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at Karnaval**



# Flotsam and Jetsam



*Economic Platform Board members: Sidney Manuel, Richard Duijn, Evert Piar, DJ Methorst and BIDA Director, Raymundo Saleh, announce the hotel school plan.*

**O**n Tuesday the Bonaire Economic Platform Foundation announced a new project, unprecedented for the island, that will shift the center of Bonaire's tourism to the north. According to their press release a top hotel chain, whose name is being withheld pending further negotiations, will run a "quality suite-residential hotel" that will be partnered with Maastricht's *Hoge Hotelschool*. The complex will include classrooms for advanced hotel instruction, student residences, and a park with gardens and recreational facilities.



The Maastricht's *Hoge Hotelschool* offers bachelors and masters degree courses in hospitality management. On graduation, students can embark on a career as a manager or consultant with

hospitality and service organizations such as hotels, restaurants, etc.

Originally planned to be located in Lac Bay, the Platform board, following an unfavorable environmental impact study, decided to relocate to a government provided area in the Colombia Plantation area. As part of the project the road now running past SABADECO will be paved and extended to Rincon.

Construction is planned to start by the end of the year.

► **Dutch Antilles Express (DAE) anticipates flying jets** in place of the turbo-props it now uses on its regional flights and the Curaçao-St. Maarten route. DAE Managing Director Floris



van Pallandt said. While he could not give an exact date, DAE plans to extend its regional flights, now only to Valencia, Venezuela, "as soon as possible." "For DAE to extend regional flights operations have to be moved to Curaçao," said Curaçao's Minister of Transportation, Omayra Leeftang. "They will need more planes, a hangar, pilots, engineers, cabin crew. The market for regional flight is in Curaçao, not Bonaire," she added. Van Pallandt confirmed that Curaçao Free Zone businesses complained that the ATR and Fokker-50 planes now flying have limited cargo capacity. He said that the ATR planes now undergoing service would be back from maintenance and in service by the end of next month and the more comfortable Fokker-50 returned.

► **KLM Royal Dutch Airline dropped fares as much as 25% this week.** The reduced fares can be for travel beginning with the



March 26 summer schedule, and apply to KLM flights originating in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. New fares will be introduced for students, the elderly and business class as well as a one-way trip to Amsterdam.

Aside from lower fares, KLM will introduce five new price classes. Each price class has a recognizable name, conditions and price tag: Take Off fare, Economy Flex fare and Full Flex fare in

economy class and World Business Class Holiday Fare in addition to the existing World Business Class.

► **INSEL Air, a new Curaçao-based airline led by a former DCA head, that was formed to conduct flights among the ABC islands but has not yet taken off, has requested permission to make international flights as well.** It was supposed to begin flying in October, 2005. However, the Air Operators Certificate for its only airplane, a 19-person Embraer Bdeirantes, is not complete.

► **Things may get tougher at next month's Round Table Conference** that is working towards the new structure for the Antilles. Both houses of the Dutch government say they are willing to come to restructure Antilles debts, not forgive them, only if acceptable emphasis is given to crucial tasks like maintenance of law and order, effective financial supervision and sound government. The Dutch Second Chamber of Parliament passed a motion on Friday which will not allow the Dutch Government to absorb the 5.4 billion guilder debt of the Netherlands Antilles without these "safeguards."

► **The Netherlands is a haven for money laundering,** with at least 18.5 billion euros (\$21.95 billion), equivalent to around 5%, of the Dutch gross domestic product every year, 20 % of which stems from domestic criminal activity, a study said on Friday. The study added that money was most often

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## A LOVING FAREWELL

To my friends on Bonaire,

The time has come in my life for another adventure. I will be leaving not only Buddy Dive Resort, where I have had the pleasure of working for the last 5 years, but also leaving this beloved island of Bonaire. That is the sad part of my new adventure. My life has taken a turn for the best and I will be moving to Prince of Wales Island in Alaska...YES...I did say Alaska! I have met someone who has made my life complete and have fallen in love. Yes, he does live in Alaska and that is where my new adventure will start.

But Bonaire remains in my heart; it is the place I chose to live because of the Bonairean people - the kindest in the world - and the island - one of the most beautiful in the world. I am not only leaving my job at Buddy Dive but many others who have helped me make my way here: the folks at Rum Runners Restaurant, which gave me my very first job on the island; Plaza Resort; The Bonaire Motorcycle Club; my family at Capriccio Restaurant, Swiss Chalet, Casablanca, Pasa Bon Pizza, and the one and only Rose Inn in Rincon. This extended family helped me in countless ways, including seeing me through illness and recovery.

Some of you know I am quite the dog owner, and I have been able to find homes for all of my 13 dogs. Thank you, each and every one of my



*TC and Rocky*

"families" - new owners. In case any of you are wondering, Sassy, my little "motorcycle dog," will be going with me (see inset on photo at right). She can fit under the seat on the plane.

George and Laura of *The Bonaire Reporter* have been special friends. *The Bonaire Reporter* has featured me a few times, and my family in the US has been able to keep up with my years here in Bonaire.

Not many people have been able to say that they have lived a life like I have here in Bonaire. That alone makes me a very, very lucky person.

To everyone whom I have shared the incredible experiences with I want to say THANK YOU! To the guests whom I have been so fortunate to meet

and become close friends with and to the beautiful people of Bonaire - because of you my stay here has been a life altering affair. I can only hope that our paths will cross again and that we can maintain contact for many years to come.

My email address will remain the same: tseal@hotmail.com

Please let us stay in touch. I may not be living on Bonaire, but neither am I "leaving" Bonaire. It abides in my heart, as do my friends and extended family on Bonaire.

Farewell, but not goodbye,

"TC"

*On Friday March 10, at Buddy Dive during happy hour, 5:30 - 6:30, there will be a small party for TC. All her friends are invited. Drinks are half price and Moogie will play until 8 pm.*



*TC and friends on Bonaire*

## BUDDY NEEDED

Hello,

My name is Maria Calvo and I am on the island doing research for both my PhD and the Marine Park. I am trying to survey the maximum number of dive sites in Bonaire and Klein Bonaire, focusing on coral, sponges, and fish.

I would like to understand what things are available underwater at each site, trying to understand if divers and dive masters choose sites depending on what is there. For this research, I will be three more months on the island (which is not too much for the amount of dive sites here!) and I am looking for buddies willing to help with the research.

Mainly, I need a buddy to help me carry equipment and do the setting up underwater, but it would be very much appreciated if there are also available buddies with fish identification skills or/and underwater photography skills. That would make the research go faster, but it is not a need.

Please contact me at 780-9812 if you are interested in doing research with me and if you have time available to be spent on a normal routine during these three months (e.g. every other day available in the mornings).

Thank you very much!!

*Maria Calvo*

School of Biological Sciences  
University of East Anglia, UK

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From NAf62



TOURIST TAX  
TRAUMA

Dear Editor:  
When tourists say goodbye to Bonaire, they leave behind quite some tax money. Not only the sales tax at the checkout counter of the supermarket, but also room tax (\$8.50 pppn) and tax on the rental car they used (\$8 per day). Friends of mine who have come to Bonaire for years and stay a month pay \$390 (room) plus \$180 (car) and like everybody else, \$40 airport tax. Grand total \$610. If they had stayed for only two weeks the taxes would still have amounted to \$306.

Strictly speaking it is not they who pay the tax to the government but the owner of the accommodations they stay in. There seems to be a problem. According to our government too many of these owners do not turn over the tourist taxes to the Island Tax Collector, so it was decided to do something about it.

The Island Council approved an Island Ordinance (which up to now has not yet become effective), with the following contents. Room and car taxes are completely abolished and replaced by a tax to be paid by everybody when leaving the island, amounting to \$75; a kind of super airport tax. It's not applied to entirely everybody as exceptions are made for the following categories: island residents and persons



born in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

What are the consequences of this? The people who used to pay \$610 would now only pay \$150, costing the government \$460, and what was \$306 would become also \$150, loss for the government \$156. Other victims are persons who live in the Antilles but were not born there. The specialist, living in Curaçao, but not born there, who is obliging enough to come to Bonaire to see his patients here, will have to pay, when he goes home after a hard day's work, \$75. He will most probably no longer come to Bonaire so that his Bonairean patients will have to consult him in Curaçao, costing themselves and BZV and SVB handfuls of money. Businessmen who regularly come to Bonaire, belonging to the same category, may close down their branch offices in Bonaire, for fear of going bankrupt.

One of the Curaçao specialists comes monthly to Bonaire, bringing his Dutch-born wife as his assistant. When the couple goes home the husband pays his regular NAf10 and his wife has to pay \$75! This would be just ridiculous if it were not at the same time extremely discriminatory. Conclusion: Everybody loses. Maybe it would be a good idea if the government checked things a little better.

Apart from all the above, it is psychologically speaking not a very good idea to charge such a high amount to persons when leaving the island.

