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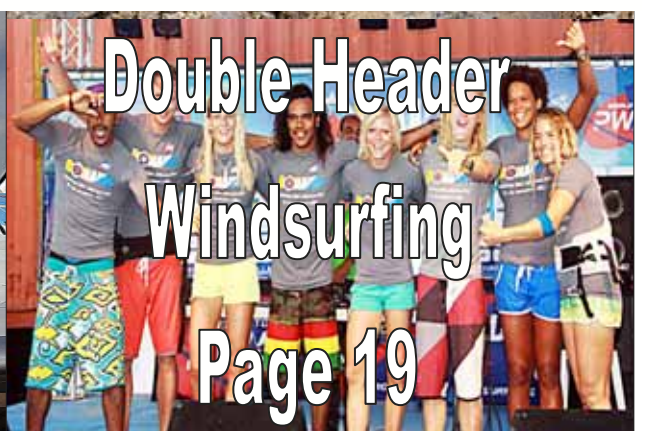
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The Executive Council of Bonaire reinstated the previously approved donkey control program, which had already been underway. That program calls for removal of as many breeding donkeys as possible from the wild. Sick donkeys are euthanized, females and youngsters are confined in the Donkey Sanctuary and healthy males are tagged and set free.



More signs to come

In early April, the island Executive Council reviewed the project at the request of experts from "The Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire" who objected to the project. They held that the donkey species on Bonaire is part of the Nubian breed that is threatened with extinction. They also said that the donkey does not harm nature and that motorists speeding and themselves cause accidents. According to them, the Donkey Sanctuary's care of captured donkeys was less than ideal.

The island government said they contacted a number of experts to discuss the objections. These experts have indicated that most of the donkey groups worldwide are descendants of the Nubian breed. So most likely donkeys in the region, according to DNA, possess the same material as the donkeys on Bonaire. This makes the donkey on Bonaire not so unique. **That Bonaire donkeys are endangered or rare was not proven.** Furthermore, the experts confirmed that indeed donkeys harm nature. Also a group of experts from the Donkey Sanctuary in England made an unannounced visit to the Donkey Sanctuary on Bonaire. These experts have indicated that **the donkeys in the Bonaire Sanctuary are in excellent condition and are treated very well.** They issued a confirming report. The local government made it clear that the project is intended to make the island's donkey population manageable. It is certainly not intended to eradicate Bonaire's donkeys. The aim is to humanly capture donkeys and care for them in a way which will prevent them from suffering or death due to lack of food and water during the dry season and from diseases. Additionally donkeys die in accidents and are attacked

by aggressive dogs. The Donkey Sanctuary reported that many of the donkeys captured were unexpectedly weak or sick wild donkeys.

The Executive Council does support "The Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire" in their position that more traffic warning signs should be placed to avoid collisions. They will work with "The Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire" to improve this situation. The Executive Council is of the opinion that the donkey is part of the cultural history of the island and therefore it certainly is not the intention to eradicate the donkeys.

► **The Dutch language will no longer be a language of instruction on St. Eustatius.** English as the instruction language in combination with the CXC exam system appears as the option that best suits the local context and education opportunities on St. Eustatius.

According to a report the vast majority of the pupils on St. Eustatius would be better off getting a good foundation in standard English, being the language closest to their native language, Statia-English, given the geographical location of the island and the fact that English is a universal language.

► **The Department of Public Health / Public Health Service reported on Friday, June 13, a confirmed case of Chikungunya.** An Asian/African disease, Chikungunya recently appeared in the Caribbean. The disease is usually mild, but in exceptional situations persistent symptoms occur. The measures to be taken in order to prevent the spread of Chikungunya are the same as those to prevent Dengue. Both are transmitted by the day-biting mosquito *Aedes aegypti* (photo). The disease begins with **acute flu-like**



► **In 2011, Artist Janice Huckaby thought that the Passangrahan building was due for a restoration.** It was showing major signs of neglect. Janice started a painting to portray the building as it was in 1991, from a photograph taken when she first moved to Bonaire. She has worked on the painting as an ongoing project during the past three years. It's her artistic way to save and preserve the culture and historical scenes of Bonaire. Now both the restoration of the Passangrahan and the painting are now completed. The painting is a commemoration of Bonaire historical sites. It is now on display and available for purchase at the JanArt Gallery on Kaya Grandi 14. Painting: 30" x48" Oil on Canvas by Artist Janice Huckaby Baillie [www.janartbonaire.com](http://www.janartbonaire.com)

**symptoms.** Typical symptoms of Chikungunya infection are fever, joint pain and rash. The name Chikungunya comes from Swahili and means "that which is crooked." The disease often progresses mildly. The symptoms disappear spontaneously and usually last no longer than one week. Only rarely are there complications. After once having suffered the disease, there is life-long immunity.

**Avoid being bitten by this mosquito.** The most effective prevention for Chikungunya and Dengue is to prevent breeding of the mosquitoes. A mosquito does not need much water and can even breed in an object the size of a soda bottle cap. Bonaire's Public Health Service Department recommends you inspect for possible breeding places of mosquitoes at least once a week.

► **The parrot (Lora) conservation organization, Echo,** has a new range of organic, sustainable T-shirts and accessories for sale. On Bonaire T-shirts are available from BonPhoto and Flow located at Kaya Gob N Debrot 103 Kralendijk. The T-shirts are \$25 and all funds raised go to help parrots. If you are overseas you can purchase various T-shirts, mugs and bags online from <http://www.cafepress.com/forparrots/10459040>.

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**Echo supports the conservation and protection of the Yellow shouldered Amazon Parrot,** locally known as the 'Lora' and is always looking for innovative ways to raise much needed funds.



T-shirts are certified organic cotton made by Royal Apparel USA and printed with plant-based inks. It's worth visiting Flow to check out the T-shirts just to see the beautiful and eco friendly driftwood display made by Echo's director, **Sam Williams (photo)**.

Buy an Echo t-shirt today and show your support for the Lora!

To stay up to date with Echo's activities follow Echo on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/echobonaire.org](http://www.facebook.com/echobonaire.org)

► **Bon Bida Spa & Gym is offering fitness classes for mom and baby.** This is a program especially designed for mothers and their babies to stay in shape. Classes are every Saturday at 11:45 am and are fun, informative and effective. Attention is also given to the development of motor skills and communication with the baby. This program is suitable for babies between 3 and 10 months and the cost is only \$10 per

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Ruthy Pauletta—Dutch fan

► For 32 days, 32 teams and more than 700 players are competing in venues all around Brazil. This amazing spectacle comes at an equally amazing price for that nation—an estimated \$11 billion. **It's the Football (Soccer) World Cup.** And all the games are televised in Bonaire. Don't plan to get much done here when The Netherlands is playing. And so far the team is undefeated. ■ *G./L.D.*

► **On June 15 at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport a steering group was established to speed up the plans and to seek financing for the €25 million new and expanded terminal building at Bonaire's Flamingo Airport.**



Inside the new terminal

CEO of KLM, **Camiel Eurlings**; Vice Chairman of Air-France-KLM, **Peter Hartman**; Chief Executive Officer of TUI/ Arke **Elie Bruyninckx**; and **Paul Riemens** of the Netherlands Air Traffic Control are now members of the steering group, chaired by Bonaire Commissioner **Edsel Winklaar**. The Curaçao airline InselAir has also committed its support

The present Flamingo Airport terminal will more than double; the terminal's lower level will grow to 8,000 square meters and retain the open air concept.

There will be enough space processing plane loads of passengers efficiently and for stores and restaurants. The plans are part of phase three of the airport's renewal and expansion.

Phase one was the extension of the runway. Phase two will be a new air traffic control tower and platform. The Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment financed the first phase and will also pay for the second phase. The Flamingo Airport itself, however, will have to finance the third phase.

KLM said it wants to make Bonaire a regional hub between Europe and Latin America in conjunction with InselAir and Brazil's GOL. According to Peter Hartman, Air France-KLM partner, Delta airlines, also has shown interest in using the airport as a hub between North and South America. Hartman said he also saw a role for Bonaire for cargo which would include flowers from Colombia and Ecuador.

Commissioner Winklaar stated in a press release that a **key factor for phase three, the new terminal, to happen, Air France-KLM, Arke and the Netherlands Air Traffic Control should help convince the Dutch Government that investments in the development of Bonaire's infrastructure are the effective weapons against unemployment, social problems, crime and poverty.** ■ *G./L.D.*



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# Born on Bonaire... September 9th, 1989 – Paulo Allée

“At the age of two I took the keys of the car from my mother’s purse and I started the car all by myself. Most likely it was parked in reverse and so I went backwards and banged against a wall. Ha! I’ve kept the broken tail-lights.

I’ve always been a very active child; I played tennis and soccer and Little League and I windsurfed. During my high school years I went to Jong Bonaire where I made a lot of friends and met many different people. I got my scuba certification and I played roller hockey and basketball. It was fun! At SGB I went to Havo/Mavo. I was a bully, a diabolical kid, hahaha, but I never pestered children, I was after the teachers. People still remind me of it and I’m pretty sure that Nolly Oleana and Mr. van Brussel had a hard time. At that time my parents were already divorced and my dad was in Holland for a while and so my mom was held accountable; she had to come to school every day.

