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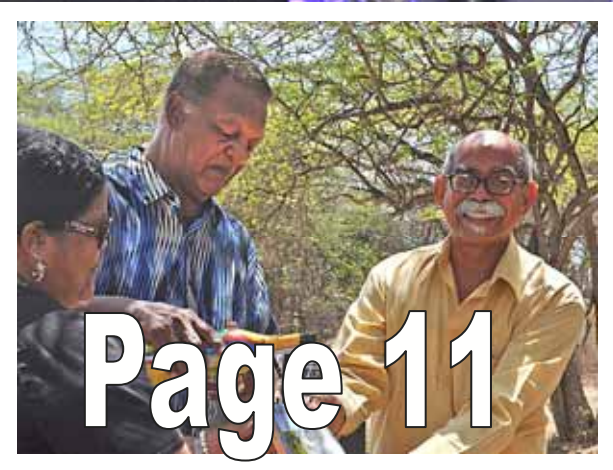
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Feeling the pinch? The inflation rate in the Caribbean Netherlands increased substantially in the second quarter of 2014, just as in the first quarter. Following a period of extremely high inflation in 2011, the rate began to slow down in 2012, but picked up again during the first six months of this year.

On Bonaire, consumer prices were on average 2.2% higher in the second quarter than in the second quarter of 2013. The rates on St Eustatius and Saba were respectively 2.9 and 2.0% higher. Food prices in particular increased inflation on Bonaire and St Eustatius. On Saba, prices in the sector hotels and restaurants had the largest effect on inflation.



► **The July 27, Sunday edition of the TCB's taste of Bonaire focused on the Jazz Festival and the "gold medal" Bonaire Culinary Team.** Visit the next "Taste" at Wilhelmina Park on August 31st and take part in the festivities, view the art and sample some of Bonaire's best food at low, low prices.



► **For the first time Bonaire welcomed a cruise ship in the summer season. On Wednesday, July 30, the Dawn Princess (photo above) with 1,950 passengers aboard called on Kralendijk. It is also the first time this ship visited the island.**

Kaya Grandi was closed to traffic and the intersection at former City Café and the entrance to the parking lot of the Executive Office Building was also off-limits to vehicles.

► **Venezuela temporarily threatened to cut off oil supplies and close off its airspace to the Dutch Caribbean because of the arrest in Aruba of its former intelligence chief** at the request of American authorities, who accused him of involvement in drug trafficking. The pressure was effective as Aruba quickly freed Hugo Carvajal, who headed Venezuelan military intelligence under the late President Hugo Chavez, after ruling that the retired major general has diplomatic immunity.

Carvajal was detained on July 23 while awaiting accreditation to serve as Venezuela's general council there. Carvajal has been wanted by US authorities since 2008 for allegedly aiding Colombian Marxist rebels and trafficking cocaine.

► **The waters around Bonaire's reefs were reported to be of poor quality, according to research conducted at 11 different locations.** There were indicators of exceeding the environmental threshold values for nutrients. Testing was conducted before Bonaire's sewer system was in place. The system is designed to process wastewater from shoreline facilities to an inland treatment plant to eliminate most nutrients. The highest concentrations were found especially in the southern and the central part of the west coast of Bonaire, according to an article in "Marine Pollution Bulletin," which was also published by IMARES on the website of the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands. The exceeding of the threshold values mainly regarded chlorophyll and phosphorus, elements which are not harmful to humans but bad for the coral reef.

According to the article, the coral reef at Bonaire is considered one of the best preserved reefs in the Caribbean area, but is confronted with all sorts of threats including an excess of nutrients in the water, nutrients which can come from wastewater. Future measurements will determine the effectiveness of the sewer system.

► **THE HAGUE--The Dutch Government is looking into the possibility of establishing a safe house in the Caribbean Netherlands for victims of violence.**

Dutch Minister of Safety and Justice Ivo Opstelten stated that State Secretary of Safety and Justice, Fred Teeven, will look "with a positive basic approach" into the possibility of setting up a Safe House. The minister referenced a recent report of Regionplan, which determined that domestic violence on the islands was a "real problem."

The minister further announced that an "exploration" has started to expand the Compensation Fund Violent Crimes of the Netherlands to the Caribbean Netherlands. The results of this exploration are expected late this year.

► **The spread of the mosquito borne chikungunya, dengue-fever-like virus in the Caribbean continues and the number of cases continues to climb.** New cases have been reported recently in Aruba and St Lucia. It was previously reported that it was detected on Bonaire, but that was later withdrawn. However, experts say it is only a matter of time.

► **A French pharmaceutical company has announced they have developed a vaccine that prevents dengue fever.** Sanofi Pasteur released results three weeks ago from its Phase III clinical trials testing the vaccine in Southeast Asia from 2011 through 2013. According to its findings, its dengue vaccine can reduce fever cases by 88.5%. The disease is typically spread by mosquitoes.

Individuals who take the vaccine will be protected against all four dengue virus serotypes. The vaccine at this point has appeared to be safe and produces no side effects.

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) says the number of dengue cases in the Americas, including the Caribbean, increased five-fold between 2003 and 2013. According to data presented at a high-level regional meeting on dengue hosted by PAHO, between 2009 and 2012, over 1 million cases were reported annually, on average, with more than 33,900 severe cases and 835 deaths. PAHO said last year was one of the worst years for dengue in the hemisphere's history, with 2.3 million cases, including 37,705 severe cases and 1,289 deaths.

Effectiveness against the newly discovered chikungunya virus was not mentioned, but the effects and vector for the diseases are similar.

► **JetBlue Airways will launch a new route to Curaçao International Airport (CUR) from JFK International Airport (JFK) on December 2, 2014, providing the only nonstop service from New York City. The twice weekly service will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Connections to/from Bonaire are offered by three local airlines.**

To celebrate this new route, flights are now on sale starting at **\$139 one way** for travel between December 2, 2014 and February 10, 2015 on Tuesdays and Saturdays (blackout dates December 20, 2014 to January 3, 2015) and tickets must be purchased by August 6, 2014.

JetBlue's flights to Curaçao will be operated with a 150-seat Airbus A320.

