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Goat Skin Artist, Thelma de Palm

Flotsam and Jetsam



DCNA's Kalli DeMeyer (R) makes a point at the World Heritage meeting

After not moving forward for over a year, Bonaire's bid to become part of one of the world's few international UN World Heritage sites got a boost when UNESCO's Secretary General met with Bonaire's Lt. Governor Domacassé to prepare Bonaire's nomination. The site will include the Caribbean islands from Venezuela's Los Roques and Los Aves islands, Bonaire, Klein Bonaire, Klein Curaçao and Curaçao. In the area marine life will be protected, the environment preserved and native culture encouraged. At the meeting, in addition to Governor Domacassé and UNESCO Secretary General Browne, were Mrs. Lugo-Izaguirre, representing the Venezuelan Consulate, Kalli de Meyer of

the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance, DROB's Frank van Slobbe and Jeaninne Wong Loi Sing. Being a UN World Heritage site is a significant plus in the eco-tourism market but, more importantly, brings world focus on the unique qualities of the area, better ensuring its preservation.

► You CAN fight "City Hall" and win. **Last week the Bonaire Commissioner of Tourism announced on the Bonaire website that the Departure Tax Structure will not change.** A statement released to Bonaire's "travel partners" said, "In light of the feedback we received from our stakeholders and in an effort to ensure that the final levy is equitable and that it be instituted in a

seamless manner the government hereby confirms that the revised tax structure (Island Tax) will not be introduced until further notice. The Island Government of Bonaire thanks you for your continued and on-going support and valuable feedback. As you know, it is our common goal to make Bonaire a destination that visitors will want to keep on returning to year after year. Until further information is provided by our government, the current tax structure will prevail." This information was posted earlier on *The Bonaire Reporter* website, bonairenews.com.

► The island of **St. Maarten announced that it will institute a \$5 transfer fee** for in-transit passengers at Princess Juliana Airport on August 1. The Island Council approved the \$5 transit/ transfer fee on April 3.

► There's a new air service, Bonaire-Curaçao via **E-Liner**. They fly Monday through Friday, from Bonaire 9:15 am, 5:30 pm; from Curaçao: 8:30 am, 4:30 pm. It's NAf80 one way (under 2 years fly free). The plane is an eight-seater Piper PA-31. For reservations call 717-6825 or go to their website: www.e-liner.net. E-Liner, based in Curaçao, was established in 1993, doing sight-seeing flights and day tours to Aruba and Bonaire. They do charter and cargo flights too.



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► **Bonaire's Hygienic Service**, the people who inspect commercial kitchens, arriving vessels and perform other related tasks, have **introduced a new uniform** for their personnel shown above.

► Spirit, the leading low-fare carrier to the Caribbean, **announced an expansion to its Fort Lauderdale** hub operation. Effective December 14, Spirit will enhance its winter schedule to key destinations further reinforcing its position in Fort

Lauderdale. Spirit will add flights to Jamaica, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Washington D. C. and New York City. Bonaire was not mentioned, but in past discussions Bonaire was asked to provide guarantees for up to 100% of the seats on the flight, which the island was unwilling to agree to.

Spirit Airlines offers low fares without compromise. Spirit's full-frills, low-fare service includes new airplanes with all leather seats, plus coach and business class.

► **Atzo Nicolai** will become **Dutch Minister of Administrative Reform and Kingdom Relations**, responsible for Antillean Affairs, the Dutch newspaper *de Volkskrant* reported last Wednesday. Nicolai is currently State Secretary of Foreign Affairs in charge of European Affairs in the cabinet of Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende. He is taking over from Alexander Pechtold who resigned, along with the rest of the Balkenende II Cabinet, late last week.

► **Former Dutch Immigration Minister Rita Verdonk**, at the center of the row which caused the Dutch government to collapse last week, could gain 15% of the vote if she formed her own political party, according to a poll. Verdonk came under heavy criticism over her threat to strip Somali-born Dutch politician Ayaan Hirsi Ali of Dutch citizenship and is the author of restrictions on

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coral glimpses

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

► **Elkhorn coral usually grows in 15 feet of water or less, so many of Bonaire's Elkhorn colonies got hammered by Lenny's storm surge. The good news is that there are many new Elkhorn formations along our shoreline. This one is unusual in that it's in about 30 feet of water, along the drop-off.** □ *Dee Scarr photo*



Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know... Caribbean beaches are made from dead algae and Parrotfish poop?

It is a common misconception that Parrotfish eat coral. Parrotfish munch on algae growing on dead coral rock. Living coral is colorful and defined, while dead coral rock is gray or white. Parrotfish scrape off the algae and part of the rock, grind it all up, digest the algae and poop out the calcium carbonate (fine sand).

Green algae of the genus *Halimeda* (Watercress Alga is the most common species here in Bonaire) grow in tufts among the corals and are especially prevalent in seagrass and mangrove ecosystems. These algae absorb minerals from the seawater and form calcium carbonate (sand) within their tissues. Scientists believe this is their way of warding off herbivores. The herbivores get indigestion after eating *Halimeda* and thus leave it alone. After the alga dies, it turns white and breaks apart into sand. Eventually all of this sand (poop and algae) gets washed up on shore, is bleached by the sun and becomes a beach lover's paradise! □ *Story & photo by Carin 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. You may call her at 717-5322.



(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 3) Antilleans visiting Holland. She would most likely attract votes from supporters of her current political party or smaller anti-immigration parties, the Dutch television survey found.

► **Curaçao elected official, Anthony Godett, will report to Bon Futuro Prison on Monday, July 17,** to serve the remainder of his corruption sentence, he told reporters. Godett was sentenced in September 2005 to 15 months, of which five were suspended. He lost all of his appeals. As he spent just over a month in pretrial detention, he still has nine more months to serve. The sentence was not carried out until now because of his appeals and a shortage of cell space. Godett had asked to serve his time as soon as possible so he would be free for the Island Council elections scheduled for May next year. Although he can serve on the Curaçao Island Council, under Antillean law he cannot serve as a Central Government Minister. In a previous situation he was named Prime Minister but did not serve as he was under indictment, so he named his sister in his place.



► On July 1 the **Bonaire Police Department introduced a new evaluation system for its officers.** It's based on a months-long study by a blue-ribbon panel led by High Commissioner Denise Jacobs. The photo shows the final document being handed over to Bonaire Police Chief Jan van der Straten.

► **Improvements are set for J.A. Abraham Blvd.** On June 15, the government signed an agreement with Director Frans Versteeg of the Dutch financing agency, USONA, to improve this street in the main tourist area. Hotels like Carib Inn and Divi Flamingo and many private homes are along this



Frans Versteeg of USONA, and Commissioner Jonchi Dortalina

road. The improvements are designed to improve the traffic flow, make the boulevard more attractive, fix drainage problems and provide more parking spaces. Also included in this project will be improvements to the three streets connecting the boulevard with the waterfront promenade, making a section of the road one-way and landscaping the area around the Governor's residence and Finance building. Preparations and planning has begun and road work should be underway by January 2007.



Oude Lagoen detail

► The Oude Lagoen (Old Lagoon) housing development had a big open house last week. **If you appreciate the design elements of Bonairean architecture** (see Wilna Groenenboom's article on page 10) you should visit the site. Nineteen homes of at least five traditional styles are planned for the

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► **WEB replaced pipes** running from the desalinization plant on the waterfront to the storage tanks at the top of Santa Barbara. It is still another item in Bonaire's recent acceleration of infrastructure improvements.



Fire Department personnel with Commissioner James Kroon (R)

► **The fire department replaced the bells of the Rincon Church steeple last week.** The church was heavily damaged by a lightning strike late last year. Commissioner James Kroon, a Rincon native, was influential in getting the fire department to restore the steeple and the bells. The members of the church raised money for the bells through fund raising activities like the "Moon Walk" earlier in the year.

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 4)
project located at Kaminda Lagun 45.
The website is www.oudlagoen.com.

► Last week Digicel announced that it has finalized construction of its network in Bonaire



and is set to launch its services. Digicel is incorporated in Bermuda and says it has operations in 20 countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Bonaire, Curaçao, the Cayman Islands, Dominica, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, Martinique, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago— as

well as coverage in St. Martin and St. Barths, and expects further exponential growth. Attend the **big Digicel kickoff** party, Friday, 14 July, at the Stadium.

