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Flotsam and Jetsam



New long-range DHC-8s for the CG

The Ministry of Defense announced that two De Havilland DHC-8 aircraft will provide coast guard coverage in the Caribbean area beginning late 2007. A Canadian company, Provincial Airlines, will supply the airplanes and pilots. The Dutch Royal Navy and the Coast Guard will supply the tactical crew. The aircraft will also be available for emergency situations. The contract is valued at more than \$100 million and is paid for from the budget of the Dutch Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations. They will replace the present Fokker military aircraft.

► **Bonaire will soon have its own airline again.** EZ Air expects to begin service before the October Bonaire Regatta, flying between Bonaire, Aruba and Curaçao as well as northern Venezuela. It will begin service with two 10-passenger Piper Navajo Chieftains and plans to acquire an 18-passenger Chinese-built Harbin. Airworthiness certificates have already



EZ Air will fly Piper Navajos

been granted for the Pipers. EZ Air, as reported by *extra*, will be run by Rene Winkel, a former DCA pilot who operates the Medicair Air Ambulance. EZ Air joins a growing list of Curaçao-based inter-island carriers that includes DAE (Dutch Antilles Express), E-Liner (see last week's *Reporter*) Tiara and the preferred Divi Divi airline which was granted "scheduled airline" status last week. Another company, Curaçao-based Insul Air, plans to begin operation soon.

► Foreign Affairs-Minister Ben Bot (CDA) made it clear to the Venezuelan government last week that the Antilles and Aruba will not be used as steppingstone for US hostile actions against Venezuela, reported the Venezuelan media. Bot also was quoted as saying that American nuclear aircraft carriers will no longer call in at Curaçao. Bot emphasized that the Antilles and Aruba will continue to be part of the Dutch territory and that the Netherlands respects the territorial integrity of Venezuela. The

visit helped to smooth over the statements of Defense Minister Henk Kamp who called Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez "an intolerant populist who leers with big eyes at the islands offshore the Venezuelan Coast."



Chairman of the UNA Student Council, Clark Abraham, with his father Jopie, in Cuba press release photo

► Students going University of the Netherlands Antilles (UNA) have to pay NAf2.250 for the coming college year, including a registration fee of NAf500. Last year the cost was NAf1.000. Education Minister Omayra Leeftang said the increase was necessary because the cost for every student had increased to NAf11.000 a year. However, Chairman of the Student Council, Clark Abraham, said the Council demanded that the quality of education go up simultaneously with the increase of the tuition. The tuition will jump to NAf3.000 for the 2007-2008 school year.

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View from the air



View from the road

►Enjoy these views of Sunset Beach that haven't been seen in 40 years. You can get a good view of the sea and Klein Bonaire from the road now that the rubble is being cleared. Soon a 250-room hotel (plus 60 condos) will be built here.



Susan Davis photo

► From the people (Caribbean Web Cams) who brought you the first reef-cam... It's the WindsurfCam at The Windsurfing Place at Sorobon, Lac Bay. View it at www.bonairewindsurfplace.com/webcam.html. Images update every minute, and, as with all views from Caribbean Web Cams, the current image is free. Archive images are also available for members at www.bonairewebcams.com.

coral glimpses

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



► With Bonaire's healthy coral reefs, our mooring blocks were bound to be colonized by stony corals. □ Dee Scarr photo

(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued on page 6)

Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know... Feather Duster Worms can regenerate their feather dusters?

These small polychaete worms come in all different colors and are common in Bonaire reefs. The part of the worm that is in plain view to divers and snorkelers resembles an upside-down umbrella and is called a **tentacular crown**. The main body of the worm is inside a tube just below the crown. These worms are suspension feeders and use their net-like feather dusters to collect drifting particles (sediment and plankton). Feather Duster worms have an ingenious system with which they separate out different particle sizes that they capture in their crowns. The large particles are usually discarded, the smallest particles are ingested, and the medium sized particles are used in the making of their tubes. When a butterflyfish (or a delighted diver or snorkeler) approaches, the worm quickly retracts its crown (the feather duster) into its parchment-like tube. If it is not fast enough and its crown is eaten, the poor little sucker slowly regenerates this appendage. □ Story & photo by Carin Eckrich



Biologist Carin 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.



Bonaire Talkers Donate to Shelter

In May the Bonaire Animal Shelter needed veterinary prescription medicines not available on the island. Shelter Director Jurrie Mellema asked Shelter Volunteer Jane Madden if she knew of some way to get the medicine from the US. Jane posted a message on Bonaire Talk (a chat room on the Internet), saying that the Shelter needed the meds. Becky Hauser, a veterinarian in Wisconsin and frequent Bonaire visitor, responded and offered to obtain the meds and bring them to Bonaire on her next trip in June. However, the meds are extremely expensive – costing almost \$800. On May 30, Jane again posted a message on Bonaire Talk, asking BT'ers to help with the cost.



BT members Cynde Lee and Jane Madden present money to Shelter Director Jurrie Mellema

The response was overwhelming. By June 3, BT'ers had contributed a little over \$1,100 to purchase the much needed medicine. Cynde Lee, one of the BT moderators, offered to be the “point (wo)man” and help gather the funds from all the different contributors from all over the world and bring the funds to Bonaire on her scheduled trip in July.

Each Bonaire Talker who contributed is enormously appreciated. Special thanks must be given to BTCI (Bonaire Talk Community, Inc.) for contributing \$200 from the sale of BT'er flags and to Sue Steiner and John Drew who asked Jane how much was still needed to reach the goal (at that time, \$400) and then immediately sending \$400 via Pay Pal.

The excess funds raised will be used to purchase a variety of other things the Shelter needs on a regular basis.

You may check out the thread with all the wonderful posts from the generous contributors and the photos of the Shelter residents saying “Thank You,” at <http://www.bonairetalk.com/newsgroup/messages/27/269065.html?1149387240>. □

Jane Madden

Pets of the Week

Bonaire Animal Shelter staff member Marlis Tiepel, at right, checks in a basketful of seven puppies who've just been brought in. The family that brought them in agreed to have the mother dog sterilized now that the puppies have been weaned. All the pups will be checked out by the vet, tested for any diseases, and if they're in good health they'll be given their shots, wormed and put in quarantine for a few days to make sure they're free from ticks, fleas and that they're social and can qualify to be put up for adoption. This is the most humane way to make sure “too many puppies” can have a chance for a good life. And when each of these puppies is chosen to be adopted, the fee includes all this care plus sterilization when the dog is old enough.



