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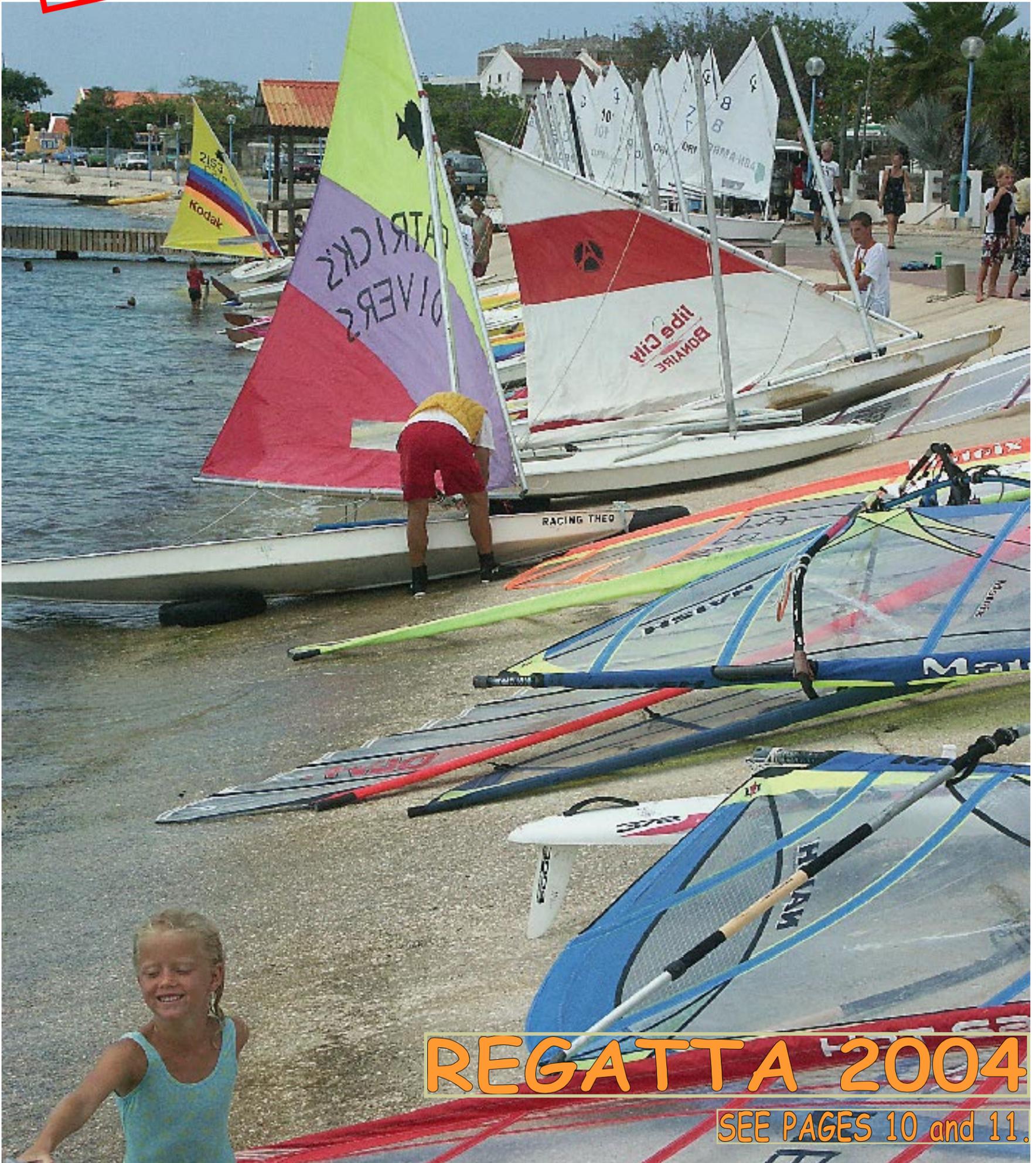
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**REGATTA 2004**

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# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM



Edsel Sambo photo

**D**utch Caribbean Airlines (DCA) continues to operate on a sharply curtailed schedule, with minimal flights to Bonaire. Certain guarantees for the employees and the bookings for this week contributed to the decision to keep DCA in operation. The pilots have also agreed to continue flying for now.

Curaçao's Government Executive Council managed to pay the salaries of DCA employees last week. Because of liens placed by creditors on all DCA-related entities, the Government-owned Girobank, in cooperation with other banks, paid the workers with "individual loans" guaranteed by the Island Territory, to be recovered after the bankruptcy. The Executive Council's decision to declare DCA bankrupt has not taken place because the Supervision Foundation has to instruct the Holding Company to have management request it. However, prior commitments and foot-dragging on the part of the parties involved is keeping that from happening.

Minister of Transport and Communication, Omayra Leeftang, will be asked to approach existing airlines to take over DCA routes.

DCA employees are quite unhappy and demonstrated against their unfair treatment. They foresee serious consequences

if 600 people lose their jobs three months before the end of the year. The police were called as a precaution, after which the protestors left. Meanwhile, American Sales & Management, DCA's ground handler in Miami, is holding current and former administrators of the airline personally responsible for its claim of NAf1.3 million.



► **Former Prime Minister Mirna Louisa-Godett was asked by the Curaçao Prosecutor's Office to come in for questioning.** She is suspected of accepting bribes and participating in a criminal organization, confirmed Prosecutor Giselle Veen-Jonkhout. At this time authorities see no reason to arrest Louisa-Godett, but she remains a suspect. The case centers on the relation between the former FOL-led Government and the Campo Alegre brothel. Ex-Justice Minister Ben Komproe allegedly tried to circumvent the mandatory visa requirement for Colombian and Dominican prostitutes working at the brothel owned by Giovanni van Ierland, who is already serving time for drug trafficking and money laundering. The resulting investigation

brought down the Mirna Godett-led government. Of the total 12 suspects in the case, five are still locked up including Mirna's brother, Anthony Godett, who had his pre-trial jail term extended to 60 days.

► If Curaçao's PLKP party abandons the coalition, the island's **Executive Council will no longer have the support of a majority in the 21-seat Island Council** because the other three members have only nine seats among them. There is a possibility that no coalition with a majority will be formed and that the island will become "ungovernable." (Island governments cannot "fall" by law.)

The PLKP (3 seats) and the FOL (8), on the other hand, could form a new coalition with a minimal majority. A problem is that FOL leader Anthony Godett is in jail, so that FOL at the moment can guarantee only seven seats.

The Central Government is not in danger of falling because the PLPK is not a part of it.

► **The Exel Aviation Group intends to start flying Amsterdam-St. Maarten-Curaçao-Amsterdam** for the "very competitive" price of NAf 699 in the second week of December, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Harm Prins announced last Friday. However, the final go-ahead for the flight will depend on whether Exel takes over Winair's operations, explained Prins. He said the connections with the two sister islands, Saba and St. Eustatius, would play an important part in the route. Exel is negotiating with the Central Government, the privatization committee and Winair's trustees to take over Winair. Prins said he was "quite confident" that the takeover would be

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successful.

► **The Exel Aviation Group has a projected income of 250 million euros this year** and will transport an estimated 860,000 passengers. With Caribbean operations added, the airline will pass the one million euro mark, said CEO Prins. The company currently has 800 employees. Exel has 24 aircraft in total, divided among its nine daughter companies: HollandExel, BelgiumExel, DutchCaribbeanExel, GrandaExel, DynamicExel, AlsaceExel, BonairExel, ArubaExel and KLM

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Exel. CuraçaoExel started flying Bonaire-Curaçao-St. Maarten-Curaçao daily on October 4.

Passengers in the Antilles can also become members of Exel's frequent flyer program called Exel Plus. All Exel flights in the Caribbean and to the Netherlands are included in the program.



► **Rotary District Governor, Dr. Augustin E. La Corte (r.) and his wife, Elsa,** paid a three-day visit to Bonaire. During the stay they were hosted by the Bonaire Rotary Club. They toured the island and visited the Pasa Dia Kariño in Rincon and the greenhouse donated by the Club. In the photo Evert Piar (c.), Bonaire Rotary President, is presenting Dr. La Corte with a small gift of appreciation. Ruud Vermeulen on the left.

► Noted storm forecaster William Gray of Colorado State University said **that hurricane season will go out with a whimper rather than a bang.** Following a period in which millions of people in the Caribbean and along the US Gulf and Atlantic coasts were on constant hurricane alerts, an updated storm forecast predicts October may bring only three more storms, two of which may become hurri-

canes. Little hurricane activity is expected in November, Gray said. The Atlantic season runs from June 1 to November

30. He also said the region should not expect another season with so many storms in such a short time. "This year has been a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year," Gray said in a written statement.

