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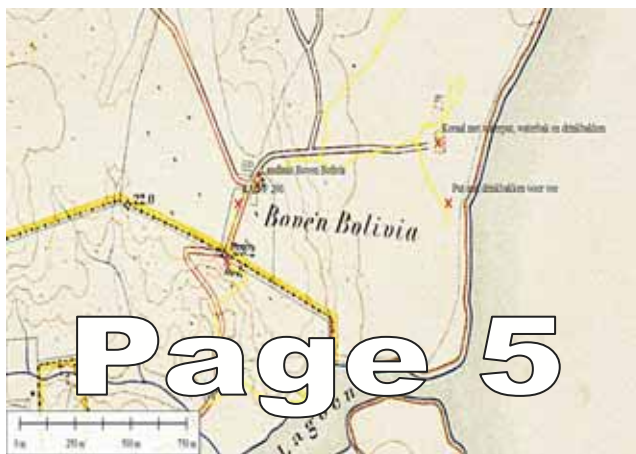
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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**E**dison Rijna took the oath of office on August 22 as the new Island Governor of the "Public Entity" of Bonaire. He was sworn in during a solemn session of the Island Council in Papiamentu by acting Crown Representative (Rijksvetegenwoordiger) **Julian Woodley Gilbert Isabella**, who is the new Crown Representative, stood by.

Two receptions followed, one on the patio of the Executive Council building for special guests and a public celebration with a local band in the parking lot.

Dignitaries from nearby islands and The Netherlands were on hand as well as former Crown Representative **Wilbert Stolte**. There were numerous speeches. Although cited as the youngest Governor by at least one speaker, he is not. The youngest was **Arend van den Brandhof**, who was 29 years old in 1890.

Governor Rijna is Bonaire born, the founder of Bonaire Recycling and has a background in finance. We believe he will prove capable of doing a fine job in his challenging position.

► **THE HAGUE--The Island Councils in the Caribbean Netherlands have the authority to decide on holding a constitutional referendum**, not the Dutch government, Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations **Ronald Plasterk** stated in his recent reply to a letter of Bonaire's "Nos Ke Boneiru Bèk" ("We Want Bonaire Back") NGO, which is against the current constitutional relationship with The Netherlands.

They state that the public entity/ integration structure was never the choice of the people as expressed in the 2004 Referendum.

**The Referendum of 2004 showed that the majority of the population of Bonaire wanted direct ties with The Netherlands.** In the Final Declaration of 11 October 2006, the Bonaire and the Netherlands delegations agreed that the islands would

become a (then not precisely defined) "public body." Bonaire's elected representatives ratified these agreements unanimously and the then ruling party, UPB, who strongly supported the arrangement, was voted a majority in the 2007 Island Council elections in 2007, perhaps reflecting support for the arrangement.

The Netherlands has already underway an evaluation of the impact of the new political structure of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba with a report expected in 2015. The evaluation is not part of the referendum process.

► **The body of a man who fell in the water while collecting shells on Bonaire was found two days later at Boca Chikitu in Washington/Slagbaai National Park.** The 52-year-old had been on the rocks along the north coast near Boca Onima with two friends when he was swept into the sea by a wave. The customs boat as well as the coast guard helicopter began an immediate search and rescue operation, but to no avail.

► **The gross domestic product (GDP) of Bonaire in 2012, the most recent year for figures to be available, was \$372 million** according to calculations released last week by Statistics Netherlands. Households and government consumption combined contributed \$310 million to this. Important items in household consumption are the expenditure on food (21% of household consumption) and the expenditure on rent and electricity and gas (also 21%). Gross capital formation (including the changes in stocks) in 2012 came to \$6 million. Consumption and investments together constitute domestic spending. **Foreign expenditure in Bonaire (exports of goods and services) mainly come from tourism.** Total exports in 2012 amounted to \$181 million. Imports of goods and services came to \$205 million. Key imported products include food, manufactured goods and oil products.

This can be compared to the Federated States of Micronesia which has a GDP of \$339 million. In the Caribbean, the island of Dominica is closest to Bonaire with a GDP of \$495 million. Both of them have populations significantly higher than Bonaire's.

**The Netherlands has the 18<sup>th</sup> largest GDP in the world at \$800,173 million.** GDP leaders are the US \$16,800,000 million and China \$9,240,270 million

► **On August 20<sup>th</sup> the Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) announced the launch of the completely renewed Bonaire destination website, [www.tourismbonaire.com](http://www.tourismbonaire.com).**



The remodeled website is a fresh new addition to the digital marketing tools that TCB uses to sell Bonaire's scuba diving, leisure and eco destination to potential visitors. Its crisp and vivid colors, its beautiful pictures and its ease of use brings the Bonaire experience to a screen monitor, tablet or mobile phone. In addition:

- The website has become more visual and user friendly.

- All pages have social media sharing options and SEO (search engine optimization) functionality, while most pages also include Trip Advisor reviews.

- The website is currently in the English language only. However, in the coming weeks, it will be upgraded to include Dutch and Spanish.

Should you have any questions related to the website contact Tourism Corporation Bonaire at 717 8322 or email [marketing@tourismbonaire.com](mailto:marketing@tourismbonaire.com).

► **Since 2012 the Bonaire Food Bank has been helping people who have low incomes and must struggle to buy food.** The food collected by the bank is given free to the needy people.

Our readers can help in this effort. Every last Saturday of the month, from 9:30am to 2 pm, volunteers from the Food Bank collect donations of food at the doors of the Van Den Tweel Supermarket. Shoppers are asked to donate long life food items such as rice, pasta, meat and fish in cans, fruit and vegetables in jars or tins, milk, sugar, fruit juice and flour.

Those items are then divided up into food parcels and distributed to families registered with the Food Bank.

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Sadly, more and more families are looking to the Food Bank for help, and the Food Bank is no longer able to supply all the necessary food parcels.

Please help by donating food or money. Should that not be convenient you can email [voedselbankbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:voedselbankbonaire@gmail.com) to arrange a more suitable time. You can also donate money to the Food Bank at **Girobank Bonaire, 21101128 account: Stichting Voedselbank Bonaire**

► **So far this year, three hurricanes – Arthur, Bertha and Cristobal—have developed in the Atlantic.** Cooler-than-average temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean are making it difficult for larger storms to develop, the forecasters say. ~ Reuters ~

► **WILLEMSTAD--Insel Air has had a significant number of delays in the past months.** The company issued a press release stating that the issues are a result of major repairs to part of its aged fleet taking more time than expected.