Then, four months later, my sister Angie, who is five years younger, fell ill... meningitis. It was dreadful and chaotic. It happened just before Sinterklaas (the 5<sup>th</sup> of December). That same night she was flown to Curacao and my mom went with her. My father was already back on the island. Angie stayed for months and months in intensive care at the hospital in Curacao and then went to a rehabilitation home. When my mother was on the island, she took care of me; I still got love and attention, but my life had completely changed and my little sister was violently ill.

I didn’t rebel. At school I was still really annoying, but I didn’t pester the teachers as much as before because my mom had other things on her mind. I think I picked up the bullying idea from the TV. I wasn’t a mean kid – it was more boyish pranks. I wanted attention. And, you know, I was tall, a very tall boy. From the time I was a toddler, people would always think that I was much older because of my height and so, they expected me to be much wiser. It wasn’t fun. Now I am 1.95 meters - 6.5 feet - and only sometimes do I feel that it is to my advantage.

When I was supposed to go to the third class of Havo, I went to the third of Mavo. I thought it would be easier and indeed, it was. I graduated from Mavo without any preparation. When I called my mom to tell her I had graduated, she cried. She couldn’t believe it. My teacher, Miss Dundas – I love that lady – had put all her energy in me. She pushed me and pulled me through. Every time I meet her in the street I have to hug her.

I was 16 and I went to MBO (Middle Professional Education) to do hospitality, but it was below my level, although being a chef was something I’d always liked. Thing is, I love to cook, but I make a big mess and I don’t like to clean up, haha! I was working five days, one day I went to school and one day I was off. I worked at Croccantino and at Wil’s Tropical Grill



Paulo Allée

but then I didn’t want to do the second year because it wasn’t a challenge and I am a person who loves challenges. I did get good points though.

In the meantime Angie had come home and she needed 24-hour care. Rosnalda, my mother’s cousin, looked after Angie and me as my mother had her own full-time job at the Salt Company. Rosnalda

spoiled us. She did everything for us, she was so sweet. Then, when I was 17, I went to Aruba and there, on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, I got drunk for the first time in my life. My mom was there too, but she was asleep. It was bad.

I went to study hospitality and tourism management, but I didn’t finish. I stayed on Aruba for three years while I had a girlfriend on Bonaire, and I would fly home almost every weekend. I think Aruba’s culture doesn’t fit me – it’s busy – different from Bonaire- and I really have such a love for Bonaire. After Aruba I went to Curacao to do tourism management and travel. It was great. I graduated within two years with very good points.

Life on Curacao was sweet. I had a ‘second set of parents’ with whom I stayed, good friends of my mother and the godmother of my sister – Aunt Icha and Zeus, her husband. They are very, very dear to me. Both my mom and Aunt Icha were at my graduation. I still go and see Aunt Icha and Zeus on a regular basis. My father, Eky, lives on Bonaire. He is remarried to Francey and she’s also my mother. They have a foster child; he’s my little brother. The relationship between my father and me is fine; we are very good friends.

Two years ago my sister Angie went to live in Holland. My mother made the decision because they could provide better care for her there. But it is hard, we miss her and it’s far and also very expensive. If only we could have the same quality of care here, then she could come back, if



Paulo and his mom, Paulina 'Poppy' Rodriguez

she wants to.

In 2012 I went to Holland to continue my studies at the same school from where my elder sister Roosje had graduated, the NHTV Breda University of Applied Sci-

ences. I was doing tourism management, marketing and communication. I’d been in Holland often so I knew what to expect. The school was one of the best recommended schools for tourism and I was the only Antillean person there – as far as I know. It was quite an experience because I am used to a relaxed way of living, like ‘everything’s going to be alright’ and ‘tomorrow is another day.’ Well, at that particular school I was the only one who thought like that – hahaha – so, you can imagine how that went. Life in Holland wasn’t bad; on the weekends I worked at a club, ‘Bed Breda,’ one of the best music clubs in the city of Breda.

When you have the mentality of ‘Just do it!’ things will fall into place, but when you try to change yourself in order to adapt to the Dutch standards, then you’ll lose your identity. That’s what you notice when Antillean people live in Holland for a long time and then come back to the islands.

I stayed for a year. I learned a lot but I didn’t finish the school. In 2013 I came back and my mom told me, ‘You’re not sitting at home doing nothing.’ I arrived on a Thursday and the following Tuesday I started working for TCB. In 2011 I’d done an internship there and when I went to say hello they were on a project and asked me to join them. While I worked for TCB, I founded an events company together with Hennyson Thielman. We’d had those plans back in the days both of us were studying in Holland when we were wondering ‘what are we going to do

the initiative. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, we held our first event, a music event at Karel’s Beach Bar. We’d expected a turnout of 300 to 400 people – because that is a lot for Bonaire - and we got 600 people. During the Regatta we had our second event, ‘Azure,’ also at Karel’s, and that was one of the biggest paid parties that year on Bonaire. About 1,000 people showed up and we broke Karel’s pier. We’d never expected such a success and it gave us a huge boost to go on.

I’ve worked for four months at TCB and now I’m doing marketing at BONHATA. It’s a challenge. I work hard and I want to accomplish something in life. People always told me, ‘You are the future,’ and ‘Bonaire needs you,’ but when I came back from Holland I found out that the older people who are in charge are not willing to relinquish their positions.

Well, I know what I want and I’m going for it. I love to travel, my whole family loves to travel, but I love Bonaire most of all. This is my home and I find my peace here. It’s my paradise. Bonaire has so much to offer, so many opportunities to explore and it’s a perfect place to start a family as well. Let me tell you this: If people don’t laugh at your dreams, then you’re not dreaming big enough.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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## Jibe City Fashion Show



On Sunday, June 8, Jibe City put the frosting on the cake of their 25 year anniversary celebrations with a fashion show that was over the top with well known faces, antics, great jivey music and enough energy to send Jibe City to the moon! Beginning on May 23 organizer Monique van Gurp had trainings with the

pros, races with kids and "oldies," barbecues and music. This was an event that will live on forever.

Thank you, Ernst van Vliet, for starting Jibe City way back in 1989 with a couple of surf boards, an old car and some friendly dogs. ■ Photo & story by Laura DeSalvo

## Sunfish, Optimists Race

Bonaire, Kant 'i laman –

On Sunday June 8th some 30 sailors met at the Kas di Regatta for the captains' meeting. Races were organized for Sunfish sailing boats and Optimists. Final club championships were held for three different classes of Sunfish sailors and a bunch of youngsters in Optimists. This was also the day for the final selection of sailors who will represent Bonaire during the Sunfish World Championships, to be held October 8-18, on a five-mile stretch of open water on the Neuse River, Arapahoe, North Carolina.

Local races started at 2 in the early afternoon. Wind was firm and competition was serious and tough.

After the races the winners were announced:

Optimist B: 1 Danyal Herlaar, 2 Finn van Dam, 3 Luca Davidsson, 4 Alex Tromp.

Optimist A: 1 Yorick van Blerk, 2 Rowan Beenakker, 3 Daan Peeters, 4 Rudo de Vries.

Sunfish C: 1 Alyssa and Daphne Wijnand, 2 Brandon Begina, 3 Justin Pherai.



Optimist B sailors Danyal Herlaar, Luca Davidsson, Finn van Dam, Alex Tromp

Sunfish B: 1 Nils van Eldik, 2 Peter Winterwerp, 3 Pieter Smit.

Sunfish A: 1 Sipke Stapert, "Spike", 2 Ton Nuijten, "Opa", 3 Ramon Martis, "Yellowman", 4 George Soliano, "Kabes", 5 Brayen Thode, best youth sailor, 6 Robur de Vries, "DJ Racabur".

Live music and a barbecue were a nice addition to this sporty event. North Carolina here we come! The Sunfish A winners will defend and protect our Bonairean flag! ■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



## BonDiGro GROWS



On Tuesday morning, June 10th, Roland Schalker and his employees opened the doors of the new location of their in-the-meantime-well-known BonDiGro supermarket, the supermercado del pueblo, for the first time. BonDiGro is just behind Leen Bakker, Toys & Zo, opposite The Warehouse supermarket on Kaya Industria. Schalker and his crew erected a couple of small signs to indicate where their supermarket is located.

BonDiGro has expanded at least 10 times in area and height. Access is easy. All products are stocked in the building and are very easy to find. There is a lot of unpaved parking space in front of the former Consales building. The supermarket

is easy to access by car, by bike and even by wheelchair.

