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**Benji, Guus and Delbert
Last Year at City Café**

Flotsam and Jetsam

This weekend Washington Park will commemorate its conversion from a plantation to a national park with its annual Day of Free admission and Festivities.

A day filled with activities will be organized in the Park on **Sunday, May 28th**. Beginning at 8 am guided activities will begin. The first will follow the Kasikunda climbing trail to the top of the 270 ft. high Kasikunda Hill and continue on to the Lagadishi walking trail or 792 ft. high Brandaris, Bonaire's highest point. If this activity sounds too exhaustive there will be activities of lesser physical impact like strolling along the Lagadishi walking trail or a guided tour through the museum.

Children may participate in the activities but must be accompanied by their parents or guardian. At the Visitor Center at the entrance of the park, there will be a treasure hunt, face painting, painting and coloring projects and many other games for children. *Elsmarie Beukenboom*



Check out the antique aloe cooker near the Park entrance.



Tiara Air. J. Alberto photo

► The new Aruba airline, Tiara Air, is adding an Aruba to Curaçao flight

effective June 1, making it three a day. **It has begun flights to Bonaire on Friday and Sunday evenings as well. (Divi-Divi Air, Bonaire's ultra reliable air service to Curaçao, flies only during daylight hours.)** After the second airplane, also a Short 360-200, arrives next month it will add two daily flights to Punto Fijo, Venezuela. The airline says it has an average occupancy of 70% and 90% on-time performance.

► **Caribbean Star Airlines** will start daily round-trip service between **Trinidad and Curaçao** on July 13, the Antigua-based company announced. They will fly a 50-seat Dash 8-300 plane, departing Trinidad at 10:30 am and arriving in Curaçao at 12:30 pm. The return flights leave Curaçao 1:30 pm to land in Port of Spain at 3:30 pm.



► Netherlands national television reported that **Dutch police apprehended another man in connection with the disappearance of Natalee Holloway.**

Holloway 18, of Alabama, disappeared while vacationing in Aruba with friends last May. No one has been formally charged with her disappearance to date though about eight people have been arrested and questioned.

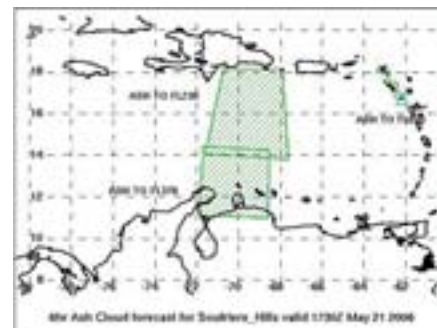
Gerard Sponge, attorney for the latest suspect, Guido W., told the Dutch television station that his client, was suspected of "assisting in the murder." Sponge said his client faces the most severe charge "in our criminal code." However, at press time it was reported that Guido W. was released for lack of evidence.

► **The new airport terminal in Curaçao is nearing completion**, with the new name sign and logo as one of the last jobs. Curaçao Airport Partners



(CAP) expects to start using it in July. Departure taxes have already been increased.

► If you had left-over prepaid phone minutes after Cellular One folded, **visit the MIO phone office in the Royal Palm Galleries to get credit.**



Ash spread last weekend

► The Montserrat Disaster Management Coordination Agency reported that there was **increased activity from the island's volcano** around 6 o'clock on Saturday, May 20. Around 7:20 am the first dome collapse with pyroclastic flows reached the sea at the eastern end of the Tar River Valley.

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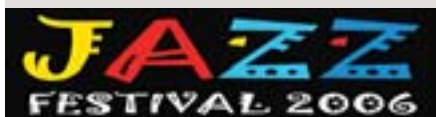
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THE WONDERS OF THE WING AND FLIGHT

The three key features that make a bird a bird are its feathers, its wings and its beak. Generally birds use their wings to fly, but there are of course a few notable exceptions that do not. These include ostriches, emus and the kakapo, but for the most part birds fly. Different species achieve vastly different things from flight, and this wonderful variety is the result of evolution. Frigate birds, falcons and hummingbirds, for example, each fly in a way the others cannot. Even closely related species fly in unique ways. In this article we are going to look at birds' wings, the amazing adaptations that enable birds to fly and the causes and consequences of their flight. You will then hopefully be able to look at a pet Lora or a bird flying past on the seafront and have an idea of how it has evolved to move in the wild.

The structure of the wing

To understand the subtle differences in the wing shape and performance we first need to look at the structure of the wing. The bones in a bird's wing follow the same basic plan as our arms. Our upper arm is supported by the **humerus** or "funny bone" (in blue) and the lower arm has two bones, the **radius** and **ulna** (in red). A bird's humerus is relatively short and very strong because it must bear the force



Cockatoo with bones drawn on wing

Sam Williams photo

of the huge chest muscles that a bird uses to power flight. These features are shown in the annotated cockatoo picture. The obvious bend in a bird's wing is equivalent to our wrist (not our elbow!) and it has two small bones followed by various "hand" bones (in green). The term "shoulder" as in yellow-shouldered Amazon (*Amazona barbadensis*) is quite misleading.

The underlying skeleton will determine the shape of a bird's wing, and this will have evolved over millions of years. The size and length of different bones influence how many feathers can be attached to the different areas of the wing. This in turn influences the capabilities and efficiency of that particular bird's flight.

The role of feathers

The large flight feathers of the wing are called the **primary and secondary feathers**. The primary feathers attach to the bones that are equivalent to our hand and fingers, whereas the secondaries attach directly to the ulna. If you look at a frigate bird you can pick out the "wrist" easily. It is the outermost, obvious bend on the wing. The primary feathers provide most of the forward thrust in active flight. By comparison the secondary feathers provide lift. Most birds have around 10 primary feathers, but the number of secondary feathers varies considera-



An incredible photo of Bonaire Loras on the ground Rowan Martin photo

bly between different species of birds. Songbirds may have as few as nine, whereas seabirds or larger vultures may have as many as 25. The lift generated from having so many secondary feathers means that vultures with their broad wings can soar on thermals for long periods of time without having to move their wings. An albatross or a frigate bird also has a lot of secondary feathers, but by comparison their wings are long and thin because, instead of soaring on thermals as vultures do, sea birds ride the strong ocean winds. Some albatross have a really amazing feature, that is, they can hook their wings open on special boney catches so they don't need their muscles to hold their wings open.

The tail has an important balancing and stabilizing role during flight. It can function as a rudder to help steer the bird through turns and even water in aquatic

Frigate bird Sam Williams photo

birds. Most noticeably the tail functions as an air brake, helping to slow the bird when approaching a landing spot. A relatively long tail such as that on the prikichi acts as a counterweight that enables tight turns that are necessary when maneuvering through foliage and branches. In direct flight, however, these long tails are actually aerodynamically costly. The most efficient tail shape is the shallow forked tail seen on terns, swallows and yes, frigate birds! Sam Williams

Sam Williams and his colleague, Rowan Martin, are on the island for six months as part of their doctoral research, studying the Bonaire Lora. Both of them hope that their research, which will extend over a three-year period, will be of benefit to the Lora's conservation.

Sam Williams

Rowan Martin

The Jazz Festival Main Events Day By Day

... tear out the following schedule to keep with you so can know what's happening

Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2006

The island's going to rock this week! And all of Bonaire is involved – from May 23rd beginning with dinner at Croccantino Restaurant to KonTiki to Plaza Resort to City Café to Fort Oranje to Den Laman to Little Havana – there will be jazz everywhere – day and night. There's even a musician's jam session brunch at Den Laman Restaurant Sunday at 11:30 am.