► If you are a **woman with an interest in windsurfing**, regardless of your level, come meet on Sunday, July 16, at 5 pm at The Jibe City Hang Out Bar to talk about a women's windsurfing clinic that will begin the next day. It officially begins Monday, July 17, at 10 am at The Windsurfing Place. Beginners and/or advanced are welcome.

It is for women only and is taught by women and runs from 10 am-4 pm through July 19, with lunch breaks, and the cost is only NAf175 (\$100). Sign up today! Contact Ann Phelan at 786-3134 for more info.

► **Avy enjoys a short-lived "French Moment" at City Café**

► In the World Cup final, Italy let France do anything it wanted, except win the World Cup. Read about this game and the matches leading up to it in **"Bondy On The Ball"** on page 9. Viva Italia!



► **Outlet Mol owner Molly Kearney** poses in front of her new store which opened a couple of weeks ago and is drawing in the customers. Molly also is the author of *The Reporter's* weekly column, **"Do You Sudoku?"** on page 14.

CARIBBEAN GAS TRAINING
INSPIRING PRECISION



► Encouraged by attendees' positive reactions during "Dive Into Adventure Bonaire 2006," **Caribbean Gas Training (CGT) will start giving weekly seminars about the "Doing It Right" diving philosophy (DIR).** CGT staff is planning for a 45- to 60-minute multimedia presentation titled "Beyond Gravity – An Evening with DIR" every Tuesday evening at 18:00 (6 pm) at Bonaire Dive & Adventure dive shop, after which there will be ample time for Q&A as well as socializing at the bar. Topics covered will be, among others: Advanced trim and buoyancy control, DIR gear configuration and team-based emergency response protocols. All divers and non-divers are welcome. Entry is free. □ *G/L. D.*

Bonaire Pros in Greece and Turkey

Freestyle Battle in Prasonisi, Rhodes, Greece.

After a nine-hour ferry trip we finally arrived in the harbor of Rhodes Town. We were picked up by the organizers and driven to Prasonisi at the southern point of the island. It felt good to be back after last year's success.

The weather forecast looked pretty good for the upcoming days. A bit of a disappointment was that the organizers did not reserve rooms on the spot for us. So we had to stay at a little village about 10 km.

away, meaning that we had to arrange transportation to the beach and back.

This year the event was on a different date than last year. High season had kicked in and rooms were fully booked.

The event started on Friday with suitable conditions: very sunny temperatures of 31°C; water around the 20's, wind from 18 to 25 knots.

Clay Finies, at his second EFPT event this year, was suffering from a foot injury. It happened while throwing a huge forward loop during training in Mykonos after the event there. He slowly recovered and was forced to show his freestyle abilities here in Rhodes. Unfortunately he could not manage to complete enough moves to win his heat in the first round of the elimination.

I, Ruben Petrisie, performed pretty well through some heats until I met with a Polish champion friend who considered this heat an opportunity for revenge. The heat started off with full power tricks. I felt like I was leading the heat after throwing a flat water punch in his face, one of the first punches seen so far in this competition here at Prasonisi. He replied with a "clew first switch stance gozada" (clew first sailing with back to the sail into grubby), and we fought until the end.

Unfortunately, I lost this time.

After a one-hour break the judges started with the double elimination. Clay Finies was fighting again, but his foot did not allow him to complete most of his moves. Action went on until late in the afternoon.

The people on the beach missed Bonairean Tonky Frans who competed with style the last two years in this event. Tonky could not be there due a different schedule this season.

I had to wait two hours before my heat. It was getting late and the judges decided to run the other half of the elimination on the following day. I was very happy to hear that... until they told me that my heat would be the last one for this day. I was cold and tired of waiting.

The heat started off really well. I did my routine of moves as usual and came back to the beach. The judges took a long time to declare the winner. I lost against a newcomer from Sweden who pulled a clear "chaho" in the heat. I did not know that.

The next day the wind was lighter. So we waited until the afternoon when the wind is usually at its best. The final heats of the event were full of switch moves and amazing combinations. It was the Spanish freestyler, Antxon Otaegui, who took the win at the Prasonisi Freestyle Battle.

Final results:

- 1 Antxon Otaegui E-169 (JP, Neil Pryde, Electric)
- 2 Norman Gunzlein G-186 (JP, Neilpryde, Chiemsee)
- 3 Andre Paskowski G-2 (F2, North, Camaro, Patlove)
- 17 Ruben Petrisie NB-50 (Exocet, The Loft, Camaro, Gsport, Reptile-Masts, Bigfish, Como)
- 25 Clay Finies NB-79 (Dakine, Sign Studio, MCB, RE/MAX) □



Clay Finies fought injuries

Red Bull King of the Bay, Alacati, Turkey



Ruben sliding in Turkey

Alacati, Turkey, is a new destination on the European Freestyle Pro Tour. Turkey is a place most of our riders have never been to. The organizers arranged the ferry transfer from Rhodes to Turkey (Marmaris) and then by bus for about six hours through Izmir, Cesme and then to Alacati. It was a very surprising scene when we arrived in Turkey; we really had no idea what it would look like. As we arrived at the spot it was really cool to see how happy the kids and locals were to see us. Free rooms had been arranged and a special dinner so we could get a real taste of the Turkish dishes.

We had some amazing training days before the competition started. Conditions were super: sunny 29°C, wind from 18 to 30 knots, water around 22°C.

We really never thought Turkey could be so amazing - people screaming and cheering from the big Tribune, the building on the beach, for every single rider who performed a move.

The competition started pretty okay for me. In my first heat against the Turkish local hero I felt confident in myself and won the heat with ease. I got through a few more heats until meeting with German "brainiac," Andre Paskowski. We both started very smoothly, but during the last minute of the heat the wind dropped. Skinny Andre just made a punch before the heat finished. Again another close decision.

Clay performed a solid heat in the beginning, but during the final minutes he struggled with his foot injury. Unfortunately his performance was not enough to win his heat against a newcomer from Austria. The day went on, full of action. Again the Spanish master showed he was unstoppable and won the first elimination round.

The next day the wind was slightly lighter but enough to start the double elimination. Again I was on the waiting line until the afternoon.

There was live television and an amazing vibe on the beach. In my heat I faced a Swedish trick master who was very nervous because of being kicked out earlier by one of the newcomers. The heat was pretty solid, but I knew I lost because of screwing up at my second move right at the beginning. The action continued with the Italians fighting their way up. Again the Spaniard showed his powerful style and took the title of the first elimination.

Two more days to go. But the wind was not at its best. It was decided to do some expression sessions for TV and the sponsors. The winner of the Red Bull King of the Bay, Alacati, Turkey, was Antxon who is definitely hungry for the European title this year.

Final results

- 1 Antxon Otaegui E-169 (JP, Neil Pryde, Electric)
- 2 Andre Paskowski G-2 (F2, North, Camaro, Patlove)
- 3 Matteo Guazzoni I-711 (RRD, Simmer, Nissan, Maverix Masts, Ignoranz)
- 9 Ruben Petrisie NB-50 (Exocet The Loft, Camaro, Gsport, Reptile-Masts, BigFish, Como)
- 17 Clay Finies NB-79 (Dakine, Sign Studio, MCB, RE/MAX) □

Story & photos by Ruben Petrisie



Windsurfing fans in Turkey

Bonaire Kite Surfing Scene

Bonaire offers so many over and under the water activities, but the latest to join the ranks of growing interest amongst tourists and locals is Kite surfing. It's the same concept as windsurfing. A board is used, much smaller than a windsurf board, but the power to catch the wind is a billowing kite attached to lines that the kiter holds. Head south to the Atlantis dive site on any breezy day and watch in wonder as the colorful parachute-like kites carry the kites skimming across the glistening waters.

The man behind the scene is roguish Roan Jaspers, a lively, kiter with over seven years kiteboarding experience. He has been teaching for over five years and is certified by the International Kiteboarding Organization (IKO). Roan describes his kite site as being excellent for learning. Thanks to steady trade winds and warm water the beginner can revel in learning at this new hot spot. Roan has two rescue boats which are essential at this off-shore wind site. He and his team of instructors offer patience and steady knowledge, making it a dream to learn.

Roan and his IKO trained instructors follow this training model: Basically there are four modules to choose from:

1. Kite-flying introduction
2. Intro to kiteboarding (IKO certification)
3. Beginner kite boarder course (IKO certification)
4. Independent kite boarder course (IKO certification)
- 5.

