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# Flotsam and Jetsam

**T**he Dutch government said it plans to deploy armed air marshals on planes to guard against terrorist attacks, the Ministry of Justice said last Thursday. The air marshals will be on flights for which no specific risks apply, it said in a statement, adding it had carried out a six-month trial. No information will be given as to which flights will have marshals on board.



► The organizers of the **weekly Saturday Florida-Bonaire non-stop charter flights report that they expect to start flying on January 21, 2006.** The round trip cost will remain at a low \$549, plus taxes. Originally targeted to begin in November the flights have been delayed due to some snafus, including Hurricane Wilma, which caused a lot of damage to Ft. Lauderdale airport, their airport of choice. Now they're waiting for an okay from the FAA to determine whether they will be using Miami or Ft. Lauderdale Airport. Once the company, called Bon-USA, is up and running customers should be able to book via an 800 number, on their website or with Bonaire Travel and Vacations. The plane they'll be flying is a Boeing 757 with 142 seats. *The Reporter* will continue to keep you informed.

► Beginning this month, Dutch Antilles Express (DAE), the parent of **BonairExpress, is going to fly four times weekly to Valencia (Venezuela) from Curaçao,** said director Floris van Pallandt last week. It will use ATR-42-aircraft that seats 46 to 48 passengers. "After we improved the reliability and punctuality of the company and we opened the reservation call center,

it is time to grow and introduce new international destinations," added van Pallandt. These regional flights will connect with DAE-flights to Bonaire and Aruba. The flight schedule and fares were to be announced this week. Three other airlines, Venezuelan operated, offer similar service between Bonaire and Curaçao to Venezuela.

► **The Island Council of Bonaire unanimously accepted the Outline Agreement between the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles last week.** The Agreement is the basis for the negotiations that will lead to a new political structure for the Dutch kingdom, targeted for mid 2007. The Council also approved the bilateral declaration of intent that Island Commissioner Reginald Dortalina signed. This declaration of intent aims for a direct relationship between the Netherlands and Bonaire. See story on pages 4 and 5 for more on the future direction of the structure of the Antilles and Bonaire.

► It shocked the world of Caribbean tourism, but last week **the Government of Anguilla placed a moratorium on any major foreign investment tourism-related projects** effective November 1 for the next 20 months. Critics considered that drastic or perhaps even anti-free enterprise, but the local government says it did so in keeping with its commitment to carefully manage the development of the economy to achieve long-term sustainability. Anguilla is considered a "high end" destination focusing on high income visitors who relish seclusion, tranquility and peace.

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► **Melissa Abdul, right (16, SGB High School), and Desiree Baaleman (10, Pe-**

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## San Francisco Hospital On The Critical List

**U**nless a fast injection of guilders is administered, Bonaire's only hospital is in danger of closing by the end of this month. Dr. Giovanni Frans, the head of the Mariadal Foundation which administers the hospital, says that NAf3.4 million is needed very soon.

The requirement for additional funds is old news. In 2001 the Central Government decided to lower the insurance compensation it pays health providers through the Social Services Bank (SVB) for medical care. The SVB is the medical insurance provider for most of the non-government workers in the Antilles.

Since then Island and Central Governments were advised by San Francisco Hospital officials that those payments were inadequate. In March and April of this year the Minister of Health, Joan Theodora-Brewster, was asked again to raise the payment schedule and that failure to do so would threaten the very survival of the hospital.

It's not a question of inefficiency. A benchmark study comparing Bonaire's hospital with small European hospitals confirmed its good performance. Dr. Frans said another study commissioned by the Mariadal Foundation showed that only 69% of patient costs were covered by SVB health insurance payments. The SVB says they want their own study. In the meantime



*Will the hospital doors stay open?*

there's a real possibility that the hospital will be unable to maintain the facilities or pay its workers.

The Island Government would like to help but has no funds, and Central Government tax reforms have hamstrung its taxing authority – for example OB sales taxes are paid to the Central Government in Curaçao and only a portion trickles back to Bonaire.

The issue came to a head this week because the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles is meeting in Bonaire instead of Curaçao. Mariadal officials have been meeting with them in the hopes that they can influence the Health Minister to take fast action and free up the necessary funds. But Minister Theodora-Brewster is abroad during this crisis period. In a meeting this

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likaan School) were each given \$200 awards for their entries into the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) essay competition. The winning essays, in the up to 12 and 13 to 16 year-old categories were about "What my island offers cruise ship passengers to motivate their return for a longer visit." Congratulations, young ladies, from the TCB and *The Bonaire Reporter*.

► Because Special Olympics Bonaire is funded solely from private donations, a



**Fundraiser Concert will be held this Monday, November 14, aboard the visiting cruise ship *Freewinds*.** It's become an annual event and is always a festive evening – dress up if you like - with music

by the *Freewinds* band and featured star, Bonaire's own "King of Mariachi," Julius Andre. Tickets are only \$10 and are available at Croccantino Restaurant or call 717-5025 or 785-0581

Two special events during the evening will be 1) the showing of a very inspiring 12-minute film clip of Special Olympics in Ireland in 2003 done by Digicel, and 2) an exhibition and sale of a number of antique original copper plated engraved maps. Among the collection are maps from Holland (years 1570-1603), the Holy Lands (1629), Venezuela (1671) and areas around the Caribbean. Special Olympics Bonaire will receive 20% from the sales of the maps.

► **In Bonaire Thanksgiving Day is called the *Dia di Grasia*.** It will be celebrated just before American Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 20 at St. Dominic's College, behind the church in Playa, 8 am to 5 pm, food and drinks, cost of entry: a hug. Before the event bring cast offs to donate (clothes, furniture, whatever) to Termo Tech, Kaya Korona 81. Tel. 717-4658



► **Cruise ship season has begun again** with last Monday's visit of the *Veendam*. During most of the cruise ships' visits there will be a "Market Place" crafts fair set up at Wilhelmina Park. Local artists and crafts people show their wares and it's a little treasure trove of gift ideas. To keep you informed as to when these markets

appear check out the "What's Happening" section every week in *The Reporter*.

► **Girls of all ages:** This Saturday night is "**Girls Night Out**" at **KonTiki**, organized by Sharon and Roosje of **Party & Zo**. There will be groovy tunes, cocktails and savory tapas – all wrapped up in a laid back ambiance. Come "as you are!" Multiple winner of "Caribbean Bartender of the Year," Liz Rijna will teach you how to make easy but great cocktails with ingredients at hand and not hard to find on Bonaire. From 9 pm to midnight. Cocktail demonstration begins at 9:30 pm sharp. Call Sharon at 786-5581 or Roosje at 786-7984 for tickets. NA/35.

► The Jong Bonaire models in the **Benetton** ad this week are **Rhoda Celestijn, Jomar Vlijt and Imka Thomas**. They're shown at Karel's Beach Bar. The Benet-

ton ad this week is on page 20.

► **Annette of Last Bite Bakery** informs us that **all orders for Thanksgiving should be in by Monday, November 14**, in order to ensure all goodies get included on the baking schedule. Fresh pecans for pies are here And try her pumpkin pie with pastry-nut coated crust. Last Bite Bakery ad is on page 15

► **Beware of the traffic changes along the waterfront during the days cruise ships are in port.** There will be barricades and one-way traffic in the areas immediately adjacent to the north and south piers. Only vehicles with special permits will be allowed to pick up ship passengers in the dock area. □ G./L. D.

### Bonaire's Budding Chefs

1. **Arriving back home, Jonathon Cicilia (left), pleased his family as he returns from Italy after a 1½ year work study program. His experience abroad working with master chefs has been invaluable to his life and professional career.**



2. **Bonaire SGB Hotel School students at their graduation ceremony at the completion of their "stage" program in Italy at the Nazareno Carpi school in the Emilia Romagna region. This four-week experience will be a lesson for life for these young people and will help them to make career decisions. The graduation ceremony was a gala event, and present was a delegation from the ABC islands as well as the Minister of Education for the Emilia Romagna region. President of Modena Providence, Mr. Emilio Sabattini, handed out the certificates to our young chefs.** Photos and Captions-Sara Matera





## Letter to the Editor



*Here you can see how VIPs parked when they couldn't find a legal parking place during the cruise ship market at Wilhelmina Plaza.*

Dear Editor:

The very first cruise ship market this year was held on Monday, the 7th of November. The stand holders taking part in the market had to pay NAf25 to sell their wares. Although it was protested, several very impolite VIPs just parked their cars right in the market square in front of the stands, so they could attend a meeting!