Headliners include:

- *Cubop City Big Band
- * Anastacia Larmonie
- * Ronchi Matthews
- * Ced Ride
- * Merietza Haakmat
- * Konkie Halmeyer
- * Delbert Bernabela
- * Randal Corsen
- * Bud Gaddum
- * Moogie

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Prelude to the Festival: no entrance fee! Day sponsor MCB

7 pm—**Official Opening at Fort Oranje** by Deputy Governor Ubaldo Anthony. Food and beverages by SGB Chez Nous students.

7 to 9 pm: **Papiamentu Poetry and Jazz at the Fort Oranje:** Ced Ride and Marietza Haakmat specially sponsored by Den Laman Condominiums

9 to 11 pm: **Moogie & Friends and Question Mark in front of City Cafe**

0.30 am: **Jam session** with festival musicians at **Little Havana**

9 am-8 pm: **"Polyrhythmik" Art Expo** at Kas di Arte (May 25-28)



Art exposition "Polyrhythmik" will be at nearby Kas di Arte

FRIDAY MAY 26

5-7 pm: **Official opening of the "Polyrhythmik" Art Expo**, Kas di Arte. On hand will be Bonaire's jazz foundation band, wine tasting sponsored by Alcon, Henk Roozendaal & Guus Gerritsen's *Portraits of Bonaire* book signing. In addition some of the artists will be there.

Day sponsor Yellow Submarine Diving

7:30 pm: **Main Concert at Plaza Resort Bonaire:** Cubop City Big Band, Ronchi Matthews Zumtam Quartet and Konkie Halmeyer

11:30 pm: **Surinam Band Question Mark** at City Café

00:30 am: **Jam session** with festival



SGB High School Students Band Jeroen Fortuin photo

musicians at Little Havana

SATURDAY MAY 27

(Note the recent change of venue from Bongos to Plaza Resort)

Day sponsor Bonaire Partners

9 am-8 pm: **"Polyrhythmik" Art Expo**, Kas di Arte

5-7 pm -**Sunset jam session** with **Carlos and friends**, wine tasting, at Kas di Arte

7:30 pm: **Another Main Concert at Plaza Resort Bonaire:** Cubop City Big Band, Konkie Halmeyer Trio, Anastacia Larmonie, Delbert Bernabela

11:30 pm: **Konkie Halmeyer Trio at City Café**

0.30 am: **Jam session** with festival musicians at **Little Havana**

SUNDAY MAY 28

Day sponsor Multifunction Management

11:30 am: **Jazz Brunch** at **Den Laman** sponsored by the Restaurant

5 pm: **Main Concert at KonTiki Beach Club:** SGB Students Band of Bonaire together in a workshop with Lucas van Merwijk, leader of Cubop City Big Band. Also Randal Corsen quartet, Ced Ride & Band

11 pm: **Jam session** with festival musicians at **Little Havana**

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The events main sponsors are:

Heineken, Bonaire Fun Travel, Littman's Jewelers, Remax Realty, MCB Bank, Bonaire Partners, Yellow Submarine Dive Shop, Multifunction Management, City Café, Plaza Resort Bonaire, KonTiki Beach Resort, Little Havana, Russel Insurances

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TICKETS:

The cost is NAf45 for the three main concerts or NAf20 per concert.

Tickets presale available at: City Café, KonTiki Beach Club, Little Havana, Plaza Resort Bonaire, Bonaire Bookstores and from all sponsors. The Bonaire Heineken Jazz

Festival is organized by the non-profit Bonaire Jazz Foundation. Be sure to get yours!



(Flotsam & Jetsam. Continued from page 2)

There were confirmed reports of heavy ash with accompanying small stones on the north western side of the island. Smoke and ash rose to 55,000 feet and blew to the west southwest. The cloud passed over Bonaire according to NOAA satellite reports. **Flights to/from New York, San Juan, Toronto and Miami and from Amsterdam, Philadelphia and Cleveland were grounded Sunday, according to the Associated Press, as volcanic debris shot skywards. KLM and American Eagle flights to Bonaire were cancelled**

The Montserrat population suffered no injuries or fatalities. Island residents were requested to remain indoors, continue to exercise caution and remain vigilant. The Vue Pointe Hotel had to move guests to Tropical Mansion Suites due to the intensity of the ash and the high gas levels. One village is covered with wet ash. Some main roads are blocked. Guadeloupe had an unconfirmed one-meter high tsunami, and another unconfirmed report said that Antigua also experienced a possible tsunami ranging between 8 to 12 inches.

After centuries of being dormant, the Mount Soufriere volcano awakened four years ago killing 19 people, destroying the capital, Plymouth, and devastating the southern half of the island which still remains an exclusion zone. Just over half of the island's 12,000 population left. The remainder moved to the northern section of the island where a new capital has been built.

► Two weeks ago confidential and personal information from an island resident's computer was published on the Internet and in Dutch newspapers. The data may have been extracted by an Internet program resident in the computer without the computer owner's knowledge. Dutch investigators are exploring criminal charges against the Holland-based thief. Bonaire's two host ISPs temporarily blocked the thief's website, and **Anthony Nicolaas, one of Bonaire's Members of Parliament, has recommended computer data theft be made a crime in the Antilles.**

► **Final High School exams for 3,132 students Antilles wide are underway.** The exams will take another week; 2,285 students are from the

VSBO (Preparatory Secondary Vocational Education). Another 640 are HAVO (Higher Administrative Preparatory Education), and 207 students from the VWO (Preparatory Scientific Education) track.

Results will be available on June 16 for HAVO and VWO students; VSBO students will probably receive their results a day earlier.

► **Rob Vermaas has been named the new Representative of the Netherlands in the Netherlands Antilles.** He will begin September 1, 2006. Vermaas comes from the diplomatic service. He previously served as Minister Plenipotentiary at the Dutch Embassy in South Africa and Ambassador in Ethiopia and Djibouti from 1997 till 2005. He was, among other things, spokesman for the Dutch Internal Affairs Minister and the Minister for Development Cooperation. Vermaas was born in Haarlem on May 28, 1946, is married and has two children. In his new position he will be succeeding Onno Koerten who will be retiring.

► **Washington banned all US arms sales to Venezuela last Monday,** to punish President Hugo Chavez for his ties with Cuba and Iran and for what it believes is his inaction against guerrillas from neighboring Colombia. Larry Birns of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs think tank in Washington said the move would have little practical impact on a country that has turned increasingly to suppliers like Russia. "It is an escalation of US hostility toward Venezuela," he said.

► **The Cayman Islands, one of Bonaire's competitive dive destinations, is on its way to full recovery** in the tourism sector following devastation from Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Minister for Tourism Charles Clifford said that the public and private sector are ready to return stay-over visitors to pre-Ivan levels. Cayman Islands Director of Tourism, Pilar Bush, said that the number of available hotel rooms across the three-island state has increased by 73%



President Hugo Chavez

Letters

What Do *The Economist* and *The Reporter* Have In Common?

Dear Editors:

I just wanted to say I think you do a really great job with the paper. It's the only thing I read religiously beside *The Economist*. Can't quite figure out how you do it.

Bob Hahn

SUDOKU – YES

I love it that you're including Sudoku now in *The Bonaire Reporter*! Keep it up. I've gotten hooked, and guess where I learned about it - on Bonaire this winter!!! Thanks for your continued excellent work on *The Reporter*. I read it cover to cover as soon as it arrives on my doorstep.

Diane Amos

of its pre-Ivan days. Prior to the hurricane there were 5,181 rooms, and as of April 19 this year the number is 3,794. Another 986 rooms will soon be ready. Bush said that airlift to the islands has also increased in 2006.

► **Warehouse Bonaire supermarket will deliver 125 bags full of groceries to the needy** in connection with its 10th anniversary activities. This Saturday, May 27th, the vans will roll. The recipients were selected by the government.