Immediately after the doors were opened, customers started coming in and out like bees attracted to honey. Empty shopping trolleys in, overfilled shopping trolleys out. BonDiGro's supermarket is really a tough roaring mouse, not afraid at all of competition and competitors. BonDiGro offers value for money, which the people of Bonaire found out in less than no time! Never change a winning team. Just keep it and expand it: Roland, Carla, Maria, Suzy, Ingrid, Philip, Dewi, Sennen and Noah. (The Aloe Vera skin care cream is a relief, milk is the cheapest and dog food and canned food is even cheaper!) ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

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# Aboard the Dreamliner



**Boarding the first commercial Dreamliner flight from Bonaire**

As soon as the massive jet had landed at Flamingo International Airport, a fire truck began spraying the plane with water. This was not a dire emergency. Rather, it kicked off a runway celebration of **Arke's new Boeing 787 Dreamliner.** While dignitaries and others gathered for cool drinks under party tents, I found myself enduring a one-hour delay waiting for my June 12th flight through Curacao to Amsterdam. Ah, the price one must pay to witness a maiden voyage.

Just eight days before, the Dreamliner had departed Paine Field, home to Boeing's Everett factory in Washington state in the USA. The plane landed the next day at Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam with an escort of F-16 fighters in celebration of its arrival. "The 787 Dreamliner is an excellent

fit for our Dutch operations and we are delighted to be the first carrier in the Netherlands to offer this product as part of our unique holiday experiences," said Elie Bruyninckx, CEO of TUI Netherlands, the company that owns Arke. "Passengers traveling on Arke's 787 will appreciate the airplane's spacious interior, bigger windows and will arrive at their destination feeling refreshed, making it the perfect start to any holiday."

Looking down at Kralendijk after takeoff, I agree with Mr. Bruyninckx's opinion of the windows. The Dreamliner ports are large with dimensions of 10.7 x 18.4 inches (27 x 47 cm). That is 30% larger than other conventional commercial airplanes. Plus, they are set at a higher eye level vertically so passengers can better maintain a view of the

horizon. I fumble to find a shade for the window in hopes of blocking the late afternoon sun, but soon learn that this has been eliminated. I then discover a dimmer switch that controls the tint of the window. How elegant. Once adjusted against the sunlight, I look out to the plane's sleek aluminum wing on the plane's port side. Its futuristic raked wing-tips are designed to deliver less drag and better fuel efficiency. Plus the shape decreases air turbulence and delivers a smoother ride. According to Boeing, the engine nacelles (housings that separate the fuselage from the motor) and their chevron-shaped, serrated edges are responsible for a noise footprint that is 60% smaller than today's similarly sized airplanes.

That certainly is beneficial to those residing nearby airports during takeoffs, but I find the plane pleasantly quiet at 41,000 feet as well. And it smells like a brand new car. The interior cabin is roomy, even from the perch of my humble, economy-class seat. Its 17.3-inch (43.9 cm) width is the same as if I had purchased an economy-plus seat. The main difference is the seat's pitch, the measure of legroom between a point on my seat and the same point on the seat in front of me. That is 32 inches (81 cm) compared to the 35-inch (90 cm) pitch in economy-plus. No matter. I have plenty of legroom for my six-foot frame. I still find the seat width too small, especially when sharing an armrest. At least Boeing improved the armrests by making them softer by using a forgiving bead-like material under the leather covering.

Half way to Curacao, the crew dims all the windows and performs a light show on the ceiling. Hues of the rainbow ripple from the



**Light show on the ceiling**

front of the cabin to the stern, delighting those aboard. And later at sunrise somewhere over the North Atlantic, orange-red colors are subtly dialed in to emulate the emerging first light. The 787 also features LED lighting throughout the aircraft. However, unlike the air vents that can be adjusted overhead manually, the on-off for seat lights is controlled on the entertainment screen located on the back of each seat. I see more than one passenger futilely trying to turn off the seat lights above with their hands.

Boeing designed the 787 as a long-range, mid-size, wide-body jet to hold between 210 to 335 passengers. In economy class, that means three sections, three seats wide. The maiden voyage carries 268 passengers, three pilots and a support crew of eight. The longest-range 787s can fly 8,000-8,500 nautical miles (14,800-15,700 km), enough for the lucrative Los Angeles-Bangkok or New York City-Hong Kong routes. On this flight we will fly a mere 4240 nautical miles (7852 km) between Curacao and the Netherlands. That will take eight and a half hours.

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Dreamliner (Continued from page 6)

As luck would have it, I am invited into the cockpit about three hours after our take-off from Curacao. It is fair compensation for the delay in Bonaire. I meet Captain **Roger Leeftang**, a 20-year veteran and First Officer **William Soesbergen**, who gave up his office job 15 years ago to follow a dream. Both went through a month-long training on the 787 at Boeing's facility in London last February. They now command our Dreamliner above a field of white clouds illuminated by a full moon as we streak toward Holland. "The flight simulators we trained on in London are exactly the same as where we sit tonight. They recreate this reality exactly."

The reality is a spaceship-style cockpit with multiple computer readouts for the multifunctions of this state-of-the-art aircraft. Leeftang pulls down a clear plastic

disc in front of him, moves to one side of his seat, and asks me to look through it. An electric green data graphic is superimposed on the disc. The captain explains that they use this as a guide during takeoff and landing. Rather than look to a data readout on the instrument panel, the pilot views the data real time while still seeing the runway ahead. It is the same technology that is used in jet fighters.

"You get used to flying this plane very quickly," adds Leeftang. "We have had 10 flights in the 787 before tonight. It is very user-friendly and all the new technologies are completely integrated into the systems. It takes 10 years to develop a plane like this. For me, this is a once in a lifetime experience."

But what I find most impressive is this airplane's environmental performance. The Dreamliner is Boeing's most fuel-efficient



Darken the windows without shades

airplane due to its lightweight carbon fiber construction and a smoother nose contour. The plane's fuselage is assembled with one-piece composite barrel sections instead of the traditional multiple aluminum sheets and fasteners numbering in the tens of thousands. Titanium, aluminum and a bit of steel make up most of the rest of the aircraft. But 40% of the plane's fuel efficiency is due to two General Electric GENx engines. They are GE's latest, state-of-the-art turbofan engines that boast lightweight fan cases and blades, reduced CO2 emissions by 15%, and reduced NOx gases (causes of smog and acid rain) as much as 56% below today's regulatory limits. All tolled, these improvements make the Dreamliner 20% more fuel-efficient than the airplane that it replaces, the Boeing 767.

Arke will begin regular Dreamliner service between Amsterdam and the islands of Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire in July. This

airplane is the first of three Boeing 787s to join Arke's fleet. There is nothing better than being aboard this Dreamliner on its maiden voyage. Passengers even received souvenir luggage tags boasting, "Dreamliner: I did it!"

But Bonaire residents beware when trying to pay for the €5 fee per bag on line. Arke only accepts European bank or credit cards and that also holds true for buying tickets on Arke's website. Without a Euro bank or credit card, you have no other alternative other than to pay a minimum of €15 per checked bag at the airport. Now where is that celebratory champagne? ■

Story & photos by Patrick Holian



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# Museo Chichi i Tan



Museo Chichi i Tan

Next time you happen to be in Rincon or you are driving through, or you specifically want to see how homes were decorated and used by Bonaireans in the past, then please stop in at Museo Chichi i Tan on Kaya Melon # 4.

It is on the dirt road south of Rose Inn. You can't miss it, an old Bonairean home surrounded by a cactus fence. The premises can also be used for events and parties.

The couple who lived in this humble home were well known throughout the village of Rincon and Bonaire. Vicente Raymundo Tan Molina was born on January 21, 1907, and died on August 18, 1985.

He was a *Haladó*, a healer, he was considered a doctor. If someone broke an arm, he would splint it. But he was an all-round man, as many on Bonaire were in those days. He organized cultural events. He raised the Dutch flag on the birthday of the Queen. He had humor. He made the masks for the Maskarada. Maskarada is performed only on the first day of each new year, the identity of those who perform are hidden, nobody knows who is behind the mask as they dance and perform, first for the Lieutenant Governor, usually at his/her home, and then throughout the neighborhoods.

Tan was a carpenter and worked in the American military camp, 'Tras di Montanja'- Tanki Maraka, which is about halfway between Rincon and Playa. The US military was stationed here from 1942-1947. Barracks, and an experimental radar station were set up here. The tools displayed in the museum were the tools Mr. Molina used in the camp during the time he was employed, during 1942-1945. Vicente, 'Tan' was married to Chichi.

You can sometimes call ahead to make sure they're open: 786 6420/ 785 7842 or email: [stg.kunstencultuur@telbonet.an](mailto:stg.kunstencultuur@telbonet.an).

The museum is open from 10am till 3pm, Tuesdays Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday. Every first Sunday of the month there is a live performance by locals and their bands as they "jam." Often local people are there to sell their arts and crafts as well as artists selling their paintings, which also attracts many visitors. And to make the event even more special, recognition is given to a local Bonairean for his or her accomplishments throughout the years within the Bonairean community. There is no entrance fee, but donations left behind are highly appreciated and donors receive a fresh cup of tamarind or limonchi (lemon) juice. The curator, Mrs. Myrna Janga, is at your service and will be more than delighted to give you a tour of the home of Chichi i Tan Molina. Visit the museum. You will be glad you did! ■ *Story & photos by Christy Dovale*



Museo kitchen



The front room



Chichi and Vicente Molina



# Mangazina di Rei

Mangazina di Rei Cultural Market— Saturday, June 28, 8am to 2pm

See, taste and feel the real Bonaire, Crafts, music, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is located on the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon.