Since when is it allowed to park in Wilhelmina Plaza? Are these the people who should be an example to society? Where was our Zero Tolerance Police Team to enforce the laws?

*Participants of the Cruise Ship Market*

## The Future Direction of the Antilles

The "Round Table Conference," the first of a series of meetings to determine future political structure that each of the present Netherlands Antilles islands will have with Holland will be held in Curaçao beginning Saturday, November 26. It is the follow-up meeting to the seven-party "Outline Agreement" meeting held in Bonaire on October 21. If the process proceeds on schedule, the Netherlands Antilles and its Central Government and Parliament will cease to exist in July 2007.

The conference will be chaired by the head of the Kingdom Council of Ministers, Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende. The Dutch delegation will be led by Kingdom Relations Minister Alexander Pechtold. In addition to the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles Central Government (whose role is to act as a facilitator for the individual islands), the individual islands of Curaçao, St. Maarten, Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba and Aruba will also have delegations.

A release by the office of the Dutch Government in Willemstad, Curaçao, stated, "This conference is the official starting point for political change in the Kingdom. During this process public finance, economy, law enforcement and sound administration will come up for discussion."

### Background

Based on voter preferences on the five Antillean islands and political reality, negotiations will proceed to make Curaçao and Sint Maarten quasi-independent territories similar to Aruba; while Bonaire, Saba and Statia will strive for direct ties to Holland. It is interesting to note that the Wikipedia Internet Encyclopedia already lists this structure for the Dutch Realm.

The Outline Agreement and subsequent Round Table Conference(s) are an admission that the structure of the Antilles, put in place over 50 years ago, is not functioning as it was designed to. After decades of grappling with two layers of government, the one at the federal level dominated by Curaçao and the Island Governments, a majority on all islands in a first referendum more than 10 years ago chose to keep trying with some refinements.

Conditions continued to worsen to the point that beginning in 2000 a majority on all islands, except Statia, decided in a second referendum that they wanted out of the structure of the Antilles.

### The Outline Agreement

The Outline Agreement, the basis for the Roundtable meeting, states, among other things, that the process of constitutional restructuring will be in two phases, a design phase and an execution phase, on an island-by-island ba-

sis. Follow-up meetings will set target dates for each phase and define the expected result. The Outline Agreement contained a major concession by Holland, stated in the Principle of Cohesion, a European concept that provides for raising the standards of a new political associate to a minimum of 75% of the sponsor's standards. In theory, no matter what comes out of the negotiations, Bonaire should be better off, at least economically, than it is today.

The Outline Agreement also confirmed that the three smaller (at least in population) islands want an association different from the two larger islands. But it did not, despite informal bilateral agreements, say that Holland is committed to dealing with each island individually.

The "smaller islands" will aim for direct ties with Holland, which will mean giving up a measure of autonomy in exchange for more security, said a Dutch professor.

It burdens the Dutch to ensure that the islands aren't overrun by European Union citizens, not to mention its traditional source of low paid workers, the Caribbean Basin.

The option of Bonaire becoming an overseas county (a municipality *gemeente*) seemed remote last year, but that is currently the most probable path today. An indication of this is that discussions about choosing a type of European Union association have been shelved\*.

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### Negotiation Issues

Social benefits are shaping up to be a major discussion issue. Minister Pechtold put it in the forefront when, in a recent Radio Netherlands interview, he said that, for example, a Dutch level of financial assistance for the unemployed could not be applied to Bonaire, Saba and Statia, because such high "benefits" would attract people to those islands. "I expect half the Dominican Republic will want to live in Bonaire, and we can't have that," he reportedly said. The statement seemed peculiar, especially since Holland has traditionally welcomed less affluent foreign workers.

### Specific Social Benefits

Just what are some of those benefits that the minister alluded to? *The Reporter's* writing team, using the byline "The Chronicler," listed key elements before Bonaire held its Referendum (2003-2004). We'll make a quick review of the main Dutch social benefits and their funding:

#### Unemployment benefits (WW).

We will skip the technical details, which are many. Basically, the WW guarantees 70% of last earned labor income for one year, to a maximum of

five years (depending on employment's duration), all this capped with a maximum wage. After that, one reverts to the *bijstand* (see below).

So, it may be that the Bonairean WW would be linked to Bonairean labor income (and minimum income), not to the Dutch standard. But as to hiring and firing by employers, the same standards could apply as in Holland, and what that means in practice can be seen in St. Maarten/St. Martin. The French part has better unemployment benefits, but harsher employment and labor laws than the Dutch part.

As a result, most new jobs are offered on the Dutch part, and even though on the French part the unemployed may be better off, the net flow of job opportunities and investments goes to Dutch St. Maarten, not to St. Martin, and this shows in the flow of morning and evening traffic, the quality of the roads, etc.

#### Sickness Benefits (*ziektewet*)

After the latest round of pruning Holland's social laws, it is the employer who has to shoulder the first 12 months of his employee's sick leave. After a year, the State substitutes for the employer, but in practice it is only permanently disabled people who remain on sick leave, and they then auto-

matically revert to the WAO, the law for permanently handicapped or disabled people.

#### Disability to Work (WAO)

Holland's WAO has grown to the monstrous size of nearly a million disabled (compared to five million gainfully employed), and everything is being done to stem the tide, by reducing benefits, sharpening medical standards applied and repeated ability testing.

#### Bijstand (in the Antilles *Onderstand*)

This is a veritable jungle of criteria. It mainly benefits unmarried mothers and long-term jobless who do not qualify for the WAO. The monthly payments are higher than on the N.A., but again here, Dutch public opinion may turn fiercely against subsidizing what many European Dutch say are the "lazy Antilleans and their many by-sides." This may sound racist, but it is the plain truth regarding Dutch public opinion (the silent majority).

#### Elderly Support (AOW)

All Dutch people 65 and over benefit from the AOW, regardless of their other income. But, the AOW is paid proportionally according to labor history in Holland, and the payment of the (rather hefty) AOW premiums. For

every year employed between the age of 15 and 65, 2% of the final AOW has been secured. As Antilleans living here never paid AOW premium in Holland, their rights are nil, except when a very generous gesture would entitle them to. The Antilles recently raised the AOW payment, but only for "needy" pensioners, a paltry NAf100/month, not nearly near Dutch levels.

Getting the best deals for Bonaire and the two other smaller Antilles islands in this very complicated and politically fraught pattern is an uphill fight that will be negotiated between the first Round Table Conference and when islands and Holland all sign off on the new structure, hopefully before 2007. □ *Reporter Staff*

For more information you can contact The Representative of the Netherlands, Mr. A. Koerten, Tel. 09 434-3200

\*(Choosing LGO status (LGO is short for *Landen en Gebieden Overzee*—overseas Countries and Territory) or UPG status (the acronym for *Ultraperifere Gebieden*, Ultraperipheral Territories attached to but outside the geographical limits of the EU).

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# All About Antriol

Part II, continued from last week...

## The Religious Influence

Bonaire was always mostly Catholic as a result of the early visits by missionaries and the support of priests from Latin America. Cornelis Marten (1749-1852), called "Papa Cornes," did the pastoral work during the years when Bonaire had no permanent Catholic priest. As early as 1772-1780, Papa Cornes built a simple chapel of mud and sticks, the first religious building on Bonaire, in Antriol Pabou, and established a parish. He hung the church bell on a watapana tree that he rang at the start of church service. He taught people to pray and know about the life of Jesus, and he led the devotionals. Today there is a small, open-air place of worship at Antriol's Grotto of Lourdes, near the site of the original chapel and burial ground. His son, "Dr. Louis," was the doctor of Antriol.

When Nene Provence visited his mother in Venezuela in 1948, he attended a religious festival for the Virgin of Coromoto and was consumed with the idea of creating a similar church on Bonaire. Since Antriol already had a Catholic parish and the land for a church, Our Lady of Coromoto was built there in 1955. A stone from the little chapel of Papa Cornes was placed in its foundation. In 1968, Nene Provence dedicated a memorial to humanitarian, Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez of Venezuela, who was considered a saint by many. The site in Antriol was the first dedication to him in all the Netherlands Antilles.