Roan has a vision to expand, offering kids' clinics and perhaps a competition in the future. He has a large local fol-



Photo opportunities abound on Kite Beach

lowing including five women who are visions of beauty on the water. Zwanette Kooij leads the pack, having been kiting now for over three years. She has quickly learned this high adrenaline sport, making moves that are simply breathtaking. Her love of kiting has taken her to Aruba, Margarita, Las Aves and this past week, to Los Roques, to feel the breeze.

Head down to Kite Beach located at Atlantis if not for anything else but a cold drink from the Kite Bus and a photo opportunity like none other. □

Story & photos by Ann Phelan

Pet of the Week

Handsome "Martin" was found on the street and brought into the Bonaire Animal Shelter where he's one of the most well adjusted pups in the place. He gets along with everyone and even likes to play with the younger puppies. In fact Martin is such an amenable personality that he's been allowed to be a "house dog" at the Shelter, which means he can roam free within the property. What a friendly guy. But when it comes to guarding the place Martin is a formidable protector. He'd be perfect for a family with children who can appreciate such a fine character. Martin is healthy, has had his shots and is neutered. He's ready to go to the right owner. See him at the Shelter on the Lagoon Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989. □L.D.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Anniversary



Wedding Anniversary Best Wishes to Noel and Marjolein Hayden who own and operate the Antillean Wine Company. They were married 25

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

Photo from last week of mystery guy on page 10



Clarification to last week's *Reporter*: On page 10, in the article, "Graduation Day," there was a

Rotary School Breakfast Program Successful Again



Symbolic turnover of a breakfast by Rotary President Marisela Croes, second from left

The last week of school marked the completion of a second year of the successful Breakfast in Schools project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bonaire. Begun in August 2004, the program has provided over 40,000 breakfasts in its two years of operation.

Each school day the program provides over 130 meals for children who would otherwise go without breakfast. The meals provide a simple and nutritious meal that their growing bodies need. It also helps to curb their hunger pains and allows them to concentrate in school. The meals were planned with the help of a nutritionist, and a local caterer, Eddy's Gourmandise, prepares the food packages for daily distribution.

Participating schools include: San Bernardo, Papa Cornes, Luis Bertran, Reina Beatrix, Watapana, and Kristu Bon Wardador. The Foundation Project, an after-school program at the Sentro di Bario Nord di Saliña, also receives food for lunch for youth in their program.

This year three hotels partnered with the Rotary Club of Bonaire and helped to raise funds with donation requests of their hotel guests. With their guest donation programs, Buddy Dive, Divi Flamingo and Belmar Apartments raised a significant portion of the funds needed for the project. Several other businesses and individuals also made contributions to the project this year.

For its third year which starts in August, the Rotary club will be seeking to add more hotel partners as well as individual and business sponsors in support of this important and worthwhile project for kids. Each meal costs less than NAf2, and you can help by sponsoring a meal for a child for one month for only NAf35. For more information, about the program or to help with a donation, please contact Bruce Brabec of the Rotary Club of Bonaire at 786-6528. □

Rotary release and photo

Scrap Ship Sails

The destiny of this ship *Destiny* we know for sure. It was lying for more than a week in our harbor before sailing to Colombia. In its belly-1,500 tons of scrap metal. The metal came from BOPEC, Cargill, the Bonaire landfill and many other places on our island.

This is the third time that Calixto Medrano, the director of Reciclajes del Caribe B.V., is doing this job along with his crew. And hopefully they'll be back for the fourth time later this year.

For months this company was storing the scrap metal beside Rocargo on Kaya Industria. It was transported by trucks to the harbor.

In Colombia the different metals will be separated. The iron will be melted down and used to produce ferroconcrete or iron fences. The scrap is also exported to Mexico. □ Story & photos by Wilna Groenenboom



The ship *Destiny*



Scrap at Rocargo

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Bondy On The Ball



Sadly, the roller coaster ride that is the World Cup has come to an end. We have seen it all. Celebration, consolation, laughter and tears, and that was just in City Café!

Tuesday, July 4th Germany & Italy battled it out for a place in the final. Italy bossed the game at the back to limit Germany's chances. The excellent Fabio Cannavaro kept his defence in control. As the game progressed, Germany managed a few rare appearances behind Italy's back four. Bernd Schnieder shot high over the bar when he should have done better, and Italy's keeper, Buffon, had to race from his goal to block as Miroslav Klose danced his way into the area. It became apparent that Germany were not going to score if they were still playing now. Sometimes football is like that. As the game moved into extra time, the Germans must have been fancying their chances from the penalty spot. Obviously, the Italians must have also realised that and upped the tempo of the game. This came as a shock to the Germans who didn't appear to have an answer to the onslaught that was to follow. Just when the Germans must have thought that they had held on, Fabio Grosso broke the hearts of the Fatherland with a curling shot in the very last minute of extra time. Physically shaken, Germany lost their composure and one minute later, Del Piero killed them off with an exquisite chip into the corner of the net. As the final whistle blew, the German team fell to their knees. Players and fans alike were reduced to tears. Italy 2-0 Germany

In the second semi final, France booked their place in the final, courtesy of a Zinedine Zidane penalty. Portugal, who has arguably been one of the most talked about sides in the championships, looked below par. Cristiano Ronaldo, despite being continually booed for his histrionics against England, played as well as he had played in any game of the tournament. With his spellbinding skill and pace, he cut through the French defence on a few occasions only to see his final shots blocked. The game turned in the 33rd minute as Henry twisted and turned inside Portugal's penalty area. His feet were a little too quick for Carvalho who clumsily brought Henry down for a penalty. Nobody expected Zidane to miss as he calmly placed the ball on the spot. The 34-year old, in his last international campaign, struck the ball sweetly to put France 1-0 up. Sadly, a few moments later, Cristiano Ronaldo attempted to gain a penalty at the other end of the pitch by hurling himself to the ground after an innocuous challenge from Sagnol. He achieved nothing other than to embarrass himself and once again incur the wrath of the fans. The second half was scrappy. The French refused to let Portugal back into the game. Figo and others looked tired and couldn't muster up a final spurt to pressure France. When the final whistle went, Portugal's manager, Scolari ran onto the pitch to remonstrate with the referee, only he knows why. France 1-0 Portugal.

Before the final, there was the small matter of third place to settle. This would be battled out between Germany and



Cannavaro lifts World Cup

Portugal. Play offs are always a little difficult to motivate the players as only a few days earlier both teams had suffered huge defeats. Motivation seemed to be a problem for both teams in the first half that saw little quality and few chances. The second half started much better, and 10 minutes after the restart, Bastian Schweinsteiger came from midfield to score from distance. Five minutes later, Germany scored again after Petit deflected a free kick into his own goal. Figo was eventually brought on for his last ever International, this would be his 127th cap for his country. Sadly for Portugal, his inclusion was to have little effect as Germany's Schweinsteiger struck again from 25 yards to make it 3-0. With three minutes remaining, Portugal got a consolation goal; however, the night belonged to the hosts who deserved their victory. Germany 3-1 Portugal.

Sunday July 9th The Event, Football's World Cup Final 2006. One billion people tune in to see the biggest competition in sport, a contest where the victors can truly say that they are the best in the world. As the players walk onto the pitch, they pass the coveted Jules Rimet cup. The game starts relatively slowly but out of nowhere, France gets a penalty in the 7th minute. Florent Malouda goes down in the box in a shameful display. The replays prove that it was a blatant dive, but the Referee is fooled sufficiently to award France the decision. Zinedine Zidane opts to "dink" the ball over Buffon and scores from a deflection off the bar. Italy start to find their feet and 10 minutes later are rewarded by a cracking header from Marco Materazzi from a set piece; 1-1 it is.

The game took on an even feel; Italy's cool defending and France's rock solid midfield dominated the match. Apart from efforts from Henry and Zidane, Italy always looked most likely to score in front of goal. The French defending was appalling at times especially from corner kicks. As the sun started to set on the Olympiastadion, the Referee blows for half time. After the break, it is the French who pick up the pace. Despite an average age of 29, they look the fitter of the two teams. Whatever Thierry Henry had in his tea at half time certainly did the trick. His pace and skill was a constant threat as he danced his way round the Italians. As the French dominated, Italy made a double substitution. Simone Perrotta and Francesco Totti troop off with Vincenzo



Italy World Cup winners

Iaquinta and Daniele De Rossi coming on. The subs work and it became end to end stuff. As the second half came to a close, the play slowed to walking pace.