In the photo: Jenny Crestian with bread baked the traditional way.



## Kriabon Farmers' Market

Kriabon Farmers' Market, Saturday, July 5, 8am to 1pm

Local produce, ornamental plants, crafts, farm animals, exotic birds, local food. Buy local, cook local, eat local. Kriabon is on Kaminda Yatu Baku #55 (Nikiboko north) next to Aquamarin School. From Playa it's the road next to Caribbean Fasteners heading towards More for Less Supermarket. ■ L.D.



Being gentle with some ducks



During the Rincon Day celebration, the stage backdrop depicting an old time kunuku scene from Rincon, the soul of Bonaire, was painted by Adi Figaroa.

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# Jazz Festival 2014 Preview

This year's Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival is promising to be the best one yet with world renowned artists such as Oleta Adams, Matt Bianco, Frank Reyes and The Wailers. But there is also room on stage for new, "homegrown" talent. Anne Marie Kors and her band will be kicking off the Saturday evening and will do so with an all-original program and a sound that will prove to be a sweet surprise.

Anne Marie Kors has been a resident of Bonaire since 2012 and a singer-songwriter. As long as she can remember, she has been singing. "For me, singing has always been something that came naturally. When I was a child, I sang all the time and everywhere. I must have driven my parents crazy."

Not so surprisingly, she sang in choirs since the age of five. Writing songs isn't a new development for her either. Anne Marie finds that writing songs really helps her to gather her thoughts. She finds inspiration in anything that makes her contemplate.

The songs that she will perform during the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival are the product of her collaboration with musician, composer and producer Benji Schaub.

"When I first met Benji, it was to ask him for a one-time favor. I wanted him to accompany me on guitar for one song. But that song went really well. And one song turned into a set, and then two, and then a full three sets. Where we quickly found common ground was that we both valued individuality greatly; we didn't want to cover a song, we wanted to make it *our* song," Anne Marie says about her crossing paths with Benji.

That next step was as easy as it was light. "Do you also know how to write a song?", Benji had asked her. She told him yes. Next came a period of songwriting of about two months, where songs would emerge playfully easy. Benji would compose a piece of music on his guitar, to which Anne Marie would write vocals and lyrics. Other songs, Benji would help Anne Marie to compose a more beautiful arrangement. They paused from writing when they had five good songs. Benji had been investing in setting up his own professional recording studio called Island Music Recording, and he wanted to take these songs to the next level. His ambitions were to produce these songs with a full band arrangement. This is where three other fantastic musicians came into the picture and a band was born. Gabriel Mercera on drums, Jasper Blokzijl on keys and Pierre Dunker on bass. "They have taken their own experience and talent and brought these songs to life. That is what makes these songs so original; they each have a completely different sound due to the various musical styles we all have. You'll hear a little bit of Jazz, Rock, Soul, Funk and Country," Anne Marie says.

Another interesting detail about this band is the production of their songs, which rests completely in the hands of Benji Schaub. "When we first started this project I could hear a full band arrangement in my mind and decided to invest in my recording studio to make it reality," he says about the production process. "Working as a producer has allowed me to really pursue my passion for composing." Benji finished his studies at the Conservatory in Arnhem in 1998 as a BMA (Jazz Guitar) and now gets to put his technical and theoretical knowledge about creating music to full use. All of the arrangements in their songs are the work of Benji.

At the moment, Benji is in the final production stage of their fourth single, which is called "My Way." You can find all of Anne Marie and Benji's songs, including more information, on [ReverbNation.com/annemariekorss](http://ReverbNation.com/annemariekorss).

The Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival gives you the premiere of this band, live on stage, which is an exclusive honor, since Jasper Blokzijl and Pierre Dunker both moved to the Netherlands since this project was started. Don't miss it! ■

Anne Marie Kors



Benji and Anne Marie



# From Ugly Fence to an Eye Catcher

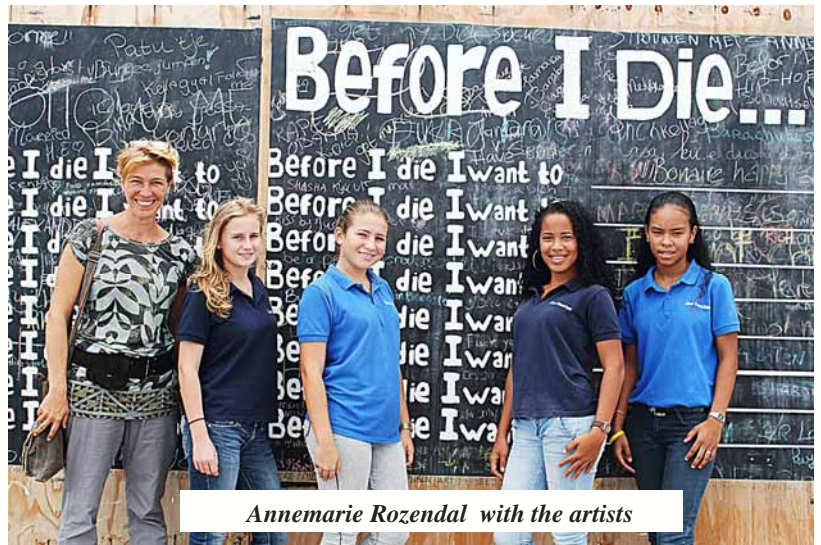
'BONAIRE'S YOUNGSTERS DO THE TRICK'

As anyone can see, Bonaire is developing and thus a big part of the waterfront boulevard is under construction hidden by a gigantic plywood fence. Not the prettiest view. However, thanks to the creative mind of some of Bonaire's youngsters and the financial help of two sponsors, an ugly fence has turned into an eye catcher.

This is the story: "From April 14-17 we had a project week at Liseo Boneriano," arts and crafts teacher Annemarie Rozendal says, "and the students could choose which project they wanted to join. The group of Anne, Francesca, Judy and Zena decided on the 'Before I die' project. This is an existing project, [www.beforeidie.cc](http://www.beforeidie.cc), created by American artist Candy Chang after she lost someone she loved. I've known about it for a long time and thought it was a great opportunity to put it right here and now. We contacted Terramar, the construction site behind the fence, and they were willing to sponsor it. So then we started working." "Yes," Anne says, "I kind of liked all the different projects but in the very end I decided to join this one, because they still needed another person. I think it's a fun idea, but it's a pity that it will be removed once Terramar is ready. What I wrote on it? Before I die 'I want to show the world who is Anne!'"

"I thought it was very interesting," Francesca says, "and also fun to do and a lot of tourists and local people can write on it and say what they would like to do before they die. What I want to do before I die? She smiles: I want to kiss Trey Songz."

"I thought it was a great idea," Judy says, "I saw it once on the internet and it immediately appealed to me and it inspired me, because it makes you think about what it is you want to do in the future. I didn't write any-



Annemarie Rozendal with the artists

thing...yet, and to be honest, I don't want to say what I will write."

"When our teacher explained the project, I didn't get it right away, but when I saw the photos, I loved it," Zena says. "I also enjoy very much all the things that people are writing what it is they want to do before they die. It gives you ideas and you could use their ideas as well. What I want to do? Before I die, I want to have my own green Lamborghini!"

"I have one question left," teacher Annemarie Rozendal says. "When the construction of Terramar is finished, this project has to go. But as so many local people and tourists are enjoying and participating in 'Before I die', I would love to see it placed somewhere else in town. So, the question is: Where? Who can help us out?"

Then the group leaves for an ice cream and I move on to the beginning of the fence, next to the Harbor Site Shopping Mall, where artist Helen Wout is doing a project of her own, sponsored by Huub Groot, the owner of It Rains Fishes. "I'm going to paint the part of the fence that's still blank," Helen says. "When Huub gave me the job, he told me that I could do what I wanted, as long as it would look good! The whole fence is going to be one big map of Bonaire and all the important sites will be magnified. I invented that myself. For instance, when the tourists don't have the time to see the whole island - they can see it right here, on the fence! I won't be on the island for the month of July, but in September it will be ready!" ■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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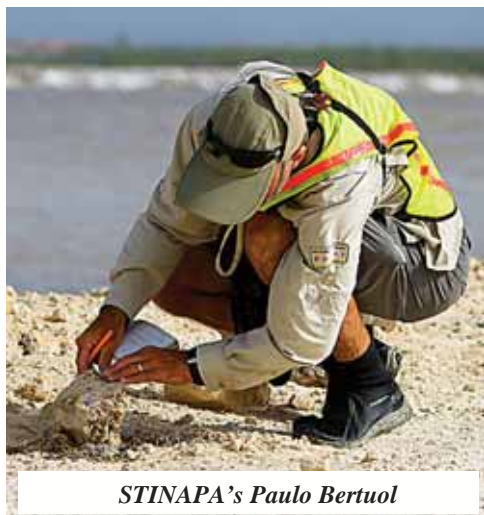
# Build It and They (The Terns) Will Come

Last spring, several bird-watchers were hiking near Cargill's solar salt works when they noticed a problem. Cargill trucks were disturbing least terns that had established nests along the harvest roads that divide the salt ponds. Terns have a low tolerance for human disturbance and will abandon their nests and young if there is prolonged disruption. The birdwatchers reported this to STINAPA, the National Parks Foundation of Bonaire, who eventually met with Cargill's plant manager, **Gary Rimmey**. "We realized that we had to find a solution to this problem. We couldn't shut our operation down, but we needed to come up with an alternative. The initial objective was to get the terns off our harvest roads."

