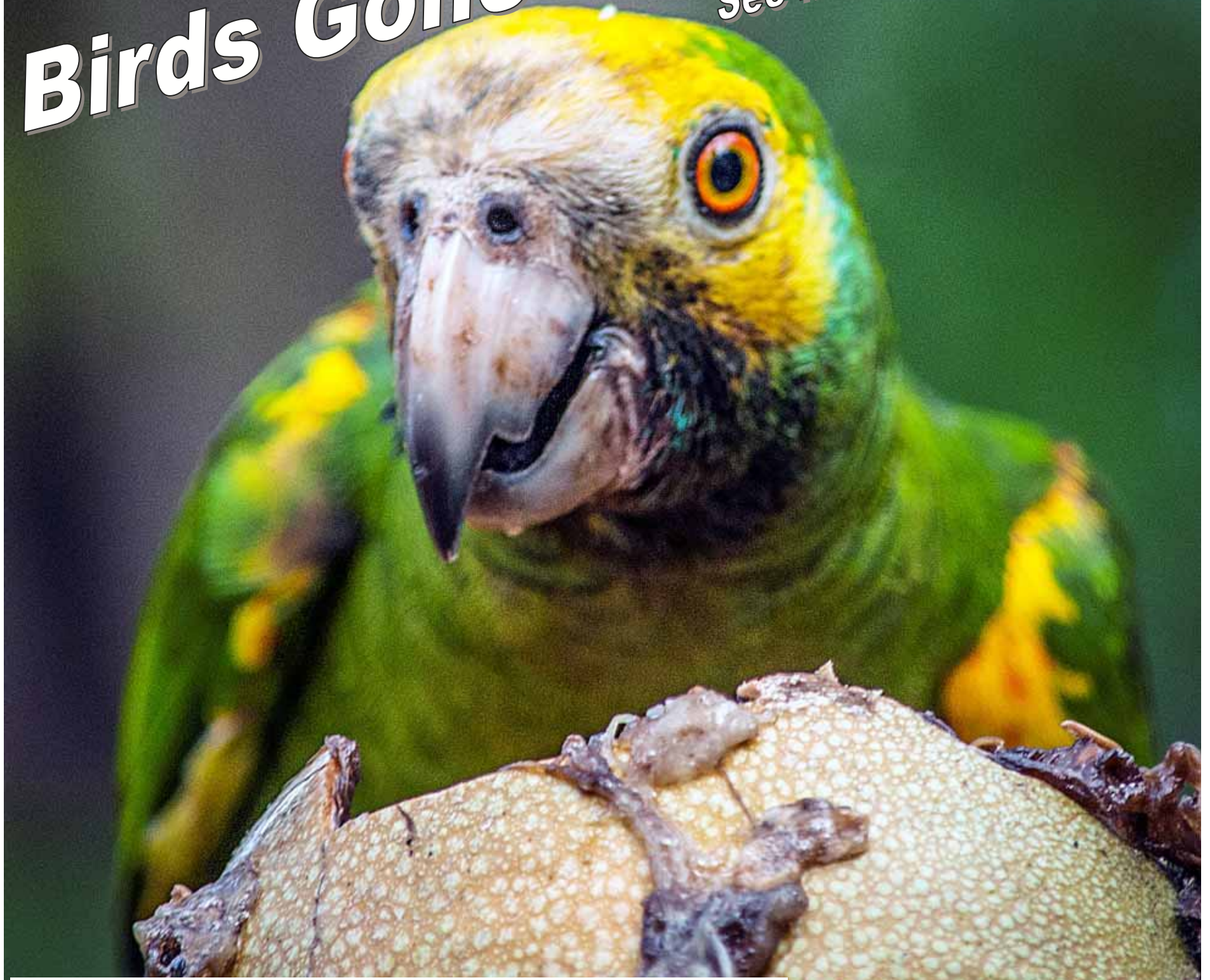


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A Bonaire Lora having a *Kalbas* (Calabash) snack

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Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Minister Ronald Plasterk plans to appoint **Edison Rijna** as Island Governor of Bonaire. Rijna is presently the Acting Island Governor. He has worked at various banks in the Caribbean Netherlands and is one of the founders of Bon Recycling B.V. He is married to the former Freeke Kunst and they have two children, a boy and a girl. The Governor-elect was born on July 7, 1967, and educated on Bonaire at the Prinses Beatrix School, the SGB High School then pursued his higher education in The Netherlands. He has a reputation for honesty and sincerity. Once ratified by the Dutch Crown, he will be sworn in on August 20th.

▶ Starting August 22, 2014, **Delta Airlines will offer two weekly non-stop flights from Atlanta to Bonaire, departing on Fridays AND Saturdays, so it's time to get moving and take advantage of the added ease in getting to the one and only "Diver's Paradise." Delta's Atlanta hub offers numerous connections to or from a variety of US gateways.**

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Delta Flight #662 departs Bonaire (BON) 3:59pm; arrives Atlanta (ATL) 7:22pm

▶ **Bonaire's Flamingo International Airport has received a safety certificate from the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.** This certifies that the

Bonaire airport meets international safety standards. It is the first airport in the region to get this international certification.

Les Laplace, director of Bonaire International Airport (BIA), speaks of it as a milestone for the island. Other airports in the Caribbean, including Aruba and Curaçao, are not yet certified at the international level by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

In early June an extensive audit was conducted by the Environment and Transport Inspectorate of the Ministry for Infrastructure and the Environment in accordance with ICAO regulations to confirm that Flamingo Airport qualifies for the safety. *By Belkis Osepa*

▶ A milestone for Bonaire occurred on July 8. It was the first time that a Bonairean signed with an American professional baseball team on his own island.

Seventeen year old **Cerilio Soleana** also became the first Bonairean to go directly to the US with a Major League Baseball team, the Cincinnati Reds, to begin training. His father, Eric Soleana, is very proud. "He has long been preparing. His ambition was to play baseball at a professional level. That has now become a reality."