Nevertheless, with eight weeks left in the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane season, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) is urging the Caribbean to remain vigilant.



► Dolphins, along with lions and tigers, are among the most sought after items on the animal black market. Those species as well as parrots, like **Bonaire's lora, are a focus of the 13th Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) that began in Bangkok, Thailand,** on October 2. There have been recent reports of a lone dolphin, curious about divers, hanging out at the Red Slave dive site. Check it out.

► **WEB, the island's water and electricity supplier, has upped its published fees for special services,** in some cases by 500% (commercial service connection and reconnection) and now charges for services that previously were free. For

## POLICE UPDATE

POLICE HOT LINE - 108 PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - 717-8626

### Curaçao Public Prosecutor Gisele Veen-Jonkhout reports for Bonaire:

Court was in session on September 27-28: M.T. was **indicted for murder** in the first degree for killing his girlfriend. The prosecutor asked for life in prison because M.T. had been sentenced for 1st degree murder previously.

**11 persons** accused of **burglaries** were sentenced from six to 26 months.

**16 drug couriers** were sentenced and their passports confiscated.

A **17-year-old** was sentenced to jail after he was accused of stealing a phone from a car. He's had prior arrests.

**Two young men** accused of **assaulting an SGB student** are free but under indictment. Their court case is Nov. 2.

Between September 26 and October 5, **five drug couriers** were arrested at Flamingo Airport and their passports confiscated.

**Charles Souriel of the Police Department reports some of the police activity in the**

### last week:

- September 29 the Zero Tolerance Team again did **traffic control** in different parts of Bonaire. They spoke with 38 different drivers. This number is considerably fewer than previously, possibly because the drivers are observing the laws more carefully.
- September 28 the Zero Tolerance Team received information that there were **illegal persons** in a house on Kaya Apure. An operation was mounted early in the evening and three Peruvians, ages 35, 38 and 26, were apprehended. The three are being held until their deportation.
- October 3, in the early morning the **Flamingo Team at the airport apprehended two persons attempting to leave for Holland on the KLM with bolitas in their stomachs.** One was a woman, J.E., 25; the other L.D. 32. Both are being held pending further investigation. □ L.D.

residential service connection and reconnection the fee was merely doubled to NA/30. These fees apply to existing customers who haven't paid their bills and are effective in January, 2005. In addition, interest of 1.5% a month will be charged on the unpaid balance. Other fees also apply. For more information call WEB at 717-8244.

► In the first official visit since Bonaire chose for "close ties with Holland" in the Referendum, **Bonaire hosted the Dutch officials who would be involved**

**in any transition.** The Dutch Minister responsible for the Netherlands Antilles, Th.C. "Tom" de Graaf, visited Bonaire on October 7th. He met first with Governor Herbert Domacassé, then other government and private sector leaders.



Th.C. "Tom" de Graaf

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(Flotsam and Jetsam. Continued from page 4)



reefs in detail, choosing your own objectives under the guidance of one of Carib Inn's experienced instructors. For more information or to sign up, call Carib Inn at 717-8819.

► **Want to have something extra added to your PADI Open Water certification?** Carib Inn now offers a National Geographic Diver certification. Carib Inn, a PADI 5-star dive operation had to qualify and meet all standards of the National Geographic Society to be able to offer this specialty course. There are three ways to do it. One is to take the open water course and add two additional dives which include training in buoyancy control, navigation and environmental awareness. If you are already a certified diver, you may take two extra dives as a National Geographic Specialty. For the experienced or advanced diver they can customize the course. Here is your chance to study our

► The newly opened **Pelikan School**, whose motto is "Learning is Fun," had an open house last week so the community could come and see for themselves how 25 kids between the ages of four and eight can learn in an environment conducive to study. Although Dutch is the "official" language in which the lessons are taught, other languages are heard because the students come from a variety of countries. More coverage of the school will be presented in next week's *Reporter*.

► A new *Bonaire Reporter* feature: **Announce births, your engagement or marriage.** Send a photo of yourselves to *The Reporter* and it will appear in the newspaper, free of charge. (See page 13)

► **Bonaire's roads are finally getting repaired.** They are digging so deep that some people think that perhaps they are really putting in a subway here on Kaya Korona.



# YOUNG ABC CHEFS TO ITALY



Ready to take off to the Emilia Romagna region of Italy for four weeks of total immersion in cuisine, Italian style: students from Bonaire and Aruba with Chef-Teacher Vernon "Nonchi" Martijn (standing right). Bonaire students (in white) Luthgarda Serberie, Isidro Sinto, Wendly Heredia Vargas and Bram Schmit. Aruba students (in navy): Nathalie Pieterse, Urvin Croes, Gilberto Theysen and Carrick Maduro. Not shown, students from Curaçao going as well: Matsyendra Cijntje, Ashari Mendes Neves, Jurina Altagracia and Darryn Cristina. □ *L.D.*

## LETTERS



Dear Editor:

I've been coming to Bonaire for the last 11 years and I've discovered that Bonaire has two wonderful Italian restaurants. Where else could you find great Tuscan dining in the Caribbean and great carpacchio (raw beef with fresh parmesan). Not only that, the service is very personalized, warm and wonderful. The sauces and pastas are always fresh and wonderful. After the best diving, why not enjoy a wonderful Italian meal in Bonaire?

Joan Liva, New York

## CHEZ LUCILLE REOPENS AT HARBOUR VILLAGE



*Nick Davies, Harbour Village Resort General Manager, and her sons, Jean-Paul and Maurice, introduce Lucille.*

About 200 of her closest friends joined well-known restaurateur, Lucille Martijn, as she reopened her Chez Lucille restaurant in the Harbour Village Resort. Lucille said she will continue her popular menu and include several exciting additions as well. Chez Lucille's dishes will continue to be competitively priced despite the posh new surroundings and are inclusive of all charges except the 5% sales tax. □ *G.D.*

## YOGA FOR YOU THE BOAT POSE

*"If physical flexibility is your sole aim in yoga, you are disconnecting yourself from its real purpose: integration. If you practice with the intention to integrate body, mind, breath and heart, then you will become more flexible, but it will be a truly balanced flexibility within a larger purpose and perspective."*

Donna Farhi

It's Regatta week here on Bonaire. I thought it would be very fitting to explain more about *Navasana*, the boat pose. *Nava* means "boat," and this asana gets its name because the posture resembles the V-shaped keel of a boat. This asana strengthens the spinal region, the abdominal wall and hip flexor muscles.

Swing your legs up as you sit squarely on your buttocks. Straighten your back and legs to create a V-shaped angle. The level of your eyes and toes should be the same. Lift your chest, straighten your arms to the side of your knees. Try not to let your boat sink. To help with balance you can keep your hands on the floor and bend your knees if you need



*Navasana, the boat pose*

to. The lift and balance from this pose comes from your abdomen, back and hips. Keep your eyes focused on a point in front of you and flow with your breath.

Watch your breath as you might watch the waves of the ocean, endlessly arising and endlessly descending.

Hold *Navasana* for five breaths and repeat three to five times. □ *Desirée*

*Don and Desirée of "Yoga For You" offer classes from beginners to advanced. Call 717-2727, 785-7688*

# COOPERATION COUNTS



**At the signing: Elska Lucia (Treasurer, Villa Antonia), Maritza Martis (President, Kai Minima), Mary Tjin-a-Sjoe (2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary, FKBGB), Miriam Frans (Secretary, Kokari), Edith Strauss-Marsera (President, FKBGB), Boy Clarinda (President, Kokari, Rincon), Commissioner James Kroon. Seated: Antonio Nicolaas (Secretary,**

Where would Bonaire's elderly "60 plusses" be without a place to gather, to socialize and just get out of their lonely houses? So many of the elderly are leading solitary lives and feeling despondent that a group of concerned people decided to do something about it. As Edith Strauss-Marsera says, "So many of the elderly become depressed when they are left alone at home." The foundation, *Kuido I Bie-nestar di Grandinan di Boneiru* (FKBGB) (foundation for aid and welfare for the elderly of Bonaire) was established and the first clubhouse

(*pasadia*) where people could come for the day was set up as Pasadia Cocari in Rincon in 1998. Later that year another one, Pasadia Ka'i Minima, was opened in Tera Cora. Then in 2002 the Pasadia Villa Antonia opened in Antriol. It's taken a lot of hard work, time and energy and cooperation and support of the community to keep these *pasadia* houses open.

As the staff of the three *pasadia* houses met together they discovered they all had many of the same problems. Together they could be stronger, work more professionally and guide the

elders in their activities. Last week, representatives of the three houses convened and signed an agreement that they would work together and establish an office at Villa Antonia where a full time paid person could take care of all the administrative duties of the three houses. Bea van der Harst (see "On the Island Since..." *The Reporter* 1-31-03), a woman active in the geriatric field for many years, was hired. (All the other people who work at the houses are volunteers.)

