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Marietza Groot-Haakmat Opens the Jazz Festival

Festival Photos on pages 10 & 11

Photo by Maarten Maartense

Flotsam and Jetsam



It's not yet June but the 2006 Hurricane Season began in the Eastern Pacific as Tropical Depression One-E intensified into **Tropical Storm Aletta**. Sitting south-southwest of Acapulco, Mexico, Aletta should maintain tropical storm strength as the westerly shear over it continues to lessen. Thunderstorm activity remains strong on the eastern side of the organizing circulation. The tropical storm will slowly head northward for a time and then possibly turn westward paralleling the coast. Coastal residents and meteorologists are gearing up for the kickoff of the Atlantic hurricane season on June 1, and experts say the 2006 season could be another very active one.

The latest forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) calls for **13-16 total storms, 8-10 hurricanes, and 4-6 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher)**.

► **The Joint Caribbean Lion war games began last week** in the southern Caribbean. Participating, among other vessels, are the Dutch station ship *Van Nes*, the supply ship *Zuiderkruisde*, the Belgian *Westdiep*, the American attack aircraft carrier *USS Bataan*, the transport ship *FS Francis Garnier*, the Dutch submarine *Zeeleeuw* and the Dutch frigate *De Ruyter*. Other ships expected to get involved next week include the *USS Taylor*, the *USS Fort McHenry* and the Canadian ships *Montreal* and *Preserver*. Eventually a total of 12 naval vessels will take part. The Dutch transport *Rotterdam*, which was to take part, is on a humanitarian mission in flood-ravaged Surinam. Additionally, six F-16 fighter planes are stationed at Curaçao's Hato field.

► **A Chinese oil refiner has shown interest in exploring and exploiting oil and gas in the territorial waters around the ABC islands**, reported Prime Minister Nelson Oduber following his visit to China on a trade mission. The Chinese join American, Cuban and Venezuelan companies who have also expressed interest.

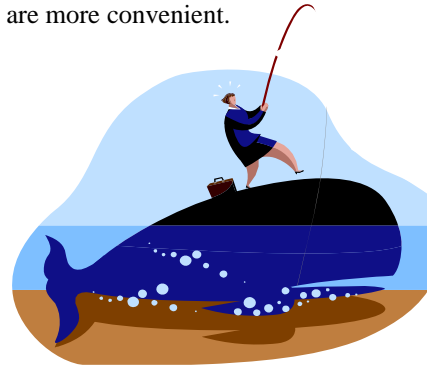
► The Colombian airline company, **Avianca**, will make **daily flights from Bogotá to Aruba** starting July 1st. Starting June 18th, Avianca will fly twice a week from Aruba to Medellin



DEZA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND LABOUR AFFAIRS ISLAND TERRITORY OF BONAIRE

► **DEZA, Bonaire's Department of Economic and Labor Affairs, has issued its comprehensive report for 2005.** It paints a bleak picture of the beginning of a negative trend in almost all aspects of the economy except for tax collections, shipping, construction and automobile imports. In the next weeks *The Reporter* will be passing on information from this report. The first, summarizing tourism figures, is on page 5.

via Baranquilla. SAM, part of Avianca, will fly Fokker 100s. With non-stop and one-stop flights available from Bonaire to Aruba, flights to Colombia are more convenient.



► A former secretary of the International Whaling Commission has slammed the body as dysfunctional as some Caribbean nations continue to **push for a lifting of the ban on commercial whaling** as the organization gears for a meeting in St. Kitts next month. Some Caribbean island nations receive financial support from Japanese interests.

"Originally people and nations were

trying to regulate a high seas fishery, but in more recent times the attitude in the world has been not too much to the utilization of a natural resource but the preservation of it," he complained. "So, they are using a piece of fisheries legislation to prohibit capture of stocks of whales, some of which are capable of being utilized on a sustainable basis." The commissioners from Caribbean member-states of Antigua, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent support killing whales, in a sustainable way, for food - not necessarily food for their people, but for export. They charge strong "environmental" NGOs had wrongfully changed the use of international fisheries legislation "from regulating and catching to prohibition of catching."

The IWC's annual plenary meeting is to be held in Basseterre, St. Kitts-Nevis, June 15-20. A ban on commercial whaling was agreed on by the IWC in 1982. The Caribbean nations named above are hoping to revisit the issue

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► Gerard van Erp sent us this **good news for yacht visitors**: "For many years Karel's Pier has been the favorite spot for cruisers to tie up their valuable dinghies. Unfortunately, over the last years almost all cleats at this dock were broken or just disappeared and tying up a dinghy wasn't easy. Visiting cruisers Chris from *Colonel's Lady*; Bob from *Sapphire*; Jim from *Deribille*; Walt from *Centime* and Fred from *Mistrial* came up with the idea to mount new stainless steel cleats on the pier. Budget Marine gave a very good discount on the parts too, and Johan Visser, the owner of Karel's bar provided the cold beer. Thank you very much!!"

Text & photo by Gerard van Erp

(Flotsam & Jetsam. Continued from page 2)

and get an okay to hunt whales again.

► **The Bonaire National Marine Park together with the Environmental Department of the Government is looking for volunteers** to help with the second round of the **Nutrients Monitoring Program**. The sampling will start Monday June 12. BNMP Manager Ramon deLeon needs help to

sample the same 10 sites that they did in March. If you are interested in helping please let him know and he will forward a sampling protocol that Paul Hoetjes from VOMIL, Central Government, had prepared. A meeting is set for June 7th at 4 pm at the Park HQ in Barkadera (across from the Bonaire Caribbean Club) for volunteers to discuss the protocol and set up the logistics. Contact Ramon at 717-8444

► One of Bonaire's most active naturalists, **Jerry Ligon** reports: "With a newly purchased Leica spotting scope, I was able to **find and identify two birds that were new to Bonaire's bird list**. They are **Southern Lapwings** and are usually found in South America but may be extending their breeding range. I conferred with Tineke Prins, who is the Curator of Birds, University of Amsterdam, to confirm the rarity of this species here on Bonaire. She informed me that a few records existed for Aruba, all adjacent to their sewage lagoon. The species is unique in that it has a spur along the curve of the wing which is used to deter predators or rivals in courtship."



Internet photo.

if you want to help.