G.Vellinga

## CRUISE SHIPS NOT ALWAYS A PLUS

Dear Editor:

You might want to print this to provide balance to your report favorable to cruise ships:

*From Halifax Nova Scotia-* With double digit growth anticipated for the cruise ship industry, ports in the Maritimes need to assess the economic, environmental and social impacts of cruise ships, according to a report released today by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Ross Klein, the author of *Cruising - Out of Control: The Cruise Industry, The Environment, Workers and the Maritimes*, finds that "ports too often see the cruise ship industry as a 'cash cow,' with much money to be made with very little cost. The facts are somewhat different - ports often find that the income expectations are overblown and the costs of hosting a cruise ship are understated."

Many of the anticipated economic benefits do not pan out for communities. Cruise lines skim off some of the profit associated with on-shore excursions and charge onshore merchants fees to be included on the "approved vendors" lists. There are also economic costs associated with tens of thousands of passengers passing through port communities.

**Download the Complete Report/Study:** Cruising - Out of Control: The Cruise Industry, The Environment, Workers, and the Maritimes

Addendum: The cruise ship industry provides an example of "economic enclave" tourism. Ocean cruise ships carried some 8.7 million international passengers in 1999, more in recent years. On many ships, especially in the Caribbean (the world's most popular cruise destination with 44.5% of cruise passengers), guests are encouraged to spend most of their time and money on board, and opportunities to spend in some ports are closely managed and restricted.

Name withheld



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## MEANINGLESS STATISTIC

Dear Editor:

Statistics such as Aruba presented in last week's *Bonaire Reporter*, saying nearly two-thirds of their cruise ship passengers said they would like to return, are 100% useless. The real statistic is how many actually do return for a longer stay. That number is extremely low.

Anyone who gives this any thought would immediately realize that when asked, most people will say, "Yes, I would like to return." It is simply a matter of politeness to do so. How many times at a restaurant do you hear the waiter asking if the meal was fine? The answer is almost always "yes," regardless of the real feelings. Same at a hotel when asked if the customer had a nice time. The answer is almost always "yes." Being polite is not a statistic for how many people return.

Name withheld



(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 2) laundered through the real estate or property sector, regular import and export traffic or channeled through entities that could disguise loans as revenues, for example.

► **The Commissioner of Health and Security of Rotterdam,**



**Marianne van den Anker** would like to force Antillean teenage mothers, pregnant drug addicts and mentally handicapped women to have an abortion to prevent child and sexual abuse. It sparked an outcry in and outside of politics. According to Van den Anker, Antillean teenage mothers' children run the risk of growing up without love and affection in a violent, neglected atmosphere with physical and sexual abuse.

The foundation that promotes Antilleans and Aruban affairs in Holland called van den Anker's statements "dehumanizing." It is displeased that Antillean girls are likened to drug addicts and the mentally disabled. Other political parties in Rotterdam's municipal government rejected Van den Anker's idea and distanced themselves from it.

► Pedro Atacho, the official named to form a new Antillean cabinet following the recent election, informed the Antillean Governor that three political parties from Curaçao - PAR (5 seats), MAN (3), and PNP (2) - **one from Bonaire, the UPB (1), two from St. Maarten - National Alliance (2) - one from Statia - DP Statia (1) - one from Saba - WIPM (1) - are willing to form the new Antillean government.** Atacho hopes to give the Governor his final report no later than March 3<sup>rd</sup>, well ahead of the anticipated schedule. The governing coalition of the island of Curaçao has also realigned to reflect a political mix similar to the Central Government cabinet.

► **The Natalie Holloway drama continues to linger.** Last week Joran van der Sloot, once the chief suspect in causing the disappearance of Holloway, and his father Paul were handed summons for a US damage suit when they arrived in New York for a television interview with ABC. The New York suit was filed by Natalee's parents, Betty Twitty and David Holloway. They referred to Van der Sloot as "a predator who purposely and maliciously neglected the rights" of their daughter. It accuses him of holding her against her will with the help of others and sexually abusing her. The father was summoned because he allowed his son to "drink, gamble and freely go after victims." The suit does not prevent the van der Sloots from leaving the US.

► Curaçao officials announced that they will be holding their first annual

**Curaçao Dive Festival** from May 20 to 27. Participation is free.



This year Bonaire abandoned the "dive festival" format it originated in the 90s and replaced it with the **Dive Into Adventure Festival** that will run from **June 17 to 24**. The Bonaire festival will include many other island activities in addition to diving.

► Event organizers have announced that the **2nd Annual Pro Kids Windsurfing Worlds will be held in Lac Bay August 3-7**. Qualifier events for kids will be held during May and July internationally. The finals will be held in Bonaire when it is expected that kids from the UK, France, Italy Germany and more countries will compete for the title of Pro Kid. Starboard Boards is once again sponsoring this event. This second contest is expected to eclipse last year's great success.

**Concurrent with this announcement was the cancellation of the King of the Caribbean Freestyle competition,** provisionally slated for April 6-9 which had been held for the last three years.

It is hoped that all support and sponsors of KOTCaribbean recognize the youth and our sport and transfer sponsorship to the Pro Kids Worlds.

A new professional freestyle event is in the works for 2007 which will blow away the windsurf world. Keep watching *The Reporter* for news and updates. Contact Elvis Martinus at 717-2288 or Ann Phelan at ann@bonaibcaribbean.com for sponsor or event details. *Ann Phelan*

most diseases and pests and is decorative. In parts of India the tree is considered holy and is called a wonder tree because of its medicinal qualities. Tea brewed from the leaves counters some diseases. Birds spread the seeds of the tree which quickly take root. They might successfully compete with the native trees like the *indju*, the *pal'i kui*, mahogany, the *wayaka* and different kinds of cactus. Bonaire's sensitive environment may become unbalanced without great care being observed to limit the Neem population.



► **A number of large fish species are fast disappearing from the waters around the ABC islands.** That's the conclusion of Natascha Leenstra of the Raboud University in Nijmegen, who with the help of local officials monitored the catch of the island's professional fishermen for six months. Fish such as the Nassau Grouper and King Mackerel are now rare.

► Around the same time fish species were being reported as dwindling an expedition discovered **new species of**



*Saba coral* DCNA photo

**fish and seaweed** on the Antilles Saba Bank. The Bank forms the world's third-largest atoll, entirely submerged, and has some of the richest diversity of marine life found in the Caribbean, according to scientists who recently explored the area. Among the apparent new fish species found were two types of gobi, while the total number of fish species recorded reached 200, compared to fewer than 50 before the expedition.

The unprecedented richness of marine life and vulnerable status of the atoll's coral beds make Saba Bank a prime candidate for designation as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) under the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Bonaire-based Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA), an umbrella group representing the six Dutch Caribbean islands, also calls for PSSA status for the Saba Bank atoll.

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### coral glimpses

(a bit of information about corals presented each week by naturalist Dee Scarr)



**A hemispherical coral head three feet across is 200 to 300 years old!**

► Prominent Curaçao biologists, Dolfi Debrot and Eric Newton, recently issued a **warning about the spread of Neem trees.** Elsmarie Beukenboom of STINAPA observed that the tree is spreading itself in the countryside. The Neem tree comes from India and was introduced in Bonaire gardens because it is fast growing, doesn't need much water, is immune to



(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 6)

► **Gaby Mercera, the percussionist and one of the pioneers of Bonairean jazz, was again invited to the May jazz festival in St. Lucia.** He will be accompanied by the Freewinds Band, Al Green, Seal and Poncho Sanchez on the main stage. Gaby works for SKAL (*Sekshon di Kultura, Arte i Literatura*), gives *kwarta* lessons at elementary schools and shows how to make music with everyday objects. In the afternoon and evenings he teaches drums at his Deco music school.



Gaby with his son



Butterfly Garden in Curaçao

► Last week we reported that **Bonaire will soon have a “butterfly farm.”** This week it was reported that the Butterfly Foundation in Curaçao is working on its own garden at the Parke Tropikal Zoo. Initiator Monique Anderson took a year and a half to study the topic all over the world.



► Caribbean Gas Training and Bonaire Dive & Adventure **announces the first DIR (Do It Right!) Fundamentals course ever to be held in the southern Caribbean from March 2 to 5** by GUE (Global Underwater Explorers - the most formidable and stringent dive certification agency in existence). Instructor Dan McKay from Ontario, Canada, will be on Bonaire to elevate the diving skills, knowledge, attitude and team spirit of three Bonairean candidates who wish to progress in the art and craft of scuba diving. Caribbean Gas Training went to great lengths to accommodate the equipment needs for this class, vastly augmenting its existing stock. Bonaire Dive & Adventure will provide shore access and other amenities. For those interested in the “Doing It Right” philosophy there will be an informal celebratory event at the bar of Den Laman Restaurant on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, with CGT staff and course participants present.



► **SELIBON trash pickups returned to normal last week** following the repair of two of its three compactor trucks. SELIBON, Bonaire’s waste management company, remains one of Bonaire’s most efficient operations.

