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Historic Landmarks

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This statue of Christ, near the center of Kralendijk, was dedicated on February 28, 1930. It is inscribed: Sacred Heart of Jesus I Trust In You (*H. Hart van Jesus ik vertrouw op U*).

Flotsam and Jetsam

The Bonaire Island Council unanimously voted to confirm the arrangement to become an integral part of The Netherlands, the deal that was struck in Holland two weeks ago by government leaders. Unless the political climate in Holland takes a turn, the "K-3" (Bonaire, Saba and Statia) are on course for inclusion into the Dutch mainstream in January 2008.

The two remaining Antillean islands, St. Maarten and Curaçao, are having a lot more difficulty coming to an agreement with the Dutch on their desired status of a status-aparte, similar to Aruba's. Dutch Kingdom Relations Minister, Atzo Nicolaï, told the islands, "Seize that opportunity! The proposals are real." He made this appeal to Curaçao and St. Maarten during a normal general deliberation with the permanent committee for the Netherlands Antillean and Aruban Affairs (NAAZ) in the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament.

Another Dutch Parliamentarian, Klaas de Vries, suggested conducting a new referendum in St. Maarten, asking the population if perhaps they want to become a municipality like the three small islands

► **Beginning January 8, 2007, all Caribbean air travelers will be required to present a passport to re-enter the US.** Cruise passengers have been granted an extension until 2009 to comply with the new law. A top US State Department official is refuting

claims that the amended rules for air travel to the Caribbean under the (WHTI)

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (passports required for US citizens traveling to the Caribbean) is in any way related to Caribbean support for Venezuela in its bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council. (See Flotsam and Jetsam from last week.)

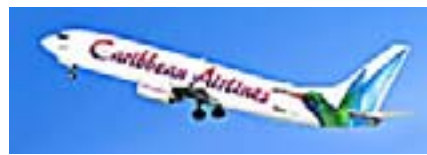
Derwood Staeben, the senior advisor on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, says the measure is essentially an effort to make travel safer, stemming from concerns coming out of the 9/11 Commission. Staeben says while the US government recognizes the economic issues that may emanate from this major change, it is also their intention to mitigate any potential fallout as far as possible. However, the predictions from the Caribbean standpoint remain dire. It has been estimated that the Caribbean could lose up to US \$2.6 billion in revenue, and about 188,000 tourism industry employees could lose jobs.

► In an apparent reaction to Caribbean complaints, **US citizens may soon be able to get card-format passports** to use for international travel through land and sea ports of entry



between the US, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. To meet the documentary requirements of the WHTI, the US Department of State, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), submitted the draft law for the passport card for public comments. The limited use passport card will be adjudicated to the same standards as a traditional passport book but will cost a lot less. The rule published Wednesday proposes a wallet-sized card that would cost US\$10 for children and US\$20 for adults, plus a US\$25 application fee.

The proposed passport card would use long range, or vicinity, radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to link the card to a secure US government database containing biographical data and a photograph.



► **Caribbean Airlines, the successor to the 66-year-old BWIA, unveiled its new livery and logo** on October 17 as it prepares for its inauguration on New Year's Day 2007. Its new livery is a green and blue hummingbird in mid-flight. Displayed beside the hummingbird is the carrier's name in magenta and purple-hued lettering.

BWIA currently flies two Airbus

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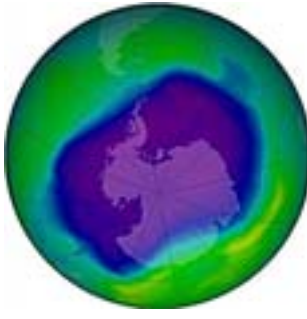
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A340s and seven 737-800s, but Caribbean Airlines plans to cut two of the 737s. Caribbean Airlines will service the former British Caribbean, as well as to Miami, New York, Toronto and London.

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► **This year's Antarctic ozone hole is the biggest ever,** US government scientists said Thursday. The so-called hole is a region where there is severe depletion of the layer of ozone—a form of oxygen—in the upper atmosphere that protects life on Earth by blocking the sun's ultraviolet rays.



Scientists say human-produced gases such as bromine and chlorine damage the layer, causing the hole. That's why many compounds such as spray-can propellants have been banned in recent years. "From September 21 to 30 the average area of the ozone hole was the largest ever observed, at 10.6 million square

miles," said Paul Newman, atmospheric scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. That's larger than the area of North America.

► **Her Majesty, Queen Beatrix, will be visiting Bonaire on November 8 and 9.** On her schedule to visit will be the Reina Beatrix School, the Centro di Bario in Nikiboko, The Windsurf Place at Sororbon, the town of Rincon, the new football field in Tera Cora, FORMA, Klein Bonaire and the Kas di Arte. Who says the life of royalty is easy?



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► They're beautiful; they're innovative and they're reader friendly! "They" are a series of **new brochures put out by STINAPA, the overseer of Bonaire's parks.** And the brochures are now in racks at hotels, dive shops and stores around town. They're in full color with marvelous illustrations by Dominique Sérafini. The brochures are full of information and facts, easy-to-read maps, highlights of the areas.

Sponsored by the World Wildlife and Prince Bernard funds the brochures are a delight to read, especially with the new maps. The areas covered are Washington Slagbaai National Park, Lac Bai, and the Visitor Center at Washington Slagbaai. The existing brochure of the Bonaire National Marine Park (BNMP) will soon be replaced by a new one in the same style.

Thanks to additional sponsors for the brochure for the Visitors Center at Washington-Slagbaai Park: BONHATA, KNAP, Stichting Doen, Capt. Don's Habitat, MCB, Linda and Jeff Goldman.

Karen van Dijk of STINAPA coordinated the project and Max van Dortman did the layout. Bravo for a job well done!



The entrance to Lac, as shown in the Lac brochure, includes the new Lac mooring



Slippery dick
Photo by Les Wilk, ReefNet.Inc

Bubbles from the Biologist

Did You Know...certain fish mate at certain times of the day?

Slippery Dicks are small reef fish that are abundant in shallow reefs around Bonaire. The males are about six inches long and sport an abundance of pastel colors. The females (and small males) are much smaller and are white with a black stripe running along their bodies. If you know what to look for, you can find these promiscuous, polygamous fish mating

daily between three and five in the afternoon, every afternoon, at just about any reef with shallow coral heads. Look for males fighting with other similarly colored males and keep your eyes on the victor. He'll often be swimming up and down above a coral head where several hot-to-trot females are waiting for him to prove his superiority over the other males. When a female is ready, she races upwards and he joins her in a

speedy 'spawning rise'. They only rise about a foot above the coral head, release their gametes (fertilization is external as it is with most fish), then race back towards cover. The 'spawning rise' lasts less than a second. Perhaps that is why he is able to mate with so many partners so often!

□ CE

Biologist Caren Eckrich founded and runs Sea & 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.