The release announced that three planes can now be used again for passengers on routes between the islands. The airline is planning direct flights between Aruba and Bonaire soon.

► **BonDiGro, Bonaire's only cooperative discount supermarket,** is now offering a range of freshly cut meat products at attractive prices. Items include: Salami, Turkey Ham, Goose Liver, Roasted Chicken Breast, Sandwich Sausage, Bacon, Nisham, Berliner. Prices vary between \$ 0.70 - \$ 1.30 per 100 grams. BonDiGro is located just off Kaya Industria, behind Leen Bakker. See their ad on page 8.

► **The Classical Music Board Bonaire (CMBB)** has been working hard putting together interesting concerts for the coming season. It will begin on Friday, October 17, with **Ilja Huang** (piano), **Inge Laurijnsen** (violin) and **Hein van Maarschalkenwaard** (clarinet) who will perform a varied program with pieces by Mozart, Brahms, Debussy, Gershwin and Conrad.

For the first time the friendly and very acoustic Our Lady of Coromoto church in Antriol will host the evening.

During November the well known Dutch violinist **Jeroen de Groot** (pictured above) and the American pianist, **Brook Cuden** will perform a classical program.

CMBB would already like to draw attention to a special event in December when the society will be celebrating their fifth anniversary and will offer a free concert.

Please watch *The Reporter* as well as the CMBB website for more information: [classicalmusicbonaire.com](http://classicalmusicbonaire.com)

► **If you are a caring person, who speaks English, the Bonaire police can use your help for its victim support activity.** While there are already Papiamentu and Dutch speaking volunteers for victim support, native English speakers are needed as well. Orientation/education will be provided for



► **Bonaire's police have become more pro-active during the last two weeks.**

The effort is aimed at stopping the serial robberies involving firearms. As a consequence the "stop and search" policy, begun on August 11 has been extended until September 7, 2014.

Since then, dozens of people and vehicles were checked and ammunition and knives confiscated.

However, firearms were confiscated in authorized raids in residential neighborhoods on August 26 and 27 and several arrests were made.

It is possible that the weapons involved in the robberies are still on the streets. The threatening nature of (fire) arms possession and use in crimes has raised the feeling of insecurity within the Bonaire community.

The police recognize that law-abiding citizens may be affected by this extraordinary power of the police for preventive searches. But because of the threat it is justified because it is used for the benefit of the safety of these citizens. It also makes clear that the fight against crime and gun control in particular, involves everyone. **If you have information that can assist this effort via the tip line, number 717-7251, or the regular police channels. Citizens' help is needed.**

Raids to resolve burglaries also continue. On Thursday, August 28th in the morning hours, a house in the Den Tera neighborhood was raided. The search was performed in connection with burglaries. A man with the initials B. A. was arrested and articles, which are probably derived from theft, confiscated. Further investigation is planned.

On Wednesday, August 27th a number of road checks were held and several fines were given, including driving without a license, failing to pay the tax and driving without valid insurance.

The surge in police activity is expected to continue.



*To help the public better understand the roles of the police officer Ronald Schlepper and colleagues presented information on police action, public safety, victim support in the Amboina, Tera Cora and Nikiboko neighborhoods.*

qualified volunteers. For more information see the poster below. ▼

► **The next edition of *The Reporter* will appear on September 29 following a vacation break.** ■ G./L.D.



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**Victim Support Service** was founded on April 27th, 2007 by the former Bonaire Police Force. As of 10-10-10 Victim Support falls under the Dutch Caribbean Police. At this moment Victim Support is looking for volunteers on Bonaire to support victims of crimes and traffic accidents on the island. Victims often have to deal with a maze of emotions, authorities and regulations unexpectedly and they often need help coping with these emotional and practical matters.

**Victim Support Service provides:** Training covering various areas of victim support

Are you interested and available for several hours a week? You are kindly requested to send an email to this address: [slachtofferhulp@politiecn.com](mailto:slachtofferhulp@politiecn.com) to the attention of Mrs Sheloutska Martinus-Francees.

In your application you are requested to motivate why you would like to become a Victim Support volunteer. **Please add a curriculum vitae.** You may also send an email to the above address if you need information. You can also call this number: 795-4711

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- Ability to speak English (Papiamentu or Spanish is recommended).

**Last day to apply:** September 26th, 2014.

You will be invited for an interview after this date.

A personality test may be part of the selection procedure. Interested candidates will always be subject to background screening.



# On The Island Since... He Was Two Months Old - Richenel Anthony

“I am Bonairean; my mom is from Nikiboko and my dad from Rincon. My big brother and my two sisters who were born before me and my three brothers who were born after me were all born on Bonaire. I am the only one who was born on Curacao, on June 10th, 1967.

I grew up in Nikiboko; I had a great childhood. My father played a Cuban guitar called ‘Tres di Cuba.’ The first time I started playing I was five years old. We had a big yard; under the tree I made my own stage with my own instruments: pots and pans and coffee cans, two sticks in my hands and I was drumming away. Sometimes my big brother would also play, but mostly it was me. I loved it! My father played in a band called ‘Cariñoso.’ One night when he came home I tried to snatch his guitar, but my father said ‘No, no, no! Don’t touch it! Someday I will buy a *kuarta* (a small guitar with four strings) for you.’

My father used to work for DOW, now SELIBON; every day I told him, ‘Dad, I need a *kuarta*!’ His buddy at work was Doeï Felida who drove the truck. One day Doeï surprised me with a *kuarta* from Chechi Dortalina. I was eight years old. My father taught me two chords and from then on I learned myself. Every day I was singing and playing and whistling – all music from Bonaire. When I was 12 I played in a group called ‘Las Mariposas,’ *gaita* and *aguinaldo* (typical music from Venezuela). I played the *wiri* (an instrument that looks like a grater). I was in that group for two years and I also played with ‘Magic Sounds’ for one year at Lac and one year *gaita*, playing the *wiri*, with Lalan Clarendra. I played from early morning until late at night and I never got tired of it!

