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**Christmas Season  
On the Island**

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# Flotsam and Jetsam

## As part of AIDS Awareness

**Week the government released recent statistics regarding the sickness.** Since 1985 there have been 1,530 HIV-infected persons registered in the Antilles. Curaçao has 1,009 HIV-infected persons. Bonaire has 27 (12 women, 15 men). The rate of infection is not decreasing said a Public Health spokeswoman. In 2004, 102 new cases were registered in the Antilles. The HIV/AIDS virus is no longer a death sentence. With current treatment it became a chronic disease. NAf8 million guilders a year is spent on treatment.



► Last week the Executive Council of the Island of Curaçao approved the set up of an Energy Fund to stabilize the price of water and electricity for Curaçao consumers. The funding, to be provided by Curaçao's fuel distributing company, Curoil, will not apply to Bonaire. **In essence, Bonaire consumers are subsidizing Curaçao.**

► Fernando Simal, Washington Park Manager, announced that the **new housing facilities at the Washington Park entrance are 95% ready** and will start to be used this month by a couple of volunteers. They are only waiting for the solar equipment. In or-

der to save some money he asks anybody who has **quality kitchen utensils in good shape and that are not being used to donate them to the Park.**

Needed are: eight chairs, plates, cups, glasses, bowls, silverware, strainers, trays, pans, pots, shredders, etc. No electrical appliances please.

► **The police in Bonaire went back to work at the end of last week following a two-day job action** to protest unjust and inadequate overtime pay. For two days in a row they answered only emergency calls. Bonaire police are paid by, and under the control of, the Central Government .

► **Curaçao and Bonaire's temporary coastal watch radars, operating since the beginning of 2004, will be replaced** by an integrated radar system with eight linked stations by mid-2006. The installation and maintenance of the coastal monitoring system will cost NAf21 million. Eight radars will be installed: two in Aruba, three in Curaçao and three in Bonaire. The radar system is designed to monitor ship movements, drug smuggling and illegal immigrants.

► **The Atlantic Conveyor, a life-giving ocean current that keeps northern Europe warm, is slowing down**, scientists said last week. If the 30% slowdown seen over the past 12 years is not just a blip, temperatures in

northern Europe could drop significantly, despite global warming, they added. The Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research calculated that if the current stopped, temperatures in northern Europe could drop by up to six degrees centigrade in 20 years.

Although Bonaire was spared any harmful effects, the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season will be remembered as the year that storms seemed to be on steroids. It was by far the most active, destructive and geographically far-reaching on record. More than 20 nations, from Mexico to Spain, were affected. Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Kerry Emanuel found that the strength and duration of storms have increased by 50% since the 1970s.

It started fast with Tropical Storm Arlene on June 11 and hasn't let up, considering Epsilon, the fifth storm named under the Greek alphabet which became a hurricane on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, is churning on an erratic course as we go to press.

► **Every household in Rincon will be asked for their input to develop a policy to guide the future of the village.** The Rincon Development Foundation, *Fundashon Desaroyo Rincon*, in cooperation with the *Plataforma Rincon*, is organizing a con-



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► A new playground and park, **Parke Publiko**, was opened two Sundays ago amid great hoopla. The multi-functional park for all ages is the initiative of the We Dare To Care Foundation and is truly a beautiful addition to the island.



► Last Saturday evening was the closing of local artist **Nochi Coffie's** exhibit at the **Park Publiko**. Nochi, a popular guy, not only does his own art but teaches others too. He's shown in front of two of his favorite paintings, "Above the Horizon" and "Landhuis Sababa," both of which are indicative of his natural style.



Artist Nochi Coffie at the Parke Publiko

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 fidential and anonymous survey that will run from December 2 through the first week of January, 2006, to collect information. The poll is financed by the NGO Platform and AMFO. Hopefully the results, which will focus on 10 areas - youth, safety, sports, culture, infrastructure, tourism, education, family, religion and the elderly - will identify projects that are necessary for Rincon. Ben Oleana will coordinate the effort. For further information Rincon residents can call 786-0644.

► Want to add your contribution to a very well run and successful program on the island, one that needs help to keep up their good work? It's the **Rotary Club's "Breakfast-in-School" program** where they are making sure that all young students receive good nutrition. Recently

they added another school, Watapana in Rincon, to their list so they need additional funding. Rotary's creed is "Feed the body and the mind!"

Please help in whatever way you can.

**Donations can be made to the MCB Account #831-088-02, Rotary Club Bonaire, PO 240, Bonaire NA.**

► Last month Darlene Ellis was snorkeling with Renee Leech of Renee's Snorkel Tours and took this photo. It is a **Unicorn File Fish** which



has been confirmed by REEF and Fish ID Experts as a **new species for Bonaire**. Darlene visits Bonaire twice a year and is an avid fish watcher.

► **The Bonaire Jazz Festival, which was a great success in 2005, will be back** from May 25 -28, 2006. The organizer has already contracted one top group: The Cubop City Big Band. This 20-person big band has professional and international musicians from Holland, led by Lucas van Merwijk. It's one of the best Salsa and Latin Jazz big bands on the international jazz scene.

The band will also visit the Puerto Rico Jazz Festival in June and give concerts on Aruba and Curaçao. Other groups and individuals appearing in the 2006 Bonaire Festival program will be from Surinam, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Curaçao, Venezuela and Bonaire. The complete program will be announced in February 2006.

► There was a **big fire at Curaçao's Isla refinery over the weekend**. The

fire started at 7:20 pm and it took the fire brigade of the refinery two hours to put it out. The consulate general of Venezuela, Lorenzo Angolilo, went in person to monitor the situation. He said that the flames were almost 150 meters high. The fire was started when leaking oil from the "cat-cracker" caught fire. As a result of the blaze some of the refinery's apparatus will be out of service for 3 months..

► More activities are starting to stack up for the holiday season. Don't miss something you really want to see. Always **check the "What's Happening" section of The Reporter** on page 15 for the latest information about events on the island.

► Help to put a smile on the face of a senior citizen! For the past three years some good Samaritans, Delno Tromp and Croccantino Restaurant's Elisabeth Wigny have sponsored a nice **Christmas dinner for the Senior Citizens of Ka'i Mimina** from Tera Kora and the 60 plus *Flor di Orkidia* group from Nort di Salina. This year there are 50 elders who would like to be invited to one of the Christmas Dinners at Croccantino Restaurant given on December 15 and 16. To make this happen the organizers are looking for kind sponsors to make this a special day for the older people. **All you have to do is to donate \$20 (NAf35) per person for as many as you can. It's a small price to give to bring a lot of joy to those whose income is miniscule.** As , Delno says, "For every \$20 for each Senior Citizen you will be given 5 points on your Mileage Card to Heaven!"

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# First Look at the New High School



*Inge van der Linden, Director of UniCollege Bonaire, with her students*

For the first time Bonaire has a private high school, UniCollege Bonaire, that offers talented youngsters an alternative to the community high school, the SGB.