► **Bonaire’s hotel school restaurant, Chez Nous, is again open for luncheon and dinner.** If you enjoy good food and a pleasant dining experience visit them. Some of the students studied at a cooking school in Italy where they learned new skills. Menus change constantly so the students can try out new recipes.

The restaurant is open for a three-course lunch on Fridays, starting at 12:30 pm sharp. It’s NAf17,50. Four-course dinners are on Tuesday, starting at 6 pm sharp, NAf25. On certain Mondays the higher level, more experienced students cook, and a four-course dinner and a cocktail is NAf27,50. Additional beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, are available and sold separately. The place can be very popular so call at least the day before if not sooner. **Telephone 717-8120 and ask for “Chez Nous.”**

G./L. D.

## Stitching Project Success



**G**rass roots projects that help people are usually the most effective. Bonaire’s Stitching (Foundation) Project for teens is a prime example. Run by Mick Schmit with two Bonairean leaders these youngsters learn skills that build self-esteem and confidence.

Currently a group of the teens are involved in the Junior Marine Park Diver Training program that began January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Divi Flamingo resort that is providing the necessary gear and facilities they are ready for their exams in snorkeling seamanship and boat handling. They’ve already completed swimming and social skill training. SCUBA dive training comes next.

If you want to help this no-nonsense program with a proven successful track record contact: Stichting Project at the North Saliña Community Center, 786-6816, Email mickschmit@telbonet.an. G.D.



## Ask the Dietitian Wiser With Vitamins

Vitamins are **micro nutrients** that are required in small amounts to maintain life. Vitamins are called “essential” because most of them cannot be made by the human body but obtained from foods or supplements. Unlike protein, fat and carbohydrate (the macro nutrients), which are the main ingredients of all foods, vitamins occur in much smaller amounts in food. They’re important to many vital functions in the body, like growth, maintenance and recovery from illness.

### Two Groups

Vitamins are divided into two groups: **fat-soluble** and **water-soluble**. The fat-soluble vitamins are A, D, E and K. They dissolve in fat and are transported by fat. They are found in fatty foods, such as dairy foods, fat and oils and the fat-containing parts of grains and vegetables.

Water-soluble vitamins dissolve in water-based fluids. These include the eight B-vitamins, B1, B2, B3, B12, B11, B8, B5, and Vitamin C. Water-soluble vitamins are more common in fruits, vegetables and grains. Because these vitamins dissolve in water, care must be used during food preparation to keep the vitamins from dissolving into cooking water. For example, vegetables lose a lot of their water-soluble vitamins when cooked improperly in too much water. Steaming or boiling vegetables properly in just a small amount of water helps keep the vitamins intact.

**Vitamin C**, also called ascorbic acid. Works as a powerful antioxidant, aids in the absorption of iron, is critical in fighting off infections and aids in wound healing. *Rich sources are:* vegetables and fruits. The recommended amount per day: 80 mg

**Vitamin B1**, also called thiamin. Helps in the metabolism of carbohydrates for energy and proper transmission of nerve signals.

*Rich sources are:* whole and enriched grain products, sunflower seeds, vegetables (legumes), potato, luncheon (meat). Recommended amount per day: 1.1mg

**Vitamin B2**, also called riboflavin. Necessary in the release of energy from food, healthy skin

*Sources are:* dairy products, eggs, green leafy vegetables, (luncheon) meat. Recommended daily amount: 1.1 mg

**Vitamin B3**, also called Niacin.



Necessary in the release of energy from food. Also required for proper metabolism and brain function

*Sources are:* eggs, whole grain products, fish (tuna), potato, vegetables, (luncheon) meat

Recommended daily amount: 13 mg

**Vitamin B5**, also called pantothenic acid. Necessary in the release of energy from food.

*Sources are:* eggs, whole grain cereals, vegetables (legumes, broccoli, avocados), fruits, dairy products, (luncheon) meat. Recommended daily amount: 5 mg

**Vitamin B6**, also called pyridoxine. Needed for proper protein metabolism. Necessary for normal growth, proper brain and immune function, synthesis of red blood cells.

*Sources are:* potato, bread, dairy, beans, walnuts, vegetables, luncheon (meat). Recommended daily amount: 1.5 mg

**Vitamin B8**, also called biotin. Necessary to release of energy from food. *Sources are:* soybeans, eggs, fortified cereal, nuts, liver.

Recommended daily amount: unknown

**Vitamin B11**, also called folic acid. Important in the metabolism of protein. Necessary in the production of red blood cells. Reduces significantly the risk of neural tube defects (birth defect of the spine) *Sources are:* green leafy vegetables (spinach, asparagus), fruits, bread, dairy, (luncheon) meat, beans, fortified cereals. Recommended daily amount: 300 mg

**Vitamin B12**, also called cobalamin. Important in metabolism, production of red blood cells and proper nerve function.

*Sources are:* (luncheon) meat, egg, fish, dairy, fortified soy-milk, fortified tofu, fortified cereals. Recommended daily amount: 2.8 mg

**Vitamin D**, also called cholecalciferol.

## Youth Tennis Results

Last week the second round of youth tennis ladder was held at the Harbour Village courts. Youngsters from five years of age competed under the direction of Coach Elisabeth Vos. The matches were well attended by friends and parents. Here are the results:

### Saturday:

A- Gino Meeuwsen beat Kevin Abdul 4-1;4-0, Paulo Allee beat Thammy Albertsz 4-3;4-1

B- Arnd Chirino beat Nikita van Ooijen 4-3;4-1, Philip Winkel beat Boy Roozendaal 4-3;4-1

C1- Paola Valerio beat Alexander Hart 6-3, Kevin Dijkhof beat Richandro 6-3

C2- Nigel Tromp beat Zaira Groenendal 6-3, Jordan Coffie beat Marijn van Erp 6-4

D- Sucarla Ellis beat Josephine Marshall 4-0; Max Maartense beat Constantijn Bottrop 4-3

### Sunday:

A- Gino Meeuwsen won, beating beat Paulo Allee 4-3;4-1

B Philip Winkel, in a fierce match, beat Arnd Chirino 4-0;4-1

C1 Paola Valerio once more became champion and beat Kevin Dijkhof 6-4

C2 Nigel Tromp beat Jordan Coffie 6-3

D Sucarla Ellis beat Max Maartense 4-2

In the final standings Yannick Finies was first, Christopher Pourier second and Nathan Finies third.

The next matches will be held on March 11 and 12. For more information call Elisabeth Vos at 717-6907 or 756-5225. *Elisabeth Vos*



Essential for the absorption of calcium: maintenance of bone and teeth strength.

*Sources are:* margarine, *halvarine*, fatty fish, (luncheon) meat, eggs, milk, fortified soy milk, fortified cereals.

Recommended daily amount: 2.5 mg

Vitamin D can also be made by the body when the skin is exposed to sunlight.

**Vitamin E**, also called tocoferol.

A powerful anti-oxidant. Protects body cells.

*Sources are:* vegetable oil, nuts, vegetables. Recommended daily amount: 9.3 mg

**Vitamin K**, also called fylochinon

Essential for proper blood clotting and plays a role in normal bone calcification

*Sources are:* green vegetables (spinach, broccoli, kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, lettuce, fortified cereals, fruits, dairy products, vegetable oil. Recommended daily amount: 90 mg

Bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract also provides the body with vitamin K.

**Vitamin A**, also called retinol (comes from animal sources).

Beta-carotene (precursor to Vitamin A, which comes from plant sources)

Powerful antioxidant which helps the body fight free radicals damage. It is essential for normal vision, reproduction, growth, immune system, healthy skin.

*Sources are:* margarine, *halvarine*, (luncheon) meat, eggs, whole milk products, fish liver oil, pumpkin, vegetables and fruits

Recommended daily amount: 800 mg

The maximum safe amount to use: 3000 mg as retained in a day.

In my next article I will continue with the minerals. *Angélique Salsbach, Dietitian*

*Angélique Salsbach, a dietitian with Bonaire's Department of Health and Hygiene, has a radio program every other Tuesday 9 to 9:30 on Bon FM. Her patients have successfully won the "Battle of the Bulge" and become healthier. Write her at dietitian@bonairenews.com or call her at the Dept. of Health Care 717-3737*





# Bonai News

In the local SGB high school there is a special group of students who work on science projects such as archaeology, cultural anthropology and biology. For the last two years, under the direction of archeologist Dr. Jay Haviser, they've completed ambitious projects like classifying artifacts found underground in the government buildings area in Playa and setting up and opening a museum at Ft. Oranje. They even assembled the whale skeleton which now resides in Washington Slagbaai Park. Recently they've been studying coral reefs with Marine Biologist Caren Eckrich and will soon deliver a research paper.

The current group of 10 students is now researching the history of the old obelisks in the southern part of the island which are in need of reconstruction and repainting. The group is led by Raymundo Saleh, Bonaire's first Antillean Lt. Governor and a great historian of the



*This obelisk was blue*

salt to the lighter which was drawn back and forth from the shore to the ship, innumerable times.