Marlis Tiepel receives new pups

Some good figures from the Shelter: as of July 13 there have been **72 adoptions so far this year**. And since the first of the year there have been **50 sterilizations** that were done thanks to the Sterilization Program, which has been funded by people like you. Contributions are accepted through “Sterilization Fund,” Maduro Curiels Bank Bonaire Account #10616410. You may also contribute, US tax free, for on-line credit card donations at Support Bonaire, Inc. website: www.supportbonaire.org. □ *L.D.*



Bonaire Economic Report

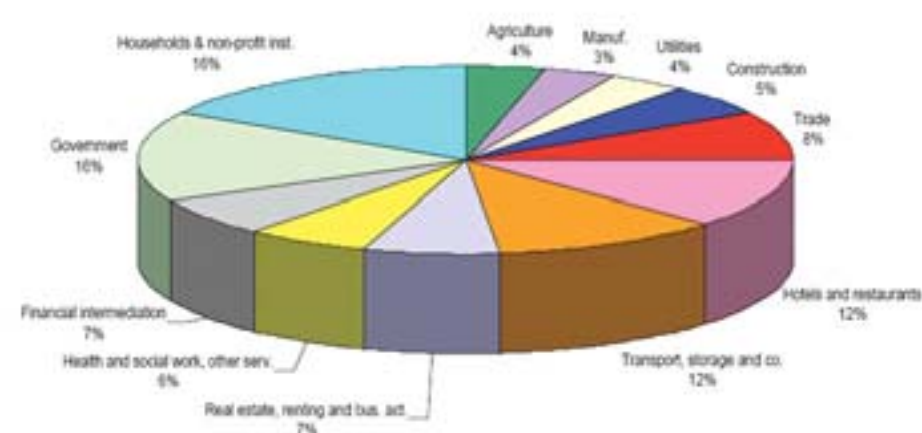
DEZA, Bonaire's Department of Economic and Labor Affairs, has issued its comprehensive report for 2005. It describes all aspects of the economy. In the next weeks The Reporter will continue to pass on information from this report. **Part 6**

Gross Domestic Product

In 2004, Bonaire's real GDP grew by 2.1%. The real growth of the GDP is the increase in the quantity of goods and services produced. The growth took place primarily in the HORECA (Hospitality) sector and in the group of companies providing financial services. The nominal growth of the GDP was 3.8%, from NAf281.5 million in 2003 to NAf 292.3 million in 2004. The nominal growth concerns the growth in the value of the goods and services produced. This nominal value includes inflation.

The financial and the non-financial sectors of the Bonaire economy grew by almost 4%, from NAf155.4 million in 2003 to NAf160.9 million in 2004. The non-financial sectors of Bonaire's economy include the HORECA sector, trade, transport-storage, communication, and real estate renting and business activities. All registered an increase: 8% for HORECA, almost 2% for trade, 3% for transport-storage and communication and 0.3% for real estate, renting and business activities. The gross added value of the financial sector increased by 8% from NAf16 million in 2003 to NAf17.3 million in 2004. Following this same trend of positive growth, the predicted GDP for 2005 is 4% of real growth compared to 2004. □ *Source: Central Bureau of Statistics*

Contributors to Bonaire's GDP by sector



BILLBOARDS - Our Opinion

What Do Others Think?

Cover story

BONAIRE- ARE WE THE BILLBOARD ISLAND?

Bonaire is getting a new look; but it's not the look tourists come to the island to see. Erupting like mushrooms in the barnyard after a rain, house-sized billboards are sprouting up on an almost daily basis. Just about every organization is feeling that bigger is better: government, environmental NGOs, resorts and businesses. No area, no matter how urban or rural, is immune. The latest offender is Bonaire's newest cellular service provider. That's surprising considering how tuned-in they are to local sensitivities and how professional their marketing is otherwise. Their 10-meter-long banners didn't last long in Bonaire's breezes and are now festooning the cactus at the roadsides.

Outdoor signage and the proliferation of billboards on our roads clutter our



A better road sign

landscape and natural island views.

If the island's businesses and agencies can't police themselves wouldn't it be reasonable for the island government to create an outdoor signage policy dealing with size, location, banners, limits on locations, etc...? □

G.D.

During an informal poll of Bonaireans, residents and tourists we got some very strong responses:

"There is no place on Bonaire for billboards!"

"Unhurried, unspoiled? How SPOILED can you get?"

"It's a shame to lose one of our distinguishing trademarks. Why should it look like every other place in the world?"

"I hate them. They're totally out of character in keeping with the island."

"Bonaire was a quiet, stress-free place then all of a sudden there are billboards everywhere...."

"It's so artificial; it takes away from the island. We used to see nature, now we see billboards."

"They detract from the beauty of our island." □ L.D.



Better than a billboard?

Tell us your opinion, email: billboards@bonairereporter.com

Letter to the Editor



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Dear Editor:

I need to make a clarification—not about a mistake, but certainly a huge, I mean HUGE, omission in the July 7 to 14 issue of *The Reporter*.

On page 6 *The Reporter* mentions: "Do you know that 15 out of 17 World Championships have been won by only 6 countries....." And then lists Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Germany, France and England.

Why not state: "Do you know that ALL World Championships have been won by only 7 countries" and include in the list Uruguay, who won the very first World Cup organized by FIFA in 1930 in Montevideo. After that, Uruguay won the World Cup in 1950 in an epic final in Rio de Janeiro against Brazil, the absolute favorite to win the championship. Before 1930, when FIFA start organizing the Football

World Cup, the International Olympic Committee (an organization way older than FIFA) was in charge of the organization of the World Cup. In those old times Uruguay won two additional World Cups: 1924 in Colombes, France, and 1928 in Amsterdam, Holland. This fact is recognized by FIFA, allowing Uruguay to wear 4 stars in the national jersey instead 2. **That fact makes Uruguay the first tetra-champion.** In other words, Uruguay not only won two FIFA World Championships but also two world competitions before FIFA came to life.

Just a point of clarification in honor of the three million people living in Uruguay and the three living on Bonaire.

Ramon DeLeon

Our apologies to all 3,000,003 Uruguayans. Editor

► The Jong Bonaire Youth Center and Youthcare Bonaire reported that **their first sexual education class was a success.** The six-week-long course offered young people a variety of information on the subject and raised their awareness of the responsibilities involved in sexual activity. In the photo are the graduates from the 13- to 18-year-old group.



Jong Bonaire photo

Parents wanting to enroll their children in the next class should call Jong Bonaire. For 13- to 18-year-olds call 717-4303. For six to 13-year-olds, call Youthcare Bonaire (Bonairiaanse Jeugdzorg) at 717-7316. Presenting the course for the younger group are Mariselle Chirino and Suitberta Romero. The course for the 13 to 18 year olds is led by Crisanta Martha and Bilha Thomas- Evertsz.

