



An Aruban dande band

Aruba Tourism Authority (dande band); Opposite page: Courtesy of Rita Carlton Key Biscayne

WHERE THE PARTY MEETS THE PAVEMENT

Fort Lauderdale, FL; Nov. 14

The nationally recognized 13.1 Marathon® Series returns to Fort Lauderdale, bringing with it a newly added 5K. Runners participating in the 13.1® Fort Lauderdale Presented by Spirit Airlines Benefiting World Vision make their way through scenic Las Olas Boulevard, under the shade of trees, before finishing on the sandy beach of South Beach Park at the end of A1A. You'll experience running in a whole new way with music, dancers, and cheer groups rallying throughout the course. At the finish line, a grand finale post race beach party awaits with

live music, a pancake breakfast, family activities, free beer and much more. Runners receive a unique 13.1® Spinning Finisher's medal, a Craft Tech running T-shirt and 5,000 FREE SPIRIT™ bonus miles. www.131fortlauderdale.com

MUSIC AND TRADEWINDS

Aruba, Dec. 27

Aruba is known for its tradewinds, but there's another sound in the air this month, and it's the sound of music as the Dande Festival gets underway at Club Caiquetio in Oranjestad. More than 50 singers team up for this Aruban New Year's celebration, one of the island's biggest traditional musical events. Dande means "revel," and a dande group is a troupe of traveling musicians

who go door to door singing with their instruments to spread happiness and good wishes for the New Year. www.aruba.com/ExploreAruba/Culture/cultural_events.aspx#dSectionLnk96 (www.aruba.com/ThingstoDo/Events/Dande_Festival.aspx)

HOLLYWOOD BLUES

Hollywood; Dec. 10

If you love the blues, then don't miss charismatic blues-rock star Joe Bonamassa in concert at Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Unlike many blues guitarists, Bonamassa cites English artists as major influences, rather than Delta bluesmen. His latest album is called *Black Rock*, and it debuted at #1 on the Billboard Blues