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► The request of Curaçao political leader, **Anthony Godett, jailed for corrupt practices, to exchange prison for electronic surveillance** was denied last week. Acting Justice Minister Omayra Leeftang wrote that contrary to what was mentioned in Godett's request, the electronic surveillance program (ankle bracelet) is not used to reduce time served by six months. No more than 15% of the sentence can be involved. Godett's sentence amounts to 10 months or 300 days, minus 32 days spent in pre-trial detention. If the regular 10% early release is applied, this leaves 238 days to be served. Since the prisoner is already at the threshold of being released, he does not qualify for a sentence reduction or electronic surveillance," Leeftang wrote.



► **Seven persons were arrested in Bonaire, Aruba and Curaçao for drug trafficking on board KLM flights** from the Netherlands Antilles to the Netherlands. Four of the seven persons detained worked at Flamingo Airport in Bonaire as cleaners, baggage handlers and security personnel for a private company. The Bonaire Prosecutor ordered the arrests of (initials) S.F.M. (36), L.L.C. (21), C. (29) and a woman, A.G.T. (30) of the Dominican Republic. Two arrests were made in Aruba; both N.P.L.R (44) and P.L.C. (29) were Bonaire residents who had traveled to Aruba. The seventh

arrest was in Curaçao, where R.A.N.E. (27) was detained. Police are continuing the investigation.

► In Curaçao, press photographers and journalists will receive **e-mails with the latest police news on their Blackberry phones**. When police introduced the new "Chuchubi" communications system, the local newspapers had great difficulty following the police news. In Bonaire police scanners are of some use and formal police announcements are sent by email.

► **The US population surpassed 300 million people**, the US Census Bureau said on Tuesday. The Census Bureau keeps count of the estimated number of Americans based on the birth rate, death rate and immigration rate and says the US adds another person to its population every 11 seconds.

There currently are about **34.3 million foreign-born people living in the US**, comprising about 12% of the country's total population. Mexico is the leading country of origin. In 1967, there were about 9.7 million foreign-born people in the US, comprising about 5% of the total population. At the time, the largest number of foreign-born people came from Italy.

Americans now live an average of 77.8 years, compared to 70.5 years in 1967. The population is also aging, with about 36.8 million people age 65 or older, compared to 19.1 million in 1967.

There were 1,144 immigrants to Bonaire in 2005; Bonaire's population is estimated close to 40% foreign born.

► **The carnival marchers group, De**



► Bonaire continues to gain popularity as a **bicycling destination**. Here are **Curaçao's Off Road Valley Bikers** enjoying Happy Hour at the **Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**.

Jukduikers, will give away all the money they collected from their sponsors and participants. The check will be presented to the Foundation Project (teens) and SEBIKI (children) at the E Teras restaurant on Saturday, November 11, at 8 pm. Balashi will provide the beer. All welcome.

► **Lydia Duijn of the Bonaire Animal Shelter** asked us to pass on the message that the photos taken at the recent dog wash are ready and that people can pick them up at Warehouse Bonaire.

► **If you like bicycling around Bonaire be sure to tell the councilman (deputado) whom you elected in the last Island Council election**. He may be able to expedite bicycle paths along Bonaire's roads. Now is a perfect time while the

roadsides are torn up for cable installation



► **This issue marks the first anniversary of Wilna Groenenboom's series in The Bonaire Reporter, "Antique Living Houses of Bonaire,"** which has changed the way many people view Bonaire's traditional architecture. This week Sunbelt Realty will celebrate its 12½ year Anniversary and present its new real estate magazine which features her photographic work to set the themes for Bonaire's neighborhoods. Congratulations, Wilna and congratulations, Sunbelt. □ *G.L. D.*

Student Contests Launched for Astronaut Visit



Astronaut Bolden at the controls NASA photo

Two student contests - an essay contest and a poster/exhibit competition - were launched this week in conjunction with the planned landing (by plane) of former Astronaut Charles Bolden on Bonaire on 25 November. The contests are designed to encourage students to study and think about the challenges of space exploration prior to General Bolden's visit. "Charlie" will visit Bonaire for a week to meet with school children and will award prizes to the winners of the contests at his press conference on Tuesday, 28 November.

For the **Essay Contest** students may write about one of the following topics: 1) Why Space Exploration is Important; 2) Personal Characteristics Necessary for a Career in Space Exploration; or 3) The Future of Space Exploration. Essays must be between 500 and 750 words, in either Dutch or English, and submitted by 10 November, to include student's name, age, school and class at school, home address and telephone number. Any student up to age 20 may enter. Depending on the number of entries, they may be divided into several age categories.

"The Future of Space Exploration" is the theme of the **Poster/Exhibit Contest**. It is open for students of all ages with the deadline for entries also on 10 November. The poster/exhibit entries will be divided into age categories with prizes awarded in each group. All poster entries must also have the student's name, age, school, class at school, home address and telephone number.

Winners of the contests will be notified by 20 November, and will be invited to attend the astronaut's press conference on 28 November to receive their awards.

All contest entries must be submitted to the student's school so that they can be delivered as a group to the judges. Information about the essay and poster contests along with the rules will be available at each school.

Astronaut Bolden will spend a week on Bonaire where he will speak to all sixth classes and many students from SGB, UniCollege and Pelikaan School, as well as Jong Bonaire members. In addition there will be a special evening session for parents and children on Thursday evening, 30 November. General Bolden is especially interested in talking with students about his experiences and his ideas about setting and meeting personal goals. He will answer any questions the children want to ask him.

Bolden commanded two space missions, including the first Space Laboratory mission dedicated to the study of Earth's atmosphere and the first US-Russian mission with a Russian Cosmonaut as a crewmember. In addition, Astronaut Bolden flew two other missions, one of them as the pilot of Space Shuttle *Discovery* when the Hubble Space Telescope was launched into space. In May 2006 he was inducted into the US Astronauts Hall of Fame.

The visit of the former astronaut has been arranged by Bonaire residents Ben and Laura Buchbinder. Ben Buchbinder worked for NASA before retiring to Bonaire. It was during his NASA work that he became friends with Bolden. Buchbinder has also been a consultant to the Hubble Space Telescope project. During his volunteer work at the Pelikaan School, Buchbinder discovered that a number of young people were very interested in space, and he decided to invite the astronaut to talk with Bonaire's youth.

General Bolden is also a scuba diver and he will be visiting Bonaire for the first time. It is hoped that he will do some scuba diving, and also try the local windsurfing since he loves to 'fly.' □ *Ben Buchbinder*

Sponsors for the astronaut's visit are: ReMax Real Estate, Support Bonaire Foundation, Divi Flamingo Hotel, Jake & Linda Richter, Hertz Car Rental, Jong Bonaire, The Pelikaan School and Ben & Laura Buchbinder. The astronaut's visit has been endorsed by the Board of Education, the RK Schoolbestuur and SGB.

LETTERS

POLITICS OF THE MANGROVE PROJECT

Dear Editor:

After following the discussion in the last weeks, I feel that politics haven't taken over the project and the environment. If I like a green Bonaire, I can't vote green anymore?