► **Jan Art donated and awarded prizes** for children at Art Day last Sunday in the following categories: animals, people, landscapes, seascapes, and flowers. The prizes were sketch books with pencils and water-color paint sets. Winners were: (L to R) Valerie Winklaar, Katie West, Julia Martines, Engela Emerenciana, Roxanne West. Winners not present for the photo were Dayeda Bomba, Meralney Bomba, Michael Santaris, Andrea Simal and Kaile Finies. *Janice Huckaby*



Jan Art photo

► In a special meeting last week **the Curaçao Executive Council (BC) approved an increase in the Curaçao airport tax from \$23 to \$25 and perhaps to \$27.50.** This increase was agreed upon in the contract between the airport operator, Curaçao Airport Partners (CAP), and the government. It's less than the increase to \$33.75 that CAP wanted. CAP plans to open the new airport terminal at the end of July. In connection with the official opening CAP created an original invitation. Each invitee will get a "boarding pass" to show up at the "gate" of the old terminal building on Saturday, July 29, at 7 pm. "Departure" to the new "Curaçao International Airport" is at 7:30 pm.

► **The Four-Day March at Nijmegen** is the world's biggest walking event and is also one of the world's largest sporting events. Every year the walk starts on the third Tuesday in July. The 90th edition of "Four Days" goes from July 18 to 21,



Nazario Alberto

Bonaire has four walkers this year: twin brothers, Ròli and Ròi Martines, Nòli Wilsoe and Nazario Alberto. To "warm-up" for the event, Bonaire's most experienced walker, Nazario Alberto, participated in a 15-km. walk that his Swiss friends organized for

him in the mountains of Ütlberg, Switzerland. Reportedly he went from the airport to the walk.



Pelikaan School Photo

► **The first Pelicans flew the coop** when Bonaire's private basic education Pelikaan School produced its first graduates. The three students in Group 8, Jason Oleana, Sarah-Ann Maartense (in photo) and Desiree Baaleman, are moving from the Pelikaan to high school. All of them received the recommendation of HAVO/VWO for a 100% score! Many thanks to teachers Femke van Ommen and Wilma Bohm.

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(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 6)

► Last Friday a group of **30 kids from the Krèche Bon Kuido and their chaperons visited the Buddy Dive Resort** as part of their vacation plan. Their activities included a visit to the dive shop to get to know a little bit more about the dive industry. At the resort, Dive Instructor Martin Cicilia and Dive Master Fredlyn Jansen showed the kids around. They watched a video, saw how the dive equipment operates and watched some of the Buddy Dive guests jump into the water with their equipment on. After the tour they had fruit punch in the pool bar.



Buddy Dive photo

► **Bruce Bowker of the Carib Inn was featured** in the August 2006 edition of *Sport Diver* magazine. The article, "Seven Great Caribbean Get-aways," included Bonaire and Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn. Bruce is quoted as saying the shore diving is great but so is the boat diving which can be easier, and there are many places shore diving isn't possible such as Klein Bonaire. □



G/L. D.



► To celebrate the completion of their management training course, group leaders from Divi Flamingo gathered for a social evening at the home of Ruud Vermuelen and Divi General Manager Sara Matera. The course was given by Michael Goldberg of Building Blocks Consulting. Graduates pose with their certificates.

Photo by èxtra



Attention: All Artists Working and/or Living on Bonaire

Kas di Arte invites all artists and sculptors working and/or living on Bonaire to participate in an exposition, "Homage to the Bonairean Artist," to be held from November 8 to 30. This is an opportunity for the artists to display their work to the public, and an opportunity for the public to see their works. There is no admission charge.

Due to the limited amount of space at Kas di Arte a seven-person jury will select those pieces to be shown. Artists are invited to submit **up to three pieces of art on Saturday, August 5, between 9 am and noon**. The pieces will be returned to the artists on Monday, August 14, between 5 and 9 pm, and the selected artists informed.

To give the public the opportunity to see all the work that has been submitted, there will be held a **Pre-exposition on Friday, August 11, between 5 and 9 pm at Kas di Arte**. Artists who wish to sign up can do so at the Bonaire Museum, Kaya J.C. van der Ree, telephone 717-8868. Questions? Call Jackie Bernabela of SKAL (same address as the Museum), 786-6333. *Wilna Groenenboom*

Windsurfing Reports

Bonaire Windsurfers at Caribbean Games



Jaeger Sint Jago

Last week the Bonaire Sailing Team - Patun Saragoza, Jaeger Sint Jago and Juvannie Agostien - flew to Cartagena, Colombia, for the Caribbean Sports Games 2006 being held from July 15 to 31. The Games go back to the early 1920s, when, during the eighth Olympic Games in Paris, a group met and planned the incarnation of the Central American and Caribbean Games.

Thirty-four countries are expected to participate in the 20th edition of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Games. Bonaire's Olympian windsurfer, Patun Saragoza, who helps run Bonaire's Windsurfing Place, took a pair of Olympic class sailors to compete in the RSX races. Instead of competing, this year Patun will be serving as head coach for Team Bonaire. Each rider trained hard for this prestigious competition.

The board used, an RSX design by Neil Pryde, USA, is the only board all competitors will be using. The board is a race board but shorter than traditional boards. It allows the Olympic racer to sail backwards at the start line, a crucial element for strategy. A good start makes all the difference. Good luck, Juvannie and Jaeger. □ *Ann Phelan*

Bonaire at Aruba Hi Winds

The 20th anniversary of Aruba Hi Winds, held June 26- July 3, is over and once again Team Bonaire dominated the event. They put on a stunning display of talent and camaraderie.

Over 70 Bonaireans flew to Aruba to compete in slalom (Racing) and freestyle competitions. This monumental effort, led by Super Mom, Jessy Sint Jago, and many others too numerous to mention, proves this team is serious about competition. The planning involved a fund raiser where each person sold raffle tickets to raise money to defray the high costs of travel, accommodations, food, gear transport and more. A container was filled with gear and sent by ship to Aruba. Parents took off work, kids packed and off they went to Aruba.

In Aruba the team set up camps and trained until it was their chance to compete. By day the winds were gusting to over 30 mph. It was the first Hi Winds in the last few years where this mega wind blew through the island, making for challenging conditions.

Bonaire placed in the top three spots for most events. Patun Saragoza showed age does not impact his performance, and he placed *numero uno* in the Masters Slalom races. Angulo riders, Jaeger Sint Jago and Payo Soleano, showed their stuff, placing 1st and 2nd in the Junior Division. Juvannie Agostien has taken



Hendrick Balentien, Sara Quita Offringa, Jaeger Sint Jago, Payo Soleano in Aruba

Photo by Robert Sanchez Courtesy of Aruba Hi Winds

on a career in diving but proved he is still a wiz above water, placing 3rd in the Men's Overall. Whitney Rudolf pumps out the charm and comedy relief at any time but also shows he is a force to be reckoned with, placing 1st in the Sports Fleet.