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Adele Evertsz Winklaar

## 20th Century Life in Antriol

Adele Evertsz Winklaar, current president of the Antriol Sentro di Bario, grew

up in Antriol where her relatives were good friends of Papa Cornes. Her connection to Antriol is strong. She was born in the house that sits near the foundation of the old chapel. Between the ages of five and seven, Adele used to play near the graves, which were marked by mounds of large rocks. "When I was a child, the dairy farm of Martins Winklaar used to distribute milk to our neighborhood," Adele remembers. The barn where he stored his milk is still there. It was made in the old style with mud and branches. The milk delivery truck is gone, but his "fancy" car, the one Adele remembers him driving on the weekends, rests peacefully near the barn. The "community center" was either the church or the scouting center; there was no separate sentro di bario building in those days. Many girls joined the Filomena Club, or A.M.G. (Antilliaanse Meisje Gilde), a type of scouting club that met at Villa Rosa, previously used as the slaughter house for the plantations and now a private home. The boys also had a scouting club that took hikes to learn the names of Bonaire's plants and animals and how to cook over a campfire.

There had been a movie theater in Antriol, but when Adele was a child the movies were held outdoors near the Antriol police station. "I remember how excited I was walking up the small hill from my house to watch Charlie Chaplin or The Three Stooges," Adele reminisced, "but it was a different story when it was time to walk up the steps to the office next to the police station. That was the 'baby clinic' and it meant getting a needle!"

During the 1990s it was easier to involve families in the activities of the Sentro di Bario, according to Adele. The community had a multi-functional ball field for volleyball, basketball, mini-football and tennis where the kids played from 4 to 7 pm. The adults enjoyed football, aerobic exercises, and dances – all activities offered by the Antriol Sentro di Bario - as well as birthday and anniversary parties.

Currently, the Sentro di Bario building is rented out for church services, workshops and meetings, but more rentals are needed to pay the bills. On October 29, Calixto Coffie represented the bario of Antriol in Aruba at the music festival, *Kantantenan Pa Festival di Mariachi*. The Sentro di Bario raised funds for his



Memorial to saint-like humanitarian, Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez

ticket by doing a car wash. Next year the festival will be held in Bonaire, and each *bario* will help feed and house the other island representatives.

Adele would like to get the children interested in playing sports at the ball field again. Once the tennis courts are marked off, there is a volunteer to instruct the children as well as a volunteer coach for mini-football. A weekly schedule for sports, including indoor activities like ping-pong, dominoes, and cards will be made when the community center acquires new equipment.

Because Antriol is a large community, not all of the neighbors know each other. In 1974 Antriol was the largest of all the townships with 2,276 inhabitants while Kralendijk only had 1,250! Antriol even had two different soccer teams who competed against each other. People from other countries, Columbia, Peru, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic, are part of the Antriol scene. "If we are going to care about each other and watch out for each other, then we must first get to know each other," insists Adele, "and we do that by meeting together for activities at the Sentro di Bario. If we can meet the needs of the parents, then we will also help the children." In addition to restarting youth activities at the community center, Adele would like to hold neighborhood seminars on health concerns and teach 'survival skills' to children. "They should learn how to make food for themselves when there isn't much in the house - perhaps make a *funchi* or a pancake. They need to know it's not always necessary to buy the easy-to-prepare but expensive food from the grocery stores," explains Mrs. Winklaar. □ *Stories and photos by Barbara Mason Bianculli*

A special "thanks" goes to Boi Antoin and Adele Evertsz Winklaar for sharing their knowledge of Bonaire's history, to Jiri Lausman for his translations of Papiamentu, and to Albert for his faithful editing.

*San Francisco Hospital (Contin. from page 2)* past Monday the Mariadal Board, the Bonaire Family Doctor Association and Bonaire Island Commissioner for Health, James Kroon, met with representatives of the Parliament to brief them on the situation. They found them most sympathetic to the hospital's crisis.

The hospital's problem is symptomatic of the inadequacy of the present system of Antillean governance. When voters chose to change the political system in a series of referenda over the past years they indicated their awareness of issues like this.

Fundashon Mariadal said it is flexible in any reasonable approach to keeping the hospital open. They believe that is critically important to have an on-island hospital for locals and tourists alike. □ *G.D*

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Glenn assisting Geruliane Booi with sit ups together with her sister Margylene.

**PART II**

**A**s a continuation from last week's article on Self Defense, author Natalie Wanga interviews Glenn Albertina (G.A.) and Peter Silberie (P.S.)

Natalie: Why do we take our pulse at the beginning and at the end of training?

**G.A.:** There are three reasons. First I want you to learn how your body reacts to the volume (quantity) and intensity (quality) of each session. For example if after a class you notice that your pulse is higher than normal, then you need more training. Or it simply tells you that you had a very busy day at the office (stress). A person who's overweight has a higher pulse rate; the heart needs to pump more and to get oxygen through the whole body. But a slender person can also have a high pulse. Secondly, I want to check as a trainer whether your condition is improving, staying stable etc. And finally, I'm able to deduce from your heart rhythm that everything is okay. If I notice a strange rhythm I can advise you to contact your physician or specialist.

Natalie: What's the average pulse for an adult?

**G.A.:** Normally between 60 and 80, but it could vary. Even a child can have a high pulse. Athletes at their top condition have around 40 at rest. The use of medication has also an influence.

Natalie: What's your sports objective?

**G.A.:** I started as basic trainer for athletes. In Holland I continued with more advanced training. Back on Curaçao I obtained my degree as pedagogical psychological health trainer at the University of the Netherlands Antilles. Besides the theoretical part I had to complete 102 hours of practice with 4 mentors.

Natalie: What's your connection with NACACTFCA?

**G.A.:** NACACTFCA stands for North Atlantic Central America Tracking Field Coaching Association. It was initially meant for trainers/coaches of level 3. But later on we started admitting level 1 coaches as well. It includes the Caribbean, but not South America. Once a year we organize workshops and conferences. Last year we had these on Bonaire. You can see that on our website. The athletes were so impressed with Bonaire that some decided to stay another two weeks. And some even returned! I'm glad that through certain sports events organized on Bonaire, visitors can experience how *dushi* Bonaire is.

Natalie: What's the purpose of our training

at *Top Health*?

**G.A.:** First of all I praise *Top Health's* initiative. We on Bonaire have to become more aware of the fact that to live longer you have to work on your condition. That's a must. Let me share a secret: Some diseases which doctors had very pessimistic prospects about were altered positively with exercise. I'm the living example of that. That's why I encourage everyone to exercise.

Natalie: Why do you have us walk as our first warm up and then stretch? I've always experienced the other way around.

**G.A.:** There are several theories. In Europe for example they strongly believe in walking before everything. In Kenya they would laugh at you; they believe in stretching before anything. My advice: do what feels right for you. It's a personal choice. It depends on your condition, height, structure, type of muscles etc. For instance someone with short muscles needs to walk first before stretching.

Natalie: Why do you always stress stretching in the morning?

**G.A.:** Mr. Eijkenboom, my master at the institute in Apeldoorn (Holland) always used to say that stretching in the morning can prevent you from having stress at work. Besides, stretching prevents blood circulation disorders. You'll be able to think well as stretching helps widen your arteries.

Natalie: You always emphasize during the class, especially to us ladies, to walk straight.

**G.A.:** I've problems with seeing ladies, especially young ones, with their breasts hanging. I'm sure it's not because of the natural process but because they walk sloppily so the muscles become weak. Also, it's bad for the respiration. A straight back avoids a lot of diseases! So ladies: walk straight; it's easy, nice and you'll create a very feminine posture. *Masha dushi i bunita.*

Natalie: You'll also look slimmer.

**G.A.:** Indeed! And it helps you unconsciously to train your abdominal muscles.

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Natalie: Peter, the course, Self Defense: I thought I would be only kicking behinds!

**P.S.:** Self defense is different from what a lot of people think- only fighting or kicking people. There's a lot more that's beneficial. We can divide self defense into verbal and non-verbal, physical and non-physical aspects and observation. Furthermore, self defense will make you aware of the situation you're in so you can take more advantage of it. The decision you take will be crucial and can even save your life.

Natalie: Can you give examples of that?

