

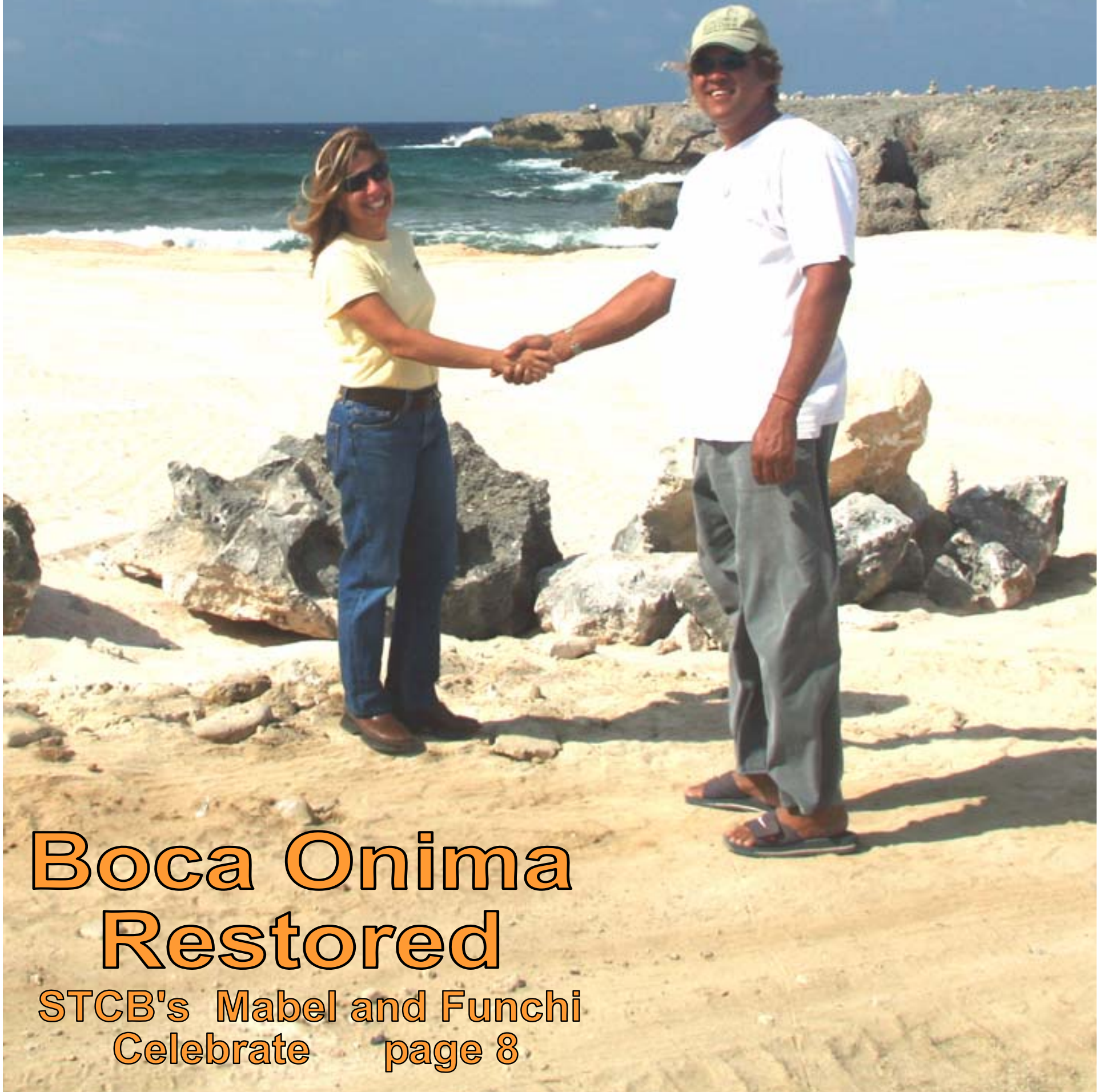
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Boca Onima Restored

STCB's Mabel and Funchi
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Flotsam and Jetsam



The Dutch government's controversial "admission and removal rule" for criminal and deprived Antillean and Aruban youths is a form of apartheid, parliamentary delegations from the Dutch Antilles and Aruba said in a joint statement presented to the Dutch parliament last Monday.

They rejected Minister of Foreign Affairs Rita Verdonk's plans to introduce legislation that will make it possible to force criminal and deprived Antillean and Aruban youths to return home. The Dutch Antilles and Aruba are not "homelands" within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the proposed measure is "at best discriminatory" and in contravention of a raft of national and international laws and treaties, the statement said.

Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius are insisting on a mini-conference with the Netherlands shortly to discuss their future relations with that country. The three smaller islands, which are going for direct ties with the Netherlands, made this clear in an agreement signed by the Commissioners of Constitutional Affairs following a meeting in Curaçao last Thursday. They believe the current difficulties Curaçao and St. Maarten are having should not affect their negotiations as the issues are significantly different.



Marine Park Rangers are continuing to act against illegal spear fishermen. During a recent court appearance two local men arrested for spearfishing and caught with the fish were convicted and fined NAf500 and had the fish and speargun confiscated. Threats had been made against the Chief Ranger who called police to make the arrest. Spearfishing has been illegal in Bonaire for over half a century.

Jong Bonaire members Nathaniel Coffie and Fabricio Rombley show some of the coins donated by City Café to the Jong Bonaire Youth Center. "City" donated four trays of coins to provide significant support of the center's activities. The center's youngsters, Director Bilha Thomas Evertsz and the board of Jong Bonaire say a big thank you.



Bonaire's multi-language (Dutch, English, Papiamentu and Spanish) newspaper, ARCO, according to a published report last week in the *extra*, may become a daily. It is also available on line at www.arcobonaire.com. The topic in arcobonaire@gmail.com emailed newsletter's most recent issue, was "Ahmadi-Najad vs. Bush Dialogue Rejected."

Last week the police promised to take a firm hand against motorcyclists and scooter riders who roar and race their "bikes" through the streets of Kralendijk. And on Saturday afternoon they confiscated a car and a Suzuki motor bike downtown because of

"feverish" behavior on the part of its rider. A bit later a man, according to witnesses' statements to the police, smashed in the window of the nearby Benetton store because he was upset the police took his motorbike. The police think the man, initials J.A., whose motorbike was impounded shortly before, may be responsible.

It was mayhem in Curaçao in two sections of the island where telecommunications provider Digicel offered to exchange phones from other cellular companies for its phones. About 1,100 people showed up. It was so crowded that one person fainted and the company was forced to cut short the action out of safety concerns. Digicel will soon begin to offer service on Bonaire.



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► Following the parliamentary consultation kingdom relations meetings in The Hague, Dutch Antillean Relations Minister Alexander Pechtold organized an informal and sociable farewell reception. These took place Friday evening and were dominated by the world championship football matches.

photos by Antillenhuis/Nico van der Ven



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Sunset (Bonaire) Beach

► Agenda items for the Island Council meeting on June 21 revolve around the transfer of real estate. The most interesting involves the proposed transfer of the Sunset (Bonaire) Beach Hotel property to a new entity, BOG, N.V. – Bonaire Overheids-Gebouwen (the Bonaire Building Au-

thority). *The Reporter* goes to press before the meeting convenes. Clearing of the hotel site continues with more and more fine sea views and old-growth trees becoming visible as the rubble is cleared away. **What a perfect place for a “green space” and beach area open to all.**

► Several people contacted *The Reporter* to say they **have not been able to get through to Bonaire by telephone for the past two weeks.** Some Americans using the Sprint network appeared to have no problems. Telbo said they were aware of the problem and were working to fix it.