The bags will be delivered to the people of Bonaire who need them more than anyone else because they are retired and don't have sufficient funds to buy their own food for the whole month or sick or have other reasons to need a little help. Warehouse will deliver the bags together with volunteers of SASO, the government department that monitors needy people. Volunteers and Warehouse employees will start loading the vans this Saturday at 9 am at the supermarket.

► **Late news: The Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival Concert set for Saturday, May 27, has been relocated from Bongo's to the Plaza Resort.** Due to internal circumstances between Bongos Beach and Eden Beach Resort, The Bonaire Jazz Foundation has decided to relocate the main concert on Saturday, May 27, from Bongos to Plaza Resort. This means that both the first main concert on May 26 and the second main concert on May 27 will take place at Plaza Resort with the musical program as published previously. Enter from the beach side of the Plaza Resort. Concerts start at 7:30 pm.

The main concert on Sunday May 28 will, as scheduled, take place at Kon-Tiki Beach Club, starting at 5 pm. The schedule in this issue on page 4 is correct.

► Welcome to *The Reporter*'s newest advertiser, Chat 'n' Browse. Run by affable Michael Gaynor, the shop in the Sand Dollar Mall serves as HQ for many visitors because of the many services it offers. See their ad on page 11

► **The Touch Day Spa at Divi Flamingo is now carrying Birkenstock sandals and shoes.** They have a number of different styles and sizes, even some for the beach. L./G. D.

coral glimpses

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



If this engine block had landed upon live coral it would of course have severely damaged the coral. Instead, it was placed on the sand for a mooring. Not only did it not injure live coral, it gave larval coral polyps a place to settle, which they cannot do on the sand. Currently this human debris hosts three healthy coral colonies.

Countdown to Dive Into Adventure

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Days To Go

June 17 to 24



The Photo Contest

The "Dive Into Adventure Bonaire 2006" Digital Photo Contest will award First, Second and Third place prizes for photos taken on land and sea. "Land" categories include Nature, Landscapes, and Activity, with SLR and compact cameras competing directly. In the "Underwater" category, however, prizes will be awarded separately for the best shots taken with SLR and compact digital cameras. Entry fee is \$5 per photo. Deadline for submissions is June 22. Contestants must be registered Dive Into Adventure Bonaire 2006 participants. The entire third day focuses on photography.

The Photo Contest is organized by the Fish-Eye Photo School for Underwater Photography run by Tim Peters and Jim Platz. Both novice and expert photographers alike are encouraged to participate in this one-of-a-kind event where all digital camera systems are welcome. Local photo pros will be available at Dive Into Adventure Bonaire host hotels to provide guests with tips and information for creating high quality digital images. With the theme "Fun and Educational," the Digital Photo Contest will include two main categories – Land and underwater.

The Land category will include three subcategories, in which compact and SLR cameras will be competing together: 1.) Nature (any form of plant and animal life); 2.) Landscapes (sunsets to urban, anything goes); and 3.) Activity (sports

or outdoor activities). Similarly, **the Underwater category** will have two subcategories, although compact and SLR camera will be separated: 1.) Compact cameras (wide angle, macro, portrait) and 2.) SLR cameras (wide angle, macro, portrait).

All activities must conform to Bonaire National Marine Park and Washington-Slagbaai National Park regulations and no form of plant and animal life must be harmed or unduly disturbed. Each contestant will need to fill out a contest participation form available at each host resort or at Fish-Eye Photo. **Submitted images must be taken between June 18 and June 22, 2006 on Bonaire and digital photo editing will be allowed with limitations.** Images can be submitted digitally at the host hotel or at Fish-Eye Photo. The entry deadline is Thursday June 22 at 5 pm. Entry fee is \$5 per image.

Judging for the Digital Photo Contest will be based on technical quality, artistic expression and creativity. The prize categories will be as mentioned above plus Land Best-In-Show and Underwater Best-In-Show. The awards ceremony will be held on Friday June 23 during the event's closing ceremony at Plaza Resort.

Fish-Eye Photo offers a variety of services for digital photo. Resources include camera and equipment rental, equipment field repair and troubleshooting, computers for image download, viewing, editing, storage, photo courses (20% discount on half-day courses for event participants), tips and information, techniques and sales.

For more information on the Dive Into Adventure Bonaire Digital Photo Contest, go to www.diveintoadventurebonaire.com/event/photo.htm or visit www.fisheyephoto.com or email info@FishEyePhoto.com or Platzja@aol.com.

Do You Sudoku?

Sudoku means "the digits must remain single" in Japanese. It was created and published in 1979, although the puzzles didn't really gain popularity until *The Times* in Britain began printing SuDoku in 2005, and the craze spread like wildfire across the world.

Solving The Puzzles

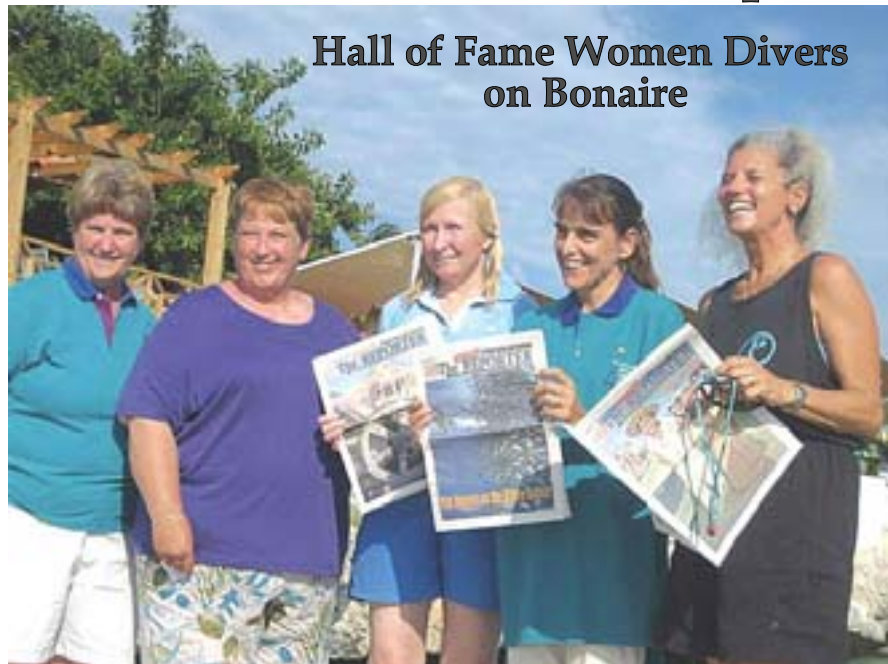
To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle, without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region.

What makes these puzzles fun is that the rules are simple but require logical reasoning skills to solve. Some find it easier to pencil in the possible numeric candidates or write them along the outside of the puzzle. Others find this distracting. Different levels of difficulty exist. *The Reporter* will start out with Easy level, and gradually move on the Tricky and Tough. For more details visit the web site www.sudokushack.com. They have a tutorial that's a bit easier to understand. Good luck! *Molly Kearney*

Answer on page 14.