Recently the Bonai group toured the areas where the obelisks are with their new instructor, Saleh, who explained some of the history of the obelisks. After researching the project the students will



*Raymundo Saleh points out a detail to the students*



*The spot to build the white obelisk*

island.

Each obelisk was painted a particular color to relate to the salt pan behind it: red, white, blue or orange. They were set up to guide ships coming in to load salt. As a ship approached the island someone from the salt works would raise a colored flag, meaning that's the color of the obelisk where the ship would have to head for and anchor, that site being where the salt was to be loaded. A lighter was set up from shore to deliver the salt to the ship. The men gathered the salt from the ponds, and the women, with the salt in baskets on their heads, would deliver the

issue a report that will help explain the history. A plaque will be placed on each of the obelisks, describing their historical function. There is a plan for the restoration of the obelisks, as well as reconstruction of the white one which was destroyed by the waves from Hurricane Lenny.

*Jackie Bernabela/ L.D.  
Photos by Jackie Bernabela*

## VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Alter Ego	It's Good	Turn One
Angie	Keley	Ulu Ulu, USA
Attitude	Kika	Umilk
Augustin	Manta	Unicom, Norway
Banana Lady	Maggi	Valhalla
Blue Moon	Makani	Valtair
Blur Thunder	Natural Selection	Varedhuni, Ger.
Bright Sea	Ocean Breeze	Yanti Paratzi
Camissa, Chan	Okeanis	Zahi, Malta
Is.	Paleochora	Zapphire
Carlsea	Prospera	
Colonel's Lady	Reality	
Decibelle	Samba	
Delphinus	Santa Maria	
Destiny	Sandpiper, USA	
Dutchess	Savoir Vivere	
Endorphin	Scintella	
Flying Cloud, USA	Second Lady	
Freestyle	Sirius	
Galandriel	Summer Breeze	
Goril Two	Spart I Vento	
Guaicamar I, Ven.	Stella	
Honalee	Sylvia K	
	Ta B	
	Ti Amo	

# Barracuda Results



*Barracudas last year for the dedication of the club's name.*

The Bonaire Barracudas Swim Team sent six swimmers to the 5<sup>th</sup> Curaçao Open Swim Meet on Saturday, February 11.

Samson Evertsz (Boys 8 – 10) swam an "A" time in 100 meter freestyle, qualifying him for participation in 200 meter and 400 meter freestyle events at future competitions this season. Asdrubal Marcano (Boys 9 – 10)

swam an "A" time in 50 meter backstroke, making him the third Barracuda swimmer this season to achieve this time goal in one or more events. An "A" time is the fastest time category recognized in the Netherlands Antilles and indicates the swimmer has met or surpassed a specified time standard for a particular stroke and distance.

*Story and photo by Valarie Stimpson*

## Results:

<u>B</u> oys 8 & Under	<u>E</u> vent	<u>T</u> ime	<u>P</u> lace
Marcano, Luis	50 meter breaststroke	1:07.79	8th
	50 meter freestyle	0:49.05	7th
<u>B</u> oys 9 -10	<u>E</u> vent	<u>T</u> ime	<u>P</u> lace
De Lima, Alejandro	50 meter backstroke	0:57.95	6th
	50 meter freestyle	0:49.05	7th
Evertsz, Samson	100 meter freestyle	<b>1:27.19</b>	A 2nd
	100 meter backstroke	1:38.55	4th
Marcano, Asdrubal	100 meter freestyle	<b>1:40.36</b>	11th
	50 meter backstroke	0:41.69	A 2nd
Wagemakers, Olivier	100 meter freestyle	1:39.19	10th
	50 meter breaststroke	0:59.31	6th
<u>G</u> irls 11 - 12	<u>E</u> vent	<u>T</u> ime	<u>P</u> lace
Wagemakers, Rooske	100 meter freestyle	1:34.98	14th
	50 meter backstroke	0:55.26	13th

## KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

*Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides*

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
2-24	0:07	1.0FT.	63
	9:58	2.1FT.	
	18:56	0.8FT.	
2-25	1:16	1.0FT.	75
	10:43	2.1FT.	
	19:28	0.8FT.	
2-26	0:05	1.1FT.	87
	3:06	1.0FT.	
	11:35	2.0FT.	
2-27	0:52	1.2FT.	96
	4:25	1.1FT.	
	12:21	1.9FT.	
2-28	1:34	1.3FT.	102
	5:57	1.1FT.	
	13:19	1.7FT.	
3-01	2:23	1.4FT.	103
	7:46	1.1FT.	
	14:16	1.6FT.	
3-02	3:23	1.5FT.	100
	10:08	1.1FT.	
	15:39	1.4FT.	
3-03	4:18	1.6FT.	93
	12:22	1.1FT.	
	17:52	1.3FT.	



# KIDS' KARNAVAL 2006

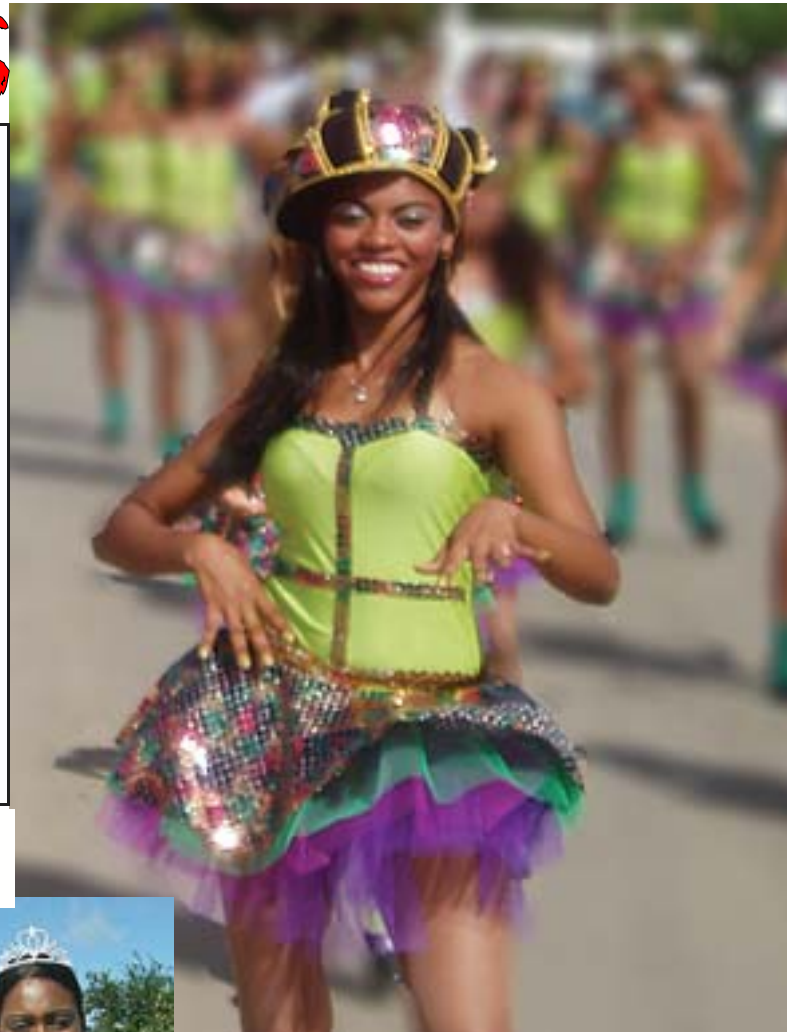


This year's Youth Parade for Karnaval 2006 was outstanding in terms of color and organization.

Seven groups and one individual entry formed Sunday's parade which began at 3 pm at the stadium in Kralendijk. Rincon held a similar parade a day earlier.

The marchers were most enthusiastic and the music had the large crowd lining both sides of the parade route swaying with the beat. Some truck breakdowns slowed the march but only added to the action.

Be sure to be on hand to watch, or march, in next weekend's Grand Karnaval Parades in Rincon and Kralendijk.



*Karnaval Queen:  
Sisi Clarenda*







*Even the tow trucks needed a drink.*



## Hands On for SBO Students

Students from the highest level, SBO, in the Hotel Curriculum, spent an interesting afternoon at Mona Lisa Restaurant this week, learning from Mona Lisa co-owner Douwe Dooper how to properly draw a glass of draft beer, Dutch style (with two fingers of foam, not an easy task!) The NAf300 keg of beer was graciously sponsored by Bonaire Partners.



At the Mona Lisa Restaurant SBO students learn how to draw draft beer from restaurant owner Douwe Dooper (r)

SBO (the most advanced vocational level at the SGB high school) teacher Kees Lehman brings his students to places like the Mona Lisa, to learn things they can't just get at school.

The six students are now complementing their school time with four days a week "on the job" training in local eateries.