In extra time the French still looked the stronger, Henry still making a nuisance of himself and Zidane keeping the game under control. In the second period of extra time, Italy looked as though they were holding out for penalties. They were certainly happy to see Henry substituted as he had been a constant thorn in their sides. Moments later, madness took hold of Zinedine Zidane. With what appeared to have been a nothing incident with Materazzi, Zidane turned and head butts him in the chest. Unseen by the Ref, his fate rested with the assistant Referees. Unlucky for Zidane, one saw the incident and Zidane was dismissed. A real shame.



Zidane madness

Despite being down to 10 men, France push forward and it was the Italians who were grateful to hear the final whistle. So, for only the second time, penalties were to decide the World Cup. Andrea Pirlo had the dubious pleasure of taking the first kick. He dispatches it with aplomb to put Italy 2-1 up. With the strikers calmly going about their work, it was the fourth shot that was to prove to be the difference between the two sides. David Trezeguet sends Gianluigi Buffon the wrong way, but he misses as his effort cannons off the bar. With Italy needing a miss that never happened, the game was in the bag. Italy 5-3 France.

So, there we have it. In four weeks that saw 64 games, 323 yellow cards, 28 red cards and 4 penalty shoot outs, it has all come to an end.

Somebody once said, "Football is a funny old game," and they were right. It can divide families but join together na-

tions. Its support crosses all social and class barriers. Players are born, not made. Some of the greatest players of all time come from the ghettos of Brazil or the back streets of Belfast. I have enjoyed every minute of the last month. The good people of Bonaire have pulled out the stops in the bars, cafes and restaurants to ensure we could cheer the good guys and jeer at the baddies. With the English Premiership starting in just over a month, I don't have long to wait for my next fix of the beautiful game! □ A.B.



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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Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Kas di Kaha - Herrera House

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage



In this article the past stories about Rooi Lamoenchi and Bacuna are brought together. Shon Herrera lived in this house with his family. It was the center of all the family trade and activities.

Gilberto Herrera and Elina Herrera-Capriles, the second generation of the Herreras, lived in the house which was built in 1872. After a while, because of a growing family, they added a few bedrooms.



The son, Julio Herrera, and his wife, Clara Herrera-Pellegrim, (photo above) came to live in the house in 1951. They had two daughters, Stella Herrera (R) and Ellen Cochrane-Herrera (L).

The house is not only of interest because of its exterior appearance, but also because of its function as a social and economic center on Bonaire.

When you look at the house most likely your eyes immediately focus on the tympana design on the front of the

roof. The tympana facade hides a *Kas di Kaha*. This tympana architectural decoration is copied from the Greek and Roman period of 2,000 years ago. The design also appears inside the house, for example, under the interior windows, by the window ledge. The tympana will also re-appear above the windows of the shop on the left side of the house, which is now under renovation.

Inside the house we see new tiles on the floor. Originally most of the rooms

in the house had wooden floors, but after more than 100 years they'd suffered so much damage that the wood was replaced by stone tiles. In the dining room we can still see an old floor dating from 1929 (photo left top and middle) when Julio Herrera received his first communion. It is very beautiful and in good condition. The tulip forms a frame around the stars.

When you look at the exterior of the house you can see many different tiles on the different roofs (photos right from top to bottom). They are different in color and in form. It was not possible to inspect the back of the tiles to look for a date and its origin. In 1867 there were two tile factories on the island, so possibly the tiles could have

been made on Bonaire. But before that date, most likely all tiles came from Holland.

Roof tiles were very important because they make it possible to catch rainwater for a cistern (*reenbak* in Papiamentu) through a gutter system. With a *pal'i maishi* (sorghum stalk thatch) roof it was difficult, if not impossible, to collect water. The Herrera family understood the importance of water so they built a huge water reservoir (more than 10 m by 4 m) between

the house and the stables. For regular drinking water, inside the house the family had a water reservoir/vase (*poron* in Papiamentu) which is now more than 100 years old. The vase stands on an original wooden construction (photo lower left).

The water reservoir is connected directly to the stables by the stable roof with a path (photo center below) between.

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(Antique House. Continued from page 10)

The sheep and goats from the Rooi Lamoenchi and Bacuna kunukus were brought to these stables behind the house. The stables are not in operation anymore but you can clearly see how they once were. One stable was used for the butcher to slaughter the animals. Every Saturday, all night long, he slaughtered goats and sheep for the local Bonaire market. The skin was removed and the body cut into quarters. The legs were hung on hooks above the butcher's table in the path between the stables and the water reservoir. After the early Sunday Mass many women went straight to the Herrera house to buy the best leg. This was at 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning! Ellen Herrera remembers it as a pleasant noisy meeting place, where many women came to buy a leg and have a little talk and laughter.

Those animals not needed for the local market were transported live to Curaçao, to be slaughtered there.

On Rooi Lamoenchi and Bacuna 55 head of cattle were bred for the meat. Slaughtering was done on request, mostly for supermarkets, on the kunuku Rooi Lamoenchi.

Before the 50s few people had refrigerators, so if they wanted to save their meat it had to be preserved. Mostly they cut the meat, salted it and let it dry. The result was *yorki* (jerky).

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



On the left side of the house is a shop which was always a shop. It started with textiles and clothing. Later it changed, selling eyeglasses. Most recently it was a motorcycle and car rental shop. So this shop and the selling of the meat behind the main house gave the house an important economic and social function.

The exterior of this house tells us a lot about the history of Bonaire. And the stories told by the Herrera family give the house even more cultural and historical value. □ *Story and photo by W.G.*

Stichting Project Parent's Information Evening



On June 22nd Stichting Project organized an informational evening for the parents of the youngsters from the project.

In view of the attendance you can say there was a lot of interest. Almost all the parents of the youngsters who are momentarily in the training program were present. This is very positive and really says something about the parents' involvement.

A presentation was given about the training program and the way of working, and with the help of a photo presentation and explanation from the group leaders they saw how their son or daughter performed.

Because Stichting Project attaches great importance to the cooperation with the parents, a parents' panel was set up that evening. The panel will discuss all kinds of matters having to do with the youngsters in the Project.

Considering the progress of the evening we can look back on a very successful information evening. □ *Stichting Project release.*



Dia di Arte 2006

As promised, this year's 14th Annual Dia di Arte at the Wilhelmina Park last Sunday was a huge success. There were even more artists and crafts people than last year, and everyone enjoyed the relaxed ambiance of strolling among the stands, chatting with the artists, friends and others and buying "treasures." There was a real "home town feeling." Even with the final World Cup game being televised at City Café and drawing a crowd, there were still lots of families, kids, tourists, having a laid back time. After the game even more people arrived to watch the entertainment on stage: The Silver Bullet Steel Pan Band, Tutti Fruitti, young folkloric singers and dancers from Rincon and others. Thanks to the hard working team of the *Fundashon pa Arte i Kultura Bonaire* that puts this popular event on year after year. More we cannot say; the photos tell the story...□

L.D.



Daughter-Mom: Angelique and Marie Salsbach



How does this musical instrument work?



Fun at thr Jan Art stand





Christopher,, Moogie and Chris' dad, Gaby



Father and Son, Captains John and Jack Craane



Miniature Bonaire houses



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Machu Picchu, Peru



Sebastian Houthuijzen writes. "We went on vacation to Peru. Of course, we couldn't leave home without it, so here we are at Machu Picchu, Peru, with *The Bonaire Reporter*. In the picture are (l-r) Ron Ottens, Sebastian Houthuijzen, Johan Baaleman and Ben Vriezema. Johan and Ben returned to Holland in early June after years (three and two, respectively) of enjoying Bonaire." □

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Molly Kearney (who has to solve the puzzles)

Complete solution on page 18.

