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**Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the MCB Bank Hato Branch with a Youth Sports Day
(R to L) Assistant Managing Director Orphaline Saleh, Hato Branch Manager Edward Engelhart,
Soccer team coach Ricardo Alberto with the kids at the Little League Field - See page 5**

Flotsam and Jetsam

The Antillean Co-Financing Organization (AMFO), which had its grant powers suspended by Dutch authorities, has created a hotline in Curaçao (09 786-7779 from 8 am to 6 pm) for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to get information on their project funding requests. AMFO created the hotline to better serve NGOs that requested funding, but have not yet received an answer.

In October, the Dutch government temporarily stopped payment of funds intended for the third and fourth quarters of 2005. One condition for resumption of the program is that both AMFO and the NGO Platforms have to improve their administration and internal control for funding by year's end.

An AMFO press release said they are doing their utmost to reach this target. AMFO emphasizes that this temporary measure will not hurt the projects for which the funding requests have already been approved. In the case of approved projects, the payments will continue as agreed.

► **A major sticking point in the negotiations to reform the Netherlands Antilles is the national debt** of almost NAf5 billion (\$2.85 billion). About 96% of the current Antillean foreign debt is owed to the Netherlands as a result of development aid provided partly in the form of soft loans in the past, budget support and payment arrears. So, the "real" foreign debt – due to creditors outside the Kingdom – is, in fact, negligible. The vast bulk of the debt of the islands belongs to

the island of Curaçao. The Central Government itself owes NAf 2.4 billion and, of that, it's been determined that Bonaire should be responsible for 10% of the total or NAf240 million, giving the island the highest debt-to-island product ratio of any Antillean island – growing from 44% to 127%. (For comparison: in the European Union, the norm is 60%)



Emsley Tromp and Queen Beatrix

Emsley D. Tromp, President of the (Central) Bank of the Netherlands Antilles, in presenting the above figures at a conference at the University of the Netherlands Antilles last week, proposed that the country of The Netherlands totally assume all debt in return for some concessions from the Antilles when the country is restructured. Over the last 20 years, as a result of following policies set by The Netherlands and World Bank, the Antilles debt has become unsustainable:

- The total public debt increased more than four-fold-- from NAf1.1 billion to NAf4.7 billion.

- The debt ratio increased from 48% to 84% of Gross Domestic Product.
- The domestic debt component rose from 51% to 85%.
- The interest-bearing part of the debt increased from 72% to 90%.
- The interest burden of the debt increased more than six-fold-- from NAf44 million to NAf280 million; the share of tax revenues absorbed by interest payments rose from 5% to 23%; and the share of interest payments in total expenditures increased from 4% to 16%.

The statement of the conditions implies that a Central Government will continue to exist in some form. This is precisely what four of the five Antillean islands voted against in the recent referenda. The main conditions would eliminate the annual transfer of Dutch monies to the islands, remove all borrowing power from all Antillean islands, bind them to balanced budgets and establish a foundation to oversee financial matters.

► Minister of Economic Affairs Alex Rosaria told Parliament last Tuesday that he would try to **get out of a 1999 covenant with Venezuela** that allows up to 13 fishery licenses to be issued per year. The issue of a fishing moratorium will be raised as well.

Rosaria explained that a former minister had signed an agreement with Venezuela in 1999 that allowed up to 13 licenses to be sold. "Selling" fisheries permits to Venezuelans has netted NAf94,000 for the Central Government coffers. In return for the permits, the Venezuelans offered to train Antilleans to become fishermen. This never happened.

Fish in the territorial waters of the Netherlands Antilles are being depleted.

Rosaria told Parliament he estimated some 900 tons of fish were caught every year in the past. This has gone down to some 200 tons.



► **Monitoring is one of the most important tasks in Marine Protected Areas.** The monitoring often provides data to manage the parks and make decisions. Since Bonaire has one of the strongest fish survey teams in the Caribbean, Ramon de Leon, the Bonaire National Marine Park Manager, thought that a coral identification course would help everybody to expand their knowledge and help the BNMP to generate data.

Biologist Paul Hoetjes from Curaçao was contacted and agreed to offer a **two-day Coral ID course on November 29th and 30th** and will include some AGRRA protocol training. The course is open to everybody. This is the second step toward developing an extensive monitoring program for our Marine Park. Contact Ramon de Leon, Manager - Bonaire National Marine Park at 717-8444 to learn more.

► As we go to press the situation at **San Francisco Hospital is on life support** and the hospital administration is threatening to pull the plug by blocking admission of new patients into the hospital and closing the operating room. The head physician, Dr. Jan Boodt, says there simply isn't any money to buy the medi-

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cines and drugs needed for patient care. As reported last week, there is a shortage of NAf3.4 million that has built up over the past four years because the Social Insurance Bank, under guidelines sent by the Health Ministry, pays the hospital less than the actual cost of most medical services.

Bonaire's senior Senator, Ramonsito Booi, has threatened to resign from the Central Government unless the Ministry of Health and the Central Government release the needed funds. Prime Minister Etienne Ys has intervened and is currently discussing the problem with several parties. "The government is responsible for the healthcare on the different islands and should assume her responsibility as such," he said.

The Dutch CDA party wants the cabinet of The Netherlands to quickly offer aid to the hospital. CDA presented written questions to the Ministers of Public Health and Kingdom Relations and asked that needed supplies and equipment be sent directly to Bonaire as soon as possible. CDA was astonished to discover that within the Dutch Kingdom such a fundamental shortage of medical care exists. The hospital is short more than 1.5 million euro. San Francisco Hospital has 35 beds to serve Bonaire's population of approximately 12,000.

► Last week the parents of the missing American teenager, **Natalie Holloway**, Beth and Jug Twitty, gave a press conference on CNN with Alabama's Governor, Bob Riley, who appealed to all his fellow citizens to **boycott Aruba** because he felt the Holloway case hadn't been sufficiently investigated.

"This is abnormal and out of all proportion," said Aruba Prime Minister Nelson Oduber about Governor Riley's call to boycott Aruba. Riley asked the governors of the other 49 states to support him in this boycott. The Aruban government wants American President George W. Bush to blow the whistle on Riley and make it clear to him that a boycott of Aruba is out of the question.

Following Oduber's request the US State Department issued a statement indicating that no whistle will be blown on the governor, but the US government also does not support his appeal. "We respect this elected representative's right to come up with such an appeal. His statement does not reflect the position of the US, however. There are no boycott-or travel limitations for US residents to travel to Aruba." Natalie Holloway may have disappeared but her memory lives in the US headlines almost daily.



► Last week, **four spear fishermen were caught with their catch near Playa Frans**. They are accused of spearing fish in the protected waters of the Bonaire National Marine Park where spear fishing is banned. Their spear gun, diving gear and the catch were confiscated. The catch was donated to the boy's home of the Maria Hoppner Foundation.

► Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Curaçao of which Bonaire is a part, Luis Secco, has requested that all **political parties refrain from attending church services as a group dressed in their political "colors."** He also doesn't want party badges and logos in the church. "Come to church as Catholics and not with political intentions," said the Bishop. He has spoken about this in person with a few political leaders and has sent letters to others. Incidents in Curaçao prompted the decree.



The graduates with organizer Annette van Rooijan

► On November 2nd, the first **Match Consultancy Training Seminar** was completed successfully by employees from several BONHATA member resorts. Participants were presented with a certificate of completion in a celebration at the Divi pool area hosted by Divi's General Manager, Maarten van Wijk. The course graduates were: Violita Martina (Divi), Elisabeth Heldewier, Andre-

ina Marcano, Luis Castro (Harbour Village), Tasmí Phelipa (Sand Dollar), Amina Kromodimedjo and Jeanette Trenidad (Bonaire Tours & Vacations).

► **Visiting Bonaire this coming weekend is the ship Logos II, a mobile Christian community.** It is part of Operation Mobilization International, an international, interdenominational mission organization. A crew of 200 volunteers from over 45 different countries serves on board the ship. The main attractions are the large book fair, on board conferences and on shore events. See the article on page 6 for more information.



► **Need paper or computer printer supplies right away.** City Shop delivers. In the photo City Shop is delivering the first A4 Chamex paper to the *Fundashon Wega di Number* (Bonaire Lottery). See their ad on page 5.

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On November 5th The Chaîne des Rottisseurs of Bonaire held a colorful event of food and wines at Wil's Tropical Grill. Served by top students of the SGB High School and prepared by Master Chef Wil Heemskerk along with student Channethon Jansen it was a perfect evening of powerful flavors and old and new world wines.



Photos and Text- Sara Matera

The Rotary Club of Bonaire hosted the Annual BanTopa! - an exchange of fellowship, ideas and future community service goals with Aruba and Curaçao Rotary Clubs on October 21-23. It was a record turnout of attendance among the islands with a total of 75 people attending. Everyone wants to visit Bonaire! Events included an Opening Welcome Reception at Divi's Flamingo Nest, Saturday an Island Tour by Achie Tours including the whale skeleton project sponsored by Rotary at the Washington Park entrance. Lunch at The Place to watch our young Bonaire Windsurf champions put on a show for us all. Dinner at Lion's Den, and in the rain storm a fantastic Sunday Champagne brunch at Buddy Dive Resort. "Champagne si, agua no."



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► Does it seem that **lots of Bonaire children have their own cell phones?** They are not alone. About one-third of kids, ages 11 to 17, have a cell phone of their own. Last year the NOP World Technology market research company reported that nearly 14% of kids, ages 10 and 11, had their own phones. But this can lead to financial trouble said the company. Just like a credit card, a cell phone offers convenience, an emergency line (minutes, not cash, in this case) and the opportunity to get in way over your head. And in both instances, many teens (and their parents) insist that they can't live without one. The pre-pay systems popular on Bonaire offer built-in limits, but without that a cell phone can quickly turn into a credit card with an antenna, they say.

► Investors from all over the world are invited to **Bonaire for the Island's first Investment Conference, November 24 – 26.** Showcasing the various investment opportunities available in Bonaire and focusing on investment areas from Tourism and E-Commerce to Medium and Small Business Development and Ecological Projects, the event will feature a dinner in Kralendijk's Wilhelmina Park, happy hours with live music and a day to explore the island in addition to the conference and expo activities. The cost to attend the Conference for two days (the third day is free) is \$195. For more information visit <http://www.BonaireInvestment.com>.

► **Do you like to throw darts?** Join Bonaire's best darters at City Café next Sunday November 20th, at 7 pm sharp. It's still free and fun.

► In honor of **The Day of the Child, on Sunday, November 20**, SEBIKI, in cooperation with Jong Bonaire will have a Children's Light Parade. The parade will begin at 6 pm at Jong Bonaire and conclude at the Wilhelmina Park. All young children and their parents or guardians are invited. For more information call SEBIKI at 717-2436.

► **Sint Nicholaas is Coming!** Sint Nicholaas (*Sinter Klaus, Sanikolas*) and his Black Petes (*Swartepiet*) will arrive on Bonaire **on Saturday, November 26, at the North Pier at 10 am.** The big question is, which boat will they arrive on?

As a new idea this year FASIZ (foundation that organizes the arrival and visit of *Sanikolas*) and SEBIKI have joined forces to present a short, eight-minute informative program for children about *Sanikolas* every day, starting November 16 through 29, on BOTV, channel 24, at 7 pm. The program will be repeated the following day at 1 pm. Tanchi Mimi of SEBIKI will be the hostess. There are a lot of surprises in store for the children. For more information call 717-8482 or e-mail komishonsanikolas@hotmail.com. More next week. .

► The Jong Bonaire model this week in the **Benetton ad is Jomar Vlijt**, who's shown by one of the pillars in front of Harbourtown Realty. The Benetton ad is on page 20. □G./L. D.

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MCB Sports Awards

“We wanted to do more than just give trophies to Bonaire's Little League baseball and Baby and Super Baby Football (soccer) teams,” said MCB Assistant Managing Director Orphaline Saleh, “so we decided to give the teams the equipment they needed. And each team member got a special certificate and a t-shirt.” MCB Bonaire has given gifts to the teams before, but this year it was in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of MCB Bonaire's Hato branch.

It was a very appreciative bunch of kids last Saturday at the Little League Ball Park when MCB personnel handed out bats, balls and gloves to four Little League baseball teams and soccer balls to five Baby and Super Babies football (soccer) teams. Baby Soccer members are seven to eight years old; Super Babies are nine to 10. Little League is 10 to 12; Jr. Little League is 13 to 14.

Incidentally, Bonaire's Junior Little League Team is currently in second place for the Caribbean Region. □L.D.



Left: **Harold Sint Jago, member of the Little League Baseball Board, accepts the gifts from Operations Manager Norman Pourier**

LOGOS II Visits Bonaire - Focus on Bonairean Crewmembers



The ship Logos II

Adventure, travel and new discoveries feed the imaginations of youngsters. For Ephraim J. Alberto, youngest son of Melva and Ephraim M. Alberto of Antriol, his dream began nine years ago when the ship *Logos II* sailed into Bonaire. Ephraim was only 12 then, but he recalls walking aboard to view the books and buy some videos and music CDs. He toured the ship and was awestruck by the powerful engine and its spotless engine room.