At Villa Antonia, for instance, there are 27 elderly people who come to spend the day three times a week. They have breakfast and lunch, always familiar local food that is freshly made. They play dominoes, cards, do crafts and needlework and in general have a good time. Once a month they are taken on an outing – most recently to Mangazina di Rei and to Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park. Something is always happening there for holidays with special meals and decorations. Several times a year young school children come to visit and have an opportunity to hear stories of old times from the elderly folk.

Because the Government is only able to contribute a relatively small amount (NAf500 a month for example to Villa Antonia) the groups, in order to keep on, must rely on themselves (each member pays NAf7,50 per day) and on sponsors who give gifts of money or things like rice or potatoes.

If you would like to contribute, call the overall coordinator, Juliana Angela, at 717-4339. Or call Bea at Villa Antonia, telephone 717-2680. □ *L.D.*

# YACHTING AND WATERSPORTS PAGES

## KLEIN BONAIRE SWIM



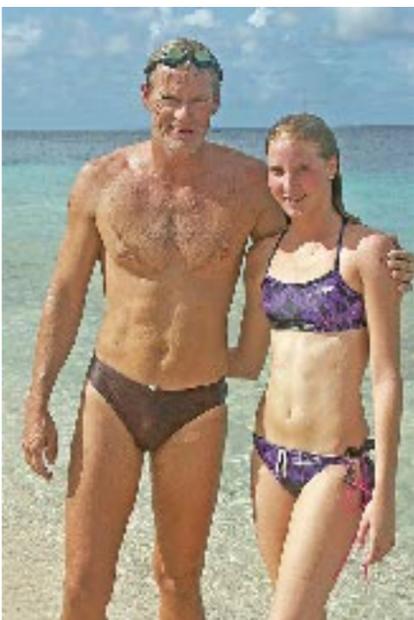
*Everyone into the sea*

Last year there were 199 swimmers, but this year the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire went over the top with nearly 230 people in the water. Even more bought tickets and helped fund raise for Jong Bonaire.

The huge and enthusiastic crowd gathered to get a warm up from Rosita Paiman of Fit 4 Life. Then they were off, pouring into the sea like migrating lemmings. The strong current from the north set the majority of the swimmers to the south, making their trip to Klein longer than normal. Eighteen volunteered boats accompanied the swimmers and brought most of them back after they'd reached Klein. Ruben van Eldik, seven year old son of Agnes van Dyke and Ap van Eldik, was the first to reach Klein Bonaire. Way to go, Ruben!

This was a community-wide event with so many people and businesses jumping in to help. Thanks too to Croccantino's Elizabeth Wigny who, for the fourth year in a

*Elizabeth Wigny of Croccantino Italian Restaurant prepared and donated the 250 meals for the swimmers.*



*It wasn't really a race, but the fastest times were recorded by Pieter Zweers and Valerie Eman, a 17-year-old swimmer from Aruba, who beat Pieter, the former top swimmer, by about a minute. For the last three years of the event Pieter has always been first back to the beach.*



row, with her able assistants, made that delicious pasta salad lunch for each and every swimmer. The staff of Jong Bonaire, spearheaded by Jong Bonaire Assistant Manager and Coordinator Mabel Nava, did a monumental job of getting the event organized.

Mabel says, "A lot of people working together made this a big success. This was not a race. It's a collective challenge. Everyone is a winner!"

Thanks to all who put the swim together. It's become a tradition on Bonaire that keeps getting bigger and bigger...and all for a very good cause – Jong Bonaire, the after-school program for Bonaire's high school students. □ L.D.



*Oswaldo Melcherts, often seen around town in his motorized wheelchair, is helped into the water by his swimming coaches, Monique Reichert and Gemma van der Linden. Alan Gross photo*

**Sponsors:** Flamingo Communications, BonFysio, Croccantino, Consales, Firgos, Obersi Dew Point, Freewinds, Eden Beach Resort, Bongo's, WannaDive, ScubaVision.

**Chase boats** were provided by: Buddy Dive, Capt. Don's Habitat, Harbour Village Marina, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, Bonaire National Marine Park and the cruising sailboat community.

# HUSH-HUSH SEASIDE SPOTS AT THE RESORTS

There is nothing more pleasurable to some than to be able to order their strawberry daiquiri or to grab a bite to eat while enjoying the beautiful weather on the beaches of Bonaire. Unlike the rugged spots I've been discovering, only resorts can offer such amenities, and lucky for us, there are plenty of them on the island. I was surprised to find such relaxing and different ambiances at these seaside spots. You should note that some resorts will charge a nominal fee to access their amenities.

## Buddy Dive Resort

There is no natural beach at Buddy Dive; however, do not let this keep you from visiting the resort. At Buddy Dive, you will find a wonderful white-sand beach area on top of a cliff with a superb view of Klein Bonaire. There are stairs leading down the cliff to the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea, but note that the water is quite deep. Many will enjoy snorkeling along the cliff's edge to identify the aquatic life in the area. After a refreshing swim, what better to do than catch a few rays with a refreshing drink and a good book.

## Divi Flamingo

You will find an unusual beach at Divi Flamingo. Because of the resort's loca-

tion, the resort's management did have to think outside the box to provide a wonderful beach area to their visitors, and they have achieved it. You will find many beach chairs and umbrellas to provide some much needed shade on their man-made peninsula. The entry into the water from the small sandy beach is quite rocky for a few meters, but you do not need to wear your booties because after these few meters, the sea floor is of beautiful white sand. Many visitors swim the distance to the floating platform where they have a wonderful time enjoying themselves.

## Eden Beach Resort

Eden Beach Resort is host to a small tranquil beach. The ambiance at this beach is one of the utmost relaxing of the resorts I've visited. There is no row after row of beach chairs lining the beach at this resort, only a handful of chairs scattered around the beach under the palm trees. The entry to the water is very rocky, but you will not necessarily need to wear your booties to help you get into the water. As you relax on this quiet beach, the activities on the pier as divers get ready to leave for or return from their diving expeditions will provide you with some great people watching.

## Lion's Dive Resort

As at Buddy Dive Resort, Lion's Dive Resort has its white-sand beach area on top of a seaside cliff. This area has many wonderful shady spots for you to keep out of the sun should you want to. Its quiet ambiance is the perfect place to finish your latest paperback and enjoy a cold drink. From this area you only need to go down some stairs to reach the miniature beach at water level. I am sure you will find some special snorkeling spots to keep you occupied for some time while identifying the sea creatures near the cliff. When you're done relaxing, how about a mid-day snack?

## Plaza Resort

The beach at Plaza Resort is the longest natural beach of all the resorts I've visited in Bonaire.

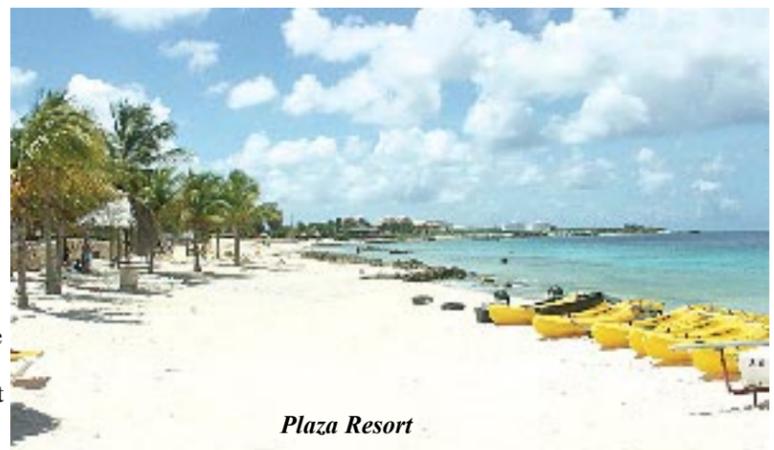
The many palm trees found on the beach provide some wonderful shady spots to settle and relax during the heat of the day. If you do not like to

stay idle for too long, why not go snorkeling for a while. You will be amazed at the amount of fish that you will spot near the Plaza beach – and some fish are 'that big.' A little thirsty from your snorkeling expedition? I am sure you will find something to quench your thirst at the beach bar. □

*Josée Bolduc Frosst*



Eden beach



Plaza Resort

## KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

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

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	COEF
10-08	4:51	0.9FT.	31
10-09	5:11	0.9FT.	37
10-10	5:20	1.0FT.	47
10-11	5:14	1.1FT.	59
10-12	4:56	1.1FT.	71
10-13	0:19	1.3FT.	82
10-14	2:08	1.2FT.	90
10-15	13:19	1.8FT.	95