UniCollege is a new school for academically oriented students deemed capable of HAVO or VWO level studies. HAVO prepares students for Higher Professional Education; VWO prepares them for a University. It opened its doors August 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 at Kaya Amsterdam #3. The school was founded by concerned parents who were looking for a different educational option for their talented children and is open to all students with the required schooling recommendation.

Before UniCollege Bonaire was founded there was no possibility of getting a VWO diploma on the island. The SGB high school offers three years of VWO, but after that the child either has to go back to HAVO or continue in Curaçao or Holland.

UniCollege offers an education based on the principles and the demands of the Dutch HAVO/VWO system. The education philosophy is based on a new innovative method of teaching called "Investigative Learning" and depends on computers for lesson material. This technique of "investigative learning" has been used in Holland for two years at four schools. In this kind of education the teacher does not lecture the students; she coaches them in their search for answers on the questions they have and guides them to look critically at what they find.

There are 32 school hours per week and homework is included in those hours.

UniCollege Bonaire is working closely with UniC high school in Utrecht, Holland, and can therefore keep the costs for development, operation and lesson material low.

Because of the intensive cooperation with the Utrecht UniC school the quality of the education is guaranteed. At the end of their high school years the children will receive a diploma that's recognized everywhere in Holland and the rest of the world.

Inge van der Linden, Director of UniCollege Bonaire, says, "There are two criteria a child has to pass before admission to the school. First of all he or she needs a HAVO/VWO recommendation from the primary school and secondly he or she has to fit into the system, meaning the child has to be independent and curious. I think people think we're an exclusive school. Indeed it is a private school and the parents have to pay NAf475 per month per child tuition. But in Holland or Curaçao you would have to pay twice that amount. I don't want this to be an exclusive school; I want a school that offers more chances to talented Antillean children. From the 220 children who left elementary school last year only seven joined UniCollege. They will always be the pioneers. I think they have been very brave to take a different route and leave their school friends behind. I also think it's a pity that they had to do so. I would have loved to have more children because going to school is also an important social event. Therefore I hope that next school year we will have more children. I aim at 12 children for the second year and 15 for the third year.

The school hasn't had much exposure yet, but next year we will open our doors to the public in the afternoon so that everyone can see what we are doing here.

For more info people can call 717-0864 from 7:45 to 12:15 and from 2: to 4 pm or e-mail [Inge@unicollege.org](mailto:Inge@unicollege.org) or go to our Website [www.unicollege.org](http://www.unicollege.org)." □

*Greta Kooistra.*

## *What UniCollege students have to say about their school:*

### **Enrique Vasquez:**



"When I heard about this school I began to think of what kind of school it was going to be. Now that I have the choice to study in high school where I can be more prepared for a college or university I'm going to study in this high school until 12th grade. The school is fun and educational. I want to give advice to all the kids on Bonaire. When your parents say something you have to obey them because they are always right, no matter if you have to leave your friends behind. I had to do that, and now I miss my friends so much, but what can I do now? School is always first, then you can do whatever you want. So do what your parents say to you. This was my opinion for my high school. Thank you very much and do it for your own good."

### **Nanouk de Jong:**



"I really like this school because you learn things not always from a book. You learn things to do - stuff like draw a skeleton and name the bones from the skeleton. And there are really nice people. In four months I learned a lot of things from the computer system we work with. I like the school a lot and hope I can stay in here for five or six years."

### **Jeff Marshall:**



"When I had almost finished my first year VWO at the SGB, my parents were busy with a new school, UniCollege. I was asked if I wanted to do my first year again (I skipped a class in elementary school) in the new school. It was a hard choice because I had really good friends. But when I heard that the level of the new school, UniCollege, was really high and worked with a system where you work mostly with computers, I said yes. Now I am happy because the lessons are way more challenging and mostly fun, and when I finish school I will get a diploma that is approved everywhere in the world (unlike SGB). That's why I like this school."

### **Danny Gerharts:**



"Well to be honest, I was skeptical when I heard about this school. I was hearing all this talk that this new system will make education fun and that we would get a more advanced learning system. It was very hard for me to decide between SGB and UniCollege because in SGB I have lots of friends. Also by going to UniCollege I would have to go back a year, putting me back in grade 7. But after lots of thinking I decided to go to UniCollege, and I must say it is more fun than I thought, even though the social life isn't what I'd like it to be due to the small group. Educationally it is more fun and I learned things in the first week of UniCollege that I didn't learn in the whole year of SGB."

### **Derek Aranguren:**



"I think it's great that we now have a choice of high schools to go to instead of just one school. I've got to say that up to now this school has been much better than the elementary school I used to go to. I mean, the learning system is better, the teacher is nice, we make our own choices and we don't get the "Sit down and listen!" phrase from the teacher. The only actual problems are that since we are such a small group, there isn't much social life going on in school and since we're so small, if something goes wrong in the group, then it's bad for everyone. But, hopefully next year we'll have more kids and everything social will be just fine."

### **Ziran Chin-On:**



"My opinion about the school is that it's fun, but also I think that the school is kind of small and that there aren't many kids. But there is an advantage to having a small number: that the teacher doesn't have to stress as much and that there is always help around. This school is a lot of fun because you can learn a lot of hard stuff in a short time by doing it in a fun way."

### **Rocca Chin-On:**



"I think this school is fun because you learn a lot and in a fun way. For one subject we got to make a giant doll and we also debated. We get to work together in almost all the subjects, which is really fun. You also get to learn a lot about other students in the school." □

► Last Sunday was the first of the **Monthly Jazz Brunches at Den Laman**. The music was by the popular Bonaire Jazz Group with musicians Robbie, Lando, Guus, Henk and Chris. In the audience were couples, families and groups of friends. It was a sellout! For information call 717-4106. Watch *The Reporter* for the date of the next jazz brunch.



Jazz at Den Laman

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 3)

**Stop by and drop off your donation to Elisabeth at Croccantino Restaurant.** Telephone 717-5025 or 785-0581.

► **Bonaire Gift Shop (Wine and Liquor)** carries an amazing number of selections of wine and liquor, and it's all beautifully organized. If you don't believe us, just drop in and see for yourself! Wines are arranged by country or origin and liquors are by type. The number of brands of each type of liquor is awesome – from the very high end to the everyday brands. Looking for an unusual brand or liquor? They most likely carry it. And for holiday gift giving there are special boxes and keepsake bottles containing the good stuff. Take some time to stroll the aisles; you may see brands you've only dreamed about. Now it's more than a gift shop! Bonaire Gift Shop

is located on Kaya Grandi 13. See their ad on page 13.

► This week begins a new column, **Snacks of Bonaire** (page 13). As the authors say, "What would life be like on Bonaire without our local snacks? These neighborhood establishments are often well known to residents, but they are a mystery to most of our island visitors." They hope their guide will make you take the time to visit one of the snacks on Bonaire and enjoy dinner or perhaps just a couple of cold beers.