Mangrove Village construction STINAPA Photo

The local government should be more of a government of checks and balances - not a fight between "Green and Red" (parties). If they want to use a more Dutch system in the future, the civil servants must make plans beforehand and discussions should be between the economic and environmental departments. When they have carefully laid plans they can present them to the people. Now it looks like an ad hoc decision to let someone built in a natural area. That makes people angry!

Where is the voice of the environmental department in this discussion? Now politicians have created an unnecessary opposition between government

and the nature organizations instead of getting them to work together. They should have the same goal - a sustainable economic future for Bonaire.

So it was nice to hear the more realistic voice of Mr. Bartikoski (*Reporter* letter last week) instead of mud throwing politicians. Make realistic plans for the future and do it for the long term (30 years or more) and do the checks beforehand in the environmental and economic departments. Only 10% is build able area on Bonaire so don't spoil the most attractive and beautiful places with visually unattractive buildings. Even the beauty of Bonaire is not endless

Herman

STARS Of the SGB



**This week's star pupil:
Angelica Julio**

How old are you Angelica?
I'm 14.

What's your star sign? *Virgo*

In what group are you? *T2B*

What do you want to become when you grow up?

I want to become a bank manager. I love doing the administration and bookkeeping. I'm really good at counting money fast.

Where are you from?

I'm from Colombia. I have lived here for 11 1/2 years now.

What do you like about living on Bonaire?

Bonaire is a quiet island. I like it, but sometimes it's boring! There are no activities for us. But I love the ocean, its nature and the hotels. I love walking there and checking out tourists!

What's your favorite subject?

Spanish.

What's your least favorite subject?

Math! It's very difficult.

What would you like to change at the SGB?

I think there should be more guards around, for protection.

What do you like about the SGB?

I have great friends, we're very close. I like my teachers and I like my group.



What are your hobbies?

Dancing, listening to music, gymnastics and yoga.

□ Interview by: *Yvette van der Moolen;*
Assistant / photographer: *Sue-Ann Mo (T2B)*

Van der Moolen is an English teacher at the SGB High School

TCB Anniversary



Extra photo

Last Wednesday, at a warm reception complete with delicious food and drinks at Donna and Georgio's Restaurant, four long-time employees of the Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) were honored for their many years of service: Evelain Marchena and Joanny

Sint Jago (15 years), Rolando Marin (12 years) and Robert Evertsz (10 years) (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th from left). Also in the photo above are TCB officials and Commissioner of Tourism, Onnie Emerenciana (far left). Congratulations everyone. All on Bonaire value your work. □

Picture Yourself with The Reporter Mt. Kenya, Africa



Bonaire Dive Instructor Linda Baker is somewhat of a world adventure traveler. Previously she sent us her Reporter photo with Mt. Everest in the background. This time it's with *The Bonaire Reporter* from the top of Mt. Kenya. On the cover of the issue she's holding is Bonairean Delno Tromp, who is working in Africa and who graced our cover a couple of weeks ago. □

WIN GREAT PRIZES! Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. **THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES.** Mail photos to Bonaire Reporter, Kaya Gob. Debrot 200-6, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles (AN). E-mail to: picture@bonairereporter.com. (All 2006 photos are eligible.) □

ArkeFly's Back To Rock 'n' Roll



With only a few weeks to go before Bonaire's big Rock'n'Roll night, let's bring the story of René Shuman up to date.

After various CD releases in the late 90s as well as worldwide tours with members of Elvis Presley's original bands, René took a break. In 2000 he saw a TV special about a girl named Angel-Eye, a great rock 'n' roll piano player who also played guitar and saxophone. By the age of 20, she was writing songs for other artists which reach high in the charts and also music for commercials. As a singer, piano player and guitar player she toured Holland while also singing with popular Dutch band, Tiger Tiger. Angel-Eye worked in 2001 as a co-producer on René's album, "Set the Clock on Rock," a pure Rock 'n' Roll album.

René and Angel-Eye started composing and working on a lot of songs together, and in 2003 the remake of the Elvis song, "Don't Be Cruel," is released as their first joint effort. The song scores high in the Dutch Hit Parade and as Shuman & Angel-Eye, they start touring together with a Real Rock 'n' Roll Show. In 2006 their single, "Magic Ride," was adopted by the Tour de France as the official Tour Song.

After many years of hard work, success is there again for both of them with full schedules through the years with many appearances on Dutch TV, in filled stadiums and crowded festivals.

Now you have the chance to see them live at Plaza on November 10th and to support Fundashon Bonaire Entertainment. The aim of the Fundashon is to help local youngsters involved in music with equipment, costumes and traveling expenses etc. The recipients will be chosen carefully to ensure that all funds will reach their source. After the concert, the FBE will consult with their sponsors for advice and direction as to where the funding will be most appropriate within that field.

Tickets will be available at Plaza Resort, City Café, Mona Lisa Restaurant and Warehouse Bonaire: NAf20 in advance or NAf25 on the night. Once again, thanks to the sponsors below.

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STRAIGHT TALK

We've received very positive reactions from the first column of **Straight Talk** by Betty Wills published last week. We are pleased our readers enjoy it. Here's another.



Betty Wills

It's all about dating, love, sex, friendship, and marriage - so let's talk. Email your relationship questions to my attention: reporter@bonairenews.com.

Question #1 from: "Worried about a wandering eye."

Dear Betty – My boyfriend has a wandering eye, and it really bothers me. Whenever we're out together, he not only looks at other women, I've actually caught him flirting. Is that a sign he's shopping for someone else?

ANSWER: Unless your man is visually handicapped, as in blind, he's going to look. Women look, too. A glance, a smile – all quite harmless, and nothing more than a pleasant visual experience. For example, I love to see a full moon reflecting off the water, but it doesn't mean I'll book a flight on the next spaceship to the moon. On the other hand, it sounds like your boyfriend wants to be an astroNUT. Flirting takes looking to the next level; if he's flirting with other women while in your presence, he is being rude, and disrespectful to you.

Tell him how his flirtation makes you feel if you haven't already. If he continues, he may have a mental affliction, a sexual addiction, or he lacks conviction and just doesn't care about you. Send him off on the next Apollo mission.

Question #2 from: "Grandma with a guilty conscience."

Dear Betty – I broke up with my children's father a few years ago. Last year I started dating a guy who visits the island on a monthly basis for his job. The problem is, he is married, but according to him the marriage has been on the rocks for a few years, and they stay together for the children's sake. I really love him and haven't felt like this for a long while, but there is the guilt as it feels like cheating on his wife. Should I give up this chance of love just because of a guilty conscience?

ANSWER: He's committed, and I'm not talking insane asylum. I'm talking marriage, which may lead some of us to an insane asylum. Your guy is married, and seeing you on the side, which makes you a side dish instead of the main course.

We can't choose whom we fall in love with – it just happens – but we can choose how we live our lives. Living with guilt is tough, unless a Jewish or Italian mother raised you. If so, you're probably used to guilt by now. Did you call your mother today? Are you wearing clean underwear? Did you brush your teeth? Sorry, I digress.

Try to imagine how you would feel if his wife discovered what you were doing, and confronted you. Think about how you would feel if it were the other way around.