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2)

►The International Air Transport Association (IATA) called on the **Venezuelan government to honor the commitment it made in March to permit airlines to repatriate in full and at fair exchange rates airline funds being blocked in the country.** While the government has permitted the repatriation of \$424 million shared among a number of airlines, continuing sales in the country have seen the total amount owed grow to a staggering \$4.1 billion. The number of flights to Venezuela these days are only a fraction of what they once were.

►The Last week Police Chief Hildegard Buitink, announced a campaign against the armed robberies which have plagued Bonaire in recent weeks. The campaign was announced in a three-way meeting between the police department, the chief **Public Prosecutor, Henry Hambeukers** and **Island Governor Edison Rijna.** Chief Buitink promised pro-active investigation in to the hold-ups which she said were intolerable. She hopes for active assistance from the community and promised support for the victims as needed. When necessary, law enforcement officers from other islands can be brought in to help. Prosecutor Hambeukers said his department was giving priority to the robberies and that severe penalties would be demanded. **The minimum sentence is 36 months in prison.**

►Taxpayers who inform the **Tax Service (Belastingdienst)** about their bank account number will receive their tax refunds automatically, directly into their bank accounts. Until recently, it took the taxpayer some time to receive his tax refunds. One had to pay a visit to the *Belastingdienst*, identify oneself and make a pay-



ment request for the refund. For taxpayers who pass on their bank account number to the *Belastingdienst*, this is no longer necessary. You can do so by stopping by only once at the *Belastingdienst* and complete a form. This form can also be downloaded from the website www.belastingdienstcn-nl. Please also include a copy of your ID.

This grants the Belastingdienst solely permission to deposit money into your account. You are not granting the Tax Office permission for any other transactions, they say.

►One year from now, **7,000 Special Olympics athletes from 177 countries, including Bonaire,** will march into Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum during the "Parade of Athletes" at Opening Ceremony, officially kicking off the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015. Can you already see them dancing?

In the eight days that follow, those 7,000 athletes will have the opportunity to show their courage, determination and joy on the world stage. And they'll be wildly celebrated by 30,000 volunteers, 500,000 spectators and millions of viewers worldwide.

ESPN will broadcast the events that will give millions worldwide, including us on Bonaire, the chance to see our athletes on TV. Let's continue to support our Team.

►In February 2014 the National Institute for Budget Information (Nibud) calculated the **minimum budgets for a family living in Bonaire.** See accompanying chart. According to the report 60% of the island's population lives at a poverty level. Their monthly income comes only to €1,387 (\$1,872) short of what is required. Contrast this with a poor European Dutch family whose income is €54 above what is required to live decently.

This report was sent to Parliament. But nothing substantial has been done since then to alleviate the situation.



Costs for a family of four with children aged 6 and 14

	Nederland 2012	Bonaire 2013	Bonaire 2013
Exchange rate 1.35	€	€	\$
Minimum Wage Income -all sources	1792	586	791
Typical rent with utilities and services	761	998	1347
Clothing, furniture, home, garden, health care	335	250	337
Food, cleaning, public transport and cycling	642	725	979
Totals	1738	1973	2663
Left over income	54		
Shortage of Income		-1387	-1872

►This year's **Latin Auto Parts Expo** served as a focal point for auto parts trade in the region by offering buyers and exhibitors an opportunity to connect at the inaugural event. Held July 9-11 at the Atlapa Convention Center in Panama City, the show attracted nearly 200 exhibitors and buyers

from throughout the region, including Honduras, Colombia, Venezuela, the Netherlands Antilles and other Caribbean Islands.

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► We hope you enjoy this edition. ■ G./L.D.

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On The Island Since... 1978 - Andres Felipe 'Adi' Figaroa

I was born on Aruba, September 23, 1952. Both my parents were from Aruba. The family consisted of my father, my mother, my big brother, me and two little sisters. I had a terrible childhood. We were poor, very poor people. We lived in a tiny house and my father would beat us up on a regular basis. He was a fat guy and if – by coincidence – he would have some money, he would go to the Chinese snack and order some of the most expensive dishes: a beef cut small and a lobster salad and two bottles of lemonade. My little sisters would get one spoon each and that was it. No one else would get anything. My grandma, the mother of my father, and my mother's girlfriends would give my mother money and that's how we survived.

I've always had the feeling that my father wanted to kill us because you can slap your child or even spank it with a belt, but the way he beat us up wasn't normal. Later in life when I lived with my grandmother who was a pillar of the church, I read in the Bible that God created people in his image. I remember thinking that if God made us just like Him, people couldn't do anything else but love their children. But my father hated us.

Eventually my parents split up. My mother got a restraining order against my father so he was not allowed to see us anymore. Then my mother married Mr. De Palm from De Palm Tours on Aruba. What a man he was. It must have been hard for him, but he did it; he married a woman with four kids and our life changed 360 degrees. We had a big house and a refrigerator that was always full and when we needed money for things like the movies, he gave it to us. We went from hell straight to heaven. It was paradise.

But... we'd grown up in a bad neighborhood and we had become rebels, tough guys. So my stepfather thought it wise to send us to Holland.

On Aruba I'd gone to elementary school, to lower technical school and then to Curacao to a maritime boarding school, Alonso de Ojeda, where I did the one-year training. Then I went to Holland. I was almost 18.

After eight years in Holland, I had had enough and I decided to go to Bonaire with my wife to join the rest of my family. First I worked at the dive shop at Flamingo Beach Hotel as a dive boy. I would take the tourists on the boat and what I'd been told, I told them. I never dove myself. Scuba diving never appealed to me – way too dangerous!

My marriage with Mora didn't last. I was a tough guy, I was a womanizer, I smoked pot and I drank and... I lost her. That's been my lesson. I thought I was cool, but I was a loser; she taught me that.

Then I met Irene at discotheque E Wowo. She was from Rincon. We became friends, we got engaged and then we married. Now we've been together for 25 years and she's easy like Sunday morning.



Adi's Diploma First Mate offshore towage

Together we have one daughter, Kristle-Ann. She's in Holland following a higher professional education and doing fine. I've told her, 'You can go wherever you want, but you will always be my child and when I die and even if you live to be 100 years old you will still be my baby.'