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Picture Yourself with The Reporter



Hall of Fame Women Divers on Bonaire

During the second week of May this year, a record number of **Women Divers Hall of Fame** members got together on Bonaire. Left to right: **Sue Drafahl** of the Digital Duo, here with husband Jack teaching a digital underwater photography course at Captain Don's Habitat; **Sharon Kegeles**, Director of Undergraduate Programs and the coordinator of the Sport Management – Diving Industry Program (the only program of its kind in the world) in the School of Human Performance and Leisure Sciences at Barry University; underwater photographer **Geri Murphy**, well-known for the number of *Skin Diver Magazine* covers to her credit; Bonaire's **Kalli DeMeyer**, currently Director of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance and former Bonaire National Marine Park Manager; and Bonaire's **Dee Scarr**, who operates the Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding, and writes *Diving with Dee* and the *Reporter's* "Coral Glimpses." *Dee Scarr*. Chuck Winne photo

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Pet of the Week

Last week at the Bonaire Animal Shelter all the pets got a special surprise when **Froukje Pechtold-Idema** arrived for a visit. Ms. Pechtold is the wife of Minister Alexander Pechtold who handles Antillean Affairs for the Dutch government, and visiting the Shelter was one of her top priorities. "Alexander and I came here 10 years ago when we were on our honeymoon," she said, "and we were so impressed with the Shelter. We bought Shelter t-shirts too. We think they're doing a great job." Even though Ms. Pechtold was wearing a clean white jacket she scooped up and hugged little "Shirley," the black pup in the photo. "I love both cats and dogs," the Minister's wife said, not seeming to care whether her white jacket might be covered with black puppy fur!

Shirley and her litter mate were found in the mondi by the side of a road, in time to save their lives. Imagine if they weren't found and left to die a lingering death. Luckily the rescuers were able to catch them and bring them into the Shelter where they were checked out by the vet. The other pup has already been adopted.

It's estimated that Shirley is about three months old, but for sure she's



Froukje Pechtold-Idema with "Shirley"

healthy, peppy, smart and social. She's small and will stay that way. And she has a comical character. With her little fat tummy she looks like a bowling ball on legs. She's had her tests, worming and shots and is ready to go. The adoption fee includes all that plus sterilization when she is old enough.

The Shelter on the Lagoen Road is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989. *L.D.*

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Bondy On The Ball

Well, it's week three of our World Cup coverage. I have noticed a few flags popping up on the island as football fever starts to grip. One country whose flag is flying high is Brazil; they are one of the teams that we will look at this week as we check out Groups E & F.

Italy leads **GROUP E**, and why not? **Marcello Lippi** has the task of managing the squad; he already has 5 series A titles and a Champions League trophy under his belt. The World Cup would do very nicely. Talent runs through this team from back to front. Big names like **Vieri, Totti, del Piero & Toni** read like a who's who of talent. A modest ranking of 14th belies their talent. Prepare to be dazzled.

Ghana next. This is their first time in the competition and they've deserved their qualification. They don't have the biggest squad on paper but with **Essien** on their side, there is no shortage of skill. Chelsea was happy to pay £24m for him so he's no mug.



Casey Keller-USA

USA, USA? I hear you shout. Well here they are. Despite only minor success in this tournament this will be their fifth straight appearance, no mean feat. **Bruce Arena** is the man at the helm and has done well to pull his team into top 10 status. The Americans do have a good choice of keepers. **Keller, Howard** and **Hahnemann** all play at top level. Finally in this group, **Czech Republic**. They came through the hard way via the play offs. Anyone who underestimates these boys will be left with egg on their face. World class players like, **Nedved, Koller, Poborsky** and **Baros** can break the hearts of any team. Expect to see them in the late stages.

GROUP F finds us in the majestic company of the boys from **Brazil**. To say



Ronaldinho- Brazil

that the Brazilian team is talented is like saying that Bonaire is quite good for diving; words don't do them justice. Winners five times and favourites to do it again this year, expectations are high. However, with players like **Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos, and Ronaldinho**, it's all in a day's work. Brazil is the team to beat.

Onto **Croatia**, a team that lacks consistency but still commands respect. 1998 saw them gain third place in the Championships but then they failed to qualify four years later. The Croatian defense is one of the best around, but a lack of firepower will limit their progress.

Our Antipodean friends come next. **Australia** for me looks to be a strong team. Managed by **Guus Hiddink**, they have achieved some great things. There is no shortage of talent here. Big **Mark Schwarzer** is the man between the sticks. Two penalty saves in the play offs made him the hero of the hour. **Harry Kewell** and **Mark Viduka** are also in good form.

Last but not least, **Japan**. Like every team from the East, they play with flare and gusto. Their front two, **Takahara** and **Yanagisawa** blow a little hot and cold, but a strong midfield makes them difficult to play against. The odds of 150/1 are about right. My advice? Keep your Guilders in your pocket.

Something for everyone there! Watch out next week for the final two groups, until then, keep the game beautiful!

Tony Bond

City Café is the place to see all the great World Cup action that starts on Friday, June 9. There will be eight (8!) TVs set up including a huge 50-inch flat screen. In the mornings City will offer a breakfast buffet for NA\$10,50. In the afternoons they have a special lunch buffet for NA\$12,50.

Tony Bond was born and raised in England, happy to leave the cold of Europe behind but still follows his passion for Manchester United (Man Utd) FC.



Underwater Warrior - John Beville - Sgt. 1st Class US Army

Thanks to a non-profit organization, "Underwater Warriors," and the Divi Flamingo Resort, a young wounded American soldier, paralyzed from the waist down, is getting his PADI dive certification and most importantly, a glimpse of a brighter future.

John Beville, a Sergeant First Class with the US Army, having served in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, and preparing to return to Iraq, became very ill with fever and headaches, later determined to be caused by a parasite, either from a flu shot or picked up from the field. The parasite was eating his spine, causing permanent paralysis.

John joined the US Army 12 years ago. Most currently he was with the 101st Airborne as a weapons squad leader in the Army infantry, in charge of two machine gun teams – the ones they send in first. The 101st is a unit that can be fully operational within 36 hours. He is married to wife, Cheyenne, and they have four children: two, four, six and eight.

"I was just lying there in the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital," John, says, "and I thought I'll just go home to Hawaii." He was deeply depressed.

But then Paul Green, an advocate between the Army and the VA, asked him, "Wanna try Scuba?" This struck a cord. Raised on Oahu, Hawaii, John had been a lifeguard and surfer. "I surfed every morning and worked at night. But then I wanted something different so that's when I joined the Army."

Nancy MacPherson, a PADI master instructor for 20 years, and her son Ryan decided to do something about those injured military personnel – to give them something to live for - and set up Underwater Warriors Foundation at Fort Campbell, Tennessee. "Since March 3 this year," she says, "we've worked with several injured military – doing therapeutic recreation with their families. We're funded solely through contributions now but we hope to get the VA to approve and help fund us."

Two years ago, the "Wounded Warrior" non-profit project was set up to "make a morale change" to those injured soldiers, to "improve their whole wellness so that the mind can heal the body." "Underwater Warriors" is an outgrowth of that.

"Soldiers are good students," Nancy says. "They've had military discipline and training. John has the motivation, trust and love of the sea." She continues, "All the Scuba training, equipment and trips are free of charge to the soldiers. We teach 'adaptive skills' – for example webbed gloves on hands to replace foot fins. PADI is developing new teaching materials for divers with disabilities."

Everyone we talked to on the pier at Divi Flamingo had great praise for the hotel which sponsored John's visit. "People here really want to help," John says. Divi Flamingo and Divi at Cayman Brac are the only places in the Caribbean that are handicapped accessible. Bonaire's Divi hosts handicapped dive groups every year.

What's in John's future? "We want to go back to Oahu and open our own dive shop – working with kids who have handicaps – to give them a whole new outlook on life."