## VESSELS MAKING A PORT CALL:

Akka	Jeanius	Sagitarus, Aruba
Angie	Karacoli, Venezuela	Sandpiper, USA
Alegria, USA	Leprechaun	Santa Maria, Sweden
Alaluya	Lucky Lobster, Anguilla	Scintilla, Germany
Alina	Luna C. USA	Sea-ista
Aloah	Macaby, Netherlands	Side by Side
Acaroa, Curaçao	Madrigal Maggie	Sirius
Baku	Makai	Skylark 2
Bon Vivant	Marathon	Sol y Mar
Bright Sea	Marvin	Sommer Fuglen
Camissa, Chan Is.	Marnel IV	Sojourner
Cap du Long, Curaçao	Melody, Curaçao	Sylvia K
Cape Kathryn	Michelle	Synergy, St Martin
C'est la Vie, St. Martin	Moon Rice	Sylvester, USA
Casse Tete V, Curaçao	Natural Selection, USA	Teshi, Aruba
Chacuco	Ninfa di Awa, Curaçao	Ti Amo, USA
Chamba II, Curaçao	Nessie, Aruba	Tilu
Dauntless, Curaçao	Oasis	Time Out
Delphinus	One Way Wind	Tothill
Dos Primu, USA	Ottifant	Tu-Tutt
Dream Catcher, I USA	Paganini II	Ty Dewi, USA
El Sabor	Pamela Jean	Tween
Escapade	Papyro	Ulu Ulu, USA
Eva Luna, Aruba	Pastime	Unicorn, Norway
Fan-Fan	Phryne	Varedhuni, Germany
Flying Cloud, USA	Pomona	Ventura II, Costa Rica
Frajola	Precocious Gale, USA	Venus Callipyge
Gatsby, USA	Propinquity, Curaçao	Volare, Venezuela
Gosi	RBTT, Curaçao	Windboer III
Grey Lady	Revid	Wind Hush II, Curaçao
Guaicamar I, Venezuela	Reved	Windmiller, Canada
Honalee, USA	Reward	Ya-T, BVI
Hotel California Too, USA	Rumbacon	Zahi, Malta
Iliza	Safari	

COVER

# REGATTA



The 37<sup>th</sup> Bonaire Regatta's official opening began with a Nations Flag Parade of 24 countries and a spirited address by Governor Herbert Domacassé. Stands lined the Promenade from City Café to Wilhelmina Park with satellites at Karel's Beach Bar and Regatta House. The streets were filled with people for the first night of the Festival.

As we go to press there are 29 yachts entered, 22 Optimists, 23 Sunfish, 3 beach cats, 3 lasers and 46 windsurfers in all classes. They will be joined by the Fishing Boats and the Microboats, ensuring that this Regatta will be one of the largest ever.

Early Monday morning the racing began with the start of the Around the Island Race, and for the non-race classes, the Lac Bay Race. A squall passing to the south briefly offered strong wind, and a rainbow was high in the sky to the north. The J-24s were the first off, followed by the racing, open and cruising classes. There were lots of familiar boats like the record holder of the race at 6 hours-15 minutes, the Santa Cruz 70, *Hotel California Too*, and the J-24 *Chamba II* as well as new entries



*Just before the start of the first race, a rainbow lit the sky above the Venezuelan yacht Volare*

like the Jenneau 37, *Melody*, and Jenneau 36, *Avaroa II*. Multiple Regatta winner *Tambu* was racing under a new name, *Tu-Tuut*, with a Bonairean crew captained by Lele Davidson.

The Sunfish, Laser, Beach Cats, and Optimist classes followed; then came the wide board IMCO (Olympic) class windsurfer races. These race in Kralendijk Bay while the rest of the windsurf competition is in Lac Bay.

Freestyle windsurfing, the Microboats and the Fishing Boats will race after *The Reporter* goes to press.

The winner and first boat to cross the finish line in the Lac Bay race was Eleanor de Haas' *Synergy*, from St Maarten.

The first boat to cross the finish line in the Around the Island Race was *Hotel California Too*, but she couldn't save her time and *Volare* won on handicap.



*A favorite in the Regatta Opening Nations' Parade was a belly dancer from Lebanon.*



*Tu Tuut is the former Regatta winner Tambu. We'll see if she can do it again.*



*Wind Hush II, a former Bonaire race winner now based in Curaçao, is second in her class.*



*The biggest fleet was the Optimist bolstered by a container-full of Curaçao boats*  
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**Regatta** (Continued from page 10)

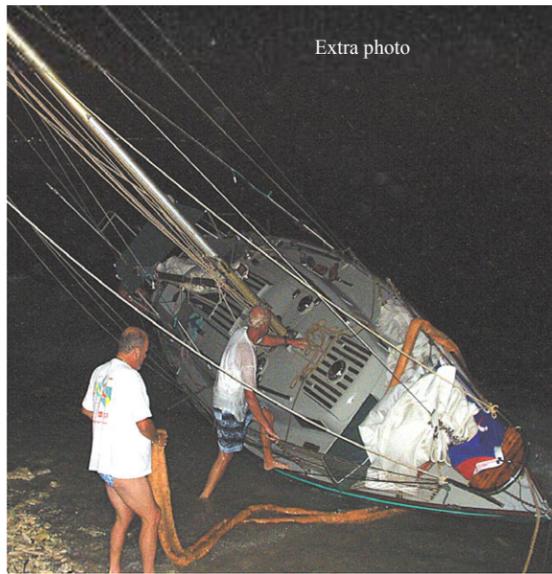
Complete results will be in next week's issue of *The Reporter*.

Early Tuesday morning a passing squall reversed the wind to south westerly in the Kralendijk anchorage making for a rough and dangerous time. Luckily for most of the Regatta fleet it lasted only a few minutes.

However, the Cruising Class racer *Dauntless*, a Cutlass 27 from Curaçao, broke free of her mooring and was driven ashore.

Although she grounded on sand there was damage to her keel and she cannot continue racing.

Head Judge, Hernan Salcedo from Colombia, announced that the Colombian Government, in an effort to promote traditional sailing, will transport Fishing Boats willing to participate in a regatta on the Colombian resort island of Providenciales next June. The announcement may help to breathe new life into the class which has diminished in the last few years. The Fishing Boats began racing Wednesday. □ G.D.



Extra photo

*Yacht Dauntless on the beach. She was lifted off by crane the next morning.*



*Patun Saragoza backs out a wide IMCO (Olympic Class) board*

### 37<sup>th</sup> BONAIRE REGATTA 2004 PROGRAM

#### Thursday October 7th 2004

1000-1700	Sailing Races	Kas di Regatta
1100-1300	Kayak Races *	Kas di Regatta
1230-1300	Press Briefing	Kas di Regatta
1400-1730	DJ Music/Activities	Kas di Regatta
1500-1700	Fishing Boat Races	Kas di Regatta
1500-1800	Windsurfing Kids Races	Sorobon Beach
1600-1800	Micro Boat Races/Swimming Contest	Kas di Regatta
1600-2000	After the Race Happy Hour	Kas di Regatta
1730-1900	Working Boat Parade *	Kralendijk Harbour
1830-2300	3 <sup>rd</sup> Int'l Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
2000-0100	Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

#### Friday October 8th 2004

1000-1700	Sailing Races	Kas di Regatta
1200-1230	Press Briefing	Kas di Regatta
1400-1900	Music/Activities	Kas di Regatta
1400-1800	3 <sup>rd</sup> Int'l Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
1500-1700	Fishing Boat Races	Kas di Regatta
1500-1700	Windsurfing Kids Races	Sorobon Beach
1600-1730	Micro Boat Races/Swimming Contest	Kas di Regatta
2000-2130	Awards Ceremony/Closing Regatta	Kas di Regatta
2130-0300	Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard

#### Saturday October 9th 2004

1000-1800	Final Ladies Softball Tournament	La Sonrisa Ball Park
1600-1800	12 <sup>th</sup> Niki Tromp Youth Bike Show *	St. Bernardus School
2000-0300	Closing Regatta Festival	Regatta Boulevard



- For Kayak Races, contact Andre Nahr at Bonaire Dive and Adventure tel. (599717) 2227
- For the Working Boat Parade, contact Capt. Ulf Pedersen of Woodwind at tel. 5607055
- For the Niki Tromp Youth Bike Show, contact Mr. Churney Bomba at tel. (599717) 6873 or (5999) 5684565
- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Ladies Softball Tournament, contact Edsel Pieter at 7860406

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 only: munawarali13@hotmail.com  
 Mr. Munawar Ali, A-17, 106 Depot  
 Lines, Karachi 74400, Pakistan

**REUNITED**



Many things do not have a happy ending -  
 so when there is one it's great to share.  
 The tan dog with the black collar went  
 home to his owners.....and the Dalmatian  
 mix puppy was adopted by some people -  
 so both dogs who were listed in this col-  
 umn have happy homes now.