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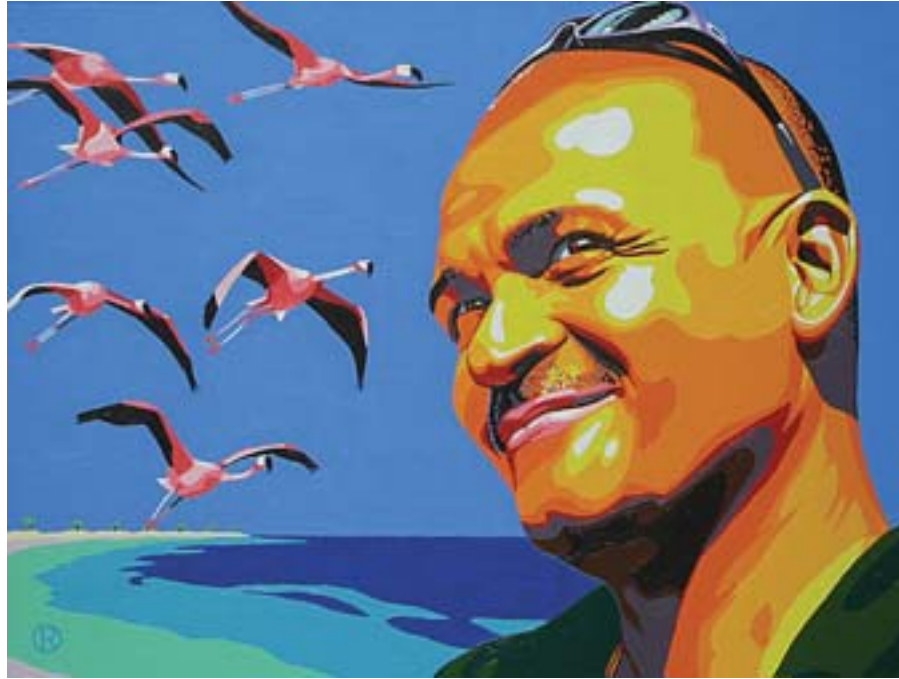
PORTRAITS OF BONAIRE

Just gone for a little while...

That Friday evening was particularly busy. We played at our residency in Croccantino, an Italian cuisine restaurant in Bonaire. Because every last seat was filled, Elisabeth, the owner, called upon Delno to help out. He brought the guests to their table, passed out menus, swerved through the restaurant with an armful of plates, and found the time for a kind word for everyone. That is how you should be served everywhere: with attention and a warm smile. When we finished our last set, we bid Delno goodnight. He'd need the rest.

Early next morning, I saw him at the Bonaire Walk-a-Thon, an 18,5-mile walk from the former slave huts in the south to Rincon. It was once the route slaves had to walk twice a week, now it's a sports event supporting a good cause. Delno Tromp is the man who organized the event as a fundraiser for the Special Olympics, in which young people with mental disabilities compete.

Our house, at the halfway point, offered a stop for thirsty runners. Delno provided us with bottled water, bags of oranges and big watermelons. We had a lot of fun nourishing a couple of hundred runners and walkers who passed



Delno Tromp

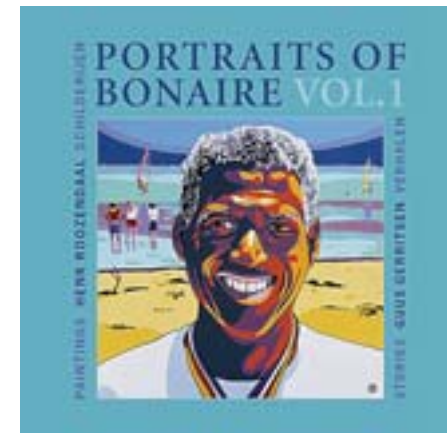
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In the evening, Delno came to collect the leftovers. He had run the course himself, with the same energy he put into his regular marathons in New York, Amsterdam and Los Angeles. He was tired but satisfied.

"We can mean a lot to each other on this island. It's very important that handicapped children use their bodies.

That's why I like to get involved with these events, and it's also fun to do: Giving is fun, Guus! Next month, we will be accompanying these kids to the Special Olympics in Jamaica. I'm sure you'll see the Bonairean flag raised - we will be proud of them and their achievements."

Delno L.A. Tromp is the youngest-



but-one in the Tromp family. His mother was Bonairean, his father hailed from Aruba. Delno was born on Bonaire. His father ran the Bonaire Tourist Board and, together with Captain Don, Hugo Gerharts and others, put Bonaire on the tourist map of the world in the '70s and '80s. His mother worked equally hard for that goal. Marketing for the island was in good hands. If the Tourist Board participated in holiday fairs, they would always bring suitcases full of hand-painted pieces of coral bearing the slogan "Welcome to Bonaire!"

Delno was raised in a tight-knit family that put all of their energy into promoting the island and a good education for the kids. It is therefore not surprising that Delno returned to Bonaire after further education in Curaçao, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico and the US. He applied himself in the hotel business and became manager of a large resort. After a couple of years, he was

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asked to do marketing and sales for the Tourist Board, thereby following in the footsteps of his father, who had passed away at a fairly young age.

"Of course I learned a lot from my father. He was a quiet, charming man, who didn't like politics very much. He was committed to only one goal: getting as many tourists on the island as possible. My mother joined him in this pursuit, although she played an active part in politics as well. They've been very good to me as parents. I received everything a child could wish for in my childhood. I went to the best schools, and later on, when they discovered that my sexual orientation was toward men instead of women, they fully supported me. That was remarkable because in those days, and still today, this sort of thing is frowned upon in Bonaire. Even today, there are married men trying to hide the truth from themselves and others! My parents encouraged me to be myself, feel free and don't hide anything.

"I've had a great time at the Tourist Board. I was able to set up a number of initiatives, such as the Ambassador Award given to tourists who have come to the island for 10 years or more. I was able to travel a lot, and received my PhD. Also, I could help others, by organizing this Special Olympics, for instance. It was a busy little life, but I thoroughly enjoyed it."

And then there came an end to the spell at the Tourist Board. Delno didn't fit in with the political climate and decided to leave for Africa. He left a lot of people bewildered and disappointed. How were they to continue, without this can-do man, always ready to help, who could organize every event and knew a solution to every problem?

"It was not just because of political differences that I left the Tourist Board -- that would be too easy! I also wanted to broaden my horizon. Bonaire is a small island, so possibilities here are limited. I felt a longing for new surroundings and new challenges."

And new challenges presented themselves. Delno Tromp headed for Kenya, bringing his two little dogs along with him. The country is surrounded by trouble spots like Sudan, Uganda, Somalia and Ethiopia. Here, in a vortex of misery where war, famine and refugees are part of the daily landscape, he was able to help others whilst expanding his own possibilities.

"I'd wanted to go to Africa for a long time. I ended up at the Kenyatta University in Nairobi, a public university with 13,000 students, through a friend who worked there. It was named after Jomo Kenyatta, the famous Kenyan freedom fighter. I teach business administration there. My first book will be published soon, written for students: *Proposal and Thesis Writing - An Introduction*. Teaching others implies learning yourself; I've found great satisfaction in that. You could call me a student of life, a student for life: I'm always eager to see, hear or learn something new.

"Next to my work at the university, I

have enough time left to devote myself to humanitarian causes in Kenya and the neighbouring countries. I'm involved in planning education for the poor; that's a fascinating job. I experience up close what it means to be poor, what it means for a person to be homeless. And although it may sound strange, I've found that helping others is also a gift to oneself. I've been in Kenya for eight months now, and I'm really grateful that I've had the opportunity to do this. I think it makes me a better person."

We sit on the porch at Playa Lechi, overlooking the sea. Delno is back for a short holiday break to visit his family. He looks determined with everything he says. I can tell he has dedicated himself to this new challenge, and from what I know of him, he is likely to succeed. He has educated himself through helping others: a good motivation to keep doing the same for some time.

"But of course I miss Bonaire. I miss the sea, the serenity of this lovely island, my freedom, my family and friends. I often think about them and often long to be back again. I've worked so long and hard to 'sell' this island and portray it in a good way - how could I ever forget it? I will always be a true Bonairean, and that is why I know I definitely will be back. I'm just gone for a little while, Guus!"

I can only hope so. Too many people have left already, people who have made important contributions to the development of the island. Delno is one of them; he really is an example to many. His upbringing and education, his endless care for people who have to go through life with little or nothing, and above all an open and authentic way of life, his credo to just be yourself - all inspirational things.

Who knows, one day he may return to teach his brothers and sisters all he, himself, learned, on a long and challenging trip to a dark and worrisome place.

The door will always be open, Delno... *Bon Bini bek na Boneiru!*

Story by Guus Gerritsen; portrait by Henk Roozendaal

Ed. Note: Congratulations to Delno who was back recently. His book, Proposal and Thesis Writing, has been published and has sold out to universities and individuals.

The Snack Bar Detectives



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



This week: Peking Bar & Restaurant Kaya Korona

A week has passed since our last Snack fix. Big D is getting restless; we don't want that. We seek solace at the Peking Bar & Restaurant which is set back from the main road on Kaya Korona. Managed by Cen Kuen Hong and trading since 1994, it's an imposing place, the addition of a supermarket six months ago adds to its impact. Inside, there is a long bar and an impressive restaurant area. Our host attends to us immediately; if the beer was any colder we would be eating it like a Popsicle! We are treated to professional looking menus. The choice is vast, 160 items in total!