Bonaire completely dominated the Super Kids Fleet, providing a glimpse of what's to come at Pro Kids being held in Bonaire August 3-6. In the Big Kids fleet it was mostly Bonaire who got the prizes. What else can we expect when we have an entire nation supporting, sponsoring and cheering on its national windsurf team? Be proud, Bonaire, and look out, windsurf kids. When Bonaire hits the water nothing can stop them. □ *Ann Phelan*

The Snack Bar Detectives



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

After sampling so many snackies with an Oriental flavor it was time to go local. With so many recent scares as to our covers being blown we figured that this was the way forward. We learned the phrase; *Unda mi por kome kuminda krioyo?* (Where can I eat local food?) and were told by someone that Donde Papi in downtown Kralendijk was serving up some excellent Krioyo (or local) food. We decided to judge for ourselves.



We entered through the colorful entrance into a surprisingly large restaurant and bar area. To the right were some tables and to the left was a dance floor! The owner took pride in showing us inside and pointed out that this was the place to dance Friday and Saturday nights away until 3 am.



As we moved into the bar, we saw more tables, and, as always the ubiquitous TV. The first thing that struck us was how clean and bright everywhere was. The walls were adorned with pictures, flags of all nations and Bonairean memorabilia.

After ordering a few cold ones, we caught a glimpse of the menu behind us. Our Papiamentu is not all it could be, but, with a little help from our friendly host, we got by. Stoba (or stew) featured high on the menu with a choice of Piska (fish), Kabritu (Goat), and Galinja (Chicken). Big D, being a little more cosmopolitan in such matters, went for Galinja Stoba. After a little deliberation, I went for the Galinja Hasa (Roasted or fried chicken with a sauce).

We didn't need to wait too long and our meals were ready. We sat outside and watched the world go by while we tucked into the local fare. Both meals were served with rice and beans, but fried potatoes or plain rice was also on offer. The portions were enough for most although, Big D, true to his name, had an extra portion of rice and beans. The meal was very tasty and just what I needed to introduce me to Bonairean food.

As the night drew in, we chatted over a few more Polars. We felt at ease here after the events of previous weeks. The place started to fill out a little as the locals started to celebrate the weekend. As always here on the island, everyone who walked past greeted us with "Bon Nochi." A new experience had been enjoyed. □ *Story & photos by SBD*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonaire's visiting yachtsmen and yachtswomen are starting a new tradition. They've arranged an event every Thursday at Vespucci's Restaurant in the Harbour Village Marina, an "Admiral's Hour, from 5-7 pm and everyone is welcome.



All drinks are at Happy Hour prices and gratis tapas! Owner Alberto is giving visiting yachties and others interested in yachting a chance to meet up in convivial surroundings. For yachts there's safe and easy dinghy access and a chance to meet local sailors and compare tall stories, more likely, dive tales here!!

The yachties, as always keen to help out Bonaire, have designated this week's charity as the Sister Maria Hoppner Home for children. So please bring any clothes, bedding or items surplus to requirements. Susie Stanhope, of the yacht *Wishful Thinking*, will be taking them to the Home on Friday. □

The "Mystery Guy" we tried to identify in last week's *Reporter* (page 8) remained a mystery due to some editorial gremlins. The young man who appeared in the photo in *The Reporter*, July 7, page 10, in the article, "Graduation Day," is Juliandro Soree, who was best in economics in the SGB's (high school) TKL section. Sorry we missed you (twice), Juliandro.

Corrections:



The gremlins also removed some of the text in Announcements: Noel and Marjolein Hayden celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 14. They were married on that date in 1981 in Breda, The Netherlands. □



Turtle Rescue Team Report



This type of net is not used on Bonaire (Ed.)

Untangling the turtle.

We made a trip to the Washington Slagbaai Nationaal Park. As you probably know there is more on Bonaire than the reefs and diving... The Park is an amazing event.

When we did the trip something nice and something sad occurred. I want to tell you what happened.

We arrived at Playa Chikitu, which is practically the first stop on the long route. We saw a huge net on the little beach, floating onto the shore. There were two turtles entangled in the wires of the net. One (the biggest, about 50cm) was quite active, while the other one didn't move. Because we didn't have any knives in the car it was difficult to cut the threads of the fishing net, until someone got the idea of smashing a bottle and using the fragments of glass to cut the threads. One person kept the turtle calmly in its place, and the others cut the threads. It's funny; the turtle seemed to understand what was happening. She just kept quiet and waited for us to help her out.

We put her back into the water, and she swam energetically back to her freedom, kindly waving goodbye to her rescuers. This one went so happily back into her natural environment, and we all had the idea that she just looked backwards for some seconds to thank us for the help we gave her.



Carmelita Refos holds the rescued Green turtle

We were too late for the other one. She must have drowned. We took her in the car and gave her to the Park rangers, who took care of our little dead friend. We also asked them to take the net away from the beach. It was way too heavy for us.

It was a sad day because we couldn't help one of the turtles, but we were also quite happy and proud that we could rescue the second one. We were so proud of ourselves that we gave us as group a name: the "Turtle Rescue Team." □ *Judi, David, Dave, Lynn, Carmelita and Harrie*

Green Turtles Trapped In Net - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire Report

Tourists visiting Washington Slagbaai National Park found a large fishing net on the shore at Playa Chikitu. Upon closer examination they discovered that two sea turtles were entangled in it. Unfortunately, one of the turtles was dead, but they managed to release the other unharmed. An earlier visitor to Playa Chikitu had informed the Park management about the net and Park rangers were already on route to the site. The dead animal was turned over to them and they in turn contacted Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire.



The dead turtle

Both turtles were Green turtles and the rescuers estimated that they were approximately the same size. The dead Green turtle had a 38.8 cm. carapace, weighed 6.8 kg, and from all appearances seemed to be in very good health prior to his entanglement and subsequent drowning. The estimated age of the turtle was approximately 12 years old and it was not tagged. □ *Story & photo by Mabel Nava*

2006 Satellite Turtle Tracking Starts



STCB's Funchi Egbreghts and BNMP Manager Ramon De Leon release 'Heit' at Ebo's Special at Klein Bonaire. STCB photo

To adequately protect sea turtles in all their habitats we must learn more about their migratory patterns, their behavior at sea and where their marine habitats are located. This is where the technology of satellite telemetry becomes useful and important in protecting sea turtles. Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) plans to place as many as two transmitters on turtles in 2006. On July 13, the first of these transmitters was attached on a large adult female hawksbill turtle. This animal was found resting on the reef in the area of Ebo's Special, close to the nesting beach at Klein Bonaire. She was caught by STCB staff and lifted on board the research boat, *Nancy Too*, for transmitter attachment. Assisting the STCB staff and other volunteers was Ramon de Leon, Manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park (BNMP).

