - of course my own mom who is the most important one - but next to her there have been others.

When I was 13, my brother Jacques and I moved to Curaçao to live with a foster family and go to school. A year later Jacques moved in with an uncle and I went to live with a girlfriend and her parents, Franklin Crestian and his wife. He was the Minister of Education, and he and his wife played a very important role in my teenage development. Another lady who has given me so much love and who has been of great importance to me is Daniella Bernabela. The beauty of it is that I think she doesn’t even know how great her influence has been on my life!

Although I was living with the Crestian family in Curaçao, I’d pack up my bags and leave for Bonaire the moment I had vacation, and immediately I’d go to the sea! I am a real sea woman! I remember my first sailing experience. My brother had told me I wasn’t allowed to sail because I was a girl. When I was about 12 he had a Sunfish on a buoy in the harbor in front of Daniella’s house. After he left, I got on the boat with Valeska, Daniella’s youngest daughter, and we took off. Further and further the Sunfish drifted away from the shore, and when we saw dolphins Valeska started to cry because we were so far out. But a

friend of my dad, Cliff, had been watching us all the time, and when he thought it had been long enough he came with the dinghy with Ethienne Soliano who was on a surfboard. They gave me instructions on how to sail back. That’s how I learned sailing and after that I went as often as I could!

Vacation on Bonaire meant freedom and happiness. In the daytime I went fishing and when I was 16 I started working at Croccantino in the evenings. After work I’d go partying at Karel’s. My parents didn’t approve and wondered where this lifestyle was leading to! But when I finished HAVO I went to study in Groningen, Holland, to become a speech therapist.

Both my parents always told us how important education was in life. Especially my mom made it very clear to me that a woman should always be independent and capable of taking care of herself. So, when I was 17 I left. I’d never been in Holland. I finished my schooling in four years. It was the greatest time! Groningen is a wonderful university city and I partied a lot! But I’d be

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homesick too. Sometimes I’d feel like a little girl, very lonely, especially during the first three years. But my teachers were very supportive.

However, after you’ve lived somewhere for a certain length of time you get to know the people and the culture and slowly you yourself become part of it. It has enriched my life. As a child on Bonaire I had been super free, unlimited, impulsive and very emotional. Because of living in Holland I became more rational. There was a time when I went too far in that, and I found that that wasn’t right either. It’s an ongoing process; I’m still trying to find a balance between emotion and rationale.”

*Marie Craane (31) is sincere and thoughtful. Her looks are deceiving because she looks extremely young, but she’s somebody who doesn’t take life so lightly. She’s a searcher, deeply involved in her work and in her role as a mother.*

“I met Franklin ‘Paco’ Veeris at



HAVO in Curaçao. I liked him, but he didn’t think I was very interesting. But just before I left for Holland in July ’91, we’d gotten into a relationship. I went and he stayed to study Advanced Technology at the UNA (University of Netherlands Antilles). About a year later I told him, ‘Either you come my way or we’re through!’ *She laughs:* “You know, you’re young and there is too much temptation! So, he came to Groningen.

When I was 21 and graduated I felt I was too young to return to Bonaire. I wanted to study more. I studied ‘linguistics’ for one year. It was too abstract for me so I studied ‘applied linguistics.’ That was very interesting. As a child I’d learned to read in Dutch and I didn’t like it because I didn’t understand it well enough. I thought it was a pity that I didn’t have the chance to learn to read in Papiamentu because it would have given me so much more pleasure and it also would have stimulated me more in my development. The study gave me proof that I was right, and that has been very important to me. During my second study I was already working as a speech therapist in a rehabilitation center and it was a very good opportunity for more experience.

In 2000 Paco and I got married in Holland and Bonaire because we felt connected to both places. In 2001, our daughter B’lana was born in Groningen. I was working, studying and I had a baby, but luckily my sister Elizé was also living in Groningen and she became B’lana’s second mom. When B’lana was a year and a half she became very ill and had to be hospitalized. I was so scared; in a way that was the turning point. I felt, I want to go home. It was funny because Groningen was also my home. Then Paco got a job on Bonaire and I thought, I’ll find a job, it’s going to be okay... but NO!