Recently, his pastor, Alex Senchi of the Bonaire Christian Fellowship, announced that *Logos II* was revisiting Bonaire. "I knew that I had to find out more about it, so I called Luka who had been on the ship. She told me that if I joined I would have to learn many different jobs on board and get along with people from diverse countries. I said, "That's what I want to do! Variety is what I love, so this is perfect!" For Ephraim, his dream will be realized when he sails away, bound for other lands and cultures. Rarely does travel and adventure combine with Christian fellowship and good will as it does on the *Logos II*, a floating village focused on satisfying



Prospective crew member Ephraim Alberto and Simon Schori, Logos II project coordinator

the need for knowledge, help and hope of both the volunteer crew and the communities they visit.

Opportunities aboard Logos II

Since Ephraim left school to work at CesMar N.V., he has missed learning, especially about languages and cultures. He will have plenty of educational opportunities aboard the *Logos II*. With his musical talents, Ephraim will play an important part in the activities sponsored for inter-



There's always painting to do aboard a steel ship

ested schools, community groups and the general public whenever the ship is in port. Between ports, he and the other crew members will have more

routine jobs, such as working in the galley (kitchen) and doing maintenance. In addition, Ephraim will receive training in international relations, communications, resource management and leadership. In Trinidad two weeks ago, he began preparations for his new adventure. Now back on Bonaire, he is helping with radio ads and setting up the phone lines. When the *Logos II* arrives in Bonaire and opens its doors on November 23 for the Book Fair and conferences, look for Ephraim who will be assisting the crew to help you feel welcome.

Before he joins the ship full-time, however, he has even more work to do. According to Simon Schori, the project coordinator, Ephraim must raise funds to support himself during his two year mission. The entire crew and staff serving on board the *Logos II* are non-salaried volunteers. The ship is operated on behalf of "Good Books for All," a non-profit organization whose goals are supplying vital literature resources, encouraging inter-cultural understanding and training young people for more effective lives with the message of hope in God. If Ephraim can raise his funds by December 2, he'll be able to join the crew in Santo Domingo for more training and



Ephraim

then head to his first official port stop in Jamaica.

On Logos II, 1996-98

It was Sheloutska "Luka" Martinus, wife, mother and public school social worker on Bonaire, who described what Ephraim might expect if he joined the *Logos II* mission. In 1996 she made the same decision. "I had finished my studies at the Social Academy in Holland. My church was mission-minded so I had heard about the ship, but I needed to find out more and ask God for direction." Shelouska was convinced to sign up after talking to a survivor of the original *Logos* ship which sank off Tierra del Fuego, Chile

On *Logos II*, each crew member works an eight-hour shift, then has time for studying, training, and developing programs for each port. They rotate through a variety of jobs, focusing on one that best fits their talents. Wake-up is at 6:30 am, devotionals at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, then the work-day begins for those on the first shift. Sheloutska started in



Sheloutska "Luka" Martinus and friend at work in the galley



Luka

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the coffee bar for her 8-hour shift, and later switched to kitchen work and dish-washing. For nine months she organized local volunteers at each port. Her last assignment was to precede the ship and prepare for arrival in Grenada, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Miami. She communicated with the government agencies necessary for granting entrance to the ship as well as contacting local organizations to discover their needs and set up appropriate programs.

"Sometimes we sang or performed for schools," Sheloutska explains. "Other times we talked with prisoners or people on the street. In the Bahamas we visited an orphanage for dying children with AIDS, where we hugged them and told them how special they were." After a bad hurricane in Mexico, the *Logos II* crew, with face masks to protect against germs, searched for bodies, distributed clean water and cared for the children. "We even brought them to the ship for showers. The sad part was saying good-bye and not knowing if we'd ever see these people again. I saw a lot of misery, pain, sickness and hurting families as we traveled, but I saw even more happiness, sweetness and loving people, people who really care for one another, people who try the best they can to live a decent life. During my two years aboard, I learned to appreciate people from 45 different countries. I realized that although we use different languages, we all speak the language of love; God's love is the best language and He is in control. During a storm or hurricane, you easily comprehend that your ship is no more than a piece of metal! On *Logos II* our life was simple, with no luxuries; we need only Jesus."

"When I was the emcee for a conference in San Diego, I had a surprise. Part of my presentation was to explain why I chose to volunteer aboard the ship. Afterwards, a middle-aged lady approached me and shared her struggles about going into mission work. She firmly said that I had helped her and three months later she was a crew member! That's when I realized that God uses everyone in special ways. We don't have to be well-known, or talented, or rich to be useful to Him. He can even use a kid like me! That's why," Sheloutska adds with enthusiasm, "I think it's important for everyone to be part of a mission. Maybe not being the missionary, but perhaps supporting it with money or prayers. In the past, many people came to Bonaire to share their faith and help the island grow. Now it's time for some Bonaireans to go out and help others." And now Ephraim is.



Lots of subjects to choose from

Knowledge, Help and Hope

As the *Logos II* sails around the world, its crew shows God's love to people in need by offering practical aid. Sometimes they do this by bringing "knowledge," as they are in the "floating" Book Fair here in Bonaire.

About 6,000 titles are available in a wide range of categories, including science, sports, hobbies, cookery, the arts, economics, medicine and Christian living. Publishers often donate books that have been removed from circulation in first-world countries after new editions have been released. This allows the ships to offer books at a fraction of their original cost. The ship also strives to show God's love by bringing "help" to needy areas, such as Papua New Guinea, Liberia, West Africa, Nicaragua, Grenada, and Guyana, suffering from natural disasters and wars. The ship's crew members have built orphanages, houses, community ovens and shelters. They have distributed medical aid, food, clothes, books, and toys. Bringing "hope" to a world of uncertainty is a special mission of the volunteer crew members. They believe that each person is gifted with the talents and abilities to live a purposeful, significant life with a clear focus on God. While in port, they respectfully and sensitively share this message of hope with others. Over nine million people have visited *Logos II* since 1990 as the ship stopped at more than 60 countries. □ *Barbara Mason Bianculli; photos by Logos II crew*



The Logos II will be in port from November 23rd through the 30th at Bonaire's commercial pier. Be sure to visit. The Book Fair is open:

Tuesday to Saturday
10am – 10pm and

Sunday to Monday 2pm – 10pm
See the Happenings section on page 15 for a schedule of their other programs □

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This team of very creepy, very crazy, but very fun people joined hands for Special Olympics Bonaire and volunteered this year in organizing a never-to-forget scary and fun experience for the people of Bonaire at Halloween.

Most of you who visited the Haunted House at Captain Don's Habitat know how original, how creepy, and how great this experience was.

At the end of a three-night operation, we had satisfied customers, (some of them repeating the visit to the haunted house as many as 10 times), a very proud team of organizers and a very happy Special Olympics.