► **The Great Annual Fish Count** organized by the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) goes into high gear next month. The GAFC serves

to introduce and inspire recreational divers and snorkelers to participate in year round volunteer fish

monitoring programs, raise awareness among both the diving community and the public at large regarding marine environments and trends in fish populations, and provide researchers, marine resource managers and policy makers with valuable information when making decisions regarding our marine resources. For more information contact local sponsor, Dive Friends/ Yellow Submarine, or Linda Ridley, the local contact, tel. 791-4262.



► **The ship used by Greenpeace to confront Japanese whaling ships in the southern ocean was refused permission to dock in St. Kitts and Nevis,** where a global whaling group was held. Greenpeace said that the authorities in the former British colony, which has sided with Japan in a long-running and emotional dispute over a 20-year ban on commercial whaling, did not give a reason for denying entry to the *MY Arctic Sunrise*.

► **Japan suffered a resounding defeat last Friday at the International Whaling Commission,** calming fears among conservationists that it might finally win enough support in the world body to start attacking a ban on whaling.

The commission voted against two

coral glimpses

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



This little brain coral, photographed at night with its tentacles expanded for feeding, lives along the inside edge of a discarded tire and is growing squished against the top of the tire. *Dee Scarr photo*

proposals by Japan: one for secret ballots that it said would allow Caribbean and Pacific nations to back its pro-whaling stance without fear of reprisal, and another to prevent the IWC from discussing the fate of dolphins and porpoises as well as whales.

“So far we have managed to dodge the harpoon,” said Joth Singh, director of wildlife and habitat protection for



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Bonaire Economic Report

DEZA, Bonaire's Department of Economic and Labor Affairs, has issued its comprehensive report for 2005. It describes all aspects of the economy. In the next weeks The Reporter continues to pass on information from this report.

Business Licenses

	2002	2003	2004	2005*	2002/2003 Change	2003/2004 Change	2004/2005 Change
Requested	75	44	39	174	-31	-5	135
Processed	69	36	20	91	-33	-16	71
In process	0	2	17	59	2	15	42
On hold	2	6	7	0	4	1	-7
Shelved	1	0	2	0	-1	2	-2
Denied	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Licenses and Permits

While the table above seems to show a spike upward (2005*) in requests for business permits/licenses, changes in procedures are responsible for some of the growth.

A majority of business licenses (53%) are granted in the sector of "business services," representing maintenance service companies, plumbing, cleaning, electricity, handyman services and other. The HORECA (hotel, food & beverage) sector is naturally an important sector for which many business licenses are granted (19%), especially to small apartment complexes, restaurants and bed and breakfasts. The wholesale and retail trade is developing as well (11%) and represents supermarkets and any type of retail business services. Some requests are to change legal form, from an N.V. to a B.V. or from an E.Z. to a B.V. or N.V. rather than to create a new business.

The Beverage and HORECA sector is stabilizing with almost the same amount

of requests in 2005 than in 2004. Nevertheless the high amount of Beverage-HORECA licenses requests still in process are mainly due to the delay caused by the current system of granting these permits, which depends on the advice and input of several government departments, including the police. The 73 applications for a HORECA license represent in fact 116 different combinations of HORECA license requests, out of which a majority are bars (22%), restaurants (20%), followed by snacks (9%) and music (7%).

An apparent increase in the number of Director licenses processed in 2005 is due to the fact that in previous years the Director license requests were not being registered separately as they were included in the business license request. The Director licenses were only registered when applied for separately, in case of a new Director or change of Director for example. Last year Director licenses are registered as a separate category. DEZA Report

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the International Fund for Animal Welfare, at the meeting on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Environmental group Greenpeace said Friday's votes were "a victory for the whales, but no cause for complacency."

And indeed that proved true, for **two days later, for the first time in more than two decades, Japan and its pro-whaling counterparts won a majority vote which prompted celebration among whaling nations.**

Having lost four vital votes since Friday to force the IWC to end its 20-year old ban on the hunting of whales, a resolution tabled by St Kitts and Nevis proposed a "normalization" of the IWC won by a slim one-vote majority.

In Favor of the St Kitts Declaration = 33:

Antigua & Barbuda, Benin, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominica, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Kiribati, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nauru, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Russian Federation, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo, Tuvalu

Against = 32:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Portugal, San Marino, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

Abstentions = 1: China

Absent = 1: Guatemala

► Is it because of fallout from the Natalee Holloway disappearance?

Compared to March 2005, the average room occupancy of the hotels in Aruba dropped 2%. Almost 135,000 stay over guests were registered, which was 55,000 fewer than last year. Also the average proceeds per room dropped by 11% to Af199.12 per room. In US media Natalee Holloway's mother called for a boycott of Aruba until the disappearance of her daughter is resolved.

Unofficial Bonaire TCB numbers show a tourism rise of about 11%

for the same period. (Bonaire: Jan-Apr tourists, 22,998, change +10.9% source: Caribbean Tourism Organization website)

► Welcome to new advertiser, **Larry's Bakery in North Saliña**, where not only do they have local and Dutch treats but they feature rolls, breads and more made from whole grain flour. They're super delicious and good for your health too. Larry's is an immaculate operation with wonderful baking fragrances emanating from the kitchen 24 hours a day. It's on Kaya Cacique, across the street from the North Salina Centro di Bario. It's worth a trip to North Salina! See their ad on page 13.

► **Antillean Wine Company's Saturday evening tastings** are suspended until August 19th. To order, call "Marjolein 2" at the store, Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 12:30 pm at 717-7547. Or call 09-560-7539 or 717-2950.

► **Bonaire's Culinary Team** leaves for the Caribbean Hotel Association's "Taste of the Caribbean" culinary Olympics this weekend to compete against 16 top teams from islands all over the Caribbean. This year the team is HOT! Staff from *The Bonaire Reporter* will be there to cover the event.

► *The Bonaire Reporter* - It's Still Free! Every week we print 1,500 copies of *The Reporter* which are distributed around the island. People are always asking why can't we print more. Printing, transportation and production costs are rising, and to print more copies would be so costly that *The Reporter* could no longer be offered free to the public. But - there is a solution - when you're through with your copy of *The Reporter*, could you **please pass it on to someone else. In this way, everyone wins: more people will be able to read it and we can continue to say, "It's Still Free!"**

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► **Next week (June 30) there will be no issue of The Reporter.** Each year we publish 48 issues of the paper and next week is one of the off-weeks. The next issue comes out on July 7.

G/L. D.

The Snack Bar Detectives

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



This week: **Great China Restaurant**
Kaya Grande 39

Big D is back. He means business and is prepared to throw caution to the wind. He decides on this week's choice of venue, and the look that I see in his eye tells me not to argue. We drive downtown and there I see it, Great China Restaurant. Surely he can't be serious, in the middle of town where everyone can see us! I think it's too much of a risk but Big D has the devil in him.



We enter by the side door. The small bar is welcoming enough and a TV is glowing above our heads. We decide to eat in the air conditioned Restaurant area; it has a definite feeling of the Orient with Chinese décor and red lanterns.

Our host for the evening was Paco Xual, a Bonaire snack bar veteran of 19 years. We felt like we were in good hands. While sipping on our ice cold Polars, we perused the menu. I was beginning to settle a little and was happier with Big D's choice of venue. Despite the many choices that I was given, yet again I weakened and took the Beef Curry. Big D, always the adventurous one, had Ryst Tafel (rice table) which was a little of everything. I asked Paco if he was up to the challenge of making the hottest curry on Bonaire. He smiled.

Our meals arrived shortly after. Big D's was a cornucopia of meat, fish and vegetables. My curry looked harmless enough; I was prepared to be underwhelmed. Paco brought me a side order of chilli just in case I needed something extra..... Yes, we have a new winner. This was the hottest yet, even I didn't have the courage to add the chilli.