Then I got a job with BOPEC as an oil operator: loading and unloading tankers and moving the oil from one tanker to another. When the Venezuelans took over BOPEC there was a reorganization and I was one of the 35 people who lost their jobs. But soon after they hired me again together with some other people. At night we'd go out with the skipper of the tugboat to put the pilot onboard the tanker and he would take that big ship in.

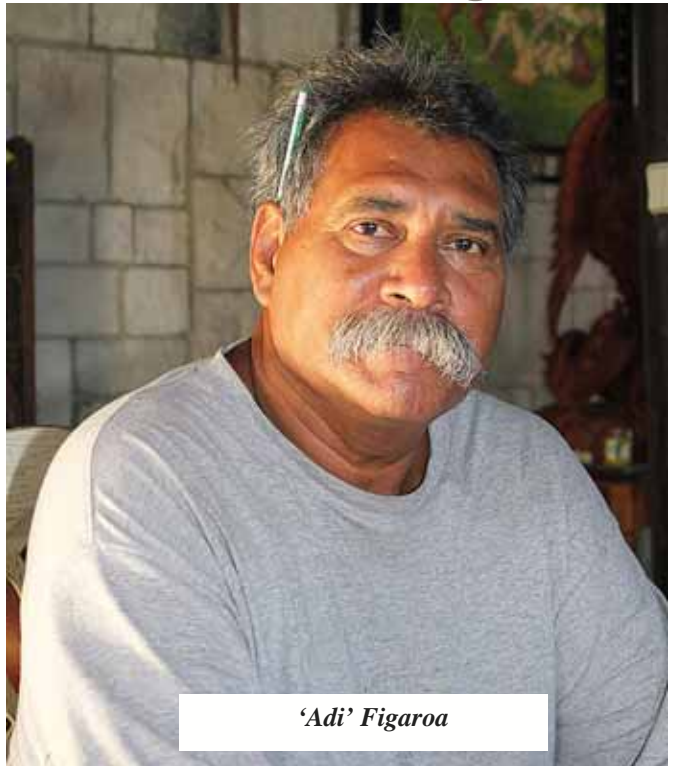
the director of SGB at the time, to convince me that I had to graduate. So my wife took me to Curacao, I took the exam and I graduated.

I started working on the tug boats as a chief mate. You cannot study to become a captain because it's the company who appoints you. In my case it didn't happen. I worked for a number of years on the tug boats, then they sent me to BOPEC to work as an oil operator again. My dreams of ending my career as a captain were shattered. I became very depressed and couldn't work anymore.

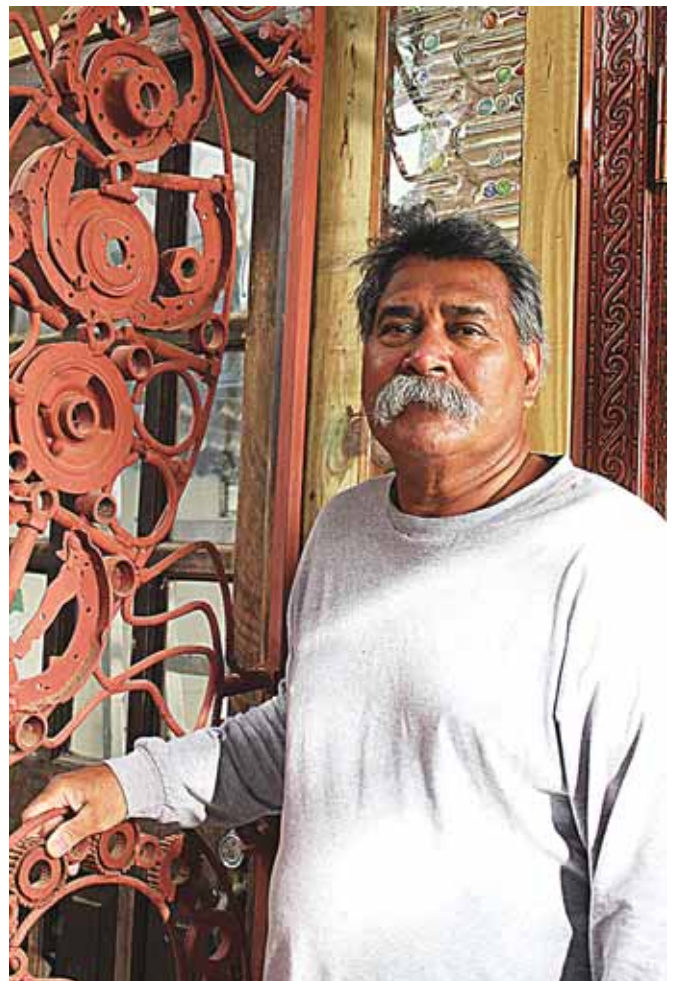
But... all my life I've created art. When I worked on the tramp vessels and we were at sea for long periods of time, I was taught a lot by boys who could really draw well. And at an art supply shop in Amsterdam this gentleman recommended three art history books to me and told me, 'Go and study this first!' So I learned about Van Gogh and Rembrandt. Then I started buying books about Rococo and Baroque and African art and Chinese art history and I asked a lot of people a lot of questions and I became self taught. Then I had exhibitions.

The spirit of art is asleep in each person and when you start making art, it awakens. However, the language it speaks is only for you and other people cannot understand it, as they are on a different frequency. I've also taught art classes at the *Sentros di Bario* in Antriol and North di Saliña and I guess I've taught about 100 people on Bonaire how to paint. Painting is like pushing a car to make it start. Sometimes the car will never start and you have to give up, but other times, like in the case of my extremely talented student, Daniel Piar, the car starts and drives off at high speed.

Everything you do in life should make an impact, whether you're a kid or an old guy. That's how I've felt all my life. I've become one of Bonaire's most renowned artists and after I designed and painted the mural to protect the karko on the wall of the prison, I was also allowed to teach art to the prisoners. It's not just art that I teach them. I also tell them the truth: You are not a tough guy when you are not there to feed your children or to buy them shoes. You are not a tough guy when you just live for yourself and your own pleasures and nobody loves you but your mom. That's



'Adi' Figaroa



Adi Figaroa at his self-created window and door

“I just hope for one thing: when I'm dead and my art students come to my funeral when they pass my coffin in church, I hope they will say, 'He was our master,' and right there and then... I will smile.”