We decide to imbibe in some more beers while we decide, at only NAf 2 per bottle, there was no rush.

With our appetites whetted, we place our order. Big D has a hunger that will take some taming. For their sakes, I hope that Peking is up to the job. We order Subgum Fried Rice and Sweet and Sour Pork. I decide on a side order of Garlic Ribs. They are superb and only NAf 8. Our meals are served on elegant steel platters with domed lids. I feel for a moment that I am languishing in Hemmingway's Bar in Havana and am just about to ask for a Mojito when I am brought back to Bonaire by the sound of Big D popping his beer bottle.

The meal is excellent, just enough. However, like all of our favorite places, a take-away is enough for two. We enjoy a few more beers and pay our bill. Having spent less than NAf 40, there is plenty of cash left to hit the town. Another successful mission and our identities remain a secret. Next time, another Snack gets the treatment from "The Snack Bar Detectives." □S.B.D.



Peking Inside

BONAI Unveils Plaque



BONAI students and supporters

After months of work, the BONAI students and the BONAI Foundation last weekend unveiled a plaque to be put at the white obelisk at the white salt pond. This was a culmination of a project by the BONAI students to restore the obelisks on the southern coast. In the early days, the color of each obelisk – red, white, blue or orange – related to the salt pan behind it. As a ship approached the island someone from the salt works guard house would raise a colored flag, meaning that's the color of the obelisk where the ship would have to head for and anchor, that site being where the salt was to be loaded. The project was accomplished thanks to money from the Prince Bernard Funds, the Economic Platform Bonaire for finding additional funds, to Cargill Salt for their cooperation, and to the Government for providing the permits.

The white obelisk will be reconstructed in the next weeks at the site called *Ka-bayé*, on the southern part of the island, south of Pink Beach. The presentation of the plaque to be put at the white obelisk, in fact took place at the blue obelisk as the construction activities at the white site were delayed due to the temporary shortage of cement on the island. The project is meant to provide more information about Bonaire's history of salt making and export.

The students also did research on the Willemstoren Lighthouse located at the site known by locals as *Sedusuk* or *Sedusú*. All the findings by the BONAI students about the salt ponds and the lighthouse will be published together with information about other nautical artifacts found underwater on the leeward side of Bonaire and also nautical artifacts found on land as a guide for tourists and locals. Biologist Caren Eckrich of Sea and Discover led the group on the underwater explorations for the nautical artifacts.

At the ceremony, BONAI Chairman Dr. Jay Haviser explained the group's activities in the past and for the future. Mr. Raymundo Saleh of the Economic Platform Bonaire highlighted the cooperation between the platform and Bonai. Mr. Saleh guided the students in their research. Commissioner of Culture and Education Mrs. Geraldine Dammers emphasized the importance of the BONAI project as it gave her some information she was not aware of.

At the inauguration ceremony Mrs. Nicole Chirino of the Suku foundation presented t-shirts dedicated to the BONAI 2006 group. □ *Hubert Vis*



From left to right: Dr. Jay Haviser (President), Mireille Nicolaas, Fleur Veldkamp, Tamara da Costa, Margy Booi, Annie Mendoza, Christopher Frans, Jackie Bernabela (secretary). In the back: Christopher Maldonado, Rafi Rodriguez, Hubert Vis (treasurer), Douglas Abraham. Missing: Andrea Simal and Johnneson Albertus (who'd left for Holland already)

Almost all of the students have finished their high school studies and are preparing to go on for their further education.

Culinary Team Hailed by Officials



On the Steps of the B.C. (Bestuurcollege, Government building) Bonaire's Bartender/Culinary Team 2006 after receiving accolades from Commissioner of Tourism Onnie Emerenciana and Director of Tourism Ronella Croes.

Also shown are members of Bonaire's Culinair (culinary foundation), Sara Matera and Ruud Vermeulen

Back from the Hyatt Regency in Miami and the "Taste of the Caribbean" Culinary Olympics sponsored by the Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA) Bonaire's team received accolades and a pledge to help from Commissioner of Tourism Onnie Emerenciana and Director of TCB Ronella Croes. Commissioner Emerenciana said, in expressing appreciation for the team's hard work, "Bonaire may be small, but we're big in the things we're doing. You guys have opened up a whole new area (in tourism)."

Croes continued, "Bonaire is percolating in the quality of its F&B (food and beverage). We're going to feature you and your accomplishments on our TCB website – Bonaire as a top F&B destination."

Culinair's Sara Matera, the sparkplug behind the Bonaire teams going to the "Taste" competitions since 1998, explained that it's been the private sector that has been doing it all – all these years - both by volunteering their time and raising funds. "We need to work more with the government," she emphasized. "At Chez Nous (the hotel school) we have dedicated teachers, we have the students going to Italy to study, workshops, chefs coming in. We need your support." Matera continued, "We need sponsors to commit to helping our team and take ownership of that commitment."

Both the Commissioner and the TCB Director pledged their support.

At the "Taste of the Caribbean" event Bonaire's bartender won a gold and a silver medal; the chef team won bronze. □ *L.D.*

Members of the team:

Bartender Jean Marie Coffie (Divi Flamingo)
 Team Manager Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn (SGB Hotel School)
 Team Captain Floris van Loo (Rum Runners)
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MOVIELAND

WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show
Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

X-Men: The Last Stand (Hugh Jackman)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
United 93

Kaya Prinses Marie Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400
Tickets - NAf14 (incl. Tax)

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

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 16, - Women's Windsurfing talk, Jibe City's Hang Out Bar, 5 pm. Beginners/advanced welcome. See page 5

July 17-19 -Diva Women Windsurf Clinic at Bonaire Windsurf Place, 10 am to 4 pm daily with lunch breaks. NAf175 (\$100) Three free local scholarships available. For details or to register call Ann Phelan at 786-3134. See page 5

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 Sun.) 5 to 7 pm,
- 2 for 1 appetizer with 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.**
- **Wine Tasting at AWC's** warehouse, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23. Great wines - NAf2,50 a glass. **(Cancelled Until August 19.**
- **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
- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers" Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** – 5-7 pm
- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630
- **Manager's Bash**—free Flamingo Smash & snacks, **Divi Flamingo,** 5-7 pm
- **Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort,** 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by **All You Can Eat BBQ**
- **5-7 pm Social Event at JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7.** Meet artist Janice Huckaby and Larry of Larry's Wildside Diving. New original paintings of Bonaire and diver stories of the East Coast every week

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Saturday- Discover Our Diversity Slides pool bar **Buddy Dive,** 7 pm 717-5080
Sunday - Bonaire Holiday -Multi-media dual-projector production by

Albert Bianculli, 8.30 pm, Capt. Don's Habitat. 717-8290 for info.

Monday- Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide Show at Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30 pm Call 717-8290 for info.

Wednesday (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation (STCB) Slide Show by Bruce Brabec. **Carib Inn** seaside veranda, 7 pm. Tel. 717-8819.

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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

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

Bonaire Museum on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

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

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

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every **Wednesday;** Phone 717-6105; 560-7267 or 717-3902.

Al-Anon meetings - every **Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

Cancer Survivor Support Group Majestic Journeys Bonaire N.V. Lourdes Shopping Center 2nd Level Kaya LD Gerharts # 10. Call 717-2482/566-6093 for details

Weekly BonaireTalker Gathering and Dinner at Gibi's - Tuesday - 6:30 pm - call 567-0655 for directions.

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank. All levels invited. NAf5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.

Darts Club plays every other **Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

JCI - First Wednesday of the Month- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire, formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, every other **Tuesday,** 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome.

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



Sunday, July 16- If you are a **woman with an interest in windsurfing** regardless of your level, come meet on Sunday, July 16, at 5 pm at The Jibe City Hang Out Bar to talk about a women's windsurfing

clinic that will begin the next day. It officially begins Monday, July 17, at 10 am at The Windsurfing Place. Beginner and/or advanced are welcome. It is for women only and is taught by women and runs from 10am-4pm through July 19, with lunch breaks, and the cost is only 175 NAf (\$100). Sign up today! Contact Ann Phelan at 786-3134 for more info.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; Valarie@telbonet.an

Cinnamon Art Gallery - Volunteers to help staff gallery. 717-7103.

Bonaire National Marine Park - 717-8444.