In the meantime I went to school like any other regular kid. At the lower technical school I studied to become a fitter. In 1986 I also played *gaita* with a group and there, for the first time, I played the *kuarta*. The group was sponsored by the musician, Julius Andrew, who had a boutique. I only played for one year with that group and then I didn’t like it anymore. I was already working for Bruce Bowker at

hard!

Well, in 1993 I joined ‘*Piedra di Boneiru*’ and with that group we participated in cultural exchange festivals on Aruba, Curacao and in Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad and Mexico. With the Silver Bullet steel band I went twice to Orlando, Florida, with the windsurf guys Tonki, Tati, Choco and Kiri. I played on the beach and at the hotel; that was fun!

We started with four people in ‘*Piedra di Boneiru*.’ Then later more people came and by 1993 we were seven, eight people. Around that time I also played in a group called ‘Universal.’ I played a lot in those days! In 2000 ‘*Piedra di Boneiru*’ split up and part of the group started anew under the name ‘*Pal’i Wiri*,’ with Doeï Diaz. Doeï had a big tree and we named the band after it. ‘*Pal’i Wiri*’ was the music of Ubaldo Anthony. He was the composer and I did the arrangements together with Lando Tjin Asjoe. I stayed with the group for 10 years, till 2010. Then only four people remained and that wasn’t enough for a band. On Bonaire it’s difficult to have a good group, because almost all the same musicians play in each and every band.

Also, in 1993, I joined Emma Sint Jago’s group, ‘*Tutti Frutti*.’ I still play with them. It’s now been 21 years with ‘*Tutti Frutti*.’ I am the first guitar. I went to Aruba and Curacao with them. We’ve played on the *Freewinds* and twice in Holland. In July this year we went to an intercultural Caribbean festival in Santiago de Cuba, in Cuba. Surinam was the host. Next year it will be the Bahamas and in 2016 Bonaire. For me it was the first time I was in Cuba. ‘*Glenn y su Geng*’ went first, then ‘the Foyan Boys’ and now ‘*Tutti Frutti*’ It was good, but not to live there! Too hot! More than 40 degrees Celsius in Santiago de Cuba!

I also played in ‘Niki Mix’ and ‘ESO’ and in ‘Michael & Friends’ with Michael Pietersz. In 2006 the group became ‘*Crème de la Crème*,’ till now. Tonight we’re playing at the Plaza.”

“He is never home, only to sleep.” *Richie’s wife, Josefina, smiles.* “I met Josefina here on Bonaire,” *Richie says.*

**“A tourist friend of mine once asked me, ‘Why don’t you go to a place where you can make more money?’ I answered, ‘No, I’ll stay with my people here. I am happy with all that I have and what you give is what you get.’”**

Carib Inn. I’d started part-time, helping in maintenance and the garden; in 1987 I became full-time. At the same time I started with Bruce, I started with a steel band called ‘Silver Bullet’ and... till now I’m still with Bruce and the band!

I am very good with Bruce. When I have to play he says ‘Okay!’ Bruce is a very good person; I never had a problem with him in my life. You see this house? Bruce helped me with everything! He always helps people and if I need tools, I can borrow them from him. Bruce is not a guy who stays at the office; he is always working with me! He’s a man who works very

“She is from Santo Domingo and we’ve been together for two years now.” “I like Bonaire,” *Josefina nods.* “It’s quiet and I have my husband here; life is very good! Sometimes I accompany him when he plays. The music is different from that in Santo Domingo, but I like it! The little time we have, we share it together as a family with Richie’s son Richmend, who is 13 and who lives with us. And sometimes we go for a drive in the car and to get an ice cream. In Santo Domingo I have my daughter and my son and a precious granddaughter, but here I have my sister. I do massages at Habitat, helping out. However, my most important ‘client’



Richie and his wife Josefina



Richie poses in front of some of his awards for Checkers

sits right here! He needs a lot of massages because he gets very tired!” “It’s true,” *Richie says.* “Every day she massages my fingers, one by one, then the hand, and then the tendons in my wrist. She’s excellent!”

My son is my only child. He started to learn the *kuarta*. He plays well; he catches on immediately, but, he likes other things: computers and his telephone. However, he has a good voice; he can sing! He also plays the drums with the steel band and he’s good at it, but he doesn’t feel like it. It’s a pity; I really would like him to play something.

Well, something else I do is teach children to play the *kuarta* at Emma Sint Jago’s Sentro Tuteurutu in Rincon on Saturdays from 2 to 3pm. I do get tired sometimes, yes, because on Mondays we practice with the steel band and on Tuesdays with ‘*Crème de la Crème*.’ Wednesday we play with ‘Silver Bullet’ at Plaza and on Thursday we practice with *Tutti Frutti* and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday we play with ‘*Crème de la Crème*.’ When I come home from work, I eat and shower and go to play till midnight. However, most of the time it gets to be much later, because if we don’t play at Karel’s Beach Bar during the weekend, we play at parties that last till 3am. But... I don’t drink and I don’t smoke, I live healthy.

I also play checkers; I started playing when I was 13. Over the years I’ve won

many prizes and in 2010-2011 I was champion of Bonaire. In April we had the ABC competition and Bonaire won second. It’s always Curacao who wins. Now we have to work really hard to beat them next time!

However, music is my true love. A tourist friend of mine once asked me, ‘Why don’t you go to a place where you can make more money?’ I answered, ‘No, I’ll stay with my people here. I am happy with all that I have and what you give is what you get. I like my lifestyle; I don’t need to be rich. I know everybody and everybody knows me and I can walk anywhere without problems. Bonaire is good. Bonaire is beautiful, but we have to be careful because it’s going too fast. We’re now about 19,000 people and the tourists don’t seem to like that.

What I would like for us Bonaireans is that we help each other more instead of being envious and fight amongst ourselves. It’s hard to accomplish something here. You really have to give it all you’ve got and then it’s not easy to be successful. What I wish for myself is that maybe one day I will make my own CD. That’s something to think about for the future.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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# Plantation Bolivia



At the turn of the century, proprietors frequently named their estates on Bonaire after countries, like Colombia, Guatemala, Bolivia. One of the largest was "Bolivia."