From the time I was a little boy, I always told myself, 'What ever happens, I will turn it into something positive!' I stayed in Holland for eight years. First I worked on tramp vessels and Shell tankers that were leaving Rotterdam. Then I did my military service. After that I worked at the marketing department of Elsevier Science, one of the largest publishing houses of scientific literature.

During the time I was serving the military, I met a girl named Mora Bloemveld and we married. In the meantime, my stepfather, my mom, my little sister and our new baby sister, had moved to Bonaire, where my stepfather was from originally.

It made me wonder what I had to do to become a pilot. I found out I had to become a chief mate first. Well, one of the captains was Stanley Meyer, a Bonairean and he was willing to teach me. We had to learn 14 subjects. It was a four-year study but after one year the captain sent us to Curacao to take exams. I failed seven of the 14 subjects. After six months I graduated in four more subjects and then there were three left. One of the subjects, I think it was stability. I didn't understand it at all. Then my wife Irene read the book and explained it to me. Finally I graduated in that subject too. But there were two more left. Then the exam committee sent Mr. Torré,

not cool. What I am aiming at is that I want new artists to be born because when you make art, there is no time to do bad things.

Well, I've done it all and now I am ready. I have a house, I have a car and I have dreamt. Now it's time for the children. They are Bonaire's most important people and their education is their future and their passport.

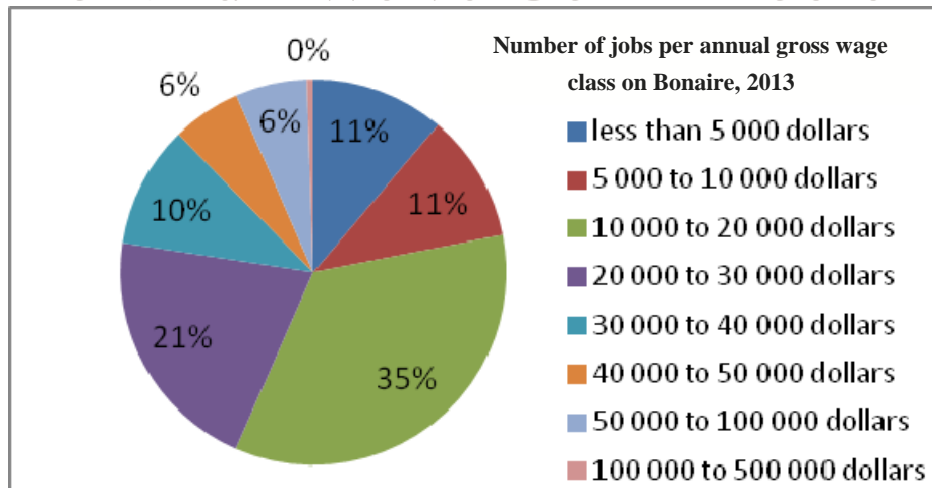
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Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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Holland - We've Got A Problem



In 2013, 10,500* people in the Caribbean Netherlands were employed in a paid job. According to figures last week by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), about 7,500 were in Bonaire. Self employed people were not included.

Most full-time and part-time jobs holders in Bonaire make gross annual wages ranging between US \$10,000 and US \$20,000. The second largest group makes gross annual wages ranging between US \$20,000 and US \$30,000. **According to a Nibud Report, a minimum of \$31,956 annually is needed to rise above poverty in Bonaire (see graph on page 3). More than three-quarters of Bonaire's working-employed population makes LESS than this amount.**

The gross annual wages of women employed in Bonaire was on average 13% lower than that of male employees. But the number of jobs held by women employees is 7% higher than that of male employees.

In the European Netherlands, relatively

fewer women work as employees than men. In addition, women in the European Netherlands earn on the average over 40% less than their male counterparts.

The government sector is the largest employer in Bonaire (17% of the total number of jobs).

Other important sectors of employment in Bonaire are trade (12%), hotel and catering (11%), commercial services (10%), health and welfare (9%) and cultural, recreational and other services (8%). ■ Source CBS/G.D.

*In its research, CBS converted all jobs occupied for less than one year by the same employee into a whole year. If two workers occupied the same job for half a year each, this was counted as one position.

This rule was applied to both full-time and part-time jobs. As a result of that, the number of employees was higher than the number of jobs in 2013.

Bonairean Homes and Life Styles

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In days gone by men from Bonaire needed to have a house and furniture in order to take a wife. The house was usually built in stages by him, since borrowing money from a bank was unheard of.

Today, the old homes are more valued by foreigners than by locals. Very often families are so large and spread out all over the world that it is not easy to find them all to get their agreement to sell a home. Often if one family member does not want to sign for the sale, the home can become abandoned, and without care will become an eye sore within the community.

Here are some typical styles of homes built in Bonaire.

Kas di Bara (House of Mud and Sticks) First built in the 16th century of mud and sticks, this is the oldest and most authentic type of Bonairean home. The sticks were braided to give shape to the house, and here and there small trunks were placed to reinforce the structure. The wood for the framework usually came from the candlestick cactus. Once the sticks stood fast, the mud was added and filled in between. The "mud" was a mixture of grass, mud and manure. After the mud had dried and hardened burned lime stone was applied. The floors were made of stones chosen during the late afternoon while they were cool. Roofs were made from sorghum stalks tied to a framework of thicker trunks and branches. During the rainy season these could become quite heavy as the stalks and branches soaked up the rain water. The Kas di Bara usually consisted of two rooms— one for the parents and one for the children. The house expanded as the family did. Eventually the sticks were replaced by coral stones.

Because so many of these houses on Bonaire have not been maintained there are very few if any still left.

Kas di Piedra (House of Stone). The sides of these homes were wider and thicker at the bottom, tapering up at the top, which allowed for a cool and insulated home. The width and height of the windows were measured by the size of the owner.