**Wendy Heredia** works at Salsa; **Isidro Statie** at City Café; **Sindy Selberie** at Cactus Blue; **Jehison Jaquez Mueses** at Rum Runners; **Kelvin Ventura** at Donna & Georgio's; and **Ludwiska Bernabela** at the Old Inn. The SBO program is key to providing the training needed for young Bonaireans to enter the local job market with the skills necessary for higher level employment. Thanks go to the restaurants who assist with this program and hire the students. It's a win-win situation.



Teacher Kees Lehman (l), Douwe Dooper (r) with the students

FYI: a keg of beer contains 30 liters; five glasses in a liter. L.D.

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

#### Bonaire Images

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

#### LUNCH TO GO

Starting from NAf5 per meal. Call CHINA NOBO 717-8981

#### SALT TREASURES BONAIRE

100% natural body salts "Scrub Me" 100% natural Bath Salts available at Chat-n-Browse, KonTiki and Jewel of Bonaire or call 786-6416 for more information.

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Since January we have a new telephone no. 717-4266 and new cell: 780-9760. Our email address is: [windsockbonaire@telbonet.an](mailto:windsockbonaire@telbonet.an)

### For Sale

FOR SALE Hoogslaper (raised bed) van hout NAf195,- Tel: 717 - 4884, Cell: 786 - 2206

For Sale: Various Delftware porcelain articles and antiques. Call Ma at 717-3726.

A well-designed, fast-sailing 4-meter fiberglass centerboard sloop. Needs repainting. NAf850. Also a collapsible "Banana" dinghy and two old Avons. Email Mac at [MACAMAL@mac.com](mailto:MACAMAL@mac.com) or write to PO Box298, Kralendijk.

1990 ISUZU TROOPER 5-DOOR AUTO Many new parts including, battery, tires, shocks, service etc. Drives very well, genuine reason for sale NAf5.250 Tel: 786-8648

Mitsubishi Gallant, Automatic shift, 4 door- 11 years old, 4 new tires, new battery and starter- new license tag, NAf5000. tel. 717-2971

11' Caribe hard bottom inflatable,

good condition, trailer included, 25 hp. Yamaha. NAf3600. On island 02/21-03/08. E-mail [pariposo2@capecod.net](mailto:pariposo2@capecod.net).

DIVE TANKS -Carib Inn just received a limited number of new tanks for sale. These are 80 and 63 cubic feet in size. Already half have sold, so if you need a new tank contact the Carib Inn at 717-8819 as soon as possible.

FOR SALE: 4 burner large propane stove \$200; Split Unit Air

Co 12,000BTU \$225; HP Scanner \$50. (pick up anytime); Lamp \$15 (can be picked up at anytime); Pot and pans and dishes all of them \$25 (pick up anytime); Corner tables with shelves 2 on rollers \$25 each (can be picked up at anytime); Cloth clothes closet \$20 (pick up anytime); Wooden clothes closet with 3 drawers \$50 (pick up anytime); Clothes rack for hanging wet clothes \$15; Call after 3 pm Sun-Wed; anytime Thur-Sat 786-7072

For sale: Ikelite Underwater Strobe Kit. Substrobe DS-50 (TTL) for Digital & Film Cameras, Remote TTT Slave Sensor for DS Substrobes, and Arm II System. Like new, in the original box. Best offer. Call 717-4593, after 3 pm.

For Sale: Ultra Classic Yoga Mats. Color: Black Price: NAf60. Call 786-6416

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

### Property

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apartment in Hato, rent NAfl. 800,- including cable TV. For more information call: Amanda at Harbortown Real Estate 717 - 5539

### Wanted

RECORDER (BLOCKFLOTE) Interested in playing with us on Bonaire, May 13 - June 10? email [bubblheads@mac.com](mailto:bubblheads@mac.com) Corky & Sy Halberg

WANTED: Small kayak...(no inflatables) in any condition. 717-6862/ 791-6003

Home-exchange in the Netherlands. We are a family of 6 or 7. We offer a big house (11 rooms) in the center of The Netherlands (Utrecht) plus cars (seats 7 and 4). We are looking for a comfortable house (+ car) on Bonaire. e-mail: [jango\\_01@hotmail.com](mailto:jango_01@hotmail.com)

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Wanted: Part Time Office Helper - 25 hours a week minimum- computer literate (Microsoft Excel, Word, email), English-Dutch-Papiamentu-Spanish desired. Must be a "take charge" person. Call Liz at Golden Reef Inn, 717-5759

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For Sale - Cabo Rico 38 Yacht 1989, Excellent offshore cruiser. One-owner, little used, only 800 engine hours, many sails, many spares, new s-s rigging. Includes Avon R2.8 inflatable and Nissan outboard. Luxurious interior. Bristol condition. Hauled out on Bonaire \$109,000. Phone/fax (599) 717-5038. Email to [icarus@flamingotv.net](mailto:icarus@flamingotv.net)

Why import a sail boat when you can own a fast Regatta winner built right here? Classic 21' Bonaire Sail Fishing boat recently refurbished is for sale for NAf14,000 (\$8,000) Call George 786-6125/717-8988.

### Free

Free to good home 100 33 1/3 classical records. 717-3566





# Elvis Margarita -the Embroidery and Silk Screen King of Bonaire

CesMar is another successful hometown (Bonairean) company, run by a hometown (Bonairean) guy, Elvis Margarita. As one customer we met said, after working with Elvis, "He's creative and he's always willing to accommodate the customer!" Another customer who had uniforms personalized for her restaurant employees says, "He does good work and his prices are reasonable."

Since 2000 Margarita's company, CesMar, has been providing personalized uniforms for elementary schools, Telbo, SELIBON, Cargill and many more. "It started out as a hobby," says Margarita, who spent most of his working years either in the government tax office or with the SVB government insurance, in Bonaire, St. Martin and Curaçao. "In 1999," he recalls, "I quit SVB in Curaçao and came back to Bonaire. Together with (well known photographer) Herbert Cesilia,



Elvis (r) with Screen Print Manager Jose Arias

whom I knew for years, we started CesMar (Ces for Cesilia, Mar for Margarita). Herbert retired last November, and now I'm running the company."



With an awesome (see photo) machine they started out doing embroidery for names and logos. Business picked up and they bought another machine.

"Eventually," Elvis says, "after we got the SGB contract we knew we had to do more than embroidery for that many uniforms so we added silk screening last year." Now, with four employees, they are doing heat press as well. The

company also employs SGB high school students to help with the computer work of transferring and creating logos and designs.

CesMar puts out a quality product. Just recently the Maduro and Curiel's Bank presented each of the press corps of Bonaire with a handsome dark blue shirt, embroidered with the name of the press office and a press cap with the MCB logo. The shirts, caps and other items are from top brands from the US - like Hanes, Outer Banks or other well known brands. Their industrial wear comes from Dickies - coveralls, shoes, belts, work pants. "I've visited all the companies we deal with," Elvis says proudly.

What does he enjoy the most? "It's when the customer is happy and comes back satisfied. My main goal is to serve Bonaire with this business so people here don't have to go abroad. Often you may not get the right product and it's a problem, but here - on Bonaire - you're sure of what you get."

You may bring in a photo or a logo and they can transfer it to a shirt, a cap, a mug, whatever. Or you may bring in your own shirts or towels, bags or even baby clothes for monogramming and personalizing. And the turnaround time is measured in days, not weeks or months.

Stop by and see their operation. It's something for Bonaire to be proud of. CesMar is located at the old SELIBON



Natalia Sousa operates one of the embroidery machines

office, Kaya Industria #25 across from Warehouse Bonaire. Or call 717-3983 or 786-4422. L.D.



# Pet of the Week



*"Arlene"*

She's alert! She's adorable! She just quivers in anticipation when she sees someone! That's "Arlene," our pet of the week, whose fur is so long that it stands out all around her like a halo! She epitomizes the word, "social." She just can't be friendly enough. "She's just a 'purr machine,'" said one of the staff, "and she loves to be petted." Arlene is three months old and is superbly healthy, having been tested for feline leukemia, had her worming and other tests and shots. When she's old enough she'll be sterilized. And all that is included in the cat adoption fee of only NAf75. Why not stop by the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road and see for yourself the most healthy and social pets on the island, all up for adoption. They're open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.



At: *Chat'n'browse, Sand Dollar Grocery, Valerie's Airport Shop, Capt. Don's Habitat, Carib Inn, TCB*

**Education** is one of the primary aims of the Shelter, and they've been hosts often to school age children who have a wonderful time with the pets, learning in a fun way how to treat animals and what they need from people. Often these groups are in conjunction with the Conservation Education Officer and Project Coordinator, Kri-santa Martes of STINAPA. The children's visits are fun for everyone, as the pets all enjoy being on display and getting a lot of attention.