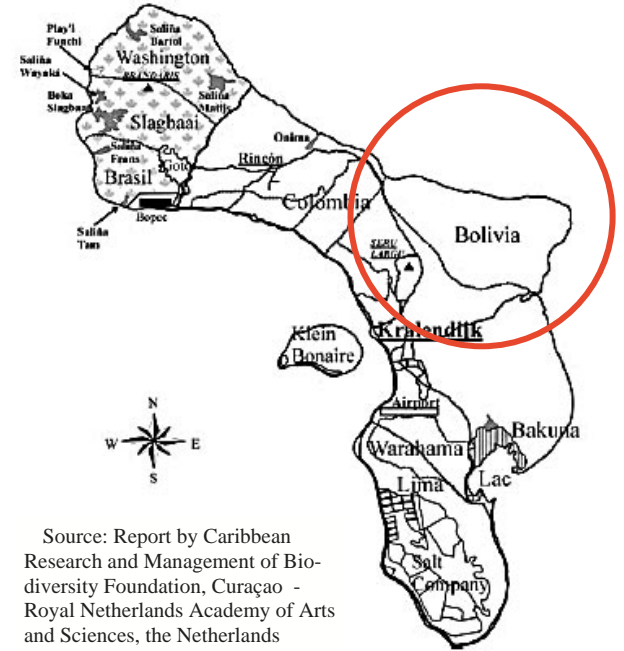
Bolivia spans approximately 3,300 hectares of land in the Eastern quadrant of Bonaire from Lagun to Boka Onima. Most of its Middle Terrace limestone consists of dry, evergreen vegetation. Presently most evergreen species are virtually absent due to overgrazing during times gone by. The Middle Terrace receives a significant amount of soil material washed down from nearby Washikemba by rainwater through gullies. In the past, it was used primarily for agriculture and livestock. Boven Bolivia, the top terrace, is a dense "mondi" while the lower terrace of Beneden Bolivia consists of bushes and grasses. Yet almost any tree species present on Bonaire can also be found here. Salt spray and wind strongly influence the vegetation which grows mainly in cracks on solid limestone rock, in small erosional pits, or otherwise shallow soils.

After the emancipation of slaves (151 privately owned slaves and 607 owned by the Government), when labor had to be paid for,

the Dutch Government tried to find ways to boost exports from Bonaire by using other resources besides salt and aloe. None turned out to be successful: raising stock failed; donkeys roamed wild and became a nuisance; tobacco, flax and cotton crops produced little; even ship building was attempted in 1863. After 1864 when a brick and tile factory was established, bricks were shipped to Curaçao, but this attempt at industry also ended in failure. (It is still possible to see scars from these factories.) There were even attempts to ship divi divi pods to Hamburg, Germany. Eventually little or no initiative was displayed by the Government in running Bonaire so considering the island a dead loss, the Government resolved in 1867 to sell its land.

As a producing government plantation, Bolivia was one of the largest plantations and was sold on September 1st 1868.

At the north end of the property was a "kas di waycano" where the Vitó, or overseer of the property, would reside. A Vitó would not spend weekends at the plantation but would go to his home and return after the weekend. So the Vitó had a helper, called "Vitó's child," to watch over the property while he was away. Most of the other workers stayed to support and aid the Vitó's helper. Today the ruins of this house still stand, and inside are remnants of aloe transport boxes, original imported roof tiles, parts of a weighing scale, a ledger, bottles. The men who kept the Bolivia plantation open and clear for "traffic" - donkey carts and wheel barrows - had a very important role in keeping the roads clear of shrubs and rubble



Source: Report by Caribbean Research and Management of Biodiversity Foundation, Curaçao - Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Netherlands

Fig 1. Maps showing the location of Bonaire in the Caribbean Sea and main topographical features of the island. Important former plantations are also indicated.

so they could be accessible all year 'round.

Besides producing charcoal and aloe, these men also tended to livestock with methods invented on the spot in order to run the plantation efficiently and correctly. A 'portero' was a fenced-in area where goats were kept alive and transported, mainly the males (*chubatus*), which needed to be rounded up before export to Curaçao, sometimes via Slagbaai, slaughtered up to 60 or 70 at a time and then salted for preservation. These fences were usually attached higher than normal to posts or trees, so the goats could not jump out and escape. The female goats were kept in *porteros* for milking. Another

innovation was the basin for the animals' drinking water, which was attached right next to the water cistern of the house. If a dead animal was spotted it was marked in a ledger, its whereabouts, the time of day and date, as not to recount it on a later date by someone else.

Living on the plantation required improvisation and ingenuity. For example, the men would eat out of the empty calabash gourds, (*Crescentia Cujete*) and used the Brazil dye-wood (*Hymatoxylon Brasiletto*) inside the home on the open fire as this wood did not smoke heavily. Inside one of the rooms a

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# Compassionate Care

## 'BECAUSE WE CARE'

Best Care Logistics, a company that rents and sells items like wheelchairs, hearing aids, patient lifts, walkers, crutches, electric scooters, hospital beds (all cleaned and sterilized) and much more, held an open house at their location at Kaya Jean B. Vittè 3 (the road on the left of the WEB office in town).

The reason was to get better known by the general public and to inform people what Best Care Logistics stands for and what it is capable of providing. Best Care Logistics was established in 2012 and is all about care for people who are disabled or sick. They offer all three BES islands various medical devices, food supplies and services. Their highly trained certified technicians maintain and service the medical devices and products they offer.

Best Care Logistics also sells nutritional supplements, health and fitness products and products for diabetes. And soon Wuzzi Caribe®, a home alert system for people who live alone, will be also available to buy or to rent through ZVK (health insurance).

Every two weeks an orthotic prosthetic technician who designs, builds and fits orthopedic braces, surgical supports and artificial limbs and who also provides rehabilitation care, has consultation hours at the location as well as a



Manager Lupe Uranie (left) and all-round man 'Ibi' Silië and their volunteers at the Open House.



Board members Marlon Bermudez and Gerrald Victorina

surgical truss maker who makes compression stockings for varicose veins, a CPAP machine specialist (for people with sleep apnea) and occupational therapists. And every week two hearing

aid specialists come over from Curacao and Aruba. Best Care Logistics takes care of all people: clients who are referred by their doctor or specialist and who are insured by ZVK, and also tourists and private people.