Cargill later consulted with experts from STINAPA, IMARES (Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystems Studies), RCN (Dutch Caribbean National Service) and DROB (the regional planning and management department). Together they developed the Tern Nesting Improvement Plan. The consensus was to establish a tern-friendly nesting site, one that was located away from harvest road activity. **Paulo Bertuol**, a STINAPA wildlife biologist, had noticed that a number of least terns frequented a small island in a Cargill salt pond. It appeared to be an ideal nesting site except for one thing. The low island was prone to flooding. That is when Cargill went to work to improve the island. It proved to be a substantial financial commitment for the company.

"Cargill wanted to do this," continues Rimmey. "Who is better positioned to do this kind of work than us? We have front-end loaders, operators and material to move there. We did have to hire some dump trucks and an excavator since we don't have those. It took 10 days to complete the island. We had to raise a half-acre area about one foot (30 centimeters) in order to prevent flooding. Once the fill material was delivered, we chopped a gap in the road that we had built to deliver the fill. That's when it became Tern Island."

STINAPA placed wooden, tern-like decoys to attract least terns and completed that task just in time. By the end of the first afternoon, six had settled on the island. Least terns, known in Papiamentu as *Meuchi Chikitu*, usually begin to arrive on Bonaire in late April for breeding season. Nesting



STINAPA's Paulo Bertuol



Decoys



Manmade Tern Island

begins by mid-May and it takes about six to eight weeks for the eggs to hatch and the chicks to take flight. Nests usually have between two to three eggs, but on occasion, two females will lay in the same nest and produce a 'super clutch' of four to seven eggs. These resilient, diminutive creatures live up to their name. They are the smallest species of tern at about nine inches/22 centimeters in length and approximately 1.5 ounces/45 grams in weight. Least terns reside along the southern US coastline and migrate throughout the Caribbean, temporarily joining local birds before continuing to northern South America. On Bonaire, the last fledglings and their adults typically leave before the end of August.

STINAPA's Paulo Bertuol has been monitoring Tern Island twice a week since April. Each time a new nest with eggs is discovered, he tags the location with a numbered marker. This allows Bertuol to track the number of eggs and chicks of each nest over time. Tern Island's first least tern chick hatched on May 20<sup>th</sup>. To date, Bertuol has marked over 150 least tern nests on the island. "I'm monitoring other least tern nests nearby so that in the future I can compare the success of Tern Island to those natural nesting sites. It will take years of monitoring to make definite conclusions. I would also like to ring the chicks in the future so we can track returnees."

While the wooden decoys were effective in attracting the birds to the island, the least terns did something extremely uncharacteristic. They grouped together. "Least terns don't normally nest at a high concentration or density," explains avian biologist **Adrian Del Nevo**. He should know. Del Nevo has studied terns for over four decades, and in

high density. They do that because they can collectively deter the laughing gulls, which attack their eggs and chicks. Other species like roseate terns nest under boulders so they can help reduce predation. With least terns, their usual strategy is to spread themselves out so that they are less obvious to predators."

The new island is nearly 2400 square yards/2000 square meters, about the size of a football field. Del Nevo notes that under normal circumstances only five to seven nests would be found in an area of that size on Bonaire. While Tern Island protects the birds from rats, feral cats and Cargill trucks, it has the potential to attract laughing gulls since the terns are concentrated in unusually large numbers. "One of the problems is that you might eventually create a feed lot for predators," says Del Nevo. "When the chicks are three to four days of age, both adults will go out to sea and fish. That means the chicks are totally dependent on neighboring adults that still may or may not be there to fend off any laughing gulls. The chicks are extremely vulnerable at this time. But studies in other parts of the world have shown that small shelters help decrease the predation rate and increase chick survival."

To that end, Bertuol took small rocks on Tern Island and created inverted V shelters for the chicks. Also, tropical biologist **Dolphi Debrot** from IMARES suggested using short pieces of PVC pipe—large enough for the chicks to enter, but too small for entry by predatory laughing gulls. The shelters provide protection and also shade from Bonaire's relentless sun. Cargill purchased the

past 12 years, has monitored some of Bonaire's tern colonies. "Each species of tern has a different strategy for protecting themselves and their offspring during nesting. Cayenne terns, like those on Aruba and occasionally on Bonaire, nest in extremely

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On Saturday, June 14th, the grand opening of the Fifth Young Talent Exhibition of artworks made by Bonairean students took place at Restaurant Appetite, Kaya Grandi 12. The aim of the exhibition was to give the artists a platform to show what they are capable of. Arts and crafts teacher Karine de Wit of Liseo Boneriano said that all the different art works like paintings, collages, photos and videos were made this year by students of the Liseo, while the statues were created by students of VMBO.

At the Liseo one can choose art as a leaving examination subject, and the students are also taught theory and art history lessons. According to their teacher the motivation of the students has been really great as they were always willing to go the extra mile. The exhibition is an astounding collection of various works of art which show what Bonairean children are capable of, in spite of the fact that they have little experience with modern art. Teacher Karine also added that it was high time to bring Kas di Arte back to life

and invite more modern artists on a regular basis to expose their work on the island. The exposition runs until June 28th and is definitely a must-see. ■ *Story & Photos by Greta Kooistra*



*Arts and crafts teacher Karine de Wit and student/artist Javienne Sof*



*Javienne with her photo "Heaven or Hell"*



*Kaming Yan with his photo "Limitless"*

*Tern Island (Continued from page 10)*  
pipe and Bertuol is placing a number of PVC pieces strategically near the nest sites, anchoring them with spikes so that they will not blow away.

Even with these improvement, least terns still face challenges. Laughing gulls will attack chicks that are not quick enough to get to a shelter. Plus, dogs can easily swim the distance from land to Tern Island. But these are threats that the birds would have had if they remained along the harvest roads. The island has eliminated attacks from cats and rats, and harvest truck disruptions are now a problem of the past. Cargill already has plans by to construct a second

tern island before next year's nesting season. That added space will help disperse the least tern nests over a greater area. This appears to be a public/private partnership with a bright future.

"Remarkably, this project exceeded our expectation," adds Gary Rimmey. "I thought we might get a few nests and eventually over time the terns would move to the island. But pretty much all the terns from the north end showed up. Next year, we plan to build another tern island. Maybe having over 150 nests out there shows that we need more." ■

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Timothy Vasseur writes, "I decided to take a shot of myself with *The Reporter* on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday which I celebrated onboard the cruiseship *Carnival Breeze*. Here I am docked next to the *Carnival Fantasy* at Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands. Was fun celebrating both my birthday and pilot graduation on this cruise with my family, finally legal to drink onboard :) ■

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# Bonaire Culinary Teams



**B**onaire's 2014 Culinary Team, above, will be competing in the Taste of the Caribbean on June 29-30 in Miami, considered the premier food and beverage event in the Caribbean. Bonaire has been competing on and off since 1999 when the event was in Puerto Rico. This year's team has held a number of fund raisers and we wish them all the best. The island is behind you, go for the GOLD! Members of the team (LtoR): Manager Floris van Loo (Rum Runners), Chef Rashindra Donge (Plaza Resort), Pastry Chef Junior Janga (BFG), Bartender Jean Jacques Frans (At Sea), Jr. Chef Giovanni Veld (IRF), Jr. Chef Ronald Gosepa (Spice), Chef Tjitte Knol (Plaza Resort). ■ L.D.