*L.D.*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MOVIELAND

### WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show  
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

**Munich**  
(Eric Bana)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)  
**King Kong**

Kaya Prinses Marie  
Behind Exito Bakery  
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)

NEW FILMS BEGIN FRIDAY  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
THURS THRU SUN  
2 MOVIES 7 & 9 PM  
MON THRU WED. 1 MOVIE 8 PM

SATURDAY 4 PM  
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#### THIS WEEK

**Karneval**—See Schedule upper right

Now until February 28—Art Exhibit by Ronald Verhoeven at Kas di Arte. Mon to Fri 10am to noon, 2pm to 5. Opening hours have been extended to the weekends, from 5 to 9 pm

Now until March 23—Brigette Kley Driftwood and Cloth Art at Cinnamon Art Gallery, Monday-Friday 9-12, 2-5, Kaya APLBrion #1

Wednesday, March 1—International Fishing Tournament

Wednesday, March 1- Ash Wednesday

-Wednesday, March 1 - Little and Senior League Season starts

Saturday, March 4— Rincon Big First Saturday of the Month Marshe, a real island event with music, informational discussions *bou di ramada* (on the porch). Stands selling drinks, local foods, crafts, plants, more. In the heart of Rincon, 6 am to 2 pm

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhelmina Park on Cruise Ship visiting days, starting around 10 am to early afternoon. See Cruise Ship Schedule above.

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Monday-Saturday – Happy Hour 5 to 7 pm, Cactus Blue

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 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.

Saturday—All You Can Eat BBQ at Divi Flamingo with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAf26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444 .

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 – Two for One Appetizers with Entrees, Cactus Blue

Monday -Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

Monday-Kriyoyo Night BBQ Buffet featuring Chef Gibi and Los Princes Mariachi, Golden Reef Inn (2005 Small Inn of the year). Band 7 pm, BBQ at 7:30 pm. Reservations \$20, walk ins \$25. Drinks available for purchase. Call 717-5759 or email [info@goldenreeffinn.com](mailto:info@goldenreeffinn.com)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar – Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" 5-7 pm

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.

Tuesday – Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings, 5 to 7 pm, Cactus Blue

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

Wednesday – Open Mike Night with Moogie, 7 to 9 pm, Cactus Blue

Wednesday Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar – Live music by Flamingo Rockers 5-6:30 pm

Wednesday The Windsurf Place at Sorobon – Live music by Flamingo Rockers 7:30- 9:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar – Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" 5-7pm

Friday-Swim lessons for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630

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

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday -Yoga Classes—Tel. 786-6416

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

Daily - 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, 8:30 pm Call 717-8290 for info.

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

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

#### BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Kas Kriyo Rincon—Step into Bonaire's past in this venerable old home that has been restored and furnished so it appears the family has just stepped out. Local ladies will tell you the story. Open Monday thru Friday, 9–12, 2-4. Weekends by appointment. Call 717-2445.

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

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

#### February & March 2006 Cruise Ship Schedule

Date	Ship	PAX	Arrive	Depart	Pier
27 FEB MON	ARCADIA	1550	08:00	18:00	SOUTH
28 FEB TUE	RIJNDAM	1258	09:00	18:00	SOUTH
07 MAR TUE	SEA PRINCESS	1950	12:00	19:00	SOUTH
07 MAR TUE	AIDA VITA	1260	13:00	20:00	NORTH
14 MAR TUE	RIJNDAM	1258	09:00	18:00	SOUTH
21 MAR TUE	AIDA VITA	1260	13:00	20:00	SOUTH
28 MAR TUE	RIJNDAM	1258	09:00	18:00	SOUTH

#### Karneval 2006 Schedule:

Feb. 23 – Marathon Jump-Up, BonFM  
Feb. 24 – Elementary School Parade 8-11 am  
Feb. 24 – Teens Parade 7 to 11 pm  
Feb 25 - Carnival--Grand Parade Rincon, 1-6 pm

Carnival--Grand Parade Playa (Kralendijk) 1-6 pm

Feb 27 - Carnival--Farewell Youth Parade 3-8 pm  
Feb 28 - Carnival--Farewell Adult Parade 7 - midnight  
TBA - 5km Run, 8:00 am,

Feb 26 -

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.

#### 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 welcome.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesday, 12 noon-2 pm - Now meeting at 'Pirate House', above Restaurant Zeezicht. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

#### 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 717-4685, 566-4685

#### 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



# DINING GUIDE

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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 538	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>Cactus Blue</b> Blvd. J. A. Abraham 16 (half-way between town and Divi Flamingo) 717-4564	Moderate Dinner Closed Sunday	<b>Trend setting décor and menu</b> Bonaire's newest hot-spot to eat and drink. Margaritas a specialty Owner-operated for top service
<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 Breakfast every day; Lunch, Dinner Tues-Sun.	<b>Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof.</b> Cuban cuisine. New kitchen. New cook Happy hours 5 to 7 every day.
<b>The Last Bite Bakery Home Delivery or Take Out</b> 717-3293	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30 pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers <b>gourmet class items</b> -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 6 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays	Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side <b>Caribbean-style bistro</b> owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife.
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<p><b>ART GALLERY</b> <b>Cinnamon Art Gallery</b> non-profit gallery for local artists has continuous shows. Each month a new artist is featured. Stop by. Free entry.</p> <p><b>BANKS</b> <b>Maduro and Curiel's Bank</b> provides the greatest number of services, branches and ATMs of any Bonaire bank. They also offer investments and insurance.</p> <p><b>BEAUTY PARLOR</b> <b>Hair Affair.</b> Expert hair cutting, styling, facials, waxing and professional nail care.</p> <p><b>BICYCLE / SCOOTER/ QUADS</b> <b>De Freewieler</b> rents scooters and quads; professionally repairs almost anything on two wheels. Sells top brand bikes. Have your keys made here.</p> <p><b>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>APA Construction</b> are professional General Contractors. They also specialize in creating patios and walkways with fabulous sprayed and stamped concrete pavement.</p> <p><b>DIVING</b> <b>Carib Inn</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Dive Friends Bonaire (Photo Tours Divers-Yellow Submarine)</b> -low prices - on the seaside at Kralendijk, at Caribbean Club, Caribbean Court and the Hamlet Oasis. Join their cleanup dives and BBQ.</p> <p><b>WannaDive</b> - They make diving fun while maintaining the highest professional standards. In town at City Café and at Eden Beach.</p> <p><b>EXTERMINATOR</b> <b>Professional Pest Control</b> is at your service. Get rid of all the pests that invade your home and garden. Experienced and reliable.</p> <p><b>FITNESS</b> <b>Bonfysio</b> offers comprehensive fitness programs to suit your needs whether they be weight loss, sports or just keeping in shape. Convenient schedule.</p> <p><b>Fit For Life at the Plaza Resort Mall.</b> Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.</p> <p><b>FURNITURE</b> <b>The Plantation</b> Has lots of classy furniture and antiques at very competitive prices. Stop in to see great teak furniture and Indonesian crafts.</p>	<p><b>GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</b> <b>Green Label</b> 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.</p> <p><b>GIFTS, SOUVENIRS AND LIQUOR</b> <b>The Bonaire Gift Shop</b> has an wide selection of gifts, souvenirs, liquor, dive watches, digital cameras, things for the home, T-shirts all at low prices.</p> <p><b>HOTELS</b> <b>The Great Escape</b> Under new management. Quiet and tranquil setting with pool and luxuriant garden in Belnem. Cyber Café, DVD rentals, restaurant and bar.</p> <p><b>METALWORK AND MACHINE SHOP</b> <b>b c b- Botterop Construction Bonaire N.V.</b>, offers outstanding fabrication of all metal products, including stainless. Complete machine shop too.</p> <p><b>Nature Exploration</b> <b>Outdoor Bonaire</b> for individually guided kayaking, hiking, biking, caving, rapeling/abseilen and more reservations : 791-6272 or 717-4555 E-mail : hans@outdoorbonaire.com</p> <p><b>PHOTO FINISHING</b> <b>Paradise Photo</b> in the Galleries Shopping Center offers fast, fine processing for prints, slides, items and services . <b>Now-full digital services.</b></p> <p><b>REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS</b> <b>Harbourtown Real Estate is Bonaire's oldest real estate agent.</b> They specialize in professional customer services and top notch properties.</p> <p><b>Re/Max Paradise Homes:</b> Lots of Choices—International/US connections. 5% of profits donated to local community. List your house with them for sale.</p> <p><b>Sunbelt Realty</b> offers full real estate, rental, and insurance services. If you want a home or to invest in Bonaire, stop in and see them.</p> <p><b>REPAIRS</b> <b>Bon Handyman</b> is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. Electrical, plumbing, woodworking, etc. 717-2345</p> <p><b>RESORTS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Buddy Dive Resort</b> offers diving, Adventure Fun tours including kayaking, mountain biking, cave snorkeling and exploration.</p>	<p><b>RETAIL</b> <b>Benetton</b>, world famous designer clothes available now in Bonaire at prices less than those in US. For men, women and children.</p> <p><b>SECURITY</b> <b>Special Security Services</b> will provide that extra measure of protection when you need it. Always reliable.</p> <p><b>SHIPPING</b> <b>Rocargo Freight</b> Air and sea shipments in/out of Bonaire. Customs agents. Professional and efficient. <b>FedEx agent.</b></p> <p><b>SILKSCREEN, EMBROIDERY</b> <b>CesMar</b>—Local company offers top quality, fast service for monogramming, silk screening, embroidery.</p> <p><b>SUPERMARKETS</b> Visit <b>Warehouse Bonaire</b> to shop in a large, spotless supermarket. You'll find American and European brand products. THE market for provisioning.</p> <p><b>WATER TAXI</b> <b>Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.</b> Ride the <i>Kantika di Amor</i> or <i>Skiffy</i>. Hotel pickup.</p> <p><b>WINDSURFING</b> <b>The Bonaire Windsurfing Place</b> can fulfill all your windsurfing dreams and more. They offer expert instruction, superb equipment on a fine beach. Lunch and drinks too. BBQ and windsurf videos Wednesday nights.</p> <p><b>WINES</b> <b>Antillean Wine Company.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>YOGA</b> <b>Yoga For You.</b> Join certified instructors Desirée and Don for a workout that will refresh mind and body. Private lessons too.</p> <p><b>ATTENTION BUSINESSMEN/WOMEN:</b> <b>Put your ad in The Bonaire Reporter.</b> <b>Phone/Fax 717-8988, Cel 786-6518</b></p>
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# Born on Bonaire