We want to thank you all for doing your part in organizing this great event and we are most grateful for your generous donation!

Thank you guys!

On the picture
Joy, Wilco, Karen, Rooje, Floris and Max
Missing Jack Chalk

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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Be a sponsor!

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Career Day in Bonaire

It was an awe-inspiring event – Career Day in Bonaire last Saturday. This was only the second time such a service has been offered on Bonaire. It was organized by SGB's Nolly Oleana and Lillian Paula Crestian, and with financial help from several very generous Bonaire businesses.

More than 1,000 visitors streamed into the Sports Hall - SGB (high school) students, parents, and teachers – all searching for information about higher education and career opportunities. Even younger students were there. More than 37 representatives had tables and displays set up – different universities, vocational schools, the government, the police, the fire department, the Coast Guard, MCB bank, and even FINEB (student financing). Of that number 20 were from schools. There were video



Trying on the Coast Guard outfits: Jaid, Eleonore and Jordano, with Rodrick Gouvenor, PR officer for the Antilles

shows, pamphlets and information, group lectures and opportunities to have one-on-one conferences with the representatives. For the first time on Bonaire, the academically elite university in Holland, Erasmus, sent a representative. There were people from seven higher vocational and teacher training schools in Holland, including ROC, Uni-

versity of the Netherlands Antilles (UNA) in Curaçao, four vocational training schools from Curaçao and one from Aruba.

Our own SGB was represented and is proud to now offer seven different vocational training programs: Cooking 2, Administration 2 & 3, Hospitality 2, Social Work with Children 2 & 3 and Electrical Engineering 3. The Hall was open all day to



The University of the Netherlands Antilles was recruiting

accommodate as many students as possible needing information. During the lunch hours, students from the highest HAVO classes had tables set up outside, serving lunch, drinks and snacks, so people could spend the day. The money they made will be used for class excursions.

This event is a service beyond any price. It offers our young people an opportunity to easily get information on their future education and careers – all under one roof. Nolly Oleana says that such a happening can be put on at a fairly reasonable price and asks local businesses to consider being a sponsor for the future. You may call him at SGB 717-8120. What a way to be part of Bonaire's future and its citizens! □L. D.



...As were Dutch universities

Tracking Three Turtles



Three of Bonaire's mating sea turtles, two females and a male, have left their Bonaire mating grounds for feeding grounds elsewhere in the Caribbean. Since they all are equipped with tracking transmitters we can check their progress to learn

about their routes and perhaps improve protection for them.

The most distant is **Jenni**. The data being received for 'Jenni' is not the best and is pretty confusing. Sorting through it, a best

guess is that she has moved off the Rosalind Bank heading in a southwesterly direction. The next day or so will tell if the interpretation of the data was correct.

Yesterday, 'Jenni' swam at a rate of approximately 48 km for the day and is currently 1,410 km from Klein Bonaire.

Our male hawksbill, **Albert**, is continuing on toward the west. Big Al's speed has slowed slightly to approximately 93 km for the day. He is now over 435 km from Klein Bonaire and the fastest of the lot.

The last and smallest turtle is **Mariposita**. Sometime early Saturday morning after laying her second nest of the season, our little butterfly, 'Mariposita', a female hawksbill, decided depart. Traveling very slowly, she is moving in a northerly direction and is approximately 35 km from Klein Bonaire. You will remember she has only one rear flipper, but because sea turtles use their front flippers for propulsion she should still be capable to make her trip. We will keep you posted. □ *Andy Uhr*



KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
11-18	0:00	0.6FT.	87
11-18	14:05	2.0FT.	87
11-19	0:52	0.6FT.	80
11-19	14:51	2.0FT.	80
11-20	1:28	0.6FT.	71
11-20	15:36	1.9FT.	71
11-21	1:58	0.7FT.	61
11-21	16:16	1.8FT.	61
11-22	2:21	0.8FT.	50
11-22	17:05	1.7FT.	50
11-23	2:38	0.8FT.	41
11-23	17:44	1.6FT.	41
11-24	2:45	0.9FT.	33
11-24	11:09	1.5FT.	33
11-24	15:25	1.4FT.	33
11-24	18:26	1.5FT.	33
11-25	2:36	1.0FT.	31
11-25	10:18	1.6FT.	31
11-25	16:46	1.3FT.	31
11-25	19:22	1.4FT.	31

VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alter Ego	Guaicamar I, Ven.	Seascope
Andrea	Jacuzzi	Sea Horse
Annka	Jennifer	Sho Fun Time
Augustijn	Jan Gerardus	Scintella
Bateje-B	Katie Rose	Shalimar
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
Delphinus	Pizazz	Unicorn, Norway
Double Boggey	Plain Sud	Varedhuni, Ger.
Elenoa	Rachel V	Water Musik
Esperanza	Samantha Nova	Wind Machine
Flying Cloud, USA	Samba	Wind Pony
Freestyle	Santa Maria	Ya-T, BVI
Galivanter	Sandpiper, USA	Yanti Paratzi
Good Hope	Seafari	Zahi, Malta

Re-opening Kas Krioyo Rincon *Reliving History and Traditions*

Sometimes it's difficult as a reporter not to be too emotionally involved in a story. This was one of the 'sometimes' moments. The re-opening on November 6th of the *Kas Krioyo Rincon* (The Rincon Creole Home) represented much more than a museum or tourist product. Mr. Vicente Raymundo Molina, better known as 'Tan Molina,' was a well-known Bonairean mentioned in different history books and (international) studies for his healing powers and musical talent. But to me he was known as 'Mo Tan,' my great uncle, my father's mysterious and peculiar uncle of whom I heard so much growing up but still knew so little. In 2002, following his death almost 20 years ago, the Tan Molina and his wife Isebia 'Chechi' Molina-Winklaar home was dedicated as museum. After several improvement projects which started in 2003, organized by the *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon* (Rincon Development Foundation) and its commission, last Sunday *Kas Krioyo* reopened.

The *Kas Krioyo* gleamed in a background at the opening ceremony: the bright yellow freshly painted walls and the new *yatu* cactus fence, built as in the old days. Adding to the old time feeling were the majestically dressed ladies of the Commission, wearing the traditional Bonairean dresses called *Saya ku Djecki* (skirt and jacket). The old world met the new in the large audience consisting of the direct descendants of Tan and Chechi Molina, Rincon inhabitants, officials of the Bonairean government, representatives of the sponsors (Prince Bernard Fund, AMFO, Sorobon Beach Resort, MCB), the Pourier construction company (which rebuilt parts of *Kas Krioyo*), representatives of TCB, the *Club Union Boneriano* from Curaçao and SKAL.