After Christmas 2002 we came back and two months later I still didn’t have a

job. After a very stressful life in Holland I was sitting at home doing ‘nothing.’ I didn’t like it at all, so I started my own practice in March. I’m working with BZV clients and private patients - adults and children with all kinds of problems: development problems, voice problems, stroke patients from the hospital, people who stutter and some who are deaf. My practice is doing well, and if BZV would pay me on time it would be easier! They want quality care and that costs money! I also have to take my courses, go to workshops and keep up my instruction material. I’m also involved in several small projects like ‘I like to read,’ a reading stimulation project from SEBIKI, which I’m doing with my colleague, Roxiana Goeloe.

In August 2003 our son Yuma was born on Bonaire. I feel it has been a very good decision to come back and I’m satisfied. I feel I made the right choice for me and my family. I do miss Groningen and the friends I have there, but in the meantime I’ve made friends here too, and for me that has been very important because I want to share.

At this moment I am an independent, but sweet woman who has faith in herself, and most of the time I am positive. Of all the things I am, I am a mom first of all - a mother who wants to give a child structure, love and quality attention. For me that’s the way to raise a child. I am a born mother and even if I didn’t have children of my own, I’d always have children because other children are my children too. I believe this is my essence. And as for goals in life, this is my overall goal, and my personal goal I will tell you sometime when I am old and have reached it...” □

*Story & Photo by Greta Kooistra*



## Pet of the Week

Did you know that the dog actor, "Sandy," in "Annie" was found in an animal shelter? And Sandy wasn't the only one who was "discovered" and put into the movies. The "Our Gang" dog was too.

We think "Cheryl," our featured pet, looks like she could find a starring role too, maybe not in films or on the stage but in a home where the people appreciate a real character dog. Just see her funny, fuzzy face and woe-begone expression! She's definitely playing a role!

Cheryl was in heat when she wandered into someone's yard, and chances are that she was already pregnant. She was brought into the Shelter where she has private accommodations until her heat is over. Then she'll be sterilized so she can get on with her life and not be burdened with unwanted puppies. Already she's been examined by the vet, dewormed and vaccinated. Cheryl is a medium sized dog, only about eight months old and she's eager to please. You may see her at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

Are you a pet lover and have a little extra time? Consider volunteering at the Shelter, helping to keep the pets "socialized." You may pick your own hours. It's one of the most satisfying jobs you'll ever have, and you will be very much appreciated by the dog and cat residents! Call Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema at 717 -



"Cheryl"



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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Gabrielle Nahr

Her way of being and her natural charm, makes her one of the most popular coaches in the Special Olympics Bonaire Organization.

Training with her pupils, brings out the kid in Gabrielle and that is one of the things the athletes love most about her.

Gabrielle is a Bowling coach and loves doing it because she believes that bowling is a sport that brings people of all ages and abilities together.

Besides bowling, she also enjoys reading and gardening. And if it is ever possible to see her upset, that would probably be when her dog has been naughty and has dug up her garden.

Gabrielle is an inspiration to us, because she is able to enter the world of especially the young athletes and understands them, but also be the responsible and reliable coach.

Keep up the good work Gaby!

Athletes oath:

**"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt".**

### Become a volunteer today!

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# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

**Mars Still at its  
Brightest;  
Mercury, Venus  
and the Moon; and  
Saturn Rises Be-  
fore Midnight**

In case you've been wondering what that bright red-gold object is in the night sky just after sunset in the east, it's **Mars**, still at its closest and brightest until 2018. And if that's not enough, also in early evening you can see the two planets closest to the **Sun - Mercury and Venus** - which the **Moon**

visits this week. Plus right around midnight when Mars reaches its highest point almost overhead, the ringed planet **Saturn** will have risen just above the horizon.