Just then the door burst open and a guy ran in with a camera. We'd been rumbled! We hid our faces as the flash went off. Luckily for us, his camera jammed, and Big D wrestled him to the floor. He folded like last week's *Reporter* after a rainstorm. After we removed his film he ran into the night. This time we were lucky!

We still have a job to do and we won't quit until it's finished. So, watch out Snacky owners, next time it might be you! *S.B.D.*



Windsurfing Report

More Bonairean Boardriders on Factory Teams

There is exciting news on the local windsurf scene. Jaeger Sint Jago and Arturo "Payo" Soliano have been rewarded for their efforts by earning slots as team riders for Angulo Boards. This is the second year these two young talents were taken on by Angulo Boards, owned by once Hawaiian-based Josh Angulo.

Josh, a full-on pro, decided to shape some boards creating a hip and much sought after board design. He has since moved his operation to Cabo Verde and is proud to sponsor two Bonairean hot shots. Payo and Jaeger became riders last year after an island-based scout, Ann Phelan, recommended them for sponsorship.

Angulo, recognizing the value of the youth, provides each rider with a brand new board each year. In turn, Jaeger and Payo represent the brand, sailing and training hard. Both boys attend events in the US and the ABC islands, competing in freestyle and racing disciplines.

Another team rider is Hendrick Balentien. Hendrick is sponsored annually by JP, another top board company in the industry. Considering boards cost on the average of \$1,200, being sponsored is a dream come true. Hendrick is entering his second year as a team rider for JP. He sails any day school is over and there is wind. With the support of his family he hopes to compete June 26 when over 70 members of Team Bonaire head to Aruba Hi Winds.

Hi Winds was once the event of the Caribbean. It is a favorite event for local riders for the super fun parties and the well organized race formats. In the 80s Hi Winds was the event frequented by big names such as Robby Naish. In recent years Team Bonaire has dominated the races.

With brand new gear Payo and Jaeger have high expectations. Good Luck Hendrick, Payo and Jaeger. *Ann Phelan*

(If you want some windsurfing fun without getting wet, check out <http://www.bonairebattle.tv/> Ed.)



Payo and Jaeger
Ann Phelan photo

Special Olympics Thanks Volunteers



Chio Semeleer, Head of Coaches, gives a Special Olympics Pin to Emile Vonaesch, partner of Leone Vergeest, Volunteer and Manager of the Bowling Alley.

The evening was divided into three parts. First, people socialized and got to know each other. Then they were given information about Special Olympics in general and SO Bonaire in particular. And thirdly the volunteers were rewarded with a nice and fancy Chez Nous meal. All received a Special Olympics Bonaire pin. We also announced our volunteer of the year: Aura Engelhart. Also all board members got their official SO Bonaire business cards.

We really had a great time and we got people so interested that we got two extra volunteers and a sponsor!"
Roosje v.d. Hoek, Photos by Jan Pieter v.d. Hoek

Last Friday the Board of Special Olympics held an evening of appreciation for their devoted volunteers at Chez Nous.

Roosje v.d.Hoek, National Director of Bonaire Special Olympics, writes:

"The idea for a volunteer appreciation day started when Chio Semeleer, head of coaches, and I were in St. Kitts for the Special Olympics Caribbean Business Meeting last April.

Chio and I decided to put into practice all that we learned, so we came up with the idea for a Volunteer Appreciation Day because we realize how special we (volunteers) are, giving all our time to a great cause. To us it was somehow natural and that we give without thinking about it. So we decided to reward all those persons who, just as we, give their time.

And because we could never pay them for what they do and because volunteering is not about getting paid, we thought it would be a nice way of saying thank you!

We also thought that it would be a great chance to inform them and their



Special Olympics Bonaire President Lupe Uranie presents a gift to Aura Engelhart, Volunteer of the Year (Board Member, Bocce Coach, Parent of an SO Athlete)

partners more about Special Olympics since many of them just help without really knowing all the ins and outs. This way we would try to get them more involved and motivated.

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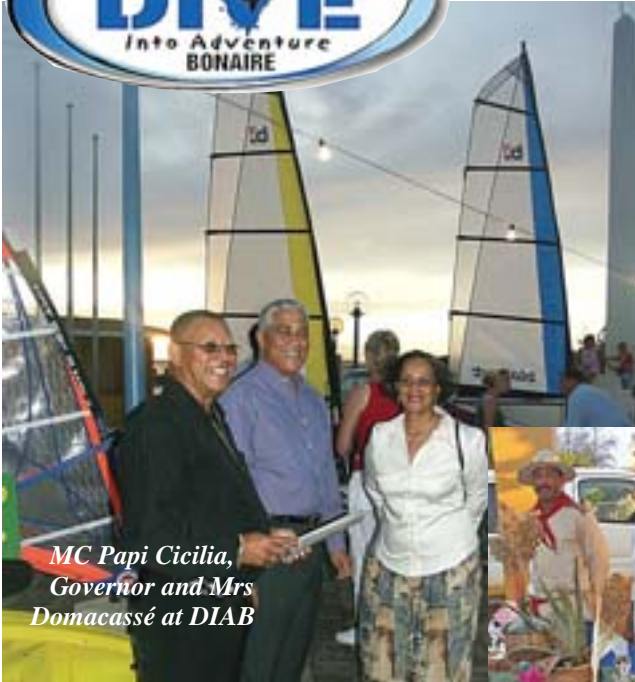
Dive Into Adventure Bonaire

The "Taste of Bonaire" marked the adrenalin-spiked start of the first Dive Into Adventure Bonaire event. A long row of information stands lined the waterfront promenade, offering over-the-top activities that both complemented Bonaire's world-famous diving and spotlighted landside eco-adventures. Local and visitors jammed Wilhelmina Park from dusk into the late hours with a background of music, dance, and a few, refreshingly short, speeches.

Participants, both foreign and local, are participating in the dozens of activities during this week. We will have a report in our next issue. Meanwhile enjoy the photos of the start of DIAB 2006. G.D.



Tourism Commissioner Emerenciana, Tante Vita and Vicky Bissisear



MC Papi Cicilia, Governor and Mrs Domacassé at DIAB



Rincon at DIAB



Sea & Discover's Caren Eckrich



Watapana Group from Rincon entertains



Eki and Angela Allee



Colombian Cuisine

Dos Winkel Presents "ANOTHER WORLD," A Close-up View of Undersea Life

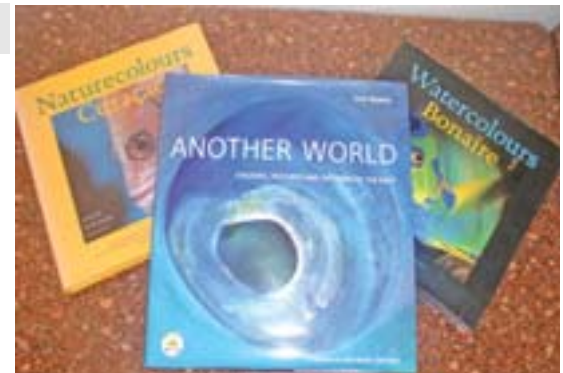
Bonaire's own Dos Winkel, world renowned underwater and nature photographer, has been a featured speaker at Dive Into Adventure Bonaire-2006. While he is in Bonaire, Dos will present his latest coffee table book, "ANOTHER WORLD, Colors, Textures, and Patterns of the Deep" at Bongo's Beach Bar (Eden Beach Hotel) on Thursday, June 29th. This is the first of a trilogy. The second volume will be "Faces of the Deep," and the final volume will feature all ecosystems where Dos has dived, including rain forests, high altitude lakes, mangroves, and the plant reefs in the temperate waters of South Australia.