The memorable event took place at the new offices of Notaris Aniek Schouten. Surrounded by family, friends and his scout, he put his signature on the contract with the Cincinnati Reds. Cerilio must now obtain his visa. Once that is settled, he travels directly to the US for his training with the team. *By Jane Madden Disko*

▶ **The Chamber of Commerce (KvK) will repeat its successful series of basic business courses.** The courses in both Dutch and Papiamentu cover the issues that are important when starting a business, such as information resources: setting up records, applicable taxes, applicable laws and regulations, and much more.

The courses are all conducted in cooperation

with local companies and institutions including Compact S, Notariskantoor Schouten, Administration Brandaris, MCB, Bonaire Law, RCN, the Tax Office.

The next course will begin July 28.

To sign up or get additional information visit the Chamber Monday-Friday. Come during opening hours from 08.00 to 12.00 and from 13.00 to 16.00 at the Chamber of Commerce at Kaya Grandi 67. Additional information is available at Hennyson Thielman (hthielman@kvkbonaire.com) telephone 717 5595, ext 5003 or Ellen van Dongen (evandongen@kvkbonaire.com).

▶ **Why is BonKompra good for the consumer?**

BonKompra is an arrangement with the Association of Importers and Bonaire Supermarkets (VBIS) to maintain a maximum price for a market basket of 36 frequently purchased products.

The supermarkets who are members of VBIS will offer at least one brand of good quality at or below the agreed maximum price for each of these products. It is already operational.

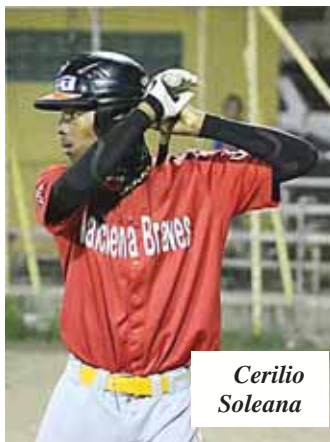
The 16 members of the VBIS prices set the prices. The maximum prices were set by ranking the (good quality) products from the least expensive to the most expensive. After that, the cap is set at an average of the of the 36 products in the 16 participating supermarkets. The members of the VBIS have committed to hold the line at these prices.

Average prices of 36 products in the 14 participating supermarkets will decrease by 24%.

▶ **More than 20 years after the need for a sewer system to protect Bonaire's reef was confirmed, it is about to begin full operation.** Its cost has been astronomical [from €20 up to] - €34.5 million - which means each [vacuum-] connection to the 607 households, 73 hotels and businesses costs more than €50,000 each.

The press have not seen the Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations report that will make public the so-called OLAF report into the alleged misappropriation of the European subsi-

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Cerilio Soleana



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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) dies for the project. It was to be released last week. Minister Plasterk stated that the report was made available to him by the European Commission on January 17, under the condition that its contents would be dealt with confidentially.

The investigation focused on possible irregularities with financial management within Foundation Development Netherlands Antilles (SONA). The project was tendered by SONA in 2010 and awarded to MNO Vervat International.

Minister Plasterk said he declined to publish the OLAF report as this could hamper preliminary investigations by the Prosecutor's Office in Bonaire into potential crimes.

► **The Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire presented their approach to handling the situation of roaming donkeys on Bonaire** to the local government but obtained agreement on only one item- improving road safety for the motorists and the animals. They had a wild life biologist explain how the donkeys are beneficial to the ecosystem, the shortcomings of the existing method of controlling donkey population at the Donkey Sanctuary, the financial benefits of their plan and its tourism value. However, the group will continue to pursue its goals which are based on respect for Bonaire's animals and preservation of Bonaire donkeys. You can see one of their posters at the airport exit and on page 14.

► **It's breeding season for Bonaire's endangered Lora**, but this is when they

are most at risk from poachers and predators who threaten their very existence. Thankfully, these magnificent creatures have dedicated protectors. The number of wild Loras has more than doubled (to 865) in just a few years due to the tireless efforts of Dr. Sam Williams and his volunteers at Echo.

But Sam Williams and his staff need help. That's why part-time Bonaire residents, **Mel McCombie and Harris Friedberg**, are committing \$5,000 of their own money to match your gifts to Echo. Can you join them?

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► **Significant opposition to the appointment of the new Kingdom Representative (Rijksvertegenwoordiger) for the BES Islands, Gilbert Isabella**, is in the news. Members of the Dutch Parliament for the ultra-right PVV Party, including **Geert Wilders**, formally expressed concern over the "appointment of a controversial PvdA Alderman. Wilders called on Plasterk to immediately retract Isabella's appointment.

Deputy Editor-in-chief of *The Post Online*, **Bas Paternotte**, also questioned the July 4 decision of the Dutch Council of Ministers to appoint Isabella. Paternotte pointed out that Isabella had been involved in several controversial incidents as Alderman in charge of urban housing and planning in Utrecht, a job that he held until May.

Curaçao-born Isabella (53) was one of the more than 60 persons who had applied for the position of *Rijksvertegenwoordiger*. Isabella was selected as the sole candidate by a special committee installed by Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations (BZK) Ronald Plasterk. The committee consisted of former Governor of the Netherlands, Bonaire and Curaçao, **Frits Goedgedrag**, former President of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament **Gerdi Verbeet**, former Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs **Laurens Jan Brinkhorst**, and Secretary General of the BZK ministry **Richard van Zwol**.

St. Eustatius Commissioner **Reginald Zaandam** also voiced criticism in a letter dated July 3, in which he questioned whether Isabella was the right man for the job because, according to him, being an Alderman for three years doesn't constitute as having "broad expertise in the governing process," a requirement in the job description.

He also pointed out that Isabella had no affiliation with the BES Islands and re-

marked that the appointee was a member of the PvdA, the same party of Minister Plasterk. "Our candidate choice would have been somebody who had a track record and experience of managing people and the expertise to bring public entities and The Hague closer together. ... But Plasterk plucked out an outsider from Utrecht," Zaandam said.