## Poppy Rodriguez

“My father is Obdulio Rodriguez from Venezuela, and my mom is Rosa Statie from Bonaire. My mom ran a little fruit and vegetable shop from the house in Antriol, and my father sailed back and forth to Venezuela with his fruit boat. I was born in 1958.

When I was about three my parents sent me to live with my mother's brother on Curaçao. It was a common thing to do in those days. My uncle and aunt didn't have any children and they were well to do. I stayed with them until I was 12; by that time they had children of their own. I'd been to Bonaire now and then, but I didn't have a strong bond with my siblings.

The years I spent in Curaçao were a great influence on my life. I missed the love of my parents, the warmth of a mother, and somehow it created instability because I didn't know what was 'home' anymore. I also think it's one of the reasons I'm so proud to be Bonairean; I don't take it for granted! It's funny because my brothers and my sister who grew up here are all living in Holland now.

I graduated from high school at 16 and was supposed to leave the island again to study elsewhere, but I didn't want to go anymore and started working at the Ford garage while I was living with my parents in Antriol. My girlfriends and I would go to Antriol's movie theatre every Sunday. There was always a cowboy movie with Rex Allen... we didn't have much choice! After Ford I worked at the ABN bank as a teller. I loved that job because I'm a very social person and I love to chat and meet new people!

At that time there were only a few foreigners on the island and I knew them all. Now there are so many! I don't mind, but sometimes it seems like Bonaire is losing its identity. On the other hand – everybody is looking for a better life. Also many Bonaireans left for Holland, even my own family. I couldn't live there – no way! I am a child of the sun!

When I was 20 I fell in love with Alex Goeloe, a childhood friend of mine. We married in October '78, young and unprepared. It was good, but it lasted only four years; we were so different. The nice thing is that we're still very good friends and that's important too. Together we have a daughter, Roosje, who was born after one year of marriage. I became very possessive... she was only mine! I am very proud of myself because in spite of the fact that I'm so possessive I tried very hard to give her space to grow and

become her own person. She studied and graduated in Holland and now she's back on Bonaire and married to a wonderful good man. And I am very, very proud of her.

When Alex and I separated I stayed alone with Roosje and she became one of the first children at Crèche Bon Kuido. I started working for the salt company in 1980. I loved my job and I worked very hard, but the evenings I spent with my daughter. Also we made lots of trips together to my family in Venezuela.”

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*Poppy Rodriguez is a flamboyant person, very sweet, but also straight and strong and at the same time vulnerable and emotional, entertaining and happy. She's a remarkable woman, because in spite of the tragedy that struck her family she stood strong and still their house is a happy home.* “In 1988 I began a relationship with the man who was going to be the father of my two other children, Paulo and Angela. Paulo was born September 1989 when Roosje was just 10. It was a big change for all of us. Paulo is 16 now and oh, that guy gives me headaches! He keeps me busy and he makes my hair turn grey, but... he also keeps me young and decides what I should wear when I go out with him... ‘Mom, don't embarrass me!’ He's very intelligent, a great tennis player and he loves to dance and the girls are crazy for him! Paulo is also a very good brother to his sister Angela, and he's a great help when it comes to taking care of her.

My youngest daughter Angela was born in 1994. There have been big intervals between my pregnancies; I've always been working and it was a big responsibility to become pregnant again. Angela is 11 now. She's the girl with the braids and the red lips painted on the wall of Cultimara. She was an adorable child, very sweet and always very polite in a natural way. She used to be crazy for grapes and cherries and when she saw

them at the supermarket she would ask me, ‘Mom, do you have enough money to buy them today? And if not, can I pick one?’ She was always very conscious of eating healthy things and she loved to talk all day long and sometimes I would think, ‘Dear me, give me a break,’ not knowing that that break was going to be so long and that I would do anything, anything... just to hear her talking again...

In December, 2002, Angie became sick. It was never confirmed what it really was, but most likely it was meningitis. The doctors in Curaçao did everything possible, but after a few days there were complications and they told me she wouldn't make it. So we looked into the eyes of death. It was a very deep, dark time. I told the doctors I wanted to take her home when she was stable. She spent four months at the hospital and four months at a rehabilitation clinic. I wanted her home desperately. I didn't want to live without my child, and I couldn't have my family falling apart. She needed me, they needed me and I was needed at work. From a healthy eight year old Angie changed into someone who is completely helpless. The only thing she can do is breathe. She's fed through a tube in her stomach, a peg catheter, because she cannot swallow. The first four months in the rehab clinic I couldn't tell if she recognized me or not. She was only 27 kilos, just skin and bones. I think she missed home so much that she would have died if I'd left her there.

A month after I took her home she started to change. The first thing she did was laugh and I went crazy! I was jumping like a mad woman! Now she weighs 50 kilos and still there's nothing much she can do, but I take her out whenever possible. She loves to watch TV and twice a week she goes to FKPD (handicapped center) to be with the other children. She's a happy kid. I'm sure that she's perfectly okay mentally because when she looks at a picture she laughs, and she gets the funny lines from a joke. She's getting physiotherapy and speech



Poppy with Angela and Paulo

therapy from professionals and a lot of attention and love from everyone around her; I dare say that it is the best medicine for everyone! I want to thank my cousin, Tante Prima, who's taking care of her when I'm at work. I couldn't do it without her. Also Angie's father, he's the other pillar. We broke up before she became sick, but he and his new wife have proven to be extraordinary caring people when it comes to her. My colleagues from work modified the whole house and my boss has given me great support.

Next to my children my work is the most important thing in my life. I've been with the salt company for 25 years now and I consider the people I am working with as my family. I am the receptionist, the payroll clerk, the secretary and the telephone girl! I am very proud of my salt! I was talking to Imre Esser yesterday and I said, ‘What's with this rain all the time, I can't make salt like this!’ And he really had to laugh!

I have a very good life together with my children and it's real; we enjoy every day! I've met many wonderful people, professionals and private people, who have supported me in every possible way and I changed. I learned to fight for the rights of my child. I never thought I could be this strong because a little heartache used to make me feel as if the world was ending. I still suffer from heartaches now and then, but I am not dying of it anymore! We celebrate life and we're grateful for every little thing and if you ask me if we have a happy life: Yes! We do!”

Photo &  
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# The "Memory of Bonaire"



Bòi Antoin

He calls the archives, "The Memory of Bonaire," and he's the force that keeps it safe - Bòi Antoin, chief editor of the *extra*, the leading Papiamentu language newspaper.

Do you want to know what it was like in the "old days" in Bonaire? Visit the archives and find out. Read old newspapers, books on Bonaire, reports and studies about nature and the economy in Dutch and English, old comic books with the island as the subject. Listen to taped interviews with old folks; see movies, videos, and photos of nearly every conceivable event on the island since the camera was in-

vented and more...

Since the early 80s Antoin has been building an archival history of Bonaire. Up until now it was kept in the offices of the *extra* newspaper. He's searched out anything that has to do with the island, what's been written about it and photographed. But like a living thing the archives have grown and continue to grow and not long ago overflowed the *extra* offices. But now, thanks to the Fundashon Cas Bonaireano (FCB), this massive wealth of information has been moved to a space in FCB's adjoining building on Kaya Korona, which is right across the street from the

SGB high school, so it's easily accessible to the students as well as the rest of the public.

Antoin explains, "People are beginning to realize the importance of these archives. It was a hobby with me, but now it's serious. I want to thank the FCB for this space. Soon another room will be set up for audio. People can study here and make copies nearby."