The female hawksbill had a shell length of 83.8 cm and weighed 72 kg. This turtle was initially tagged on Klein Bonaire in 2004. Female sea turtles do not reproduce every year. They usually take between two to four years before returning to nest. The turtle remained calm throughout the transmitter application procedures. After having the transmitter fitted to her shell the turtle was released back where she had been found.

Tracking of this female hawksbill is made possible by a full sponsorship provided by Ria and Jeannette Heitkönig of Bonaire. The sponsors named the turtle "Heit" after their father. (See the accompanying story provided by Ria and Jeannette.) "Heit" is expected to remain near Klein Bonaire as it is thought she will possibly lay one or two more nests before departing for her feeding grounds.

Satellite tracking works through signals sent out by the transmitter which switches on whenever the turtle comes to the surface to breathe. These transmissions are then collected by Argos system receivers onboard weather satellites that circle the globe, yielding each turtle's location data which is e-mailed daily to STCB. Turtle locations are mapped frequently and available on our website at www.bonaireturtles.org.

STCB exists to ensure the protection and recovery of Bonaire's sea turtle populations throughout their range. □

Mabel Nava, STCB

Founded in 1992, STCB is a Bonaire-based, non-governmental and non-profit organization

The Sponsors Write: "In Honor of Heit"

In honor of our late father, Jules Heitkönig, known on Bonaire as "Heit," we decided to sponsor a sea turtle.

From the 50s on Heit made a living by selling souvenirs. Because he was a goldsmith he designed jewelry - for instance, golden flamingos on pieces of the shell of the Caret (Hawksbill turtle) - in rings, pendants, earrings etc. In 1955, he was approached by the Government to design special Caret jewelry to be given to Queen Juliana during her visit and later he made different designs for the Dutch princesses.

Heit was one of the first protectors of nature on Bonaire because he did not want people to catch very young and little turtles, and he was the first one to stop the Caret business when the turtles became scarce. He once created a natural environment for the *Kawama* (Loggerhead turtle) eggs in our garden. He installed a large sand heap from where a wooden duckboard led to a water basin. One night there was great commotion. The turtles had hatched, and instead of heading to the basin, they strolled through the yard and tried to make it to the sea. The whole event was filmed and we hope to see that movie some day.

Heit kept four of these Loggerhead hatchlings, and when they grew big enough, he introduced them to his pet Green turtles and Hawksbill turtles, which swam in another, larger basin. Among these Loggerheads was Heit's

beloved turtle, Max, which he trained and used to take for a swim. Max, weighing



Jeannette Heitkönig

around 75 kg, was transported in the back of the car to different locations. He swam freely with our father and always came back. Once he warned my father about the presence of a shark. Max swam close to him and kept looking in a certain direction. When Heit looked in that direction he saw a huge shark circling around. Heit also used to tell that once Max saved his life when, during a swim, he had a heart attack and the turtle brought him ashore.

Heit usually bought fish from the local children to feed the turtles and he let them watch and enjoy the beautiful animals, which daily gobbled down a lot of fish. Many grownups on Bonaire still have nice memories of the turtles in our garden and even mention it nowadays!

In the early 50s there was an article on our father and his turtles in *LIFE Magazine*. Because he was a real turtle lover, we decided to adopt a turtle and to name it after him: Heit.

Let's hope, that Heit makes a nice, long journey in the Caribbean Sea!" □

Jeannette and Ria Heitkönig

Picture Yourself with The Reporter



Rhodes, Greece

John Kortland, who lives in Bonaire writes, "I went on vacation to Rhodes with my family who live in the Netherlands, because they really needed the sun. I did two dives there. They weren't as good as Bonaire, but the caves were nice. We went to the beautiful old city of Rhodos which is really well preserved with old aqueducts and old houses. We also went to Lindos to see the Acropolis. The day the picture was taken was our day of rest-break at the pool of the hotel. □

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For Sale

For sale: Mercury 25 Hp outboard motor. Has fire damage, and some parts are missing. Includes cables and steering house. NAf 500. Tel. 786-5591.

For Sale: Wooden Five-Drawer Desk, pecan finish, very good condition, NAf225.00; Top-quality Wooden Two-Drawer Filing Cabinet, very good condition, NAf100; Chest of Drawers with five drawers, wood, good condition, great for storing spare parts, etc. NAf85; Outdoor furniture, round table, four captain's chairs, umbrella stand, all in good condition, NAf 100. If you are interested in any of these items, please call 717-2848.

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. □ Molly Kearney (who has to solve the puzzles)

Complete solution on page 14.

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Pass on your REPORTER to someone.

For Sale Cars

2003 Jeep Wrangler "Sahara Edition". 21,000 miles. Automatic. AC and CD. Soft top. Seat covers and spare tire. Great condition \$15,000 or best offer. Call 786-6113 or email brucez@hughes.net

LADA NIVA (jeep) for sale
1991-4X4 drive 1.6 lt.; 95,000km
NAf2,400 717-2844 or 786-2844

Wanted

Linda and Chile Ridley need help in getting their cat to Houston, TX. Last weekend they flew to Houston. Their cat was supposed to travel with them but the cat missed the plane and is still in Bonaire. They tried to have him shipped by Air Cargo but there is no service. They are looking for someone flying Continental Flight 1899 leaving Bonaire Saturday, July 22 to Houston to bring the cat in the cabin with them. Can you help? Email Linda at eri7070670@aol.com.

Looking for a Drummer with own set of drums for existing band. 786-2201

UNICOLLEGE, Bonaire's non-government high school is adding the second year of HAVO-VVO classes for the next school year and needs the following furniture and teaching aids: Sofas & arm-chairs, Digital projector (beamer), TV set; DVD player. If you have an extra one or haven't been able to sell yours, please think of donating them to the school. Please call 786-3666. Thank you.