Statia's Island Council Central Committee Chairman **Reuben Merkman** was particularly critical. "We were assured by Minister Plasterk that the decision would not be political. Plasterk's CDA predecessor appointed his CDA chum, **Wilbert Stolte**. "The community is still wondering where the missing millions of development funding have gone and why Stolte, as the former treasurer for the funds, is not held accountable. Now we have Plasterk from the PvdA party appointing a PvdA chum. So we now get yet another failed politician."

"He comes to these islands that he does not know, with a lot of reputational baggage. As city councilor of Utrecht, he spent a fortune for a theatre project after ignoring a report that the theatre would become a financial folly. And it did. Responsible for the Utrecht Spatial Plan, he also forgot about the historic centre where he created, in full view, a facility for drug addicts. Bad judgment has clouded other controversial issues," said **Merkman**. "In practice, the role has become that of the three wise monkeys."

The Executive Councils of Bonaire and Saba have voiced no opposition to Isabella's appointment. ■



Gilbert Isabella

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On The Island Since... 1997 - Angliet Baidjoe

“Now that I’ve reached this age, I begin to realize how precious the years are which lie ahead of me. I’m no longer tied to a job and I’ve got so much to do, while I feel that my body can’t do things the way it used to, or at the same pace. I am someone who is interested in all aspects of life and I have many hobbies; that’s why I feel I’m short of time.

But let’s start with the beginning. I was born in Paramaribo, Surinam, as the oldest child of a nest of five because after me four boys were born. I come from a multicultural family. My parents are Hindu and Chinese and within the family there were various religious beliefs related to the different cultures. I grew up with Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Christianity and some more, and it really enriched my life. It was fun too because there were a lot of religious festivals and celebrations to attend. The family would always get together as we were extremely close-knit and there was a genuine respect and acceptance of each other’s religion.

My father was a teacher and when he was young he was sent to the interior of the country to teach the indigenous people. My brothers were not born yet, so I went alone with my parents. In spite of the fact that I was very young, I can still remember situations and images like it was yesterday.

People perceive with five senses, but in the jungle at a very young age and without realizing it, I learned there is something like a sixth sense. I grew up with it. I had a special and close connection with my maternal grandmother and she also taught me how to look differently at things – things you cannot see immediately, but you feel them, like an extra intuition and I’ve kept it all my life. My grandmother knew things. One day she told me ‘When I die, you will be there to bury me.’ I was 19 at the time and living in Holland and I answered, ‘Oma, I don’t know where I will be then.’ But she said calmly, ‘You will be there with your children.’ When she passed away many years later, I was living on Bonaire. It was a beautiful day. I had vacation and my children were on a plane to Bonaire to spend the holidays with me. When I got the news I immediately bought three tickets and the next day we flew to Surinam to bury her.

When I was nine I got very sick with asthmatic bronchitis and my grandmother took me to Aruba. She told me, ‘The fresh sea air will do you good!’ My grandmother’s sister lived there with her two daughters and it was wonderful to play with girls, instead of having to fight with my four brothers! I stayed there for one year.

I lived in Surinam until I was 14. All our vacations we spent in the jungle where my father helped to set up schools. Then he decided he wanted to study again and we moved to Holland. When we arrived on a cold and grey November day, I told my parents, ‘I will never stay here!’ I became a teacher and then I followed every available education related to my profession and many others that I was interested in, like alternative medicine.

I stayed in Holland until I was 34. I travelled extensively through Europe, but also

through Africa and Asia, always and still with a backpack that doesn’t weigh more than six kilos. I had my children, but that didn’t stop me. I took them with me and they got the travel bug as well. They’re always on the go.

After 20 years in Holland I decided it was time to return to the tropics. I had visited Surinam and the Dutch Antilles frequently and when I applied for a job in the area, the first answer came from the Catholic school board in St. Eustatius/Statia. I lived there for eight years with my children. The father of my children couldn’t get used to such a small island and felt like he was choking so he went back to Holland while we stayed on.

It was a wonderful and precious time. We walked through all the islands of the Caribbean. And work was a challenge. It was fun to be able to teach in a different culture and to learn so much at the same time. I also built my house there. We had a beautiful view to the sea and we’ve seen the sun set in many different and magnificent ways.

After elementary school the children had to go to high school VWO, which wasn’t available on Statia, so they went to Holland where they were taken care of by their father. I went to live on Bonaire where I had a number of friends. I applied and immediately got a job in public education. Next to my profession as a teacher I also founded a construction company, with a good friend. I worked actively in the company but now it’s dormant. I’ve taught in all the schools on the island. I’ve been a substitute teacher. At Forma I taught teenage moms, at SGB second chance students. I’ve worked in special education, in kindergarten and with OICN. I’ve also taught adults.

After I sold my house on Statia I built

mother would ask me to touch her plants. She’d say that I had a deep connection with plants that came from a very strong love of nature. Also, I cannot see a cutting, a piece or a part of a plant on the street, trampled and half dead because then I have to pick it up and take care of it and bring it back to life. It’s something I cannot explain, but I feel guilty if I leave it there, when I let a part of nature die.

Next to my life as a teacher I’ve always been closely involved in the Bonairean community. I participate in many activities. I know many people because of my work. I always go everywhere on my bicycle and when people ask me for help, I will devote myself to a good cause.

For 10 years, from 1999-2009, I organized guided trips to the jungle of Surinam and I’ve taken many interested people from Bonaire on my Amazon tours. Presently I am also selling delicious goodies at the Kriabon market, every first Saturday of the month. The atmosphere is great and I’ve met a lot of fun people there!