Excuses like, "a marriage on the rocks," and "staying together for the kids" are so old, they date back to when the Dead Sea was just sick. Cheaters will say just about anything to get what they want. You already know he's a liar. He lied to his wife to be with you.

Try this one on for size - he's traveling, needs a little companionship, and you fit the bill. He's probably staying at your house when he's on the island, so he's saving money, getting a home-cooked meal AND free sex.

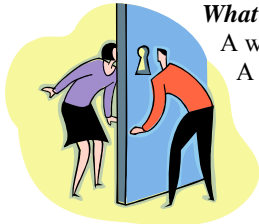
Step outside the relationship, think carefully about what he's doing, how the situation makes you feel, and ask yourself if he's really the one for you.

Joke Of The Day

What is the difference between men and women?

A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need.

A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need. □ Betty Wills



The Snack Bar Detectives

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



This Week: Divi Divi, Kaya
Dr Jose G. Hernades 26

As there are many local snack bars that aren't open during the evening, Big D and I decided to risk an appearance in daylight. On the advice of others, we planned to "Do lunch" as they say in high society.

We knew exactly where we would be heading. In the area known as Antriol sits a place called Divi Divi that has something of a reputation for good food. Anyone unsure of the location will find it easily on the road from Botica Korona. With its blue and white façade and spider's web window guards, it is easy to spot.

We agreed to meet at noon, the snacking hour. I was a little early so I took a seat at the bar and ordered myself a Polar. There is nothing like a little afternoon delight. In no time at all I was chatting with one of the locals. It turns out that my new friend Piet is the singer at Lac Cai on Sunday afternoons; I was in the presence of a star. We chatted a while and took a few beers before the rumble of Big D's car interrupted our conversation.

Our attention turned to the menu. There were local favourites such as *Baka Stoba* and *Galinja Stoba* as well as the less familiar *Rabu Stoba* which I understood to be Ox Tail. Unusually, there was a Suriname dish, *Bakijouw*, which is Salt Mackerel. My head was turned by the fish fillet

served with a choice or combination of fries, rice or funchi.

Our meals arrived within 10 minutes. Two fillets of fish, a plate of fries and salad was set in front of me. Big D indulged himself in *Baka Stoba* with rice and fries. The meals were big by lunch standards and top quality.

As we ate, it became apparent how good this place is. A constant stream of customers came in and out, ordering food, while others sat and chatted. The atmosphere was friendly as ever with everyone having time to bid you *Bon Tardi*. We sat a while and drank a few more Polars. If this place were open in the evening, we would never be away. After just an hour it felt like Cheers: the place where everyone knows your name.

As we left, Piet was the first one to wave us goodbye. I think that a trip to Lac Cai is in order to see him do his thing. I think that maybe we will get the taste for this afternoon dining. With NAf2 for Polar and meals around NAf11, it's going to be hard to stay away. □ Story & photo by SBD



To celebrate the "International Day of Diabetes," **Sosiedat Diabetico Boneriano** in close collaboration with the **Lions Club Bonaire** invites all Bonaireans to come and participate in a "DAY OF HEALTH" on:

Date: **Sunday, November 12**
Time: **11 AM to 5 PM**
Place: Parking place behind the Catholic Church in Playa
Theme: **CARE FOR EVERYONE**

There will be:
Measuring and examination of feet
Testing blood glucose level
Testing of blood pressure
Testing of blood cholesterol level
Eye testing
Cooking with dieticians
Physiotherapeutics will teach us to do gymnastics and... its all free
On top of this there will be various stands with demonstrations and health products for sale.

Participants: Lions Club Bonaire
Sosiedat Diabetico Boneriano
Brokx Shoes, in combination with pedo-therapist Kyra Römer
Manrique Capriles
Balfran Agencies

Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Fundashon Mariadal



Antique Living Houses of Bonaire

Preserving Bonaire's Architectural Heritage by Wilna Groenenboom

This issue marks the first anniversary of Wilna Groenenboom's series in The Bonaire Reporter, "Antique Living Houses of Bonaire."

The **Fundashon Mariadal** complex actually has three buildings under its wings. On the right side is the old former convent building, the middle part is the chapel and church and on the left side is the former hospital.

The biggest building in this complex has its main entrance on Kaya L.D. Gerharts and ends with a big water cistern by Kaya Soeur Bartola, opposite the entrance of the Cultimara. (photo opposite, lower right) This part of the building was a hospital from 1947 till 1977, then changed into a home for the elderly from 1977 until 2003. Between October and December 2003 the elderly were moved to the new hospital with up-to-date new rooms to serve them better.

So in the beginning of 2004 the renovation of the first floor began and is now being used by the St James Medical School. The renovators tried to keep the traditional interior and exterior as original as possible to maintain the soul of the building. So the old tiles were cleaned and polished well so they look like new. At the end of this story we see a few of the different tiles that are in these buildings. The inside shutters in the windows and doors are still there. With a new coat of paint on them they look like new.

The ground floor of this part of the building remains as it was three years ago. If a new occupant can be found, the renovation of this part will begin, with an attempt to again keep it as original as possible.

Before entering the church you pass the statue of Jesus. It's been there since the 28 of February 1930. It says, "Sacred Heart of Jesus I Trust in You (*H. Hart van Jesus ik vertrouw op U*)."

Behind it we have a beautiful view of the church with a little clock tower on top.

The chapel, built around 1957, stands in the center of the Fundashon Mariadal complex. It's used by people from the Kas di Kuido (home for the elderly). Before this church was built there was a little chapel in the convent where the nuns lived.

The interior of the church appears bright, serene and peaceful, although right now it's not as peaceful as it has been. Some maintenance is being done inside and outside the chapel. Shutters and wooden floors have been renovated, walls are being painted, trees trimmed and more.

The chapel is built for this climate. The largest windows are on the east and west side so there's nearly always a fresh breeze. The fixed, stained-glass windows are only in the top of the windows and tell the stories of the Bible. In the middle section are horizontal wooden shutters. The lower part has vertical shutters made of glass. So light, wind and transparency are in good balance. Everything is kept in order by Sur (Sister) Crispina who also told me a lot about this beautiful church.

The nuns used to live in the convent, the building on the right (middle photo). Now it houses the practices of four doctors, a diabetic nurse, the offices for Homecare and the management and administration of the Fundashon Mariadal. This building is closer to the street than the other two buildings and not hidden by big trees.

As you look at this building your eyes are drawn to the monk above the doorway in the middle of the building. He's surrounded by white ornaments con-

nected with a "rope" or line (photo middle top). The same ornaments appear on the doors inside and outside the building (top right and left photos).

Six years ago the building underwent a big maintenance and renovation project. But we can see on the outside that it has to be done again. The salt has invaded the plaster of the building, so it must be restored and painted again. During the next renovation they will try to restore the old style of the building by, for example, replacing the glass windows we see today with shutters - probably not the wooden ones, but ones that are a good combination of ease and practical use.