"ANOTHER WORLD" is very different from Dos' previous works--fine art rather than documentation. The more than 100 full page photographs are a

feast of brilliant colors, arresting shapes and textures, and superb composition, which bear little resemblance to traditional underwater photographs. For those familiar with the undersea world, Dos provides a new view of the familiar (e.g. a close up view of a trumpet fish's eye), as well as the exotic (e.g. a ¼ inch porcelain crab photographed on a sea pen in Indonesia). It is macro-photography at its best. The book will appeal as well to those who want to know more about the undersea world, whether or not they have ever set foot in the sea. The prologue written by Kalli de Meyer, a former Bonaire Marine Park Manager and current head of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance, provides a comprehensive overview of coral reefs and the creatures which depend on them for their existence, thus putting the pictures which

follow into perspective. The *BBC Wildlife Magazine* wrote, "There's nothing like an expert eye to bring a subject to life. And when it comes to coral reefs, they don't come more expert than underwater photographer Dos Winkel."

The book sale will be at 5 pm., at the special price on that day, including tax, of \$52.50 (NAf94.50), instead of the regular price of \$68.25 (NAf120.75). Dos will autograph each book sold. If you buy this book, you may also buy some of Dos' earlier works, the "Watercolors Bonaire" book, or the "Nature Colors Curaçao," at the half price cost of \$20 US (NAf35). At 7 pm Dos will present a slide show on Undersea Camouflage and Mimicry.



Coral reefs around the world are under siege. Books such as "ANOTHER WORLD" capture the magic of under sea life and, hopefully, will motivate people to appreciate and conserve this precious resource for future generations.

Story & photo by Ben & Laura Buchbinder

Turtles Win at Boka Onima



Onima from the sea

Cover story

Members of *Dienst Ruimtelijke Ontwikkeling en Beheer* (DROB) in cooperation with members of Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) have completed the restoration of the beach at Boka Onima.

On August 9th last year, STINAPA rangers interrupted sand removal activities at Boka Onima, but not before multiple truck loads of sand were removed, and the beach was ravaged. With the removal of the sand at least two turtle nests were destroyed. Shortly after, a few more turtles came ashore and were not able to lay their eggs because of the shortage of sand. Restoration was necessary. Now, we are pleased to announce that the work has finally been completed. STCB hopes turtles will return this season to nest at Boka Onima.

This is not the first time that sea turtle nesting beaches have been lost to sand mining. Years ago the beaches at Playa Grandi, Boka Lagun and Boka Washikemba were very important nesting sites for sea turtles. The sand from these beaches was taken and used in

construction. The result is that at this time hardly any turtle eggs are being laid at these locations. The few times that eggs have been laid at these sites they were deposited in shallow nests due to the lack of sand, and sea water infiltrated the nests, destroying the eggs.

This is the first time in the history of STCB that a nesting beach has been professionally restored. STCB plans to monitor Boka Onima closely to see if the sea turtles return to lay eggs during this nesting season. If nests are laid, they will be monitored to ensure successful hatching.

By now, it should be commonly known that sea turtles are protected on Bonaire, the Caribbean and for that matter **all over the world**. Bonaire has recently adopted laws that better protect the sand on sea turtle nesting beaches, but it is unclear exactly when these laws will become effective. STCB would like to see these laws put into effect immediately and hopes that they are vigorously enforced.

Mabel Nava, STCB Release



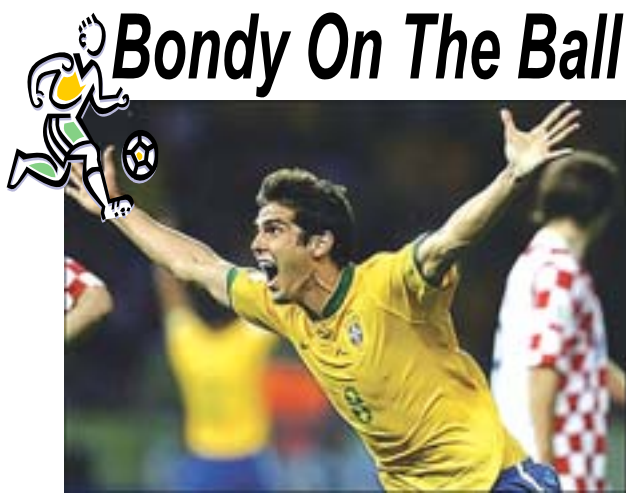
Mother and Daughter: Andrea Simar and Mabel Nava, DIAB 2006

Local Football Too



Jurgen "Kuchi" Rojer from Kolegio Reina Beatrix school, named the top player of the interscholastic football games, gets his award from Ubaldo Anthony and Commissioner of Sports, James Kroon.

While football frenzy was rampant in Germany, Bonaire was finishing up its interscholastic soccer season. In the final game for the Ubaldo Anthony Cup, Kolegio Reina Beatrix came out the winner. The positions of the other elementary schools were: Kolegio San Luis Bertran, runner-up; Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador in third place; Kolegio Watapana (Special Ed.) fourth; and Kolegio Papa Cornes in fifth place. *AVBO release and photo*



Bondy On The Ball

KNOCKOUT STAGE SCHEDULE

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final
□ 1A - 2B □ Jun 24	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jun 30	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 04	} CHAMPIONSHIP □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 09
□ 1C - 2D □ Jun 24			
□ 1E - 2F □ Jun 26	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jun 30		
□ 1G - 2H □ Jun 26			
□ 1B - 2A □ Jun 25	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 01	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 05	} THIRD PLACE □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 08
□ 1D - 2C □ Jun 25			
□ 1F - 2E □ Jun 27	} □ TBD - TBD □ Jul 01		
□ 1H - 2G □ Jun 27			

Brazil's Kaka celebrates his goal

Well, here I am again, this week, reporting from my home country, England. The towns and cities are adorned with the white and red of the George Cross; the pubs are filled with fans watching every game they can. In the interest of journalism, I am forcing myself to join them while drinking a pint of my favourite ale!

Firstly, let's go back to last Sunday where we left off

Mexico and Iran was the second match of the day, as expected, an easy win. **Mexico 3-1 Iran.**



Portugal's Luis Figo showing he still has what it takes

Angola and Portugal next. Portugal went ahead after just five minutes courtesy of a Luis Figo pass which gave a simple slot in for Pauleta. Ronaldo's early showboating wasted some chances. His frustration showed when he received a yellow card. As the first half came to an end, Angola was beginning to grow. The second half started much the same as the first. Despite their earlier dominance, Portugal stopped pushing forward, bringing jeers from their own fans. Figo, still running his 33 year-old legs off as always, was inspirational. Not their best performance but 3 important points. **Portugal 1-0 Angola.**

Monday brought us three more games. A thrilling last five minutes saw Australia go from 1-0 down to winning the game. **Australia 3-1 Japan.**

Next we saw Czech Republic take on the USA. The Czechs are always tough, the Americans found out the hard way. **Czech Republic 3-0 USA.**

The final game of the day saw the Italians in action. Ghana did well enough but the final result was never in doubt. **Italy 2-0 Ghana.**

Tuesdays first game saw Dick Advocaat's team, South Korea, take on Togo. Not much quality from either side, the

Koreans beating the 10 men Togo. **South Korea 2-1 Togo.**

The shock so far was France's dour display against Switzerland. A game that they were expected to breeze was subdued partly by the stifling heat. Chances came and went and at the final whistle, the French fans made no secret of their feelings. **France 0-0 Switzerland.**