Last year in January I stopped working



Angliet Baidjoe



Angliet in her garden

“People perceive with five senses, but in the jungle at a very young age and without realizing it, I learned there is something like a sixth sense.”

my own house on Bonaire. I love where I am. My sixth sense tells me that it is a blessed place. While people say that the soil is too tough to grow anything and my street doesn’t have a lot of green, my garden sticks out - a little jungle - and it just grows by itself! Of course I take care of my plants, but I don’t water them very much. You see, you have to train them. Once every four days is enough, even in this period of drought.

Everywhere I’ve lived I had my little garden where I grew my plants, my veggies. From the time I was two my grand-

as a teacher. However, I’m still devoted to helping children and adults in their development. Teaching at schools nowadays is not easy. After having been a teacher for 30 years I can tell you that a teacher doesn’t have a magic wand. When a child comes from a complicated background, a teacher cannot set straight what has gone wrong in the course of years. You carry a huge responsibility for young children whom you have only five hours a day under your wing, which means that for 19 hours they are somewhere else. Then, when something goes wrong, all fingers

point at the teacher(s), while everyone seems to forget that the parents as well as society contribute the main part to the upbringing of the child. Therefore I think it wouldn’t be bad if at the end of the school year somebody would shake the hand of the teacher and say, ‘Thank you for what you did for my child.’ Of course we get paid to do it, but money isn’t everything when you do something with your heart and soul.

You never know what will happen in life, but Bonaire has become very dear to me and because of its people it feels like home. I am still travelling – South America is my focus. I am 59 now and still very curious about the unknown. I travel through hamlets and villages, through desolate places, inhospitable areas, where people rarely come. And there, in the midst of nature, I feel the connection.”■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Bonaire's Young Chefs In Italy



YOUNG BONAIRE HORECA STUDENTS LEARNING TO BE CHEFS

Learning true passion is not always easy. Even if you like something it can be hard to achieve. These young students from SGB and Forma are on their way to learn cooking and chef work—and finding their true passion.

Italy Stage 2014 was the 10th trip to the Emilia Romagna region of Italy where over 90 Bonaire students have experienced this cooking learning stage.

Making mentors and experts in the fast growing pace of Horeca life on Bonaire is what this project is all about—learning

and growing in Horeca.

At the graduation Nazareno School Director Luca, Coordinator Claudio, Assessore Stefania Gasparini, and founder of the school, Pastor Don Ivo, were all present to give our students their graduation celebration and certificates.

Special thanks to sponsors for making this year's stage happen: KLM, Netnet nv, Capriccio's. Thanks to Forma and SGB for allowing their students to go. It was a difficult year to get all the funding, but this experience will surely make the students top chefs. And that's Bonaire's future! ■ Sara Matera (in center of photo)

Bonairean Homes and Life Styles



Christie Dovale photo

This was the home of the Hart family, with a shop and storage on the ground floor. The family lived upstairs.

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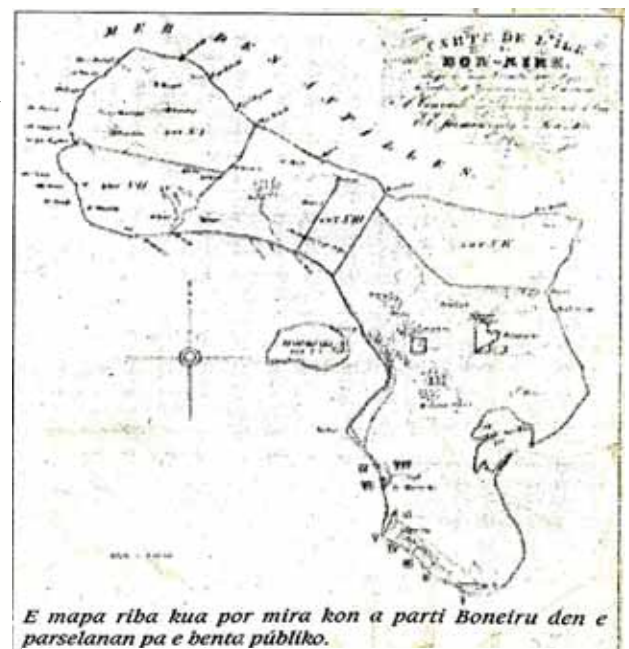
Before 1868 the island of Bonaire was one big Government Plantation where one could not establish him/herself as it was not permitted to live on Bonaire. The only inhabitants here at that time were slaves owned by the king and privately owned slaves and the military.

After slavery was abolished the Government would not allow any further exploitation of Bonaire. However, several *koenoe-koes* (farms) and plantations had been privately sold before 1868, including sales of Government properties.

In 1868 a public auction of Bonaire took place on Curaçao. Privately owned land began then and lasted up until the end of WWII. During this public auction five large portions of Bonaire, ranging from 600 to 4,000 hectares, including the salt flats, were placed "under the hammer." See map at right.

In the past, large land owners (*Groot Grond Bezitters*) owned more than one home - one usually in Kralendijk and the other, out of town, which was their plantation. The *Shon* (in Papiamentu meaning owner of land and slaves, a man with status and property) would be at both places regularly. At the plantation there was always someone called *Vitó* (overseer) to tend to things. He was especially important in cases where the *Shon* resided in Curaçao.

The wife of the *Shon* stayed at home in Kralendijk, and of course so did the children. It was unheard of having them travel to and fro twice a day, from the plantation to town. Relatively speaking, distances



E mapa riba kua por mira kon a parti Bonetru den e parselanan pa e benta públiko.

An early map showing the division of Bonaire into plantations.

were far, the roads were in bad condition, and the mode of transportation was poor.

The large land owners used their *koenoe-koes* to sow and harvest sorghum or millet, aloë (vera) and/or to raise livestock - sheep, cows, horses and donkeys. Salt was collected wherever possible. Of course some kunukus, depending on their location, had no means to produce salt.

Pods from the Divi trees (*Caesalpinia Coriaria*) were usually collected by female slaves who beat the pods out of the trees with sticks and filled burlap bags for export to Curaçao. The ripe pods contained 60% tannin and were used in leather factories keeping the leather supple. The Divi pods were collected from the leftover Government farms where the smaller farmers were allowed to harvest. Animal waste from the smaller farms was shipped off to islands in the Caribbean as fertilizer for the sugar plantations.