**R**ecently the eight students from SGB and Forma, along with chaperones Ezy and Anke, parents and friends, had a complimentary Pasta Night thanks to Divi Flamingo. This was the final farewell before they depart June 22 to the Emilia Romagna region in Italy for the three-week culinary training program in the Horeca school, Nazareno. This marks the 10th student group from Bonaire, with over 90 students learning about cooking, kitchen skills, wines, culture, disciplines and much more in this region of Italy. "This is more than just learning about cooking pasta," says Sara Matera (in the center of photo) of the Foundation which has sent these young chefs for the past nine years. "It is about a life experiencing and a decision to stay in Horeca and for some to learn their passion, go on to university or own their own restaurant." The students also received proper clothing: chef coats, jackets, chef pants, polo shirts and more from the Culinary Bonaire Foundation. With excitement and nervousness about leaving, it is surely to be a remarkable 10th year. ■ Sara Matera

For past years information check out the Culinary Bonaire Foundation web link hosted free by Nettech NV: [Bonaire Culinary School @ SGB - Italy Trip](http://BonaireCulinarySchool@SGB-ItalyTrip)

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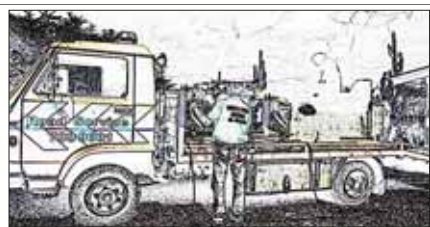
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Tue 24		07:08 -0.15 ft	11:28 0.08 ft	15:45 -0.01 ft	23:07 1.01 ft	6:13	19:03
Wed 25		08:11 -0.19 ft	13:17 0.06 ft	15:52 0.05 ft	23:50 0.97 ft	6:13	19:03
Thu 26		09:08 -0.21 ft				6:13	19:03
Fri 27	00:32 0.92 ft	09:58 -0.22 ft			<b>New Moon</b>	6:13	19:03
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Sun 29	01:53 0.81 ft	11:13 -0.21 ft				6:14	19:04
Mon 30	02:32 0.74 ft	11:39 -0.19 ft				6:14	19:04
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Sat 05	<b>First Quarter</b>	02:28 0.22 ft	06:00 0.36 ft	13:09 -0.11 ft	19:50 0.75 ft	6:15	19:04
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# Ribs Are Us!

Hey, hey, give 'em what they want  
If [Bobbejan] is the candy  
If [ribs and fries taste] so sweet  
Then we give 'em what they want

...With apologies to 10,000 Maniacs for having chopped up their meaningful lyrics.

What is better than gobbling up barbecued ribs on a lazy Saturday evening? Both my hubby and I made sure we arrived at Bobbejan's BBQ feeling gluttonous and ready to go grubby, greasy and sauce smeared. It's quite an easy find just off the main drag, Kaya Gobernador N. Debrot, a few blocks north of Kaya Grandi.

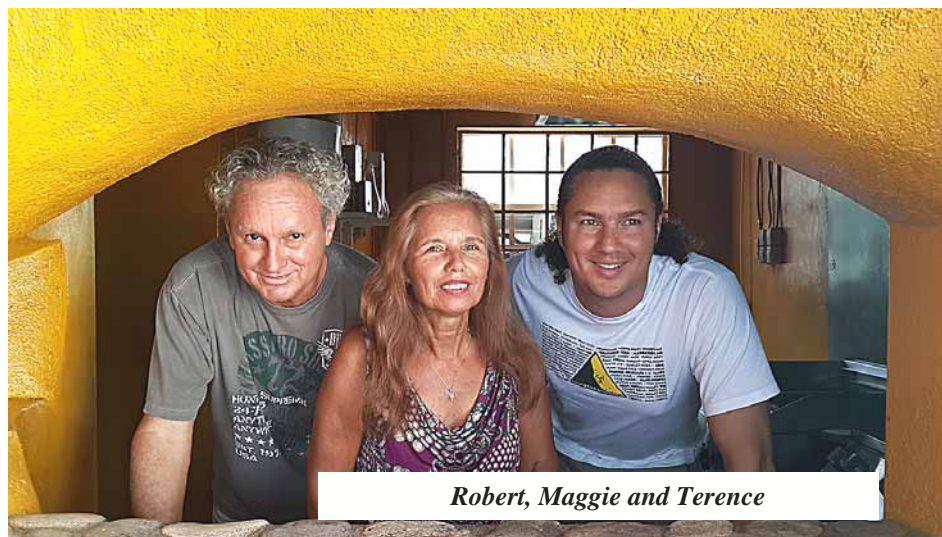
The name Bobbejan, I learned later from chatting with owner Robert de Haseth, a Curacao native, is the nickname his old buddies gave him, and it stuck. The restaurant serves as a sit-in as well as a take-out. Their quaint and Christmassy-looking patio seats about 20-something patrons and spawns recollections of home cooked meals.

After hub and I found ourselves a seat amidst the colorful decorations, one of the servers rushed over to care for our libations. The small menu features, besides the piece de resistance (ribs), chicken legs, chicken sateh, pork chops, steak, fish, coleslaw, fries, and rice. The Bobbejan Special encompasses a combination of ribs, sateh, chicken leg, fries, and coleslaw. The prices are quite fair, which is one of the reasons we decided to order three items. The main reason: I'm a gormandizer. Yes, I know,



there are other, less high-sounding names for this. The hubster opted for Gado Gado, which is an Indonesian dish. Maggie de Haseth, co-owner and Robert's wife, told us she hails from Jakarta, Indonesia, where she enjoyed slightly boiled, crispy vegetables in a peanut sauce. This Gado Gado didn't disappoint. The main component, chicken sateh, lies on top of bean sprouts, carrots, beans, and lettuce mixed with peanut sauce. My only critical comment was that the peanut dressing happened to be insufficient for both hub and me. Naturally, I had to take most of his portion.

Then, of course, I went for the ribs. They came with a mountain of fries and coleslaw. My sole criticism here is that I all too quickly devoured everything in sight. When a friend walked over to our table, he hardly recognized me. When he finally did, he wished he hadn't. I looked like a voracious beast with a mustache made of zesty barbecue sauce and mayonnaise. In my



Robert, Maggie and Terence

defense, true Dutch do love their French fries in a pool of mayonnaise. In our eyes, the fries are but a vehicle to carry the main cargo, which, no mistake, is the mayo.

After I cleaned myself up a bit, I attempted to obtain the recipe of this secret BBQ sauce from Robert. No such luck. Their son Terence, one of the master chefs, revealed to me that one day, a long time ago, at home, Robert began to slather BBQ ribs with his own concocted dressing. That tradition has been carried over to the restaurant, which has now been in existence for over 13 years.

Customers seem to love it since they flock to the place, either to stay and dine in or to take home their precious barbecued meats and accompaniments.

I learned from my hubby that one day, some years back, he came into Bobbejan to order ribs and chicken dinners for his dispossessed sailing-cruiser friends. They had

just lost their boat and virtually everything they owned in a devastating fire, burned to the waterline. Maggie listened to his account and offered up the whole meal for them at no cost.

That third plate? We took it home and inhaled the pork chops escorted by slaw and fries the very next day. Since I had celebrated a fries fest of sorts with vigor (and mayo) the previous night, I left it up to hubby to stuff himself with the Frenchies. I zeroed in on the chops -- avec that secret sauce, alas.

But still there's almost nothing better than not having to cook on a Sunday. Bobbejan's BBQ, Kaya Engelhardt 2, Kralendijk. ■ Karen Bastiaansen-Gilmour

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## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**June 20-24 – PWA World Tour Freestyle Windsurfing Event, Lac Bay Underway now!**

**June 25-29 - ProKids Windsurfing Bonaire Event, Lac Bay.** See page 19

**Tuesday, June 24 – St. John's Day** Traditionally this marks the start of the summer rains

**Friday, June 27 – Taste of Bonaire and Tribute to Captain Don** Sample cuisine from Bonaire's restaurants, music, drinks, more. Wilhelmina Park

**Saturday, June 28 – Mangazina di Rei Cultural Market.** See the real Bonaire: music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon.

**-Indian Food Buffet—**Curries of goat, chicken, papaya & eggplant, Indian spiced vegetables, condiments, more. \$22 for adults; \$12 for children under 14. Limited space so make reservations: 700-5488 or tina@gogreenayurveda.com. At Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona #47.

**Sunday, June 29**

**– St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day**

**—Dia di Arte : Bonaire's Art Day at Wilhelmina Park, 11am-10pm.** A day for the whole family. Activities for children, local foods, drinks. Artists from Bonaire, Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela, US, Holland, Canada, Colombia. Entertainment from Tutti Frutti, Nos Kosecha, Kanta Bonaire children's choir, Gospel Festival winners and more.

**Saturday, July 5 - Kriabon Farmers' Market.** Local produce, ornamental plants, crafts, farm animals, local food, 8 am to 1 pm. Kaminda Yatu Bako #55 (Nikiboko North), next to Aquamarin School. From Playa it's the road next to Caribbean Fasteners, heading towards More For Less Supermarket.

**Saturday, July 12 – Dive Friends Underwater Cleanup**

**August 1-3- 10<sup>th</sup> Bonaire Jazz Festival**

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**Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park)** Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Free entrance.

### Saturdays

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month,** at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am to 1pm.

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—every last Saturday of the month,** 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon

• **Last Saturday of the month –** donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

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• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday,** 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

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• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules,** 2:30pm, Tera Cora Ranch. Info: 786-0150

### Sundays

• **Landhuis DeTuin- Real Jamaican BBQ on the terrace** of the land house in the quiet countryside. Jerk Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Seafood Curry, Veggie Dish, Child's plate, Bread Pudding. On the road to Lac Bai – Kaminda Lac #101. Follow the signs, 12 noon to 6 pm. Tel. +599-786-6816, +599-701-1982. A Forsa training school.