At the front door of the *Kas Kyioyo*

After Ingemar Molina and the representative of Prince Bernard Funds, Mr. Winthrop Curiel, performed the official ribbon-cutting at the garden's entrance, the assemblage entered the garden and viewed the makeover of *Kas Krioyo*: a bar facility, kitchen and two toilets. Outside the house a six-compartment *ramada* (a covered section built of a special wood called *pal'i flambue*) where people can sell products was added.



The members of the *Kas Krioyo* commission

Lt. Governor Domacassé expressed his respect for the hard work of the *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon* and its commission. "Everyone who visits Rincon has to know what the house stands for: a community, which fought for results, to see things happen." He also emphasized that in the new Bonaire we should not forget the old Bonaire. "It's our history that makes us truly genuine," his speech concluded.



Two of the three children of *Mo Tan*

Mr. Winthrop Curiel, the Prince Bernard Fund representative in the Antilles, was impressed by the Rincon population's honesty and hard working attitude and vision. The same went for the hard work of the *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon*. He emphasized that the

Rincon's flag and anthem be used regularly. The term and concept, tourism, is taken very seriously, even as a scientific study (eg. Thailand). To promote Rincon as a tourist destination we should know what tourism is and promote it. His view is to create an atmosphere in which people know what's

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Reopening Kas Krioyo (Continued from page 10) happening in Rincon, just as Amsterdam was consciously remade as a worldwide cultural city. Tourists should be able to stay a couple of days in Rincon instead of just driving by. His last suggestion was to add at the back of the welcome sign of Rincon "Thank you for visiting Rincon. Don't stay away too long."

President of *Plataforma Rincon* and directly involved to *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon*, Ms. Maritza Juan-Pedro stated that Rincon is blessed. With the reopening she was positive that it brings hope that things would get better. According to Juan-Pedro a lot still has to be done at the infrastructure level. She summarized the project process: in October 2003 the subsidy petition was handed in to the Prince Bernard Fund. On August 24, 2004, the subsidy was officially granted. She thanked all the sponsors and people who cooperated but especially Monica Clarinda, the Prince Bernard Fund representative on Bonaire; Maria Koeks, who brings tourists from all around the world to Rincon; and finally the family of Tan and Chechi Molina who donated the house. "I promise to keep taking care of your treasure just as we agreed," were Juan Pedro's concluding words to the Molina family.

The official coordinator of *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon*, Ben Oleana, volunteered to head the project with a specially installed commission. The public

enjoyed his quotes of working hard with Maritza Juan-Pedro and her demands like making sure that only Rincon's people should work in makeover of the *Kas Krioyo*. Oleana was sure that if we all continue with the same hard work, Rincon would be a big player in the Bonairean tourism industry in two years.

As the representative of the Bonairean government, Commissioner Burney El Hage explained some future government projects for Rincon. He explained that he and his colleagues traveled a lot to explore financing possibilities. But their main input according to him was to investigate the economic artery of Rincon so they can employ the ideal infrastructure so tourists could reach Rincon. The government is working on the promenade project, which will go from Cozy Corner to the *Marshé Rincon*. And the road to *Kas Krioyo* will be asphalted. He guaranteed that this would be completed before the end of June 2006.

Ingemar Molina (19), the youngest grandson of Tan Molina, impressed the audience with a short but sweet discourse on the link with being young and the ancient times. According to Molina, as youngsters they would not be able to understand their present without their past. Through *Kas Krioyo* visitors on Bonaire will understand how our forefathers fought and worked to survive. "Let *Kas Krioyo* revive in all of us, especially the good old times so we can put it in practice for our own benefit. Rincon once again, *pabien*."



Ingemar Molina during his introductory address

Besides all the speeches, Rincon would not be Rincon if cultural activity were not a part of this special day. A special *Kas Krioyo* cake was presented and shared with all those present. The Ramada was immediately put into use: different ladies in traditional dresses offered sweets, goat soup etc. Mr. Hubert Vis of SKAL gave an explanation of the colors and symbols of the Rincon flag: the blue triangles represent the hills around Rincon, white, the color of peace, and blue, the color of the sky. The green at the bottom of the flag reflects the culture heritage of Rin-



Part of the six-compartment Ramada



Lt. Governor Domacassé samples the cake

con. The *kachu* (male goat horn), which is used for different cultural purposes, is incorporated into the *R* of Rincon. After taking a look into the *Kas Krioyo* we could all enjoy the past meeting the future.: the *Rincon Krioyo Kids*. Yep, we are safe. The future generation definitely understands their past. Mission accomplished, Mo Tan.

□ Story & photos by
Natalie. A.C. Wanga



Picture Yourself in the Reporter Birmingham Dive Show, Birmingham, England



Brian Lowe sent us this photo taken at the recent Birmingham Dive Show (UK) with Jack Chalk (General Manager, Captain Don's Habitat), Neil Grant (UK), Brian and Sue Lowe (UK), Nick Davies (Harbour Village Marketing Manager) and the Caribbean Village steel band in the background. □



During their cruise on the Caribbean Cruise Line ship, "Victory," Bonaire residents Linda and Walter Coffie and Linda's sister, Rugia, stopped to pose with their copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* in Cozumel. Walter Coffie is the recently retired head of Bevolking (census department), and Linda is "Tante" (Aunt) Linda, for many years a teacher and hostess of a children's radio program. □

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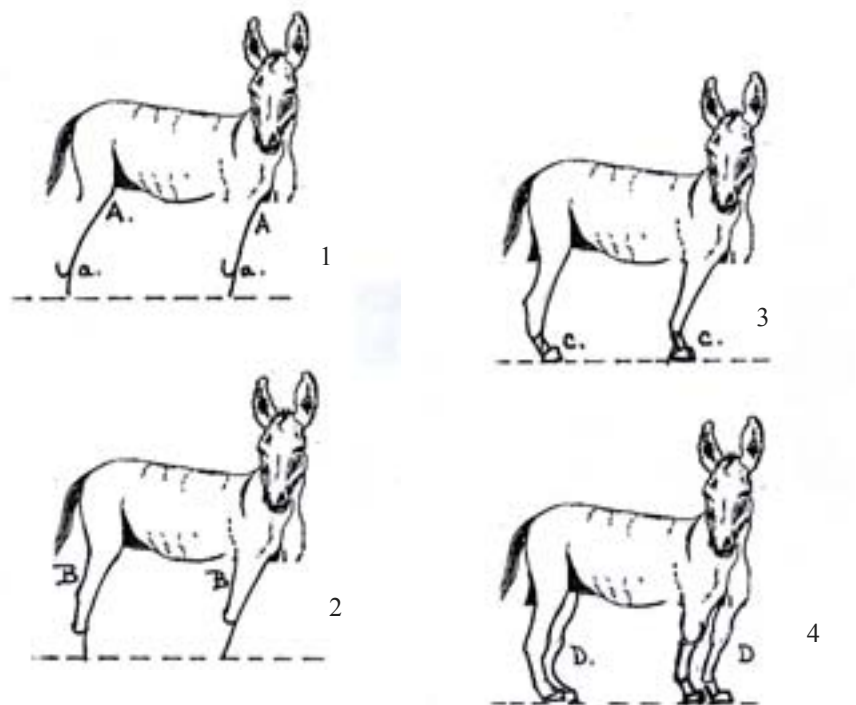
Drawing Good Looking Donkey Legs

bottom of her belly. Use this same measurement to estimate the length of the legs. Sketch a dotted line where the bottom of the hooves shall rest.

