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and she's from Bonaire!  
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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**I**t looks like there **WILL BE** a referendum to select the type of government for Bonaire beyond 2015.

Some people were concerned that, because of recent closed-door meetings in The Netherlands, the island's future would be decided by the majority coalition only. However, a majority of the Island Council (two PDB members, one MBL and Santana) voted in favor of holding a referendum. Three UPB members voted against. In a meeting on August 12, the Council endorsed the referendum and allocated funds to conduct the referendum next year.

The Island Financial Ordinance for 2014 was amended to divert \$250,000 temporarily from the \$900,000 road budget in preparation for the referendum.

► **Bonaire only just escaped financial supervision** by The Netherlands because its financial management was not totally in order. The Committee of Financial Supervision CFT had threatened it if prompt improvements weren't forthcoming. Although Bonaire ended 2013 with a budgetary surplus it must intensify efforts in the financial management, CFT-chairman Age Bakker wrote in his cover letter to Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk

► **There is a new kind of drug "bolita" that are being swallowed by drug couriers.** The plastic bag is thinner and filled with drugs in liquid form, which entails an even more serious threat to the life of the person who has them in their stomach. The thin plastic bags filled with liquid drugs inside, usually cocaine, can easily burst. Compared to former kinds of bolitas, these bags are more sensitive to rupture.

Furthermore the new bolitas are diffi-

cult to detect on X-rays and the liquid form is difficult to find pre-operatively, leading to lengthy and dangerous surgery with a higher chance of unintentionally leaving behind 'lost' and rupture-sensitive small bags.

► In a seemingly unrelated development **Curacao has decided NOT to detain some drug smugglers.** The sanitary facilities in the Willemstad police station were deemed to be unsatisfactory. Instead authorities in Amsterdam and Dusseldorf are alerted to arrest the smuggler upon arrival.

► **On July 1, the Consumer Union of Bonaire (Unkobon) started a program called "knowledge is power."** Unkobon will ask islanders about a company or institution on Bonaire by survey. Every 14 days they will select a different business or service as a subject. Unkobon chose WEB last week, its third survey selection. They requested people to fill in the questionnaire sent to all Unkobon members via email. The poll is also on the website of Unkobon

[www.consumentenbonaire.com](http://www.consumentenbonaire.com) so everyone can participate. Unkobon wants consumers to know Bonaire at different times about the quality of delivery of the company or institution The consumer has 14 days to fill out the survey. Unkobon will publish the results on the website for everyone to see.

► **WASHINGTON DC**—The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency says it has issued a **new customs declaration form "in print and online"** that expands the definition of family members for arriving Caribbean and other travelers. This should ease paperwork for some entering the US.

CBP said the definition expands to "members of a family residing in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption."

► **TAMPA, Florida**—Good news. US forecasters last Thursday **downgraded their outlook for the 2014 Atlantic hurricane season, predicting "below normal" activity** with seven to 12 named storms, no more than two of which are expected to reach major hurricane status.



► **Early this month the entire Supervisory Board of Bonaire International Airport Flamingo Airport (BIA) stepped down** because the members felt that the Bonaire Executive Council (an airport shareholder) was not observing guidelines for good corporate governance as defined in the Island Ordinance of December 22, 2009. Apparently a key problem was the appointment of former UPB party-commissioner Burney El Hage as director of BIA. The Bonaire government says it regrets, but will respect, the board's decision to resign and will soon appoint a new one "in the general interest."

However, on August 12, a majority of members of Bonaire's Island Council voted to investigate the matter further. The three UPB members present voted against the move.

► **Don't let it happen here. Beginning on December 1 there will be parking meters in the center of Oranjestad, Aruba,**

and the areas surrounding hotels. Transport Minister Otmar Oduber announced that government-owned bus company Arubus will install the meters and control the parking tickets. The parking rates are yet to be set.



► **You might not want to sign any long-term cell phone contracts for a while.** Bonaire's phone company, **TELBO, said they are launching a state of the art and next generation LTE based mobile network in October.** LTE is the latest, fastest and most advanced mobile technology- an enhancement of current 4G service. It should be a significant speed improvement over current 4G systems from DigiCell and UTS.

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**Telbo claims it will deliver the best quality of mobile services for a fair price.** A letter to its Internet clients stated, "Our LTE network will provide a true island wide coverage delivering ultrafast data speeds up to 21 Mbps. Our prepaid and postpaid plans will be transparent with competitive rates and no hidden costs. Customers who want to include a smartphone into their postpaid plan can choose from the best brands like iPhone, Samsung, Huawei and Nokia."

► **On Friday, August 15, a collision took place around 3pm of a motorcycle with a donkey on Kaya Korona.** The motorcycle collided full on with the donkey so that the donkey was split in two. The driver of the motorcycle was seriously injured. He had broken both arms in different places. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital for medical treatment. Later in the evening he was transferred to Aruba in connection with the injuries he had sustained.

► **BRIDGETOWN, Barbados--The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) says the number of new cases of chikungunya in the Caribbean increased by nearly 38,000 last week** with the Dominican Republic having the most cases. **Nine cases were officially reported in Curaçao and some cases are suspected in Bonaire.**

PAHO said that the total figure for the mosquito-borne disease had reached 513,393 cases compared with 473,523 cases a week earlier.

Additional countries and territories in the Caribbean where chikungunya cases have been reported are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martin-



ique, Puerto Rico, St. Barths, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, French St. Martin, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dutch St. Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the US Virgin Islands and Venezuela.

The death toll in the epidemic, which began last December, grew by six, to 32. PAHO said all deaths were in Martinique, where the toll is now 19.

Chikungunya is spread via the "*Aedes aegypti*" mosquito, identifiable by the small, white stripes on the legs (above).

► **Artist Adi Figaroa**, who was featured in a recent edition of *The Reporter*, has some of his work on display at the downtown TCB office. He is the third artist to exhibit there. Pass by the office at Kaya Grandi # 2 to see some of his beautiful art of nature, sun and architecture.

► **On Saturday, August 30, you can get a preview of Bonaire Day** (which falls on Saturday, September 6) at a new event, "*Un Ñapa di Dia di Boneiru*" ("A Little More Bonaire Day"), at Plaza Fransisco "Chicu" Goeloeon on Kaya Korona in Antriol.

► **There is a secret Indian Food restaurant on Bonaire...** Find out more and learn about the once-a-month buffet on **page 8.**

► **The Caribbean Netherlands Police Force on Bonaire was granted the extraordinary power to "stop and frisk" (fouilleert preventief) on Sunday, August 10, 2014.** The emergency measure was OKed by the Chief Public Prosecutor especially to help combat the recent crime wave of armed robberies on the island.

Probable cause or pre-announcement are not required to search a person, vehicle or luggage. Police officials and the Public Prosecutor will monitor the process to ensure that the limits of the power are not exceeded. This is intended to be a temporary measure.

In many jurisdictions in other countries "stop and frisk" proved to be effective in reducing crime and discovering illegal weapons. It is often opposed by civil libertarians who fear abuse of police powers. But Bonaireans want the crime wave stopped.

Several Bonaire merchants have been held-up at gunpoint (in Papiamentu the descriptive term *atrako* is used to describe this crime). Bystanders were put at risk as well. This is just part of the new crime offensive previously announced by Police Chief Hildegard Buitink which also includes pro-active measures and increased surveillance. Others include bringing in police officers from other islands and severe penalties. Up until press time for this edition there has been little success. More police and crime news on page 17. ➔



► **Apologies** for printing the incorrect advertisement for Sunbelt Realty in the last edition of *The Reporter*. **That house had already been sold!** The correct advertisement can be found in the on-line edition for that issue.

► **Schools on Bonaire reopened on Monday, August 18. Please drive carefully and look out for the smaller ones.** ■ G./L.D.



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# Born on Bonaire... March 11th, 1945 - Ubaldo Anthony

“My father worked for the Curaçao Petroleum Industry Company, sailing around the world on Shell’s vessels. We were five children: I have two older and two younger sisters. Being the only boy I never had to do the dishes! My mom was a seamstress and we grew up in our grandmother’s house with our grandmother and our aunt, our mother’s big sister. We saw little of our father as he was always at sea. He would come on his vacations, to look at the new baby and to make another one! My mom was very busy making ends meet, but she was always happy and she loved to chat and she knew everybody and everybody knew her.

pointed. I left and started working at the hospital and at St. Bernardus School with the nuns. I was the maintenance man; I was 18 years old.

After a while, one of my cousins who was a bartender at Flamingo Beach Club introduced me to her boss, Captain Don Stewart, who was the manager at the time, and I became a waiter.

My mom wasn’t happy with it. She got angry and told me to look for a job with the government. But I stayed for two years as a waiter with Flamingo Beach Club and I saw the Regatta being born. Then I worked for two more years at Hotel Bonaire. In the meantime I’d applied for a job with the po-



Ubaldo Anthony



Ubaldo Anthony and his dogs

I had a wonderful childhood. There was always food on the table, we went to school, I was with the scouts and we founded our own soccer club. When I finished Lower Technical School, my father came home to Bonaire for good; he’d finally retired. I was 15 and I wanted to go to Middle Technical School on Curaçao, but my mom said, ‘No, your father came back and now there’s no one you can stay with. So, try to find a job!’ I immediately got one with the Curaçao Road Construction Company. They were busy building a road from Playa to Rincon, along the coast, the ‘tourist road’ they called it. I started working as an assistant to the operator of the asphalt plant. It was very hot

lice, with customs and Radio Netherlands World Service.