• **Kunuku Arawak -** Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm. Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

### Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, cheese making and more. **\$10 includes cheese tasting and tea, Kids \$5.** 786-6950- Also on Wednesdays & Fridays

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: *Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea Trauma* and his newest book *Reef Windows.* 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290

### Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—**

9am. See Monday for more information

• **30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire,** 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. Donation. Call 786-6416, email: [info@bonaireyoga.coim](mailto:info@bonaireyoga.coim)

• **Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina.** Free house rum when you buy a coke.

### Fridays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am.** See Monday for more information

• **Happy Hour party at Bistro De Paris.** Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6- 9pm.

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**Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th and January 1st. Call **788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681**

## CLUBS and MEETINGS

**Bridge Club -** Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or [jeroen@telbonet.an](mailto:jeroen@telbonet.an)

**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 welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

**Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays,** 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

**Toastmasters Club** meets every two weeks. For more information call Cruscita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**Protestant Congregation of Bonaire:** ( VPGB ), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30 am in Papiamentu/ Dutch.

Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact; Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

**International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104,** Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

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

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

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# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
July 2014

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) You can come up with future trends in creative fields. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. You won't be able to keep a secret. Be prepared to have relatives or close friends introduce you to new and exciting individuals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Although up setting, changes in your domestic situation will be favorable. Draw up contracts regarding your personal situation. Don't make promises you can't keep. Insincere gestures of friendliness may be misleading. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You can find out interesting information if you get a chance to talk to people you respect. Do things with your children and avoid situations that make you feel as if you've neglected the ones you love. You will be looking for creative ways to make a little extra cash. Plan a trip to the country or take a drive to the beach. Your luckiest events will occur on a Tuesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Try not to be so demonstrative. Your high energy must be directed into productive goals, or frustrations will occur. Give everyone in the house a physical chore that will help burn off some of the excess energy. Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You will have to put those you live with in their place if they try to interfere with your work. Get involved in creative projects that could turn into moneymaking ventures. Your ability to charm others will bring added popularity. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. Try to be understanding. People trying to entice you to join in will be less than trustworthy. Children may be demanding, and entertainment could cost a lot more than you can really afford. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You must steer clear of overindulgent individuals. Residential moves will be in your best interest. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may want to try your hand at a little creative writing. Don't let your boss get the better of you. Don't blow situations out of proportion. You may find that someone you live with may be irritable; you're best to leave them alone. Use your inventiveness to find solutions. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. Control your temper by getting immersed in your work. To avoid any minor health problems, don't get too stressed. Be careful; your ideas are good but make sure that you're realistic and start off on solid ground. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Try not to lend or borrow money this month. Be cautious and use your head wisely in situations that deal with the use of machinery or vehicles. You may find that someone at work hasn't been trustworthy. Take time to catch up on gossip. Do a little adventure travel. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Be sure you get accurate information. Educational courses will be stimulating and successful. Don't hesitate to sign up for lectures or seminars that will enlighten you. Your ability to work with detail will bring recognition. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

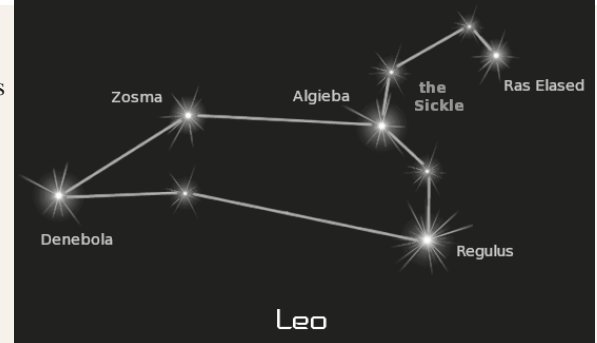
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You must make sure that all your personal documents are in order. Competitive games will be your forte. Be prepared to lose friends or alienate loved ones due to your stubborn nature lately. Intellectual stimulation is what you are looking for. Your luckiest events will occur on Thursday. ■



## BONAIRE SKY PARK\* \*to find it... just look up

### PLANET PANORAMA AND A CELESTIAL TONGUE-TWISTER.

The always lovely month of June offers us a gorgeous line-up of stars and planets in the **Bonaire Sky Park**. Although our Sky Map is usually drawn for the middle of the month, the view will be essentially the same for the entire month of June. So pick a clear night and enjoy the show.



Looking toward the west, you'll find the **planet Jupiter** hanging not far below the bright **star Pollux**, one of the **Gemini** twins. Jupiter is considerably brighter than Pollux, and our view of it differs in another way as well. Where the star (Pollux) will appear to twinkle or shimmer, the planet (Jupiter) glows with a steadier light. And so it is with all stars and planets: **Stars twinkle and planets don't.**

The reason has to do with **Earth's** atmosphere and the distances to celestial objects. Stars are so far away that they are essentially single points of light. This makes our view of them greatly influenced by turbulence in the atmosphere, and so they appear to dance around or twinkle. Planets are much closer to us than stars, close enough that they have a measurable size. This makes our view of planets appear more steady. Having said that, under high magnification in a telescope, planets shimmer and dance, too. We just don't notice it with our eyes alone.

Now let your gaze move to the left to the next bright object. That will be twinkling **Regulus, the bright star** at the heart of **Leo, the Lion**. Leo is one of the few constellations that truly resembles its namesake. The brightest stars of Leo make the recognizable outline of a Lion.

Next in our tour of the June sky is the **planet Mars**, followed by the bright **star Spica**, both located in the **constellation Virgo, the Virgin**. Note the color difference between these two objects. Mars is known as the Red Planet and appears as faintly yellowish or a washed out orange color compared to the brilliant white of Spica.

Farther to the left you will find the **planet Saturn** in the constellation **Libra, the Scales or Balance** (a device used to weigh things) being held by Virgo. Saturn is currently located between a pair of stars with unusual names. Above Saturn is **Zubeneschamali**, and below Spica is **Zubenelgenubi**. Extra points if you can pronounce these two star names! The names of these stars are derived from the Arabic for The Northern Claw and The Southern Claw and refer to a time when the stars of Libra were considered part of the constellation **Scorpius, the Scorpion**, which is off the left edge of this month's Sky Map. Libra became identified as a constellation in its own right more than 2,000 years ago, but the even more ancient names of its two brightest stars persist.

Lastly, on the left edge of our map is the **star Antares**, the Heart of Scorpius, the Scorpion. Antares is a notably reddish star, and its name comes from the Greek phrase "anti-Ares," meaning "anti-Mars." Ares is the ancient Greek word for Mars, and the name Antares refers to the fact that the star and the planet Mars have a similar reddish color. Antares is a supergiant star more than 800 times the size of our **Sun**.

The four bright stars we have mentioned—Pollux, Regulus, Spica, and Antares—are all among the 25 brightest stars in the sky. If you look up toward the top of this month's Sky Map you can see **Arcturus**, and all the way to the right, **Castor**, two more of the 25 brightest stars. That's six bright stars and three bright planets, not bad for one night in June. ■

Bob Berman

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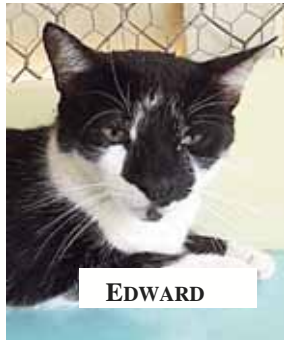
# Pets of the Week

PETS OF THE WEEK –  
“GARFIELD AND EDWARD”

Many people don't realize that when tragedy or misfortune befall a human family, that family's pets are often affected by the dire circumstances as well. Death, illness or other unforeseen adversity often results in well loved and cared for animals finding themselves without a home. Such a scenario just recently played out at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. “Garfield” and “Edward,” two seven-year-old cats, were brought to the Shelter because there was no one to care for them any longer. Both of these sweet boys were adopted from the Shelter as kittens six years ago and spent those years in a loving, safe home far from the dangers of “street life.” They are affectionate and docile cats, eager for affection, but are currently a bit shy and confused as to why they are in unfamiliar surroundings and no longer in a home environment.

Senior cats (age 7 and older) like Garfield and Edward are some of the hardest to find homes for, and often none are found. So when you adopt a senior cat you are truly saving a life. There are also plenty of other good reasons to adopt a senior cat. Here's the Top Five:

1. **You know what you are getting.** Adult cats are settled into who they are, so you



EDWARD



GARFIELD

know whether you're getting a “lap cat” or an excited adventurer, for example.

2. **They are mellower.** Kittens and young cats are full of energy. They're always exploring, climbing all over everything, and generally looking for trouble. Senior cats tend to be quieter and calmer, which could make them a much better fit in your home....and they make great napping buddies!

3. **They have experience with a lot of stimuli.** Want a cat who won't freak out at the sound of the Selibon truck or a crying baby? Want a cat who can deal with a house full of guests? Want a cat who knows about dogs and how to live with them? Consider a senior cat.