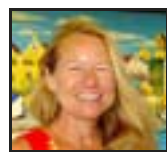
- Sketch two sweep lines: Front A and Back A. The front line is straight and at a slight angle towards the back of the donkey. The back line should angle out more and is curved. Add two fetlock knobs (a).
- For the back leg, curve out slightly about half way down, then draw straight down to fetlock knob. For the front leg, angle down to the fetlock knob.
- Add triangles to the front of the sweep lines for the hooves. Connect the fetlock to the hoof with two short parallel lines.
- About halfway down the leg, locate the knee on the front leg, and the hock on the back leg. This is where you can give her some nice leg curves.

Good luck with your donkey drawings!

□ Janice Huckaby Jan Art



This article is part of a series by Janice Huckaby of JanArt. Call 599 717-5246 or 791-5246 for information on art lessons or to view her artworks



Party & Zo Premiers



KonTiki owner Miriam Gerlings, bartender Liz Rijna With Party & Zo owners, Sharon and Roosje

Sharon and Roosje's "Party & Zo," a complete party planner operation, made its debut last weekend with a "Girls' Night Out" event at KonTiki. Ladies only, of all ages, were there to get together to visit and watch Bartender of the Caribbean multiple winner Liz Rijna demonstrate how to make great cocktails at home. Everyone got tastes of the out-of-this-world concoctions and tapas were passed by young *stagers* (trainees) from Holland. The energy was high and even a surprise rain squall didn't dampen the spirits!

Party & Zo can handle all your party needs – from intimate soirees to large scale events. They're creative, energetic, enthusiastic and very well organized! Call them and get rid of those party planning headaches: Sharon at 786-5581 or Roosje at 786-7984. □L.D.

Surinamese Get Ready To Celebrate



Members of the *Mietie Makandra** board plan the big November 26 event (L to R) Vice President Waldi Deika, Hetty Burgos, Marcel van Brussel, President Vincent Rommy, Treasurer Rosita Paiman. (front) Secretary Oswald Melcherts. Not shown: Amina Kromodimedjo

The organization of Surinamese living on Bonaire, *Mietie Makandra*, is again planning a big celebration, this year commemorating 30 years of Surinam's independence – a "*Brasa Dey*" (Give a Hug Day) on **Saturday, November 26, at the Centro di Bario Noord Salina from 3 pm**. There will be a church service, speeches by the Surinam Consul General to Curacao, the Governor and other dignitaries.

Then the festivities begin: Surinamese food and drink, music, dancing, costumes and even a fire dance. This year sees a cultural interchange with groups from Peru, the Dominican Republic and other participating countries too. Glenn I Su Geng will perform and there will be Surinamese, Antillean and Latin American music.

This group, representing about 320 Surinamese on Bonaire, always puts on great events so if you're on the island, don't miss it! Everyone is invited. □L.D.

**Mietie Makandra* means, in Taki Taki (Sranang Tongo) language, "To meet each other."

Pet of the Week

Sweet little "Rachel" was brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter by the dogcatcher because her owners had "too many dogs," such a common reason. Her mother is getting sterilized so that's good news.

Rachel is only about five months old and she's so willing to please that she was immediately put on the "possible adoption dog list." She made the list permanently after she was checked out by the vet, given her testing, worming and shots. The Shelter staff says she's fun but tough and will make an excellent watch dog. Rachel is a medium sized dog with black, short, easy to care for fur.

Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema reports that so far this year there have been 143 adoptions (last year total was 150). He also says there are some really nice adult dogs at the Shelter now.

If you have a kennel for sale or are looking for one to take your pet back to Europe or North America, call the Shelter.

Because you can't buy new kennels on the island and it can be difficult to find one, the Shelter is willing to act as a "half-way house" for procuring kennels from those who want to get rid of theirs for those who need one. Call them at 717-4989. The Shelter on the Lagoen Road is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. □*L.D.*



"Rachel"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

In Her Shoes
(Cameron Diaz)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)

Roll Bounce
(Paul Walker)

Kaya Prinses Marie
Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)
Children under 12 - NAf12

NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY
CLOSED MONDAY TUESDAY
AND WEDNESDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM
Sky High

THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 19—Drop off items for **Dia di Gracia** at **St. Dominicus College** which will be open all day. For heavy items call Termo Tech at 717-4658 and they will pick 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.



November 22 to December 1 – **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.

Wednesday November 23 -- **Standing in the Gap** – **Leadership Conference** The Bonaire of today needs people standing in the gap. What role can you play in raising up a new generation of leadership? 7 pm, NAf5.

Thursday, November 24 - **From Heart to Heart** – Wives of spiritual leaders Come for a cup of coffee with your Maker and a time of encouragement with the wives on the Logos II, 10 am, NAf5

Friday November 25 -- **Youth Conference (14 – 21 years old)** – **Sex, Drugs & Self Esteem** -Are they of any true values? 8 pm, NAf5.

Thursday, November 24 – **American Thanksgiving**
November 24-26– **Bonaire Investment Conference**—see page 10

COMING UP

Saturday 26 November, Wilhelmina Park - **International Night With music, dances, dramas and a challenging message.** Entry free for everybody, Wilhelmina Park, 7 pm

Saturday, November 26 - **Introductory swimming officials clinic** given by Eddy Solomon, FINA representative. Free. The

Barracuda Swimming Team invites anyone interested in participating to contact Valarie Stimpson at valarie@telbonet.an to sign up.

Saturday, November 26 – Darts competition, City Café, 7 pm, free to all

Sunday, November 27 - **The Vacant Chair – Men's Conference From Men to Men. What responsibilities do we have?** 7 pm, Speaker: Lt. Governor H. Domacassé, NAf5.

Tuesday, Wednesday, November 29-30- Coral ID Course. Call Bonaire Marine Park 717-8444 for information.

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting days, starting around 10 am to early afternoon: Tuesday, Nov. 29-*Aida Vita*

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**—See page 13.