After four letters of application I started working with customs in Curaçao in 1971. It was there that I got my first training. After 18 months I was transferred to Bonaire. At the time I had a girlfriend and we had a daughter, Sheryla, but the relationship didn’t last. For a number of years I took courses on Curaçao and I was promoted and again transferred to Bonaire. After seven years I took training to become chief clerk. In the meantime I was married to Jolanda and we had two children, a boy, Elroy, who was born on Curaçao and a daughter Jo-Ann.

**“Then it comes to a point you have to realize you can’t be a bulldozer; you have to introduce the new ways gently and gradually.”**

and dangerous work and I didn’t do it for long. One day I was approached by the director of the technical school, Mr. Harry Holten, who asked me if I’d found a job. I told him where I was working, then he said he had something better for me. ‘Report yourself at WEB on Monday.’ That’s how it went! He arranged it with my old boss and with my new boss. They were all Dutch and they all knew each other. I was hired together with an old classmate of mine.

We were trained fitters and mechanics and at school we were used to working with machines, but at WEB it was very old-fashioned because the company was still under construction. Everything had to be done by hand and we were a bit disap-

Every time I moved to Curaçao my family came along.

In the beginning of January 1988 I got a study assignment from my employer, the government of the Dutch Antilles, to take the verifier training, the highest training in customs, in The Hague, Holland. My family and I arrived in January, in the middle of winter. It was grey and gloomy, not one leaf on a tree, and for the first time in my life I sat on a train going from Amsterdam airport to The Hague and I thought, ‘I don’t know if I will be able to stand it here.’

In the beginning it was a huge change to take in. The training was tough and took three years. There were four colleagues from

Curaçao and four from Aruba and I was the only Bonairean. But you know, all in all it was fun, a real fun time, a totally different world, things you would have never imagined the way they were. I finished the course with good grades and then we packed our suitcases and came back. I had experienced so many things and I had seen so much in the ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam, like how the work gets done there and what life is about, and when I came back I tried to apply certain things here. Sometimes it worked and many times it did not. In those days I was the only one on Bonaire who had taken the course and attempts to innovate were not always appreciated. Then it comes to a point you have to realize you can’t be a bulldozer; you have to introduce the new ways gently and gradually.

After my return the head of customs retired and I couldn’t get the position because the years I’d been in Holland didn’t appear on my record. So I went to court together with my colleagues from Curaçao and we were proven right. But... the other group – the ones who were higher on the list of years of service – also went to court and they were proven right too! Hahaha! It was the Judgment of Solomon! It was funny!

And so I had to wait for seven years to become the head of customs. The nomination came in 2000. I did it for five years and then I retired in 2005. My work meant everything to me. From the first day till the last I did it with my whole heart and I’ve done all I could do in the best interest of my employer and my co-workers.

After I came back from Holland we started giving courses on Bonaire, and next to my work I became a teacher as well, teaching about customs tariff duties and exemptions. I did that till after my retirement. Also, I was the deputy governor from 2001-2007. And... something completely different, I’ve played in a band called Pali Wiri for 10 years. We made six CDs of which I wrote 80% of the lyrics. Nowadays I don’t play so much anymore. I’ve got myself focused on writing poetry and once a month I present my poems at Luna Yen, a monthly gathering at full moon. Next to writing I am an avid photographer as well, for a long time already.

All my life I’ve also been very active in volunteer work in my neighborhood of birth, Tera Kora. So much, that it came to a point that we’re now called the ‘district committee,’ but we are doing it with great pleasure! After my retirement I was chosen to become the chairman of the board of UPAH, the union of retired ex-Antilles and island officials. Those are the things that are keeping me busy nowadays. My wife Jolanda is still

working with Obersi Electronics since 1991. She loves her work and that’s why we understand each other so well. My eldest daughter lives in Curaçao, our son lives in Holland, married with three children, and my youngest daughter lives in London. We are on Skype a lot!



The book Ubaldo Anthony wrote: *Esaki ta di mi - This is mine*

And then there is my book *Esaki ta di mi (This is mine)*. It’s been on its way for a very long time, starting in 1999. I had to write it because my heart was too full of the story to keep it to myself. It’s a great pity that the one who was there when it all began, and who’s told me so much – my mother Abelina Anthony-Felida - wasn’t there when it came out because she passed away in 2005 at the age of 92. She has inspired and stimulated me to write this book. The book is about my life and all we’ve done together in Tera Kora as one people. Tera Kora is a true jewel. It was built as a village for the slaves and so many good and beautiful things came out of it. We’ve accomplished so much with so little but... I’m not entirely satisfied, because there are things happening you can’t stop; things that are happening everywhere in this world. However, I know I gave it all and... that’s how I end my book as well... one day a change is going to come, because nothing is forever.” ■

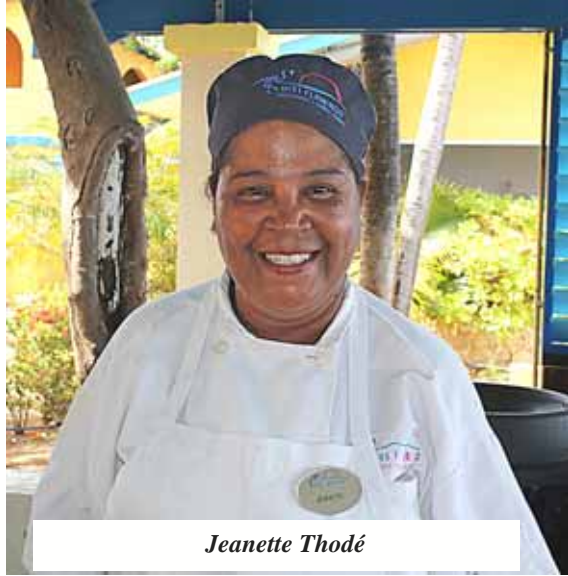
Story & photos by Greta Kooistra





# Top Student

Twenty years ago **Jeanette Thodé** started working at Divi Flamingo, first in the canteen, where she cooked for the staff of the hotel. Then she became the helper to the breakfast cook, Swinda Boezem. When Swinda retired, around 2009, Jeanette took over and became the breakfast cook. Before, she would work from 5am until 1 pm, but since 2012 she works from 6am to 2:30pm. Last year Manager Marrelva Soliana asked Jeanette to take the Hotel and Catering course at Forma, which started in August 2013.



Jeanette Thodé

“The group consisted of about 20 people from all the hotels and restaurants on the island,” Jeanette says, “and I was the only one from Divi Flamingo. Once a week, on Monday, I went from 7:45am till 5:30 in the afternoon to Forma on my free day. I have two days off per week. I did that for a year. The subjects were arithmetic, Dutch, theoretical and practical cooking classes, Papiamentu, serving and bar work. In May we had two days of exams and on June 28<sup>th</sup> we got the results. During the diploma ceremony on July 2, when the speech was held I heard them saying: ‘And the best graduate is... a lady who has four children and seven grandchildren...’ and I whispered to my colleague, ‘I think that’s me! And then they called, ‘Jeanette Thodé!’ I was so emotional when I stepped for-

ward! I also got a present, a gift certificate from MCB Bank, and then all the people started applauding for me and I just felt so great!

I love my job; the location is awesome because there’s always a cool breeze and the beautiful sea is right next to me. I love the people around me, my colleagues and the hotel guests and I love to give service! I am 53 years old, but I feel one is ever too old to learn. If you want it, you will succeed! All my children and grandchildren are proud of me and I am not going to stop now, because this month I will start another year of studying. This time I’m going for the second level! I’m excited!” ■ *Story & photos by Greta Kooistra*

# Dive Friends' New Boat



On Friday, August 15, at 5:30 pm, Dive Friends Bonaire celebrated the launch of a new addition to their fleet: the *Pelican*. In order to serve their customers better, they have invested in a 30 ft. Island Hopper dive boat. With her 12 foot beam, low swim platform and ample sun and splash protection, they are sure that their guests will really enjoy the comfort of diving from the *Pelican*. *In the photo, Dive Friends crew: Pascal ready to pop the champagne cork, Mary and Jan.* ■ *Story & photo by Jan Brouwer*

# Fish Farm Failure

Another effort at fish farming on Bonaire has failed. Notary Kenneth Arends recently announced the distress sale of the latest failed effort at fish farming on Bonaire. Several incarnations of the facility at the end of Kaya van Epps (Marcultura) have failed and now the latest attempt on the straight road to Sorobon in Lima. Offered is a plot of land, 13,542 square meters, with everything built on it and all accessories was known as “Elijah Fish Farm Bonaire.”

The auction by bidding will take place at the notary office at Bulevar Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot 71 on Thursday, August 21st, at 10am.

The Elijah Fish Farm was a project to breed fish for market. According to the website that can still be visited online, the farm was established as a subsidiary of a holding company with the same name in 2009. The shares were held by

**Ivan de Windt** (former partner at Price-Waterhouse-Coopers), **Gilbert Martina** (Director Ennia) and **lawyer Eric de Vries**. Together they apparently owned a combined 70%.

The remaining 30% belonged to joint venture partner, **Hesy Aquaculture BV**, which supplied the installations and technical know-how for the design of the farm.

Elijah Fish Farm was set up with the help of a grant from the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, as part of the Programme Cooperation Netherlands Antilles PSNA and a loan of Giro-Bank and the Development Bank of the Netherlands Antilles.

The nursery would deliver 100 tons of fish a year, mainly cobia, a total of 1,600 fish per week. The cobia would be sold to hotels, restaurants and supermarkets on Bonaire and Curaçao, as well as in St Maarten and Aruba.