**P.S.:** Verbal is when someone tries to challenge you or make you angry with words. Non-verbal and non-physical is when a person threatens to touch you but actually doesn't. Physical is when a person really touches you. Finally, observation is when you are able to calculate the intentions of a person from a distance.

Natalie: Are there some parts of the course that trace back to martial arts?

**P.S.:** There are indeed! During the classes I concentrate on the philosophical part as well. It's a way of life. However, I include life experience too. For example I used to teach self defense in Holland to a group of women who had experiences with domestic violence. It was a big experience for me partly because you need a different approach.

Natalie: I heard you are famous for your black belts. Please elaborate.

**P.S.:** Growing up I practiced almost every sport. But the two sports that I really excelled in were soccer and martial arts. In those days it was difficult to practice martial arts, as Bonaire didn't have regular instructors. I've been practicing martial arts for over 30 years and also taught it in Holland. I've a third *Dang* for both Karate and Judo and a first *Dang* for Taekwondo. I also practice Kickboxing, Thai boxing and Aikido.

Natalie: I always considered them all as aggressive sports.

**P.S.:** In martial arts you learn a lot of perseverance, which you can apply in your daily life. You learn about meditation and philosophy. A good example is the saying: "A fight not fought is the winning one." There is a long history on how it originated; fighting is only a small part of it. Karate for instance has a lot of rules and values (e.g. the way they salute when entering). Martial arts will help you grow as a person and show you the other side of life! □ *Story & Photos by Natalie A.C. Wanga*



Margylene Booi 'blocking' her sister, Gurliane's fist.



**COVER STORY**

# Eco-Swim Success

The Annual Deep Blue Swim and Ocean Festival drew visitors from the Caribbean, the US and South America (20 from Venezuela, 10 from Bonaire, 1 from Colombia, the rest from North America). It was the fifth anniversary of the event and was even bigger than last year's. A rain squall delayed the start for 30 minutes but left behind perfect flat swimming conditions in comfortable (83 degree F.) water.

Eighty-six swimmers signed up with 24 competing in the long distance 10-kilometer event. The others were divided between the 5-kilometer swim and the 1,500-meter "metric mile" event. The races were open to men and women of all ages and abilities. Even swimmers with foot-fins were allowed but were in a different category. It's not only a race for internationally-known elite swimmers but a great fun event for all competitors. The events began at Captain Don's Habitat and the swimmers followed the shore as far as Plaza Resort



Action at the start of the races

↓ Photos of Bonaire's Swimmers →



Giada, Sherene, Marcel, Jamal

and then across to Klein Bonaire.

The senior male swimmer was Hal Weatherly, 71, from Montgomery, Alabama, US; the senior female was Virpi Scarborough, 59, from Nashville, Ten-

nessee, US. Bonaire fielded the youngest swimmers: Jamal Trenidad, 13, and Gaida Binelli, 14. □

Diana Sint Jago/G.D.



Marike, Erika, Amanda, Peter



Peter, Frank, Jamal (again), Mark

**The final results:**

**10 K Male:**

- 1st Place: Jimmy Wellborn (US) 50 yrs. time 2:03:20 (former Olympic swimmer)
- 2nd Place: Carlos Herrera (Ven) 24 yrs. time 2:12:26
- 3rd Place: Salvatore Cali (Ven) 27 yrs. time 2:16:42

**10 K Female:**

- 1st Place: Miriam Nowak ( US) 28 yrs. 2:03:31
- 2nd Place: Jane Scott (US) 42 yrs. 2:29:10
- 3rd Place: Michelle Sims (US) 36 yrs. 2:41:36

**5K Male no fins:**

- 1-Juan Chavez (Colombia) 38 yrs 1:00:40
- 2-Russ Frozier (US) 51 yrs. 1:08:56
- 3-Paul Pegan (US) 48 yrs. 1:16:47

**5K Female no fins:**

- 1-Carol Carr (US) 42 yrs. 1:06:14
- 2-Cheryl Ridall (US) 43 yrs. 1:10:02

3--Catharine Moore ( US) 44 yrs. 1:28:10

**5K Male Fins: (#'s 1 and 2 are father and son, # 3 was the youngest participant in the 5K)**

- 1-Mitch Greenberg US 42 yrs 1:20:20
- 2-Gene Greenberg US 70 yrs 1:32:42
- 3-Jamal Trenidad Bonaire 13 yrs 1:42:48

**5K female fins:**

- 1-Claire Secker US 50 yrs. 1:12:38
- 2-Brenda Walker US 50 yrs. 1:24:19
- 3-Michelle Matthieu US 42 yrs 1:24:19

**1 Mile Male no fins:**

- 1-Pieter Zweers Bonaire 48 yrs. 0:29:30
- 2-Doug Hellerson US 59 yrs: 0:30:06
- 3-Frank Bohm Bonaire 47 yrs 0:31:39

**1 Mile female no fins:**

- 1-Sheila Peters US 46 yrs 0:29:49
- 2-Susan Bartlett US 47 yrs. 0:34:45
- 3-Sandra Cathey US 56 yrs 0:35:51
- 4-Giada Binelli Bonaire 14 yrs 36:44 (Youngest participant in the 1 Mile)

□ Diana Sint Jago/G.D.



## Ruben Reports... on his European windsurfing tour



Ruben performs a "spock" maneuver in rough seas at Lanzarote.

### Ruben Petrisie reports:

"I want to share my European tour experience with the Bonairean people. I left Bonaire at end of May to compete in the Professional Windsurfing circuit and I am still there going strong. So far it's been full of action. I will keep you updated on the events. The next one will be in Tarifa, Spain. I just got back from the European Freestyle Tour finals in Croatia.

This year Bonaire has two riders in the top 16 in the European Freestyle Windsurfing Tour- Tonky Frans 9<sup>th</sup> and me, Ruben Petrisie, in 13<sup>th</sup>. I really wish more riders from Bonaire would join us.

Big thanks go to Jibe City Bonaire, Eden Beach Resort, RBTT Bank, my windsurfing friends Tonky, Taty, Jayson and Ronald; plus of course my family." □ Ruben Petrisie, November 2, 2005



Ruben Petrisie at rest

Photos by Femke van der Valk

## Turtle Tracking Reports

'Jenni', our female hawksbill, has turned to the north and is now 45 km east of the Serranilla Bank and 15 km south of Alice Shoal. 'Jenni' covered approximately 74 km in the preceding 24-hour period and is over 1270 km from Klein Bonaire. □ Andy Uhr, November 9, 2005



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

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

| DATE  | TIME  | HEIGHT | COEF |
|-------|-------|--------|------|
| 11-11 | 3:33  | 1.0FT. | 58   |
| 11-12 | 3:24  | 1.1FT. | 66   |
| 11-13 | 2:51  | 1.1FT. | 75   |
| 11-14 | 11:26 | 1.9FT. | 84   |
| 11-15 | 12:01 | 2.0FT. | 90   |
| 11-16 | 12:40 | 2.0FT. | 93   |
| 11-17 | 13:26 | 2.0FT. | 92   |
| 11-18 | 0:00  | 0.6FT. | 87   |
| 11-19 | 0:52  | 0.6FT. | 80   |
| 11-20 | 1:28  | 0.6FT. | 71   |

### Here's how I've done in the 2005 events:

|   |           |                       |                  |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Rhodos Prasonisi  | EFPT      | Greece                | 9th              |
| Paros Golden Beach  | EFPT      | Greece                | 9th              |
| Mykonos Kalafati beach  | EFPT      | Greece                | 9th              |
| Gran Canaria Pozo   | PWA       | Canary Islands        | 25th             |
| Lanzarote- Costa Teguisse   | PWA       | Canary Islands        | 19th             |
|   | PWA       | Freestyle Finals 2005 | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Belgium Twins Club Bredene  | EFPT      |                       | 9th              |
| Switzerland World Championships of Production Boards                    |           |                       |                  |
| Lake Sylvaplana   | EFPT/IFCA |                       | 9th              |
| Austria Weiden Clasics  | EFPT      |                       | 5th              |
| Croatia Hollow wind Euro Tour Finals                                    | EFPT      |                       | no wind          |
| EFPT Freestyle Final Ranking 1 <sup>st</sup> Year (missed three events) |           |                       | #13              |