**PROPERTY**

**WANTED:** 2-3 bedroom furnished house  
 Jan. 10- June 10. Budget 500-700,00 NAF  
 per month. Email tysonpoor@hotmail.  
 com or call 785-6820. Island references  
 available.

**For Rent:** Comfortable 2-bedroom beach  
 villa-weekly or monthly-choice location-  
 Privacy & security- July 15 to Jan 15-  
 Brochure available-Phone (Bon) (599)  
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**Large house for rent** ( 4 bedrooms and 2  
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 with aluminum floors. With trailer. In  
 very good condition. Only NAf5400.  
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**FOR SALE**

For Sale: A Jeep **Daihatsu Terios**, 2002,  
 in very good condition. Tel:566-4119

For sale: **Almost new stroller**, NAf 100.  
 Tel. 717-7977

**PET of the WEEK**

This photo doesn't show just how  
 silky and shiny little "Georgie's"  
 luxurious coat is. This pup, with an out-  
 standing personality, is about five to six  
 months old and has nearly reached his  
 ultimate size – he's only about five kilos.  
 He's such a gentle, easy going type that  
 all the other much younger puppies in  
 the kennel just love to play with him.  
 Georgie is inquisitive, fun and will re-  
 spond well to training, according to the  
 expert staff at the Shelter. He's been  
 checked out by the vet and is healthy,  
 had his tests and shots and is ready to go.  
 The adoption fee of NAf105 includes all  
 these services plus the sterilization fee.  
 To meet Georgie, visit the Bonaire Ani-  
 mal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open  
 Monday through Friday 8 am to 2 pm, Sat-  
 urdays until 1. Tel. 717-4989.



"Georgie"

and Ashley, have all been adopted! Con-  
 gratulations to all! There have been 126  
 adoptions so far this year. □ L.D.

**FREE STERILIZATION PROGRAM**  
**OCTOBER 18 to 30.**  
**Animal Shelter's Community-wide Program**  
**Tell Your Neighbors!**

The planning for the  
 massive Sterilization  
 Program, from October 18 to  
 30 is coming along well. The  
 veterinarians will be arriving  
 soon; the operating room is  
 nearly complete as are the  
 tables and other fixtures. Res-  
 ervations are being taken now  
 at the Shelter for dogs to be  
 sterilized. Call them at 717-  
 4989 to make a reservation  
 and they'll contact you later  
 for an exact appointment.  
 Shelter Manager Jurrie  
 Mellema reports that so far  
 there have been 55 reserva-  
 tions. "We want to do a good  
 job here," he says. "We don't  
 want to have rush jobs. We  
 hope to sterilize between 200  
 to 300 dogs. The dogs we are  
 targeting are those who run  
 freely in the streets and who  
 are not owned by anyone but  
 are fed by someone."



*Shelter Manager Jurrie Mellema and carpenter  
 Frensel Marcera working on some of the operating  
 tables to be used for the Sterilization Program. In the  
 foreground are the "preparation" tables.*

Support for this Herculean  
 endeavor (which has been  
 talked about for many years  
 but has never before come to  
 fruition) has come from many different companies and individuals, but the Shelter  
 could still use some sponsors to help to pay for car rentals and dive tanks to be donated  
 to the veterinarians who are volunteering their time and services for free. If you can  
 help, it would be much appreciated. If you wish to be an anonymous donor that's fine  
 too. This is a project that can be super-successful with community-wide support. □L.D

# THE NINA AND TONY SHOW

Last Saturday evening the Cinnamon Art Gallery hosted a gala opening to celebrate two local painters: Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad. Nina



*Nina Ledezma*

arrived in Bonaire in 1996 from Venezuela, never having painted before. Something about the island touched her and she began painting profusely. Her studies of island flora, the birds and even the undersea she infuses with explosions of color but still with a delicacy in rendering. You can't call her work "naïf." She's leapfrogged over that into producing paintings that come from a mature but fanciful mind.

Tony Trinidad portrays real Bonairean scenes in a straightforward but sometimes wistful manner. His images are clear and his colors are true. There is nothing unfinished about his paintings. We get the whole story and it's a very

pleasing one. Tony has honed his artistic skills for a number of years by painting Bonairean mini scenes, birds and animals on small rocks. His rock art miniatures are for sale at the Gallery too.

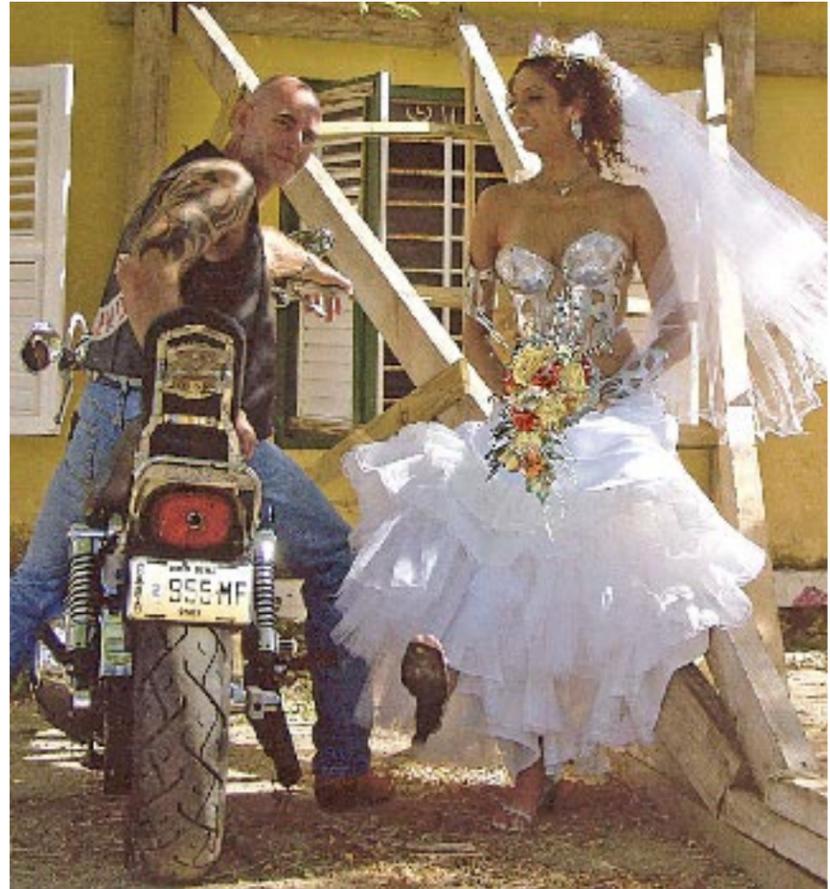


*Tony Trinidad*

Tony was the musical talent that evening, serenading the guests with his mellow voice, singing traditional Bonairean songs.

Stop by the Cinnamon Gallery and see these two talents for yourself while the exhibit lasts – until November 3. Other artists' works are hanging as well. Cinnamon Gallery is at Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. □ *L.D.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



One of the island's favorite people, Desirée Marchena, TCB coordinator, recently married Jack Boeje in a small ceremony in Saba. Jack is the owner of the Harley Davidson dealership in Curaçao. Desirée arrived at the wedding on the back of a Harley driven by Jack. She wore a long satin skirt and a metal "bustier," designed to mimic Jack's tattoo. Queenly as always, Desirée wore a rhinestone tiara and carried a bouquet of silk flowers designed by Hecky of Showcase Bonaire. □ *L.D.*

*Readers are invited to send their photos of their engagement or wedding to The Reporter. The photo will be printed, free of charge.*



# BONAIRE HIT PARADE



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	3	2	X-CLUSIVE	ERDAT SIN MIEDU
	8	2	NINA SKY	LOVE YA BODY
	7	2	MC WILLIAM/STEPHEN	PIEDRA PRECIOSA
	9	2	MC FARAH	WEG'I BASEBALL
	10	2	NELLY/JAHEIM	MY PLACE
	11	1	JUAN LUIS GUERRA	PARA TI
	13	1	KASSAV	JUMP
	12	1	EL MEZCLADOR	WHAT HAPPENED
	14	1	STRONGBOYZ	BULA AFO
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LISTEN TO THE TOP HITS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 12 NOON - 1 PM  
 This list is compiled by the staff of Digital FM 91.1 and shows this week's (TW) and last week's (LW) songs. □

## DIGITAL FM'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

*Congratulations to Digital FM, 91.1, for completing their first year of broadcasting.*

*José Ostos and Zamir Ayubi*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEEKLY MOVIE SHOWTIMES

New! Usually 9:00 pm

### Colleteral (Jamie Foxx)

Early Show (usually 7pm)

### The Clearing

Kaya Prinses Marie  
Behind Exito Bakery  
Tel. 717-2400

Tickets - NAf10,50 (incl. Tax)  
High Schoolers - NAf7,75

NEW FILMS BEGIN EVERY FRIDAY

SATURDAY 4 PM **Two Brothers**

SUNDAY MATINEE 4 PM

**Cat Woman**

#### THIS WEEK

**Thursday, October 7- REMAX ANNI-VERSARY PARTY** at 6-8:30 pm at the Re/Max office in the Palm Gallery.

**Thursday, October 7- Regatta Boat Pa-rade** 5:30-dusk. Kralendijk Bay

**Saturday, October 9-Grand Opening of Caribbean Club Conference Room.** HH drinks, BBQ snacks, Irish singer Dave Mullins, Kibra Hacha Dancers. 7 pm, Caribbean Club at Hilltop. 717-7901.