An early fish harvest

In 2013 journalist **Trix van Bennekom** wrote that officials of the Ministry of Economic Affairs were excited about the promising project. The ministry allegedly transferred a grant of €651,000, while Giro-Bank provided a loan of 1.6 million Antillean guilders (about €700,000) to the partners.

The journalist found it suspicious that of the five objectives of Elijah Fish Farm, as mentioned in the business license, only one related to the breeding of fish. The others had to do with real estate, project development and all possible forms of financial services.

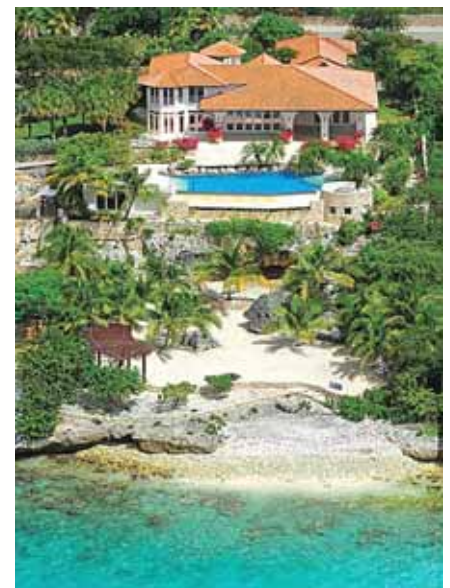
What exactly went wrong with the project was not revealed. The building has been abandoned and looted. ■ *St Maarten Herald / G.D.*

# Dream House

While Bonaire is not often celebrated as a retreat for the “rich and famous” it does have some spectacular homes for sale. Consider this unique villa on a large lot with infinity pool, guest houses and secluded private beach.

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# A Garden? Just Do It!

How would the world look without plants? What would life be without all that green?

Plants, trees and flowers are part of creation and for many reasons are most necessary in nature and in human life. Realize that we simply cannot live without plants. We need the oxygen coming from the plants, we need vegetables and the world would look empty and ugly without these green creatures.

And that's how a yard looks too when there is nothing growing there.

On Bonaire people have a million reasons for not planting anything in their yard.

- It's too dry. It needs a lot of water and water is expensive.
- The iguanas, donkeys, Loras and lizards eat everything.
- There's no time for gardening.
- There are only rocks in the soil.
- The soil is too salty.
- Plants keep mosquitoes under their leaves.
- When you have a lot of plants you can't see who is in your yard.
- Nothing grows by itself.
- The piespies (white fly) kill everything.
- Gardening is expensive.
- The dog digs it up. The strong wind dries everything out....and so on.

I hear all these reasons from people passing my place where there is a lot of green and flowers which make my yard a lush oasis. But then they wonder how I get my yard so green in spite of all the reasons they mention.

Well, it's simple. JUST DO IT.

First, make a little time for gardening. A few hours a week is enough. And if you have less time then start with one hour a week. Look to see what you are interested in to start with. Some want fruit trees, others like flowers. Some people want vegetables like tomatoes, spinach, peppers. Some want a nice garden but with less maintenance. That's also possible. A rock garden with different cactus plants and succulents among the rocks is beautiful and it takes less water and time. If you have limited space you can work with pots, pans, buckets and baskets (orchids like baskets to hang in) on your porch.

Just be creative, like our green world comes from a great creative mind. We all have that creativity in us. It's up to us to make it work.

### How to start.

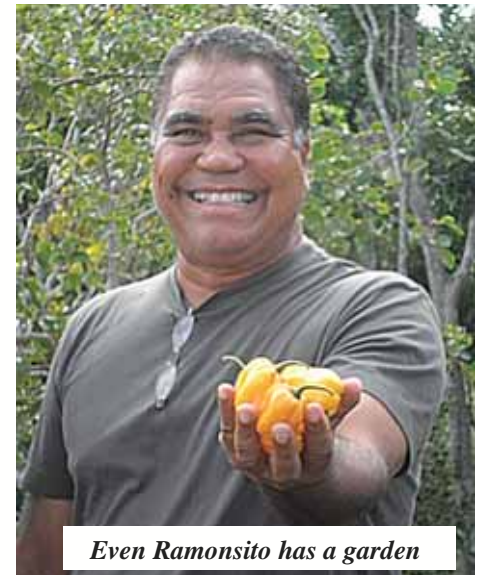
Buy some dirt (*potgrond*). Mix it with some old leaves, Bonairean soil, some small rocks and dried grass, some dry donkey or cow manure, and start planting flowering plants, tomatoes, peppers, and so on in some pots.

If you want fruit trees, dig a hole, fill it with black dirt and compost. Plant a young tree and just water it with mop water or water from the laundry or dishes. Catch rainwater when it rains and water your plants. Don't let the water stand. Use it immediately for your plants on the porch or in your greenhouse, whatever. So you don't need so much WEB water.

You just have to start and stop thinking of all the reasons that make it hard to have



Shimaruku cherries



Even Ramonsito has a garden

some green in your yard. There are a lot of plants that grow easily, with less water which iguanas and Loras don't eat and for sure you will have fruit. An example is the **bakoba (banana)** tree. What is easier than just putting some little Bakoba plants where your aircro drips or where the *beerput* (cesspool) is or where the bathroom pipe empties? You don't need to do anything anymore. These plants will grow so easily by themselves and after a while you have delicious Bakoba to enjoy with your whole family. Then the plant is so easy because it gives off a lot of other baby plants. So wait and soon you will have the next bunch of Bakoba.

So what more do you want? Isn't that a perfect solution for having some green in your yard which doesn't cost time and water, which is not eaten up by animals, which grows by itself and can stand the dry windy weather of Bonaire and grows with just a little dirt on the hard clip and keeps on

growing, even with piespies on it? And you save some money too in your pocket by just having your own fruit and not having to buy it.

Examples of other small fruit trees that grow easily too are the **guaba tree, papaya, appledam, cocotree, granateapple, sour-sop, carambola, golden apple or the cherry (shimaruku) tree**. What a source of health for your body - just around your house.

Nice trees that give shade are the **wayaka tree, palm trees, amandel tree** which you can keep small, but they're very nice to enjoy with a table and yard chairs underneath.

If you have space and you want a big, easy growing fruit tree, look for the **kenepa, tamarin, mango, mispel, hoba, or the druifi Surinam**. All give fruit that is full of vitamins.

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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Moordrecht-The Netherlands



**W**illem Vogelzang is sitting in his garden in Moordrecht-The Netherlands reading *The Bonaire Reporter* contemplating his next trip to Bonaire. Every year during wintertime in Holland he stays for at least four months on the island. When snow and ice are gone, he returns with his wife to their children and grandchildren. **When he next lands at Flamingo airport it will be 57 years ago that he came here for the first time. ■**

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### DELAYED AND DISGUSTED

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing Rene Hakkenberg's letter regarding Insel Air (*Reporter* July 21-August 4, 2014).

I booked my 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Bonaire and flew Insel. What a mistake!

We were supposed to leave Miami at 4 pm but our flight was delayed. We ended up leaving after 9 pm, so I'm sure you know where this is going. We asked the attendants if our connecting flight from Curaçao to Bonaire was going to be delayed and they said yes, of course and we would arrive in Bonaire the same night. We arrived in Curaçao and we were told the Bonaire airport was closed and we would be leaving at 7am. It was 1:30 am by the time we received this information at the ticket counter. A few of us told the attendants we would just wait for our



flight at the airport not to bother putting us up in a hotel for a few hours, but they insisted. Some of them obviously knew the flight was not going to leave at 7 am because on numerous occasions when I asked when to be at the airport I was told 7 or 7:45. The flight was delayed until 10 am and we sat in the airport from 5:45 am until 9:30 boarding. The plane was filled and warm but luckily the flight was short.

My family loves Bonaire and its people but we will never fly Insel again!

A receptionist at the Den Leman showed me the Rene Hakkenberg letter after hearing our horror stories.

*Debbie Pichardo*

### A Garden? ... (Continued from page 6)

when you can bring your expenses down by growing your own fruit? And I tell you what, it tastes way better too.

Nice, easy-to-grow flowering plants are the **tuturu**, **oleander** or **bougainville**. With little water they flower the whole year round and make you feel happy when you get up in the morning and see bouquets of flowers around you.

About the **piespies (nasty white fly)**: **Make tea from the leaves of the Neem tree.** Let it stand half a day and spray this tea over the plants with the piespies or

with ants or with butterfly worms. They all run away because of the bitter taste of this tea. Dish liquid helps too, but the Neem tree tea is a natural enemy of these bugs and a healthy, cheap solution. It's especially good on your veggies. This is the best solution for your health as well. Once a month is okay.

So there are more plants which will do great in your yard - if you only put them in the soil. And then watch how alive your yard will become and how much more you enjoy this natural beauty around you. Start today! ■ *Angliet Baidjoe (A Nature Lover)*



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# TWR-50 Years On Bonaire



Speakers at the Sunday afternoon remembrance session (described below)



TWR Studio

During the weekend of August 8-11, more than 50 Trans World Radio leaders and former TWR Bonaire staff members travelled to Bonaire for TWR Bonaire's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The event got off to an interesting start with a bus tour of Bonaire by **Achie Tours**. Some "TWR alumni" hadn't been back to Bonaire in more than 35 years, so this tour was a real eye opener. Saturday evening featured a delicious barbeque buffet (with excellent service by Lesley and her team) at the Plaza hotel. On Sunday afternoon, the TWR family was joined by local friends for an inspiring time of celebration and thanksgiving at the **International Bible Church (IBC)**. (A big thank you goes to the IBC for providing this venue after the Sports Complex on Kaya Amsterdam became unavailable due to last minute renovations.)