This complex in the heart of Kralendijk is very characteristic of Bonaire - built with materials that are having their problems. To keep it functional, attractive and traditional is a very difficult and expensive job. Felix Greving, Head of Maintenance, and his group are doing a great job. I hope that they can keep on going with this because this is one of the buildings that gives Kralendijk its soul. □

Wilna Groenenboom

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



The Reporter appears "on stage"

This time *The Reporter* stayed on the island. It was used in a play performed by actors from the SBO-SPW (high school) at Sorobon last Friday, October 20, during a teambuilding competition day.

Putting on the play was one of the assignments the groups of students had to work on together.

The teams started early in the morning, decorating the huts on Sorobon. Each group had to bring its own materials and the students took their jobs seriously. One of the groups, in Hawaiian dress, made a real Hawaiian hut decorated with palm leaves and drinks were served in "glasses" made of coconuts shells.

Other subjects they had to work on were singing, a playback act, a spider web game, building a human tower of four levels with more than eight students in the water and more. All the groups worked very hard and played the games seriously, with a lot of creativity, good communication and strategies. Prizes were awarded for best games and plays.

Story & photos by
Wilna Groenenboom

Taniuska Matthew with The Reporter



The best teamwork prize was won by SPW level three, who are in their last year. They each received a telephone card sponsored by Telefonía Boneriano NV



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Student Chefs in Italy

Sara Matera reports from the Emilia Romagna region of Italy where Bonaire's SGB Student Chefs are studying cuisine, Italian style.

"The purpose of the four past years of this Cooking Training in the rich region of Emilia Romagna in Italy is to unite students from all over the globe in culture, food and networking among different cultures. It's a plus for all the students involved.

Beginning with Horeca students from Bonaire and now including students from Curaçao and Aruba, the annual sessions last for four weeks.

The students travel to Italy, many for the first time to Europe, and experience not only cooking, but how to be away from home, to experience strict discipline in the daily school program and hours of learning. They must dress and act as young professionals, which they all are.

They share lunch and dinner with each other as well as with the 250 other students in the Nazareno School. Pasta is a daily food item, and the students are enjoying it very much.

Calling home and e mailing is an important part of the beginning days, as the students are a bit "homesick."

This year the weather has been sunny and in the 20sC, cool at night with autumn colors beginning to show.



Italian Maitre/Sommelier/Teacher Massimo (center), Vernon Martijn (SGB chaperone, 2nd left) and Sara Matera in the kitchen with the students

The first weekend off from school the students went on an excursion with an overnight stay in Rimini on the Adriatic Ocean, and a visit to Dozza, a 15th Century castle which is home to the Wines of Emilia Romagna. They had play time in Mirabilandia (Italy's Disney Land) and shopping in San Marino.

Alexis Ramirez, a past SGB Bonaire student, was the translator for the group for the last 10 days. Thanks to Alexis for his cooperation. Alexis, Felix Torres and Yoan Lopez are all working in Italy since their graduation from SGB. They are getting valuable practical experiences in very high end restaurants which they can bring back to Bonaire.

Ciao from Italy, Sara" □

Story & photos from Sara Matera



Girl chefs just like to have fun! On an outing with Sara.



Sometimes they need a dictionary—from Italian to Dutch and

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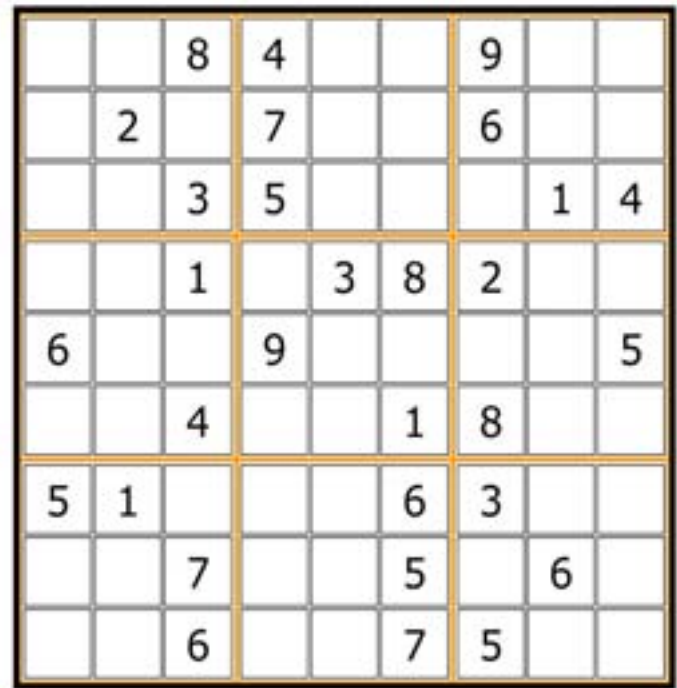
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Sudoku means “the digits must remain single” in Japanese. To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region. For a tutorial visit the web site www.Sudoku Shack.com.

□ Supplied by Molly Kearney (who has to solve all the puzzles first)



Complete solution on page 14.

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tides

DATE	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	COEF
10-27	2:25	0.7FT.	16:11	1.9FT.					73
10-28	2:52	0.7FT.	17:14	1.9FT.					66
10-29	3:16	0.8FT.	18:10	1.8FT.					59
10-30	3:31	0.9FT.	19:15	1.8FT.					53
10-31	3:39	0.9FT.	9:58	1.4FT.	13:42	1.3FT.	20:09	1.7FT.	53
11-01	3:40	1.0FT.	9:59	1.5FT.	15:33	1.2FT.	21:14	1.5FT.	59
11-01	3:40	1.0FT.	9:59	1.5FT.	15:33	1.2FT.	21:14	1.5FT.	59
11-02	3:36	1.1FT.	10:18	1.7FT.	17:04	1.1FT.	22:16	1.4FT.	69
11-03	3:24	1.1FT.	10:52	1.8FT.	18:27	1.0FT.	23:22	1.3FT.	81

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WOUNDED WARRIORS

Diving and Dining in Bonaire



Deputy Governor Ubaldo Anthony (right) and from left: First Lady Maria Elena Domacassé, Ronella Croes, TCB Director, Tourism Commissioner Onnie Emerenciana, and Marie Rosa of TCB NY/Adams Unlimited. In the foreground, the Warriors (wearing Ambassador medals).

Also present but not pictured: Stewart Snyder, President of the Handicap Scuba Association, David Reidendbach, DEMA (Diving and Equipment Marketing Association) representative at the Governor's House.

Bonaire continued to fete the Wounded Warrior dive group. On Wednesday evening, following the successful completion of their dive certification, they were treated to dinner at the Cactus Blue Restaurant by owners Corrine and Hagen.



Now, just what should I order?

An additional treat was that this was also a celebration of the engagement of Warrior Dean Schwartz and Emily Phillip. Dean popped the question earlier that day on the dive dock at Divi.