► The lovely model in the **Benetton** ad this week is **Jermainy Diaz** from Jong Bonaire. She's shown in the Royal Palm Galleries in front of the ReMax office. The Benetton ad is on page 20. □  
G./L. D.



The New Bonaire ?

**THE NEW BONAIRE**

We've been asked just what the main points are that are coming out of the Round Table discussions that are marking the way to a reorganization of the Netherlands Antilles and a sure change to the way of life on Bonaire. The local officials are calling it *Bonaire Nobo* – "New Bonaire."

Here are the essentials:

The Dutch Kingdom will have two new member countries from July 1, 2007 - Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The country of the Netherlands Antilles will disappear and along with it the



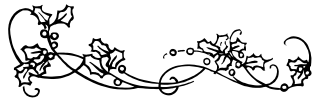
The Old Bonaire

NAf as a currency.

Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius will become "kingdom islands," a status yet to be defined, but is expected to have direct links, perhaps as a Dutch municipality, with The Hague.

The planned series of Round Table Conferences extending into 2007 will define the details.

The changes are planned to answer calls for autonomy by the people of the Antilles. People on the islands, with the exception of Sint Eustatius, voted in favor of leaving the Antilles. Until recently Holland opposed separate status for each island. □ G.D.



# Holiday Pages



## Food Baskets for the Elderly in Nort di Saliña

*Xiomara Alberto of the Plataforma Kunuku Bieuw writes:*

“Every year at Christmastime we celebrate the visit of “Papa Pasku” in the neighborhood. Father Christmas and his helpers bring around presents for the inhabitants (of Nort di Saliña) who are over 60 years old. This year there are 110 people.

For five years the Community Center and Plataforma Kunuku Bieuw have been doing this, to bring happiness and brightness to the oldest ones in the neighborhood.

**That is why we ask you for your contribution. It will be used to buy important foodstuffs as coffee, tea, milk, canned food, biscuits and many other items to make a Christmas hamper.** With your donation or contribution this Christmas will be a happy one again for many of the inhabitants of North Salina. We thank you in advance for your contribution.”

**You may drop off your contribution by Thursday, December 22, at the North Salina Sentro di Bario, Kaya Cacique. They’re open nearly every morning. Or call Xiomara Alberto at 786-2249 or Chio Semeleer at 540-6840 or make a deposit in their account “Sentro de Bario Nort di Saliña,” MCB Account #101-00-577.**

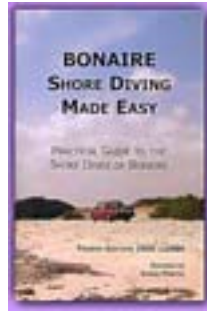


*Papa Pasku brings greetings and a food hamper to senior citizens*

## Gift for Divers—Bonaire Shore Diving Made Easy

A great gift for the diver on your list is the authoritative Dive Guide, *Bonaire Shore Diving Made Easy*

It is available at the following *Bonaire Reporter* advertiser locations: **Buddy Dive, Divi Dive at Divi Flamingo, Carib Inn, Photo Tours Divers in town, Wanna Dive/ Wanna Dive Hut, Photo Tours/Yellow Submarine at Caribbean Court.** And also the following places: Toucan Divers, Belmar Resort, Bonaire Dive & Adventure, Chat n' Browse Bonaire Dive & Adventure, Chat n' Browse, Dive Inn and on-line by sending an e-mail to [diving-guide@bonairstuff.com](mailto:diving-guide@bonairstuff.com) □ *Press release*



## Cinnamon Gallery Heralds the Season

The doors of the Cinnamon Art Gallery were thrown open last Saturday so the busy working public could have time to shop and sample homemade cookies candies, coffee, tea, juice, eggnog and winter rum punch, all in a holiday atmosphere. The owners were all there looking festive (see photo) and the ambience was embellished with Christmas music and holiday fragrances, especially that of the Winter Rum Punch! There are all sorts of gift ideas at the Cinnamon: 2006 calendars, mugs, postcards, posters, placemats, Christmas decorations and more. Stop in. They’re located at Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi behind the Banco di Caribe. Telephone 717-7103. □ *L.D.*



*Jake Richter, Avy Benhamron, Linda and Yana Richter*

# Understanding Sanikolas



photo by Nico van der Ven

A scene from The Netherlands featuring some members of the Antillean community, Burgemeester Waaijer of Zoetermeer, Sinterklaas, and Antillean Plenipotentiary Minister Paul Comenencia plus all the Zwarte Pieten

As an American I learned the truth about Santa Claus as a child. Now I have to come to grips with Sanikolas who has morphed from his Sint Nicolaas (or Sinterklaas) Dutch origins while keeping his Zwarte Piet sidekicks. At first I was miffed at Sanikolas' black "helpers," (Zwarte Pieten, singular Zwarte Piet) whom I felt were really a caricature of black slaves.

A libel, say Bonairean traditionalists. To them, Zwarte Piet is Sanikolas' valued companion; his black hue is due more to his clambering up and down Dutch chimneys rather than his ethnic origin. (Although it is unclear how soot can bring about frizzy hair and big red lips.) There is another view, held by me now, and most locals, namely: who cares? Sanikolas is about having fun and goodwill to all.

OK, how did this tradition begin? According to the online Wikipedia Encyclopedia, Saint Nicholas, also known as Nikolaus in Germany and Sinterklaas (a contracted form of Sint Nicolaas) in the Netherlands and Flanders, is the common name for the historical Saint Nicholas of Myra. Saint Nicholas lived in 4<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine Turkey and had a reputation for secret gift giving. He is seen as the main inspiration for the different varieties of Sanikolas.

For some reason Sanikolas resides most of the year in Spain and comes by boat to Bonaire with his Moorish Zwarte Pieten usually around November 26 in preparation for his gift delivery service on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

In contrast to the sedate Dutch Sint Nicolaas, on his arrival in Bonaire, Sanikolas is preceded by the local drum and bugle corps and either just walks or rides around in Suzuki jeeps rather than on a placid white horse.

Saint Nicholas, and by extension, Sanikolas, has all manner of unusual connections: he is the saint of seamen, merchants, archers, children, prostitutes, pharmacists, lawyers and prisoners and of Russia and Amsterdam.

When Sanikolas is around, children traditionally put their shoe near a place that Sanikolas can reach in hopes of getting a sweet or a little something every day.

The big gift-giving day in Sanikolas' tradition is December 5. He will loudly knock on the door and when the family opens the door, he is gone, but a load of presents has appeared. Fortunately for Bonaire children the influence of America has made Christmas Day, December 25, another day they can get a few gifts. □ G.D.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Shunilla Kroon  
volunteer

This is our very dear friend Shunilla. She is friendly, spontaneous and always willing to help Special Olympics.

It is no wonder that Lupe Uranie, director of the FKPD, has hired her as her secretary! Lupe knew exactly what Shunilla is worth.