On Monday, over a hundred visitors took advantage of an Open House at the freshly renovated TWR studios and offices, located on the traffic circle in Hato. It was a great opportunity to renew friendships, view historical displays, and check out the large scale art work, fresh paint and new carpeting located throughout the building. The anniversary weekend wound down with a relaxed barbeque Monday evening, and a tour of *Kunuku Rooi Lamoenchi* on Tuesday.

A number of reports and talks were presented during the various anniversary activities. This group photo includes most of the special speakers. On Sunday afternoon **Tom Lowell**, pictured at the extreme left, shared some remembrances about how the TWR broadcasts from Bonaire helped put Bonaire "on the map" in the Americas back in the 60s and 70s. Tom served as station director here on Bonaire, as well as at the TWR station on Guam, in the Pacific.

In his address, Tom mentioned that some 700 people have served on Bonaire with TWR over the years and that a remarkable 100 million dollars has been injected into the local economy over the course of



TWR Transmitting Towers

TWR's 50 years here on the island. All of the funding for TWR's world-wide ministries in more than 230 languages comes from donations of one sort or another. Some donations come from TWR's radio listeners, but the majority of the money does not come from individuals who are constituents of TWR, so to speak, but from individuals and groups who answer God's call to partner with TWR in ministry, through contributions of prayer and finances, to help speak hope to the world.

**Bill Mial**, pictured third from the left, served as station director when TWR first began construction on Bonaire in the early 1960s. He shared some interesting and often amusing stories of the wide ranging impact of the Bonaire broadcasts over the years. For example, Bill attended a piano concert in Florida earlier this year and talked a bit with the Jamaican born artist. When the man learned of Bill's Bonaire connection, he said, "Bonaire, we grew up on Bonaire!" He went on to say that his family listened to the broadcasts from Bonaire every night in Jamaica. Bonaire was a big part of this man's life during his formative years.

One of the best kept secrets, here on Bonaire, is the nightly TWR radio programming at 800 kHz on the Medium Wave (or AM) radio band. But, amazingly enough, conservative estimates indicate that every night, over one million people in Cuba tune

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# Sea Turtle Volunteers Underwater Clean-up



The volunteers

On Sunday, August 10, over 30 divers and other volunteers got together at Dive Friends Bonaire to receive instructions about the recovery of lost and broken fishing line. Fishing line is well known to be a great threat for all sea creatures, especially for turtles. If turtles get trapped, they will die as every now and then they have to swim to the surface of the water to grab some fresh air as they are reptiles and have lungs. The divers had to look especially for "new" sections of fishing line as they are difficult to see for all underwater creatures. Very old sections most of the time are taken over by corals and algae, but that takes decades and turtles cannot live that long without fresh air and oxygen.

This day's goal was the water world under the town pier, a popular location for fishermen. Weather conditions were good, no strong currents at all. After the one-hour, no-decompression dive the volunteers enjoyed a thirst-quenching beverage, courtesy of Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire. After drying off and getting heated up again the volunteers walked to the *Freewinds* where they were invited for lunch.

Thank you Dive Friends Bonaire for hosting us and providing the air for free and thanks to *Freewinds* who treated us to sandwiches and drinks on board. The ocean is a little safer now for Bonaire's critically endangered sea turtles thanks to these volunteers. Great work everyone. Let's make it a better world! ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



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# SELIBON'S 20 YEARS-Making Cleanup History

**S**ELIBON IS KEEPING BONAIRE CLEAN. SELIBON's service area covers, with the exception of some remote kunukus, the entire island of Bonaire. It's also responsible for the cleaning of public areas such as downtown Kralendijk and public beaches. It's the only company designated by the government for the collection, processing and treatment of waste.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, SELIBON celebrated its 20th anniversary as a government-owned independent company with a morning of reflection with its staff. The main theme was the personal development of employees, the past, present and future of the company. Pastor Senchi opened the morning with prayer and gave a lecture on spiritual growth. Several company officials gave their views on staff development within the company and the importance of promoting good relations between employees and their managers. SELIBON NV (*Servisio di Limpiesa Boneiru*) was established on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994 and became operational on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994. Prior to this it was a government service department, *Bonairaanse Reinigingsdienst*. One year after its founding SELIBON NV received its first waste container, "KLIKO" bin. This was a unique event; Bonaire became the first of the ABC islands to introduce this facility. In 2006 the waste

tax was introduced for companies; in 2008 they started with the collection of old glass.

**SELIBON IS KEEPING BONAIRE CLEAN** SELIBON collects waste from **7,500 households and 500 businesses**. A large part of the companies are directly or indirectly related to tourism, such as hotels, resorts, restaurants and car rentals. Additionally SELIBON collects waste from BOPEC (petroleum storage and transfer), Curoil (fuel storage and handling), BIA (airport), Cargill Salt Company, government, services, shops, construction and activities in the field project development, vehicle repair and supermarkets. SELIBON offers various business services such as:

- Renting of large 5m<sup>3</sup> and 12m<sup>3</sup> containers,
- Container cleaning,
- Cleaning of terrains and parking lots,
- Container rental of containers for events (public concerts, festivals, sporting activities).



SELIBON chief Rudsel Leito and Randy Leonora with giveaway prize mountain bike. P. Kayes photo



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reward good performance along with a healthy working environment for our employees."

**QUALITY INTERNAL ORGANIZATION** SELIBON strives to meet the demands of all customers, providing the highest quality products and quality service and the highest quality standards at a competitive price to customers. "Therefore it is necessary that we all remain vigilant regarding the quality of our organization and continue to pursue improvement," said SELIBON Director Rudsel Leito. "Our customers expect this from us. The foundation for success starts with our own organization and is largely determined by the expertise, enthusiasm, motivation and commitment of our employees. Involving our employees in finding a better way to perform our daily activities is therefore a priority. We strive to create mutual respect and trust among our employees. We encourage our employees to help each other and work as a team. We recognize and

**LEGISLATION** Since March 1994, there has been an "Island of Bonaire Waste Regulation" force. In July 2012, the VROMBES Act (*Wet volkshuisvesting, ruimtelijke ordening en milieubeheer voor de openbare lichamen Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba*) was passed by the Dutch Senate. This act is a framework that includes both environmental rules and also provides to the competent authority (local government or central government) the opportunity to make new legislation within this framework. Here, the order of preference for waste disposal will provide guidance, as described by the famous "Lansink's Ladder": prevention, reuse, recycling, incineration with energy, incineration and landfill. At a local level Bonaire has its own Waste Management and Implementation Bonaire, 2013-2022.

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# Rescued Parrot Profiles

**B**onaire's Echo Foundation does everything they can to ensure rescued parrots (called Loras in Bonaire) have the best quality of life. They care for these birds and hope to learn more about parrot behavior.

However, these Loras are not pets; therefore human contact is kept to a minimum, as Echo prefers them to interact with each other. They are fed on a balanced diet of fresh fruit, pellets and seeds. Their aviaries have a highway of permanent branches to ensure these predominantly flightless Loras can move freely. Echo has a campaign to fund the building of a bigger aviary for these permanent Lora residents.

Ultimately these majestic, intelligent creatures are not designed 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, Lora communities. The goal for all Loras brought to Echo is to eventually release them back into the wild where feasible.

There is no denying Bonaire's Yellow-Shouldered Amazon's beauty, the Lora, and though it may seem appealing to have one as a pet these Loras are wild in every sense of the word. Echo hopes that seeing them in their natural habitat chattering to their friends and flying in flocks is a more

rewarding experience for locals and tourists.

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 follows:

**Name: Kiki**

**Back-story:** Kiki was a registered pet bird that was voluntarily given up by her caring family when their other Lora died. Kiki was fed on a sunflower seed based diet, which resulted in her gaining an unhealthy amount of weight. She came to Echo in 2013 and innovative ways to get her to be more active are constantly being implemented.

**Personality:** She is a full-figured lass with an adolescent attitude. She can seem a little aloof at times but underneath that facade she is loving and inquisitive.

**Hobbies:** Kiki enjoys the simpler things in life such as sitting and eating. (We are trying very hard to change these hobbies!)

**Name: Pepe** (Yellow-Crowned Amazon Parrot)

**Back-story:** Echo was contacted about an escaped pet parrot found in a garden.



Pepe



Kiki

Upon arrival it was clear that this parrot was not the native Yellow-Shouldered Amazon but a Yellow-Crowned Amazon. It is likely he was poached from a nest in Venezuela and was illegally brought to Bonaire. He cannot be released on Bonaire as he could hybridize with the Yellow-Shouldered Amazons and cannot be deported back to Venezuela, as he is an illegal pet.

**Personality:** Pepe is a ladies man, with his strong stature and alluring stare. He is masculine, intense and seemingly wise.

**Hobbies:** Pepe loves nothing more than chomping his way through branches, seedpods and coconuts. He decimates everything in reach!

If you would like to help Echo on their mission to stop the illegal poaching of Yellow-Shouldered Amazon parrots on Bonaire and to help rescue illegally captured parrots from a miserable future then please contribute to their fundraising cam-

aign at: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Help-Bonaire-S-Parrot-Chicks-Grow-Up-And-Go-Wild>

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# Rashindra Donge Named Caribbean Chef of the Year

**And two more wonderful things: she's the first woman to win in the history of the Taste of the Caribbean competitions to be named Best Chef and she's from the small, nearly unknown island of Bonaire!"\***

"I love what I do," Rashindra announces. "If you learn to do something and if you have the passion to do it, then you're born to do it."