Big match time. The sublime skills of Brazil against the tough no-nonsense style of Croatia. With three at the back, the Croats looked to have a good shape to stifle Brazil's movement. For most of the first half, save for a few chances, the tactics were working. Ronaldinho and Carlos always looked sharp, but Ronaldo seemed uninterested. Deservedly though, right on half time, Brazil scored. A brilliant strike from the edge of the box saw Kaka open up his account. Croatia kicked off the second half and initially had the lion's share of possession. Predictably, Ronaldo was taken off after 70 minutes; this was a poor display by his standards. Brazil got back into their stride. In the final 5 minutes, Croatia seemed to be flagging but still they made a few chances. After just two minutes of stoppage time, the final whistle went. Final score, **Brazil 1-0 Croatia.**

Onto Wednesdays action and Spain's first outing. They played new boys, Ukraine, and showed them that it's tough at the top. Spain often disappoint in the World Cup but not this time. An excellent performance. **Spain 4-0 Ukraine.**

The next match saw Tunisia salvage a point in injury time. A fairly well balanced match saw Saudi winning after 90 minutes play; however, Jaidi came to the rescue with a thumping header in the dying seconds. **Saudi Arabia 2-2 Tunisia.**

The final game of the day saw Germany in action again. Poland came out to defend, the styles clashed a little and they cancelled each other out. Late in the game, Klinsmann brings on winger, Odonkor, in attempt to get round the back. 15 minutes from time, Poland's Sobolewski is sent off and the game opened up. A last minute flurry saw Germany hit the bar twice and in stoppage time, Germany broke the deadlock courtesy of substitute, Neuville. A hard win for the hosts. **Germany 1-0 Poland.**

Sweden took on Paraguay and looked more impressive than their first outing. Paraguay looked worthy opponents, but the Scandinavians stuck to their task and Freddy Ljungburg popped up in the 89th minute to seal a victory. Sweden now knows that victory over England on Tuesday will see them, and not Sven-

Goran Eriksson's men, win Group B. But defeat could send the Swedes home and put Trinidad & Tobago into the second round. **Sweden 1-0 Paraguay.**

England's second match saw them take on Trinidad & Tobago who have already proved resilient in this tournament. It was a better display from England, but again, their finishing was embarrassing. John Terry was a stalwart clearing from the line and Rooney made his return after 70 minutes. Eventually, after numerous chances, Crouch managed to connect with a Beckham cross and head home. A few minutes later, Gerrard hit a scorcher from distance to finish them off. **England 2-0 Trinidad & Tobago.**

In an impressive display, Ecuador, for the first time ever, booked their place in the knock-out stages. With a confident display they pushed aside Costa Rica with ease. A draw with Germany would see them top of the table! **Ecuador 3-0 Costa Rica.**

Shock of the week saw Angola hold off Mexico. Mexico enjoyed all the best chances, but a combination of poor finishing and the acrobatics of Angola goalkeeper Joao Ricardo kept them out. Mexico has some work to do now to get into the next stages. **Mexico 0-0 Angola.**

Holland completed two in a row, stretching Holland's run to 14 competitive matches unbeaten. Despite game

opposition the Dutch had too much class. An on-form van Persie and the ever dangerous van Nistelrooy sealed Ivory Coast's fate. Despite their getting a goal back, the Ivorians never looked likely to take anything from the match. **Holland 2-1 Ivory Coast.**

Argentina goes forward after giving Serbia & Montenegro a real spanking. Argentina gave a master class of passing skills to show the rest of the world why it's called "The beautiful Game." S & M were demoralised as Argentina knocked in goal after goal, the final whistle was a relief. **Argentina 6-0 Serbia & Montenegro.**

There we have it, week two. **England** is starting to grow but have a long way to go. **Portugal** is of a similar vein and need to see players such as Ronaldo find their form. **France** will be getting feelings of deja vue of 2002. Are they going to be dismissed in the first round again? As always, **Brazil** gave us value for money, and, **Spain**, who so often disappoint, got off to a flying start. The hosts are well on their way with **Holland** also looking very strong. I will be surprised not to see these two in the last four. **Argentina** will be joining them if they continue to play such excellent football. Next week I am back on Bonaire. Until then, let's keep the game beautiful!

Tony Bond -BBC
Internet photos



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.



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Wind and Surf Beach Bar on the beach at **The Windsurfing Place, Sorobon L.D.**



Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Kas di Hala

Bacuna

by Wilna Groenenboom

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



This is not a living house. So why are we mentioning it in Antique Living Houses of Bonaire? Because it is also connected with the Herrera family which has been and will be featured in future issues of "Houses."

Julio Herrera and Clara Herrera-Pellgrim bought the Plantation Bacuna in 1953.

It has many similarities to the Rooi Lamoenchi plantation. Both had a plantation kunuku house. They raised cows, goats, sheep; they grew sorghum (*maishi chikitu*), melons and aloe. In the old days Bacuna and Rooi Lamoenchi were connected by leased lands.

In the photo (top right) we can see the main house which is a *Kas di Hala* (house with wings). It is special because the left side of the house has two floors like the one in Nikiboko. Then there is a middle lower section and a kitchen on the right side, all connected to each other. The kitchen had a place with chimney for cooking called the *fogon*. The bread baking was done outside, on the right side of the house. On the left side of the main house (middle photo) is the house for the *vito* (caretaker)

of the plantation.

Behind the gate, inside the Bacuna plantation, you can see a part of a rocky coral road (photo left above) with the *Kas di Hala* in the distance. The horses and donkeys lived here in the wild and were also kept in stables behind the main house.

Such a plantation needed a lot of water, especially for the animals, so dams were constructed to catch the water during the rainy season to use during the long dry times. There are also 21 wells, some with natural sweet water (photo lower right). This *Pos di Pia* is more than four meters deep. To reach the water, they had to cut deep into the calcium coral rocks. The same stone serves as a natural stairway.

The resident animals needed lots of food as well as water so the sorghum harvest was very important. From the sorghum flower they made, for example, *funchi*, pancakes or hot porridge with sugar. After the seeds were removed they used the dry plants as food for the animals. With or without a good harvest year, they always could use the sorghum plants as animal

food.

Sheep and goats also like to eat green, juicy grass. So Julio Herrera imported different kinds of grasses like salt- and drought-resistant grasses. In the 60s they could keep more than 5,000 goats and sheep with Herrera's brand on this plantation. Because the property was so vast, there actually were also lots of other sheep and goats on the plantation without a Herrera brand.

After Mr. Herrera could no longer take care of his plantations, Rooi Lamoenchi and Bacuna, due to his age and illness, he eventually lost his whole herd. Neighboring sheep and goats started to invade his property because, as is said, "The neighbor's grass seemed greener than their own grass."

On the left side of the main house the old aloe cooking place remains today.

At Rooi Lamoenchi you can only see the rebuilt foundation of the aloe cooking place, but on Bacuna it is an almost functional, original one with the pan still inside.

In the photo (lower left) we can see the basin in front where they put the aloe syrup

before cooking it. With cans they put the syrup in the cooking pot which is more than 1 meter wide. In the photo (lower middle) we can see under the aloe pan where the fireplace was. The photo was taken through the opening of the old fireplace. This opening has a little damage, but even without restoration you could still use this aloe cooking place.

All together it's a beautiful, peaceful place where, during the sunset, the flamingos pass over. Sitting in a nearby cactus is a Warawara, looking for food. Here is a place where you can see that people and nature can live together in harmony. W. G.

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Picture Yourself with The Reporter Gruene, Texas, USA

Bonaire residents, Bert and Miép Poyck, write, "This picture was taken in Gruene, a little village 45 miles south of Austin, Texas, on the Guadalupe River. The Gruene Hall is the oldest dance hall in Texas, built in the late 1870s, and even today almost every day a live band plays country music in there.