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| Annka             | Jennifer          | Sho Fun Time            |
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| Bright Sea        | La Baronne        | Sirius                  |
| Camissa, Chan Is. | Lazzorone         | Spartivento             |
| Cape Kathryn      | Makai             | Sylvia K                |
| C'est la Vie      | Maggi             | Tatoosh, Cayman Islands |
| Destiny           | Noorhinder        | Ulu Ulu, USA            |
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| Elenoa            | Rachel V          | Water Musik             |
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| Flying Cloud, USA | Samba             | Wind Pony               |
| Freestyle         | Santa Maria       | Ya-T, BVI               |
| Galivanter        | Sandpiper, USA    | Yanti Paratzi           |
| Good Hope         | Seafari           | Zahi, Malta             |

## Picture Yourself with The Reporter



From her trip around the world our Curaçao correspondent, Els Kroon, sent us this photo of teacher Riny Roost- Gelissen and the 24 children in her class at the Basisschool Avonturijn who were being told about Bonaire. She also showed the four-year-olds where Bonaire is on the world map and gave a nice lecture about the island. □



# Glenn I Su Geng Wow Costa Rica



*In Costa Rica—just warming up!*

Glenn I Su Geng, one of Bonaire's best loved musical groups of "ambassadors," was invited to perform in Costa Rica recently. Says band member and publicist, Ludovico Nicolaas, "It was a great exposure for Bonaire! Our music was a revelation for them, and they were very enthusiastic!" Already they've played in Cuba, Venezuela, Curaçao and Aruba.

The band had a special invitation to participate in the "Diaspora African international music festival, an event to make people aware of the cultural diversity of the Caribbean and so many African roots in the music. Someone instrumental in putting the event together heard one of the band's CDs and invited them to come. They were joined by music groups from the Caribbean and the US.

They performed at the Country Day International School where they had the kids doing the Simidan dance, at a theatre, El Observatorio, and at the Elk Miridiano del Oeste. They appeared in the "biggest safari show" where African models were dressed as animals.

They were interviewed on national TV TelTica and on talk show radio. They had to explain where Bonaire is; no one had heard of it before. The group came prepared with copies of their two CDs (*Kunuku Bieu*, *Piská*) to give out. They made such a hit that they were invited back and the promoters want them to make a tour throughout the country. You can bet that the Costa Ricans know about Bonaire now!

Glenn Lugo and the gang got together back in 1997 – a bunch of non-



*Kids dancing the Bonaire Simidan*

professional musicians from North Saliña- to play just once for Dia di Boneiru. They sounded so good that they surprised themselves and people started encouraging them. A lot of their music is original, composed by Glenn, but, as Ludovico says, "we take the traditional music and dress it in a new coat!"

The 11-member Glenn I Su Geng play on Sundays at Lac or at Hollandse Patio. They do a lot of private parties too. Every year they give a benefit concert for the Kas di Sosiego (old folks home) and on December 30 they play in front of Bo Toko as a thank you to the people of North Saliña and Bonaire. Don't miss them!

They got support for their trip to Costa Rica from Prins Bernhard Fonds, AMFO, the Bonaire Government and many local businesses. Culture Commissioner Jonchi Dortalina accompanied the group on the trip. □ *L.D.*

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# DIVING with DEE


## Dee Scarr's Underwater Nature Quiz

Test your knowledge and understanding of the undersea world with this little quiz thought up by Dive Guide and naturalist Dee Scarr. (One or more answers may apply to each question.)

- Instead of being the usual black, white, and yellow, sometimes some sergeant-majors have an overall bluish tinge. This is because:
  - they are hunting
  - they are guarding their eggs
  - they are guarding their algae
  - they are really sad
- Bristleworms eat:
  - living coral
  - leftover snail parts in the shells around an octopus den
  - algae and sponges
  - just about everything except algae and sponges
- One thing that many sponges and stony corals have in common is:
  - photosynthesis-performing zooxanthellae in their tissues
  - the ability to reattach to a substrate from which they've been separated
  - sharp skeleton upon which their own tissues can be injured
  - they each have types that grow massively, and types that branch
- Stony corals:
  - can grow in hemispherical, plate-like, or branching colonies
  - have a flexible, smooth skeleton
  - have a rigid, sharp skeleton
  - are a favorite food of turtles
  - flourish in both fresh and salt water
- When disturbed, as by a diver, the scorpionfish's first line of defense is to:
  - bite the disturber
  - stab the disturber with its venomous dorsal spines
  - tickle the disturber
  - leave the area
  - get a drink of water and return to its resting spot
- The best clue that the spotted moray is a fish-eating moray is that:
  - it has a relatively long jaw
  - it has a relatively short jaw
  - it has two little lures on the tip of its "nose", just above its mouth
  - its black and white coloration is an indication that it, like the zebra, doesn't eat red meat
- Some sponges can:
  - kill people who eat them
  - kill shrimp who venture within their tubes, and eat them
  - kill stony corals they grow over
  - cause the hands of a diver who has touched them to itch, swell, and, ultimately, peel
  - provide housing for thousands of invertebrates
  - detach from the substrate and move to a more hospitable area
- A glass jar discarded onto a reef can:
  - poison creatures with chemicals that leach off the glass into seawater
  - smother coral it lands upon
  - provide a base for a stony coral head to begin growing upon
  - if upright, trap some animals forever
  - "give the little fishies a place to lay their eggs"
  - disintegrate in about 5 years
- Lettuce slugs:
  - are the favorite food of yellowtail snappers
  - are found exclusively on lettuce coral
  - get their bright red color from eating red encrusting sponges
  - aren't found in the Pacific
  - are easy to find on Bonaire once you know what to look for



Sergeant majors guarding eggs atop a mooring block

- Snake eels:
    - are really sea snakes, but the Chamber of Commerce won't let us call them by their correct name
    - are basically fish who look – and move – somewhat like snakes
    - have remarkably good eyesight
    - can bury themselves in a sand bottom, tailfirst
    - rarely swim far from the bottom
  - When a moray or sharptail eel is out hunting, which of the following creatures is likely to be part of the hunting party?
    - a foxfish
    - a houndfish
    - a bar jack
    - a coney
    - a trumpetfish
    - a sergeant-major
    - a queen angelfish
  - In which of the following places would you be **least** likely to find **an arrow crab**?
    - under a ledge
    - around an anemone
    - around an octopus den
    - around a longspined urchin
- 
- Which of the following animals can be found around or on gorgonian corals?
    - Filefish
    - Basketstars
    - goldentail morays
    - Seahorses
    - frogfish
    - snappers
  - A trumpetfish swimming along the top or side of a parrotfish, is:
    - chasing the parrotfish out of its (the trumpetfish's) territory
    - cleaning parasites from the body of the parrotfish
    - keeping an eye out for its prey while staying out of sight behind the parrotfish
    - taking advantage of the parrotfish's bow wave to swim more efficiently
    - protecting itself, since a predator would go for the succulent parrotfish before the skinny trumpetfish
  - You're cruising along a couple of feet above the reef, perfectly in control, and a negatively-buoyant diver basically falls on you, pushing you downward. What do you do?:
    - Swing around to face upwards. This puts your tank between you and the coral, and prevents you from being injured by contact with the coral.
    - Put on a burst of speed. This may prevent you from being pinned between the heavy diver and the coral; the negatively-buoyed diver hits the coral but you don't hit the coral (except maybe with a fin on that first kick).
    - Add air to your BCD to float both of you up.
    - look down, find a sand spot below you, and balance with your hands there while the other diver gets his or her act together and lifts off. If there's no sand spot available, balance with one or two fingers on a dead place on the reef.

Check your score. **ANSWERS on page 18.** □ *Quiz & Photos by Dee Scarr*

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## Bonaire Barracuda News

The Bonaire Barracuda Swim Team is planning to send a team of 15 swimmers between the ages of 7 and 14 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Curacao Open Meet at the *Sentro Deportivo Korsow* on 12 November. This meet is particularly significant for the Barracudas as it is the last chance for the veteran swimmers to qualify for the Antillean National Swimming Championship in December and it is good experience for all swimmers who will be vying for spots on the Bonaire team which will participate in the Scholastic Games between Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao to be held in Aruba in April, 2006.