John has a few final words: "It's not a war on Iraq, but a war on terrorism."... "Nothing in the world is worth killing yourself for." L.D. For more information on Underwater Warriors, log on to WWW.underwaterwarriors.org



John Beville



Ryan MacPherson, Cheyenne & John Beville, Nancy Macpherson, (back) Serge deGroot

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
5-26	0:00	2.1FT.	92
5-27	0:45	2.1FT.	95
5-28	1:27	2.1FT.	94
5-29	2:10	2.1FT.	90
5-30	2:55	2.0FT.	83
5-31	3:39	1.9FT.	73
6-01	4:17	1.8FT.	62
6-02	5:04	1.6FT.	50

Red Princess Musical A Smash Hit



A tense time in the Rode Princes Wilna Gronenboom photo

The Pelicaan teachers and students were most likely exhausted last week. On Tuesday the 16th they put on two performances of a musical play, "The Red Princess." Head teacher Femke van Ommen, the high school's vocational SBO students and the primary school's children worked hard on the play. They had to learn acting and singing, how to make backdrops, to choose a costume - all in a short time. For most of them it was the first time they'd done these things. What the audience got to see were children showing lots of different skills and talents. Here and there they forgot some lines or moves because they were very excited and nervous, but it only added to the enjoyment.

Musicians Robbie Swinkels and Byron Tromp, playing guitar and keyboard, said that there hadn't been a musical production like this for a long time on Bonaire. They are happy that there is a growing interest from young children in musical arts and they hope it keeps on going.

The audience really liked the musical. There was a good atmosphere, with a lot of laughter. The children did a superb job. Congratulations! *Wilna Groenenboom*



In this scene from the Rode Princes, the three kidnappers (L to R: Jordan De Meyer, Max Gomaand, Samson Evertz, of the Princess (Sarah Ann Maartense) are riding away with her on their horses to their hideout. Jake Richter photo



A beautiful duet Lida Morkos-Zeeman photo

Student Art Exhibit Raises Money



Wilna Gronenboom photo

And two days later, on Thursday the 18th the Pelicaan School put on an art show. It actually was a mix of exhibition, open house and auction. The afternoon began with the students viewing one another's art work. There was real interest as evidenced by the looking, showing and explaining to one another, with the teacher sometimes helping. You could see that the children were proud to show others their work and interested in the work of others.

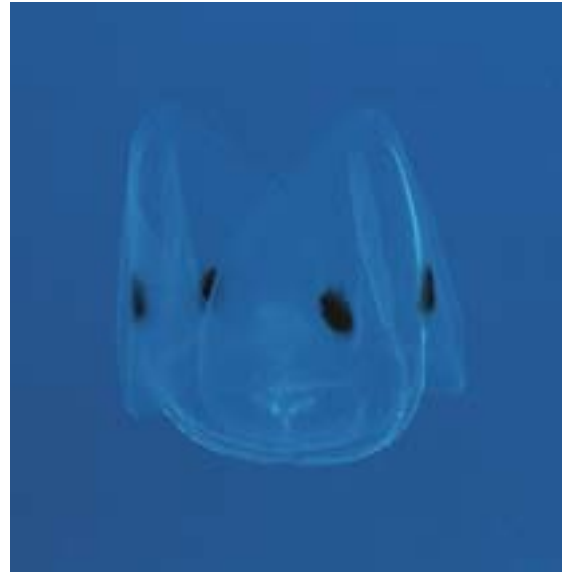
The Activities Building really filled up with parents and other people from Bonaire. Children were selling their art; some were making drawings; others were making portraits.

The day ended with the auction. It became very hot, literally and figuratively, with buyers putting the prices up and paying well for the work of the young artists. The Pelicaan school received more than NAf800 from the art auction. Well done!

Wilna Groenenboom.

A popular series returns....

BUBBLES FROM THE BIOLOGIST



Spot-Winged Comb Jellyfish glow in the dark? Spot-winged comb jellies, *Ocyropsis maculata*, are occasionally seen in the surface waters of Bonaire. These transparent comb jellies have four black spots and are about the size of a plum. Unlike true jellyfish, comb jellies don't have stinging cells and therefore can't hurt you. If you gently touch them, they'll swim away and it's great fun. Comb jellies have eight rows of iridescent cilia, termed "comb rows," that they use to glide through the water, thus the name comb jelly. If you see comb jellies out during the day, treat yourself to a memorable experience and go out at night. When you gently touch them at night, they light up! One note of caution, when there are comb jellies about, there are probably other transparent true jellies among them, so wear a skin or wetsuit for protection. *Caren Eckrich*

Spot-winged Comb Jellyfish
Ken Kurtis - Reef Seekers Dive Co.



Biologist Caren Eckrich founded and runs Sea and Discover, Bonaire's marine education center specializing in guided dives and snorkels for adults and adventure programs for kids.

Pro Chef Team Sharpen Their Skills



The team serves dessert to some of their staunch supporters

Last Sunday saw a sold out audience of diners at the SGB high school's Chez Nous – to dine and critique the three-course menu put together by Bonaire's Culinary Team from a "Mystery Basket" of ingredients. The object is to come up with a winning menu to compete against the Caribbean region's national teams at the "Taste of the Caribbean" Culinary Olympics sponsored by the Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA) in Miami June 25 to 28. The teams are made up of chefs, pastry chefs and bartenders. Each team competes in a "live kitchen" environment, preparing and serving a three-course meal for 35 persons in

four hours.

Added to the roster of top chefs on Bonaire's team is Egbert deVries of Le Flamboyant Restaurant, and Bartender Jane Coffie, winner of the Balashi Beer Bartender competition.

You can be part of this delicious event and support our team. For a \$25 donation you will get a three-course gourmet meal, cocktails by Bartender Jane Coffie and fine wines. The team, coached by Nonchi Martijn, cooks for you each Sunday evening at 7 pm at the SGB Chez Nous, until they leave for the competition. Call Floris at 786-1508 or Sara at 786-9299 to reserve. There's a limited number of



Flaming the main dish in the kitchen of the SGB (L to R): Isidoor van Riemsdijk (Rum Runners), Waldi Gijsbertha (City Café), Floris Van Loo (Rum Runners), Egbert deVries (Le Flamboyant)

seats, so reserve now.

Last Sunday's Menu:

Appetizer: Ceviche with sea scallops served with citrus, ginger, carrot sherbet and roasted red pepper coulis, accompanied by a pomme gaufrette

Main: Stoba with "flatop" (funchi, pumpkin, Coco Lopez). Crab gratineed in green shell mussels; julienne vegetables: leek, yellow peppers, carrots.

Dessert: Cheese cake in pastry, Ponche Kuba mousse with mango garnish. L. D.



Top Bartender Jane Coffie

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Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Kas di Kabez

by Wilna Groenenboom

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



Lately I've been looking for houses with a traditional complete cooking unit. This means fireplace, chimney and oven. This seems simple, but it isn't. Most houses still have the fireplace with a chimney but have no oven. And if there is an oven, then all of the ones I found had been blocked off from the fireplace by cement or wood.



Traditionally, the fireplace was built against the house with the chimney on top, and the oven was built behind the fireplace. The smoke from the oven goes through the same chimney as the fireplace.

In the old days they put three round stones in the fireplace, with wood in the middle. The cooking pan was

placed on the stones. The ovens were used exclusively to bake bread.

Most people pass this house without seeing it. It has no special look or decoration, but it got my attention because of its complete cooking unit which we can see from Kaya Kachi Craane. In the front we see a building or extension which looks

like a *Kas di Hadrey* (house with a big porch), but without the porch it could be a *Kas di Kabez* (house with a "head"). The design is similar to that of the slave huts on the south side of Bonaire.

Actually there are two houses. The house in the photo was the photo studio of the Heitkoning family. Herman Joseph Antonius Julius Heitkoning made all the family and wedding photos on the island. Monsieur Heitkoning was a self-taught man, a photojournalist, a professional jeweler and watchmaker.

On the right side of the old photo studio is the family house. If you look at the top, left and back of the house you also see a *Kas di Kabez*. The family house has had some reconstruction and for that reason it looks different.