Special events take place every year in Gruene, like: the Texas Summer Nights, American Music Jam, Texas Metal Art Festival, Gruene Music and Wine Fest, Gruene Market days and Christmas Market and many more. It's a great place to visit and we did not forget to bring *The Reporter* for the picture."

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Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
6-23	8:39	0.7FT. 23:08	2.2FT. 78
6-24	9:35	0.6FT. 23:53	2.2FT. 85
6-25	0:27	2.2FT. 10:19	0.6FT. 89
6-26	1:05	2.1FT. 10:58	0.6FT. 90
6-27	1:42	2.0FT. 11:38	0.7FT. 87
6-28	2:18	1.9FT. 12:07	0.7FT. 81
6-29	2:54	1.8FT. 12:30	0.8FT. 74
6-30	3:23	1.6FT. 12:51	0.9FT. 65
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7-02	12:55	1.0FT. 21:31	1.5FT. 46
7-03	12:22	1.0FT. 21:01	1.6FT. 37
7-04	11:39	1.0FT. 21:04	1.8FT. 32
7-05	10:58	1.0FT. 21:22	1.9FT. 33
7-06	7:55	0.9FT. 21:45	2.0FT. 40
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DO YOU SUDOKU?

Sudoku means "the digits must remain single" in Japanese. 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. For a tutorial visit the web site www.sudokushack.com.

Still haven't tried to solve one of these silly puzzles?

Let me give you a tip on how to start one. It's one approach of many, but you may find it useful.

I prefer to start the puzzle, by looking across the top 3 regions exclusively. Using this week's puzzle 1008, start with the number 1; because the puzzle already starts with the number 1 in both the first and third regions, we are solving to find the number 1 in the second region.

The number 1 is in the 3rd row in region 1, and in the first row of region 3. Therefore the number 1 must be the middle row in region 2. There are 2 place possibilities for the 1, but if you look up and down the column, you'll see that a 1 occupies one of the columns below, so it has to be in the other, the middle space.

Enter the number 1 in that space, and then look for other numbers that have 2 spots occupied. Then move on to the second regions below, and third. Then solve in the same manner vertically. Now it may get tricky. Solve by rows or columns, or regions.

Clear as mud? Give it a try- it's really fun and you'll be a pro in no time!

Molly Kearney (who has to solve the puzzles)

	1st region			2nd region			3rd region		
Row 1	6			5	9		1	8	
Row 2	7			4	1				3
Row 3		2	1	6				5	
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Complete solution on page 14.

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Wind & Surf Beach Bar BBQ



Norka (right) with her staff and musicians

Looking to spend a relaxing, laid back, away-from-it-all evening on the beach at Lac Bai with the sea breezes and sounds of waves lapping on the sand? How about an excellent barbeque, happy hour drink prices, live music and friendly people? That heavenly spot is **The Wind and Surf Beach Bar at the Windsurfing Place** at Sorobon on Wednesday nights.

What a way to spend an evening.

During the days the place hums with windsurfing activity and the restaurant caters to the weary and wind whipped with hot local food and cool salads, sandwiches and all kinds of drinks, and they close around 6.

But Wednesday night is a different story. Restaurant manager Norka says, "People come in stressed and they get

comfortable right away." As the sun goes down the candles are lit on the bamboo tables under the palm frond and driftwood roof, the happy hour starts, the music is cool and relaxation sets in. Hot and spicy snacks are passed by some of the friendliest people on the island to tables with locals and tourists. Customers catch the feeling of camaraderie and no one's a stranger.

The barbeque is ready at 7 and it's a winner: meats: sausage, chicken, ribs, fish, grilled to juicy perfection; two sides - every week an interesting salad, pasta and/or rice. All for only \$12. When you're finished one of the attentive staff will pass out a wet cloth to wipe your hands!

The band, the "Flamingo Rockers," made up of an American guy and two local fellows, start up. They play Jimmy Buffet, the Beatles, the Eagles, Bob Marley, the Mighty Sparrow - real danceable stuff - and couples get up to dance barefoot in the sand.

Wednesday nights at the Wind and Surf Beach Bar are definitely an event, but because it's so special and not run of the mill you should call ahead to tell them you're coming. Telephone 717-5091 or 717-2288. Tell them *The Reporter* sent you! L.D.

**Watch the World Cup
at Wind and Surf
Beach Bar.**

Pet of the Week

T rue elegance and self assurance: that's "Rose," our Pet of the Week, a stunning and perfectly marked calico. (As you may know already, nearly every calico is a female.)

Rose came into the Bonaire Animal Shelter with her four kittens. She was an excellent mom, but now they've grown up and Rose, since she's been sterilized, is at last a female with a life of her own. Rose is looking for an owner who can appreciate her style and grace and can give her lots of love. This charming calico, at two years old, is in perfect health and is ready to go.

Are you on vacation and miss your pets? Or are you living somewhere in circumstances where you can't have your own animals? Then take a trip down to the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road and get your "Pet Fix!" **New opening hours are 8 am to 1 pm, Monday through Saturday.** Telephone 717-4989. It's a great place to visit!



We must apologize for a mistake we made in the column last week. We incorrectly identified the artist of the Bonaire Animal Shelter tee shirt, modeled by Marlis Tiepel, as Henk Roozendaal. Barbara van Orphen called to say that the artist is a gentleman named **Jon Huckaby**, an American greeting card artist. Mr. Huckaby met Barbara, who sells the Shelter tee shirts at the various hotel managers cocktail parties, and volunteered his art work for the tee shirts. A big Thank You, Mr. Huckaby. And thanks to Barbara for setting us straight.

Little "Charlotte," our pet last week, has been adopted. Congratulations to all! *L.D.*

DO YOU SUDOKU?

And
the
solution
is:

(puzzle and
directions
on page 12)

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June 21-July 2

Wednesday, June 21—Summer Solstice World Cup Soccer Until Sunday, July 9 – see page 9.

Thursday, June 22—Lecture on Meditation, Kaya Hulanda #25, 7 pm, free, open to all. Tel. 717-8855 -see page 5

June 17-24—Dive Into Adventure Bonaire (DIAB).



Saturday, June 24—Women's Conference: The Four Faces of Woman. Due to an overwhelming response to the program, "Four Faces of Woman," on Saturday, June 24, we are asking those who've signed up already to RE-CONFIRM your attendance by calling 717-8855 or 09-515-0804.

Saturday, June 24—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 June 25—Bonairean Night at Divi Flamingo's Calabash Restaurant with all the local specialties and more. Live Music. \$20-total. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.

Thursday, June 29—"Another World" book signing, Dos Winkel, 5 pm followed by Dos's slide show, "Camouflages & Mimicry," at 7 pm, Bongo's at Eden Beach. See page 7

Saturday, July 1 – Kaminata (walk) sponsored by Jong Bonaire, 4:30 pm, 9.16 km. NAF7,50. Call 717-4303 or 785-0767

Saturday, July 1—Big Monthly Rincon Marshé—Now a Bonairean tradition – stands selling gifts, fruits and vegetables, candles, drinks, BBQ, local foods and sweets, music, friendly people, 6 am to 2 pm. In the center of Rincon. www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

Sunday July 2—Bonairean Night at Divi Flamingo's Calabash Restaurant

with all the local specialties and more. Live Music. \$20-total. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.

COMING

Sunday, July 9—Dia di Arte, Wilhelmina Park—art, music, food, entertainment. Call Emma 786-6420 or Edwin 786-8400.

July 17-19 -Diva Women Windsurf Clinic at Bonaire Windsurf Place. Three free local scholarships available. For details or to register call Ann Phelan at 786-3134.