At Special Olympics we are very grateful that Shunilla is so eager to help, because most of our athletes go to FKPD during the day. So especially the communication between the organization and the athletes is smoother when Shunilla is there to intermediate.

And we know that whenever we knock at Shunilla's door, she will open it with a great big smile.

Thank you Shunilla!

Athletes oath:

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

**Become a volunteer today!**

Join our enthusiastic group of volunteers. Your help is very much needed. Contact Roosje van der Hoek at 786-7984 or mail at [info@specialolympicsbonaire.org](mailto:info@specialolympicsbonaire.org)

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Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Our account number is 105.780.04 at Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire N.V. or if you wish you can mail a check to:

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Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles



# Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Kas Dorothea

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage

by Wilna Groenenboom



It is simple, it is normal, but for those reasons for me it is so very special. Every morning when I pass this house in Niki-boko, Albert Dorothea is working. He is a fisherman so for that reason he gutting and cleaning the fish or repairing his net. Mostly there are friends who are talking with him or his wife. It is a very social place.

Many years ago fishing was a lit-

tle different from what it is today. He'd go by boat, for example to Venezuela, and catch everything - from fish, conch to turtles. In those days there were two families—German and Meyer - who made jewelry from turtle shells.

Nowadays it is completely different, and the fishing is done only by two men and a net, and they catch only fish.

The house has the same simple,

but beautiful character. Most of the time the family is sitting outside in front of the house, under the shade of the tree. The origin and foundation of the house is perhaps from an 80 to 100-year old *Kas di Bara*, (house made of sticks, *knoekhuis-model*).

The corner of the wall of the house is not straight but slants a little bit. In the front of the house is a nice chimney which reaches

jauntily into the trees. Although the front of the house has been added on more recently, it is still old. □ W.G.

*Wilna Groenenboom is an artist, photographer and teaches art at the SGB high school*



Albert Bianculli photo

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# End of the Year Regatta

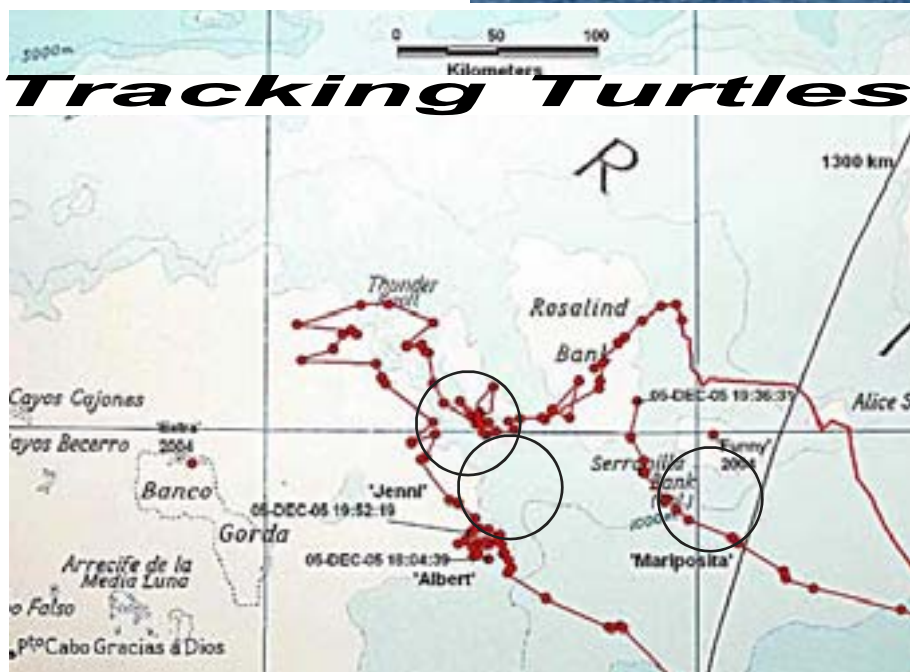
It's a celebration for all sailors on the island to join - the final race of the year - **The End of the Year Regatta**. The tradition has been observed for so many years that even the organizers can't remember when it actually started. They do know that it is a popular event, not only for the sailors but for the spectators on shore.

This year it's on **Sunday, December 18, and races start at 10 am in front of the Regatta House**. Participants should be there at 9. All classes of boats, including the traditional fishing boats, and windsurfers are invited. This year there will be races around Klein Bonaire, according to Race Director Elvis Martinus. As is custom and tradition, instead of trophies the winners will get hams, beer, wine, soft drinks - great food and beverage items for the holidays.

Registration for the Regatta is NAf10. For more information call Elvis Martinus 790-2288. □ L.D.



The traditional fishing boats will sail around Klein Bonaire



Only one tracking map for this week, but it shows all of our currently tracked turtles within a stone's throw of one another.

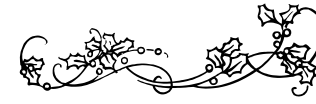
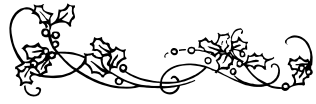
'Jenni' and 'Albert' continue to swim right along the edge of the shallow shelf that extends from the coast of Honduras and are within 60 km of each other. 'Jenni' is approximately 1,460 km from Klein Bonaire and 'Albert' is 1,420 km away.

'Mariposita' is swimming over deep water and holding a fairly steady pace. Yesterday her rate of travel was approximately 70 km per day. She is only about 125 km from 'Albert' and 155 km from 'Jenni'. She is over 1,300 km from Klein Bonaire. □ Andy Uhr & Mabel Nava

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)						
Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides						
DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
12-09	2:14	1.0FT.	57	9:14	1.6FT.	57
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12-11	1:10	1.1FT.	60	10:01	1.9FT.	60
12-12	10:31	2.0FT.	68	19:37	0.8FT.	68
12-13	11:10	2.1FT.	76	20:34	0.8FT.	76
12-14	11:46	2.1FT.	83	21:35	0.7FT.	83
12-15	12:20	2.1FT.	86	22:25	0.6FT.	86
12-16	13:00	2.1FT.	87	23:04	0.6FT.	87

## VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

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## Sanikolas, Zwarte Pieten visit Warehouse Bonaire

**Y**ou'd have to have been deaf, dumb and blind not to notice them! Sanikolas and his Zwarte Pieten visited Warehouse Bonaire last Saturday to give gifts to the kids and put on a noisy, energetic and fabulously fun parade through the aisles of the store. Led by the drum playing "musical"



Zwarte Pieten, the group was followed by the rollicking, teasing and trick playing Pieten who were in turn followed by a conga line of kids. Everyone in the place – no matter what their age – had big smiles on their faces!