US based Windward Islands national seeking to return to the warmth of the Caribbean earnestly desires an accounting position in Bonaire or neighboring islands. Qualifications: MBA, CPA. Contact Dre at (718) 919-0396 or e-mail ahf2000@juno.com

WANTED: VHS video recorder/player for use in Lora (parrot) research. Call 09-510-4021

Vacation Rental

Cozy guest cottage available. Studio with kitchen, airco, cable TV, two single beds (or king) and pull-out sofa, bikes, kayak, porch, yard and private entrance. Five minute walk to seaside promenade and 10 minute walk to town. \$50/night. Contact: seabeans@hotmail.com

Property

House for Sale – Nicest and prettiest house in Antriol, good neighborhood, swimming pool, 2 bathrooms, 3 bedrooms +/- 3.000 sq. meters. Place for another house. Was \$450,000, now \$375,000. Call 717-7362 or 717-6605

Found

Dive light found on the ground at Oil Slick Leap. At Chat 'n' Browse. To claim, describe the dive light. Phone 717-2281

Free

Free: 1. Canon printer cartridge: BC-29F 4 colors; 2. Brother Replacement Cartridge Model PC-201; 1. FAX/Copier/Scanner Brother 1850MC + one Printing Cartridge (the fax sending option works for sure!) Call: Diana 717-5225 or 717-8603

FOR SALE- X box with 2 controllers and 2 games FIFA 06 & FIFA Street 2 for NAf450 Call 790-0407



Porch Sale Saturday and Sunday July 29 & 30. Kaya Mandolin 2. Everything must go! 8.30 am to 4 pm.

New Cellphone Provider



Action at the Digicel Office on opening day

Digicel, the fastest growing mobile phone company in the world, according to one of its top executives, began operations in Bonaire last Friday. It offers advanced cellular phone options that other cell phone operators promised but couldn't deliver. Eventually, it plans to have three retail stores and 110 top-up locations on the island. During its inaugural press con-

ference Digicel donated NAf20.000 to Bonaire's Special Olympics Foundation with a promise of more to come when the team travels to Shanghai next year for the World Games. It followed up with a huge opening night party at the stadium complete with fireworks.

Founded by an Irish entrepreneur, Digicel began Caribbean operations in April 2001 against a long-established



Digicel presented a gift of NAf20.000 to Special Olympics Bonaire- Joanne Albertsz, Roosje van der Hoek, Bert Schreuders (Digicel Bonaire GM), Revelino Engelhart and David Hall (CEO Digicel Caribbean)

service in Jamaica and quickly took superiority in that market. As a consequence of intense competition in Jamaica, that country boasts the same level of cellular penetration as the US; an amazing situation considering a Jamaican's average income is only 10% that of a US resident. Digicel is currently expanding into the Pacific on Fiji and Samoa as well as considering entering the fixed line phone business.

Digicel is the first mobile operator to connect the ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao) with a GSM network.

It offers Bonaire's mobile customers rates as low as NAf0.33/minute pre-

paid roaming, Call Me text-option, multimedia messaging, international roaming with 235 partners in 115 countries, Blackberry (e-mail/Internet) operation, rollover minutes, and free activation. The latest handsets start as low as NAf39. □ *G.D.*

The ubiquitous Blackberry combination cell phone-terminal, popular in large corporations, is now available on Bonaire.



**DO YOU
SUDOKU?**

**And the
solution is:**
(puzzle and direc-
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KRALENDIJK TIDES
(Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
7-21	7:35	0.7FT.	22:15	2.1FT.	63
7-22	8:20	0.7FT.	22:52	2.2FT.	70
7-23	9:02	0.7FT.	23:32	2.1FT.	77
7-24	0:06	2.1FT.	9:46	0.7FT.	82
7-25	0:43	2.0FT.	10:18	0.8FT.	84
7-26	1:17	1.9FT.	10:47	0.8FT.	83
7-27	1:47	1.8FT.	11:16	0.9FT.	80
7-28	2:13	1.6FT.	11:33	1.0FT.	75

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Late Show

Call to make sure (Usually 9 pm)

Poseidon
(Kurt Rusell)

Early Show (Usually 7 pm)
X-Men: The Last Stand

Kaya Prinses Marie
Behind Exito Bakery
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAF14 (incl. Tax)

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

SATURDAY 4 PM
R.V. / Cars

THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 22- Open House (model home showing), Oude Lagoen Villas on Kaminda Lagun 45; 10 am-5 pm. For info call 717-4545 or visit Bonaire Partners on Kaya L.D. Gerharts 13.

Saturday, July 22—Geni's Farewell & Beersalen Party. Lots of DJs, New Generation Dancers & more. Jong Bonaire, NAF10, Call 700-9009

COMING

Saturday, July 29—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 July 30—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.

Tuesday, August 1— Match Consultancy announces its "Hospitality Awareness Program" for 2006-2007, Divi Flamingo, 7 pm. Everybody invited.

Thursday, August 3- Opening ceremony Pro Kids Event Windsurfing Championship at the Windsurf Place from 7-9 pm.

Thursday-Sunday, August 3-6 – Pro Kids Event Windsurfing Championship, Sorobon Beach.

Saturday, August 5—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. Info: www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

Saturday, August 5 – Underwater Cleanup Dive at Yellow Submarine. Sponsored by Yellow Submarine & Net Tech, 1 pm. Potluck BBQ at 5:30 pm. Call 717-2929.

Saturday, August 5 – Artists are invited to submit up to three pieces of art between 9 am and noon. For the "Homage to the Bonairean Artist" to be held in November. Artists who wish to sign up can do so at the Bonaire Museum, Kaya J.C. van der Ree. Telephone 717-8868. Questions? Call Jackie Bernabela of SKAL (same address as the Museum), 786-6333. See pg. 7.

Sunday August 6—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.

Friday, August 11 – Pre-exposition at Kas di Arte of all works submitted for the November exposition, "Homage to the Bonairean Artist" - 5 to 9 pm at Kas di Arte. See page 7

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.**
- **All You Can Eat BBQ** at **Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAF26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444 .

Sundays

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

Mondays

- **Caribbean Night,** - live local music—**Buddy Dive.**
- **Soldachi Tour of Rincon,** the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435
- **Kriyoyo Night BBQ Buffet** featuring Chef Gibi and Los Princes Mariachi, **Golden Reef Inn** . Band 7 pm, BBQ at 7:30 pm. Reservations \$20, walk ins \$25. Drinks available for purchase. Call 717-5759 or email info@goldenreeffinn.com

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** 5-7 pm-**Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar**
- **"Admiral's Hour" for yachtsmen and others,** Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5 - 7 pm..