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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** \$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, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks, music. www.infobonaire.com/rincon. **Extra big Marshe 1st Saturday of the month.**
- **CANCELLED Until August 19. 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@goldenreefinn.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 Windsurf 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

Dia di Arte

Don't miss it - the 14th Annual Dia Di Arte in Wilhelmina Park on Sunday, July 9. It's one of the highlights of the year on the island. It's an all day fun event for the entire family – art exhibits, singers, writers, hand crafts, food, drinks, entertainment, friendly ambiance. It's sponsored by the Foundation for Bonairean Art and Culture. Stroll through the exhibits, see old and new friends, purchase something special and unique. There will be artistic events for the kids too. From 10 am to 10 pm. *Photos by Jan Art*



Last year the Bomba sisters showed their art...as does Luis

- **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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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.

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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

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Noran Barry

In America it's very, very competitive to get into medical school, and the Caribbean offers you kind of a faster route. There are many medical schools in the Caribbean. Probably every island has one, and they are all accredited; all these schools are checked by a medical federation. Our school in particular has some of the top professors. They are so knowledgeable; they all have their degrees in medicine. The difference between an American medical school and Caribbean medical schools is that it's more condensed here and because it's so compressed the program is more rigorous.

I go to school from 8 to 5 every day, then I come home, cook and eat for one hour, and I sleep from 6 pm until 12:30 at night. Then I get up and study until 7 in the morning, and at 8 I'm back at school. That's an everyday thing, even on the weekends. Those days are for catching up! Not to go insane" – *she laughs* – "I listen to music and rock out in my apartment – that's it!

Our administration is top-notch, especially our Dean, Dr. Shaheed. He actually started the biochemistry program at the medical school in Grenada. We have very good students like Robert Troy and Salah Abohouche. They're excellent academically and they really help out the administration and they take care of the other students. I swear I'd go insane if I didn't have them here! Every single teacher I've had was superb, especially Dr. Al-Tikriti. He's not just a professor to the students; he was also a father figure to many of us.

The whole program is about three years long, and depending on the field of medicine you want to practice, you choose a residency. So I haven't really decided what kind of doctor I want to be, but I definitely want to work for the program 'Doctors without Borders.' My dad used to do stuff like that too.

The program in Bonaire is the basic sciences program. My current classes are Pharmacology with Dr. Bala; Pathology with Dr. Sathesa; and Microbiology and Immunity with Dr. 'R.K.' Those are my classes for the semester, and it's the toughest semester I had and will ever have – at least that's what they told me!"

Noran Barry (24) is an excellent young woman, very bright and sensitive and involved and absolutely dedicated to what she's heading for: being a doctor and helping other people. She's one of those persons who gives you hope for the future because she has such a clear view of everything that's going on in the world. Talking to her you realize that this 24-year-old girl is going to change

things for the better for many people.

"I was born in Queens, New York, October 13, 1981. Before I came here I lived in San Francisco, California, and my parents live there too. I had a wonderful childhood. Actually I often wish I was a child again; childhood is so important to me. I am a very nostalgic person. I have one younger sister, Diane Barry, she's 22 and she also attends St. James here on Bonaire. Both my sister and I have wanted to be doctors since we were very little. It's a very honorable profession – not only do you help people but you also learn for the rest of your life. Also my dad is a doctor - a trauma surgeon. We were always exposed to somebody who is an everyday hero, so it's kind of inspiring you know!

"In today's troubled world it's hard to find peace, let alone a common ground, and being a doctor is a universal profession that allows you to find the most basic common ground: health"

My mom was the perfect mother. She majored in philosophy and psychology and wanted to be a newscaster, but once she gave birth to my sister and me she devoted her life to us. Now she owns her own hair salon and she's happy with that. I went to high school in San Francisco, and all through high school I worked, at a daycare for less fortunate kids, and I used to volunteer also at the hospital - like about 600 hours of volunteering by the end of high school. I went to the University of California in Irvine. After I graduated I took a year off and studied as my dad told me it was going to be a very vigorous program at St. James.

I had heard about Bonaire - that it was a beautiful island with really warm people - because my aunt had been here for scuba diving. But that was the only information I had about the island. It was kind of a tough transition because Bonaire is not a big city. It's more like a town, but I'm glad I did it; not many people get the opportunity to experience life outside America. I think it really humbles you. It makes you realize what life is all about because America is somewhat of a sheltered bubble. Plus I feel it's important for people nowadays to experience each other's cultures and their ways of life. So

these are the benefits of moving to Bonaire. Also I knew that I was going to get the chance to experience a really good school. There have been many graduates who've gone on to do many great things.

Although I am from a city I find small towns quite charming, and as soon as I saw the sea I was awestruck. I'd never seen that color sea-green, and I've seen many seas: the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, the Pacific and the Atlantic. I've been to a lot of places because I'm originally from Egypt. Actually here in Bonaire, the sea makes me more nostalgic than ever. The special thing about Bonaire is the lack of distractions. You're really left with yourself. But also Bonaire makes you appreciate the small things in life.

My goal was to come here to study, but what happened in the end was that the island changed me. Even when I go back home for vacation I'm not amused with the same things that use to amuse me. When I go snorkeling it makes me realize there's a whole world - a kingdom - underneath there, a beautiful world in and of itself. I don't have many local friends here because my schedule doesn't permit any recreational activities because it's so tight. What I feel is that people are essentially the same, but what I've noticed is that Bonaireans are very much aware of the vastness of life within nature.

My school is one of the most diverse schools I've ever been to. There are about 200 students with a lot of different backgrounds. Also the students come from different states in the US, from India and Jamaica as well. And the school is not just diverse in regards to ethnicity but also diverse in places where all these people have lived. It's a world community, this school. Even our faculty is diverse. Like I never had Indian friends before I came here, and now I know and love Indian food and I know about Indian people.

You know, the most important reason



Noran Barry

why we all want to be doctors is to change our immediate environment on a daily basis. In today's troubled world it's hard to find peace, let alone a common ground between different people, and being a doctor is a universal profession that allows you to find the most basic common ground: health.

Well, in December I'll be graduating and I'll go back to San Francisco. I'll take a couple of months off to study for the board exams which will determine the type of residency I'll get. I'm thinking of pediatric surgery, anything with children. Then I'll get placed at a hospital; the school arranges that for you. You do two years of clinical rotations, and then, all in all, it's probably about five to six more years before anything substantial will happen in my life.

The most important thing for me is family and once I have children – I'm thinking of nine! – I want to take care of them until they're old enough for me to go back to work, just like my mom did! I'm not sure where I will live – sometimes I'm thinking of England – the best place to live for me is a place where the people have the greatest sense of humor, because what are you going to do in this troubled world? At least laugh!"

Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



Lora Project Update



Spy camera view of a female Lora in her nest

The last few weeks have been a busy time in the Bonairean parrot world. The wild birds are well into their breeding season, and we know of several nests that already have chicks. Rowan and I are following the breeding attempts of a number of parrots in different places on the island. We are hoping to get an idea of how many eggs are laid, how many chicks hatch and how many of these go on to fledge and join the wild population. We are also following the parent's behaviour to try and see what makes a good pair.

The parrots on Bonaire are unusual in



Three of the four baby Loras in another nest

that they mostly seem to nest in cliffs. Normally parrots of this kind nest in trees, but every tree we've come across out in the *mondi* that has a parrot-sized nest hole also has a chainsaw hole in it which poachers have cut in order to remove chicks. This might explain why we are seeing a lot of non-breeding pairs. Perhaps the parrots don't have enough nest sites anymore?

We are currently spending a lot of time inspecting the nests to see how things are progressing. We take great care not to disturb the female and we follow her behaviour closely to make sure she is not upset and that she returns to the nest. During the incubation period two nests failed, that is, the eggs were broken or eaten. The likely cause

is either a rat or pearly-eyed thrasher, but we need to get back to the nests and inspect the egg shells (which were too deep to reach) to possibly know better. We fully expect that a number of the nests we monitor will fail due to predators (rats), aggressive competitors (the thrashers) or because of poachers, but it is still upsetting when it happens.