Nadine Rubin presented all Warriors with a Bonaire Memory Bag (organized by Scott and Sharon Barlass, whose son Jake has served two combat tours in Iraq), donated anonymously by nine Bonaire residents from five different countries, as a token of appreciation of their sacrifices. The contents included: A *Watercolors Bonaire* book, *Reef Fish Identification* book, 5 x 7 art from JanArt, boxed note cards from Bonaire Images, gift certificate from Last Bite Bakery, Cargill GEM crystal with brochure, Bonaire key ring, Bonaire cap, Bonaire playing cards, Bonaire Reef Creatures Chart, I LOVE Bonaire, Diver's Paradise Bumper Sticker, a Bonaire pin (that was affixed to tote bag), painted calabash by Barbara van Olphen, T-shirt and a tote bag to carry it all.

The next day they were given an escort to a reception at the Governor's Official Residence by the Harleys of the Bonaire Motorcycle Club. There they were hosted by Deputy Governor Ubaldo Anthony and First Lady Maria Elena Domacassé, Harlton "Onnie" Emerenciana, Bonaire's Commissioner of Tourism, and TCB officials. The Warriors were all named Bonaire Ambassadors, and were presented with the medals that go along with the title. The group expressed their delight at the honor and all facets of their Bonaire experience.

The Warriors and their group departed Saturday afternoon with sad goodbyes. We hope they will soon return. □

G.D.



ABOVE

Nadine Rubin also presented the Cactus Blue hosts of the evening, Corrine and Hagen, with Warrior T-shirts.



RIGHT

Dean Schwartz and Emily Phillip celebrated their engagement.

Pet of the Week

This short-tailed Golden Retriever look-alike is a real favorite at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. Young "Goldie" even retrieves like his namesake. Just look at that alert expression. And he's a handsome one too with his longish golden colored fur. He's about six months old, smart and feisty, and turning into a nice dog. With training he'll be a great watchdog. The adoption fee for dogs, NAf105, includes vet exams, shots, worming and assessment as to his scalability and health. And when he's old enough he'll be sterilized. You may see Goldie at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. Tel. 717-4989.



"Goldie"

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Check out the Shelter website at www.BonaireAnimalShelter.org. It's kept up to date and current by generous volunteer Bea Jones. Great photos too. □L.D.

DO YOU SUDOKU? ANSWER

And the solution is:
(puzzle and directions on page 12)

1	7	8	4	6	3	9	5	2
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October 27, 28, and 31 – Friday,
Saturday, Tuesday – “Nightmare
Crib” Haunted House at Capt. Don’s
Habitat, 8 pm – 11 pm. Entrance
NAf7 p/p. All proceeds to charities.
See page 4.

COMING

Saturday, November 4—Big
Monthly Rincon Marshé, 6 am to 2
pm. A Real Bonairean Experience. Mu-
sic, local foods, drinks, stands selling
gifts, produce, crafts, plants. Special
guests discuss topics “bou di ra-
mada” (on the porch)

Arts and Crafts Markets at Wilhel-
mina Park on Cruise Ship Visiting
Days, starting around 10 am to early
afternoon: Wednesday, Nov. 1 – *Silver
Shadow* (first call), Sunday, Nov. 5 –
Rijndam.

Friday, November 10—Arke Fly’s
“Back to Rock n Roll concert, Plaza.
See page 6.

Sunday, November 12 -International
Day of Diabetes, parking lot behind
Catholic Church in Playa, free—11
am—5pm. See page 7.

Saturday, November 25—Sint
Nicholaas arrives in Bonaire, Wilhel-
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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.) 5-7
- 2 for 1 appetizer with entrée, **Cactus Blue**

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- **Parke Publico** children’s play-ground open everyday into the evening hours.

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 Marshé 1st Saturday of the month, 6 am-2 pm.

- **All You Can Eat BBQ** at **Divi Flamingo** with live music, 6 to 9 pm, NAf26,50. Call for reservations 717-8285 ext. 444.

- **Wine Tasting at AWC’s** warehouse, 2nd Saturday of the month, 7 to 9 pm, Kaya Industria #23, across from Warehouse Bonaire. Great wines. NAf20 per person for 6 to 8 wines.

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Sundays

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

Tuesdays

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

- **Wine & Cheese/ \$1 glass of wine, 5-7, Divi Flamingo Balashi Beach Bar**

- **Buy a Bucket of Beer & get free chicken wings, 5-7, Cactus Blue**

- **Caribbean Gas Training free** “Beyond Gravity – An Evening with DIR,” 6 pm, Bonaire Dive & Adventure 786-5073.

Wednesdays

- **Open Mike Night** with Moogie, 7-9, **Cactus Blue**.

- Live music by **Flamingo Rockers, Divi Flamingo, Balashi Beach Bar 5-6:30**.

- **Movie Night at Buddy Dive**

Thursdays

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

- **“Admiral’s Hour” for yachtsmen and others**, Vespucci Restaurant, Harbour Village Marina. HH drinks, gratis tapas, 5-7

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**

- **Swim lessons** for children by Enith Brighitha, a Dutch Olympian, at Sorobon from 13.00, for children 0 – 18.

- **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

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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 FORMA 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 Zeezicht Restaurant. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 717-8434

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Born On Bonaire

Raphael Benito Statie-Rodriguez

“Fifty-five years ago my father sailed for the first time with his fruit boat from Venezuela to Bonaire. My grandmother used to buy fruit from him to resell and so he met my mother, who was the youngest of 11 children. A very passionate romance started, but only on paper, as they would send each other notes hidden among the fruits or in the baskets. On New Years Eve, December 31st 1953, my mother was allowed to go on her first date with my father and the outcome of that date was me! Everybody was angry with my mom and she had to find a place to live for us.

I was born October 8th, 1954. I lived alone with my mother and we saw my father once every six weeks for two weeks as there were three Venezuelan boats at the time and they took turns. My mother had to work and so I was raised by at least five or six ‘stepmothers,’ all sweet women. Only one is still alive.

At school I was really pestered because I had my mother’s name and my dad was never around, but my mom handled it well, and I am still very grateful to her. After me my mom and dad had a little boy, but he died at birth. Then my sister Poppy was born, my sister Nilda and my brother Tico. June 1st 1985 my parents got married. I was in Malaysia when my mother called me, crying, ‘Your dad and I were walking on the beach when he asked me to marry him... What am I going to do?’ I answered, ‘Mother, I’ve been waiting for years to have my father’s name!’ Both my parents, Cathalina Rosalinda Statie de Rodriguez and Obdulio Rafael Rodriguez, are still alive and living in Antriol. They are the reason I’ve come back to the island because I’ve been away for a very long time.

When I was 10 years old it was my dream to become a garbage man. I admired these enormous men, hanging on the back of the truck, lifting up the drums as if they weighed nothing. At 14 I wanted to be the captain of a ship. During high school I worked as a trainee in the hotels. I talked a lot to Don Stewart and Aubrey Sealy, people who gave me the courage and confidence to go into the hotel business. Once I’d made my choice it was Nikki Tromp who coached me and taught me all about marketing and the tourism industry in his free time.

When I’d made my decision about my future I knew I had the capability and the potential to contribute a great deal to Bonaire’s tourism industry. I worked with my heart, my soul and my head, and I had days of 16 hours, eager to learn everything. I became the assistant manager at Hotel Bonaire. When they were looking for a manager I asked them to give me a chance, but they never did even though they were having problems

finding a good manager. It finally got me so angry that I resigned.