Fridays

- **Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225
- **Live music by the "Flamingo Rockers"** **Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar** – 5-7 pm
- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith

Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 1330 to 1630

- **Manager's Bash—**free Flamingo Smash & snacks, **Divi Flamingo,** 5-7 pm
- **Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort,** 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by **All You Can Eat BBQ**
- **5-7 pm Social Event at JanArt Gallery, Kaya Gloria 7.** Meet artist Janice Huckaby and Larry of Larry's Wildside Diving. New original paintings of Bonaire and diver stories of the East Coast every week

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Saturday- Discover Our Diversity Slides pool bar **Buddy Dive,** 7 pm 717-5080
Sunday - Bonaire Holiday -Multi-media dual-projector production by Albert Bianculli, 8.30 pm, Capt. Don's Habitat. 717-8290 for info.
Monday- Dee Scarr's Touch the Sea slide Show at Captain Don's Habitat, 8:30 pm Call 717-8290 for info.
Wednesday (2nd and 4th) Turtle Conservation (STCB) Slide Show by Bruce Brabec. **Carib Inn** seaside veranda, 7 pm. Tel. 717-8819.
Wednesday –Buddy Dive Cocktail Video Show by Martin Cecilia, pool bar **Buddy Dive,** 7 pm 717-5080

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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.

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

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

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

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank. All levels invited. NAF5 entry fee. Call Cathy 566-4056.

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

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bonaire Arts & Crafts (Fundashon Arte Industrial Bonaireano) 717-5246 or 7117
The Bonaire Swim Club- Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451; 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. Wilhelmplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am. Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm.** Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

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

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

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

Send event info to:

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Tel/Fax. 717-8988, Cell. 786-6518

DINING GUIDE

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

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On the Island Since... November 1st 1994

Eduard Santaris

“I always had a dream to go and live abroad and to my great surprise my dream came true when I was 18. In Surinam I was working at a warehouse, I. Fernandes & Son, in Paramaribo. One day I was asked if I wanted to work as an all-round person at the house of my boss, Jack Fernandes, in Miami because his family was a family of only women and they needed a man around the house. I flew to Georgetown, then to Trinidad. The third landing was at Flamingo Airport, Bonaire, then to Curaçao and Aruba. Then off we took, destination Miami. At the airport I found a taxi driver and gave him my suitcase. But I had to go to the restroom first so I asked him to wait for me. I went inside and when I tried to go out the doors didn't open; there was no way I could get out! I became very nervous thinking of the cab driver and I didn't know what to do. Finally I saw this arrow on the floor. I stepped on it and the doors opened as if by magic! I'd never seen anything like that in my life!

I worked with the family for one year. Then in December it became very, very cold. My lips were purple and started to crack. I had to put on this kind of lipstick. It was unbearable. I wanted to go home! The lady of the house said, 'We'll let you go, but you're always welcome to come back!' And Jack, my boss, told me, 'Come back, but bring a girlfriend!'

I went to Surinam and started looking for the right girl. I selected 16 girls, but no one wanted to come with me. In those days girls didn't want to go without mommy and pappy! Then I met Anneke. She was number 17. I started thinking. I went to see her parents, but I didn't tell them anything about my plans, and I didn't tell her anything either. My proposal had never been accepted; this time I didn't want to lose the girl. So, we got engaged, and then we married, and when everything was said and done I asked her if she wanted to come with me and start a new life abroad. I gave her a week to think it over, as the tickets were already booked and we had to leave soon.”

“I thought,” Anneke says, “what is he talking about? I hardly know this man and now he wants to kidnap me and take me to some place I've never been and where I am supposed to go out working. I never worked. And what about my mommy and pappy, and what about their delicious food? My answer was NO!” “So, she made up her mind,” Eduard laughs, “and I thought, maybe it's for a good reason. I told her, 'Listen, dear little wife of mine (she was only 18 years old), I'm going to cancel all my dreams...’

Eduard Santaris is a passionate man. He knows so much about so many different things... it seems as if one life is not

enough to accomplish all this although his ideas are very simple and realistic and the intention is always to help others.

“I went to back to work for Fernandes & Son,” he continues. “Then Anneke's great-great-grandfather asked us to take over a store he owned in a place called De Hulp, district Commewijne, about 30 kilometers from Paramaribo. It was a big store, something like Bo Toko on Bonaire, but we also sold hardware like zinc roofs and nails. I stayed with Fernandes, but every night I went by bus to Anneke who was running the store with her great-great-grandfather. For miles and miles around we were the only store. There was no electricity, but we had a generator. The refrigerator ran on kerosene and there was just rain water. The local people were very pleased that we'd taken over the shop because now they had fresh bread and cold drinks every day. Every weekend the men would gather, and as I love to sing and play the guitar we would sit together, jamming. It was fun! We lived there for two years and in the meantime our daughter Estien was born. For her second birthday we wanted to celebrate with family in Paramaribo. While we were there we got the message the store had caught fire. We lost everything.

We went to live with Anneke's sister in

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Paramaribo. During that time the war between Bouterse and rebel leader Brunswijk broke out and life became tremendously tough. It went on for six long years; salaries were frozen and nothing was imported anymore. There was a shortage of everything. I was still working with Fernandes, but also I was a cab driver, a food salesman, a painter and a photographer. I got paid in 'valuta,' French money from Guyana, where I went to sell my art. It was enough to live off for six months. That's how we lived through wartime.

Our daughter Elys was born in 1987. After the war we moved to Flamingo Street. While I was working at a photo studio I took several photo courses, specializing in art photography. I had an exhibition; everyone, including the press, was impressed with my work. A lady said,



Eduard and Anneke Santaris, Estien, Elys and Michael

“You should go to the Antilles because your work reminds me of the islands.” My brother Stanley had lived on Bonaire for 10 years so I asked him to send me some information. He sent me a book; I read about Photo Tours and the owners, Jerry Schnabel and Suzy Swygert. I sent them a letter of application and they gave me a contract for three years.

At the same time I was offered a four-year scholarship by the Indonesian Embassy to study photography and camera-work and also I was offered a job in French Guyana as a manager in the agriculture sector. Accepting the scholarship would mean four years without my wife and children. My mother-in-law told me it wasn't an option because that would be the end of the marriage and French Guyana would be difficult because I didn't speak French. So Bonaire was the option. I flew from Flamingo Street to Flamingo Airport and when I arrived they told me Photo Tours was bankrupt.

I wanted to go back immediately but my brother stopped me. He was setting up a little restaurant; he knew I liked that because as a little boy I'd worked in my aunt's restaurant. So I became the supervisor, the waiter and the chef, and all the time I was telling my brother, I am a photographer! I had to save money to bring Anneke and the kids over. They still hadn't heard the bad news because I didn't want to shock them. I started meditating and fasting because I was looking for an answer as to why I was here. Through Frans Booi and Winfred Dania and a dream I had before I came here I finally understood that I was sent by a spiritual master to help and support the people on Bonaire. Then I had Anneke and the chil-

dren come over.