Kas di Hadrei Hadrei comes from the Dutch word, *Gallerij* (hallway), a part of



the home where visitors were received and entertained. The Hadrei style began in the 18th century, incorporating African, Indian and Dutch influence. It was a basic home with an extension built out front. It had tile roofing and a cistern (*regen bak*) which was dug by hand. Wood shutters or panels covered the windows. The interior had wooden doors or just a curtain to divide the rooms. Floors were of clay, sand, cement, wood or tile. A *fornu* (oven) with chimney constructed from stone was attached to the western (down wind) side. There was an outhouse, called a *béstu*.

Kas di Hala (Wing House) was similar to the Kas di Hadrei except for the "wings," *halas*, either on one or both sides of the house. Examples of this style house are found in Kralendijk and in some neighborhoods. The houses were constructed of natural and coral stone with a tile or corrugated tin roof. Wooden panels or shutters were on the windows. Sometimes an upper floor was added.

Kas di Kaha (Box House) was built in the shape of a box. They are mainly found in Kralendijk but seen elsewhere as well. The main floor was used as a store, and the second floor was where the family lived. Natural stone was used with tile roofing. In the store section there were wood panels for the windows. Shutters were used elsewhere. Broad gutter lines, wall decorations, and other Greek ele-

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Sunglasses For Sailors

Playa, Bonaire – On Saturday July 26th the six best Sunfish sailors were invited by the crew of Buena Vista Optics (located at Kaya Grandi 32B, down a bit in the alley in between Best Pearls and Gio's Ice Parlor) to receive new Maui Jim Polarized Plus Sunglasses. The sailors will represent Bonaire during the Sunfish World Championships, to be held October 11-18, on a five-mile stretch of open water on the Neuse River, Arapahoe, North-Carolina.

Buena Vista Optics is already one of the financial sponsors of the six Bonairean representatives but still the Madlener family and their employees thought of doing a little something extra. So, that Saturday morning, the six members of the Bonaire Sailing School Association popped up at 10:30 am to show their newly constructed banner with portraits of the active sailors and the names of the sponsors and to select and collect their brand new high fashion sunglasses.



From the left: Nick Madlener (Buena Vista Optics, not wearing new sunglasses), Kobe Soliano, Sipke Stapert, Yellow Man, Ton Nuijten ("Opa" (grandfather/jb)), Robur de Vries and Brayen Thode.

The photo shows the enthusiastic and sporty bunch of active Bonairean sailors. With well protected eyes the fanatic sailors are more than prepared to defend our Bonairean flag and honor.

The Bonaire Sailing School Association is ready for it and wants to thank all sponsors: InselAir, Fundashon Wega di Number Boneiru, TCB (Tourism Cooperation Bonaire), Akkermans Auto Supplies, Gio's Gelateria & Cafeteria, Krioyo Paint, Cadushy Distillery, Paradise Rentals, Figos, Budget Marine and Buena Vista Optics. ■ Story & photo by Jan Brouwer.



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Rescued Parrot Profiles



Sally and Weeble preening at Echo

The main role of Echo is the research and conservation of the threatened Yellow-Shouldered Amazon parrot (called the Lora in Bonaire), but another side to this organization is the active rescue and rehabilitation of injured and illegally poached parrots here on Bonaire. The Echo team, equipped with years of experience and a passion for these native Loras, go to great lengths to ensure the rescued animal's immediate needs are met. Dr Sam Williams believes that every single parrot is important and his motto is accordingly, 'Saving one parrot at a time!'

Since its establishment in 2012 Echo has released a total of 52 Loras and 88 Brown-throated parakeets (endemic subspecies to Bonaire). The majority of these released birds were rescued as a result of an illegal poaching raid; they were to be shipped off the island and sold on the black market. If not for this intervention they would have led potentially sad and isolated lives in captivity.

There are a select few rescued Loras that have made their way to Echo over the last few years and due to special circumstances cannot be released. Echo would love nothing more than to set these rescued birds free, but as you will discover in the Lora profiles below this is unfortunately not an option. The story of two of these birds follow, more stories in future editions of *The Reporter*.

Sally was an illegally captured ex-pet parrot that was confiscated by the local authorities as an adult in poor condition. She lived temporarily in the cages at the Ministry for Environment Agriculture and came to Echo in 2011. Upon arrival at Echo Sally weighed over 400g and had a fatty tumour hanging behind her legs. Since then she has been on a strict diet of fruit and pellets. In addition to providing some personal training, the Echo team have been encouraging her to move around the cage with the addition of ropes and hanging toys. She now weighs in at a healthier 315g.

Personality: Sally is definitely an attention seeker and basks in the limelight. She thoroughly enjoys all praise, especially compliments about her new svelte physique! Sally loves to be loved.

Hobbies: Her hobbies include dazzling visitors with a large repertoire of loud whistles, devouring calabash and spying on her neighbours. She is a sticky beak in more ways than one.

Weeble was an illegally captured pet that was confiscated and brought to Echo in 2012 at the same time as Sally. When he first came to Echo his feet were clenched due to lack of calcium and other minerals during crucial stages of his development. He has since recovered a lot of

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Word on the Street

Offers unconfirmable items that are being discussed "on the street"

The recently remodeled home next to the PWC (Price Waterhouse Cooper) building on Kaya Gob. N. Debrout has just opened as **Bonanza Bar & Restaurant**. With the other buildings under construction/renovation on that same street it looks like it may become the new commercial strip. Traffic tends to speed through those areas so use caution when entering or leaving the parking areas for these new establishments.



- A little further north on the same street, on the property formerly occupied by Bistro de Paris, the new, nearly-finished building boasts a sign that **Good-dive Bonaire Dive Center** will be opening there on November 1, 2014.

- Looks like the remodeling of the police station in the center of town is nearing completion. Does anyone remember how many years this has taken? **Once it opens, perhaps it will alleviate some of the parking problems for those trying to shop on Kaya Grandi**. Police cars tend to take up a lot of the parking spaces.

- Teater Oranje (Orange Theatre), the building across the street from Botica Korona, goes on the auction block for public sale on August 8**. The building was most recently occupied some years ago by a furniture store. Teater Oranje was one of the three large theaters on Bonaire dating back to the 70s. It boasted balcony seating for which you paid a little extra. Videotapes signaled the end of that era on Bonaire.

However, as Bula has previously mentioned, sources indicate that there is still a plan to build a movie theatre next to the new MCB bank in Hato.