**Until November 3 - Cinnamon Art Gal-ery** show of paintings by Nina Ledezma and Tony Trinidad, open weekdays 9-12, 2-5 or by appointment. Kaya A.P.L. Brion #1, just off Kaya Grandi, behind Banco di Caribe. Tel.717-7103 or 786-9563.

**October 3-10—37th Annual Bonaire In-ternational Sailing Regatta** (see page 11 for the remaining Regatta schedule)

**October 8-9—3rd International Ladies Softball Tournament,** Sonrisa Ballpark at Tera Cora. **Dance Friday** at Tera Cora Ranch: Music by Glenn and Friends; Dj. Juan Danger, and Dj. Shanon Isabella.

**Sunday, Oct. 10th** at 5 pm at KonTiki, **The Down Town Dixie Society** band from the Netherlands. There will be snacks and drinks. Entrance is free. This concert is sponsored by Budget Rent-a-Car.

#### EVERY WEEK

**Sunday** -Live music 6 to 9 pm while en-joying a great dinner in colorful tropical ambiance at the **Chibi Chibi Restaurant & Bar.** Open daily 5 to 10 pm. Live **Fla-Bingo** with great prizes, starts 7 pm, Divi Flamingo

**Monday -Soldachi Tour of Rincon, the heart of Bonaire,** 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria 717-6435

**Monday -Rum Punch Party on the beach at Lion's Dive.** Dutch National Products introduces Time Sharing and how to save on your next vacation. 6:15 to 7 pm

**Tuesday-BonaireTalker Dinner/ Gathering** at Gibi's Terrace-6:30pm -call Jake at 717-6773 or e-mail jake@bonairetalk.com for more infor.

**Tuesday -Harbour Village Tennis, Social Round Robin** 7 to 10 pm. \$10 per person. Cash bar. All invited. Call Elisabeth Vos at 565-5225 /717-7500, ext. 14.

**Wednesday -Meditation at Donkey Beach** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Open to all. Call S.H.Y. 790-9450

**Wednesday -Sand Dollar Manager's Cocktail Party,** Mangos Bar and Restaurant

**Friday -Manager's Rum Punch Party, Buddy Dive Resort,** 5:30-6:30 pm.

**Friday- Open House with Happy Hour** at the **JanArt Gallery** at Kaya Gloria #7, from 5-7 pm.

**Saturdays during summer Rincon Mar-**

shé opens at 6 am - 2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop: fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets and snacks, arts and handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks and music.

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**Daily-** The Divi Flamingo Casino is open daily for hot slot machines, roulette and black jack, Monday to Saturday 8 pm- 4 am and Sunday 7 pm- 3 am.

#### FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Sunday- Discover Our Diversity Slide Show.** Buddy Dive at the pool bar, 7 pm 717-5080

**Wednesdays (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) Turtle Conservation Slide Show** by Andy Uhr. Carib Inn seaside veranda, 7 pm

**Friday- Week in Review Video Presenta-tion** by the Toucan Dive Shop at the Plaza's Tippy Seagull, 5 pm. 717-2500.

**Friday- The Captain Don Show-** Conversa-tion, fun, yarns, a few slides. Guaranteed 85% true. Aquarius Conference Room. Captain Don's Habitat 8:30 pm Tel. 717-8290

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**The Bonaire Swim Club-** Contact Valarie Stimpson at 785-3451 or Valrie@telbonet.an

**Cinnamon Art Gallery -** Volunteers to help staff gallery during the day. Contact Wendy Horn, at 717-3902 or 785-9700.

**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 -** Contact Delno Tromp, 717-7659

#### CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

**Bridge Club - Wednesdays,** 7:30 pm at the Union Building on Kaya Korona, across from the RBTT Bank and next to Kooyman's. 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.

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

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

**Rotary** lunch meetings Wednesday, 12 noon-2 pm - Rendez-Vous Restaurant, Kaya L.D. Gerharts #3. All Rotarians are welcome. Tel. 717-8454

#### BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

**Mangazina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse" while learning about Bonaire's history and culture and visit typical homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060 or 790-2018

**Go to the source.** Visit the **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.



## Marshé Rincon

Saturday, October 9th

Marshé Rincon celebrates Grand Regatta Closure

- The Foyan Boys and DJ Edison will entertain from early in the morning till 4 pm.
- Our booths will display art, handicrafts and souvenirs. Lots more for sale
- Indulge yourself with our delicious local dishes, grill, sweets and more.
- From early sunrise breakfast to late afternoon Warapa refreshment
- Soldachi Tours show you the Rincon area . Alta Mira Nature Walking Tour at 6:30 am. Town Walking tour at 9:30, Bus Tour at 10. Call Maria at 717-6435 to reserve.

Come enjoy our Culture

Nos ta wardabo (We expect you)

**Rincon Marshé-** every Saturday - 6 am to 3 pm. Open market in Bonaire's historic town. **Soldachi Tours** show you the Rincon area . **Alta Mira Nature Walking Tour** at 6:30 am. **Town Walking tour** at 9:30, **Bus Tour** at 10. Call Maria at 717-6435 to reserve.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

**International Bible Church of Bonaire –** Kaya Amsterdam 3 (near the traffic circle)

**Sunday Services at 9 am; Sunday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm** in English. Tel. 717-8332

**Protestant Congregation of Bonaire.** Wilhelminaplein. Services in Papiamentu, Dutch and English on **Sundays at 10 am.**

**Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 8 pm.** Rev. Jonkman. 717-2006

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

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

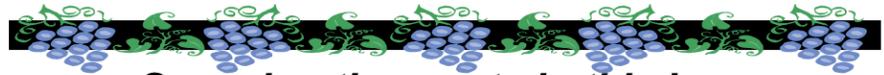
**Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios),** Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). Services in Eng-lish, Dutch & Papiamentu on **Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm.** 717-2194

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

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Send events to **The Bonaire Reporter**  
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Tel/Fax. 717-8988, Cel. 791-7252

# DINING GUIDE



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RESTAURANT	PRICE RANGE / WHEN OPEN	FEATURES
<b>Bella Vista Restaurant</b> Sea Side Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort 717-5080, ext. 535	Moderate. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Open every day	Magnificent Theme Nights: Sunday: Beach Grill; Wednesday: Mexican Night; Friday: Manager's Rum Punch Party and All-You-Can-Eat B.B.Q
<b>Calabas Restaurant &amp; Chibi Chibi Restaurant and Bar</b> 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 beautiful turquoise setting when enjoying a breakfast buffet or a la carte lunch and dinner at the 'Chibi Chibi' restaurant & bar. Enjoy inspiring vistas and a high standard of international cuisine.
<b>Crocantino Italian Restaurant</b> Downtown at Kaya Grandi 48 717-5025	Moderate-Expensive Dinner Closed Monday	Skilled chef direct from Tuscany prepares exquisite dishes. Authentic ingredients and romantic setting make dining a total delight. Be served in a garden setting under floating umbrellas or in air-conditioned comfort. Take out too.
<b>Garden Café</b> Kaya Grandi 59 717-3410	Moderate Monday-Friday, Lunch & Dinner Saturday, Dinner. Closed Sunday	Finely prepared Middle Eastern cuisine plus Venezuelan specialties. Excellent vegetarian selections. Pizza and Latin Parilla
<b>The Last Bite Bakery</b> <b>CLOSED Sept. 23 thro Oct. 14.</b> 717-3293 <b>Home Delivery or Take Out</b>	Low-Moderate Orders taken 8 am-4 pm; Deliveries 6-7:30pm, Closed Sunday	Enjoy a delicious dessert or savory baked meal in the comfort of your home or resort. This unique bakery offers <b>gourmet class items</b> - always from scratch- for take out or delivery only.
<b>The Lost Penguin</b> Across from MCB Bank in downtown Kralendijk Call 717-8003.	Low-Moderate Breakfast, Lunch, Early Dinner 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.
<b>Nonchi's at Cultimara</b> 791-4280	Low Open 5 am-8 pm Monday-Saturday	Delicious local and international food to take out, or eat there. Everyday a different combo. Sandwiches and roast chicken too. Lunch from NA/7-
<b>Pasa Bon Pizza</b> On Kaya Gob. Debrot ½ mile north of town center. 790-1111	Low-Moderate Open from 5-11 pm Wednesday-Sunday	Bonaire's best. The <b>Real Thing!</b> 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
<b>The Seahorse Cyber Café</b> Kaya Grandi #6. Phone 717-4888	Low-Moderate Open 7 am - 7 pm Closed Sunday	Tasty breakfasts, pastries, fresh tropical juices, homemade bread, special sandwiches, delicious desserts and more make this a favorite.