It was hard. There was so much I wanted to do. I wanted to create progress through better jobs and studies. I wanted the people to live in harmony and be supportive of each other. The means I found to reach the people was through spiritual massage. Both Anneke and I are from families of Javanese priests and we've been taught to help people. Meanwhile I worked at General Store, later Kooyman, as a store room supervisor and at Goddard Catering as coordinator and food handler. I am the owner of The Surinam and Indonesian Delicious; I trained children at Jong Bonaire; I am a fire dancer, something I learned when I was little from a great master in martial arts, Pah Sulio; and I always was an art photographer. This year I photographed the students at graduation night at SGB for Ivan Geerlings who's selling the pictures now.

Our son Michael was born here while we lived at Tras di Montana, and according to Buchi Frans, he's a real kunuku boy! Lately I'm involved with Faizul and Alex Semeleer in a project, Fitness in Nature, and we're working on several plans for the future. However, my main interest lies with spiritual massage; that's what I'm doing nowadays.

I've got my family, my wife and my every day food. I've seen people who have problems bigger than mine. I've been through the positive and negative sides of life, and I've learned that I can help people, and that's what I am doing here, until today.”

□ Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



Kiteboarders Cross the Bay.



Last Saturday Kralendijk bay was filled with 21 colorful kites. Kiteboarding Bonaire had organized the first downwinder from kite beach (Atlantis site) to No Name Beach on Klein Bonaire.

At 10 am all the kites met at Bongo's

Beach where they were picked up by the kite bus.

At 10:45, the kite beach was filled with people rigging their kites. At 11 am the first kites were airborne and soon everybody was on the water and ready to make the crossing.

At noon the official departure sign was given and all the kites left, heading for Klein Bonaire, followed by three safety boats provided by Kiteboarding Bonaire. All except two of the kites made a safe crossing to No Name beach. The two who didn't make it all the way to Klein

due to equipment failure were quickly picked up by the safety boat and brought to Klein where a team was waiting with a fantastic BBQ and a glass of champagne.

A great thanks to the organization and all the participants for this colorful event!
□ Story & photo by Roan Jaspars



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it, just look up

The Red Planet Mars and the Blue Heart Star of Leo Pair Up This Weekend!



Mars and Regulus join up

If you want to see something really nifty this weekend, the tiny red planet **Mars** will pair up with the humongous blue heart star of **Leo the lion** just after sunset this Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

At the beginning of this week, Monday July 17th, about 30 to 40 minutes after sunset, if you faced west with a clear unobstructed horizon you would have seen two fairly bright, but not brilliant, star-like objects. The one closest to the horizon was the reddish orange planet Mars and directly above it only $2\frac{3}{4}$ degrees or 5 full Moons away was the bluish star **Regulus**.

But the fun part about watching these two, night after night this week, is that they will come closer and closer together each night until they reach their absolute closest this Friday and Saturday. On Tuesday they were only 2 degrees apart, which means that 4 full **Moons** would fit between them; on Wednesday, $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees or 3 full Moon widths apart; on Thursday only 1 degree or 2 full Moons apart and then ta da! This Friday and Saturday night the 21st and 22nd they will be only $\frac{2}{3}$ of one degree apart, which means that less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ full Moons could fit between them.

Or if you'd like to think of it this way, if you hold a finger out at arm's length, less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the width of your finger would separate them. Which means your finger will completely cover them and that's close! Plus they'll still be pretty close on Sunday when they'll be just slightly over 1 degree or 2 full Moons apart.

Now although this will look like a super close meeting between a planet and a star, it is all an optical illusion. They look close only because of our perspective here on **Earth**, which is constantly moving in its orbit night after night along with the other planets, thus causing the stars and planets to change position night after night. Indeed this weekend Mars will actually be only 20 light minutes away, which means that it will take the light from Mars only 20 minutes to reach us. However, Regulus is so incredibly far away that it takes its light 77 years to reach us, which must mean that in order for Regulus to look so bright when it is so far away it must be huge and very bright. Indeed while Mars is only 4,000 miles wide, Regulus is so huge we could line up 500 Mars' side by side across its middle. In fact Regulus is over twice the width of our own **Sun**, 2 million miles wide. And its blue color means that it burns much hotter than our yellow Sun.

So start this weekend right with a cosmic sight with just your naked eye, or better yet a pair of binoculars, and see if you can tell the difference in color between reddish Mars and bluish Regulus. □*Jack Horkheimer*



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, July 16 to Saturday, July 22, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Opportunities to get together with friends will be enlightening and entertaining. You will find that joint ventures could easily turn out to be dead end projects. Be very careful while in transit or while traveling in foreign countries. Don't expect anything for nothing and you won't be disappointed. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) This will not be the time to start new business ventures or make drastic changes in your career. Try not to make waves. You can make financial deals that will bring you extra cash. You may find that depression is causing you to feel lonely and insecure. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't be alarmed. Over spending or unexpected bills could set you back. You must make them stand on their own two feet regardless of how much you want to make things better for them. Limitation could set in if you've been spending too much. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You will have difficulties spreading yourself between your work and your home. Don't get involved in secret affairs or underhanded involvements. Residential changes, renovations, or moves are likely to disrupt your routine. Problems with gas, oil, or water in your home may disrupt your routine. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can get a promotion if you put in a little extra detail. Be confident in your endeavors and others will believe in your efforts. You will be able to make financial gains. Don't let your personal dilemmas interfere with your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Rewards for past good deeds will be yours. Stick to travel or do things in conjunction with groups. Your lover may disappoint you in such a way that estrangement will follow. You will be accident prone if you aren't careful this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can offer your help to others but back off if they appear to be offended by your persistence. You may not be able to help, but your support will be favorable. You may have the energy to clear up that mound of paperwork facing you. There might be one who is quite willing to take the credit for your work. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Rewards for past good deeds will be yours. Don't let the erratic behavior of someone you live with interfere with your professional performance. Don't push your luck with authority. Do a little extra work at home. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them. Get involved in activities that will bring you knowledge about foreign lands, philosophies, or cultures. Don't trust coworkers with important or personal information. Get domestic chores out of the way early. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Extend an invitation to clients you enjoy spending time with. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. You can avoid hassles by sticking to your work and refusing to get involved in gossip or idle chatter. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) A quiet restful day just staying in bed or catching up on reading will be your best bet. Your partner may be somewhat irritable this week. The answers can only come from within. Resist any idle chatter. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You need to spend less time daydreaming and more time accomplishing. Your emotional life may be up in the air if your mate has been going through a change of heart. You can find solutions if you are willing to communicate. You can accomplish a lot if you direct your thoughts toward starting your own small business on the side. Your lucky day this week will be Monday. □