Bonaire Animal Shelter -717-4989.

Donkey Sanctuary - 560-7607.

Jong Bonaire (Youth Center) - 717-4303.

Sister Maria Hoppner Home (Child Care) Tel. 717-4181 fax 717-2844.

Special Olympics— Call Roosje 786-7984

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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

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

Catholic San Bernardus in Kralendijk – Services on **Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm** in Papiamentu 717-8304 .

Saturday at 6 pm at *Our Lady of Coromoto* in Antriol, **in English.** Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

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

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DINING GUIDE

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| RESTAURANT | PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN | FEATURES |
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| Bella Vista Restaurant Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 538 | Moderate. Breakfast and Lunch Dinner during Theme nights only. Open every day | Magnificent Theme Nights: Saturday: Beach Grill; Monday: Caribbean Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q |
| Bistro de Paris Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 46 (half-way between hotel row and town) 717-7070 | Moderate Lunch and Dinner Closed Sunday | Real French Cooking in an informal setting Superb dishes prepared with care and love by a French chef Owner-operated Eat in or Take away |
| Cactus Blue Blvd. J. A. Abraham 16 (half-way between town and Divi Flamingo) 717-4564 | Moderate Dinner Closed Sunday | Trend Setting Menu Bonaire's newest hot-spot to eat and drink. Margaritas a specialty Owner-operated for top service |
| Calabas Restaurant & Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar At the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. Waterfront 717-8285 | Moderate-Expensive Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open 7 days | Get a view of the beach and turquoise sea while enjoying a breakfast buffet or à la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Inspiring vistas and the highest standard of cuisine. |
| Croccantino Italian Restaurant Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025 | Moderate Dinner Closed Monday | Bonaire's Most Romantic Restaurant where dining is a delight! Tuscan Chef David prepares exquisite dishes with authentic ingredients. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too. |
| The Great Escape EEG Blvd #97—across from Belmar 717-7488 | Moderate Breakfasts Only | Bar-Restaurant poolside—under the thatched roof. Breakfast Buffet 7:30-10 am every day Happy hours 5 to 7 every day. |
| The Last Bite Bakery Home Delivery or Take Out - Now in Playa—next to Xerox 717-3293 | Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30 pm, Closed Sunday | Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers gourmet class items -always from scratch- for take out or delivery only. |
| The Lost Penguin Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003. | Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner until 4 pm Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays | Watch the bustle of downtown from this street side Caribbean-style bistro owned and run by a European educated Master Chef and his wife. |
| Pasa Bon Pizza On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 780-1111 | Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday | Bonaire's best. The Real Thing! Freshly prepared pizzas made with the finest ingredients. Salads, desserts. Eat in or take away. Nice bar too. Call ahead to eat-in or take out 790-1111 |
| The Bonaire Windsurfing Place At Sorobon Beach Get away from it all. | Low-Moderate Open from 10-6 pm daily, Wed. night BBQ at 7 pm | A genuine sandy beach restaurant cooled by the trade winds Top quality food and friendly service BBQ night a specialty |

SHOPPING GUIDE

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AIRLINES

Divi Divi Air. Bonaire's "on time airline" with 16 flights a day between Bonaire and Curaçao. Your first choice for interisland travel.

BAKERIES

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De Freewieler rents scooters and quads; professionally repairs almost anything on two wheels. Sells top brand bikes. Have your keys made here.

DIVING

Carib Inn is the popular 10-room inn with top-notch dive shop and well stocked retail store. Best book trade on Bonaire. Good prices on regulator repair, dive computer H.Q.

Dive Friends Bonaire (Photo Tours Divers-Yellow Submarine) -low prices - on the seaside at Kralendijk, at Caribbean Club, Caribbean Court and the Hamlet Oasis. Join their cleanup dives and BBQ.

WannaDive - They make diving fun while maintaining the highest professional standards. In town at City Café and at Eden Beach.

FITNESS

Bonfysio offers comprehensive fitness programs to suit your needs whether they be weight loss, sports or just keeping in shape. Convenient schedule.

Fit For Life at the Plaza Resort Mall. Classes in Pilates, Aerobics, TaeBo and more. Professional trainers, fitness machines and classes for all levels.

FURNITURE, ANTIQUES

The Plantation Has lots of classy furniture and antiques at very competitive prices. Stop in to see great teak furniture and Indonesian crafts.

GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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

GIFTS, SOUVENIRS AND LIQUOR

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

HOTELS

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

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b c b- Botterop Construction Bonaire N.V., offers outstanding fabrication of all metal products, including stainless. Complete machine shop too.

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PHOTO FINISHING

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REAL ESTATE / RENTAL AGENTS

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REPAIRS

Bon Handyman is here if you need something fixed or built. Ultra reliable, honest and experienced. Electrical, plumbing, woodworking, etc. 717-2345

RESORTS & ACTIVITIES

Buddy Dive Resort offers diving, Adventure Fun tours including kayaking, mountain biking, cave snorkeling and exploration.

RETAIL

Benetton, world famous designer clothes available now in Bonaire at prices less than those in US. For men, women and children.

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TOURIST SERVICES/ INTERNET

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Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry. Ride the *Kantika di Amor* or *Skiffy*. Hotel pickup.

WINDSURFING

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Andre Snijders "Julius Andrew"

"I was born on Curaçao, not so long ago, on January 6th. My father, Andries Snijders, was a businessman, and that made my mother, Swinda de Haseth, automatically a businesswoman. My parents had six children and all of us had to help in my father's supermarket.

I had a beautiful childhood. We were raised very free, but respect always came first. I went to school till MAVO 3, but I didn't like it much. I'd already been in business from the time I was 15, and when you know how to make money, you don't want to study for 10 years because you can 'cash' immediately! But I kept on doing both things until I was 18; then I had to make a decision and I decided to go to Holland. In Rotterdam I studied accounting and at the same time I was working for Herfurth BV Shipping Agency in the bookkeeping department. I finished my study in two years, but I failed my exams and didn't get a diploma.

Holland was a very beautiful and well organized country, but the only thing that was always a problem to me was the weather. I was homesick and thinking about going back, but then I heard about an Antillean song festival that was going to be organized at the Doelen, a theatre in Rotterdam. My friends challenged me: 'You love to sing! You must enroll in the competition!' And that's what I did; I was 20.

It was true what my friends said, I loved to sing but nobody had ever made any suggestions in that direction because a singer in the family... that was something unheard of! You had to work, and singing wasn't work! The only story I heard was when I met my old teacher from elementary school years later. He told me: 'Julius, I knew you were going to make it because I remember that when you sang the whole class would listen with their mouths open!' Before I participated in the song festival I'd heard about this lady, Mrs. Hans, who'd received a knighthood from the queen and who was giving singing lessons. She was an opera singer, 75 years old, but she sang like a princess! When I passed the test she asked me if she could give me her opinion and she said: 'You have a very beautiful and unique voice. Please don't participate in this song contest but start building your career slowly and carefully and you will be a great opera and operetta singer.' I don't feel anything for the opera, I told her, but she answered: 'Please, do me a favor and try to understand this: When you study opera you can go in any direction once you have the basics.'

I took her advice and started taking lessons from her. She had big plans for me and wanted to give me a debut in Ger-

many at the Landes Theater. Against Mrs. Hans' wish I did participate in the song festival and I ended up 5th. Then something came up, and this I regret till today. My dad contacted me and said, 'If you come back now, you'll have your own mini-market.' And I did. I told Mrs. Hans, whom I called 'Ma:' 'Ma,' I'm going home for a vacation and then I'll be back and we'll go on with the studies.' But I knew I wouldn't come back and she felt it too and told me: 'To please you, I will say so long...' Fifteen years later I came back to Holland, but then I couldn't

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find her anymore..."

Julius Andrew is a great singer with a beautiful voice, a top entertainer and a very nice gentleman. "In Curaçao I was home again; at the time I didn't realize I'd thrown away a great international career. The mini-market did well and my career as a singer went even better; I belonged to the top of Curaçao. Back then I sang ballads. I had my own shows and I performed in all the hotels and on TV and radio shows. I was so successful that I decided to stop with the mini-market, but two years later I started with the gold business and also I was selling crystal items and plastic furniture. After all I did have business blood! My career was booming, especially when I started singing Mexican music, rancheros, with Mariachi Fortuna and later on with the famous orchestra leaders, El Toro Colina and Litho Escarso. You see, Mrs. Hans had been right all along because I changed from ballads to Mexican music without any problem! I was taught the right techniques by Mrs. Hans and so it was very easy for me!