Best Care Logistics is a foundation with a three-person board: Treasurer Marlon Bermudez, Secretary Gerrald Victorina and Chairman Karl Domacassé. Manager is Lupe Uranie, who is assisted (amongst others) by all-round-man Igmarr 'Ibi' Silië.

The Open House was a big success; the website was launched [www.bestcarelogistics.org](http://www.bestcarelogistics.org), the foundation went on Twitter and on Facebook - Bestcare Thuiswinkel - and there was lots of 'ambiente' - a great atmosphere - thanks to the board, the manager, many volunteers, professionals, clients and the band. Everybody was just happy to be part of it. ■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra

## Plantation Bolivia (Continued from page 5)



The ruins of the gate to the Bolivia landhouse

shelf still hangs where they kept their "medicine:" Florida water, bay rum, Vicks VapoRub and awa maravilla. To ward off colds, flu, and fever, they used leaves, roots and stems of a variety of plants and shrubs. Spines were, and still are burned off the prickly pear, creating food for goats during drought. The Kohara, *Cawara di Mondi* (*Cordia Dentata*) blossom placed in water gave it flavor while Stokki, (*Capparis Flexuosa*), a stem of this species, was used as a tooth brush to clean teeth. Cisterns were dug by hand, with rope ladders employed to lower the diggers far enough down to collect all the water from tropical downpours.

At one point there were more horses on the Bolivia plantation than donkeys. However, after a long period without rain, horses started to eat the trunks of the *kadushi* cactus, which was bad for their digestion, and because this phenomenon was ruining the *mondi*, many horses were shipped off. During WWII the horses that still roamed Bolivia plantation were rounded up and slaughtered, and the meat was used to feed those held within the confines of the Internment Camp on Bonaire, ending an era of *Plantashi Bolivia*.

Today the area is sparsely populated except for donkeys and goats with a handful of homes without WEB electricity or piped water. *The Bonaire Reporter* is produced in Bolivia ■

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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Yonkers, NY

**W**hile having lunch on their 37<sup>th</sup> visit to Bonaire, **Joan and Alan Zale** of Hartsdale, NY, who own a condo at Sand Dollar, finally had the chance to meet *Bonaire Reporter* Editor and Pub-



lisher Laura and George DeSalvo. George commented that the Zales probably hold the record for most appearances in the Picture Yourself feature, 11, from eight different states. George also urged them to keep those photos from exotic locations coming, which got Alan thinking, what could be their next exotic location? Laura said she attended high school in Yonkers, NY, the same hometown as Alan. What could be more exotic than Yonkers, NY, which is rich in Dutch history?

What better place in Yonkers for a Picture Yourself than Charles E. Gorton High School, the Alma Mater of *Reporter* Editor Laura. So here again are **Alan and Joan Zale**, along with fellow Yonkers, NY native **Mark Vergari**, right, who just returned from his second trip to Bonaire, in front of Charles E. Gorton High School holding three consecutive issues of *The Bonaire Reporter*. ■

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## Panchito's Kreative Kids



Some of Panchito's Kreative Kids pose for the camera

**"IT'S ILLEGAL TO LEAVE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS UNPLAYED! WE WOULD BE SO HAPPY TO GIVE THEM A GOOD HOME!"**

**A**bout four years ago Panchito's Kreative Kids was founded by **Rhonda Bennett** and **Anthony Angila** under Fundashon Panchito Club, a club for children.

"My goal was and is," Rhonda says, "to bring children of all cultures and origins together, to create an environment of music, art and social skills."

What we provide in our after school program is consistency and structure in a loving and caring environment. We learn about bullies; what makes a bully and how to react to them. We learn comparison and empathy and being concerned with other people. My background was in group

homes and this is kind of set up as a group home; we are like a family and we have responsibilities, we share and we look after each other. My first rule is 'Respect yourself and others.'

For our fundraising this year we're growing plants to sell at the Kriabon market (Saturday, December 6). We are constantly updating the facility and buying sound equipment for performances. Now we're planning on building an outside bathroom, a basketball court and an ancient calendar. However, for the latter we only need rocks and a pole!

We need a drum kit badly. We prepare for two shows this year: one a holiday show and one an end of the school year performance. Last year the kids performed for seven separate holiday events and that's how we paid for our sound mixer!

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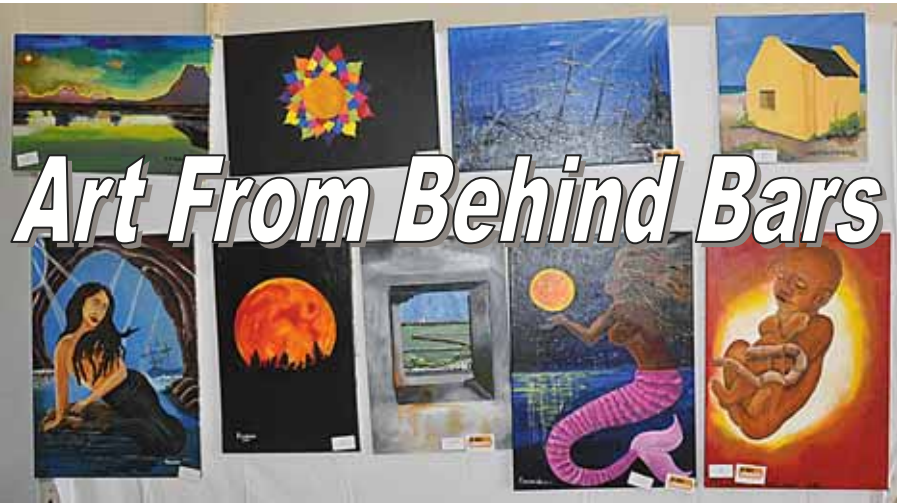
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# Art From Behind Bars

There are some very good artists and craftsmen behind bars in Bonaire. This was evident in the exhibition of paintings, woodwork, fabric, collage, furniture and other items during the **second annual show of art works created by inmates of the Correctional Facility Caribbean Netherlands (JICN)**, the Bonaire prison. Over 100 paintings and other works of art were on display on Saturday, August 23, at the Jorge Nicholas Sports Hall on Kaya Amsterdam. There was a steady stream of interested viewers during the afternoon and much of the art was sold. A highlight of the show was an auction of the art. The proceeds of the sales will be used to provide more art materials so JICN inmates can use their productive talents and skills. The artists are supervised by local artist and craftsman Andres (Adi) Figaroa. See the June 23, 2014 edition of *The Bonaire Reporter* for more about this inspiring man.