Herman lived here with Rose Marie Anne Rigaud, who is still living here today. Monsieur Heitkoning passed away in 1987. They had two daughters: Jeanette and Ria.

The family house is surrounded by a thick stone wall which is impressive and unique, maybe the only one of its kind on Bonaire. The wall flows smoothly over to the oven in the old photo studio. La Guernica Restaurant is in what was the original Heitkoning family home. Earlier it was a jewelry store, photo and souvenir shop and dive shop. For me it's a house full of surprises. WG

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

“TC” in Alaska

Longtime Bonaire resident “TC” Panecaldo wrote us, “Today is my anniversary of being in Alaska for two months. FINALLY we had a sunny day just a couple of days ago and I was able to get outside. Miss everyone and for sure the wonderful weather of Bonaire. On the sunny day here the temp was a HOT 52 degrees or 10 c. So how is that for hot, hot, hot? People here were in shorts and sandals and I was still in long sleeves and a warm jacket. What a sight I was... Well, hope you enjoy the picture.



Readers are invited to send their photos of their anniversaries, engagements or weddings to *The Reporter*. The photo and text will be printed free of charge.

Do You SuDoku?
(puzzle and directions on page 6)

And the solution is:

2	1	8	9	6	5	3	7	4
7	6	3	8	4	1	2	5	9
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1	8	7	6	5	4	9	3	2
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8	5	2	4	7	9	1	6	3
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6	3	1	5	2	8	4	9	7

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MOVIELAND

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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MON THRU WED. 1 MOVIE 8PM

SATURDAY 4 PM
May: The Wild

THIS WEEK

Thursday, May 25—Ascension Day – Banks and many shops closed.

Thursday - Sunday, May 25—28— Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2006—See Schedule on page 4.

Thursday-Sunday, May 25 -28- Suku Design Foundation presents: "Polyrhythmik" -the first annual Dutch Caribbean Art Exposition at **Kas di Arte** during Bonaire's Jazz Festival. Artwork by artists from the Dutch Antillean Islands. Open 9 am to 8 pm. **On the 26th there will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 pm. On the 27th there will be sunset music and wine tasting from 5 to 7 pm.** See page 4.

Saturday, May 27 - End of the month Flea Market at Parke Publico— 3 to 8 pm – General info call Vicky 786-1592. Booth info call Elisabeth 717-6907/565-5225

Sunday, May 28 - Washington Park opening – see page 2.

Sunday, May 28—Bonaire Culinary Team Dinner. Support the team and have a gourmet competition dinner. 7 pm, Chez Nous. \$25 for a 3-course meal with cocktails and wines. Call Sara 786-9299 or Floris 786-1508 to reserve. See page 12

COMING

World Cup Soccer Friday, June 9 to Sunday, July 9 – see pages 8 and 9

June 17-24—Dive Into Adventure Bonaire (DIAB). See more on page 6

REGULAR EVENTS

Daily (more or less)

- HH 2 for 1 (on all beverages) 5-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**
- HH—Buddy Dive, 5:30-6:30
- HH Cactus Blue (except Sunday) 5 to 7 pm,
- 2 for 1 appetizer with every entrée, **Cactus Blue**
- **Divi Flamingo Casino** 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.

Saturdays

- **Grill Night on the Beach, Buddy Dive**
- **Rincon Marshé**—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. **Extra big Marshe 1st Saturday of the month.**
- **Mountain Bike Ride**— Everyone welcome. It's free. Bring a bike and your own water. Fitness trainer Miguel Angel Brito leads the pack. Tel. 785-0767 for information.
- **Wine Tasting at AWC's** warehouse, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Great wines - NAf2,50 a glass.
- **All You Can Eat BBQ at Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAf26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444 .

Sundays

Live music 6 to 9 pm while enjoying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar, Divi Flamingo**. Open daily 5 to 10 pm

Mondays

- **Caribbean Night, - live local music— Buddy Dive.**
- **Soldachi Tour of Rincon**, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435
- **Kriyoyo Night BBQ Buffet** featuring Chef Gibi and Los Princes Mariachi, **Golden Reef Inn** . 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

Tuesdays

- **Live music by the Flamingo Rockers**, 5-7 pm **Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**
- **Wine & Cheese/ \$1 glass of wine**, 5-7 pm, **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**
- **Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings**, 5 to 7 pm, **Cactus Blue**

Wednesdays

- **Open Mike Night** with Moogie, 7 to 9 pm, **Cactus Blue**
- Live music by **Flamingo Rockers Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** 5-6:30 pm
- **Beach BBQ 7-10 pm & Live music by Flamingo Rockers -The Wind-surf Place** at Sorobon
- **Movie Night at Buddy Dive**

Thursdays

Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" 5-7 pm-**Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**

Fridays

- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225
- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** – 5-7 pm
- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630
- **Manager's Bash**—free Flamingo Smash & snacks, **Divi Flamingo**, 5-7 pm
- **Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort**, 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by **All You Can Eat BBQ**
- **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

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. 717-8290 for info.
- **Monday- Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide Show** at Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30 pm Call 717-8290 for info.
- **Wednesday (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation (STCB) Slide Show by Bruce Brabec. Carib Inn** seaside veranda, 7 pm. Tel. 717-8819.
- **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 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
Cancer Survivor Support Group Majestic Journeys Bonaire N.V. Lourdes Shopping Center 2nd Level Kaya LD Gerharts # 10. Call 717-2482/566-6093 for details
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 2nd and 4th 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— Call Roosje 786-7984

Volunteers to train children in sports. Contact Quick-Pro Track and Field - Rik 717-8051

.CHURCH SERVICES

New Apostolic Church, Meets at Kaminda Santa Barbara #1, Sundays, 9:30 am. Services in Dutch. 717-7116.

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

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire. Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am. Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm**. Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

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

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

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios), Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm**. 717-2194

Send event info to:

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DINING GUIDE

See advertisements in this issue

RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 538	Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
Bistro de Paris Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070	Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday	Real French Cooking in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away
Cactus Blue Blvd. J. A. Abraham 16 (half-way between town and Divi Flamingo) 717-4564	Moderate Dinner Closed Sunday	Trend Setting Menu Bonaire's newest hot-spot to eat and drink. Margaritas a specialty Owner-operated for top service
Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285	Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days	Get a view of the beach and turquoise sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine.
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On the Island Since...

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Jane Madden

The first time we visited Bonaire was September 2003; we moved here in June 2004. We'd spent two years before looking around in the Caribbean because we knew we were going to retire sometime. We lived in the Florida Keys, right in the middle, in a place called Marathon, and when you lived like that there's no place to go but south. We wouldn't have been able to retire there until we were 70 because that place is so expensive. Every year real estate prices went up more and more and wealthier people moved in. For example a trailer, not on the sea, would cost \$350,000. That was when we left; now they're up to \$550,000. As well as the high cost of living we were really tired of the US. We're becoming a selfish and soulless country. So we looked at Turks and Caicos, Nevis and St. Kitts, but we found nothing – nothing seemed right for us. So, we decided to stay where we were.

Then I said, 'Let's take a vacation!' We went to this dive shop owned by friends of ours, and she said, 'Bonaire!' We asked, where's Bonaire? I'd heard about the ABC islands, but I didn't know Bonaire was the 'B.' We were here maybe 72 hours and we were sitting at City Café having breakfast, just looking at the sea. Then Jim looked at me and said, 'This is it, isn't it!' And I said, 'Yes, it is!' We spent the rest of our vacation looking for a house; we never dove again. We went back home, sold everything and came here. Our friends thought we were crazy!