In mid-November the children of Bonaire were invited by Warehouse Bonaire to color pictures of Sanikolas and leave a shoe in the store for Sanikolaas to fill with goodies. All the pictures and the shoes have been on display at Warehouse since then. Then last Saturday the children returned to get their drawing and goodies from Sanikolas and be entertained by the Zwarte Pieten. All this was organized by Warehouse Manager Roland Verbeek who told us that this is the ninth year they've been doing this. "The first year we started out with just 14 kids; this year there were 250!" he said. Another nice thing is that each child is photographed with Sinter Klaus, and next week, according to Roland, the children can come to pick up their photo. "We do this because not everyone on the island has a camera," says Roland. What a very nice memory for a child and his parents! □L.D.

## Green Label is Stocked for the Holidays

**T**he Green Label nursery shop is crammed with all sorts of new garden things. They've just unloaded two and a half containers and the shop is bursting. One whole container came from Florida with all kinds of palm trees, including pigtail palms, fruit trees like mangoes and figs, strawberry guava and flowering shrubs. Also in that shipment are fertilizers and pest controls. Another one and a half containers also arrived, just in time for the holiday,



*Nils van Eldik says happy holidays from Green Label!*

laden with clay pots from Colombia and Venezuela. Every room of the shop is filled with pots – from huge, Ali Baba-sized ones to smaller versions- in all shapes and sizes and at all different prices. They have table-top live conifers that make perfect little Christmas (or Chanukah) trees and beautiful, healthy poinsettias – all of which you can plant in your garden afterwards.

Green Label, at Kaya Carlos Nicolaas 2, near Napa, is a full service garden company. They do garden design, construction and maintenance and have nurseries growing native, hardy and unusual plants. Stop by and see them. They're open six days a week, Saturdays, 9 to 4 nonstop. Tel. 717-8310, 566-6033, fax 717-3720, email [GreenLabel@bonairelive.com](mailto:GreenLabel@bonairelive.com) □L.D.

# Holiday Pages

## Kids Learn to Bake For The Holidays

In keeping with the season of giving, 10 young SBO students, from teacher Wilna Groenenboom's class, spent the afternoon at Cultimara's bakery with six, six to 10-year-old kids. The idea was that this could be a creative experience for the kids – and it was. They used Amstel beer boxes to boost the kids up to the tables, and Amstel beer bottles to help roll out the dough! Each child was given a certain amount of dough with which to work, and the idea was to make the popular Dutch cookie, *Spekulaas*. Creativity ran rampant and all had a great time! Afterwards everyone got a free drink and all the children will get a special certificate from Cultimara Baker Remsley Bart with the *Spekulaas* recipe on the back.

Thanks to Cultimara for providing the bakery and the materials.  
□ Wilna Groenenboom/L.D.



# AWC Brings in the Beaujolais Nouveau



AWC's Noel and Marjolein and Marjolein Too with the very special Beaujolais Nouveau

Real Beaujolais is unfortunately rare. Wine maker Marcel Lapierre, who also makes the Beaujolais Morgon at Chateau Cambon, makes Beaujolais according to his own stubborn ideas. There are no artificial fertilizers or chemicals. He even ploughs (a labor intensive rarity nowadays) and so uses the natural yeast of the vineyard.

This is one of the few wines in the world without sulphur. It's the real thing, not a high alcoholic grade of wine that tastes like sweet bananas because of the yeast used in mass production, but Beaujolais like it used to be and is supposed to be: light, fresh, fruity, thirst quenching - a wine to share with friends.

A tradition we started last year and "naturally" (a word that is truly in place here) we want to keep up is the Beaujolais Nouveau 2005 from Chateau Cambon. It's unfiltered, there's no sulphur added, with indigenous yeast. Again it is nothing more and nothing less than pure fermented grape juice. In keeping with tradition Marcel Lapierre made it a wine you will drink and empty the bottle before you know it. Uncomplicated enjoyment!

And it will stay like that until summer 2006. It's at its best nicely cooled. *Marjolein Hayden* -

See the AWC ad on page 11. AWC also carries the Laramon Red French Table Wine. According to Marjolein this grape was nearly lost, but here it is now in a bottle - 100% of the Laramon grape.

Another rare find is the Lou Carignan, again with that grape being present 100% in the bottle. These two wines are all naturally made with no artificial additives. L.D.

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Palm Trading (dive-equipment wholesaler) on Bonaire needs a full time helper starting this January. Must be in the possession of a Driving License and by preference have some dive experience. Please contact: [info@palmtradingnv.com](mailto:info@palmtradingnv.com) / phone number 717-2072.

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# The Snack Boys Guide to Bonaire's Finest Snacks

What would life be like on Bonaire without our local snacks? These neighborhood establishments are often well known to residents, but they are a mystery to most of our island visitors. We hope our guide will make you take the time to visit one of the snacks on Bonaire and enjoy dinner or perhaps just a couple of cold beers.

You may ask, "What is a snack?" We have discussed this difficult subject over many beers, and we have come up with some guidelines to help you determine if you are eating at a "real" snack, or at just another fancy restaurant. The best part of "snacks" is that there are no two that are the same, and half the fun is that you never know what you are going to find once you walk in.

We have defined a snack as a small business serving fresh food and usually serving cold beer. Some snacks may also serve wine and mixed drinks. A snack is often a neighborhood place with a bar and at least a couple of tables. You will never see cloth tablecloths or linen napkins at a snack. The food at a snack is usually available for take out and is normally delivered in plastic containers for take out. You can enjoy a couple of cold beers while waiting for your take out order. The food is usually very tasty, and it is often served in large portions. Most snacks serve a combination of local dishes, BBQ (chicken and ribs for sure) or Chinese food. Entrees are rarely more than NAf20 and most dishes are priced from NAf10 to NAf15.



We have decided to use a rating system that measures the key factors we consider when visiting a local snack. We rate each snack on the basis of 1 to 5 beer bottles, 5 being the best. In the interest of fairness we will try to evaluate all of the snacks we visit on the same basis.

- **Beer Temperature** when served – a 5 means that the beer is served at a temperature that is just above freezing.
- **Beer Price** – A 5 means that most beer is NAf2 per bottle or less, 4 is for beer prices from NAf 2 to NAf 2.50, and 3 beers mean that the beer is over NAf2.50.
- **Food Quantity** – A 5 means that a "large" order would feed more than three people, a 4 would feed two people and a three means there is at least enough food for you and your dog.
- **Food Price** – A 5 means that there is a good selection of entrees big enough to share for under NAf12, 4 means that most entrees are under NAf15, and 3 means that most entrees are under NAf 20.
- **Food Quality** – Based on tastiness and presentation.
- **Atmosphere and Service** –A 5 means that a cold beer arrives at about the same time that you sit down at the bar.

We, the authors, have invested hundreds of hours in research, so we hope that you will enjoy our comments and hopefully you will take the time to visit some of these wonderful local businesses. Our first review follows.