If you are interested in purchasing call Lucrecie Paula at 795-0056. ■ G.D.

*This ship model, complete with miniature cannons, was up for auction but the reserve price wasn't met. Do you want it to be yours?*



The artists' teacher, Adi Figaroa. If you are interested in commissioning a painting or craft by one of the inmates, call Adi at 786-5673.



JICN head Patricia Hassell (right) examines some of the bracelets and greeting cards fashioned by the inmates of the prison facility.

Art is just one of the many activities available to the prisoners to help in their return to community life.

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# WOUNDED WARRIORS WEEK

Seven Wounded Warriors, American soldiers injured in the service to their country, spent a week on the island as guests of numerous Bonaire businesses and government. The men hailed from six different states. Their injuries include amputations, multiple wounds, partial paralysis and PTSD. They were: Henry Isaac Berkowitz from North Carolina; Anthony Radetic from Alabama; Keven Nguyen from Texas; Manny Jimenez from Connecticut; Brian Roberts from Washington; Eric Browy from North Carolina and Tyler Wells from Illinois. Several men were accompanied by spouses, partners or children.

During the week they not only received their Open Water Diver Certification at Captain Don's Habitat, but also went kayaking, island touring, learned about fish identification, shopped, dined at several great restaurants and much more.

For a listing of the sponsors of this event and background see the previous edition of *The Reporter*. ■ Story by G.D., Photos by Zsuzsanna Pusztai and Reporter staff

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Diving fun at Captain Don's (above and right)



Great meal at Diver's Dining downtown



Warriors, at the Governor's reception, were named Bonaire Ambassadors.

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**Panchito's Kreative Kids (Continued from page 7)**

At the moment we have around 30 children and we don't need more. **Caesar Pestana** helps with the homework and I work with volunteers. I don't want to discourage or encourage people, so that I will always have a spot for a child who really needs it.

We do need money, but volunteers who can give us a big hand in physical construction labor are more than welcome, and you know what," she grins "it's illegal to leave musical instruments unplayed! It's almost criminal! We would be so happy to give them a good home and put

them in the hands of children to be played!

For the time being, until our Facebook page is ready- (who has time to do that? who wants to volunteer?) – people can reach us at 786-7657 or mail me rhonda-bennett7@aol.com or for more info they can go to the Panchito Club Facebook page.

Donations are always welcome and you can find us in the address book of the create payment option of Maduro and Curiel's Bank under the letter P for Panchito Club." ■ *Story & photo by Greta Kooistra*

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

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept		01:44	06:15	11:44	18:16		
Mon 01		0.04 ft	0.31 ft	0.09 ft	0.91 ft	6:25	18:45
	<b>First Quarter</b>	02:25	06:54	12:22	18:57		
Tue 02		-0.01 ft	0.30 ft	0.06 ft	0.98 ft	6:25	18:45
Wed 03		03:05	07:35	13:06	19:40	6:25	18:44
		-0.04 ft	0.30 ft	0.03 ft	1.02 ft		
Thu 04		03:46	08:20	13:56	20:26	6:25	18:44
		-0.05 ft	0.32 ft	0.02 ft	1.02 ft		
Fri 05		04:28	09:09	14:53	21:15	6:25	18:43
		-0.06 ft	0.35 ft	0.03 ft	0.99 ft		
Sat 06		05:11	10:04	15:56	22:08	6:25	18:42
		-0.06 ft	0.40 ft	0.05 ft	0.92 ft		
Sun 07		05:56	11:04	17:11	23:07	6:25	18:42
		-0.04 ft	0.47 ft	0.08 ft	0.83 ft		
	<b>Full Moon</b>	06:43	12:08	18:35			
Mon 08		-0.02 ft	0.56 ft	0.10 ft		6:25	18:41
		00:12	07:32	13:12	20:06		
Tue 09		0.72 ft	0.00 ft	0.66 ft	0.09 ft	6:25	18:40
		01:25	08:23	14:14	21:33		
Wed 10		0.62 ft	0.03 ft	0.76 ft	0.04 ft	6:25	18:40
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Thu 11		0.54 ft	0.05 ft	0.85 ft	-0.02 ft	6:25	18:39
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Fri 12		0.49 ft	0.08 ft	0.92 ft	-0.08 ft	6:25	18:38
		05:05	10:57	16:59			
Sat 13		0.46 ft	0.09 ft	0.97 ft		6:25	18:37
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Sun 14		-0.12 ft	0.45 ft	0.11 ft	0.99 ft	6:25	18:37
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Wed 17		-0.09 ft	0.42 ft	0.16 ft	0.91 ft	6:24	18:35
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Thu 18	<b>Last Quarter</b>	-0.04 ft	0.42 ft	0.18 ft	0.85 ft	6:24	18:34
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Fri 19		0.01 ft	0.42 ft	0.21 ft	0.77 ft	6:24	18:33
		05:21	10:38	16:14	22:07		
Sat 20		0.06 ft	0.43 ft	0.24 ft	0.70 ft	6:24	18:33
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Sun 28		0.34 ft	0.28 ft	0.87 ft		6:24	18:27
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# Karate Wins in Surinam



Winners (listed below) with their awards. Sensei Silberie at right.

Bonaire's karate team continues its winning ways. On the weekend of August 16 and 17 six Bon Karate team members under the leadership of Sensei Peter Silberie competed in the Poeketi International Karate Tournament in Paramaribo, Surinam. It was a well attended event with numerous participants.

Taking away awards were:

- Ashanty Martina- Gold Medal First Place
- Kia-San Silberie and Thuersten

Winklaar—Silver medals for Second Place

- Miguel Pietersz and Bandon Fernando—Bronze Medals for Third Place

- In addition Kia-San Silberie was awarded a trophy for being the Most Disciplined Athlete.

The team gained valuable experience in the high level of competition in Surinam which will be an asset when they participate in the upcoming Pan-American Games in Lima, Peru. ■

Press release translation

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The project is being run by Inisiativa Vishon Akshon and sponsored by MCB, WEB and Telbo and will attempt to make very visible the qualities that make Bonaire the outstanding place it is.