This is the second year that Rashindra was invited to join the Bonaire Culinary team to compete in the Caribbean wide "Culinary Olympics" in Miami. The team must compete with the richer, bigger islands with big-name impressive hotels, restaurants, higher numbers of tourists, where chefs are better paid, more experienced and often revered—places like Puerto Rico, Barbados, US Virgin Islands, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Suriname, Anguilla.

"Last year," Rashindra continues, "the team asked me to compete in the 'top chef' section of 'Taste,' but I was afraid; I wasn't ready. I wanted to see it first. This year they didn't ask me, they just told me I'd be competing!"

And she did. Rashindra and nine other chefs were given a "mystery basket" of ingredients and asked to create – in two hours – a dish that showcases the main ingredient from the basket. Rashindra decided on "a combination of Caribbean tastes and my own imagination." Making a broth from the beef she combined it with melted chocolate sauce, a risotto, baby okra, zucchini, tomatoes, spinach. See photo at right.

"At the presentation night, we were all nervous," she says. "And when it was announced Bonaire and I had won, there were tears. Not from me, though. I did do a little dance."

Raised in Curaçao, her inspiration comes not surprisingly, quite naturally from her mom and her grandmother, both of whom cooked with passion and without a recipe book, she proudly declares. "They were always cooking for family and friends' events, free of charge, just for the love and without any recipes. When I was about 10 they had me chopping onions. I studied the culinary courses (MBO and SBO) for four years at Maristella high school. I was a chef at the Marriott in Curaçao for five years and helped with

the opening of the Renaissance Resort. But the routine got to me, I wanted to see other things, and when a family member said, 'You should take new opportunities to learn,' I decided to come to work for the Plaza in Bonaire."

Her advice to young people: "Don't sit on your behind and wait for someone to give you the tools. Fight for what you want if you think you're good in something. If you love to do something you must have passion for it, but be sure you are prepared for that."

What lies in the future for this talented, first-woman-ever-to-win-Chef-of-the-Caribbean? This seemingly unassuming young woman has a will of steel and she knows what she wants. "I love this part of my life. I have a passion for what I do. I'm a simple cook, not an executive chef or boss. I don't want that. I want to stay with my cooking with no stress. I give every day to my colleagues to help make people smile with a little bite of something." And, she adds, "I just love plating (arranging the food attractively on the plate)!"

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Rashindra "plating" the first prize winning main dish: beef broth with chocolate, rice, baby vegetables.



Coach Floris van Loo cried when Rashindra won the gold

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# Wounded Warriors Back On Bonaire



Saturday: Bonaire airport arrival of the injured US troops and their families

For the ninth consecutive year, Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB), industry partners, and the entire island of Bonaire welcomed members of the US military and their families to their home away from home, Bonaire, August 16 -24, to enjoy scuba diving for recreation and rehabilitation.

During this week, wounded troops and their significant others will complete the final steps in the scuba diving certification process. Representatives of the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association's (DEMA) Be A Diver Program, the Handicapped Scuba Association, Oceanic and the North American office of the TCB will be on-site to work with the group. All accommodations and diving are complimentary and will be generously provided by Captain Don's Habitat. Each year the people of Bonaire warmly welcome this group and show them their greatest assets: the renowned marine park with its pristine waters and genuine Bonairean hospitality.

"We are excited to again welcome these veterans who have risked their lives for their country, to Bonaire," commented TCB Director Ethsel Pieternella. "Bonaire has always had a close relationship with the US and hosting their veterans for a week of rest, relaxation and scuba diving is one way of our giving back to those who have given so much. We are fortunate to work in an industry that has taken up a firm position in helping these brave men and women continue their healing process through scuba diving. We are grateful to all our sponsors here and stateside for their continued support of this week. With Bonaire's calm waters and easy access to shore and boat diving, scuba diving in Bonaire is probably one of the best therapies for people to be able to disconnect from their injuries and enjoy themselves underwater."

This year, eight warriors who have suffered life-changing physical injuries which they received in combat while stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the families that stood by them, will have a dive vacation of a lifetime. The "carte blanche" style vacation that is offered to the warriors is made possible by the generosity of industry partners and others. Blue Water Divers, BonaireTalk, Caradonna Dive Adventures, Inc., Dive Training Magazine, Henderson, Oceanic, OmniCom Media Group, Rum Runners, Scuba Pro and the Wounded Warrior Project, to name a few, have donated items ranging from masks, fins, snorkels, wetsuits, life support systems, etc. to considerable financial contributions that cover all meals and activities.

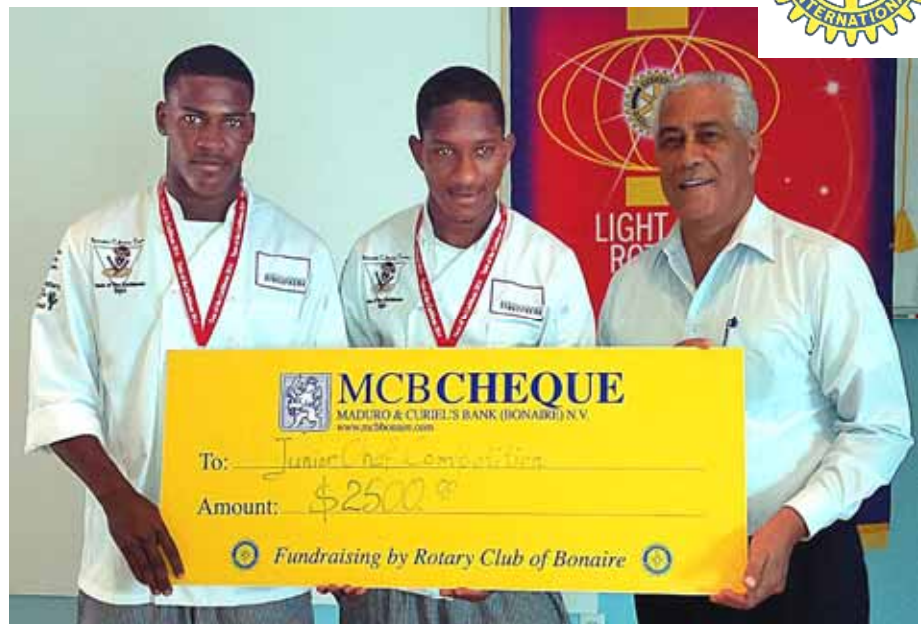
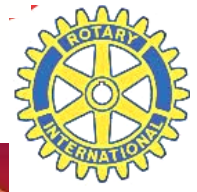
The warriors and their partners will have a full itinerary beginning with the completion of their PADI and HSA dive certification. Once certified, they will continue diving throughout the week, both from the dock of Captain Don's Habitat and via boat dives to Klein Bonaire and some of the other 86 official dive sites found on Bonaire. The group will also enjoy shopping, sightseeing, dining and experiencing the best Bonaire has to offer. The highlight of the week will take place when the Bonaire community gathers to meet these extraordinary troops and their companions at a reception held in their honor at the offices of Lt. Governor Mr. Edison Rijna.

To stay up-to-date on the Wounded Warriors Bonaire week, be sure to follow @BonaireTourism on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. #WWWB2014. ■

Press release

In addition to Captain Don's Habitat providing accommodations and diving, the following organizations have contributed to the overall success of Wounded Warrior Bonaire Week: 9Line LLC, Adams Unlimited Public Relations & Marketing, Blue Water Divers, Bonaire KFC, BonPhoto, BonaireTalk.com, Bonaire Quad Tours, Bonaire Guided Motorcycle Tours, Bonaire Tours & Vacations, Budget Rent A Car Bonaire, Buddy Dive Resort, Captain Don's Habitat, Caradonna Dive Adventures, Inc., CIEE Bonaire, Cressi, Destinations Weddings & Honeymoons Magazine, Disabled Sports USA, Diver's Diner Bar & Restaurant, DEMA/Be a Diver, DiveNewswire, Dive Training Magazine, Elements Bonaire, Father Edward J. Giorgio, VA Post 689, Henderson, H.S.A. International Training Center of New Jersey, Islands Magazine, Iron Order Motorcycle Club - Bonaire (Caribbean Pirates Crew) James Howard Creative Group, Joe's Grill House Bonaire, Jewel of Bonaire, LeisurePro, Mail Unlimited, Marlboro High School Retired Teachers Group, MIVABO, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Foskey, Mr. & Mrs. Giamporcaro, OCEANIC, Omnicomm Media Group, Oracle Trucking, PADI, Princeton Tec, Rum Runners, Scuba Diving Magazine, Scuba Pro, Scuba Toys, Sport Diver Magazine, Taxi Association Bonaire, Tourism Corporation Bonaire, Wounded Warrior Project.

# Rotary Club Donations



On Wednesday, August 13, the Rotary Club Bonaire gave their support of \$2500 to the Jr. Chef program of the Bonaire Restaurant Association. **Giovannie Veld and Ronald Gosepa** were on hand to explain their upcoming competition in Barbados against 14 other islands in a Jr. Chef competition based on local cuisines. Giovannie Veld, past Silver medal winner at the July 2014 Taste of The Caribbean in Miami, is working at It Rains Fishes. Ronald Gosepa, a Bronze medal winner at Taste in Miami, works at Spice Beach Club. The award presented by Rotary's Hubert Domacassé.