► **Scarlet**, a long distance and Internet access provider, launched the first **high speed Broadband Wireless network in Curaçao**. The non-line-of-sight, portable wireless broadband network equipment is a sort of long range "wi-fi." "Scarlet's broadband service does not require a phone line, can be installed in less than five minutes, and is portable," commented Eric E. Stakland, CEO of Scarlet's Netherlands Antilles operations. **There has been groundwork on putting in a similar system on Bonaire later in the year.**

Scarlet N.V. is part of the Scarlet group of companies based in the Netherlands where the parent company has

been providing long distance and data services in Europe since 1992. Scarlet, formerly Antillean Network Management N.V., has been operating in the Netherlands Antilles since 1995 on the island of St. Maarten, since 1999 in Curaçao, and since 2001 in Bonaire.

► Bonaire Travel Solutions, the Tour Operator which specializes in promoting and booking Bonaire's smaller accommodations, is offering an **airfare-only package that ranges from \$371 per person RT from Miami (not including US taxes and surcharges)** to Coral Spawning Packages from Newark or Atlanta from \$999 for a 7-night Stay, Dive and Drive Pack-

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ARE OUR WHALES IN DANGER?

The publication in *èxtra*, Bonaire's Papiamentu language newspaper, of a fisherman standing over the corpse of a dead beaked whale brought a feeling of déjà vu. Dead marine animals washing ashore are a fact of life on Bonaire, but what gave me the feeling was that 12 warships, including at least one submarine, were in the area getting ready for the start of the Joint Caribbean Lion exercise (see details in Flotsam and Jetsam, page 2).

"The possible connection between naval sonar and the deaths of whales and other marine mammals has become an increasingly controversial issue since the Navy acknowledged that the loud blasts of its sonar helped cause a mass stranding of whales in the Bahamas in 2000. Since then, critics have accused the Navy of involvement in numerous mass strandings in US and international waters, and federal environmental officials have concluded in some instances that the loud pulses from active sonar cannot be ruled out as a cause," said a story from the Associated Press.

It was reporting on whale strandings around the Oregon Inlet of the Outer Banks of North Carolina, US, on January 15. One newborn minke whale was found dead that day, and two dwarf sperm whales came ashore on January 16, locations about 60 miles north and south of the inlet. Six of the pilot whales were pregnant when they died. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists "are looking at all the possible causes of this stranding, which was a



significant one," spokeswoman Connie Barclay said.

In the past 10 years all over the world, there have been numerous reports of dead whales and stranded whales following naval maneuvers where powerful sonar devices were used.

Pilot and dwarf sperm whales are deep-diving animals that feed off the ocean floor and continental slopes. Other whale strandings linked to sonar use have also involved deep-diving species, such as the type of beaked whale found dead here. Researchers have theorized that the loud sounds of sonar can damage the whales' sensitive hearing system and cause them to surface too quickly from fright. After another stranding off the Canary Islands in 2002, researchers found unusual gas bubbles in some whale organs, leading them to conclude that the animals suffered from a form of decompression sickness similar to the bends.

The multi-week air and navel maneuvers have just begun. The NATO and other partners of the exercise did not announce whether they would use the powerful sonar as part of their exercises. For the welfare of our undersea life, we hope not. G.D.

FLAMINGO FIRST AID

We found this flamingo on our way back home at 10:20pm from the Jazz Festival at Kon-Tiki. He had a broken leg and was lying on the middle of the road. Was he hit by a car?

The vet at Nikiboko South, Jan Laarakker, was willing to help the bird. He made a splint for the bird's leg from a syringe tube. The flamingo will have to stay at the vets for more than three weeks, but then maybe it can be put back into its natural environment.

Wilna Groenenboom



Vet Jan Laarakker with injured flamingo

WE STAND CORRECTED

Jeannette Nolan-Heitkönig sends some corrections and additions to last week's Antique Living Houses of Bonaire - "Kas di Kabez:"

Family name is Heitkönig

Actually there are three houses, not two.

My father was never referred to as Monsieur Heitkönig but as "Heit."

Where it says "Herman" it should say "Jules" (that is what he went by) lived there with his wife Rose Marie Anne Heitkönig-Rigaud. (They were married, not as it implies that he just lived with her! My mother would have a fit. Heit passed away in 1987. They had two daughters. We are both still alive.

My name is spelled "Jeannette" with double n and double t.

La Guernica restaurant is located in the old souvenir shop. (It was never a family home) In the souvenir shop my father sold jewelry, photographic articles and pictures (from his Fotolab, where now Hair Affair is), souvenirs (also handmade in his workshop now accommodating Little Havana), snorkel and dive equipment (he was an experienced diving spear fisherman in the old days).

He used to take his turtle (Max, a loggerhead) out for a swim. He was one of the first to stop selling spear fishing gear when the law was passed to prohibit spear fishing in Bonaire.



Bonaire Economic Report

From DEZA —Part 1

Overall tourist arrivals, the engine that powers Bonaire's economy, dropped 1% last year. In 2004 Americans and Europeans had an equal share of the tourism market (44% each), but in 2005 the European

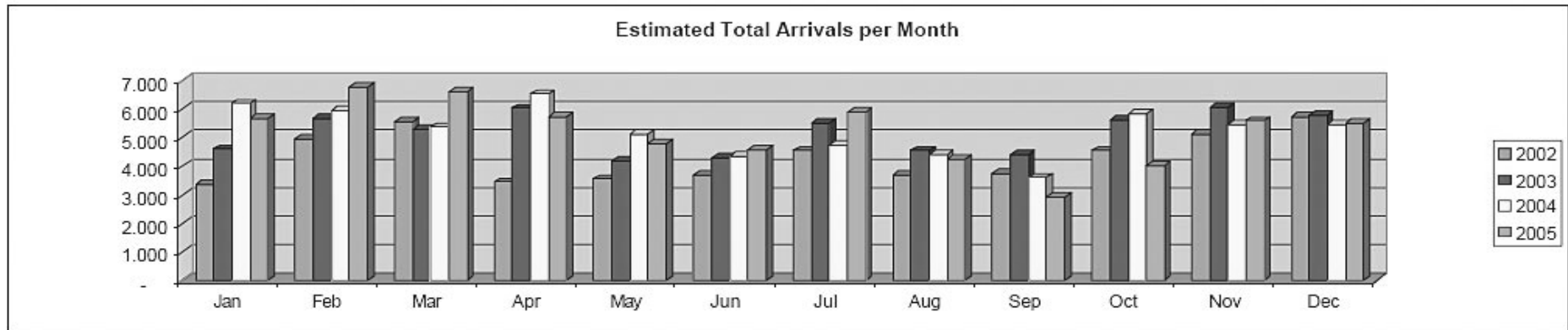
market exceeded the North American market in numbers of tourists mainly because of fewer Air Jamaica flights to Bonaire (48% of European tourists versus 42% of American tourists). It is expected that the North American mar-

ket will improve as more airlift is secured. Continental Airlines, started flying in December 2005.