4. **You still have plenty of happy years together.** Some people worry that if they adopt an adult cat, they'll have to face that cat's death too soon. Our feline friends are living longer than ever. The average life-span for a well-cared-for indoor cat is 12 to 16 years. One that spends more time

# Shelter News

## New Staff

The Shelter recently welcomed a member to the Shelter staff. Shirley van de Haar joined the Animal Shelter team as animal care manger. Shirley worked with FORSA where she coached kids with behavioral problems. She's also a qualified dog trainer with over 16 years of experience. In the photo you see Shirley with little puppy “Orly” who was dumped with her sister in a cardboard box in front of the Shelter gate. Orly and her sister “Ody” are both very playful and happy pups. So if you want to adopt Orly or Ody, please visit the Shelter. ■

Story & photo by Marlies Tiepel



Shirley van de Haar and “Orly”

outdoors may live on average two to three years less. Besides, there's no guarantee that a kitten is going to have a long life, either.

5. **They are so very grateful.** Senior cats who come to a shelter are disoriented and really miss a lap and a comfortable bed of their own. Kittens are unaware of a “home life” in the way senior cats are. Adult cats know exactly what they've been taken away from. It may take them a couple of days to get used to their new home, but once they do, they'll be showing their love and gratitude for the rest of their lives.

Garfield and Edward have been loved and

well-cared for their entire life. Through no fault of their own, or their owner, they are in great need of a new loving home. If you have room in your home and your heart for these two wonderful senior cats, please save their lives and pass by to meet them at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagun Road, Monday through Saturday, 9 am-1pm, 3-5pm. Tel. 717-4989. ■

Jane Madden-Disko



Some of the people who help to make the Bonaire Animal Shelter what it is. They help at the Shelter, at the Cruise Market, the Saturday Paks di Pruga (Flea Market), sell t-shirts at hotel happy hours, collect donations in the dog houses and many other jobs. They gathered at Landhuis deTuin for a small party recently. ■

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# Double Header Windsurfing



## The PWA BONAIRE WORLD CUP Is Underway Kiri Thode and Sarah Quita Offringa in the lead after the first day

Competitors from Germany, Aruba, Belgium, Bonaire, Canada, France, England, Israel, Italy, Japan, Curacao, Norway, Austria, Australia, Russia, Switzerland, Venezuela and the Netherlands are on hand for the week-long double header World Cup and Pro Kids events.

The first day of competition began with a skippers' meeting at 10 am, followed by the Freestyle Men's event for the PWA Bonaire World Cup 2014.

World champion **Kiri Thode (NB-61)** from Bonaire was first. In second place was **Steven van Broeckhoven (B-72)** from Belgium, with Bonaire's **Tonky Frans (NB-7)** in third and **Youp Schmit (NB-12)** just behind.

In the Freestyle Women event was **Sarah Quita Offringa (ARU-91)** of Aruba, in second place **Arriane Aukes (NED-131)** from The Netherlands, in third place



Winners of Day 1

**Yolanda Brednt de Freitas (V-26)** from Venezuela and in fourth place **Oda Brodholt (NOR-500)** from Norway.

Following the on-the-water events there are parties and festivities ashore lasting well into the night.

At presstime the events in Lac Bay were continuing in high gear.

Visit website [www.prokidsfreestyle.com](http://www.prokidsfreestyle.com) and Facebook page: Prokids Windsurfing Bonaire. and PWA site [www.pwaworldtour.com](http://www.pwaworldtour.com) for "live streaming" during the PWA events. ■ *Press release*

## Washington Slagbaai National Park – The Island's True Treasure

"I think that in terms of underwater nature Bonaire has gone a long way in developing itself and therefore it is so well-known. But I feel that over the years it has become clear that Bonaire offers a lot of activities on land as well. We have a large variety of plants and we also have seasons. Of course we don't have a real winter or autumn, but there certainly is a difference in nature between the dry and the rainy seasons. People have the opportunity to see for instance bird life in a completely different manner as well as the flowering of trees and shrubs – the urge to survive of trees and plants. Small animal life knows the seasons too. During this dry period, for instance, you see very few scorpions or hermit crabs. In the rainy season everything is beautifully green, but at the moment, during this drought, you can see further into the mondi, through the shrubs, and discover new rock formations and caves that are otherwise hidden from view by the vegetation.

These are things Bonaire will show you when you love the outdoors and when you have an eye for it. All this applies not only to Bonaire outside the Park, but also inside Washington Slagbaai National Park. It's a unique and large park that covers one-fifth of the island's surface. The area is protected by STINAPA and may not be built on.

All sorts of people come to visit the Park--tourists and island people--and everyone comes with different expectations and purposes. For the tourists it's something they need to do when they're on Bonaire, and in a relatively short period of time they can get a good impression of flora and fauna. But tourists and locals can equally enjoy and relax and spend the day actively by going hiking, snorkeling, diving, biking or by making guided tours, going bird watching and/or taking photos. I would say for local people it's a complete hide-away from daily routine because the Park feels like another country."

*I am talking to Mark Beenackers, who's been the interim manager of the Park since January 4 this year until the present. He's originally a skilled gardener, who has worked for seven years with Stichting Pro-*



Interim Manager of Washington Slagbaai National Park,  
Marc Beenackers

*ject/FORSA and who has developed a number of nature projects, both privately and professionally over the last years.*

"A week ago I spent a night at the Park, and after 4pm, when the rangers did their patrol and guided the last day trippers to the exit, you stay all by yourself and then the Park is yours. When the sun goes down you're in the dark. On one side you hear the sound of the rolling waves, on the other side the cackling of the flamingos, and above your head there's the beauty of the endless starry sky. And because there are no city lights, the intensity of the stars in the night sky is enormous.

The fact that you can stay overnight at Slagbaai gives you the feeling that you've travelled away from home. There are three houses for rent. One small house that accommodates a maximum of eight people costs \$29.50 per night (for the whole house). The two bigger houses are \$60 per night per house, with a maximum of 30 people per house. You can only make a reservation at the headquarters of STINAPA.\* We have plenty of tourists coming to the Park, but now we're aiming for the locals to come and enjoy. If you don't have a car fit for the Park, you could rent one for the day together with some friends. It's well worth the visit. For instance, standing on top of Mt. Brandaris, seeing the island lying at your feet while on a clear day you can see Curacao in the distance. For this reason we will continue (for a small fee) the monthly guided hike of

Mt. Brandaris, which we did on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the Park when George Cultura and I did two guided hikes at sunset, back with headlights. By the way, the rule is that Mt. Brandaris can only be climbed in the morning, also without guides. This is because of the heat and the timeframe.

The hikes we did were fully booked and I think it makes it clear that for a certain group of island people there is a need to do things in the Park under guidance. Many people like to feel safe and also they find the information we give them about flora, fauna and history very interesting.

The road we've taken since January is that we want to give more publicity and raise more awareness about Washington Slagbaai National Park. We want to show the people what the Park has to offer for young and old. Besides the unique little beaches like Playa Chikitu and Cocolishi, which are just beautiful to have breakfast and wet your feet – as you cannot swim there because of the strong current - there are of course the other pristine beaches like Wayaká and Slagbaai where it's lovely to snorkel, swim and dive.

At the entrance of the Park we've made a kids' trail for young children between the ages of 4-10. Along the way there are 10 theoretical questions, which the children can find answers to in the museum and 10 physical obstacles the children have to go through. After they have completed the trail, the children will have earned being a ranger and they can put their head on a ranger statue so that their parents or grandparents can take a picture. The kids' trail can only be done under supervision of an adult. Information about this program is available at the entrance to the Park.

We've also opened an exhibition space at the entrance. At the moment there is an exposition about bat research done by STINAPA. This expo will change every three months when another subject which STINAPA is working on will be displayed.

Then, on the day of our 45th anniversary, George Cultura did a guided tour in a new area called Mondi Suit. This tour will be further expanded and opened to the public.

Also we've placed new 'rustic' benches at various locations in the Park and people are enthusiastically using them, so we're planning on putting more. But we will always keep in mind that we don't want to damage the unspoiled views that the Park has to offer by man-made 'obstacles.'

One of my ideas for the Park is to build a second museum at the entrance, especially focused on flora and fauna. I designed a kind of tunnel – a long cave - which will stay rough on the inside and with natural vegetation on the outside, so that iguanas can lie on top of it to warm themselves up in the sun. On the inside it will be an interactive museum, not only to see things, but also to smell, feel and experiment. It's a whole new concept for the island and very exciting and educational for everyone and an excellent day trip for schools to introduce children to nature. If there are any companies or agencies interested in investing in this project, they can contact STINAPA. In the meantime, we've also smoothed out the dirt roads in the Park and the rough parts in the concrete roads are being repaired.

The whole team of Washington Slagbaai National Park – a great team – has worked very hard this year to improve the facilities in the Park and make it more accessible for everyone without affecting or damaging nature or the virgin soul of the Park as little as possible. By doing so we've set a positive line in the development of the Park and we're planning to continue this way." ■

*Story & Greta Kooistra*

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