If you have any comments or want to suggest your favorite snack for our review please send your emails to [snackboys@bonairereporter.com](mailto:snackboys@bonairereporter.com). □ *Snack Boys*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



January 7	Opening Karnaval
February 4	Tumba Festival
February 17	Youth Parade Rincon
February 18	Youth Parade Playa
February 25	Adult Parade Rincon
February 26	Adult Parade Playa
February 27	Farewell Youth Parade
February 28	Farewell Adult Parade

### Op=Op Master Grill:

This wonderful snack is family owned and operated by Shirley and Sherman. Their two children, Sherlock and Shermalina, are often there to help cook as well. This snack is best known for their BBQ which is served hot right off the grill. These BBQ'd treats include rotisserie chicken, BBQ ribs, lomito and more. A whole chicken with French fries is NAf 10, and the same for a rack of BBQ ribs. Op=Op also offers Creole cooking, fresh fish and stobás (stews) on occasion. You can always stop by and see what's cooking. Our favorite is the mixed grill which includes 2 lomito (thin sirloin steak), ribs, ½ chicken, pork chops and 2 chorizo for NAf 20, including French fries and cole slaw. This will easily serve three people with some left over for the dogs.

**Open from** 6 pm to midnight, Tuesday thru Saturday. Noon to 8 pm on Sunday. Closed Monday. No beer; soft drinks only.

**Directions:** Located on Kaya Korona, across from the Progresso Supermarket

**Conclusion:** This is one of the best BBQ style snacks on Bonaire. Take your order home and drink your own beer. Just make sure to have a big appetite.

### Ratings:

- Beer Temperature – No Beer is sold
- Beer Price – No Beer



Food Quantity –5



Food Price –4½



Food Quality –4½



Atmosphere and Service –4



Overall –4 (only because they don't serve beer)

□ *The Snack Boys*

# Pet of the Week

“Basta” is enthusiastic, smart and very energetic. She’s independent and afraid of nothing. She was living with a family with two other dogs, but because she was so dominant they couldn’t keep her. That’s not necessarily a bad thing because with some time and training she promises to become a fine pet, one who will be a serious watch dog. She’s only seven months old; she’s been sterilized, checked by the vet and has had her shots. This one really needs a chance to show her worth.

Here are some amazing figures: In addition to the 150 pets that have been adopted from the Shelter so far this year there have been an additional 100 animals sterilized – all thanks to the Sterilization Program. **That’s a total of 250 animals on Bonaire that have been sterilized this year.** Think of how many unwanted litters of how many puppies and kittens that have been eliminated. But all this does cost money and the Shelter desperately needs some to keep this very worthwhile project going. Please, if you can, donate to the “**Sterilization Fund,**” **MCB Account #10616410. All the monies go only for sterilization, nothing else. You may also donate via Support Bonaire, Inc. Website: [www.SupportBonaire.org/](http://www.SupportBonaire.org/).**

Looking for some nice dog collars and leads? A very kind person donated some after a pet store in the US went out of business. They normally would cost \$14 in the States, but the Shelter is selling them for only NA/15 each, all proceeds to the Shelter of course.

The Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road is open Monday through Friday, 1 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. □L.D.



“Basta”

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MOVIELAND

### WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

**Late Show**  
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

**Domino**  
(Mickey Rourke)

**Early Show (Usually 7 pm)**  
**The 40-Year-Old Virgin**  
(Steve Carell)

**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

**Friday, December 9** – “Mi Gusta Lesa” (“I Like to Read”) project for children four to eight and their parents or guardians— fun activities and surprises. Sentro di Bario Nort Salina, 5 to 7 pm. Sponsored by SEBIKI with Marie Craane and Roxiana Goeloe. (Parents: please bring an old white bed sheet if you have one.) For further information contact SEBIKI at 717-2436

**Saturday, December 10** – Benetton Fashion Show to celebrate their 15 year anniversary in Bonaire. Dance Show by the Ginies and a musical presentation. 7pm, Barracuda Club. General price: NAf35; VIP price NAf65. Benefit to Bonaire Foundations. Tickets available at Benetton Bonaire or call 510-0710.

**Saturday, December 10, Ars Cantandi Christmas Concert** at 8 pm in the SGB High School auditorium of SGB.

**Sunday, December 11—Jong Bonaire Kaminata (walk)** - A Teener Parade Fundraiser for anyone who can walk. NAf7,50 includes lunch & drinks. Start at Jong Bonaire at 6 am.

**Arts and Crafts Markets** at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting days, starting around 10 am to early afternoon: Dec.13 *Sea Princess*; *AidaVita*. Dec.17 *Silver Whisper*. Dec.19 *Arcadia*

### COMING UP

**Saturday, December 17** – Plaza Resort 10th Anniversary— 7 pm-midnight at Topsy Seagull. All invited. Free admission. Info 717-7500

**Sunday, December 18** – End of the Year Regatta – 10 am, in front of Regatta House on the waterfront. All sailors welcome to the last race of the year. Food and beverage prizes!! More information on page 9. For information call Elvis Martinus 790-2288.

**Monday, December 19** – SGB Christmas Fair and Market – Gifts, food, drinks, entertainment, Christmas spirit-NAf1 entrance (drawing for a prize).

**Sunday, December 25** - Bonairean Christmas Buffet at Divi Flamingo - Music by Kriollo Kids (*Gaitas*). The buf-

fet will consist of all-Bonairean Christmas dishes. There will be a cozy Bonairean Christmas ambiance with decorations, Christmas tree, etc. Price to be announced. Information 717-8285.

**Saturday, December 31** – Divi Flamingo New Years Party – to be announced

### 2006

**Karnaval 2006** January 7 to February 28 (see page 13).

**January 14, 2006** - next quarterly clean-up dive. All are welcome, divers and non-divers alike. Contact sponsors Yellow Submarine (<http://www.bonaireyellowsubmarine.com>) or Net-Tech (<http://www.nettech.an>).

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Saturday Rincon Marshé opens at 6 am - 2 pm.** Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop: fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets and snacks, arts and handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music. [www.infobonaire.com/rincon](http://www.infobonaire.com/rincon)  
**Saturday—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 ambiance 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 -Yoga** 5 pm, Beginner; 6.30 pm, Intermediate, Harbour Village Spa 786-6416

**Tuesday -Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225 /717-7500, ext. 14.

**Every Tuesday Night @ 6:30pm** - BonaireTalker Dinner/Gathering at Gibi's, known for great local food. Call Gibi at 567-0655 for details, or visit [www.BonaireTalk.com](http://www.BonaireTalk.com), and search for "Gibi."