The *Shons* were also salesmen. They sold their goods and in return bought products such as, alcohol, tobacco, leather, sugar, coffee, rice, flour, corn

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Baby Loras Go Wild

Cover Story



Tour guide Sheyla Chirino with a group of interested visitors



Bald Baby Loras

It's that time of year again when the island's Loras are going about the business of raising chicks. Some of these tiny bald chicks are just getting their feathers when they are plucked from their homes and families. Collected illegally these poor individuals will spend the rest of their lives in a cage.

It's a sad reality but it is still happening right here on Bonaire.

The Echo team, who are dedicated to the protection of the Yellow-shouldered Amazon Parrot (the Bonairean Lora), are busy monitoring nests. They will be doing what they can to ensure the wild chicks get to grow up and "go wild"! While the nesting season is an exciting time of year it can also be heartbreaking when known nests are found empty, with only one explanation for the sudden disappearance.

Echo employs several strategies to prevent poaching on Bonaire. First the team must find the nests and, although the parrots often

use the same tree or rock cavity year after year, that is not always the case. Nest monitoring is essential for gathering information on the survival rate of the chicks, and they have already spotted some little, fluffy chicks this season. Being out and about also means the Echo team get to notice if there's any suspicious stuff going on too. This year we'll also be using cameras set up at nest sites to record activity in known poaching areas.

Fortunately, Bonaire's government is very progressive when it comes to Parrot Protection with the authorities enforcing the parrots' protected status. Bonaire's parrot is special and the Echo team have started attending fairs to share their passion for this rare bird. The team are looking forward to being at the next Cultural Market held by Mangazina de Rei (this Saturday, July 26).

Another of Echo's efforts to raise awareness and inspire appreciation for parrots is the "Parrot Club". This exciting initiative

has been developed in partnership with Fesbo, the after-school care program. Around 400 school aged children are learning about the Lora in a fun and educational way. The children have been given activity books and some visited the Dos Pos Kunuku to further enhance their understanding of the parrot.

These youngsters are the next generation of Bonaireans who will influence the survival of the Lora in the future. Instilling in them the uniqueness of their native parrot will hopefully be something that stays with them their entire lives.

As well as working with children, Echo has recently started providing tours of their Dos Pos Conservation Centre. The tour gives an insight into Echo's work and best of all it is led by local guides who are eager to share their knowledge of Bonaire.

Dr. Sam Williams is hopeful that this tour will be a permanent feature at Dos Pos.

"We are excited about creating a more sustainable way to provide economic gains from the parrots. The tours are themselves just fledging and there's more to come. We mainly want to share our message about just how unique and wonderful the Yellow-Shouldered Amazon parrot is and how their home, the dry-forest, needs restoring."

At the moment Echo's one-hour-long Wednesday afternoon tours happen every week and are donation based. Meet at the Dos Pos windmill before 4:30 pm and bring

good shoes as it's "off road." Alternatively you can book a private tour through Flow Bonaire, info@flowbonaire.com. Phone: +599 788 4636. ■ Courtney Benvenuti, photos by Sam Williams

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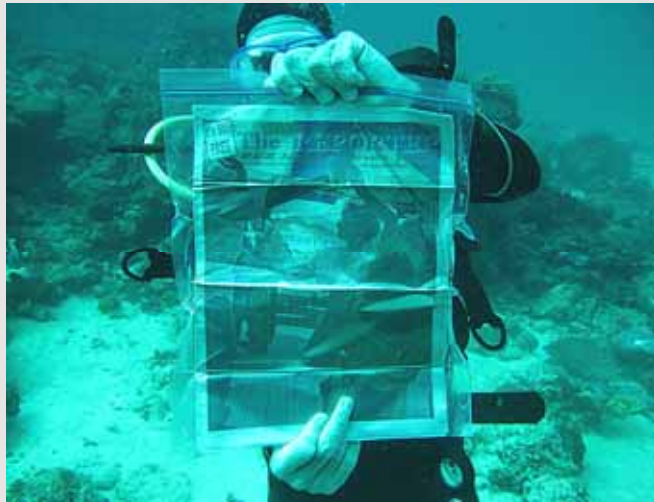
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Robert Neufeld from Waldeck, Saskatchewan, Canada, writes:

“During a January dive trip to Bonaire (my 5th visit there since 1997 with dive friends who discovered it a couple of years prior to that) I picked up a copy of the January 13-27, 2014 *Bonaire Reporter* where we were staying (Bruce Bowker’s Carib Inn) and happened to notice your ‘Picture Yourself With The *Bonaire Reporter*’ contest.



As it’s been a while since we were in Bonaire I don’t even know if the contest is still running. However, regardless of whether or not it is, please find attached a photo taken mid-March near the end of a one-month trip to Tanzania. The first part of the trip consisted of the Kilimanjaro Marathon (while I did the full hot, hilly 42.2K distance, three others did the half and the rest of the group enjoyed the 5K fun ‘run,’ if you can call 5K an actual run). This was then followed by visiting a number of parks and reserves on safari before heading to Zanzibar for a few days.”

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FAIR WINDS AND A FOLLOWING SEA....

Bonaire and the cruising world bid farewell and smooth sailing to a dear friend, **Randy Kenofell**. Born in Burbank, California, on January 5, 1951, Randy and his lifetime companion and high school sweetheart, Lourae, left their successful careers in 1993 to board their sailing vessel *Pizzaz* and followed their dream of cruising the Caribbean. During their sailing years they visited 17 countries and islands throughout the Caribbean, making numerous stops on Bonaire; in addition they cruised the Pacific coast of Central America and Mexico. They wrote the “Cruising Guide from Bonaire to Colombia” that inspired other cruisers to venture farther west in the Caribbean.