- Eyewitnesses report that two women on a scooter were stopped by police to check license and registration on the Malekon near Karel's Beach Bar. All was in order with them, however, before and during the stop, several **motorbikes and motorcycles were performing "wheelies"** and burnouts in the same area and were "unmolested" by the police.

- If you didn't get your fill of great music at Bonaire's Heineken Jazz Festival, then hop on over to **Curacao for the Curacao North Sea Jazz Festival** August 29 and 30. The lineup includes a bevy of old and new American favorites: Sam Cooke, Smokey Robinson, Rod Stewart, Dr. John, Boz Scaggs, Bruno Mars, Janelle Morae and Chaka Khan. More information at www.curacaonorthseajazz.com/en/ ■ **Bula Bonchi**



On Wednesday August 6th our dearest little darling Madelief Aaliyah Thode is celebrating her 8th Birthday.

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Picture Yourself At Palm Beach International Raceway West Palm Beach Florida, USA

On July 10th, 2014 Bonaire motorcycle racer Fittipaldi Pietersz tested his motorcycle at Palm Beach International Raceway. After doing some modifications on the bike, he made some tests, but due to rain he couldn't continue the whole night.

Fittipaldi did a few runs before the rain started and got some useful data about the changes he made and will continue to work on that in preparation for upcoming races in the States.

As you all already may know Fittipaldi has been participating in the drag races in the States for two years and has continually been improving, updating and of course practicing to stay in shape to be competitive.

Last April at Valdosta, Georgia, Fittipaldi took third place, which is the highest point he managed to get till now in the Manufacturers Cup. **Sign Studio** and **Napa Auto Parts Bonaire** are the sponsors for the races. In the picture Ben Reaves and Fittipaldi Pietersz pose with a copy of the *Bonaire Reporter* at Palm Beach International Raceway. Ben is the American who in April this year was in Curacao to help with preparation of the Ronde Klip Int'l Raceway for the drag fest 2014. ■

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Sparkling New Notaris Building

Notaris, Aniek Schouten, opened her new office with a sparkling and festive party on Thursday, July 24. Around 200 people attended and enjoyed the creative and delicious appetizers and drinks provided by Philips Catering.

A notaris is a professional trained in civil law. The position has no counterpart in American or English legal systems. The notaris is independent and impartial and may act on behalf of both parties in certain legal matters, like real estate.

A notaris is required to ensure professional confidentiality and has the right to withhold information in court in the same way as lawyers and doctors. ■ *Story & Photos by L.D.*

Special Note: There will be an open house at the new notaris building on Saturday, August 9, between 10 am and 2 pm. Everyone who would like to see the new office from the inside is welcome to get a tour at that time. Decorating the walls are prints of the oldest deeds from the mid 1800s.



Architect/Project Manager Jan Okhuijsen and Notaris Aniek Schouten cut the ribbon at the opening



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UPAH Retirees Celebrate



UPAH volunteers who made the event happen: (left to right, front row): Mario Emerenciana, Sterla Celestijn, Emma Winklaar, Ludwig Haime, Carry de Palm. (back row) Ubaldo Anthony, Papy Cicilia, John Heldewier, Glenda Bernabela and Siso Nicolaas.



UPAH head Ubaldo Anthony, Yefrou Joy and Governor Edison Rijna enjoy a moment at the scenic La-Toma kunuku

Every year the retired workers association, UPAH (*Union di Pensionado pa Adelanto I Hustista*), made up of retirees from the Island Government, WEB, BIA, SELIBON and TELBO meet at an interesting site to celebrate the *Dia di Peshonado* (Retired Peoples' Day). This year it was at the tranquil kunuku of Yefrou Joy, north of Rincon. Nearly 100 people were there to enjoy the beautiful day, the kunuku ambiance, the homemade barbeque, to visit with each other and to dance. Papi Cicilia was master of ceremonies and provided lots of humor. DJ Juan Danger kept the upbeat music going. ■Story & Photos by L.D.



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		0.07 ft	0.26 ft	-0.05 ft	0.92 ft	6:23	19:00
Tue 05		03:47	07:33	13:23	20:16		
		0.02 ft	0.22 ft	-0.07 ft	1.00 ft	6:23	19:00
Wed 06		04:34	08:23	14:02	20:58		
		-0.03 ft	0.19 ft	-0.08 ft	1.05 ft	6:23	18:59
Thu 07		05:21	09:19	14:46	21:43		
		-0.06 ft	0.17 ft	-0.07 ft	1.07 ft	6:23	18:59
Fri 08		06:09	10:21	15:40	22:33		
		-0.09 ft	0.18 ft	-0.04 ft	1.05 ft	6:23	18:58
Sat 09		06:57	11:30	16:44	23:26		
		-0.11 ft	0.22 ft	0.01 ft	1.00 ft	6:23	18:58
Sun 10	Full Moon	07:45	12:43	18:02			
		-0.13 ft	0.30 ft	0.07 ft		6:23	18:58
Mon 11		00:24	08:32	13:54	19:33		
		0.92 ft	-0.14 ft	0.40 ft	0.12 ft	6:24	18:57
Tue 12		01:27	09:18	14:59	21:09		
		0.82 ft	-0.14 ft	0.53 ft	0.13 ft	6:24	18:57
Wed 13		02:34	10:04	15:57	22:40		
		0.71 ft	-0.13 ft	0.66 ft	0.09 ft	6:24	18:56
Thu 14		03:43	10:49	16:50			
		00:00	04:50	11:34	17:40	6:24	18:56
Fri 15		01:09	05:55	12:16	18:28		
		0.03 ft	0.53 ft	-0.10 ft	0.89 ft	6:24	18:55
Sat 16		02:11	06:54	12:58	19:14		
		-0.03 ft	0.46 ft	-0.07 ft	0.96 ft	6:24	18:55
Sun 17	Last Quarter	03:08	07:50	13:38	19:59		
		-0.07 ft	0.40 ft	-0.05 ft	1.00 ft	6:24	18:54
Mon 18		03:08	07:50	13:38	19:59		
		-0.10 ft	0.35 ft	-0.01 ft	1.00 ft	6:24	18:54

Bonairean Houses (Continued from page 5)

ments were added. The influence is neo classical.