**Wednesday -Yoga** 8.30 am, Mixed Level, Plaza Resort, 786-6416

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

**Friday -Yoga** 8.30 am, Mixed Level, Buddy Dive Resort, 786-6416

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

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

**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 Al-

### December 2005 Cruise Ship Schedule

Day	Date	Ship Name	Time	Pier	# PAX	Line
Tue	Dec.13	<i>Sea Princess</i>	1200-1900	S.Pier	1950	Princess
Tue	Dec.13	<i>AidaVita</i>	1000-2000	N.Pier	1260	P&O Ger.
Sat	Dec.17	<i>Silver Whisper</i>	0700-1600	S.Pier	388	Silversea Cruises
Mon	Dec.19	<i>Arcadia</i>	0800-1800	S.Pier	1968	P&O Cruises
Mon	Dec.26	<i>Braemar</i>	0800-1700	S.Pier	720	Fred Olsen
Tue	Dec.27	<i>AidaVita</i>	1000-2000	S.Pier	1260	P&O Ger.

bert 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 (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

### 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, 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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Bonaire Arts & Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonaireano)** 717-5246 or 7117

**The Bonaire Swim Club-** Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; Valrie@telbonet.an  
**Cinnamon Art Gallery** - Volunteers to help staff gallery. 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 7174685, 566-4685

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**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

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<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 525	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	<b>Magnificent Theme Nights:</b> Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
<b>Bistro de Paris</b> Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	<b>Real French Cooking</b> in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
<b>Brasserie Bonaire</b> Royal Palm Galleries Kaya Grandi 26, Next to Re/Max, 717-4321	Low- Moderate Lunch and Dinner Open 11 am -2:30 pm 5:30-9 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday	Lots of parking in big mall lot <b>Kitchen Open 11 am-2:30 pm, Dinner 5:30-9 pm</b> Breezy terrace with airco inside—Also serving big sandwiches at dinner
<b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b> At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and turquoise sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the <b>highest standard of cuisine.</b>
<b>Croccantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	<b>Bonaire's Most Romantic Restaurant where dining is a delight!</b> Tuscan chef prepares exquisite dishes with authentic ingredients. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
<b>The Great Escape</b> EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488	Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open 7 days	<b>Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof.</b> Cuban cuisine. Champagne brunch on Sundays 10 am to noon. Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
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<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side <b>Caribbean-style bistro</b> owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
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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.

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

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## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

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## 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.

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## FITNESS

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machines and classes for all levels.

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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

## GIFTS, SOUVENIRS AND LIQUOR

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

## HOTELS

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

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

## METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP

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## PHOTO FINISHING

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

## REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

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

**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.

## WINDSURFING

**The Bonaire Windsurfing Place** can fulfill all your windsurfing dreams and more. They offer expert instruction, superb equipment on a fine beach. Lunch and drinks too.

## 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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## Angel Martinez

**"I** was born far away - in El Salvador - August 26, 1971. I lived with my grandparents in a small town called El Transito, outside San Salvador. We lived in a house that had no windows, no doors, no running water and no electricity. It was a simple house. My younger brother, a cousin and I lived there because my mother had to leave the country to go to the United States to make money for us. In total we are four brothers: two went with my father and two stayed with my grandparents, so we never got to know each other.

I was going to a Christian school on the main road and many times the government troops or the guerillas were looking to recruit you, because at that time the country was in a civil war. As I was tall and looked older, I had to run or hide a lot. I went to school until the sixth grade. I was fortunate because some kids grew up without going to school at all; they would work or join the military. They didn't even get the chance.

My grandmother was strict in everything, and she always worked hard making tamales, dough stuffed with meat or chicken and vegetables. When she needed water we had to walk three miles with a little container. We'd make it our goal to fill up the 55 gallon drum at the house. On weekends we'd go house to house to sell the tamales if my grandmother's regular costumers didn't buy them all. The point was to come home with an empty basket. During one of those selling trips I found a whole family murdered, the bodies lying behind the house.

When I was 12, I saw my father for the first time when he had to open a bank account for my mom because she was planning to get us to the US. Shortly after I saw him again when he had to sign my passport. Those were the only two times in my life that I saw my father. Then we were busy arranging the travel to the US. To get us there a friend of my mother came to El Salvador to accompany us because he knew the way. The four of us - my grandmother, my younger brother, I and the friend arrived in Mexico City in February, 1985. It was very, very cold, but it was fun. I'll never forget it! We went to an uncle's and lived with him for six weeks, waiting for more money from my mom and learning to speak like a Mexican because at that time Mexicans could cross the border much easier.

After we got ready to leave Mexico City we went to Tijuana, on the border, and to our contact person where we waited for about a week, staying in one room with 50 other people, waiting for the right time to cross. When it was our time, my grandmother, I and three other persons climbed into a Chevrolet Camino,

lying flat in a hollow bottom. After a 45-minute ride they told us we were in the United States... just like that!

The first thing I saw when got up and looked outside was the sign on the freeway: Long Beach! It was a relief because that was where my mom was. We waited three days for my mom. You have to pay on delivery and for the four of us she had to pay close to \$4,000.

My mom worked at a gas station and our way of living was very simple, but we had an apartment with doors and a TV and things we were not used to having. I got a sense of living in a big city and for me it was very important to educate myself, learn the language properly so that I could understand what the pop songs were about and become an American! The city had a good and a bad side and it was up to you which way you wanted to go. Compared to where I grew up it was nice, I thought, but I guess you'd call it a 'ghetto.' It was very difficult to stay on the good side, because everybody was in gangs.

My brother was good in elementary school, but he wanted life to be easy and

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started going bad after junior high. He was in and out of juvenile detention; everything he did got him into bigger trouble and he ended up in jail. Because of all the problems my brother was causing I went to live in an apartment when I was 21."

*Angel Martinez, an admirable, patient man, continues the story of his incredible journey to Bonaire.* "I tried to combine three things: school, work and a social life. Besides liking music I also liked cars. One of my first real jobs was being a test driver for cars that were not sold yet. This company was doing prototype testing for Ford. I worked there for 10 years. I started as a driver and they sent me to school to learn and I became a mechanic. I traveled around the country testing cars and that's when I met Lucia Beck in San Francisco. It was 'curiosity at first sight!'"

"I was in San Francisco for a week," Lucia says. "I had just come from Singapore. I was working for this business and

investment guide, spending three months in a country. I was born in Holland, an only child. My father was German, my mom is from Curaçao. I was raised in Germany until I was five; then we left for Curaçao and in 1994 I moved with my mom and daughter to Bonaire. Three months ago I started to manage Voz di Bonaire. I have my own business, a PR, marketing and advertising company, and I'm also in charge of tourist information programming at Mega and I represent Tele Curaçao on Bonaire.

Well, after we'd met, Angel would call me every day to talk for two hours while he was driving home from work! What I liked about him was that he is a very quiet person and relaxed while I am a loud person. My mom, who lives with us, is also loud, and so is my daughter Thibisay (18) who is studying hotel management in Aruba."

"In the States, what I saw," Angel says, "is that people are attracted to the 'all American girl.' I was more attracted to people from different cultures. The way Lucia reacted to something, the way she talked to me - it made me want to know more about her. We met at the beginning of 1999 and we got married April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2000, in Moreno Valley, California, where my mom lives. The next day we went on a very unique honeymoon: With the entire family and all our friends we went to Las Vegas!"

Three months later I came to Bonaire. Two years earlier I didn't even know it existed! To me it was and it still is paradise. I'm working at the salt company as a mechanic. Even though this is not my country I feel I belong here. December 24<sup>th</sup> 2001, our son Timothy was born, and to have a son changes everything."