One of methods is a media campaign that uses role models who are ordinary Bonaire people from all walks of life to explain why they, themselves are proud of their island.

There is much more to this campaign but the kickoff event was so close to press time the details will have to wait until the next edition of *The Reporter*. In the meantime fill out the form above and send it in. ■ G.D.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## REGULAR EVENTS

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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) First Saturday of the month**, at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am to 1pm.

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—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 9:30am-2 in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

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

• **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

### Saturdays

Every **last Saturday of the month**, from 9 am to 2 pm, volunteers from the **Food Bank** collect donations of food at the doors of the Van Den Tweel Supermarket.

## 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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## CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

more information call 510-0710.

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

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

## CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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**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

**Iron Orders MC Caribbean Pirates Bonaire Day Weekend: Thursday 4th September :** Bike Unloading, Welcome and happy hour party at night at IOMC Club House

**Friday 5th September:** Bike Unloading, Registration 8-11pm at the IOMC CH

Happy hour start Friday 8pm till Sunday late at the I.O.M.C club house down town

**Saturday 6th September:** The official Bonaire flag day Ride .gathering at 10.am; take off 11am with several stops included Sorobon with bikers' games

Ending with happy hour and parties at IOMC CH, Karel's Beach Bar, Divers Diner, Little Havana

**Sunday 7th September:** The famous Sunset Ride, leave 2.30pm from the IOMC CH with several stops including Best Brands at Kaya Industria with stunt show. Ending with the traditional closing ceremony.

### Saturday, September 6

- **Bonaire Day**. Bonaire's Flag Day and a legal holiday, at Wilhelmina Park

- **Monthly Kriabon Farmers' Market** –local fruits and vegetables, crafts, food, more. This month it's at Don Paranda, on the road from Nikiboko to Sorobon, 9am to 6 pm

—**Stichting Adonai Fund-raiser -Homemade local food** – Goat Stew, Conch Stew, Fried Fish – at Mangazina Aruba, behind the Kolegio Rein Beatrix School, 12-3pm. Everyone is welcome. The Stichting's aim is to grow our own fruits and vegetables. More information call Lula (+5999) 561-7305

*Sunday, September 14* — **Mountain Bike Fun Race**. Information: Frank at DeFreewieler 717-8545

*Sunday, October 5*—**Jong Bonaire's Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire Event**

**5-11 -47th Annual Bonaire Regatta**

*Friday, October 17*—**Classical Music Board Bonaire concert-piano, violin, clarinet– Coromoto Church**. More on page 3

*Saturday, October 18-* **Dive Friends Bonaire's Underwater Cleanup**

*Sunday, October 19*—**Duo Xtreme Mountain Bike Race**— Frank at DeFreewieler 717-8545

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## WATER TAXI

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

# Pet of the Week

Here's "Gwen," taking a little break between socializing. This pup has proved to be a friendly, outgoing dog who gets along with people – she just loves them and enjoys their company. Gwen is also good with other dogs. Here's a dog that is always ready to learn. She's more than just a Dalmatian; she has other qualities she's gained from her diverse background that's made her more relaxed and focused than some of her Dalmatian forbearers. All that family background has produced a great looking dog. One would think it was planned that way. She's about two years old, she's been sterilized, is in perfect health. The adoption fee includes her shots, worming, exam, sterilization and even an ID chip. You may see her and the other pets who have been checked out for adoption at the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 1pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. [WWW.Bonaireanimalshelter.com](http://WWW.Bonaireanimalshelter.com). They're on Facebook too.



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Story & photo by Laura DeSalvo

# Shelter News



Anneke and Hetty in the puppy kennel

In the last few weeks the Shelter received lots of puppies. Some of them were found in the drop off cage and were in terrible condition. Sometimes we found whole families of dogs, with the pups in the cage and the mom and dad dogs tied to the fence. It never stops. It is a very frustrating situation for the Shelter.

The Shelter provides a free spay and neuter program to prevent unplanned and unwanted puppies. We even pick up the dogs from their home if the owner does not have transportation. In fact, the only thing the owner has to do is make an appointment with the vet. They do not have to

pay a penny. They do not have to worry about the transportation of the dog to and from the vet. The Shelter takes care of everything. But still a lot of pups are dumped at the Shelter. This is very difficult to accept. Fortunately, there is a growing contingent of people on the island who are acting more responsibly and helping to save animals lives by spaying/neutering their pets. ■

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# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
September 2014

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Be careful; you may say something you'll regret later. Don't overindulge in anyway. This is a great day to spend with family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You may not get your facts correct this month; double-check before making any statements. Be prepared to encounter new friendships that will provide you with valuable information. Your best results will come through business trips. Be honest if you wish to solve the problem. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Opportunities to travel will be favorable in terms of moneymaking connections. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself. It might be best to work on your own; if possible, do your job out of your home this month. You may find that you can be the recipient of valuable information if you're willing to be a good listener. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You will be able to enlist the help of colleagues who believe in your ideas. Don't be shy; if you want to spend more time with a special person, make a commitment. You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangements. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Your need to get away could lead you into greater debt. Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. Be prepared to take care of the issues at hand. Children will want to help. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may find that someone at work hasn't been trustworthy. Try to calm down emotionally about personal financial matters. Don't believe everything you hear. Your ability to organize and get everyone together will enhance your popularity and bring interest from potential mates. Your luckiest events will occur on a Tuesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't deny yourself this month. You'll be tempted to spend extravagantly this month. Chances to express your ideas and beliefs can bring popularity as long as you're not arrogant. Your lack of interest in your partner is a problem. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Spend time getting into physical activities with your lover. If you can put some work into home improvements, you should. Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely. You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group. Your luckiest events this occur on a Wednesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again. Sudden changes of heart may cause disruptions in your domestic scene. You must be careful not to reveal secrets or get involved in gossip. Consider starting a small business on the side. Look for a marketable gimmick. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Opportunities to make money may interfere with your personal plans. If you put your energy into physical outlets you will avoid confrontations. You may find that others do not do things the way you want; however, if the job gets done, let it pass. Try not to get backed into corners. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You have a lot to offer. Organize your house and be sure to include the whole family in the projects you have set out to do. It's time to let loose. You can make major decisions regarding your professional direction. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You should be on the road. You can make career moves that will be prosperous. An older member of the family may need assistance. Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday. ■



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

### CELESTIAL DRAMA IN THE NIGHT SKY

This is our favorite time of the year for stargazing in the Sky Park. We're actually excited because our two favorite constellations, **Scorpius** and **Orion**, are perfectly positioned this week to play out a celestial drama in the night sky. Plus, there's a teapot and a very tardy rabbit to throw into the mix.