Then I was invited to play a role as a singing star in the musical, 'Soledad,' directed by Eligio Melfor, a well known comedian in Curaçao. It was a roaring success; in one month we did 28 performances, also in Aruba. Next to the singing, the gold, the furniture and the crystal I opened a snack in Post 5/Rio Canario in Curaçao. Opening hours were from 5 pm until late the next morning. All the artists would come and it would be a real happening with lots of food and drinks and



Andre Snijders "Julius Andrew"

music! Those were the days of *Dushi Korsou*, (Sweet Curaçao), safe and cozy, and I'm glad I was there and I lived it.

But with all the things I was doing, I was getting a little tired. My mom was living on Bonaire and I told her I was coming over for a vacation and to rest. I never went back! I bought a *kunuku* on Kaminda Lagun and I changed from a hectic life to a quiet and simple existence. I wanted to build a children's farm and I did it with the help of Randolph Frans and his family and Eddy and Mena Ayubi. I had 45 different kinds of animals, even the famous and very popular boa constrictor that belonged to Anton Heitkonig! It was a zoo in itself and I was financing everything without any sponsoring. In town, at the corner of Kaya Grandi, I opened a snack, Julius' Place, and across the street I owned Julius' Boutique, where Angelo is now. Of course I was still singing, but not as frequently. I performed in Curaçao and I made a cassette/CD 'Julius Andrew Live in Concert - *Freewinds*.'

Then Bonaire's economy dropped and times became real bad. Many people left the island; I couldn't pay the mortgage anymore, and I lost everything. The worst day was when the bank told me I had to leave my land. Some of my animals I sold and others I gave away. I came back to town and Mr. Boekhoudt allowed me to restore the Millenium Inn and to start a business. That was six years ago. Funny, the moment I thought I was reaching my finale I had to start all over again.

But I have a strong character and belief in God. When I'd fixed the restaurant it was ready to open, but I didn't have the money. Luckily the owner gave me permission to sublet it to Donna and Giorgio for their business. In the meantime I made another CD, 'Bo Dia,' rancheros in Papiamentu, and it sold well. I toured through

Europe - Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and Holland. In Holland I made a DVD with Boy Thode and Ike Jessurun, 'Senor Ta Existi,' and I did shows in Venezuela and North America.

On Bonaire I started renting out rooms, beginning with one. When I had 10 and a nice terrace I organized parties and shows and everyone knew the Millenium Inn. Then the owner gave the building to his son who threw us out because he wanted to sell the place. Again I lost everything I'd invested. I started over and now I have 15 rooms I'm renting, but it wasn't as easy as it may seem.

In September 2005 I was invited as a member of the jury and coach for the Bonairean team to participate at a Mexican song festival in Aruba, and we brought the first and the fourth prizes back to Bonaire! Oscar Alberto Agudelo won the first prize; he's a composer and a songwriter. February 2006 I went with Oscar to Medellin, Colombia, where we recorded my latest gospel CD, 'Tu Instrumento,' and in May this year it was successfully released.

Life can be difficult sometimes, but I always worked very hard and I think I made the best out of it. People shouldn't give up so easily, and they should trust in God a bit more. I see my future bright; I want to do a little bit less business and make more music, especially religious music. And something I've never missed before in my life I am missing now: a partner! Let's see if I can make that happen and who knows, maybe children... I see it very positively." □

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*to find it, just look up

How To Find Two Cat's Eyes In Summer's Skies

Don't you think it's just a bit unfair that of all the constellations named for animals not one of them is named for America's favorite household pet, the pussy cat? After all, **Orion** is not only accompanied by one but two of his favorite dogs. Oh, I know there's **Leo the Lion** and even a **Lynx**, but they would hardly qualify as house pets. So until somebody gets around to officially naming a kitty in the cosmos we'll have to settle for the second best thing, two marvelous cat's eyes which appear every year in summer's skies. Never heard of them? Let me show you.

During any night in July and August, from after dark to midnight, if you look toward the south you will see summer's biggest constellation, **Scorpius**, the scorpion. It's one of the few constellations which actually looks like its name. It even has a red star where its heart should be named **Antares**, a humongous star 700 times wider than our own **Sun**. Plus you can even see how its rather nasty tail curves up and back on itself just like a real scorpion's, with two stars marking its poisonous stinger. Their Arabic names from left to right are **Shaula** and **Lesath**. And these names mean "the sting." In folk legend, however, they are not only "the sting" but are also the two eyes of an ancient celestial cat, which stare out at us every single summer.

Now although they don't appear to be all that exceptional to the naked eye, if we look deeper into these cat's eyes with a telescope we can see the secrets they have hidden within them for thousands of years - wonderful secrets because when we compare each star to our Sun they are truly marvelous. Indeed while our Sun is about a million miles wide, Shaula is almost twice as wide. And it is a much hotter star than our yellow Sun and burns a fierce blue-white and is in fact 1,200 times more luminous. It looks dimmer only because it is 280 light years away, which means that we see Shaula not as it exists now this summer but as it existed when its light left it 280 years ago in the early 1700s.

Lesath, the dimmer of the two, is even more incredible and appears dimmer only because it is over 5 times farther away than Shaula, 1,600 light years beyond, which means that we see it not as it exists now but as it existed 1,600 years ago, around 400 A.D. It burns an even fiercer blue-white hot than Shaula and is 15,000 times brighter than our Sun. Plus Lesath makes both Shaula and our Sun seem puny by comparison because it is 2 1/2 times the diameter of Shaula and 7 times as wide as our Sun. Some pussy cat, eh folks? So get thee outside the next few weeks and find these two magical cat's eyes peering through summer nights as they silently ride across the southern sky masquerading as the sting of the scorpion. □

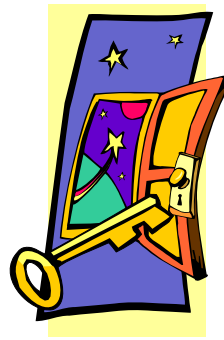
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Shaula is located in the stinger of the Scorpion, a prominent constellation in the southern summer sky. The second cat's eye, Lesath, is too close to Shaula to be distinguished in this image.



With a pair of binoculars, a curious stargazer can look at both eyes of the cat and two well-known star clusters in the same view!



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, July 9 to
Saturday, July 15, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Weigh the pros and cons and make a decision that will change the conditions you've been living under. Take your time before making personal decisions. Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming. Don't hesitate to come right out and ask for the pertinent information. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Spend time getting into physical activities with your lover. In-laws or relatives may oppose your personal intentions. Do something together and you'll be surprised how sweet a deal you can make. Leave things as they are for the moment and focus on reaching your highest potential at work. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Try to enlist the help of those you trust in order to fulfill the demands being made of you. Your tendency to dramatize may be a little much for your partner to take constantly. Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. Your ability to deal with others will help you accomplish your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can stabilize your personal relationship if you're willing to communicate honestly. Be aware that joint financial ventures could fall apart. You could have a tendency to spend too much on your home or entertainment. Mingle with those who can further your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Be careful not to misplace your wallet or belongings. You will be highly entertaining when in contact with your lover. Compromise if you have to, to avoid verbal battles. Consider the source before you believe what you hear. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Follow your gut feeling regarding your business ventures. You will learn a great deal about yourself if you go somewhere secluded. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling. Stop telling others about your problems. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Try not to be overly generous. You will be able to talk to your lover about future goals and perhaps make plans for the two of you to take a vacation. Don't be too quick to judge your loved ones. Don't overindulge in any way. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Attend seminars that will bring you in contact with the right people. Toning, fitness, pampering should all be scheduled. Your depressed mood has been hard to shake. It's hard to stay mad if the object of the anger refuses to react. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Concern yourself with legal matters and formulating contracts rather than finalizing your objectives. You may find a rare antique this week. You will have some problems with children, but if you are patient you will win their favor. You will be your usual charming self and partners you attract may be the adventurous type. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Make arrangements to spend quality time together. Your emotional attitude with respect to your status and direction in society may be unrealistic. It's time to reevaluate your motives. Look for something entertaining to do. You've got that competitive edge. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Make sure that you have covered yourself legally and try not to let your temper get out of hand. You can ferret out secret information if you just listen to what others have to say. Electrical problems may be an issue. Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You can bet officials will be waiting for you when you do. It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. You will have a greater involvement in groups; however, they may not be to your advantage. Listen to the complaints of others. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. □