Meanwhile the 2005 – 2006 swim season is in full swing. Bonaire Barracuda swimmer Samson Evertsz is shaping up as a top competitor. On 24 September he participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Curacao Open Swim Meet. Samson, swimming in the Boys 9 – 10 age category, improved his 50 meter backstroke time by more than 3 seconds finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in a field of 13. Samson finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 21 swimmers in 50 meter breaststroke swimming the event in 0:51.31, an “A” level time. Samson has swum “A” times, the fastest class recognized by the Netherlands Antilles Swimming Federation, in breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle and butterfly during competitions this year.

It was back to Curaçao on 22 October for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Curacao Open Swim Meet. Olivier Wagemakers finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of 24 swimmers in the Boys 10 and Under 100 meter freestyle. Olivier, who swims as an 8 year old, had the fifth fastest time in this meet for boys his age. His sister, Rooske



*The Sports Center pool in Curaçao*



**Samson Evertsz**

Wagemakers, Girls 9 – 10, finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 14 in 50 meter freestyle and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in 50 meter breaststroke. Samson Evertsz competing in the 200 meter Individual Medley was 6<sup>th</sup> out of 13 swimmers aged 9 - 10. Samson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50 meter freestyle improving

his personal best time by more than 2 seconds. □ *Photos & story by Valarie Stimpson*

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### COMING UP

Sunday, November 20 -**Dia di Gracia** (Thanksgiving) - St. Dominicus College 8 am to 5 pm, food and drinks, cost of entry: a hug. Bring cast offs to donate (clothes, furniture, whatever) to Termo Tech, Kaya Korona 81. Tel. 717-4658

Sunday, November 20 - **International Day of the Child**-SEBIKI sponsors activities at Jong Bonaire, 4 pm. At 6 pm a children's light parade from Jong Bonaire to Plaza Wilhelmina. Info at 717-2436.

22<sup>nd</sup> November to the 1<sup>st</sup> December - **Book Fair Ship Logos II** docks in Bonaire at the North Pier. The Book Fair is open to the public Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm and on Sunday and Monday from 2 pm to 10 pm. For more information about on board events and conferences, call 529-5895.

Thursday, November 24 - American Thanksgiving

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.  
Saturday, November 26- **Surinam Day Celebration**

### 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 hand-crafts, candles, incense, drinks and music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon  
Saturday—**Mountain Bike Ride**— Everyone is welcome, It's free. 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 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- 5-7 pm **Social Event at JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7**. Meet artist Janice Huckaby and Larry of Larry's Wild-side 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.

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.

Monday- **Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide Show** at Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30pm

### November Cruise Ship Schedule

| Day         | Date      | Ship Name           | Time      | Location | #PAX | Line                  |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------|------|-----------------------|
| Mon         | Nov.07    | <i>Veendam</i>      | 0930-1730 | S.Pier   | 1440 | Holland America       |
| Sun/<br>Tue | Nov.13/15 | <i>Freewinds</i>    | 0700-1230 | N.Pier   | 320  | Majestic Cruise Lines |
| Tue         | Nov.15    | <i>Sea Princess</i> | 1200-1900 | S.Pier   | 1950 | Princess Cruises      |
| Tue         | Nov.15    | <i>AidaVita</i>     | 1000-2000 | N.Pier   | 1260 | P&O Germany           |
| Sat         | Nov.19    | <i>Columbus</i>     | 0800-1400 | N.Pier   | 324  | Hapag Lloyd           |
| Fri         | Nov.25    | <i>Wind Star</i>    | 0800-2300 | N.Pier   | 150  | Holland America       |
| Tue         | Nov.29    | <i>AidaVita</i>     | 1300-2000 | S.Pier   | 1260 | P&O Germany           |

Call 717-8290 for info  
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 'Pirate House', above Restaurant Zeezicht. 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**. Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am. Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm**. Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006  
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Kaya Sabana #26 Sundays 8:30 - 11:30 am. Services in Papiamentu, Spanish and English.

**Catholic San Bernardus** in Kralendijk - Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304. **Saturday at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriol, in **English**. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.  
**Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios)**, Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm**. 717-2194

Send events to **The Bonaire Reporter**  
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Tel/Fax. 717-8988, Cel. 786-6518

# DINING GUIDE

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| RESTAURANT  | PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN   | FEATURES   |
|---|---|--|
| <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.  |
| <b>The Last Bite Bakery</b><br>Home Delivery or Take Out<br>717-3293  | Low-Moderate<br>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><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.  |
| <b>Pasa Bon Pizza</b><br>On Kaya Gob. Debrot<br>½ mile north of town center. 790-1111                                       | Low-Moderate<br>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.<br>Call ahead to eat-in or take out 790-1111   |

# SHOPPING GUIDE

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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

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

## BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS

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

## 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.

**Dive Friends Bonaire (Photo Tours Divers-Yellow Submarine)** -low prices - on the seaside at Kralendijk, at Caribbean Club, Caribbean Court and the Hamlet Oasis. Join their cleanup dives and BBQ.

**WannaDive** - They make diving fun while maintaining the highest professional standards. In town at City Café and at Eden Beach.

## 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

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

## Nature Exploration

**Outdoor Bonaire** for individually guided kayaking, hiking, biking, caving, rapeling/abseilen and more reservations : 791-6272 or 717-4555 E-mail : hans@outdoorbonaire.com

## 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.

**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.

## RETAIL

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

## SECURITY

**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.**

## SUPERMARKETS

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

## VACATION CLUB

Lower the cost of vacationing in Bonaire. Visit Perfect Holiday Solutions to discover how you can get discounts and more. Free gift for learning how.

## VILLAS

**Bonaire Oceanfront** villa for up to nine people: five kitchens, five bathrooms. Ideal for divers.

## WATER TAXI

**Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.** Ride the *Kantika di Amor* or *Skiffy*. Hotel pickup.

## 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*.  
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# On the Island Since...

1963, except for the last 25 years

## Kevin Stewart

“I am here to be with my dad (Capt. Don Stewart), that’s what the whole thing is about; a man has to spend some time with his father. It took me two years to sail here, so... it was a little bit slow.

My mother is Welsh and I was born in Wales in 1957, in a village with no hospital, at home, with a midwife. Don had to ask all the neighbors for heaters. My parents had gone to Wales to visit Don’s new in-laws and he ended up working in a rubber factory where they were making rubber boots or something... poor, poor man!

Then we went to live in Sausalito, just north of San Francisco, and when I was six, in 1963, we came to Bonaire. I think Bonaire was a little different then, but maybe I am a little melodramatic. However, yesterday I went to Don’s kunuku and it was the same. It smelt the same. It’s funny but every country has a different scent when you approach it from the sea. Costa Rica had this scent of perfume, like flowers, Bonaire smelt earthy, a little spicy. I came in at night, October 13<sup>th</sup> and looking through the binoculars I thought, oh, oh! Bonaire has gotten bigger! I’d left the island in 1980 when I was 23. I went to California to go to school, but I never did finish. I was just fooling around. I did something with glass blowing, but it was expensive to do.

In 1986 I moved to Hawaii, just to be free and easy, although Hawaii is expensive, not like here, but it is expensive. It was a place where you can do nothing very easily. If I wanted to be clean I’d work as a waiter in restaurants or do catering, and if I wanted to be dirty then I’d do boat work. If I wanted to be happy I’d do marine salvage, that’s a lot of happiness. I guess that’s what I got from Don. It’s hard, hard work in black water; you can’t see a thing; staying in the water for 10 to 15 hours because you have to finish the job. Mostly it was working with the government on contract. The sad thing is I am not a moneymaker. If somebody’s boat sank, I’d ask, Do you have money? No? I’ll do it anyway!

About 11 years ago I bought this boat in an auction. She’s 11.27 meters - 35 feet, a 45-year-old teakwood boat made in Hong Kong, a Robb 35. This is the most common size. If two people are standing inside, one of them has to sit down quickly as it is too crowded. I bought her for less than \$5,000. That’s the big joke; everybody says you need at least \$100,000, and that’s not true. What is true is that you get a lot of work!

Two years ago I left Hawaii. It took me a month to get to San Francisco, which is a long time to be alone.