Kas di Porchi (Porch House) began to be built in the 1950s. These had a porch in the center of the front of the house, or in the case of a **Kas di Hanchi (Alley House)** the porch was in the front corner of the house. he material used to construct this type of home was cement, “final touch” or stucco. They had tin or corrugated roofing. Cardinal glass (bubbly and lightly tinted glass) was used in the window openings. They have tall ceilings and wood shutters. The façade has a decorative frame work. There is a traditional frame for a gutter, balustrades and balcony railings.

Kas di Kabes was considered a “house with more than one head.” Examples of these are the two-story buildings seen in

Kralendijk. The kitchens were built on the west side of the home, down wind, allowing the heat and smoke from the open fires within the home to be taken away by the trade winds. The bedrooms were also constructed on the east side of the home to catch the breeze during siestas or bed time.

Coral stone was used here, stucco was the end result on the exterior and it would have a tiled roof, with most likely a first floor with added chapel windows.

■ *Story by Christie Dovale*



Editor's Note: Some examples of these houses may be seen at Mangazina di Rei (the King's Storehouse) on the Rincon Road, just east of the entrance to Rincon. It's open daily and worth a visit. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

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Tera Cora Celebrates



The new generation under the tamarind tree: Cliff, Roandy, Queenaiska



The baptism of the book of Tera Kòrà, *Esaki Ta Di Mi*, by Ubaldo Anthony (center). Madrina (godmother) Mary Tjin A Tjoe, Padrino (godfather) and local historian Hubert Vis



Some of the current inhabitants of Tera Kòrà: Bòchi La Croes, Rishi Pietersz, Franklin Scherptong and George (Kultura) Thodé

On Friday, August 1, Dia di Tera Kòrà was celebrated by the famous old tamarind tree in the center of the village which was founded in 1850. The residents celebrate once a year to commemorate the fact and to honor their founding fathers. The event was organized by the *Komishon Tera Kòrà den Movishon*.

After a mass and talk by the pastor, it was also the occasion for the baptism of the book of the history of Tera Kòrà, *Esaki Ta Di Mi*, written by Ubaldo Anthony. Tera Kòrà, with connections to Rincon, is and has been the home of many of the well known families on the island: Scherptong, Seraus, Rosario, Janga, de Palm, Marinus, Anthony, Pietersz, Carolina, Bernabela, Paula, Melaan and others.

In 1850 after the abolition of slavery, 45 newly freed families from Rincon were ordered to present themselves in Kralendijk to be notified where they were to live in "the new world," the name used

previously for Tera Kòrà. On August 1, 1850, 15 families were the first to inhabit the village. Others families followed.

Ubaldo's book, *Esaki Ta Di Mi*, is a work of love and dedication. He says, "It was very long and difficult to do without any training. I thank Henry Tore for his coaching and Mary Tjin A Tjoe who kept telling me that I must continue." For anyone interested in the history of Bonaire it is a treasure. And the photos are valuable and important too.

At the end of the program the beautiful flag of Tera Kòrà, featuring the historic tamarind tree, was raised. (see photo at top right.) The flag's debut was in 2012.



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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

• **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 information

• **30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bon-**

aire, 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 (Lora) 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)

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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

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

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Saturday August 9— Open House at the office of Notaris Aniek Schouten - 10 am and 2 pm. More on page 7

August 16-23—Wounded Warriors on Bonaire

Sunday, August 31—“Taste of Bonaire” at Wilhelmina Park 6-10 pm. Sample the cuisine of Bonaire's restaurants—at rock bottom prices. Also music, drinks, lots of friendly ambiance

Saturday, September 6— Bonaire Day. More information coming in future issues.

Rescued Parrots (Continued from page 6)

movement thanks to diet and exercise. On several occasions he has been put in the large aviary with the other birds but time and time again he was bullied. He appears to be much happier in the smaller aviary!

Personality- Lovely Weeble may not be the sharpest tool in the shed but he has a very gentle nature. He is sweet, caring and a very loyal friend to the other parrots. He and Sally have a little sequence of whistles that they like to sing together.

Hobbies- Having big gossip sessions with his neighbour and best gal pal Sally, batting his long eye lashes and chilling out in his hide-away box.

These majestic, intelligent creatures are not born to live in a cage. Every part of their body has a unique adaptation to help them prosper in the wild; powerful wings to soar high in the sky, sharp beaks to open native fruits plus highly sociable natures suited to living in large, parrot communities. The goal for all parrots brought to Echo is to eventually release them back into the wild where feasible. ■ *Courtney Benvenuti, photos by Sam Williams*

HELP THIS YEAR'S CHICKS/ SUPPORT LORA CONSERVATION

You can help prevent chicks from being poached and continue the Lora population's recovery. Support Echo's cause and you will make a lasting contribution to conservation!

On the Internet go to: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Help-Bonaire-S-Parrot-Chicks-Grow-Up-And-Go-Wild>

Your contribution can be doubled! See page 3 for details of matching fund donors

Pet of the Week

This tall, elegant dog is called "Henrietta." She has such striking good looks, a shiny short-cropped coat and such an alert expression that she could be "royalty" or at least have some kind of pedigree. Henrietta does need some TLC as she has lost some of her trust in people. She was left in the *Kas di Kouchi* (holding pen at the entrance to the Bonaire Animal Shelter) awhile ago and brought into the Shelter where she was checked over by the vet, given her shots, worming. And most importantly, she is learning to trust humans. It could take a little time and patience on the part of an owner but the result will be worth it as Henrietta can make you proud. Isn't it true that most things that are worthwhile "cost" a little more?

You may stop by the Shelter on the Lagoen Road to meet Henrietta and the other healthy and social cats and dogs that are up for adoption. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 am-1pm and 3-5pm. Telephone 717-4989. WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com. Check out Facebook too for all the latest Shelter news. ■ Story & photo by L.D.



Henrietta

Shelter News

Five + One Reasons to Adopt Karel or an Older Cat

At the Animal Shelter Bonaire almost all of the young kittens find a new home. But this is different for adult and older cats. Most of the time they are overlooked. But look around and consider some of the older cats that are up for adoption. You may be surprised at what an older cat can bring into your household.