When we moved Jim hadn't sold his business yet, so I was here alone for a year. Well, I wasn't alone; I was with all my pussycats! I brought seven; Joe from Pasa Bon Pizza found one; and I got one from the Shelter. I moved here in June and started working as a volunteer at the Shelter in August. I wanted to contribute to the island immediately. I didn't speak Papiamentu, but animals understand all languages.

Jim came twice that year; then he came for good in March 2005. I couldn't have been in any other place in the world all on my own, not speaking the language. But here everyone was so open and friendly. If you open yourself to them, they take you right in. It's wonderful! In the US many people socialize on their own level, but here it doesn't matter what you do or where you live. I think you can always learn from someone. That's why you shouldn't restrict yourself to only what you know; you grow through other people – everybody has something to offer. I was born in Cleveland, where my parents stayed and died, but I had to go...

First I lived in Boston. I was an actress, mostly on stage, but I did one big movie, 'The Deer Hunter.' I can say I actually sat

with Meryl Streep and Robert de Niro, having pretzels and beers with them! I never really gave up acting; I continued to do it, but not professionally. I was an only child and my parents kept beating into me that I should do something serious. In their day actors were sleazy and lawyers were the good guys. Now it's the other way around! I did radio shows, then I took a job as an operations manager for a soccer team. I love soccer! I love football! When the team moved to Houston I moved with them.

"Then I became a lawyer and for eight years I defended people who were facing the death penalty. My specialty was that once they were convicted I would appeal their sentence of death."

I was 34 when I went to law school and until my third year I stayed with the soccer team. Then I became a lawyer and for eight years I defended people who were facing the death penalty. My specialty was that once they were convicted I would appeal their sentence of death. It was very difficult. And, by the way, I was working in the state of Texas where they execute more people than all the other states combined. So I had plenty of work, but when I lost my first client it was really difficult. I am against the death penalty because murder is murder and only God's going to decide who's going to die. I don't think there's punishment for their acts by taking their life away, because some people have no respect for life, including their own. If you put them in prison for life, a real prison, no TV, no sports, no luxury, there is a suffering every day as punishment for these acts. And it's my theory that there'll always be a chance for them to see the evil of their ways. The system is so imperfect; often it's not just because of the mistakes that occur, and as long as that happens you can't say who should live and who should die. By the time I was 42, I was totally gray, but... somebody had to do it."

Jane Madden (54) is an extraordinary person: a free spirit, loving and caring and deeply emotionally involved in everything she touches. And it's funny, because her cats are the most social cats I've ever seen in my life! They all come to visit me, helping me to write the story by steering my pen with their little mouths or just cud-



Jim and Jane Madden

dling up right next to me. They are amazing!

Jane continues: "And then I was on vacation in Cozumel, Mexico, and there I met Jim. He'd lived in the Keys for 20 years already. He's a boat mechanic. We met and had a great time and he invited me to visit him in the Keys and again we had a great time and then he said, 'Come and live with me in paradise,' and at that time we thought the Keys were paradise... until we came here. When I moved in with Jim I had three cats and Jim had four and they blended beautifully. Men who like cats usually get along well with women. Men who don't like cats – I don't want them in my life! In the Florida Keys I mainly did legal consulting - simple stuff like wills and probates and divorces (they're sometimes worse than the death penalty!).

I got involved with the theatre there and acted for seven years. In Marathon we have a really good theatre and I want to have it here too. When my Papiamentu is good enough (I'm doing a course with FORMA now and they're wonderful) I want to start it up, to begin with the kids, but we have so many talented adults as well. We could have a wonderful community theatre on Bonaire. I want to give something back to the island because it has been so good to me.

I think if you put out good in the world good will come back to you. By making the world better you make yourself better. If you could do one good thing to one person every day, the world could be a better place.

On Bonaire I've met wonderful people. It would be too much to mention them all, but Sue and Amado Felix have been great. Jim and Amado are very much alike. I call them 'The Fixers' because they like to

solve problems and they're very good at it! I also want to mention Julia Pourier from Rincon. She became my friend when I went to get my diver's license, and also Alex and Pete Brown and everybody in the Bonaire Motorcycle Club, from Orlando, Mocky, Rufino and Jack Chalk and Ingrid and Cero. When we had the motorcycle accident in February this year they all came to the hospital checking on us.

Here the people are incredible. They don't care what you have; they care about who you are. It's very different here, I love it!

And another good point about the island is how international it is and how everybody gets along. Your thinking is expanded because you're exposed to other cultures and even thought processes that you're not exposed to in your own country. Now we're doing things we never could do before. There's so much beauty on this island that I hope the young people come to realize what a special place Bonaire is and not try to turn it into the television-view of what life should be like.

You have to think: Why are so many people from all over the world coming to Bonaire? They're leaving the television life behind and coming here because it's better. It's a jewel, an absolute jewel, and it should be bargained for very hard. The way I see it," and she smiles and concentrates: "Si Dios ke, mi ta biba un bida hopi largu na Boneiru i mi ta spera mi lo muri na Boneiru."

("If God's willing I will live a very long life on Bonaire and I hope I will die on Bonaire".) *Story & photo by Greta Kooistra*



DIVING with DEE Reef Babies

It's baby time! Yes, there are a few really adorable baby donkeys around these days – but the babies I'm talking about now are underwater. On a single dive last week I saw a juvenile queen angelfish, three tiny spotted drums and a school of little surgeonfish.

Baby fish, in my mind at least, rank just as high on the Cuteness Factor scale as the little donkeys – but there are more interesting facets to baby fish than how cute they are.

For one thing, baby fish have to earn a living. Most reef fishes spawn by releasing sperm and eggs into the water; their courtship works to coordinate the release. If you'd like to see spawning events, hang around the reef (on SCUBA or even snorkeling) in the late afternoon, say, after 4 or 5 pm, when some parrotfish, some wrasses, and some razorfish spawn daily. Their fertilized eggs float to the surface and drift for a week or two, by which time the (surviving) eggs hatch. The larval fishes continue to drift for another week or two, growing to a size of up to four inches by the time they begin to look for a hospitable spot in which to settle.

That's when the babies appear on the reef. The most astonishing baby booms I remember were three Februaries in the 1990s, when four-inch balloonfish settled on our reefs by the dozens. On a single dive I counted more than 40 balloonfish!

Once the new residents arrive on the reef, they have to go right to work; no coddled babyhood for fish! Some, such as surgeonfish and sergeant-majors, look and act like small versions of their adult selves. Little surgeonfish travel in schools just like their elders, munching away at algae on shallow reefs, rocks, and rubble. Young trumpetfish, like their full-grown counterparts, hover alongside coral or other elongated parts of the reef. Spotted drums of several sizes can occasionally be found under the same ledge, circling majestically. Much as we'd like to think of these individuals as being a family, it's unlikely they're related – though the presence of the adults might provide some protection for the babies.

Other young fishes, such as French angelfish and blue tangs, look very different from adults of their species. Baby French angelfish are common on Bonaire year round and perform a valuable function on the reef as well as in the shallows between the dropoff and shore: they clean. This is an excellent job for a newcomer since predators are instinctively inhibited from eating cleaners!

A good place to find juvenile French angelfish is in shallow water around isolated high-profile areas, such as a small coral head or some of the engine block moorings off Playa. The fish are the same general

shape as adults, and, like adults, they're mostly black and yellow. But divers often think juvenile French angels are an entirely different type of fish because their black and yellow is velvety black with yellow vertical bars. Good observers also notice that juvenile French angelfish swim in an exaggerated manner, with their body at a diagonal to the bottom or even broadside to the bottom. This, in addition to their strikingly barred patterning, is their way of advertising for clients.