Because I sail alone I am very conservative. Sometimes I wake up after a short sleep and think, I’d better take a look. I sleep a half hour at a time, but that’s still long enough to be run over by a big ship. It is nice to see a ship sometimes, as long as it’s far away. The best thing is when you see it going! What I do is I call up the big ships - they ignore you a lot - but sometimes they respond, and I ask them to send an email. I always say, ‘Hello Ma, the weather is nice, I am safe,’ even though there might be a hurricane! I always keep it short because I don’t want to inconvenience them.

You also spend a lot of time looking for stuff to look at, like a piece of Styrofoam; I think everybody does that. I fish, but sometimes when I get a tuna or something and it talks back and... I give it three wishes... I just don’t like to kill them.

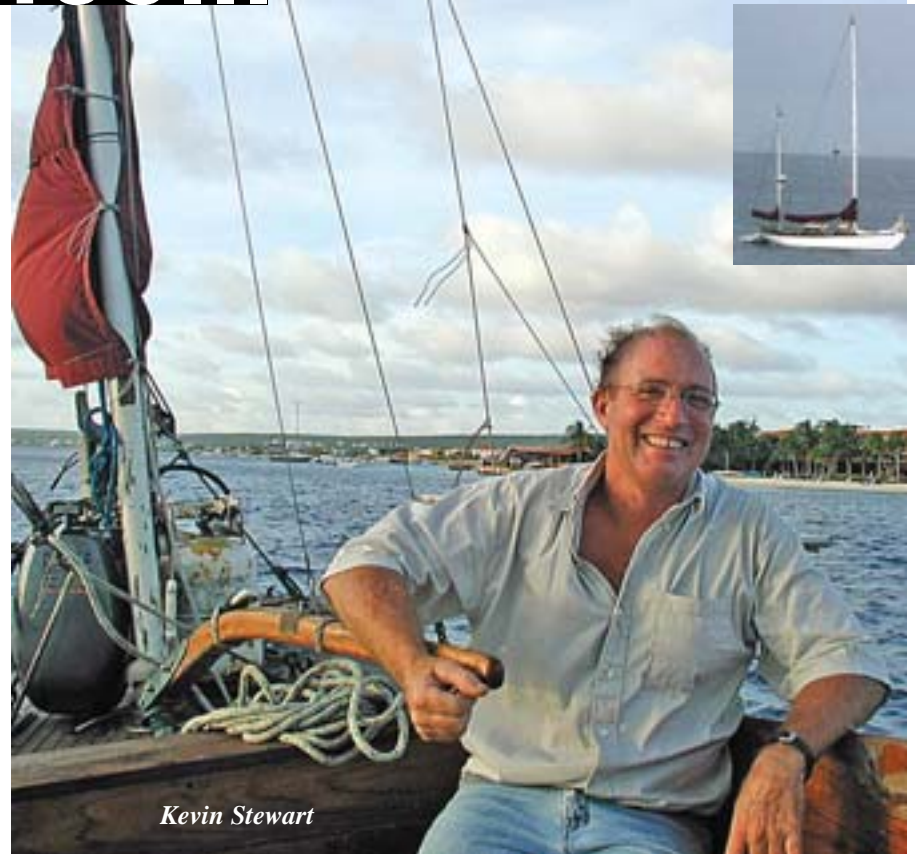
I’ve been in the water a lot, also working as a dive guide for Habitat in 1979, one year solidly, and when you look at all these fish, then you feel... let’s call it affection.”

“Every country has a different scent when you approach it from the sea. Costa Rica had this scent of perfume, like flowers, Bonaire smelt earthy, a little spicy.”

*Kevin Stewart is a very gentle person, an extraordinary man loaded with self-irony; he’s a great entertainer, but it’s his gentleness and his sense of humor that make him simply one of a kind.*

“Every once in awhile I am afraid - I wake up afraid. I don’t know if it’s physiological or that something bad happened. And there are the nights when there is no moon; it’s pitch black and you’re not sure where the horizon is; those are the nights all of us hate.

A day is like: I wake up every half hour, I have incredible vivid dreams. Subconsciously I listen to the wind generator and when it makes a lot of noise I wake up. I live a very Spartan life- no fridge, lots of cans, lots of noodles and little pizzas. I like to make them, but I’d be embarrassed to offer them to somebody else. I don’t think of anything at sea, food-wise. Sometimes I’m sorry when I run out of something like a can of anchovies and sometimes I wish I had a



Kevin Stewart

candy bar; that’s Don’s influence! I read a lot and I spend a lot of time looking at charts, wishing I was going just a little bit faster. The trip is nice too, but sometimes you want to reach the destination, mostly because of my parents, especially my mother.

I also do my own sewing - the flags, my clothes, the sails. I bought a hand sewing machine in Panama for \$45. What a boat needs is labor, not money. I have the varnish and I have the wood, so mostly it’s the labor. I change the sails a lot; I have three different ones in the front, then the main sail has two reefs too, so I’m working the combinations a lot. The whole thing about sailing is when you think, ‘uh oh, we’re out of control,’ is to make the sail smaller. I have GPS. I have a sextant, but I don’t know how to use it. I do have an EPIRB emergency radio beacon, but I don’t know if it is still working. Even though I’ve sailed thousands of miles, I always learn something new and when I talk to Don about it, he always knows something new. He’s Don. Once somebody gave him two diesel generators, all bits and pieces completely mixed up in five-gallon buckets. He fixed them! Where did he learn all that stuff!

No, there’s no competition, except of course I’ve sailed further and alone! It used to be there weren’t that many people sailing alone, but in Panama there were 16 boats single-handing and two of them were women!

When I lived in Hawaii I got jobs as crew, delivering boats, just two of us, from Borneo to Hawaii, from Hawaii to California. You sleep three hours, you work three hours, etc. When you come up, you make a lot of noise so the other

guy wakes up and he can pretend he’s been looking for ships the whole time. Maybe I like to be alone; it took me three weeks to sail here from Panama but if it’s with the wrong person...

I had my cat ‘Grey Cat’ for a good 10 years on the boat. When I got her she was a little bit wild, but when I was sick for 24 hours she stayed at my head. I thought, I have to buy tuna for her! She died exactly one year ago, the 31st of October. I still find her hairs. I leave the radio on at night and especially in Mexico they make noises on the radio. One night a man goes, ‘Meow, Meow,’ and I go, ‘Where’s the cat?’ I buried her at sea... Now you’ve made me sad...

What am I going to do now I am here? I’ve no idea how long I am allowed to stay. It just depends if I can find a way to support myself. Everything is so close; I could hop to another country, but I wouldn’t go back to Hawaii. I’m going to stay on this side; there’s too much to do and this is my opportunity. Don is always looking for a way to help the island, and in a way that’s always been on my mind too. But first I am going to walk around this whole island - one piece at the time. I want to see this place and I want to be able to look at every little thing and I’ll take Don out sailing, that’s what I want to do. I also thought,” he laughs, “that I was going to be a different person after finishing this trip, but I’m still the same knucklehead as I was before.”

□ Story & Photo by Greta Kooistra



# Pet of the Week

Perky little "Alison" was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter with her siblings and her mother. She was born on a kunuku, but unfortunately there were too many cats, so here she is at the Shelter, ready for adoption. The good news is that the other cats on the kunuku will be sterilized so there won't be "too many cats" any more!

Alison is about eight weeks old and is a very mellow little character. Even with flashes from the camera she kept her pose and looked into the camera lens as if to say, "It's worth it if I can become Pet of the Week and find a loving family to adopt me!" She seems to be a good mouser too. What a sweetie! As are all the other adoptees, Alison is "social" (happy to be with humans), has been examined by the vet, given her tests for feline leukemia, been wormed and had her shots. When she's old enough she'll be sterilized. All this is included in the adoption fee of NAf75.

A monumental job has been done by



"Alison"

the Shelter and donors and it's made a noticeable difference on the island. A Sterilization Fund account has been set up to accept donations that go only for cat and dog sterilizations. This fund goes towards assisting people who can't afford to have their pets neutered. Every guilder counts and if you can give, no matter what amount, it will go to a very good cause. Donate to "Sterilization Fund" MCB Bank, Account #10616410. □L.D.