It is interesting to note that as tourism faltered in 2005 there was an increase of **36% in construction permit requests for private homes** compared to 2004, and a **jump of 300% (from 7 to 21) for apartment houses**. In 2006,

the upward trend is expected to continue with considerably more apartments being built.

New and used cars are pouring in. For 2005 almost **130% more cars were imported than in 2004**. Many are second hand vehicles imported from the Netherlands. *DEZA*



A few of the young tennis players Elizabeth Vos photo

Youth Tennis

Last week the young tennis players of Bonaire continued their monthly competition. Sponsored by the RBTT bank Bonaire and Tennis Sport School of Bonaire it allows young players to test their abilities and strengths against other youngsters. Beginning from 5 years up to and including 18 years they play against each other in several classes

The outcome of the 5th round for respective classes:

D: Josephine Marshall – Constantijn Bottrop 4-2

C2: Zaira Groenendal – Jordan Coffie 6-5

C1: Jaimylee Engel – Kristel de Palm 6-4

B: Max van Ooijen – Boy Roozendaal 4-2;4-2

A: Gino Meeuwsen – Paulo Allee 4-2;3-4;T7-3 *Elizabeth Vos*

Countdown to Dive Into Adventure

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Days To Go

June 17 to 24



Each day of **Dive Into Adventure Bonaire 2006**, which runs from June 17 to 24, will offer adventure-filled diving and on-land activities, educational opportunities and evening entertainment. Participants are free to selectively participate in the activities, spend their entire day diving or following the program as offered. We've been covering details of the planned activity and continue this week.

Wednesday, June 21st, the day of fun for Dive Into Adventure (DIAB) 2006, will begin with a workshop and guided dive led by Dos Winkel (Underwater Photo Skills) and a workshop led by Mabel Nava from Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). Evening presenters include Ramon de Leon and Fernando Simal, the managers, respectively of the Marine and Washington-Slagbaai National Parks and the (So You Want to Take Underwater Photos) Millers. **This evening will also feature the Fun Team Event – It's a Knockout, with fun games and prizes, and BBQ at Bonaire's National Stadium** plus a guided night fluorescence dive led by Dr. Mazel.

From off-island come three



Dos Winkel

“stars” of the event:

Dos Winkel needs little introduction to Bonaireans. His first career was in orthopedic medicine. He established and led the Dutch Academy for Orthopedic Medicine. A course in underwater photography in Aruba hooked him on the subject. Subsequently he and his wife, Bertie, moved to Bonaire and were based here for eight years. In addition to diving the Caribbean he's photographed in the Indian Ocean, the Pacific, Africa, Peru's Lake Titicaca and around the Galapagos Islands. He's won numerous prizes, published many books and produced and starred in several TV shows. While still president of the International Academy of Orthopedic Medicine, however, since March 2005 Dos has been doing this less ac-

tively and been giving his underwater and nature photography his undivided attention.

Dr. Charlie Mazel is a research scientist at Physical Sciences Inc. (PSI), a small, private research and development firm in Andover, Massachusetts. PSI is a collection of over a hundred people carrying out a wide variety of research topics, generally in some branch of the physical sciences. He is also the President of NightSea LLC, a small spin-off of PSI that develops specialized lights and filters so that sport and science divers can see and photograph fluorescence.

Bill and Alice Miller began diving in 1995 and have traveled extensively in the Caribbean and Indonesia. Bill is a former wildlife photographer and biology teacher, and his love for the environment and photography is evident in the quality of his macro images. As active members of The Coral Reef Alliance (REEF) and Oceans for Youth, they actively promote reef conservation and preservation in their slide shows.

Bill and Alice have appeared on the Canadian Television Network program "Undersea Explorers," are spokespersons for REEF in their film "CORAL-Working Together To Keep the Coral Reef Alive."

They have attended all the previous Dive Festivals on Bonaire.

Local experts **Mabel Nava from Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB), Ramon de Leon, Manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park and Fernando Simal, Manager of Washington-Slagbaai National Park**, provide the "local knowledge" that compliments the expertise of the visiting experts.

Lightening things up will be the evening's **It's a Knockout** games with locals and DIAB participants organized into teams. Not much has been revealed so far but the games will be uniquely Bonairean. The Department of Culture was consulted and fishing and cooking are on the agenda.

For more information on Dive Into Adventure Bonaire 2006 visit www.DiveIntoAdventureBonaire.com, the official event website. If you haven't done so sign up now at the TCB Office downtown.



Mabel Nava



Ramon de Leon

A new series ...

The Snack Bar Detectives

Our Mission: *To seek out the mysteries that lie behind the doors of Bonaire's Snacks*



Spanhoek outside



Spanhoek bar inside

It's a balmy Bonairean night. My trusted companion "Big D" and I are on the lookout for refreshment and food. We have but only two requirements: the beer has to be cold, and, the prices have to be right.

We stumble across a likely place at the top of Kaya LD Gerharts. Above the door is the name: SPANHOEK.

The bar looks inviting enough and the menu tempting. We order our beers. A glance at the pricelist tells us what we need to know. Polar, Amstel and Heineken, NAf 2, Balashi NAf 1,75. Our beer is served immediately by Erna who, with her husband, De Guang, run Spanhoek together. Trickle of condensation run down the bottle as it hits the warm evening air. Yes, just as we had hoped, ice cold!

Several cold ones later and we are ready to try some food. Big D eyes the snacks, starting at NAf 1.75; it looks good value, Loempia, Sâté and Frikandel are all tempting but we decide to go for the main menu.

The choice is wide and varied with meals starting at NAf 7.50: Chop Suey, Fried Rice, Sweet & Sour etc. Big D spies Moksie Metie on the menu. His choice is made. I go for the beef curry, I like my curry like I like my women, hot! I am not disappointed.