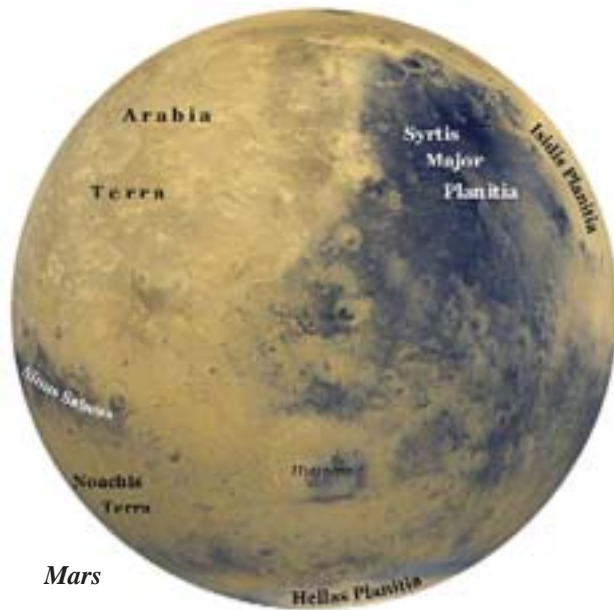
This Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 40 minutes after sunset the brightest thing you'll see in the night sky is beautiful Venus, and parked right next to it will be an exquisite crescent Moon complete with Earthshine -which will look like a dark full Moon nestled within the crescent. Don't miss this because it is the kind of naked eye celestial sight that has made people ooh and aah for thousands of years.

Next if you've got a really flat horizon, look just above it down to Venus' right and you'll see the first planet out from the Sun, the tiny pink planet Mercury, always difficult to see because it never gets very high above the horizon. But give it your best shot anyway. Then if you turn around and face east an hour after sunset, super brilliant Mars shining an incredible ruby-gold will have just risen and will travel across the night sky all night long, which planets always do when they are at **opposition**.

You see Mars officially comes into opposition on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, which simply means that it is directly opposite the Sun. So common deduction would tell you that if it's directly opposite the Sun that we'll be able to see Mars in the sky all the hours that the Sun is not in the sky. This means that it will rise in the east as the Sun sets in the west, travel across the sky all night long, reach its highest point around midnight and slowly descend the southwestern sky until it sets in the west at dawn as the Sun rises in the east. And if you have a small telescope and use a high powered eyepiece you'll notice that Mars' south polar ice cap is tilted towards us but that it will appear very small because it is late summer in Mars' southern hemisphere. The most prominent dark marking you'll see on Mars is called **Syrtis Major**. It looks like a broad triangle, and up close with our robot space craft we see that it is actually a huge plateau on Mars. Amateur astro photographers have been photographing Mars as it's been approaching for the last several months. And some of the pictures will absolutely knock your socks off.

But if Mars isn't enough for you, another planet will have just risen in the east when Mars is overhead at midnight - my favorite planet of them all - ringed Saturn. And even the cheapest department store telescope will show you its rings. Wow! What a way to begin November: Venus and the Moon and Mercury, Mars up all night and Saturn reappearing before midnight. Double wow! □

Jack Horkheimer



Mars



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: **October 29– November 4, 2005**  
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Your tendency to overreact could get you into trouble. You may have a rather hectic day due to events that children are involved in. You will find good buys and you will lift your spirits. You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Get into some activities that will help you in making new friends. Travel will be exciting. Residential moves should be considered carefully. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts. You will not be able to contain your emotions this week. Your emotions may get the better of you. Don't ignore any emotional issues that could be causing problems. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional integrity. Try not to overspend on friends or family. Do things that involve children. Put your energy into your work or moneymaking ventures rather than into your emotional life this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You may be in love this week, but who knows what tomorrow may bring. You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying. Chances are you could get stuck with a colleague's job unexpectedly. Try to include the one you love in your plans this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can get the attention of important individuals, but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. Now is the time for completing hobbies. Art investment will pay big dividends in the long term. You can make some money if you get involved in a conservative financial prospect that is presented to you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You could meet an interesting individual you'll want to get to know better. You can make money if you concentrate on producing services or goods that will make domestic chores easier. You will find their philosophies worth exploring. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) If you're uncertain of your feelings, keep your opinions to yourself. Make sure any presentation you have is ready. You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones. You may have difficulties with someone who lives with you. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Loved ones may be annoyed if they feel restricted. Minor fevers or infections will develop if you're over-stressed. Do what you can but don't jeopardize your health trying to please everyone. You can easily wrap up overdue personal legal matters that have caused problems for you. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) New relationships could evolve through group activities. Too much work and no play will not only result in fatigue and frustration but also loneliness, too. Avoid confrontations with colleagues. False information is likely if you listen to idle chatter or gossip. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will be extremely sensual; take precautions and don't take any risks. Be prepared for an active but rewarding time. You will be on the rampage this week. Opportunities will unfold; however, you must be willing to pay the price. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't let them blame you. Get involved in jobs that require creative input. You can win points with both peers and superiors. Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday. □