After spending 12 years at sea, Randy and Lourae decided to regain their land legs and made Bonaire their home. They took another challenge of designing and building their new home; and with sailing still in their blood, Randy and Lourae began sailing again on their day-sailor, *Moko Jumbie*, where between 2009 and 2012 they won numerous races in the Bonaire Regatta multi-hull class including receiving the 1st place trophy (three times) and the 2nd place trophy (once). Never lacking in their desire to be at sea, Randy and Lourae discovered another type of sailing which filled their wanderlust when they began cruise ship holidays which took them around the world and around South America.

On July 9, 2014, Randy lost his 6-month battle with Stage 4 Metastasized Melanoma. To all of you who had the opportunity to meet Randy, you will remember his inviting smile, his talent of telling a great story, his humor and ability to make people laugh, and his unending generosity and compassion for everyone who touched his life. We have all, including Lourae, lost an amazing and delightful person who will remain in our hearts and memories forever. As a dear friend of Randy has said.....”Randy is sailing the oceans of heaven and telling stories to cruising angels”. Until we meet again.....we wish Randy “fair winds and a following sea”.....

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Proposal For Freshwater Wetlands Project

To attract more tourism and for Bonaire to advertise to the world that we are making our very arid island a bit more accommodative to wildlife, specifically birds, well-known Bonaire naturalist Jerry Ligon proposes a project in which Bonaire will have a year-round freshwater park.

He writes, "This will be the first permanent freshwater location for the entire island, and it was chosen because the impoundment has already been constructed, and it has shown in most years to catch natural rainwater and has become a fantastic wetlands all on its own. However, in most years the period of it being a wetlands usually does not go beyond three or four months, just barely enough time for the many species that require fresh water to nest, and then it dries up.

During the past winter, this location was the site for the very first nesting of **Black-bellied Whistling Duck** for Bonaire, that I documented on 11 January, 2014.

The proposal includes a well to be dug which will provide the fresh water for this park. After consultation with proper authorities, it hopefully will be placed along **Niki-boko Noord**, and by controlled flow the water level can be maintained and will flow towards the north along an existing, constructed creek bed for a total of almost 500 meters to then flow under Amboina into another catchment that is already in place, to which I have given the appropriate name, "Cattail Marsh."

We will also be enhancing the vegetation along the shoreline that will provide cover and places for nesting as well as simply resting and feeding for birds.

Check the Google Map at right for a bird's-eye view of the proposed area, which is on the corner where Hanachi Amboina and Kaya Niki-boko Noord come together. The blue line marks the length of the wetlands, and shows where the water will flow under the newly constructed cement canal that goes under Hanachi Amboina into an area that also has collected rainwater in years past and had a beautiful cattail marsh that was totally destroyed last fall when someone in government gave the undefined instructions to "clean up" the area.

The entire wetlands area from the south toward the north, ending at the Cattail Marsh, is almost 500 meters long, running



Great Egret in breeding plumage



Common Gallinule nesting



Sora Rail in the Cattail Marsh

south to north, and around 140 meters across. This is a fantastic area with a lot of potential for uncrowded wetlands along which will be constructed trails, quiet areas where photographers can capture many uncommon and beautiful species, or just a simple, quiet place for nature enthusiasts to enjoy a walk through a freshwater wetland.

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The two photos were taken at the identical spot—the Cattail Marsh. The first photo shows the results of the common practice of “land clearing.” The second, shows the same area in the rainy season, a perfect habitat for waterfowl.

ing good opportunities to view and photograph shy species, like **Sora Rail** (on the facing page), two species of **Gallinules**, **Caribbean Coots**, which are designated Near Threatened status on Bonaire, and many species of water fowl, such as **Black-bellied Whistling Duck**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **Northern Shoveler**, **American Wigeon**. There is already ample parking along the junction of Amboina and Nikiboko Noord.

I'm enthused by the possibility of having a permanent fresh-water wetlands is because the customary clear cutting of existing wetlands that exist during the rainy season can be eliminated. An education program would help people better understand what a working, permanent fresh-water wetlands could do, as shown in the above photos.

If this proposal gets the proper agreements, then we will have, for the very first

time on Bonaire, a freshwater wetlands that does not dry up in the spring, which forces many bird species to abandon any nesting attempts on our island. The addition of such a beautiful natural wetlands area will also increase the interest that visitors as well as local inhabitants will show toward the birdlife. Many local entrepreneurs will be able to gain knowledge and then lead nature trips, so this area will serve as an “Outdoor Classroom” that local schools can also utilize. I can foresee weekly bird walks, led by knowledgeable bird watchers on Saturday mornings, in the style of Audubon walks along wetlands in many communities in the US.”

■ *Jerry Ligon*



meal, linen, cottons, and tools to be sold in their shops. The division within the homes of these Shons mirrored their activities. In the town house the ground floor was fitted for storage and a shop. The family lived upstairs.

Christie Dovale photo



A Divi Divi tree. The pods are rich in tannin and were used to keep leather supple during processing in the factories.

Naturally, in the first half of the 20th century, Bonaire's population did not consist purely of large land owners. There were also middle class families, business men, shop owners, craftsmen and government workers. Generally speaking we can say that the differences in prosperity found their way through the size and images of the homes, including their interiors. But socially there were no barriers. ■

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Dive Friends Record-Setting Clean-up



On Saturday, July 12th, Dive Friends Bonaire organized their most successful clean up dive in history. Excluding the crew, exactly 119 volunteers contributed to the event, which included the Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) monthly fishing line recovery

Check in was at 09:45 at the Yellow Submarine location of Dive Friends. Air and nitrox were supplied free by Dive Friends Bonaire. Shop manager **Asko Zuidam** informed the volunteers about how to collect the debris, taking care of the life underwater. Special attention was paid to new debris like bottles, tins, cups, fishing line and so on. This time the site was the water world under the Town Pier. Dive Friends Bonaire received special permission from the harbor master as normally diving under the Town Pier is strictly forbidden because of safety reasons.