Currently, more than five million people in the world are living with Alzheimer's disease, which is the sixth leading cause of death in the US. One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. The Rotary Club of Bonaire thinks it is important to support the local Alzheimer Foundation programs and outreach with a major donation of \$10,000 to assist them in their findings and helping those who are in need on our island. The donation is presented to Alzheimer Foundation members by Rotary's Aniek Schouten. ■ Sara Matera- Rotary Club

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The Taste of the Caribbean was first organized in 1996 by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Corporation (CHATA). The first year that the Bonaire team participated, 1997 in Puerto Rico, Bonairean Liz Rijna won Bartender of the Year.

*\*Even after all these years of participating in the Taste of the Caribbean, Bonaire is still little known to those from other places, according to Rashindra. "Where's that?" people asked. "We know Aruba and Curaçao, but we never heard of Bonaire."*

This year the Bonaire culinary team (at right) won the Silver Medal as well as "Best Spirit of the Competition." Members of the team also won awards in the competitions for Cheesecake, Seafood, Beef, Pastry, Bartender and Jr. Chef. ■

Laura DeSalvo





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**Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 18		03:08	07:50	13:38	19:59	6:24	18:54
		04:02	08:43	14:15	20:43		
Tue 19		-0.10 ft	0.31 ft	0.02 ft	0.98 ft	6:24	18:53
Wed 20		04:55	09:35	14:50	21:26	6:24	18:53
		05:47	10:27	15:24	22:07		
Thu 21		-0.05 ft	0.25 ft	0.11 ft	0.88 ft	6:24	18:52
		06:38	11:24	15:57	22:49		
Fri 22		-0.01 ft	0.24 ft	0.15 ft	0.82 ft	6:24	18:52
		07:27	12:28	16:33	23:31		
Sat 23		0.02 ft	0.25 ft	0.20 ft	0.75 ft	6:25	18:51
		08:13	13:36	17:23			
Sun 24		0.05 ft	0.28 ft	0.24 ft		6:25	18:50
	00:15	08:53	14:34	18:43	<b>New Moon</b>		
Mon 25	0.67 ft	0.08 ft	0.32 ft	0.28 ft		6:25	18:50
	01:04	09:25	15:13	20:26			
Tue 26	0.60 ft	0.11 ft	0.38 ft	0.29 ft		6:25	18:49
Wed 27	02:00	09:50	15:42	22:02		6:25	18:49
	02:59	10:10	16:08	23:16			
Thu 28	0.47 ft	0.15 ft	0.54 ft	0.22 ft		6:25	18:48
	03:57	10:28	16:36				
Fri 29	0.41 ft	0.16 ft	0.63 ft			6:25	18:47
	00:14	04:49	10:48	17:06			
Sat 30	0.15 ft	0.37 ft	0.15 ft	0.73 ft		6:25	18:47
Sun 31		01:01	05:34	11:13	17:40	6:25	18:46
Sept.							
Mon 01		01:44	06:15	11:44	18:16	6:25	18:45

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**A JOB FOR EVERYONE**

After the several awareness and clean-up campaigns, most of Bonaire's garbage ends up at the landfill or on the streets. To make progress in the area of waste collection and to obtain better results a culture and mindset change is necessary. It is also very important that the information campaigns be broadly supported by all stakeholders.

In this context SELIBON is organizing a seminar at the end of August 2014. The aim of this seminar is to develop a concrete plan of action in which the population of Bonaire is fully involved and committed to achieve a clean and healthy environment. **“At the end of the day,” Director Leito says, “the cleaning of Bonaire is a task for everyone.”** ■ *Press release/Jursi Marshall* →

**SELIBON has accomplished in the last 20 years:**

- 1994 Privatization SELIBON N.V.
- 1995 Introduction waste tax for households
- 1995 First bin (KLIKO)
- 1998 Management agreement with the Bonaire government. Exclusive right and responsibility for the collection and processing of waste and cleaning public areas.
- 2006 Introduction of waste disposal for households
- 2008 Waste separation began with collection of glass
- 2011 First glass containers for public use
- 2012 New legislation VROMBES
- 2013 Waste Management and Implementation Plan Bonaire, 2013-2022
- 2013 First recycling center “Plaza Medio Ambiente” for Bonaire
- 2014 Introduction KAM (Quality, Environment and Labor)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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 information

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

**aire**, 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. Donation. Call 786-6416, email: [info@bonaireyoga.coim](mailto:info@bonaireyoga.coim)

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

• **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](mailto: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](mailto:jeroen@telbonet.an)

**Lions Club** meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

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

**Toastmasters Club** meets **every two weeks.** For more information call Crisita 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](mailto:Marytjin@gmail.com) or [Daisycoffie@hotmail.com](mailto:Daisycoffie@hotmail.com)

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

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

**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](mailto:iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com)

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**August 16-23—Wounded Warriors on Bonaire** see pg 12.

**Saturday, August 30**  
—“*Un Ñapa di Dia di Boneiru*” (“A Little More of Bonaire Day”) at Plasa Francisco “Chicu” Goeloe on Kaya Korona in Antriol

-**Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**, 8 am-1pm. See poster below.



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

**Saturday, September 6—Bonaire Day.** Bonaire's Flag Day and a legal holiday.

**Sunday, September 14 — Mountain Bike Fun Race .** More information call Frank at DeFreeweiler 717-8545

**To be announced — Local Fishing Tournament**

**Sunday, October 19—Duo Xtreme Mountain Bike Race**





# Sailors Who Never Left



Jerry and Marlis shortly after arrival in Bonaire

## STORY #10 THE LAST TANGO

I had watched the battle. While she still had the sparkle of fight in her eyes, that lust for life that defined who she was, I could see that the disease would ultimately win. We actually both knew it, but did not discuss the grim matter. That was the last time that I saw the sailor. And the cancer did eventually conquer. In April 2011, Marlis died.

I had met Marlis Seelos-Schmid when I first moved to the island. After all, her sail repair shop was right across the street from where I live. The shop was in a vibrant pink Antillean house with blue shuttered windows and squared-off parapets. This was also her home where she happily lived with cats, dogs, parrots and a monkey. Marlis loved all animals and the store served as an unofficial M\*A\*S\*H unit for injured flamingos that people brought to her for cure.

Marlis was also a sailor who never left. She was one of the people who initially inspired me to start writing this series, The Sailors Who Never Left. Unfortunately for many readers and me, I procrastinated starting the series and by the time I did begin to write it, Marlis was too weak from the cancer and chemo to be interviewed. She was in a fight for her life. I do know that she and her companion, Gert (Jerry) Ludwig, were sailing their yacht, *Tonga*, during the late 1980s. During a trans Atlantic crossing Marlis and Jerry rescued a French sailor who was adrift in a lifeboat 100 miles east of Tobago after he had abandoned his sailboat, *La Goulette*, days earlier. Marlis nourished the sunburned sailor



Scattering of Marlis' ashes

and delivered him to Tobago for further care. She brought that same courage and compassion to this island in 1990 when she moved here. Marlis, like other sailors who never left, made Bonaire her home and lived a rich life after the sea. That, for me, is enough to write about her now postmortem.

In the time before her sickness, I would occasionally wander across Boulevard Gobernador Debot just to shoot the breeze with Marlis. She always had a big smile and a grand, husky laugh nurtured by cigarettes and late-night libations. She liked to party, to dance, to engage people. At times, Marlis dabbled in the outrageous. I heard that while visiting a politically unstable banana republic a few years back, she yelled out *¡Viva la revolución!* during a



Marlis' home on Kaya Gob Debot. Besides housing her canvas shop, many, many birds were sheltered here. The house today houses a jeweler.

pause in a speech given by the local, two-bit dictator. She, of course, was never arrested, much to the surprise of the surrounding crowd. Marlis was simply intolerant of injustice, but she always helped the needy whether they be human or another type of animal.

Her sail repair shop was more than just a place to repair a jib. She sold beautifully reverse appliquéd molas from Panama, offered dive bags that she crafted from recycled sail material (I still use mine), and was a vendor of stunning South American folk art and clothing. This commercial endeavor required Marlis to visit various countries on frequent buying trips. It also fed her insatiable passion for travel. On repeated journeys to Colombia, Marlis befriended a family there, and upon her death, willed funds to cover the educational costs of the family's children. She had no children of her own. Well, perhaps she actually did.

Another stipulation in her will was that after her death, a festive birthday party was to be held in her honor. This was no memorial. Rather, Marlis paid for all the expenses—copious amounts of beer and wine plus a delicious dinner catered by Restaurant Bravo served right on the beach. (Every year since her death, including this one, Marlis' friends and admirers meet to celebrate her birthday with a party on the beach. Ed.)

She gave instructions that the event be held at Red Slave at sunset, a gorgeous site on the south of the island where Marlis had spent countless hours photographing her favorite bird, the Greater Flamingo. But



Marlis' photo art

that was not all. Placed on a pickup truck tailgate were piles of molas and boxes of her photographic prints. About 40 of us had gathered for the party, and each person was asked to choose a mola and several photos as gifts from Marlis. The photo you see in this article are the special presents I received from her.

As the sun began to set, the crowd gathered on the beach. Marlis's ashes were gently spread upon the waves. Guests tossed island flowers of bougainvillea and frangipani into the sea in a farewell tribute. Someone in the group played a guitar. Tide and wave slowly escorted the flowers away from shore. We all stared at the water, watching the day's end. About the time the gold ball of a sun kissed the horizon, a line of a dozen flamingos flew in front of us, just yards above the sea. Thank you, Marlis. This was one hell of a last tango from a sailor who never left.