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

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. Great wines - 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, 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 Call 717-8290 for info

Wednesday (2nd and 4th) **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

November Cruise Ship Schedule

Day	Date	Ship Name	Time	Location	#PAX	Line
Sat	Nov.19	Columbus	0800-1400	N.Pier	324	Hapag Lloyd
Fri	Nov.25	Wind Star	0800-2300	N.Pier	150	Holland America
Tue	Nov.29	AidaVita	1300-2000	S.Pier	1260	P&O Germany

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 **2nd and 4th** **Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions are welcome.

Rotary lunch meetings **Wednesday**, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at 'Pirate House', above Restaurant Zeezicht. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

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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

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

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am.**

Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm. Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

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

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

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am.**

Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. 717-2194

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Tel/Fax. 717-8988, Cel. 786-6518

DINING GUIDE

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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 525	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Bistro de Paris Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	Real French Cooking in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
Brasserie Bonaire Royal Palm Galleries Kaya Grandi 26, Next to Re/Max, 717-4321	Low- Moderate Lunch and Dinner Open 11 am -2:30 pm 5:30-9 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday	Lots of parking in big mall lot Kitchen Open 11 am-2:30 pm, Dinner 5:30-9 pm Breezy terrace with airco inside—Also serving big sandwiches at dinner
Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and turquoise sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine.
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The Great Escape EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488	Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 days	Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof. Cuban cuisine. Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon. Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
The Last Bite Bakery Home Delivery or Take Out 717-3293	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30 pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers gourmet class items -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
The Lost Penguin Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side Caribbean-style bistro owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
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Born on Bonaire....

Steven Rosario and Jessy Rosario-Frans

“We met at the Regatta when I was 16 and Steven 19. He’d come over from Curaçao especially for the Regatta and when we saw each other it was love at first sight. It still is today. The first year we saw each other only three or four times, but we wrote extensively and very often. To call on the phone was quite a hassle as I didn’t have one. So I would write Steven two weeks ahead to ask if he would be home on this particular day and hour and when the day came I had to go to the Landsradio (telephone) office in Playa and ask for the connection.

When I was 17 an aunt of mine came from Holland to visit us. She had four sons and wanted a daughter badly. I was very curious about Holland, especially about the snow, so I asked my parents if I could go. First they didn’t want to hear about it as we are such a close-knit family, but then my dad gave me permission to go, also because he thought it would be good for my studies. Before I left for Holland I called Steven to tell him what I was planning to do. He couldn’t believe it! Immediately he came over to tell me how sad he felt and that he didn’t want me to go. But I told him, ‘We’re such good friends, please don’t try to keep me here.’ Then he said, ‘In five months I will be in Holland too.’ And that’s the way it went. I was living with my aunt in Tilburg, in the south of Holland, while he was living in Lelystad, in the middle of the country, and studying in Amsterdam. We only saw each other once a month! My aunt didn’t like it; in spite of the fact that my parents knew all about Steven, she felt responsible. A year and a half later two of my sisters came to live in Holland. I moved in with them and then I saw Steven every weekend. We were 19 and 21 years old and the party started!

Steven had been studying economics and accounting and worked as the salary administrator for Content Beheer in The Hague and later on as an accountant for Getronics, a computer business. I was working in health care: in nursing homes, old people’s homes, in hospitals, with the handicapped and with children. We started living together in Holland in 1988 and when I was seven months pregnant we got married. In 1989 our daughter Thasjanara was born.”

“My mother died in 1990; she was only 47,” Steven says. “After the funeral in Curaçao there were so many mixed feelings and I thought, ‘It has been enough in Holland! All the hassle and the stress! I should go back... I have to enjoy my life and feel free. It was as if the islands were pulling me.’ “We’d been living in Holland for 10 years,”

Jessy fills in, “and all that time it was as if my heart was in Bonaire and my mind in Holland. Then my brother Rene died in a car accident in 1988 on Bonaire, at 27 years old. I hadn’t seen him in two years, until I saw him at his funeral. From that time on I didn’t want to stay in Holland any longer. I was afraid of losing another family member.

We’re a very close-knit family, 10 children. We were and still are very fond of each other. My parents, Egidio Buchi Frans and Lidia, are such loving people. I couldn’t have had a more wonderful childhood! I am a kunuku girl. We were raised on a kunuku in Tras di Montana. My dad worked on tankers and big ships, sailing to Europe and South America. So... all in all it became very clear to us that we wanted to go back to the Antilles and we decided that we would return with a lot of goals.”

“March 4th 1994 we arrived,” Steven says, “and three days later I started working for Bonaire Trading. It was an interesting experience. Two years later, January 1st, 1996, I started my own company, Cactus Accounting Services. In

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the beginning it was only a side job that I worked from the house, but slowly and gradually it started growing, and after five years I had to hire somebody. The first of January 2006 it will be 10 years, and in the meantime I’ve four people working at the office: one from British Guyana, one from New York, one from Aruba and one from Colombia.

Last January, I bought the inventory of Larry’s Bakery in Nort di Saliña. I left the original name not to confuse the public, but the company is called Pika Import and Export. It’s a tribute to my dad whose nickname is *Boi Pika*; he’s is the funniest man in the world! I’ve never seen him angry in my life! I bought the bakery to do something extra, to have more action in my life. I have eight peo-

ple working there for me. I never consider people who are working for me to be my employees; they are my colleagues, that’s how I see them. If one of them wants to go dancing, I’ll go! I love to dance! And if another one wants to go to the movies I’ll

come too! Even my clients are my friends - they put their trust in me - that’s the way I see it. But the best thing is to go with our boat and the family for weekend trips to Klein Bonaire that’s a top weekend! It was one of our goals. We wanted to build our own house, to buy a boat and a Jeep. We worked hard for it, but we made it!”

“When we arrived here I started working immediately for Peter Lensfelt’s Raffles, now the Blue Moon,” Jessy says. I didn’t have any experience in the restaurant business, but my sister Shirley was working there and I believe I did well because the tips were very good! With a lot of willpower we started building our own house. My brother Etty, the father of Tonki, Tati and Choko, was the contractor, but Steven also built walls and I was sifting sand, jointing and making soup. It was a lot of hard work, but we finished the house in eight months. When Raffles became Chez Truus, I got pregnant with our son Shakir, who was born in 1997.