All volunteers jumped into the waiting vehicles and went to the coast of the city center of Kralendijk for a one-hour no decompression dive. **Sneetje**, the legal sea dog in the middle of the photograph, was also there to accompany the divers and other volunteers. However she was not able to sign up early that morning, but she joined all

other activities, including the pot luck BBQ.

After the dive all found objects were counted: **1,308 items** to be precise. Of course there were the usual glass bottles (414) and the pieces of fishing line (46). Special treasures of this time's event were, among others: 15 hats, 11 shoes and/or flip flaps, four razors, one mobile phone, one live bullet (!), one highway cone for Shirley and, last but not least: two thongs. (Not from Shirley.)

Time out for a personal clean-up, a hang out and/or a little nap. The tropics, the trade wind and the Caribbean Sea make you tired. At 6 the raffle and the pot luck barbecue began. Meat and a drink supplied for free by Dive Friends Bonaire. Asko and members of his crew were behind the barbecue, supervising the process. There was plenty of food, not in the least because all volunteers did their utmost best to prepare their specialties. At the end of the event the last diehards decided that the special Spanish *Bonuelos* (little dough balls dipped in oil, covered with cinnamon and sugar) made by Gift, an attractive youngster from Italy, were the most delicious.

Thank you all. See you next time. ■

Story & Photo by Jan Brouwer



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WATER TAXI

Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry. Ride the *Kantika di Amor*. Hotel or downtown pickup The only water taxi to Klein Bonaire with an easy on/off built-in ramp at Bonaire Nautico (It Rains Fishes Restaurant)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Saturday, July 26—Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei, 8am-1pm. Music, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. On the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon. See below.



Sunday, July 27

-Big Bike Fun Race. "Elite" and "Fun" courses. Call De Freewieler for details 717-8545.

-Taste of Bonaire at Wilhelmina Park, 6-10pm. See below.



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Date: Sunday, 27th July 2014
Place: Wilhelmina Park
Time: 6 pm to 10 pm

August 1-3- 10th Bonaire Jazz Festival. More on page 5.

Saturday, August 2—Kriabon Farmers' Market, 8am-1pm, Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School. See below.



August 4-8: Barracuda Swim Club Summer Camp 780-8565

REGULAR EVENTS

Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

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

• **Parke di Libertat Bazaar.** Flea market tables to rent \$5. Used items for sale, 9am-2pm.

• **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

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse on Kaya Industria, Second Saturday of the month, 7-9 pm.** (Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. +5999-560-7539.) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **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 informa-

tion

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

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

• **Echo Parrot Foundation tours of their Dos Pos Conservation Centre.** The tour gives an insight into Echo's work and best of all it is led by local guides who are eager to share their knowledge of Bonaire and are donation based. Meet at the Dos Pos windmill before 430 pm and bring good shoes as it's "off road." Alternatively you can book a private tour through Flow Bonaire info@flowbonaire.com Phone: +599 788 4636.

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.**

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Monday - Touch the Sea -- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

Mangasina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

Chichi i Tan Museum. Step into the past—a typical old Bonairean home, furnishings and garden. **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays.** 10am-3pm. **1st Sunday of month,** live performances of local musicians, arts & crafts. Free but donations appreciated. **Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon. 786-6420/78-7842**

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

Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th**

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

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

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

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

Ministerio di Kristu Hesus Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held Sunday mornings 10am-11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7-8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20am- Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Information: Call 701-9522 .

Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente, Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 pm, in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161.

Iglesia di Cristo (Church of Christ) Sunday: 10:30am & 7pm; Wednesday: 7pm. Services in Papiamentu (English also if needed) Address: Kaya Msgr. ndt 25 (same street as Dr. Dorvil) Cell: 796-0721. email: iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com

Pets of the Week

Meet Bella who certainly lives up to her name! "Bella" means "beauty" in Italian and Spanish and that certainly describes this stunning cat. Bella is a semi-long-haired "torby." A "torby" is an interesting mix of a tortoiseshell calico cat with a bonus of tabby patterning mixed throughout. An online cat forum member describes the markings of torbies beautifully: "They are cloaked in the lovely colors of Fall."



"Bella"

Bella is about two years old and is a relaxed and very affectionate feline. Not at all demanding, she waits for your invitation before comfortably settling into your lap or alongside you for a snuggle session. When it's not convenient for you to stroke her velvety soft fur and enjoy her purrs, she is perfectly willing to spend her time napping in sun spots or lazily knocking around a cat toy. Bella would be a perfect fit for someone who wants an "only cat" as she is calm and content being by herself and loves human company. However, she is tolerant of other cats and

not at all aggressive towards them, so she would fit equally well into a multi-cat household.

As with all adult Shelter animals, Bella is sterilized, vaccinated and in good health. Adopting an adult loving cat like her not only saves a life but rewards you with the grateful love only a rescued animal can give. Please pass by the Shelter and give Bella a chance. The Bonaire Animal Shelter is open 8 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm Monday through Saturday on Kaminda Lagun 26A, 717-4989. Tel. 717-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com They're on Facebook too. ■ Jane Madden-Disko

Shelter News

Summer vacations aren't always happy times for our canine and feline friends.

Every year, lots of dogs and cats are dropped off at the Shelter before their owners head off on holiday. It's a despicable practice, and it happens a lot on Bonaire. A not-so-nice lady dumped all her three dogs at the Shelter. The dogs were not even one year old. She had a lot of excuses. The landlord all of a sudden forbid her having pets. Another excuse was that she had problems with her neighbors. She had more excuses, all false. Another excuse that we hear very often during summer vacation season is that the dog jumps the fence. The dog had never done that before. But we know better!