We are served our meals. The portions are ample and the taste is superb. If you decide to take away, you will be eating for days! We leave before our identities are revealed, our bellies full but our pockets only a little lighter. Spanhoek will take some beating.

So, all you snacky owners, be on your guard as our mission continues. Next time it could be you! *Story & photos by the Snack Bar Detectives*

DINE WITH THE DREAM TEAM



Bonaire's Dream Team at Chibi Chibi: (front) Bartender Jane Coffie (Divi Flamingo), Egbert deVries (Le Flamboyant), Isidoor van Riemsdijk (Rum Runners), Coach Nonchi Martijn (SGB hotel school), (back) Floris van Loo (Rum Runners), Waldi Gijbertha (City Café)

Have a fabulous three-course "competition" dinner and support Bonaire's star chef-bartender team at practices **Sundays at 7 pm at SGB's Chez Nous**. The team will compete in the "Taste of the Caribbean" culinary Olympics at the end of June in Miami. Donation: \$25. Call Floris at 786-1508 or Sara at 786-9299 to reserve. Great food, cocktails and abundant fine wines. *L.D.*

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

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

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
6-02	5:04	1.6FT.	50
6-03	2:47	1.5FT.	40
6-04	4:35	1.4FT.	33
6-05	6:19	1.3FT.	30
6-06	7:13	1.1FT.	34
6-07	8:10	1.0FT.	43
6-08	8:39	0.9FT.	53
6-09	9:21	0.8FT.	65

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age including RT airfare! For example a 7-night/8-day accommodation in a one-bedroom condo or studio apartment at the **Golden Reef Inn** includes room tax, daily continental breakfast, unlimited shore diving package with **Wannadive Dive**. If you are interested, book soon as dates and airline seats are limited. Check out their website at www.bonairetravelsolutions.com, phone 877-DIVE-Bon or email them at info@bonairetravelsolutions.com

► **De Freewieler Bike Shop** (ad on page 9) just got in some Giant **mountain bikes**: the Boulder model costs NAf950 and the Rincon is NAf1045.

coral glimpses

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



The living coral on this coral head is the crisp clean tan area. It's surrounded by the skeleton of areas of its colony whose polyps (individual coral animals) have perished. Usually stony corals are able to grow over the tubes of the Christmas tree worms on their colonies, but these polyps have not done so. This may be a sign that the colony is under some stress. □

► **Women of Bonaire: put it on your calendar** – a conference for women only: “**The Four Faces of Woman**,” on **Saturday, June 24 at the Sport Hall from 9 am to 4:30 pm**. The four faces of women are: Eternal, Traditional, Modern and Shakti. There will be a main speaker followed by a panel. Later the audience will be broken down into discussion subgroups of eight women each with a moderator. **For more information call 786-3702 or Neery Gonzalez 786-6777. No entrance fee; in English with Papiamentu translation.**

► **Welcome to two new Reporter advertisers: Jody's Fashions** (page 6) and **Zambezi Lodge** (page 4). Jody's offers brand-name European fashions. Zambezi Lodge is inviting readers to explore investing in an African themed, upscale, all-inclusive resort on Bonaire.

► **Snack reports** are back by popular demand, see page 7. **The Snack Detectives** are on the case. □ *G./L.D.*

WORLD CUP SOCCER 2006 GERMANY

GROUP	DATE	TIME	GAME	SCORE	GROUP	DATE	TIME	GAME	SCORE	GROUP	DATE	TIME	GAME	SCORE			
A	Fri. June 9th	12:00	Germany - Costa Rica	...	D	Sun. June 11th	12:00	Mexico - Iran	...	G	Tue. June 13th	09:00	Korean Rep. - Togo	...			
	Fri. June 9th	15:00	Poland - Ecuador	...		Sun. June 11th	15:00	Angola - Portugal	...		Tue. June 13th	12:00	France - Switzerland	...			
	Wed. June 14th	15:00	Germany - Poland	...		Fri. June 16th	15:00	Mexico - Angola	...		Sun. June 18th	15:00	France - Korean Rep.	...			
	Thu. June 15th	09:00	Ecuador - Costa Rica	...		Sat. June 17th	09:00	Portugal - Iran	...		Mon. June 19th	09:00	Togo - Switzerland	...			
	Tue. June 20th	10:00	Ecuador - Germany	...		Wed. June 21st	10:00	Portugal - Mexico	...		Fri. June 23rd	15:00	Switzerland - Korean Rep.	...			
	Tue. June 20th	10:00	Costa Rica - Poland	...		Wed. June 21st	10:00	Iran - Angola	...		Fri. June 23rd	15:00	Togo - France	...			
B	Sat. June 10th	09:00	England - Paraguay	...	E	Mon. June 12th	12:00	United States - Czech Rep.	...	H	Wed. June 14th	09:00	Spain - Ukraine	...			
	Sat. June 10th	12:00	Trinidad & Tobago - Sweden	...		Mon. June 12th	15:00	Italy - Ghana	...		Wed. June 14th	12:00	Tunisia - Saudi Arabia	...			
	Thu. June 15th	12:00	England - Trinidad & Tobago	...		Sat. June 17th	12:00	Czech Rep. - Ghana	...		Mon. June 19th	12:00	Saudi Arabia - Ukraine	...			
	Thu. June 15th	15:00	Sweden - Paraguay	...		Sat. June 17th	15:00	Italy - United States	...		Mon. June 19th	15:00	Spain - Tunisia	...			
	Tue. June 20th	15:00	Paraguay - Trinidad & Tobago	...		Thu. June 22nd	10:00	Czech Rep. - Italy	...		Fri. June 23rd	10:00	Ukraine - Tunisia	...			
	Tue. June 20th	15:00	Sweden - England	...		Thu. June 22nd	10:00	Ghana - United States	...		Fri. June 23rd	10:00	Saudi Arabia - Spain	...			
C	Sat. June 10th	15:00	Argentina - Ivory Coast	...	F	Mon. June 12th	09:00	Australia - Japan	...	Eight	Sat. June 24th	11:00	A1 - B2 (1)	...			
	Sun. June 11th	09:00	Serbia & Mon. - HOLLAND	...		Tue. June 13th	15:00	Brazil - Croatia	...		Sat. June 24th	15:00	C1 - D2 (II)	...			
	Fri. June 16th	09:00	Argentina - Serbia & Mon.	...		Sun. June 18th	09:00	Japan - Croatia	...		Sun. June 25th	11:00	B1 - A2 (II)	...			
	Fri. June 16th	12:00	HOLLAND - Ivory Coast	...		Sun. June 18th	12:00	Brazil - Australia	...		Sun. June 25th	15:00	D1 - C2 (IV)	...			
	Wed. June 21st	15:00	HOLLAND - Argentina	...		Thu. June 22nd	15:00	Japan - Brazil	...		Mon. June 26th	11:00	E1 - F2 (V)	...			
	Wed. June 21st	15:00	Ivory Coast - Serbia & Mon.	...		Thu. June 22nd	15:00	Croatia - Australia	...		Mon. June 26th	15:00	G1 - H2 (VI)	...			
								Quarter				Tue. June 27th	11:00	F1 - E2 (VI)	...		
												Tue. June 27th	15:00	H1 - G2 (VII)	...		
												Fri. June 30th	11:00	Winner I - Winner II (A)	...		
												Fri. June 30th	15:00	Winner V - Winner VI (C)	...		
												Sat. July 1st	11:00	Winner II - Winner IV (D)	...		
												Sat. July 1st	15:00	Winner VI - Winner VIII (E)	...		
												Semi		Tue. July 4th	15:00	Winner A - Winner C (H1)	...
														Wed. July 5th	15:00	Winner B - Winner D (H2)	...
												3rd/4th		Sat. July 8th	15:00	Loser H1 - Loser H2	...
												Final		Sun. July 9th	14:00	Winner H1 - Winner H2	...