# SHOPPING GUIDE

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## AIRLINES

**BonairExel.** Bonaire's own ON TIME airline flying between Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba. Look for *The Bonaire Reporter* on board.

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**APA Construction** are professional General Contractors. They also specialize in creating patios and walkways with fabulous sprayed and stamped concrete pavement.

## CLEANING SERVICE

**Conetal Cleaning Service** cleans homes, apartments, offices. Offers babysitting, gardening, laundry.

## CYBER CAFES

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## Carmen Martinez

“**T**he situation in Colombia was critical. I was just separated from the father of my children and I couldn’t find work. So, when a friend of mine who was working in Curaçao came on vacation to Barranquilla, she told me she knew of someone in Bonaire who needed someone to take care of him, stay with him and do the house-keeping as he wasn’t healthy. He paid for my ticket and I came to Rincon. After three months I went back to pick up my two youngest children, Angie and Alex, who were nine and 12 at the time. My two eldest daughters, Marie Luz and Monica, stayed in Colombia. Marie Luz was already married and Monica stayed with an aunt.

Life in Rincon was just nice; we had goats and chickens and dogs and cats. The children adapted immediately. I bought them bicycles; they played with the donkeys; Alex would catch iguanas and make iguana *stoba* for his sister.

For five years we lived a quiet and very happy life. Then the man I was working for got sick and went to Curaçao where he died. I was very sad because he had helped us a lot. But we had to go on. The landlord let me take over the rent of the house. It wasn’t much, and I worked other houses - washing, cleaning, ironing - until I got a contract with Moreno Binelli at Croccantino - as a dishwasher, a steady job from 4 pm until midnight. That was the seventh year that we were here.

We moved to Playa because Alex was going to HAVO and Angie to MAVO, and it was more convenient to work as I didn’t have a car. I was very happy with the job; I could stay home all day and make breakfast and lunch for the children and be with them until I went to work. They never gave me any trouble, and I wasn’t a very strict mom; I simply raised them with lots of love. Sundays we would go swimming at the delicious beach of Hotel Bonaire. Even though it wasn’t allowed we would take our food and lemonade and sit in a little corner.

When Angie finished MAVO she fell in love with a Curaçaoeno and went to live in Curaçao where she had her baby. I left everything to be with Angie who was crying for her mama and helped her with the baby. There was no problem going there; we all had our Dutch passports.

In the meantime, my second daughter, Monica, had been to Bonaire several times, but she never really liked it and was working as a stewardess on a Venezuelan cruise ship. Marie-Luz, my eldest, had been to Bonaire once with one of her children, but she had her husband, her children and her work in

Colombia. So, after being one year with Angie in Curaçao, I had enough and went to Aruba.

I went to live with my son Alex and his Dutch girlfriend Ilonka, who used to be the co-owner of Best Buddies on Bonaire. I stayed for eight months, but I couldn’t find any work, got fed up and came back to Bonaire and Croccantino - not as a dishwasher but as an assistant cook! I rented an apartment in Playa.

The only one of my four children who’s living on Bonaire now is my daughter Monica. She came three years ago and met Rob, a Dutchman, and in June this year they got married. Monica works at Cappuccino, the coffee shop at the end of Karel’s pier. They’re living in Hato, together with Danny, Monica’s 12-year old son from a previous relationship. So, after all, Monica’s destiny has always been Bonaire!

“I love my children and my grandchildren. They are my life, my family, my everything; they’re all I have. But they all have gone their own ways, and anyway, your children don’t belong to you, they are loaned. So now I am alone, single without any commitments and my work is my ‘husband!’”

My daughter, Marie-Luz, is married in Colombia with two children. She’ll have her own beauty parlor. I love my children and my grandchildren, they are my life, my family, my everything; they’re all I have. But they all have gone their own ways, and anyway, your children don’t belong to you, they are loaned. So now I am alone, single without any commitments and my work is my ‘husband!’”

*Carmen Martinez (54) is a down-to-earth person, good looking, well dressed, to-the-point, but sweet and elegant as well.*

“I was born in Barranquilla. My mother died when I was a year old and I never knew what a mother’s kiss was like. My father lived in the country. I

didn’t see much of him. I was raised by my god-mother, my grandmother on mother’s side and an aunt. The last time I saw my father, I was eight. Then I heard he was bitten by a snake and died.

I went to school until the fifth grade. At 13 I was on my own and I left for Cartagena where I went to work for a lady in her house. When I went back to Barranquilla I met this boy. He was 18; I was 15. Two years later my eldest daughter was born.

My life has been poor when you’re talking about motherly love, but I always had plenty of food, I don’t know what hunger is and thank God, because my biggest hobby is eating!” *I tell her she doesn’t look like it and she smiles gracefully:* “Well, thank you so much!”

So, when I came back after Aruba I started working for very beautiful Elisabeth at Croccantino as an assistant cook until the chef brought his own wife over who took my job. I didn’t want to go back to dishwashing even if they raised my salary! I went to work at the airport cafeteria, but the problem was transportation because I had to be there at 4 am and I didn’t have any other means of transport but my legs. So I walked there every morning. I stayed for three months, then I went to work for Sylvia Abraham, God bless her heart, at the Great Escape.

I gave up my apartment in Playa and moved in with a friend of mine from Bogotá, who’d recently lost her husband, to keep each other company. Then, my youngest daughter, Angie, who lives with her 5-year old boy in Holland, in Leeuwarden, asked me to come and live with them. I went. Holland is nice, but when you don’t speak the language, you’re lost. Angie is studying to become a teacher. One more year and she’ll be ready and sure of a well-paying job.

For me it was different. I was depending on my daughter for everything and I felt useless because I couldn’t function on my own, I couldn’t move around. I worked for a Mexican woman three times a week, helping her with the household and her child. I worked like a donkey, but I didn’t make enough



Carmen Martinez

money. I went to the parks, happy with my grandchild, enjoying the flowers, but that was it. When I told Sylvia Abraham, ‘Ciao! I’m going to live in Holland,’ she’d said, ‘If you don’t get used to it and come back, my door is always open!’

So in August this year, after having been in Holland for four months, I came back to Bonaire to work for Sylvia, and I have to say, Bonaire is the best! If I hadn’t brought my children here, where would they be now? What would have become of them? They speak Spanish, Papiamentu, English and Dutch fluently. They never would have had the opportunity they’ve had here. I adore Bonaire. I love the tranquility, I love the people, I love the sea and I love its nature. You have to make your life easy and live happy. Everybody has problems, but you have to say ‘Thank you, God’ every day. If God wants me to stay here, I’ll stay here; my mind is not set to travel. I’d like to meet someone to spend my old age with, but so far, it’s better to stay alone than in bad company. I’m a person who will always pull through. You have to look for life in life.

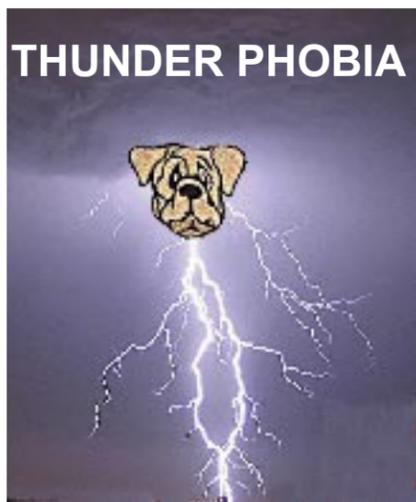
Thanks to Bonaire, my work and the people who care for me, I am where I am and so are my children.”

□ Greta Kooistra



Greta Kooistra

THE PET PROFESSOR  
  
 ANXIETIES and PHOBIAS



I had a dog named Banjo for 14 years. I adopted him from a shelter when he was a couple of years old. He was (probably) a breed called the Carolina Dog (a.k.a. North American Dingo). He was amazing; wonderful with kids and cats and other dogs, loved road trips, an excellent camping buddy, a champ at obedience, smarter than most people I know. When he was 9 or 10, something happened to Banjo. He had always preferred to stay outside as much as possible (he was the boss on our farm and liked to keep an eye on things), but suddenly he wanted to come in if the weather looked at all stormy. Maybe he had a close call with lightning, I don't know.