I went to the ALM travel agency September 28th 1982 and I talked to Mrs. Carmen Bernabela, and together we picked a destination on the world map: Singapore. I bought a ticket and four days later I arrived. It wasn’t easy! No work, no permits, no connections – that was the situation I’d gotten myself into! Then I wrote 324 letters of application (addresses from the phonebook) to hotels in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia and Brunei. I got a lot of answers, but the main difficulty was the work-permit.”

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Raphael Rodriguez (52) is half Latin, half Bonairean and a very attractive mixture of a passionate professional and a gentle soul. “December 11, 1982,” he continues, “I met a German guy, Siegfried Beil, and he said, ‘I am going to give you a chance.’ He sent me to Malacca to peel potatoes in the kitchen of his hotel, the Malacca Village Resort. In May ’83 I was promoted and sent to Sabah, a part of Borneo, to become the assistant front office manager at the Tanjung Aru Beach Hotel. That’s what you get when you work 16-18 hours a day! I was ambitious, I wanted to prove myself. In September of that year I became the front office manager of the hotel, a hotel with 14 royal suites, all of which were occupied in October 1983 when all the Sultans, the Kings of Malaysia, gathered there.

In May 1984 I went back to Malacca where I became the second man, the room division manager of the Malacca Village Resort. I stayed at the hotel until December 31st 1986, and by then I was the executive assistant manager. Then they sent me to the eastern part of Borneo, to Balikpapan, to Hotel Benakutai which had 220 rooms, where I became the executive assistant manager.

There I met Herman Diener, the manager of the hotel. October 31st 1987 Herman and I went to the notary to start a hotel-management company. Our headquarters were in Singapore and the company was called Heritage International Hotels. We started in Indonesia where I became the general manager of two hotels, the Mambruk Beach Resort on Java and the Puri Ratih Beach Resort Resi-



Raphael Benito Statie-Rodriguez

dences on Bali. Then I became the director of the company. I stayed in Asia from 1982 to 1991. Then I came back to Bonaire because my parents and Bonaire were always on my mind.

I became the managing director of the Sand Dollar Resort and stayed for two years until I met a Dutch girl I was head over heels for. She wanted to leave and we ended up in Bali where I became the director of operations at the Puri Kaman-dalu Resort. In December, 1993, she went home for Christmas and didn’t come back. To make a long story short, I was in Amsterdam on Valentine’s Day 1994, madly in love, but as it turned out, it wasn’t mutual. The relationship lasted one year while she lived in Amsterdam and I was living in Brielle, in the southwest of Holland. I worked for the city council as the general manager and also I had my own company in hotel representation called QR International. I stayed more than 12 years in Holland.

Do I have children? Yes, I have four children from four different women. The eldest is Roseline. She’s nearly 26 and lives in Holland where she graduated in tourism. Then my son Joseph, 25, lives on Bonaire and works for Special Security Services. I have a son with an Indian movie star. His name is Justin. He’s going to be 19 soon and is studying to become a pilot with Quantas Airlines in Australia. My daughter Ella is 16. Her mom is a singer in Indonesia. Ella is going to an international school in Bandung. All my children have my last name and I see them at least once a year, but we’re on the phone once a month; we have good relationships.

In 2005 I flew five times from Holland to Bonaire because of my parents’ health problems. The same happened in 2006. Then I decided to stay and Septem-

ber 7th I started working as the manager of Hertz Inter Island Car Rental Bonaire. It’s like I’ve never been away - the warmth the people in the street give you when they see you – and I see lots of opportunities here.

I don’t drink, I don’t smoke and I don’t gamble, but I do have other hobbies. I bought the former car of the governor; it’s a lot of fun to drive. And I’m building a studio at my parents’ house in Antriol, the Raphael Rodriguez Regal Recording Studio. Twelve years ago I saw someone who was throwing all his 45-records in the sea like they were pebbles. I felt so sorry, because that was very old Antillean music, names you don’t hear anymore. I offered the man NA/150 for his box full of records and he took the offer. That was the beginning of my collection. Now I have a collection of 12,000 records. Feliciano Piloto and Erik Hooi helped me a lot. They’ve been very supportive. My aim is to conserve all the old Antillean records and put them on CDs.

I am very happy; I am healthy; I have my parents who love me very much; and I have a fulfilling and loving relationship with my partner, Edelda de Jongh, and if I can help someone in anyway, it will make my happiness complete. I appreciate everything I’ve been through. I visited 69 countries and I worked in 12 different ones and now I am home. I certainly will stay here as long as my parents are alive. And I would like to contribute to the development of my island because this place is very dear to me.” □

Story and photo
by Greta Kooistra



Is it Love or just Reproduction?

During mating, the male Honeycomb Cowfish is reported to turn a deep blue and produce an audible hum. The expression on the faces of our Honeycomb Cowfish makes it look like it was caught in a normal activity and is not inhibited by our presence. Each partner's mouth is puckered and their eyes are wide and bright. Why do you suppose this fish looks like this?

We were swimming along an underwater cliff when I saw the unmistakable form of a pair of Cowfish in the distance. Sure enough, there they were. I had plenty of time to set up my camera for some close-up portraits as the pair of Honeycomb Cowfish swam up and out of the sponge, into the exposed water column, and looked right at me! Or did they? What good luck! It sure made a great picture.

Honeycomb Cowfish are really strange looking fish. They have mouths shaped like tubes so they can shoot jets of water at the sand to scare their prey out of hiding. That is why they have such a puckered expression. But this pair is not hunting on the sandy bottom! **What are they doing?** The two Honeycomb Cowfish are kissing, nuzzling and sucking each other, changing color with their mood.

Honeycomb Cowfish are pretty big, they can be up to about 18 inches long, and are covered with a pattern of black hexagons that resemble the pattern of a bee's honeycomb, giving them their "honeycomb" name. The rest of its name, Cowfish, comes from the two bony horns above its eyes. These horns give its eyes some protection. Rather than a skeleton, they have a body of exterior fused plates that form a box. Their unique method of swimming causes them to look as if they are hovering. In their natural



*Voyeur or scientist?
Albert meets a cowfish couple*

habitat, Honeycomb cowfish consume sponges, tunicates, and shrimps.

Perhaps we all can benefit from the display of affection exhibited by this amorous Cowfish couple! □© Albert Bianculli 2006



Albert Bianculli has been visiting Bonaire since 1970 and now lives on Bonaire full time. See his show every Sunday night at Captain Don's Habitat Aquarius Conference Room beginning at 8:30 pm. All images are original, un-retouched slides, shot on location and composed within the viewfinder.





BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

The Biggest Planet Dazzles and the Smallest Planet Takes a Journey across the Face of the Sun

As you may know October has not been a good month for planet hunters. In fact **Mars** and **Venus** are hidden in the glare of the **Sun** and **Saturn** doesn't rise until after midnight. That leaves us with only two naked eye planets, **Jupiter**, the largest, and **Mercury**, once again the smallest since **Pluto** got reclassified as a non-planet last month. But Jupiter's still dazzling just after sunset, and Mercury is getting ready to put on a rare show, which you'll be able to see.