Bondy On The Ball

If World Cup fever hasn't gripped you by now, then you need to check your pulse! It's the penultimate week to the games, and we will be checking out the final two groups, Week 4 of our coverage.



Zinedine Zidane, France

Let's kick off with **France**. Winners on their home turf in '98 saw scenes of jubilation. Four years later, a miserable display saw them crash out without a single goal being scored. France has some awesome players but, maybe they are just a little over the hill. **Djibril Cisse** is scoring for fun as is **Thierry Henry**. The linchpin will be the mighty **Zinedine Zidane**. If the experienced players perform well they will be difficult to beat.

Switzerland next. They literally fought for their place in the finals resulting in a fracas with Turkey. A series of sanctions on the team and individual bans on players resulted, nevertheless they got through. Their Swiss coach, **Jakob 'Kobi' Kuhn**, has put together a young skillful team. Except for veteran, **Johaann Vogel**, there is a lack of experience to see them through to the latter stages.

South Korea is third in the group. Now I like South Korea, I like their tenacity and that is exactly what dragged them through the qualifiers. **Dick Advocaat** bowed out of the Manager's spot after some poor re-

sults, maybe just as well. **Park Ji-Sung**, currently playing at Manchester United, is the player to watch.

Onto **Togo**, Who? I hear you ask! This former German colony finished top of their group with plenty of help from their highly rated keeper, **Kossi (Magic Hands) Agassa**. They are a 500/1 shot if you fancy a flutter.



Raul, Spain

The eighth and final group is headed by **Spain**. Manager **Luis Aragonés** is something of an enigma, but his record speaks for itself - 18 games in a row unbeaten is pretty good going. Big man on campus is **Raul**. If he is fighting fit he will make all the difference.

Ukraine will be playing in the championships for the first time. Former USSR player, **Oleg Blokhin**, earned 109 caps in his playing days before taking the reigns as Manager. Not the biggest squad as far as talent is concerned but with **Shevchenko** up front, anything can happen.

Let's look at **Tunisia**. Having been knocked out in the first round of every previous championship, they will be hoping to progress further. Tunisia works well

as a team and play their football with a passion. **Hatem Trabelsi**, who plays his football with Ajax, is a tough cookie in defense. I think that they have a good chance of making the next rounds this time.

Finally, **Saudi Arabia**. With big money to throw around, people expect a little more from them. Maybe this is the year. They finished top of their group and conceded only one goal along the way. At the time of going to press their Manager is **Marcos Paqueta** but that could change. The Saudis change their Managers more often than their underwear! Although lacking in internationally experienced players, they have one of the toughest defenses around. 750/1 odds against seems a little unkind but hey, the Saudi won't mind.

Well, that's all of the groups done. Next week we will have a recap and see the group tables in detail. I will give everyone the opportunity to see me proven wrong as I pick my favourites to progress. Until then, let's keep the game beautiful.

Antony Bond

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.



Where to watch-



Two Reporter advertisers have announced they have facilities to see all the great World Cup action that starts on Friday, June 9.

At **City Café** 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 NAf10,50. In the afternoons they have a special lunch buffet for NAf12,50.

At **The Great Escape** you can watch in the comfort of the thatched roof bar by the pool and sample their huge selection of beers. L.D.

JAZZ FESTIVAL 2006

If you like your music live, close-up, and extraordinary then last week's Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival 2006 was a dream come true. First the artists' performances were strong, enthusiastic and crafted in the finest jazz traditions. The venues, from historic Fort Oranje to the shore at the Plaza Resort to the wild beach at KonTiki were something no contrived stage setting could match. Music saturated the island from the morning Jazz Brunch to the late nights at City Café and Little Havana. Lots of Bonaire's businesses provided sponsorship which kept the prices ridiculously low by international standards. And the Bonaire people responded by showing up in respectable numbers for the 15 "official" performances around the island.



Ced Ride closed the Festival in style

If that wasn't enough, music and art merged into a blend of treats for the eye and ears at the Kas di Arte. Fine artwork by artists from Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba and St. Maarten featuring musical and dance themes were shown at the Polyrhythmic art exposition organized by the Suku philanthropic foundation during the entire festival.