■ Story & photos by Patrick Holian



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## Gouda, Edam, Maasdam Cheese at BonDiGro Supermarket

Playa/Kralendijk –

**B**onDiGro Supermarket is located close to Kaya Industria, just behind Leen Bakker's store. Every local now knows where to find the low budget supermarket. Signs along the road show you the direction to the new location of the supermarket and its expanded and spacey parking lot.

Entrepreneur Roland Schalker and his active crew are always into something new. Just recently they had flat screen televisions and lap tops for sale that sold out in less than no time of course. Now they present a wide range of cheeses. Among them the world famous Gouda cheese, Edam cheese and Maasdam cheese. In the photo at right is Sennen, one of the enthusiastic Bonairean employees at Bon-DiGro, with a heavy weight yellow Gouda cheese (the wheel) and a red wrapped Edam cheese (the sphere).



Gouda cheese is made from cow's milk. The cheese is named after the Dutch city of Gouda where they were and still are sold at the central market. Up to today cheese porters carry farmers' cheeses in wheelbarrows to the market. (A wheelbarrow plus a pile of cheeses weighs some 160 kilograms.) Gouda cheese is one of the most popular cheeses in the world. (Compared to the US, Holland, as a very small European country, produces one seventh of the amount of kilograms a year.) It is the oldest recorded cheese in the world and its history goes back to the Middle Ages: 1184. A Gouda cheese is yellow on the outside and has the shape of a wheel. The Dutch speak about "a wheel of cheese." Gouda is a semi hard to hard cheese. Ageing time is from one month to three years. The older cheese has a kind of sweetness, combined with a slight crunchiness because of its cheese crystals. The Dutch often offer their national pride in cubes, combined with mustard. They like their cheese combined with strong pale beer or port wine.

Edam cheese is a semi hard cheese. It is sold in spheres and covered with a layer of red paraffin to protect the cheese. Nowadays also red colored celluloid is used to wrap Edam cheese. Maasdam cheese is a relatively young cheese with a nutty and sweet taste. This cheese has internal holes, not made by mice. It is comparable to the Swiss Emmentaler but its taste is softer.

BonDiGro has a wide variety of cheeses for sale: Gouda cheese in the varieties of young, seasoned/matured, old and with cumin seed. Regular Edam cheese, wrapped in red, Edam cheese with herbs and Maasdam cheese, the one with the big holes. The money you have to pay for a wheel of young Gouda cheese with the weight of approximately 3.6 kilograms is: \$32.20. A sphere of Edam cheese with a weight of around one kilogram takes \$10.20 from your wallet. Approx. 4.1 kilograms of old Gouda cheese costs \$53.90. The Dutch do not charge you at all for the holes in the Maasdam cheese. ■



Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

## Bonaire Police Are Active

**O**n Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> a vehicle check was conducted by the Police Corps Caribbean Netherlands (KPCN) and the Royal Military Police (KMar). This was the first step in increasing the awareness of the new Traffic Regulations which will soon be introduced on Bonaire.



This "control," among other things, checked the condition of the vehicles and other traffic safety issues such as small children riding in the car, insurance papers and the road tax.

Bonaire recently had several fatal traffic accidents involving children.

The enforcement action resulted in 15 fines issued to:

- 5 drivers without a driving license
- 7 drivers that were not in possession of a valid proof of insurance;
- 1 driver who did not have a valid license plate;
- 2 drivers who had not paid road tax for the first half of 2014

Furthermore, an additional five drivers were admonished for the way they carried children loose in / on their vehicle. For example, a pick-up truck with eight children and two adults had four of these children riding in the truck-bed and four others unbelted in the cab of the vehicle. The two adults were not wearing seat belts.

KPCN intends to continue its enforcement of the traffic rules vigorously. ■

## More Police



**T**hree police officers from Aruba were sworn into the Bonaire police for a period still to be determined to support their colleagues of the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (KPCN). A word of thanks goes out to the Minister of Justice and the Chief of Police of Aruba. **In the picture from left to right:** Mr. M. Sint Jago, Mr. R. Sofia, Mrs. G. Kock, Mr. E. Doornkamp and the Chief of Police Caribisch Nederland, Mrs. H.M.I. Buitink ■

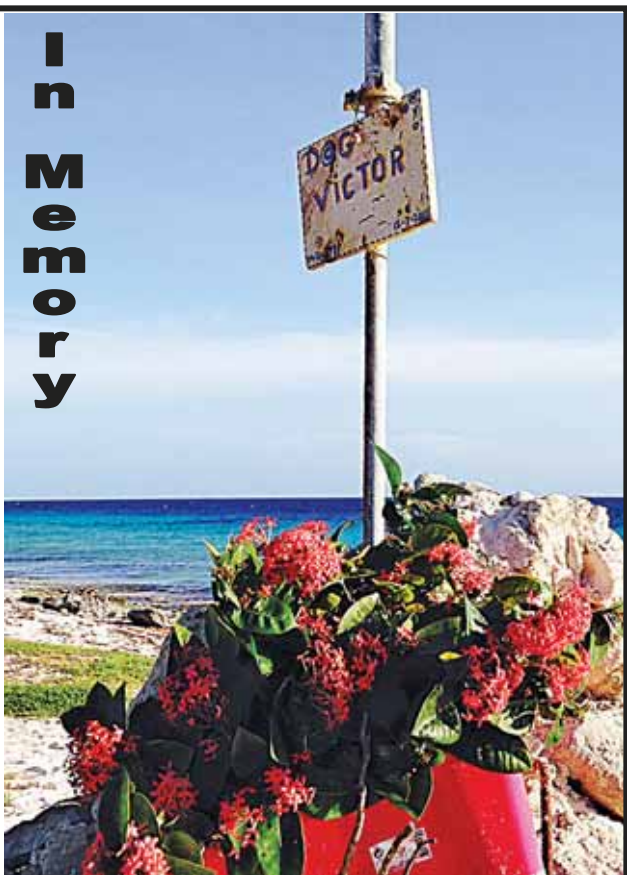
**O**n Friday, August 15, a search took place at a house on Kaya Mendelssohn around 8:30 pm. This search (photo) took place in connection with a tip that firearms would be present. There were no firearms found. Police are continuing the investigation. ■



## House Search

**E**very year on July 15<sup>th</sup>, since 2011, friends of Victor gather together to decorate this coral stone monument which was erected by his father, family and friends as a commemoration of this beautiful being.

Jan Brouwer's goodbye to his son Victor is reflected on the tablet atop the monument with the inscription D@g Victor. Victor will always be missed. ■ M.A.



## Policing Overview

**J**ustice Minister Opstelten in an eight-page letter provided a comprehensive overview of the measures that have been taken to improve the justice system in the BES Islands, including the Caribbean Netherlands Police Force (KPCN), law enforcement and crime prevention, the legal system, penitentiary system, youth, rehabilitation, victims, the Fire Departments, immigration, and disaster management.

Regarding the police, Opstelten stated that "great strides have been made." The number of police and detectives has been increased. In 2013 seven full-time aspirant officers joined and 17 fulltime employees are to be trained to become all-round police staff members. Another 17 full-time all-round staff members have completed their MBO 4

education in 2014, followed by another 16 in 2015. "This has resulted in a considerable improvement of quality," he said.

The new police station in Kralendijk will be opened later this year; many of the police vehicles will be replaced in 2014. New prison facilities are being constructed in Bonaire for 107 persons and in St. Eustatius for 18 persons. Both facilities are expected to open in 2016.

The Commission on the Prevention of Torture CPT of the Council of Europe visited the penitentiary facilities in the Caribbean Netherlands in May this year. The first verbal feedback on this visit has been generally positive, stated Opstelten. The final report of the CPT should be ready late 2014.

■ Press releases/G.D..



# Pet of the Week



Alvin

You couldn't ask for a sweeter tabby cat than Alvin...and he's as handsome as he is sweet! Big round green eyes and the classic grey and black tabby stripes are accentuated by an adorable little white muzzle and a white chin. Barely a year old, he is truly a "laid back cat," content to just lounge around and nap with an occasional burst of energy directed at a favorite stuffed mouse. Rather than being a macho man, Alvin is very affectionate and prefers to be stroked and pampered. He is also an expert at headbutting.

One of cats' more unique and delightful ways to express themselves with touch is head-butting, also called head-bonking, or the official term "bunting." Cat behavior consultant and author Pam Johnson-Bennett explains this behavior well: "When [your cat] comes up to you, lowers his head, and seems to butt it gently (or sometimes not so gently) right in your face he may be doing what is referred to as bunting. This is a very affectionate behavior that is displayed only toward another companion animal or hu-

man family member. Bunting is a very respectful way that a cat shows affection." Sometimes your glasses may get knocked slightly askew, or you may be momentarily startled when your cat affectionately rams his head into your nose, but that's a very small price to pay for genuine kitty love.

Alvin is a gentle "bunter." He likes to get up on a shelf so he can look you in the eye then gently gives you a head bump to let you know he thinks you're great...and would love you even more if you gave him a few pets! Alvin is sterilized, healthy, vaccinated and ready to "bunt" his way into your heart and into your home. You can visit him and all his shelter companions at the Bonaire Animal Shelter, Monday through Saturday, 8am-1pm and 3-5pm, Kaminda Lagun 26. Tel. 717-4989. BonaireAnimalShelter.com ■  
Jane Madden-Disko



## Shelter News

### Please Help the Animals -Visit the Pakus di Pruga

The Pakus di Pruga is the place to shop for treasures and where you may donate your new and used items. The Pakus di Pruga (Flea Market) is the Bonaire Animal Shelter's second hand shop, and the Shelter relies on this store to bring in much needed revenue that goes directly to the daily care of the cats and dogs. And by shopping at the store or donating much-needed items, you are helping the animals at the Shelter.