It quickly got worse. He would pace around the house whimpering and trembling, getting more and more frantic with each storm. (I should note that this was summer in North Carolina where thunder is an almost daily occurrence). One evening a storm came up quickly and I was not there to let him in. He first jumped through a screened door onto the porch, then through the top panel of another door, and then broke and chewed his way through a glass window. He was, incredibly, unhurt. I was appalled at the drastic measures he had taken. I had never heard of such an extreme case of thunder phobia (although I have since) and I knew we needed professional help.

There were at that time only nine board certified animal behaviorists in the US, fortunately one of them not too far from us, but the first opening she had was three months later! I already knew enough at this point in my life not to reinforce Banjo's behavior by petting him and telling him it's OK, etc. You can help most thunder phobic dogs (or dogs afraid of other loud noises such as fireworks) by simply remaining calm and unconcerned, asking the dog to lie down/stay on his bed and then ignoring him.

This did not work for Banjo. I had crate-trained him immediately after adopting him, and he loved his crate and slept in it all the time. So I tried putting him in his crate, hoping it would make him feel secure and keep him from harm. This didn't work either. There was no place where he felt safe, and I

was at a loss. Finally the appointment time came. The doctor had sent us a lengthy questionnaire to fill out first, asking details of his daily life, training level, personality, habits. When we saw her she did a full physical exam and pronounced him healthy. She then outlined for us a program of retraining and desensitization, and prescribed anti-anxiety medication (for Banjo, not me). Banjo's fear response was so severe that, without the medication, we would never have been able to do any training with him – he simply would not have been able to focus. The medication was similar to Prozac in that it acted on the serotonin levels in his brain, and it was calming but not sedating.

At first, we gave him the meds daily, then just during stormy conditions, and eventually (about a year later) not at all. The training program we followed involved first distracting him with obedience commands during storms (keeping him on a leash and asking him to sit-down-stay) and then encouraging him to lie down in a designated "safe" spot (a bed in a corner) while I calmly read a book nearby, ignoring both him and the storm.

At first, we also did daily desensitizing sessions, playing a tape of thunder at very low volume while distracting him. Remember I mentioned Banjo was smart? The second time we played the tape he looked at me accusingly and then attacked my speakers. It was a long road, but we got there in the end. With pharmaceutical help and lots of training, eventually he was able to simply go to his "safe" spot and ride out the storm. □

*Susan Brown*

*Susan Brown is a professional dog trainer on the island who has been in the "pet business" for 28 years. "I do anything related to pet care," she says, "training, pet sitting, grooming, even help with the after care of recuperating animals." For all your dog training or pet care needs contact Susan at the Pet Professor, e-mail: bandbfarm@yahoo.com or call 717-2620.*

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### CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL



Jerry Kaelin of Chicago, USA, windsurfed among the skyscrapers, wearing his "King of the Caribbean" T-shirt to the opening of the Chicago Jazz Festival concert on August 29, 2004. Singer Kurt Elling and saxophonist Von Freeman performed with the Chicago Jazz Orchestra at the new Millennium Park. Jerry poses with the vintage December, 2002 issue of *The Bonaire Reporter*, when Bonaire hosted its first World Freestyle Windsurfing Championship. In late September Jerry and photographer wife, Fran Langdon, returned to Bonaire for their 11th visit in 10 years. They were engaged in 1995 at Torri's Reef and honeymooned at Carib Inn in 1997. □

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## Autumn's Great Cosmic Square Replaces Summer's Great Cosmic Triangle

I've often reminded you that whenever the seasons change on Earth, so too do the stars change overhead, thus the phrase "the stars of the season."

Now that phrase, "stars of the season," usually refers to the major stars and star groups that reach their highest position above the horizon in mid-evening. So because autumn began two weeks ago we should already see a change in the stars overhead.

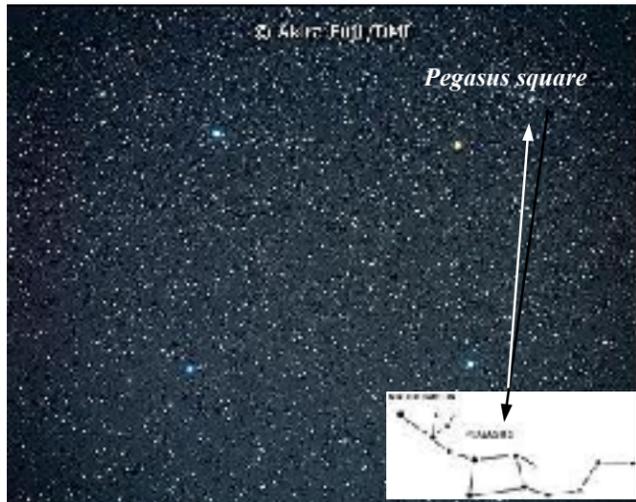
On any night during the first two weeks of October around 10 pm Sky Park Time, if you look just west of overhead you will see the three bright stars which make up the points of the **Summer Triangle**, the brightest being **Vega** in the constellation, **Lyra the Harp**; the second brightest, **Altair**, in **Aquila the Eagle**; and the third brightest, **Deneb**, in **Cygnus the Swan**.

Now during the first week of summer, at the end of June, the summer triangle was just rising in the east at 10 pm. But if you went out at 10 pm each successive week all summer long you would have noticed that the Summer Triangle was a little bit higher in the sky each week and by the end of August was almost directly overhead at 10 pm.

But if you looked to the northeast at 10 pm at the end of August you would have also noticed that the autumn constellation, **Cassiopeia**, a group of five stars which when connected by lines looks like the letter "m" or "w" on its side, was just rising. And if you looked just above and east of Cassiopeia you would have also seen four dimmer stars which, if you drew lines between them, make up a great rectangle or square. It's called the **Autumn Square** or the **Great Square of Pegasus** because it is part of the huge constellation **Pegasus**, the winged horse.

Then if you went out each successive week in September at 10 pm you would have noticed that the Summer Triangle was slowly moving past overhead and beginning its descent toward the western horizon while the Autumn Square of Pegasus was ascending higher and higher in the east, so that by the first two weeks of October it is almost overhead at 10 pm. And I think it is rather poetic that the three blazing hot stars that make up the Summer Triangle are replaced by the much dimmer and softer stars of the Autumn Square because autumn is after all the softest and gentlest season of the year.

So some night this week and next go out and see for yourself how the heavens above have their own seasons just as our Earth has below. Look first for the Summer Triangle west of overhead and beginning its descent toward the western horizon. Then look for autumn's Cassiopeia, in the northeast, and finally, almost overhead, autumn's biggest and gentlest Great Square which the ancient Babylonians believed was the doorway to paradise. And, if indeed autumn is a visual paradise on Earth, how appropriate that this lovely portal to a cosmic paradise heralds in the new season. □ *Jack Horkheimer*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

For the week:

October 8 to 15, 2004

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) You will have the discipline and fortitude to accomplish what you want this week. Someone you work with could have a personal interest in you. Find an outlet for any mounting frustration. Consider a creative hobby. Concentrate on yourself or your work. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can make money if you put your mind to it. Get involved in philosophic groups that will enlighten you. Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. Focus on what's important rather than spreading yourself too thin and accomplishing little. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Don't promise to deliver the goods if you aren't positive that you can meet the deadline. Take care of the needs of elders in your family. You will be misinterpreted if you get involved in other people's problems. Use your innovative mind to surprise youngsters. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) A lot can be accomplished if you organize your time. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents. You may want to clear the air where older relatives are concerned. Past partners are likely to reappear. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You can convince others to follow suit. Unexpected visitors will be a welcome surprise. Try to channel your energy into professional endeavors. Talk to others about your plans. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are evident. Don't expect support from your mate. You may find yourself in a romantic situation. You will expand your circle of friends if you join groups. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can make major gains if you talk to your boss about your findings. You can bet officials will be waiting for you when you do. Children may be difficult to deal with. Don't get involved in uncertain financial ventures. Channel your energy into passionate interludes with your lover. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't bother complaining, do the work yourself. Put your time and energy into travel, philosophy, and soul-searching. Take care of your personal needs. Talk to an older, established individual about your present situation. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Someone important may be watching you from afar. Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Jealous colleagues may try to undermine you. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Business trips might prove unproductive. Focus on your own domestic problems. You can elaborate on your creative ideas and get involved in groups that relate to the arts. You should check out prestigious clubs or groups that have a cause you believe in. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Your home environment appears to be a little shaky. Avoid getting involved with married individuals. Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. Now is a good time to ask for favors. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. Camping, swimming, and biking expeditions should all be considered. You may feel a need to make changes to your legal documents. Put your money into a safe place that will ensure a profit if you let it sit long enough. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. □

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