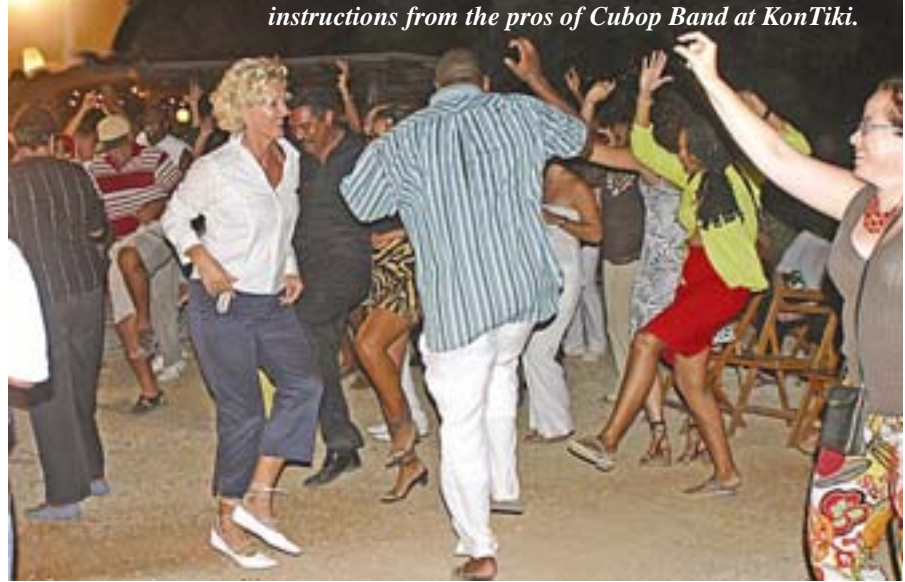
The festival began with a free concert consisting of Antillean music from the 1940s and earlier performed by Merietza Groot-Haakmat, accompanied on guitar

and bass by Hershell Rosario. Following were Papiamentu songs performed by the locally legendary Ced Ride. Highlights included performances by the BIG Cubop City Band especially flown in from The Netherlands led by Lucas van Merwijk. Then there was Anastacia Larmonie and her band's awesome performance. Other unforgettable performances were put on by Moogie and Friends, The

(Continued on page 11)



SGB High School Band members got personalized instructions from the pros of Cubop Band at KonTiki.



At the wind-up of the Festival you couldn't keep from moving your feet.

Jazz Festival 2006 (Continued from page 10)

Latin Quartet and the Bonaire Jazz Group, all from Bonaire, the Question Mark Band from Surinam, Konkie Halmeyer on the steel pans, the Dave Ronchi Matthew band, The Randal Corsen Quartet and Eric Calmes, all from Curaçao, as well as others. At KonTiki during the final performances, the SGB (high school) band jammed with members of the Cu-pob Band who gave them pointers.

We hope the accompanying photos help to capture that special jazz feeling of the long weekend.

G./L.D. Additional photos by Wilna Gronenboom, Maarten Maartense and Roosje v.d. Hoek-Goeloe



Leader of the Cubop Big Band, Lucas van Merwijk at Plaza



The sole CuBop girl on bass fiddle at Little Havana



Bonaire's Moogie with his friends at City Café



Organizers Stephanie Hasham and Nicole Chirino at the First Annual Dutch Caribbean Art Exhibition, "Polyrhythmic" during the Jazz Festival. Painting by Nochi Coffie.



The Cubop Big Band arrives

Pets of the Week

Two roommates – “Laila” and “Ronald” – what a comical pair! Laila, the black and white character dog on the left, is full of enthusiasm and you can’t help but laugh when you see her antics. She’s enthusiastic and smart and as you can see, she’s no prima donna; she gets along beautifully with Ronald. Laila is about two years old and is sterilized.

Sweet faced Ronald on the right is a darling. He was adopted originally from the Shelter as a pup, but his owners had to leave him behind when they returned to Holland. He’s about three years old, is very social and has a lot of the good attributes of the Labrador he resembles – intelligence, gentleness and good looks. The staff says he’s a nice quiet dog who’d be a great companion for someone. You may meet this pair at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. Saturdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.

Want to make a difference and help keep the number of unwanted pets down on the island? You can help by contributing to the **Shelter’s Steriliza-**



“Laila” and “Ronald”

tion Fund which subsidizes sterilizations on pets whose owners can’t pay the full fee: “Sterilization Fund” MCB Bonaire Account# 10616410. Or donate on line via Support Bonaire, Inc. WWW.supportbonaire.org . The funds go only for sterilizations.

So far this year there have been 60 pet adoptions, all of which have been or will be sterilized. *L.D.*

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*

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Property

For rent: Furnished house with one bedroom, NAf 900 per month including cable TV. For more information contact Amanda at Harbourtown Real Estate, 717-5539.

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Yard Sale – Saturday, June 3, Kaya Mandolin #8, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Washington Park Extravaganza



Tutti Frutti was just one of the many groups that entertained



These children made music with coral branches



Chrisanta Martis was the key organizer of the Anniversary Day

Last Sunday Washington Park threw open its gates for a day of fantastic activities to celebrate its 37th birthday. Music, dancing, local food, cakes, drinks, face painting, marshé stands from Rincon...It was a day for families. Rangers led guided tours through the museum and on hikes on the Kasikunda and Lagadishi trails and up to the 792-foot Mount Brandaris. For the children there were treasure hunts, face painting, art projects and more. Resting under the spacious, cool terrace was a special treat. Thanks to the staff at STINAPA and Washington Park for making the day such a memorable one. *L.D.*



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THURS THRU SUN
2 MOVIES 7 & 9PM
MON THRU WED. 1 MOVIE 8PM

SATURDAY 4 PM
May: The Wild

THIS WEEK



The Bonaire National Marine Park together with the Environmental Department of the Government is looking for volunteers to help with the second round of the Nutrients Monitoring Program. A meeting is set for **June 7th at 4 pm at the Park HQ in Barkadera** (across from the Bonaire Caribbean Club) for volunteers to discuss the protocol and set up the logistics. Contact Ramon at 717-8444 if you want to help.

Saturday, June 3—Marshe di Buki (book sale) for children & adults, 10-2, patio of the Bonaire Library

Sunday, June 4—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

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

COMING

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

Sunday, June 18—Father's Day

Saturday, June 24—Women's Conference: The Four Faces of Woman. Free entrance. 9 am—4:30 pm, Sport Hall. In English with Papiamentu translation.

Sunday, July 9—Dia di Arte, Wilhelmina Park—art, music, food, entertainment. Artists must sign up by June 15. Call Emma 786-6420 or Edwin 786-8400

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@goldenreefenn.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

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Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on some holidays. 717-8444/785-0017

Sunday at Cai- Live music and dancing starts about 12 noon at Lac Cai. Dance to the music of Bonaire's popular musicians.

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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 Bonaire Talker 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

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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

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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.

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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
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On the Island Since...