We have one really exciting nest that we've been following. It is in a section of overhanging cliff that makes access tricky. The first visit involved swinging from the abseil rope. The next, with Fernando Simal, Manager of the Washington Park, was cut short as we upset some bees and all of us got stung. Most recently when we checked there were four chicks that all looked in good shape. It seems there is plenty of food about, and it would be wonderful if all four get to fledge. You can be sure we will be following their progress closely.

The last bit of news for this update is the new Lora project car. With the generous support of the **World Parrot Trust** and the **Carmabi Foundation** (Curaçao) it has been possible for us to purchase a vehicle. This is great for us and it also shows the commitment of these groups in working to protect the future of the Loras on Bonaire. I'd also like to say a special thanks to Michael Gaynor and **Chat 'n' Browse** where this report was written. Michael has generously made a donation of Internet



The Parrot Pickup with researchers Rowan Martin and Sam Williams

access and computer time to the project. Also thanks to the **MIO Cell Phone Company** in Royal Palm Galleries. They donated a cell phone to the project, so no matter where we are we're (nearly) always in contact.

Story & photos by Sam Williams & Rowan Martin
(nest photos enhanced for brightness)

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.

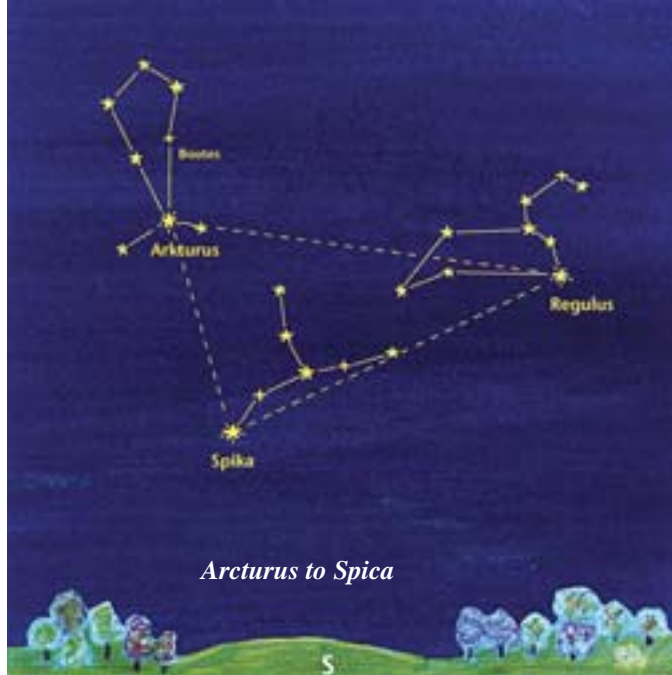


BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

Star Gazing On the First Nights of Summer

This week marks the official beginning of summer for the northern hemisphere. Indeed this year **summer began on Wednesday, June 21st at 8:26 am, Sky Park Time**, which was the official moment of the **Summer Solstice**, the moment when the **Sun** reaches its highest point north of the **Celestial Equator** and rises and sets at its northernmost point of the year. And because this is also the time when there are more hours of daylight it doesn't get fully dark out in Bonaire until after 7 pm.



This week and next, around 10 to 11 pm, face north where you'll see the **Little Dipper** at its very highest above the **North Star**. In fact, the North Star is the star in the end of the handle of the Little Dipper. Now the Little Dipper is not nearly as large or bright as the **Big Dipper**, which is directly to its left in the northwest. Four stars mark its cup and three stars mark its handle. And once you've found it you can shoot an arrow through its handle to find the third brightest star in the sky, **Arcturus**, which is the major star of **Bootes, the Herdsman**, although the entire constellation looks something like a kite. You can extend that arrow from Arcturus over to the brightest star of **Virgo, Spica**. Remember? Arc to Arcturus, speed on to Spica!

Now, we can tell from the stars alone that spring is almost over because spring's most famous constellation is just above the western horizon. A sickle-shaped pattern or backward question mark of stars marks the front part of **Leo the Lion**, and a triangle of stars marks his rear. And he looks like he's getting ready to lunge below the horizon before summer kicks him out of evening skies.

Next, if you turn 180 degrees around and face east you can see the three incredibly bright stars which mark the points of a very large triangle, the brightest of which is **Vega**, the second brightest, **Altair**, and the third, **Deneb**, the three stars which mark the points of the great **Summer Triangle**. And every summer in mid June just after it gets good and dark out we always see this triangle of three celestial dazzlers rising over the eastern horizon.

Finally, just look south again and there you'll see a giant fish-hook-shaped pattern of stars which is none other than summer's infamous **Scorpius the Scorpion**, which is always trailed by the teapot-shaped portion of stars which make up part of the constellation **Sagittarius, the Centaur**. In every direction you look you'll see wonderful stars on the first nights of summer.

For next week, *The Reporter* is taking a break, but the Sky Park is in full operation where, lined up in a row, you'll see **Mercury, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter** plus **Leo's brightest star Regulus**.

On the 4th of July weekend face west just before it gets completely dark out and you'll see planet #1 out from the Sun, tiny 3,000-mile-wide Mercury. Then up to its left, planet #6 and the prettiest planet of them all, 75,000-mile-wide, ringed Saturn. And just above it, you'll see planet #4, 4,000-mile-wide Mars. And up to its left, two-million-mile-wide Regulus, the brightest star of Leo the Lion.

It's cosmic entertainment and like *The Reporter*, it's still free. **JACK HORK-HEIMER**



THE STARS HAVE IT

Saturday, June 17 to
Friday, June 30, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Be careful not to divulge secret information this week. If you have to deal with large institutions, be careful not to make waves. Your mate may want to pick a fight, but if you're persistent with your affections their anger should dissipate. Help those incapable of taking care of their personal affairs. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Upheavals may occupy your day. You can make some money if you get involved in a conservative financial prospect that is presented to you. Take the time to do your job correctly or you may find yourself looking for a new one. You mustn't give too much to your children. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Uncertainties regarding relatives will make situations uncomfortable if you attend a family function. Read some books on self awareness. Reciprocate by offering helpful hints. Real estate investments could be prosperous. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) All your energy should be directed into moneymaking opportunities. Look into ways to better yourself through improving your dietary habits and daily routines. Romantic encounters will develop through colleagues. Do not let lovers cost you money or take advantage of you. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can meet friends who will let you know how valuable you are. Accept the inevitable and continue to do your job. If you can include them in your plans, do so. Partnerships may be plentiful. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Love could develop at social events that are work related. Double check your work and be sure that your boss is in a good mood before you do your presentation. You may not be happy if members of your family are not pulling their weight. Renovations or purchases made for your home will payoff. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Stay out of other people's affairs. Your ability to get the job done will result in added responsibility and possible promotion. Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You could expand your circle of friends if you get involved in unusual activities. You may be in an extremely passionate mood this week. Your reputation may be at stake if you partake in gossip. Be sure to look into travel opportunities that will provide you with mental stimulation. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Help children complete projects they're having difficulty with. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. Hobbies will be good for your emotional well being. Take the time to close deals that have been up in the air. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Empty promises could be likely where work is concerned. Try not to argue about trivial matters. Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Some time spent with that special someone should be your intent. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't let your emotions interfere with moneymaking deals. Problems on the home front might be a little disconcerting. You can ask for favors but don't take them for granted. You will have a problem sorting out your true feelings when it comes to your relationship. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) The personal problems you may be having are interfering with your productivity. Overindulgence will mean poor health. You can sell your ideas to those who have the money to back them. Don't jump as quickly as you usually do. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.