I stayed at home to give more attention to the children. Luckily we could afford it... but I couldn’t sit still! So, I started painting (walls, furniture etc.). I make flower arrangements; I do the cosmetic work on deceased people and the make-up and hair styling for *Bonaire Nights*; I am a wedding planner; I do upholstery and I design carnival costumes; I’m a specialist in doing cake decoration in the bakery. I am a very active girl! I am just like Steven, I also like to help people. In that sense we have a lot in common and it’s fun and it’s what we admire in each other! But I can’t do anything with paperwork and numbers. Once I tried to help Steven when the office was still in the house, but when he came to look I’d fallen asleep!” “She got fired immedi-



ately,” Steven jokes. “It’s always a surprise when I come home to see what she’s up to this time!” “Last year I started doing the display at Chez Claudette, and without Steven knowing, I asked the lady, who’s my godmother, if she had a job for me, and I worked there for a year. Then I thought, ‘Cool! I would like to have a shop of my own! So June 10th I opened a boutique across from Little Havana. It’s a challenge and I am busy all day, if I’m not baking bread in the bakery! Every day is a special day, because of the sun and because of ‘the man up there’ we get our energy to go on. We’re still not finished, because if you are, you’re dead, you don’t have a life anymore. I am the happiest woman, with my man and our two beautiful children and I can still be happy with the smallest things.”

“What’s most important to me is that our children will study and that they will have all the opportunities and my passion is to keep our family ties, here and in Curaçao, in very good shape.” Steven says. “You never reach all your goals, but to keep my family close is what counts most. I don’t look at our success; I look at who I am. There have been turbulent times too, but there should always be some excitement! Nevertheless, we are a good pilot and a good stewardess!”

□ story and photo by Greta Kooistra



Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage

by Wilna Groenenboom



This interesting house and shop featured this week were built in 1935 by Jose A. Martis and his wife Mercelina, who are pictured in the photo at left which has been artificially colored. The portrait still hangs in the house. Their daughter, Nelly Maria Flores, who died on December 29, 1991, worked in the shop until her death.

Today the shop continues to be kept going by Norma Sillie, Nelly's daughter, and her husband. In the morning she is assisted by her niece, Sharline Mercera, who lives next to the shop.

Before Nelly Maria Flores passed away she made the family promise that they would never change the interior

of the shop. So today it is still almost the same as 10, 20 or even 30 years ago. And the family hopes to keep it this way.

This shop and house have a lot of beautiful original details. For me the chimney is great because of its beautiful lines. The side door is very special too with its "lookout," so you get to have a look out to see who it is before you really open the door.

□ Photo collage and story by Wilna Groenenboom





BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Queen Cassiopeia : A Case of Vanity and Its Cosmic Reward

One of the things I like about autumn skies is a constellation named for an ancient queen of exceptional beauty, Queen **Cassiopeia** of Ethiopia. Go out any night in November between 9 and 10 pm,



Sky Park Time. Look due north for **Polaris**, the **North Star**, and directly above it you will see five bright stars which, if we connect with imaginary lines, trace out the letter M. This is the constellation Cassiopeia and you may well ask, "How could anyone stretch their imagination enough to see a queen in this M shaped pattern of stars?" The answer is, if you add a dim little star here, just below the crux of the M, you can actually draw a very nice stick figure of a chair, the throne of Queen Cassiopeia. But as you can see, the throne in this position would require Cassiopeia to wear a seat belt because she'd be hanging face downward over the North Star. And that's part of the reason this group of stars was named for Cassiopeia.

You see because Cassiopeia, like the **Big Dipper**, is fairly close to the North Star, we see it change its position in the heavens dramatically each night. In fact if we move time about six hours ahead we would see that the throne is west of the North Star, but it is now more nearly upright so the queen would not have to be hanging on for dear life. But as the hours pass all the stars endlessly circle the North Star, and it is quite apparent that for much of the time Cassiopeia has to hang on to her throne quite tightly to keep from slipping off, especially in early evening in November. So why would anyone put a great queen on such a precarious throne?

Well it involves a little story of Cassiopeia's great beauty. It seems that she made the fatal mistake of bragging that she was more beautiful than the Nereids, the sea nymphs, who were considered to be the hottest beauties of their time. It also seems they complained to their father Poseidon the god of the seas. And after much ado, with sea monsters and Queen Cassiopeia's daughter Andromeda chained to a rock and rescued by Perseus, Cassiopeia was finally punished for her vanity by being made to ride in the heavens around the North Star for all eternity, sometimes in a queenly upright position and at others in a less than dignified manner.

Today of course vanity is seldom punished but rewarded and we might think that the story of Cassiopeia quaint. But long ago she served our ancient ancestors well as a value lesson, passed down from generation to generation. And 433 years ago this month, November 1572, astronomers all around the world saw something wonderful happen here because a new star appeared in Cassiopeia that grew in brightness and for about two weeks outshone every star in the sky and could even be seen in broad daylight and was visible for almost 16 months. We now know it to have been a giant exploding star called a **supernova**, of which our great telescopes can now see the shattered remnants. So look for an ancient super star beauty queen who once had a super star visitor long ago.

Have you been seeing lots of **shooting stars** lately? They are part of November's **Leonid meteor shower** which peaked earlier this week. Unfortunately, the moon was near full so they were hard to spot. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: November 12 to 18, 2005
By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Sudden changes regarding colleagues may surprise you. Talk to an older, established individual about your present situation. You are in a high energy, get it all done, mood and you'll have little patience with those who are slacking off. You can make changes to your home that will be pleasing to all concerned. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Love and romance are evident. Be diplomatic when dealing with in-law. You don't want to give anyone fuel for the fire. Work hard on improving your living quarters. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. Drastic financial losses may be likely if you lend money. This day was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. Children will keep you busy. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Visitors may drop by unexpectedly, resulting in tension with your lover. You can easily wrap up overdue personal legal matters that have caused problems for you. Try not to be so demonstrative. You can learn a great deal more if you listen rather than rant and rave. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Try not to take everything so seriously. Exercise your talents and present your ideas to groups you think you can contribute to. You have two choices; Get out on your own, or bend to your mate's whims. Take time to deal with the concerns of children. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead. Investments that deal with property will pay off but could cause conflict with some family members. Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're foolproof. Avoid letting children and friends borrow. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Your tendency to overreact could get you into trouble. If you join intellectual or cultural groups, you should meet individuals who stimulate you. Your mate will appreciate your honesty. Correspondence may not clear up issues. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Refrain from using the highway as a racetrack. Your emotions have been pulled out of shape and you need to do a little backtracking. Involve yourself in group endeavors. Beware of individuals who are not that reliable or well known to you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may attract attention if you get out socially. You can expect sorrow to evolve from the information you discover. Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about possible romance. Sudden trips will take you by surprise. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can get ready to celebrate your new direction. Don't hold back; go with the flow and take a bit of a chance. Expect some flak. Take care of any paperwork concerning institutional or governmental agencies. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't beat around the bush; state your case in plain and simple terms. You may be more emotional than usual. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions. Travel will be exciting. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Avoid letting children and friends borrow. Difficulties may be encountered while traveling in foreign countries. Lovers will be demanding. You are best to sign your partner up for activities that will be tiring. Travel for business will be advantageous. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. □