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Huub Groot

Before I came here I'd been living in St. Croix, St. Martin and Curaçao where I was building video tape club interiors for a company that belonged to my brother. When he stopped with the business I came to Bonaire and started to work for Rum Runners as the manager. I'd never been here. I thought it was a bit small but also that it was an adorable little village. My philosophy is and always has been: wherever there's work I'll go! After a year and a half I had the opportunity to become the co-owner of Rum Runners for a very small percentage.

Then Rob v/d Berg and I opened The Dome, a sports café that sat where the Lost Penguin is now. In the meantime we were also asked to handle the restaurant at Buddy Dive. In 2001 Rob and I went our separate ways; we had different ideas.

The Dome had already been sold and I was seriously thinking about leaving the island. I'd been working too much; I'd screwed up my relationship. It was entirely my fault because I couldn't separate work from private life. I'd come with her from Holland and she'd been working with me all the time - at the office, waiting tables, handling the floor. If we weren't there she did everything - she was a great girl! But privately it didn't work out because for me work never stopped. I got into a new relationship with Sigma, the chef cook at Buddy Dive, a lady from Curaçao, also a terrific person, precious and special.

I sold my part of Rum Runners and Buddy Dive's Dock of the Bay and started with City Café. The place was completely run down and practically bankrupt. It belonged to some friends of mine - Nelson Apolinario and his brother Andre who lived in Portugal. They also owned Hotel Rochaline and the Oporto construction company. Well, for me it was like, either I'll put new life into this business or I go back to Curaçao. But I stayed and I brought City Café back to life. When Oporto went bankrupt Nelson came into the company with me. The company had a lot of financial problems, especially during the first three months. We had to turn each cent around 10 times before spending it! I've shed a tear now and then, thinking why in heaven's name did I start with this!

First we had to pay off all the debts, but at the same time we had to invest. Sure, we'd made a business plan, but many times there was a lack of finances. Our goal was to turn this beautiful old and historic building into a place full of life, not only with a bar and restaurant, but we

wanted to fill up all the small spaces with different little businesses. So, we built Wataburger, then Wannadive, the Internet Café and the crêpe place and we rented them out. We upgraded and modernized the whole hotel, and from June 1st Sjoerd v/d Brug is going to do Hotel Rochaline. We're the principal tenants of all these places, but what we're really doing is the food and beverage part. We had a short-lived, two-year 'marriage' with Ed and Joep, but it became too much for them with the business they already had. So now we're back to basics with Nelson, Andre and me."

"I've done many things in life, ...I've been a juggler, did street theatre, I was a clown and a fire-eater, I walked the high stilts and I rode a unicycle.... I studied for three years to work with problem children and mentally disabled children.."

Huub Groot (33) is a spontaneous, open-hearted, open-minded, hard working, fast living, unique person - one of a kind. "All these years we never closed the business for even one day. We've renovated and fixed things little by little, and every cent we made has been invested again in the business, and what we saved in the last couple of years we've invested in 'Salsa,' which belongs to the three of us and to a group in Curaçao, the owners of Mambo and Zanzibar.

Nelson's father bought the property where Salsa is now and the property next to it 20 years ago with the idea of building a big city hotel. It never came to that, but now he's given us the opportunity through a very attractive financial plan to build a city hotel. The whole lot next to Salsa is ours, and the property with the music school will be given to us on a long-lease basis the moment we actually start with the construction. All the plans are ready; the feasibility study is almost done; and our goal is to start with the construction on January 1, 2007, together with the group from Curaçao on a 50-50 basis. We got into this partnership not only to share the costs but also to share the know how.

I am aware of the fact that there is resistance when it comes to demolishing the music school. Although the building is not a monument it is a typical building

and part of the 'face' of Playa, but the music school left the building a long time ago, and since then it's been nothing but a run down place on a decrepit parking lot. Nevertheless, we offered to rebuild it elsewhere and that offer is still valid.

But, our 'baby' is still City Café. It might not be the best and most beautiful bar on the island - and the same for the restaurant - but there's a lot of diversity here and I think that's why people feel at home. When I took over I thought there's very little that can go wrong because this is a top location! The other important thing was and is: We have a very good contact and contract with the owners, the Beukenboom family, so, the rest is up to us! We don't aim for a specific public; everyone is welcome and every guest counts because this is a small island and you can't be selective. We're also trying to be diverse in our choice of events and music.

I prefer to work with Antillean people simply because these are the Antilles. I am very much pro-Antillean. Sigma, my ex-girlfriend, is our chef-cook. Her sister, Corina, is the supervisor here, and their brother, Elfried, is the head of security with us. They are the only family I have on this island and I owe these three people a lot. They stood beside me in business and in private life and they are my right and , 2005, I married Merietza Hakmat, a girl from St. Martin. She is head of the accounting department of the Marriott Casino in Curaçao, and she has her own band, 'Rhydd'm.' The first time I saw her performing I thought: that's the girl I'm going to marry! She's a very beautiful, very intelligent and especially a very independent woman. She's living in Curaçao and I am living here. We both love our jobs and it would certainly make one of us very unhappy to move, so we stay where we are. Nobody understands it - but we're happy! When I am free I fly to Curaçao or I do something with my family. Sigma has three children, Corina has five, and I live with Elfried and with our bartender for four years, Natalia. It's great to live together in one house. When



Huub Groot at City

we're free we barbecue on our doorstep right on the boulevard in Playa Pabou, or we go camping in Washington Park - great fun too - and last Mother's Day we all went together to Aruba for the weekend. We also have five dogs...It's funny. Now that I'm telling you all this I realize how special it is!

Another passion of mine is that I am a soccer fanatic! We're sponsoring Juventus. Last year it was the first time and they became the champions right away! But my biggest soccer love is Feyenoord. All year long I make the strangest bets involving Feyenoord.

I've done many things in life. I started with technical school, but I also went to circus school. I've been a juggler, did street theatre, I was a clown and a fire-eater, I walked the high stilts and I rode a unicycle. I studied for three years to work with problem children and mentally disabled children and I graduated and got my diploma. After that I did a two-year course in commercial economics, then I left Holland to come to the islands, 23 years old.

I've decided that I will never let it happen again that I will make myself unhappy. I will always work hard, but sometimes I have to temper my passion a bit and share little things with the people around me. Life can change from one minute to the next, but I don't live from day to day. I do everything with my heart, and I don't forget my duties. I am a very passionate and fiery person and I live to work - work is the greatest fun - so I think that in a way business and juggling are the same thing!"