Hettie and "Karel"

Older cats like handsome Karel (in the photo with Hettie) make great pets. Here are 5 + 1 reasons why you should adopt Karel or another older cat (or dog!):

1. Karel's personality has already developed, so you'll know if he is a good fit for your family.
2. Karel makes a great napping buddy.
3. Karel is already neutered, litter box

trained, and calmer than a youngster.

4. Karel is less destructive than a kitten (at least we think!)

5. Karel is more appreciative than a kitten. He appreciates a nice warm lap to snooze in and a kiss on his nose from his most loved human companion. And the most important reason to adopt Karel. It might be Karel's last chance. ■ Story & photo by Marlies Tjepel

DID YOU KNOW?

Female hawksbill sea turtles save energy during nesting season by changing the depth and length of their dives? Females spend their time at the shallower reef crest because it allows for easy travel to the surface for air and to the nesting beach. The reef crest offers shelter but not much in the way of food. Normally, turtles dive far deeper than the reef crest to eat sponges, but nesting females choose not to dive deeper. Instead, they put all their energy towards making and laying eggs.

When the females travel between the nesting beach and their preferred resting spot, they make many shallow dives. It is thought that during these shallow dives they are observing natural references for navigation. Once they have reached their napping spot on the reef crest, their dive time increases. During these long dives, they are resting on the bottom. Laying eggs is hard work! ■

Nicole Kleinas



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THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
August 2014

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Promote your ideas now. A female colleague may cause problems for you. This will not be the day to have minor surgery. 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 Wednesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You will have a great day if you just say what you feel. Adventure will result in added knowledge. Refrain from overspending on entertainment or luxury items. Invite friends over rather than spending money on lavish entertainment. Your luckiest events will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Residential moves look hectic and sudden changes in your life are likely. Your intellectual charm will entice new love interests. You could receive recognition for a job well done. You may divulge private information without realizing it this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You have worked hard and the payback is now. Misunderstandings at work could easily lead to your demise. Extend an invitation to clients you enjoy spending time with. Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

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. Social events held in your home will be successful and entertaining for those who attend. You can bet that situations will get out of hand if you allow others to interfere. Try not to take others for granted. Tempers could get out of hand this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Limitations at work might set you back. Your personal life will be under the gun and you may want to avoid the questions your lover is going to want to ask you. Difficulties with older females in your family may turn out to be quit trivial after all. Your outgoing, aggressive nature will attract someone you've been eager to

meet. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this month. Implement your ideas into your projects at work. Digestive disorders will be a result of family squabbles. It will be all around you. Your luckiest events will occur on a Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Don't get involved in joint ventures. Sudden romantic connections may be short lived. Your need to put great detail into everything you do may cause you to miss the overall picture. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Someone left a real mess for you to sift through. Try not to attempt to do something unless you are fully intent on following through with the plans. You may find yourself mixed up in a triangle of sorts. Your outgoing nature will surprise others this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You may divulge private information without realizing it this month. Major moves will be emotional and not necessarily to your benefit. Be diplomatic but stem. You can help them more than they can help you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more unexpected expenses are evident. Be aware that you might be at fault as well. Take matters in hand when it comes to dealing with clients or colleagues. Problems with in-laws or relatives may be more damaging than you realize. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will find it easy to learn and excel. You may find it impossible to get the rest you require. Offers of joint ventures are likely. Take care of any paperwork concerning institutional or governmental agencies. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday. ■



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

THE SUMMER TRIANGLE & PERSEID METEORS

August nights are very pleasant for star gazing. The heat of the day has waned, and you can comfortably stay outdoors for as long as you wish. So apply some mosquito repellent and look to the East.

By late evening, the **Summer Triangle** has risen well above the horizon and dominates the Eastern sky. The Summer Triangle is comprised of three bright stars: **Vega**, **Altair**, and **Deneb**. They are the 5th, 12th, and 20th brightest stars in the night sky.

Vega is in the small constellation **Lyra**, the **Lyre**. Vega is noticeably brighter than **Altair** and more than twice as bright as **Deneb**. Compared to our own **Sun**, Vega is 40 times as luminous. In recent years, evidence has accumulated that one or more planets may be in orbit around Vega. So it is possible that when we look at Vega, someone is looking back at us! If so, their view of our Sun is anything but spectacular. From the viewpoint of Vega, our Sun is merely a faint dot in the sky. In Carl Sagan's popular book "**Contact**," later made into a film starring Jodie Foster, mankind's first message from an extraterrestrial intelligence comes from the region of Vega.

Altair, located in the constellation **Aquila**, the **Eagle**, also starred in the movies. The classic 1956 science fiction film, "**Forbidden Planet**," takes place on **Altair 4**, a planet circling **Altair**. So far as we know, there are no planets orbiting the real-life **Altair**, but astronomers are constantly finding new planets around distant stars, so perhaps **Altair** has a planet or two that have not yet been discovered.

Deneb marks the tail feathers of **Cygnus**, the **Swan**. Its name means "tail" in



Arabic. **Cygnus** is one of those rare constellations that actually resembles its namesake. While **Deneb** is the Swan's tail, **Albireo** is its beak. **Albireo** is Arabic for "the hen's beak." Other stars in the constellation form easily recognized wings. To our eyes, **Cygnus** clearly resembles a graceful Swan.

High above the Summer Triangle is a pattern of stars known as the "**Keystone**," because it resembles the shape of the keystone of a stone arch. The "**Keystone**" is an example of an **asterism**—a **recognizable pattern of stars within a constellation**. The four stars of the "**Keystone**" lie at the center of the sprawling **constellation Hercules, the Hero**. The four stars of the "**Keystone**" aren't particularly bright, but the shape of the "**Keystone**" is quite distinctive.

Look For "Shooting Stars"

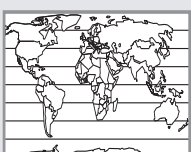
The **Perseids** is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at their peak. The shower's peak usually occurs on August 13 and 14, but you may be able to see some meteors any time from now until August 22. The radiant point for this shower will be in the constellation **Perseus**. Look to the northeast after midnight. ■

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