## Answers to Dee Scarr's Underwater Nature Quiz (page 13)



- Sergeant major males take on a blue color when guarding their eggs.
  - just about everything except algae and sponges, including stony corals and gorgonians.
- photosynthesis-performing zooxanthellae in their tissues
  - they each have types that grow massively, and types that branch (sponges can reattach but corals can't; only corals have a sharp skeleton)
- can grow in hemispherical, platelike, or branching colonies
  - have a rigid, sharp skeleton
- leave the area. They extremely rarely use their venomous spines unless they're landed upon. They rarely tickle or bite...
  - it has a relatively long jaw.
- kill people who eat them – so never snack on sponges!
  - kill stony corals they grow over
  - cause the hands of a diver who has touched them to itch, swell, and, ultimately, peel.

On Bonaire the sponge most likely to have this effect is the Touch Me Not Sponge, *Neofibularia nolitangere*.

  - provide housing for thousands of invertebrates, mostly tiny worms and shrimp.
- smother coral it lands upon.
  - provide a base for a stony coral head to begin growing upon.
  - if upright, trap some animals forever, especially hermit crabs.
  - "give the little fishies a place to lay their eggs" – but the fishies will have no trouble finding other places if the jar's not there.
- aren't found in the Pacific.
  - are easy to find on Bonaire once you know how to look.
- are basically fish who look – and move – somewhat like snakes

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Eliane Rosario athlete

Isn't that just a beautiful smile?

For the people who know her, this is an everyday Eliane-smile. She is one of the happiest athletes we know.

Her Tuesdays she spends at the pool participating in the swimming program and on Saturdays she enjoys bowling.

Lately we've been considering starting a wrestling program though, because it seems that she enjoys that too! 😊

She is stylish, has flair, loves to cook and chat with her best friend Angelica who is also an athlete.

Eliane is an inspiration to us, because she is always happy and has a way to lighten up the day!

Keep on shining Eliane!

Athletes oath:

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

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- can bury themselves in the bottom tailfirst
  - rarely swim far from the bottom
- a bar jack
  - Coney
  - a trumpetfish.
- around an octopus den.
- Filefish
  - Basketstars
  - seahorses
  - Snappers
  - Frogfish and morays are unlikely around gorgonians.
- keeping an eye out for its prey while staying out of sight behind the parrotfish.
- The thing divers would hurt most seriously if they land on it is stony coral, so landing on your tank or slashing it with your fins aren't the best options. Instead,
    - Add air to your BCD to float both of you up.
    - look down, find a sand spot below you, and balance with your hands there while the other diver gets his or her act together and lifts off. If there's no sand spot available, balance with one or two fingers on a dead place on the reef. □

Dee Scarr conducts "Touch the Sea" dives. They will enhance your diving forever. Call 717-8529. See her slide show "Touch the Sea" at Capt. Don's Habitat, Mondays, 8:30 pm.







# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

"Mars, Still at its Brightest, is Joined by the Moon"

Earlier this week, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Mars was officially at **opposition** and is still almost at its brightest until 2018 and will be joined by an almost full **Moon** all night long on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

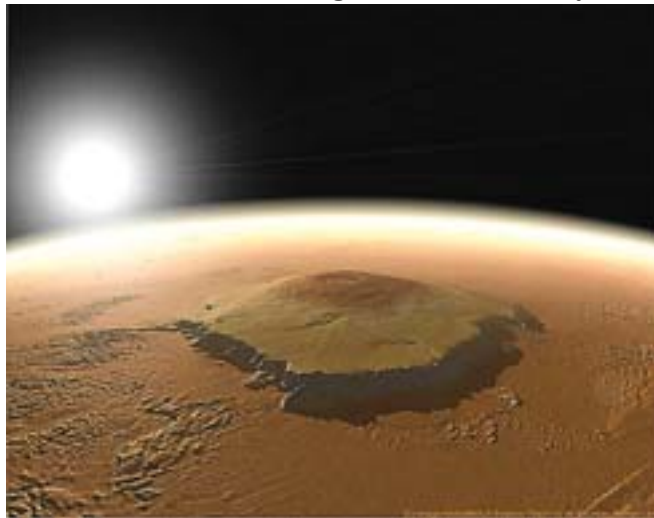
During this week and next, just after sunset, face east where you'll see incredibly bright,

rouge red-gold Mars hovering above the horizon. It is currently the third brightest thing in the night sky after the Moon and **Venus** and is so beautiful that any attempt to describe its subtle coloration is almost futile. It's simply one of those things which you have to see for yourself.

Some people see red-orange, some see brassy yellow, and others see rouge-gold. But what you'll see depends upon how you interpret color. So please, sometime during the next couple of weeks, go outside after sunset, look east and see for yourself. It was officially at opposition this week on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, although for all practical purposes it's almost at opposition for the next couple weeks. Opposition simply means that it is directly opposite the **Sun** as seen from **Earth**, so when the Sun sets in the west Mars rises in the east, travels across the sky all night long, reaches its highest point around midnight and sets in the west just as the Sun rises in the east, so you've got all night long to watch it. Plus next Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, a nearly full Moon rides across the sky with it all night long.

Now this super close opposition of Mars is a lot better than many because it rides very high up above the horizon during the night. This makes for very good telescopic viewing because the higher a planet is above the horizon the less interfering layers of Earth's atmosphere blur the image.

Now, just to review: 4,000-mile-wide Mars is just a little over half the size of our 8,000-mile-wide Earth, yet strangely it has more land area to explore than our Earth because our planet is covered over 70% by water. Like Earth Mars has ice caps, but they're different because they appear and disappear according to the season. Mars has super huge features that dwarf similar features on Earth. For instance, it has a grand canyon almost 3,000 miles long, so huge it would fit between New York and Los Angeles, compared to Earth's Grand Canyon which is only 277 miles long. It has three wonderful extinct volcanoes lined up in a row, which remind me of the three equally spaced stars in **Orion the Hunter's** belt. I call them the Three Sisters, and close by there's a humongous volcano which I call Big Brother, **Olympus Mons**, which is so huge it could cover the entire state of Georgia. It is 16 miles high, over two times higher than a 747 flies. And if you plopped it down where Atlanta is you could see the top of it from Miami. And please if you want to see super close ups, just Google to 'Mars Pictures' and you'll have a choice of many wonderful websites. So be dazzled by Mars and watch it ride across the sky with a super Moon. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



*Olympus Mons on Mars- a single volcano larger than the entire chain of Hawaiian Islands*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: November 5– 11, 2005  
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) This might not be a time for hasty decisions. Your ability to visualize will help you convince others of the possibilities. Get help to finish a project if you need it. Channel your energy wisely and you can score points with the boss. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Make alternate plans just in case you need to make a career shift. Your partner's a little jumpy. Put your energy into home renovations. Help children with important projects. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Put your efforts into physical fitness programs or competitive sports. You may want to get involved in financial investments presented to you. You can make financial gains through your unique and creative approach to business. You can get phenomenal returns if you present your ideas to those who can back your interests. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Help elders in your family. Get out and rub shoulders with people in high positions if possible. Your energy will be high. You are best to stick to yourself this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Look to a close friend for advice. Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. You should feel a little more stable about your position; however, don't be surprised if a job offer comes your way. Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Keep your cash in your pocket and offer them sound advice rather than your financial assistance. You will be drawn to individuals who can provide you with both intellectual conversation and physical passion. Look for professional guidance if it will help unite the family. You may want to clear the air where older relatives are concerned. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Misunderstandings at work could easily lead to your demise. Too much work and no play will not only result in fatigue and frustration but also loneliness, too. You need time to make things better. Be considerate and avoid being overly opinionated, or arguments will ensue. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Minor accidents could cause trauma and major setbacks. You may want to clear the air where older relatives are concerned. You can get phenomenal returns if you present your ideas to those who can back your interests. Opportunities for travel and socializing are evident. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Mingle with individuals who are established and can give you some serious insight into business and future trends. Travel will promote new romantic connections. You can elaborate on your creative ideas and get involved in groups that relate to the arts. Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about romance. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't make financial contributions in order to impress others. You may find that you're being used. Social activities or travel should be in your plans. Invite friends or relatives into your home. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Health problems may prevail if you don't take care of them immediately. Use discretion, especially if involved with someone from work. Your mate will be pushing you to do things that you really don't want to do. Confusion at an emotional level will cause you to make wrong decisions concerning your personal life. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your personal situation is fluctuating. Offer consolation, but don't give them any direction. You will have a problem dealing with groups. Don't forget to read the fine print. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. □