Story and photo by Greta Kooistra



Picture Yourself with The Reporter

Sailing on a felucca in Egypt



Rachel and Joe McAllister, Sand Dollar owners since 1992, from Nashville, Tennessee write: "We left home on March 1, 2006, and returned on May 17. We went west - New Zealand, Australia, Thailand and Cambodia, India, Turkey, Egypt (the photo shows us sailing there in a felucca) and in Italy. Our daughter joined us in Istanbul and left when we got to Rome. It was quite an experience. Amazingly everything went as planned."

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BUBBLES FROM THE BIOLOGIST

Did You Know... there are tiny shrimp living among the spines of the sea egg sea urchin? In the shallow reefs of Bonaire, you will sometimes see aggregations of softball-sized urchins with short white spines called sea egg urchins (*Tripneustes ventricosus*). Like other urchins, sea eggs have a small mouth on the underside with which they scrape off and eat algae that grow on rocks. Living among their short spines are extremely small 'squat urchin shrimp' (*Gnathophylloides mineri*) that exhibit the exact coloration of the sea egg. Even when staring straight at one, you may easily miss it.

These shrimp are *obligate symbionts*, meaning that they must find and live among the spines of a sea egg if they are to survive. The relationship between the shrimp and the urchin is believed to be mutualistic – the urchin is constantly cleaned and the shrimp has a safe place to reside where he is well camouflaged. The reef is so diverse and has many examples of symbiosis, some of which we will explore in future Did You Knows. *Caren Eckrich*

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.



Squat urchin shrimp :
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Watch Mars and Saturn Approach Each Other For A Super Close Meeting. Plus Mercury Prepares For Its Own Summer Show!

Over the next two and a half weeks, from now until June 17th, you'll be able to watch the red planet **Mars** and the ringed planet **Saturn** slowly approach each other in anticipation of a super close meeting on June 17th. And all the while the planet closest to the **Sun, Mercury**, will likewise become more prominent each night in preparation for its best summer showing on June 20th.



Saturn, Mars and, low in the photo, Mercury

This Thursday, the first day of June, at dusk before it's completely dark out face west. There you have a clear flat horizon over the sea so you'll see Planet #1, 3,000-mile-wide Mercury, extremely close to the horizon. Then if you draw an imaginary line from Mercury up to its left it will pass through two planets: Planet #4, 4,000-mile-wide Mars, and Planet #6, 75,000-mile-wide Saturn. And if you have a pair of binoculars and wait until it's completely dark out you'll notice that just above Saturn is the famous cluster of stars called **The Beehive** because that's what it looks like. And you'll be able to watch Saturn and Mars change their positions in relation to it night after night.

Now on Thursday the 1st Mars and Saturn are only 8 degrees apart. That's easier to understand if we put it in terms of full **Moon** widths because a full Moon is only 1/2 a degree wide, which means this Thursday we could line up 16 full Moons end to end between Mars and Saturn. Now although Mars and Saturn will move a little bit closer every single night we're going to skip to Sunday June 4th when they'll be only 6 and 3/4 degrees apart or roughly 12 and 1/2 full Moons. And then on Thursday June 8th a little less than 5 degrees or 10 full Moons apart, on Sunday June 11th a dramatic change, little more than 3 degrees or 6 full Moons apart. But by the following Thursday the 13th they'll be slightly more than 1 degree or 2 full Moons apart and Friday about 1 1/2 full Moons apart. But then if you go out the next night they will be at their absolute closest, barely more than half a degree apart, which means that less than one full Moon could fit between them. Wow!

And if you've been paying close attention you'll have noticed that Mercury has been rising steadily higher night after night getting ready for its highest point on the 20th. But for some real fun if you've got binoculars take a look on Tuesday the 13th at The Beehive and you'll notice that Mars and Saturn are on either side of it. On Wednesday the 14th Mars will be approaching it. But ta da! On Thursday the 15th Mars will be smack dab in front of it or embedded in it as we say. On Friday the 16th it will have drifted just past The Beehive and on Saturday when Mars and Saturn are at their absolute closest The Beehive stands by itself once again. So start your Mercury-Mars-Beehive watch now. What a difference from June 1st to June 17th! *Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

May 28 to June 3, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You may want to pull out some of those unfinished projects you've got tucked away. Inharmonious situations at home may be extremely upsetting for you this week. Emotional disputes will only end in sorrow. Be very careful while in transit or while traveling in foreign countries. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Don't let your family put demands on you. You will feel compelled to do some traveling. Your knowledge and good sense will help more than you think. You may be frazzled this week. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Be discreet about any information you uncover. Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. Pursue outdoor activities or any physical exertion. You may want to sign up for courses that will encourage you to have more confidence in yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Empty promises are evident and deception probable. You can make money if you concentrate on producing services that will make domestic chores easier. Don't trust a deal that looks too good, or a lover who appears to have it all. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Get on with business. You may have problems with skin, bones, or teeth if you haven't been taking proper care of yourself. You need to mingle with people who can spark enthusiasm and confidence in you. You will attract potential lovers, but be sure that they're unattached. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Adventure will result in added knowledge. Your lover probably won't put up with your behavior. Family members may want you at home, when your heart is telling you to spend time with someone you recently met. Advancement can be yours if you are assertive in your approach. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Dig deep to find out how costly a new venture will be before you sign on the dotted line. Use your intellectual approach to get the best results. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. Opportunities to travel will be favorable in terms of moneymaking connections. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your emotional state will vacillate. If you can get away for a vacation, do. Get involved in activities that will bring you knowledge about foreign lands, philosophies, or cultures. You should raise your self esteem and confidence in order to promote your work. Your lucky day this week is Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't say things that could be damaging later on. Cut loose. You may find your mate somewhat perturbed. Be careful that you aren't saddled with the responsibilities of others. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Do a little shopping. You're likely to find a real bargain. Do not invest in ventures that only appear to be lucrative. Organization will be the key to avoiding discord and family feuds. You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Take advantage of moneymaking ventures. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. Get busy doing all those things at home that you have been putting off for so long. Pleasure trips will be a form of healing for your emotional state of mind. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Double check your work and be sure that your boss is in a good mood before you do your presentation. Get on with business. Try to be there for someone if they need assistance. Plan your day thoughtfully, but try not to rely on others. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.