Sometimes dogs and cats are dumped on the street, with no food and water. It happened to this little puppy, only four weeks old. She was thrown on the side of the street. A good Samaritan saw it happen and was



Marlies Tiepel photo

very upset. She immediately brought this little one to the Shelter. Now "Bijou," as we named this cutie, is being fostered by volunteer Anneke. Please consider your pets before you plan summer vacations! ■ Marlies Tiepel

Note: The Shelter offers boarding for dogs in a very comfortable and safe environment. Call 717-4989 for more information.

Book Fair

The Animal Shelter Book Fair was a huge success this last Saturday, due in large part to Renee Leach (Renee Snorkel Trips) who organized the more than 3,000 books into not only different languages, but into fiction, non-fiction, mystery, children's and more. Now customers didn't have to stand in the sun, pouring through every book! She did an unbelievable job and continues organizing the books as they come in. Those and 3,000+ more books are for sale every Saturday at the Animal Shelter Flea Market down town. Big thank you, Renee! ■ L.D.



→Photo: Dutch children had a special area for only Dutch children's books.

→Photo: The volunteers (who said they want to remain anonymous) sold drinks to the book shoppers. They even gave away fresh tamarind fruit.



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THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
Late July, Early August 2014

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You will take on too much if you aren't careful. Stick to basics. Be quiet about your intentions or ideas that might bring added cash. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do. Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You mustn't give too much to your children. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Try to be there for someone if they need assistance. Upheavals may occupy your day. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Try to be as mellow as possible. Minor accidents could occur if you don't take precautions. Your high energy must be directed into productive goals, or frustrations will occur. Try to be there for someone if they need assistance. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Sudden changes of heart may cause disruptions in your domestic scene. You will be well looked upon due to your compassionate and giving nature. Turn things around, make sure that they do their share. Not everyone will be pleased with your plans. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) A passionate encounter with your mate should help alleviate that pent-up energy. You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. Opportunities to get ahead are evident. Get into some activities that will help you in making new friends. Your luckiest events will occur on a Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Visit those less fortunate than your self; be sure to help them with their personal problems. You should be able to make major career gains if you plan your intentions carefully. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike. Your luckiest events

will occur on a Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Avoid overloading your plate. You may find that lectures or travel will be highly successful. Be sure to look into travel opportunities that will provide you with mental stimulation. Some time spent with that special someone should be your intent. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Do not let in-laws upset you. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood that might be hanging over your head. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Be prepared to neutralize any threats. Talk to an older, established individual about your present situation. You will be able to communicate well this month. Refrain from overspending on entertainment or luxury items. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Look to a close friend for advice. Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Your luckiest events will occur on a Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Children may be difficult to handle. Plan your day carefully. You can make money if you work on personal investments. You could have trouble persuading others to accept your ideas and opinions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Spend some quality time with your lover. You may want to make changes that will turn your entertainment room into a real family affair. You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Your uncanny insight will help you make the right choices. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday. ■

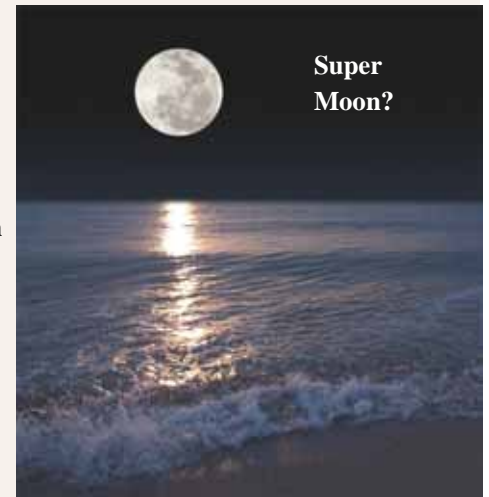


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IS THE SUPERMOON JUST BS?

Meteor Shower Alert: On July 28, 29 - **Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower**. The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by **comets Marsden and Kracht**. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. **It peaks this year on the night of July 28 and morning of July 29.** This should be a great year for this shower because the thin **crescent Moon** will set early in the evening, leaving dark skies for what should be a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the **constellation Aquarius**, but can appear anywhere in the sky.



Super Moon?

The next full moon will probably be dubbed a **Super Moon** by the media. Don't let the idea of a super moon get to you because it's not really that big a deal. But all the TV news people go nuts about the super moon so it must be something really special! Right?

Readers, you know as well as I do that even though there is a measurable size difference between the biggest and the smallest full moon of the year that you can't really notice it without special measuring devices.

Check yourself. There is even a handy measuring device around: your pinky finger. Use it to see how big the super moon is not.

The moon is the easiest thing to see in the night sky, but remember when you're looking at the moon you're seeing reflected sunlight. The moon does not produce light of its own. And the moon is not always a stargazer's friend because it can get to be so bright it wipes out most of the stars and the **Milky Way**.

Start by watching the moon on the evening of August 4th and see what we can see.

To use your pinky finger to measure the apparent size of the moon: extend your arm, stick out your pinky finger, close one eye and then put your pinky finger over the moon. It will disappear behind your finger. The moon will be one day past first quarter

so it's what we call a **waxing gibbous moon**. Remember gibbous means humped and waxing means it'll get fatter night after night.

Do that each night until August 9. Now try your finger trick. What happens? And though it's not quite full now, it will probably look full to most people, but it won't really be full until 2:09 pm Sky Park Time on the 10th. We won't get to see the moon until it rises several hours later. If you really want to be picky about it, the moon is past full when it rises for us in the Bonaire Sky Park.

So what makes this full moon a supposed super moon?

Super moon is not really an astronomical term but refers to a moon that is full at about the same time it's especially close to the **Earth**.

The moon's orbit is not a perfect circle but is really an **ellipse**. This means the moon gets closer to the earth once every **orbit (Perigee)**. And farthest from the earth once every **orbit (Apogee)**. In fact, this year the moon had two perigees in January. And it will have two more in November.

This perigee on August 10 is only nine minutes away from the time the moon is full so it gives us the closest and thus biggest full moon of 2014. So look at the rising moon on the evening of August 10. And use your pinky finger to measure it. Can you tell it's a super moon? I don't think so. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*

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