Just after sunset, any time this week face west. Just to the right of the j-shaped star pattern marking Scorpius the scorpion, you'll see the **red planet Mars** and the **ringed planet Saturn**.

As the week passes, you'll see these planets slowly moving among the stars of the **constellation, Libra the scales**.

A celestial drama between two of our favorite constellations is going on. The first player is Scorpius the scorpion. As legend has it, Scorpius was sent by **Gaia**, the goddess of the **Earth**, to punish Orion the hunter for boasting about what a great hunter he was. So, while Orion was out hunting, the scorpion stung him on his ankle. The gods then placed Orion on the opposite side of the sky so the scorpion wouldn't sting him again.

Orion's friend **Sagittarius** was a centaur, but he was also a very good archer. So, he went to go find the scorpion to kill it in revenge for stinging his friend, Orion. It can be tough to find all the stars in Sagittarius. However, there are eight stars that really stand out. They form an asterism we like to call the teapot.

Of these eight stars, you can use these three to mark the spout... these three to mark the lid... these four to outline the handle... and these four represent the body. As Alice in Wonderland discovered, a tea party is always a lot more fun when you invite friends to join you. So let's modify our story a little bit and say that Scorpius, feeling remorseful for having stung Orion, invites him to have tea. Not wanting to be alone with the scorpion, Orion invites **Lepus the hare** to join him.



According to legend, Lepus was the rabbit Orion was hunting when the scorpion stung him. Lepus the hare is a constellation just to the south of Orion, but like our rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, our rabbit is running late for the party. If you watch the sky throughout the night, you'll see the stars slowly rising in the east and setting in the west.

During the course of the night, Scorpius and his teapot are slowly moving across the sky. The problem with this is, that because the gods put Orion on the opposite side of the sky from the scorpion, Orion can never catch up to the scorpion.

So tired of waiting for Orion, the scorpion dips below the horizon around midnight, taking the teapot with him. Shortly before 3 in the morning, the handle of the teapot disappears below the western horizon. At the same time, Orion finally appears in the east.

So it isn't until almost 4:30 in the morning that both Orion and his lagomorphs (a plant-eating mammal with two pairs of incisors in the upper jaw specifically adapted for gnawing. Rabbits and hares are lagomorphs.) companion are completely above the horizon. Much to their dismay, the party is over and the scorpion and his teapot are long gone for the night.

So, remember, if you're a scorpion, and want to have a tea party, make sure your guests are nearby. ■

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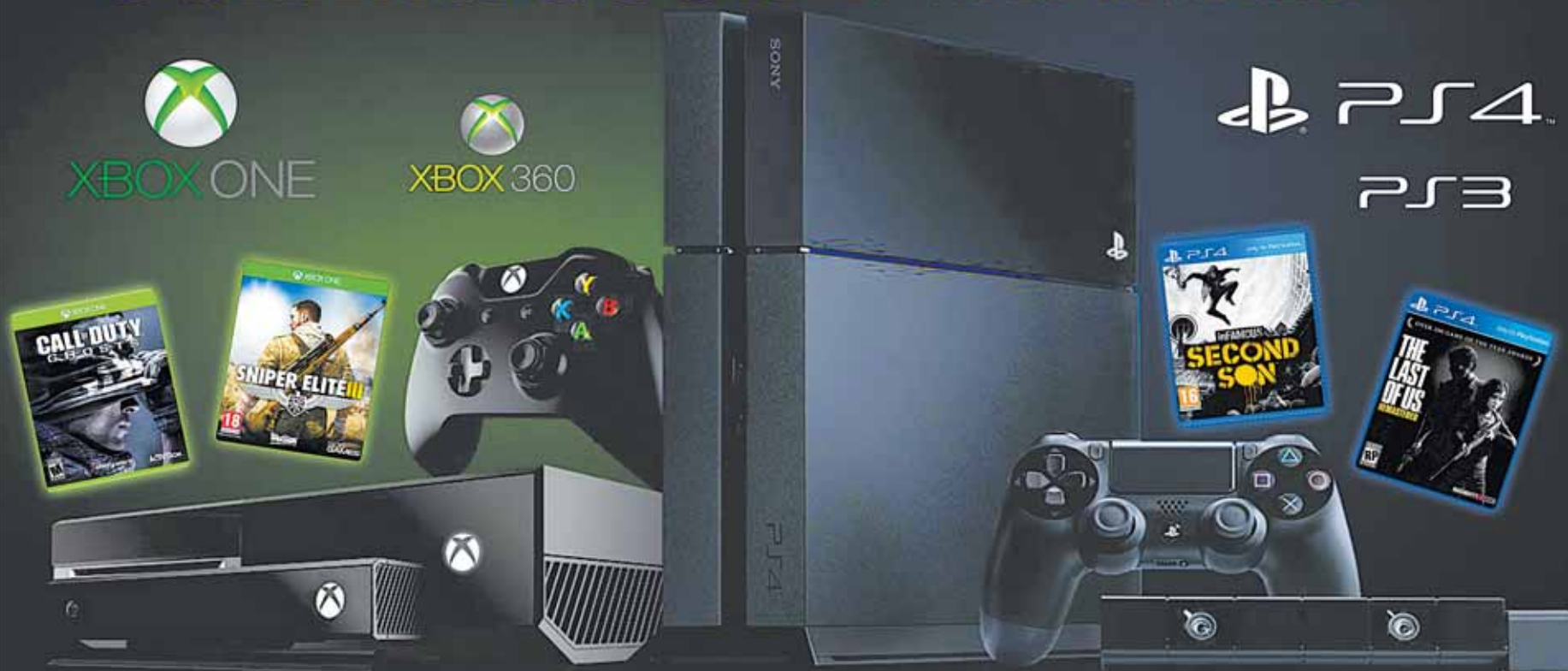
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