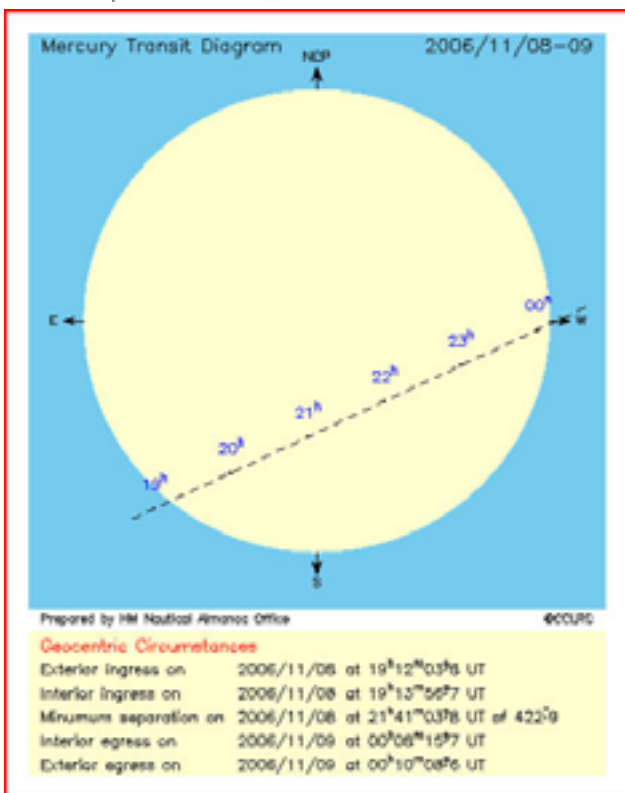
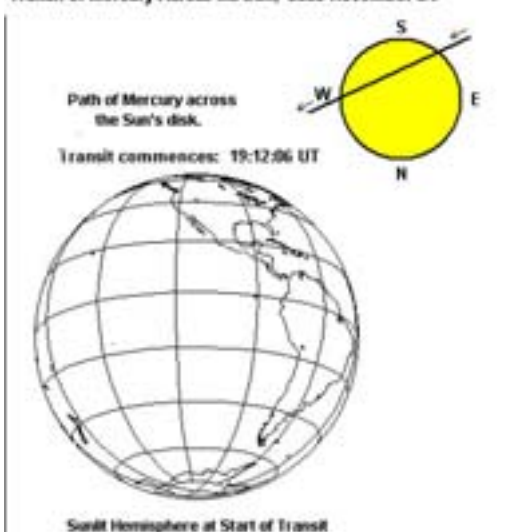
This week about half an hour after sunset face southwest and if you've got a clear unobstructed horizon you'll be able to see Jupiter hovering above it. To the naked eye it will appear very bright, and through even the smallest telescope you'll see several bands of its atmospheric storms and its four largest moons which will change position night after night as they constantly shuttle back and forth in orbit about the planet. Jupiter is 11 times wider than our 8,000-mile-wide **Earth**, 88,000 miles wide, which means we could line up 11 Earths side by side across its middle, so huge we could fit over 1,300 Earths inside it! And for the next couple of weeks it will be approximately 900 million miles away from us.

Now directly below it, even closer to the horizon, you'll see the first planet out from the Sun which next week will be only 65 million miles away. But even though it's closer than Jupiter it's much dimmer because it's so much smaller, a mere 3,000 miles wide. That means we could line up almost 30 Mercurys across Jupiter's middle.

Now even though it pales in size and significance with Jupiter, nevertheless it can do a trick that Jupiter can never do. In fact only the two planets closer to the Sun than our Earth, Mercury and Venus, can perform what we call a **solar transit** which simply means that they can pass directly across the face of the Sun as seen from Earth. Now the last time Mercury transited, that is passed across the face of the Sun so we could see it from Earth, was May 7th, 2003. But only two weeks from now, on Wednesday, November 8th, everyone in North and South America will be able to watch part or all of this Mercury/Sun-transit trek before sunset.

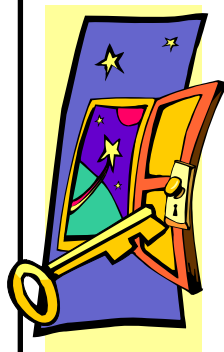
First, use Jupiter to find Mercury over the next few nights. Make sure to use solar filters and understand how to observe this event safely through a small telescope **because under no circumstances should you observe this event with the naked eye! You absolutely have to have protection to prevent blindness!** But if you miss it because it's rained out or cloudy, don't worry; it will happen again on May 9th, 2016. □ *Jack Horkheimer*

Transit of Mercury Across the Sun, 2006 November 8/9



The geocentric circumstances of the transit are shown in the diagram to the right. During the transit, the diameter of the Sun is 1937.5 arc seconds and that of Mercury is 10.0 arc seconds. In other words, the diameter of Mercury is 0.005 that of the Sun, making it look like a very small, rapidly moving sunspot. The whole transit lasts just under five hours.

The minimum separation between the center of the solar disc and Mercury is 422.9 arc seconds.



THE STARS HAVE IT

Sunday, October 22 to Saturday, October 28, 2006

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You have bent over backward trying to help them and now it's time to let them stand on their own two feet. Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems. Get together with friends and do something entertaining but not too expensive. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may not have the same ideas when it comes to what you both enjoy. Exercise programs will be effective. Be prepared to overcome frustrations and obstacles at work. Work quietly on your own and you will forge ahead. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You'll find it difficult to control your emotions. Close deals that have been up in the air and move on to new ones that appear to be profitable. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. Be prepared to have relatives or close friends introduce you to new and exciting individuals. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Your mind may not be on the job. Unexpected bills may set you back. Avoid being intimately involved with clients or colleagues. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Do not let others exhaust you financially. You will have opportunities to advance, but you may have to be willing to make some changes and possibly a residential move. Your emotions may get the better of you. Emotional upset at work will set you back. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can make changes that will enhance your appearance. Don't be too quick to judge your position or surroundings at work. Uncertainties about your living arrangements may be unnerving. Confronting a situation will only result in indignation and misunderstandings. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. You could experience unusual circumstances and meet eccentric individuals. Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family. You will get along well in social situations. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be sure you get accurate information. You may want to look into warm vacation spots. You will get upset over trivial matters. Residential moves are evident. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. Go out with friends or family. If you haven't already, don't be afraid to start your own small business on the side. Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Don't push your mate if you want to keep this union going. Love could develop at social events that are work related. Try to mix business with pleasure while traveling. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will be uncertain of your feelings. You can find solutions if you are willing to communicate. Joining organizations will provide you with stimulating romantic contacts. Travel may be confusing. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You need to distance yourself from the situation for a little while first. Toning, fitness, pampering should all be scheduled. Discover opportunities based on the individuals you mingle with this week. You can sort out any differences you have in an amiable manner. Your lucky day this week is Sunday. □