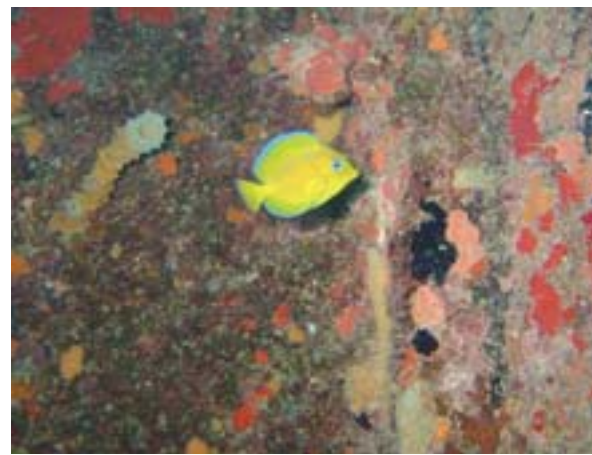
Every juvenile French angelfish cleans, so once you found one you've found a cleaner station. Wait and watch (the perfect time to practice hovering). Soon a barra-



Incredibly colored baby queen angel

cuda or a bar jack or some other fish will pose near the baby angel, and you'll see the little angelfish flutter around its client, nibbling on whatever it can find. As the angelfish grows its bars fade and its scales acquire yellow edging; this shows other fishes – and us – that they've graduated from cleaning to more general foraging.

Another fish that's different as a juvenile and an adult is the blue tang. Like juvenile angelfish, juvenile blue tangs are the same shape as adults. However, even the least observant of us notices the difference between adult and juvenile blue tangs since juvenile blue tangs are sunshine yellow. This leads to after-dive comments such as, "Did you see that yellow blue tang?" and may explain the looks we get from uninformed divers...



Oh, what a beautiful baby blue tang

Adult blue tangs are gregarious. They're rarely alone, traveling in groups of just a few in number to huge schools of more than a hundred individuals. You will not, on the other hand, see a school of **juvenile** blue tangs. You might see two yellow blue tangs, but if they're that close together one is likely to be chasing the other away; yellow blue tangs stick to a territory. As they grow up they first acquire blue coloration on the edges of their dorsal, anal, and tail fins. Gradually the blue extends inward and from head to tail, so that occasionally you'll see a blue tang with a yellow tail. Soon, however, all traces of the yellow are gone. The tang stops feeding on small invertebrates and begins seeking algae – but algae is almost always guarded by damselfish, and one fish doesn't have much of a chance against a damselfish on guard. Thus, for practical reasons, the tang gives up its juvenile individuality and joins a group.

The smaller a baby fish is, the more difficult it is to see -- but not just because of its size. Tiny juvenile fish are likely to be hanging out in out-of-the-way places such as between the tubes of a sponge. Remember, these babies don't have Mom and Dad watching out for them, so they hide until they get more confident. By the time they're two or three inches long, juvenile fish are bolder and we can see them more easily.

Now is the time to look. *Story & photos by Dee Scarr*

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BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

The Moon Visits Three Planets Starting This Weekend

Starting this weekend you can watch the Moon as it pays a visit to three sometimes-hard-to-find planets. So you can use the Moon as a planet finder. On this Sunday night, May 28th, just before it gets dark, face northwest where you'll see an exquisite tiny sliver of a crescent Moon parked right above the first planet out from the sun: tiny 3,000-mile-wide **Mercury**. You'll have to have a clear, unobstructed, cloudless horizon to see it, but it'll be bright and it'll be there, although I always like to look for Mercury with binoculars. Look for it before it gets dark because by the time it gets dark Mercury will have set.



A sliver of the moon and the planets
Keck Observatory photo

But the Moon will be exquisite because in addition to its bright slender crescent you'll see a black full Moon nestled inside it which is called **earthshine**, which is really nothing more than sunlight bouncing off our **Earth** onto the Moon's darkened portion and back again. Interestingly, if you use a pair of binoculars or a telescope, the Earthshine part of the Moon is so dark you won't be able to see one single feature.

So Sunday night the Moon and Mercury; then on Monday night the Moon will be directly between Mercury and the next planet it's about to visit - a tiny reddish light which was super duper bright only a few months ago but which is now over 150 million miles farther away from us than when it was at its brightest on Halloween: 4,000-mile-wide **Mars**. And it will be hard to believe when you see it now that it was actually one of the brightest objects in the heavens last year.

So if you have a hard time finding it, all you have to do is wait 'til Tuesday night, May 30th, and an even bigger crescent Moon, still complete with earthshine, will make a dazzling duo as it parks right alongside Mars. And if that's not enough, the next night, the last night of May, Wednesday, May 31st, an even fatter Moon will be parked directly above the wonderful ringed planet, 75,000-mile-wide **Saturn**, whose ring system is actually two times the width of 88,000-mile-wide **Jupiter**.

Now if you have a small telescope, neither Mercury nor Mars is going to show much detail, but if you look at Saturn through even the cheapest telescope it will simply knock your socks off. Plus you'll be able to see its largest moon, **Titan**, which is 1,200 miles bigger than our own 2,000-mile-wide Moon. Wow!

And for those of you who are extremely curious and want to know what those two very bright star-like objects are just off to the right of Mars, well, not only are they star like, they actually are stars: **Pollux** and **Castor**, the two brightest stars of **Gemini**.

So there you have it. On Sunday night the Moon visits Mercury which will be 116 million miles away. On Monday it's between Mercury and Mars. And on Tuesday it's parked right next to Mars, which will be only 200 million miles away. Then on Wednesday it's right above Saturn, which is 900 million miles away. Isn't star gazing amazing? *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week: May 21 to 27, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You will find that you are able to clear up a number of small but important details. A day at the beach may satisfy the whole family. Try to include friends and relatives in your activities. You will meet new friends and enjoy a multitude of new activities. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You can purchase items that will enhance your appearance. Sudden changes regarding work and colleagues are apparent. Entertain those who can provide you with valuable information and knowledge. You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't let your friends talk you into taking time off. You might find it difficult to control your emotions. Be cautious and use your head wisely in situations that deal with the use of machinery or vehicles. Sit back and observe, regardless of how hard that might be. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Do your own thing. You should look into a healthier diet. You may get upset with peers or relatives. Compromise if you have to, to avoid verbal battles. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your partner may be erratic this week if you haven't paid enough attention to him or her. Watch your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much on entertainment and children; it could set you back. Relatives may not be telling you the whole truth about a family situation. Children could cost you more than you can afford. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Don't hold back. Those who have been too demanding should be put in their place or out to pasture. Avoid lovers who already have a relation ship, even if it is a bad one. Do not force your opinions on others the connections will be short lived. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Use discretion in your dealings and refrain from making verbal promises of any kind. Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. Don't let your emotional partner upset you this week. Situations you can't change should be forgotten for the present. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You should focus on moneymaking matters and stay away from emotional disputes. Get involved in competitive sports. Friends will appreciate your attention and playful nature. Travel could bring you the adventure and excitement you require. Try not to skirt issues if you think you'll hurt some one's feelings. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't get involved in joint ventures. Stick to your work and avoid emotional confrontations. Social events should be the highlight of your day. You will profit from home improvement projects and real estate deals. A romantic dinner, followed by a quiet evening with the one who is enticing you, should be most satisfying. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Changes in your home environment are likely. It's a favorable time for real estate, investments, and moneymaking opportunities to be successful. Your emotional state will vacillate Socializing will be more than just entertaining. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You must be sure not to be frivolous, because as the saying goes, easy come, easy go. People you live with will not be terribly happy with you regardless of what you do this week. Don't get into heated discussions. Think before you act. Unforeseen circumstances will disrupt your daily routine. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Minor health problems will flare up if you don't take care of yourself. Comfort is a necessity. Check your motives. Try to convince a good friend to take a holiday with you. You can get a lot done if you get your hands on the right equipment. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.