You can find books, nearly 1,300 titles, which include Antoin's books on the history and culture of the island. There are population statistics, reports by companies, radio stations, the government - about nearly everything that happened on the island between 1950 to 1990. There are libraries of documents and books about the island from the estates of people who were important on Bonaire (L.D. Gerharts, Jan Mol for example). There are maps of the island like the ones of the caves of Lima. All of the old *extra* newspapers are there as are *The Bonaire Reporters* (originally *Port Call*). (Did you know that journalism started in the Antilles in 1812 with a printer in Curaçao? The first paper was the *Curaçao Gazette* followed by the *Curaçao Courant*.)

There are archival boxes of music, company magazines from Isla, BOPEC, AKZO, the *sentro di barrios* and boxes of thousands of photos segregated by topic - cars, boats, accidents, celebrations, government, personalities, etc.

In the past volunteers sorted and indexed the information. But the volume of material is growing and more volunteers are necessary. It can be truly a

librarian's dream - dealing with authentic historical documents, photos, etc. and putting them in order. They need volunteers to transfer the videos and cassettes onto the DVDs. "It's easy," Bòi says. "We'll give training for that."

"We're setting up some of the files as it's done in Curaçao," he continues, "in archival boxes according to subject. A lot has been accomplished already. What we need are more boxes! Not just money, but boxes themselves. Maybe we can get some from Support Bonaire ([www.SupportBonaire.org](http://www.SupportBonaire.org))."

There are some fascinating old, and not so old, films and videos in the archives that will be shown in the garden of the Kas di Arte on the waterfront every week starting in April. It's a real treasure trove. There are promotional films of Bonaire from the 1950s, old Regatta films from 1977, Karnavals through the years, "Duel in the Sea" - a series in Dutch of 13 shows, 37 minutes long - "Kantika di Maishi" - in English by Joan Kaufman and Elsie Jansen, Kees and Sonia Brusser's TV series, "The Mysterious Island," feature films "Shark's Treasure" and "Wilson's Reward." There is no admission charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

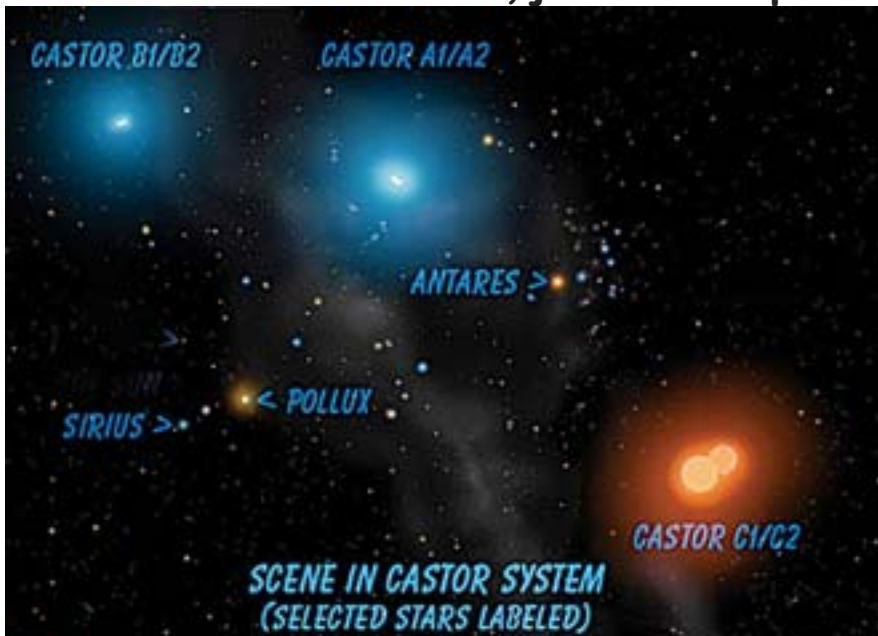
**If you can help with this very valuable project give Bòi a call at 786-6818 or stop by the office of *extra*, on the street near the APNA building, across from BON FM. L.D.**





# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it, just look up



A space traveler's view of Castor and companions

## How to Find the Gemini Twins and Their Sensational Siblings

Right now the constellation Gemini, the Twins, is at its best for viewing in early evening. While most people have heard of Cas-

tor and Pollux, the brightest two stars of Gemini, not many people are aware that these twin brothers have a magnificent assortment of hidden siblings.

During the first two weeks of March, around 8 pm Sky Park time, face due south where a third of the way up from the horizon you'll see the brightest star in the heavens, Sirius, which marks the eye of Orion's bigger dog. And just up to Sirius' right the bright stars which mark Orion himself. But up much higher and to Orion's left you will encounter two more bright stars, which are named for the famous twin brothers in Greek mythology, Castor and Pollux. Pollux, the brighter of the two, is closer to the horizon. If you look closely you'll see that it has a slightly orangeish tint to it. Castor on the other hand, although a tiny bit dimmer, is a bright white. For over 2,000 years these two stars were considered the patrons of all sailors and seafaring peoples. Plus they have also long been associated with the phenomenon called "St. Elmo's Fire."

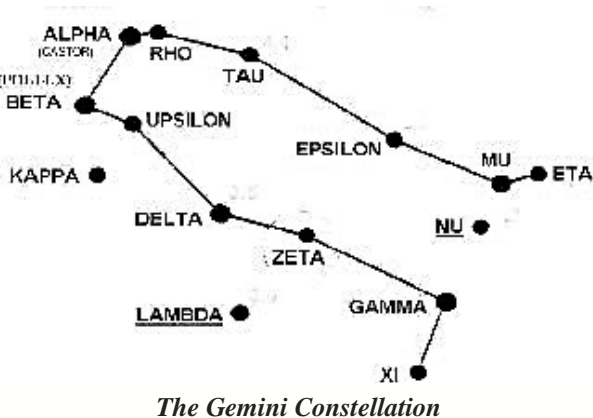
But as ancient as these twin stars are, modern science has revealed that there is much more to them hidden from the naked eye. Indeed upon closer examination we find that the brighter twin, Pollux, is a humongous star much bigger than its brother and is in fact almost 11 times the diameter of our own million-mile-wide Sun. Dimmer Castor, however, is not to be outdone by his brother because he hides magnificent secrets. In fact with telescopes and other instruments Castor has revealed himself to be more than just one star.

Indeed, way back during the time of the American Revolution astronomers discovered that when they looked at Castor through a telescope it had a companion. Thus Castor became the first true binary star ever discovered. But later as telescopes improved and other astronomical instruments were invented astronomers were astonished to find out that both Castor and his hidden brother also each had a companion, which made Castor a quadruple star.

And then, surprise of surprises, several years later two more smaller siblings were found which gave Castor the distinction of being not just a quadruple star but a sextuplet star - three pairs of stars, totaling six stars all together, and all moving about each other in an extremely intricate and magnificent cosmic ballet, with four of the stars being bigger than our own sun. Wow! Whoever said, "appearances are deceiving," wasn't just kidding.

So go outside this week and next around 8 pm, look south and after you've found the brightest star Sirius and above him all the bright stars of Orion the Hunter, above him you'll see the most famous twins in the cosmos which modern science has revealed to be seven sensational siblings. Is this universe weird or what?

Jack Horkheimer



The Gemini Constellation



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: February 19 to 25, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) You will be overly sensitive this week. Don't promise to deliver the goods if you aren't positive that you can meet the deadline. Expect problems with settlements that you are trying to resolve. Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. Relatives will want to get together. Spend some quality time with the one you love. Your talents will shine at work. Love can be heightened if you sit down and discuss your future plans. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Don't let them blame you. Your ability to be a self starter will help get things done and motivate others. Your self esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Be sure to use your charm and diplomacy when dealing with potential new clients. Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Don't put all your cash in one place. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Your main concern will be to spend as little as possible of your own cash in the process. You are best to deal with those outside your family. Your high energy will enable you to enlist the help of those in a position to back you. You must refrain from overspending on entertainment. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You'll be an emotional basket case this week. Don't take any comments too seriously. Don't let friends convince you that you should contribute to something you don't believe in. You will get upset over trivial matters. Your charm and generosity will bring new friends and romantic opportunities. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Romance will be on your mind, and chances for ideal connections are in the works. A better diet, exercise, or a change to a relaxed atmosphere could be ways to soothe your nerves. You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. Try not to push your philosophies on others. Travel will be enjoyable but could be expensive. Your doubt could lead to insecurity. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You need to take a break with the ones you love. You won't be well received by superiors or by your spouse. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do. You will be quite excitable this week. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Communications with loved ones may be strained. You need a break from your daily routine. This is a wonderful day to look into courses or hobbies that interest you. Losses are likely if you aren't careful where you leave your valuables. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Sudden changes concerning coworkers may surprise you. You need to spend some time getting to know this person all over again. You must follow your desires and dreams. Hold on; your time will come. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You must try to help. You can enjoy social events and meet new potential mates; however, avoid being lavish. Back off if you want to keep the relationship intact. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



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