The Shelter needs to raise funds for the basic care and medical services the dogs and cats require, like dog food, cat food, cat litter, vet care, medications, vaccinations and other supplies.

The store is operated totally by our wonderful volunteers. Without them, we would not be able to keep the store open, let alone provide the financial support the Animal Shelter needs.

From couches to collectibles, it can all be found at the Pakus di Pruga. You'll find a fantastic selection of gently-used merchan-

### Pakus di Pruga Animal Shelter Bonaire

dise, including clothing, furniture, household items and books.

If you have things to get rid of and they are in good, working and saleable condition, let us know (717-4989)! We will gladly take donations of large furniture items, working appliances, household items and electronics. We can even arrange pick up if it's something like furniture.

The Pakus di Pruga is open every Saturday, 8am-5pm, across the street from Brandaris Café. And there's plenty of free parking. ■Marlies Tiepel



## DID YOU KNOW?

That cuttlefish can rapidly change the color and pattern of their skin, alter their body shape, squirt ink, and use a wide array of swimming patterns to escape predation?

Even more interesting, these defensive behaviors are species-specific! Depending on the species of predator, particularly how the predator captures its prey, cuttlefish will elicit different combinations of anti-predator behaviors. For example, when exposed to a predator that actively searches for its prey, cuttlefish rely on cryptic behaviors to avoid being eaten. They remain perfectly still and use their amazing camouflage abilities to blend into their surroundings. In contrast, when exposed to a predator that utilizes a sit-and-wait technique, cuttlefish rely on more eye-catching scare tactics. They not only change color to appear larger, but they also produce an ink cloud to confuse the predator and make their grand escape. Based on the complexity of their defensive behaviors, it is clear that cuttlefish are "masters of escape" and are a force to be reckoned within the animal kingdom. ■

Sarah Bruemmer

Sarah is a Conservation Biology and Anthropology major at Arizona State University. She is studying in Bonaire for the spring 2014 semester at CIEE Research Station.



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# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
End of August 2014

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Put some energy into getting back into shape. Listen to reason. Don't let your lover put demands on you. Get back to the comforts of cottage or home. Residential moves will be favorable, and larger quarters the most probable direction. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) Your ability to stand out in a crowd will bring you the recognition you desire. You will have to watch out for minor health problems related to stress. Don't tell others of your plans. You can come up with solutions to the problems responsible for inefficiencies at work. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Any renovation or decorating to your home should include the whole family. Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. Acceptance will be necessary. Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Use discretion, especially if involved with someone from work. Try not to judge too quickly. Risks will not be profitable. It's time to reevaluate your motives. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Hard work will not go unnoticed. Your added discipline will enable you to complete some of those unfinished projects. Your interests could lead you down avenues you never realized existed. You can make professional decisions this week that will affect your position. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can come up with future trends in creative fields. Your talent will be recognized. Try a barbecue or a day at the beach. Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can

get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. Do things you enjoy instead of being a chameleon. Refrain from using the highway as a racetrack. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Just be yourself. Check your project over carefully if you were not the only one contributing to the end result. Don't push your mate away. Your ideas will be well received. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Romance will be yours if you get out and do things in large groups. You need to do something energetic and different. Don't make promises. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Be sure to get involved with those who can introduce you to unusual forms of entertainment. Be sure to take care of any minor ailments. Pushy people must be kept at arm's length. Don't let relatives get the better of you. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You are best to work at home if you can. Your time, not your cash, will do a lot more for your relationship. Be careful not to sign your time or your cash away. Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

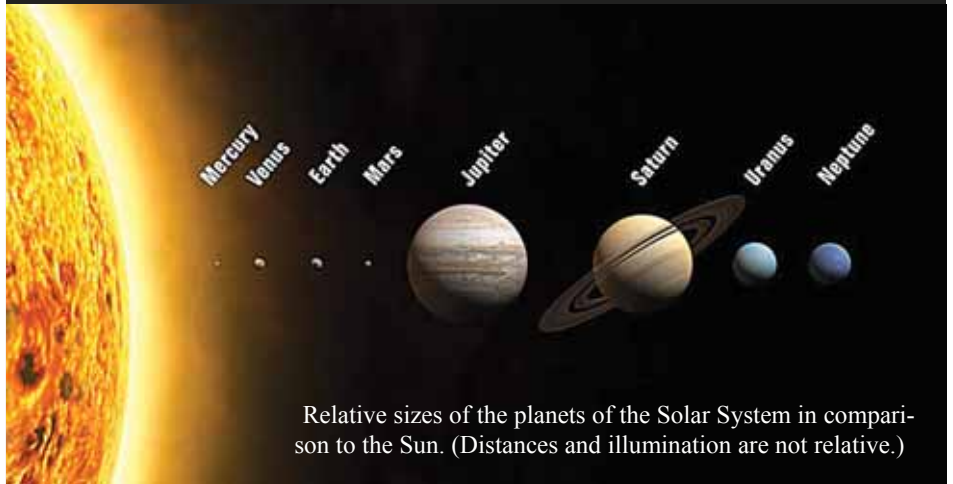
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't reveal anything about your personal life to those who may use such information against you. Don't make promises you can't keep. Your mate could get on your nerves if he or she backs you into an emotional corner or puts restrictions on your time. You can spend a passionate evening with someone you cherish if you make your plans early. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. ■



## BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

### PLANETS THIS MONTH PLUS A PREVIEW OF WINTER



Relative sizes of the planets of the Solar System in comparison to the Sun. (Distances and illumination are not relative.)

If you know when and where to look you can get a preview of the brightest stars of winter in the sultry days of August.

Look overhead in the Sky Park this weekend, Saturday, August 23rd about 45 minutes before sunrise facing east where you'll see several bright stars covering a huge area from east to southeast. In fact almost due east you'll see winter's super bright star **Procyon**, which marks the eye of **Orion the Hunter's little dog**. And to its right just above the southeast horizon is the brightest star we can see from **Earth, Sirius**, which marks the eye of **Orion's big dog**. And of course right above Sirius the unmistakable three stars evenly spaced in a row which mark the belt of winter's most famous **constellation Orion** himself, his two knee stars to the right and his two shoulder stars to the left.

I always think it's interesting that people think about August as a sweltering, stagnant month of heat. To me, it's always been the final breaths of summer as days get shorter, average temperatures start to fall, the specter of 'back to school' starts to come around again, etc.

The 'dog days of August' doesn't necessarily point to heat, although I suppose it does in a roundabout way.

Early astronomers easily tracked 'Sirius' in **Canis Major**. You guessed it, Sirius's nickname is 'The Dog Star.' ( See above) It's the brightest star in the sky outside of our own **Sun!** It's easiest to spot early on in the year, but the ancients noticed that it ended up rising and setting with the Sun during late July and into August. They rea-

soned that perhaps, since they were both next to each other in the sky at this point and directed right at us, that this is what produced some of the hottest weather of the year.

Directly above Orion's shoulder is **Aldebaran**, the reddish star that marks the eye of **Taurus the Bull**. And to Taurus' left **Capella** the brightest star of winter's **Auriga the Charioteer**. And directly below him **Castor and Pollux** the two brightest stars of **Gemini the Twins**.

And what are the planets doing this month?

**Mercury** will be too close to the Sun to observe most of the month, reappearing at dusk in the Southern Hemisphere late in the month.

**Venus** is low in the eastern sky, rising just before the Sun. Close encounters with **Jupiter and the Beehive Cluster** on the 18th, low in the dawn sky.

**Mars** is now fading rapidly in brightness as it moves towards the far side of the Sun.

**Jupiter** reappears from behind the Sun in the middle of the month, rising in morning twilight.

**Saturn**, in Libra, is low in the mid-evening sky.

You will need a telescope to see the remaining two planets:

**Uranus** is located in the constellation Pisces, rising in the late evening. **Neptune** is in opposition to the Sun on the 29th in Aquarius, visible all night long. ■

Dean Regas & James Albury

TWR 50 Years (Continued from page 8)  
in to this Bonaire signal.

**Lauren Libby**, pictured third from the right, is the President of TWR International. He told an amusing story about his first contact with TWR and the programming from Bonaire while driving his car in Florida many years ago. He was dialing around on the radio when he heard birds squawking and a station break announcing "this is PJB, Trans World Radio, coming to you from Bonaire, the island of the Flamingos, in the Netherlands Antilles." He said that this image has been forever imbedded in his mind because although he'd been involved in radio all his adult life, he'd never heard flamingo squawks on the air before.

**Lucy Tortorici Ellis**, center, represented the Bonaire chapter of the TWR's Project Hannah ministry. [www.projecthannah.org](http://www.projecthannah.org) Project Hannah offers compassion, encour-

agement and hope to suffering women worldwide through prayer, raising awareness and empathy, radio programming and on the ground ministry. Each month, more than 40,000 women in more than 120 countries pray through Project Hannah's Prayer Calendar, in more than 70 languages. The radio program, *Women of Hope*, can be heard here on Bonaire in English and Papiamentu, on The Voice of Hope, 89.5 FM.

Current TWR Bonaire station director, **Joe Barker** (pictured fourth from the left,) summed up the weekend this way, "We are thankful for God's provision over the years, and it was wonderful to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with TWR staff, alumni and the Bonairean people. Everyone enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship, reminiscing, and meeting old and new friends as well as looking to the exciting future that God has in store for TWR Bonaire." ■

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