"It was the first and only time I saw Angel express emotion," Lucia says. "He never expresses emotion." "I choose to be like that," Angel replies quietly. "Last year in February, I visited El Salvador after 25 years to see my grandparents. My grandmother had returned seven years



*Lucia, Timothy, Godzilla, the Chihuahua,*

ago. They're both over 90 and I wanted to see them. It was a very long trip and my expectations were really low, but it got me by surprise - it has become so American - unbelievable.

My grandparents live on a farm and as I was walking towards the fence I saw my grandfather sitting there. The years are showing, there is a walking cane, but... he was humming the same song he used to hum when I was a child. He looked at me and started laughing... and I went down and gave him a hug. But the thing that got me is that he recognized me still... The whole time I was there I was trying to explain to him where it was I was living now, and I think he finally understood. It was a family reunion. My mom was there too and also my youngest brother. But the attitude he had with my grandparents made me want to leave. I called Lucia and told her, 'I want to get out of here now!' After seven days I flew back. And I know:

This is my place; my son was born here - I don't have any other place to go to." □

*story and photo by Greta Kooistra*



# Picture Yourself In The Reporter

## Rockefeller Center, New York City

Joan and Alan Zale of Hartsdale, NY, pose with a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* in front of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree in New York City on Sunday, December 4. They own a condo at Sand Dollar and travel to Bonaire twice a year. Joan is a reading teacher in the Bronx and Alan is a freelance photographer for *The New York Times*.



## Vienna, Austria

After Susanne and Ernst Seeling returned from their 22<sup>nd</sup> trip to Bonaire back to their home town of Vienna, Austria, they posed with a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* in front of the giant ferris wheel, "Riesenrad," one of the town's famous attractions. They say, "We are already looking forward to December, when we will again visit our beloved island Bonaire." □



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognize those famous smiles? They belong to windsurf champion Everon "Tonky" Frans and Sapphira Coffie who are now parents to baby Evanthe Denou who arrived at San Francisco Hospital on November 24 at



Tonky, Sapphira & Evanthe



4:05 pm. She weighed in at 3,430 grams and was 50 cm. long. Baby and parents are doing very well, and during the photo session little Evanthe even flashed us a baby-style "shaka!" (Check the photo ◀) □ L.D.

Readers are invited to send their photos of their anniversaries, engagements or weddings to *The Reporter*.



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up

## How the Planets Perform

In addition to brilliant **Venus**, which is at its greatest brilliancy this week, and **Mars, Saturn and Jupiter**, which are also very eye catching, the first planet out from the **Sun, Mercury**, puts on



The planets

its last performance for the year during the second week of December.

But first look west just after dark this week and you'll be dazzled by planet #2 from the Sun, 8,000-mile-wide Venus, which is at its brightest this week and which is always mistaken for the Christmas star whenever it appears in early evening skies at Christmas time. Around 8 pm look southeast and up, and you'll see planet #4, rouge-gold 4,000-mile-wide Mars, still extremely bright even though it is almost 20 million miles farther away than when it was at its closest on October 29th. At 10 pm look just north of east. Not nearly as bright but much more beautiful through a small telescope you'll see planet #6, 75,000-mile-wide Saturn. And about one hour before dawn look southeast and you'll see planet #5, 88,000-mile-wide Jupiter.

But to find planet #1, the most elusive of them all because it pops in and out of morning and evening skies several times throughout the year and never gets very high above the horizon, look below Jupiter just above the southeast horizon all next week about 45 minutes before sunrise for a bright pinkish light and bingo! You will have spotted Mercury, the tiniest planet of them all except for **Pluto**, 3,000-mile-wide, Mercury, 1,000 miles wider than our Moon and 1,000 miles smaller than Mars. It's called the "pink iron planet" because its core actually has more iron than all the iron on **Earth**. Its pink color is due to the fact that it never appears very high above the horizon so we always look at it through dustier layers of our earth's atmosphere, which gives it this false coloration.

And if you look at it through a small telescope you will see that, like Venus, it goes through various phases. Venus is steadily shrinking, phase wise, all month long and will look like a thin crescent moon by New Year's. But tiny Mercury looks like a **gibbous phase** of the moon.

Now because Mercury is the first planet out from the Sun it is also the fastest. We all know that it takes 365 and 1/4 days for our Earth to make one trip around the Sun, but Mercury, named for the swift messenger of the gods, makes one trip every 88 days, so a year on Mercury is 88 Earth days long. Back in 1974 we flew by it for the first time in a spacecraft and saw it close up for the first time. And amazingly it looks very much like our heavily cratered **Moon**.

So there you have it: planet number 1 at its best next week and planets number 6, 5, 4 and 2 also visible. And of course we could always throw in planet number 3, which is the one you're standing on right now. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: December 4 to 10, 2005

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Cultural activities open your eyes to new ways of doing things. You should make sure that your personal papers are in order. Consider applying for a job in another part of the world. Opportunities for romance will flourish through travel. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Try not to lend or borrow money this week. You can form new partnerships, but don't move too quickly; things may not be as they appear. Look into attending seminars that can expand your perception. Your ability to do detailed work will dazzle those who are less creative. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Discuss your objectives with peers or lovers. Your positive attitude and intellectual outlook will draw others to you. Exaggeration or deception coupled with overindulgence might be a problem. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Lovers may not be truthful. Your professional attitude will not go unnoticed. You may feel that someone at work is holding you back. Avoid any gossip and be careful that you aren't misinterpreted. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You may need to make a choice. Take time to relax. Stress and pressure at home may have worn you ragged. You should catch up on correspondence. If you haven't already, don't be afraid to start your own small business on the side. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't make excuses. You must not let others talk you into doing things that will probably limit you financially at a later date. Organize your day to avoid any setbacks that might ignite temper flare-ups. Be careful not to let friends or peers make you look bad. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Sudden changes regarding colleagues may surprise you. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. You can make the most headway if you put in some overtime. Enlist the aid of family members and consider the feelings of your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You need a change of pace. Emotional partnerships may develop through projects you initiate. Don't let relatives make demands of you. You will be a bit of a spendthrift this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Be cautious not to get involved in office chatter that will cause problems for others. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Lovers will be demanding. You are best to sign your partner up for activities that will be tiring. Things at home may be somewhat rocky. Your lucky day this week is Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You are best to move quickly and to get in good with the boss. Stay away from social unpleasantness. Your changing philosophies may lead you into new circles and open doors that will give you a unique outlook on life. Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Romance appears. Travel will also entice you. Your stability will aid you in getting support from your fellow workers. Chances are you split up the last time because you didn't really want to make a commitment. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Travel will be good if you are seeking knowledge. Opportunities for love will develop while traveling or while attending religious functions. Club memberships or donations could be expensive and prove unnecessary. Put your thoughts into some trendy new ideas. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. □