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Leo Hoogenboom and Sam Williams power to the finish.
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On December 17 St Eustatius will hold a Referendum to select its preference for constitutional status this year. In the last Dutch Caribbean Referendum they chose to remain part of the Netherlands Antilles. However, the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as a national entity and the Dutch Government unilaterally decided to join them with Bonaire and Saba to become "public entities" ("openbaar lichaam" or "entitat publiko") in the BES Islands.

The choices will be:

1. Status quo
2. Independence
3. Autonomous territory within the Dutch Kingdom
4. Become an integrated part of The Netherlands

The Bonaire Island Council had previously decided not to hold a Referendum in 2014. There is a strong movement for Bonaire also to hold a Referendum but that may only occur after the March 2015 Island Council elections.



► Bonaire's *Gezaghebber* (Governor) Rijna has suspended the program to castrate Bonaire's donkeys for six months which blocked the Island Council's mandate to further reduce the number of Bonaire donkeys. Meanwhile the Public Prosecutor's office is not commenting on the defamation lawsuit brought by the Donkey

Sanctuary directed toward individuals and groups critical of its operations.

► As part of an effort to improve communication between cultures on Bonaire, International Bible Church's Pastor Doug Searle and FORMA (Bonaire's adult education institution) have teamed up to provide a course in Papiamentu for English speakers. "It was Saskia De Blik (FORMA's Coordinator of Courses) who really made it possible for us to offer this high quality course," said Pastor Searle. "We are very grateful for her work on this project." Even without much promotion, a sizeable number of folks showed interest in this 12-week course, and the first group of 15 students began work at the church classroom on Thursday, October 16. Anyone interested in future classes is asked to send an e mail to info@bonairehelpdesk.com or call 717 8332.

► To provide Bonaire with a stylish new website look, TCB has announced the launch of their new and much anticipated website redesign at www.tourismbonaire.com. All of the landing pages throughout the website incorporate Bonaire colors, have social media sharing options, SEO functionality and include TripAdvisor reviews about Bonaire's businesses.

► Bonaire's primary telecom operator Telbo will install underground optical fiber to 8,000 households and companies within the next two to three years, replacing the existing copper network, Managing Director Gilbert De Bree said. Operation is to begin next February. Consumers on Bonaire can currently choose from two providers for services over fixed lines, namely Telbo and Flamingo TV, that provide television and internet services. Telbo intends to not only invest in fiber direct to the home but also in high speed LTE cellular service which it plans to launch this year.

► "Ban Boneiru Bèk" (Let's Go Back to Bonaire) and OCAN (the consultation platform for Caribbean people in the Netherlands) have entered into a strategic cooperation agreement. BBB and OCAN will jointly focus on matching the right professional candidates with vacancies within the Dutch Kingdom.

The two chair persons, Celia Fernandes Pedra (BBB), and Glenn Helberg (OCAN) formalized the partnership on October 4. Ban Boneiru Bèk (BBB) promotes the remi-

gration of people from Bonaire and operates a recruitment website (www.banboneirubek.com/) that attracts a large following of job-seekers overseas wishing to return to Bonaire. OCAN expanded its target group to include the islands and first ventured into the field of recruitment a year ago. The platform has been approached by several employers since and successfully delivered skilled workers.

► WEB has given itself a new look. The island's water and electric power provider launched its new corporate identity style last week. WEB's employees and stakeholders were introduced to its new branding, including a new logo (at right) replacing the original one designed in 1986.



► A new Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), report says about 65,000 people take their own lives in the Americas, including the Caribbean, each year—more than seven per hour. The report, "Suicide Mortality in the Americas," is based on data from 48 countries and territories in the Western Hemisphere. It shows that suicide is a significant health problem and one of the region's leading preventable causes of death.

► Short term parking at Flamingo Airport is still free, as it's been for several months. Reportedly they are awaiting replacement parts for the parking system. People really like that and business at the small restaurant is up.

► People have commented that crime seems to be down on Bonaire. Perhaps it's due to the numerous "raids" on locations suspected of having stolen goods and/or firearms. "Keep up the arrests and lock up the criminals for a significant time," they say.

► What are some of the most desirable houseplants you ask? Perhaps they are orchids, which seem to thrive in Bonaire's climate. And right now they are for sale at Green Label Garden Center. New house plants from Holland are coming/flying in this week with Arke Fly! See the ad on page 6.

► Apologies to advertisers and authors who expected stories and updates in this edition. A major computer problem required production of this edition on a backup system with limited capability. Resolution is anticipated for the next issue.

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► The Classical Music Board Bonaire (CMMB) opened its new season on Friday, October 17, with a concert for all school children. The students were fascinated by the varied program performed by Inge Laurijssens (violin), Ilja Huang (piano) and Hein van Maarschalkeraart aka Art Marshall (clarinet). The artists talked about their instruments as well as playing pieces that would appeal to a younger audience to which they were also invited to dance to. The CMBB's schools concerts are important for the musical development of the youth. For many children they offer the only opportunity to experience classical music.



The main concert was a delight showing works by French impressionists Massenet, Milhaud and Debussy as well as well-known pieces and Romanian music. Especially entertaining were the pieces arranged by Art Marshall some of which were just written for this concert.

The highlight was the emotional and very powerful rendition by Inge Laurijssens of Fritz Kreisler's Prelude and Allegro after a theme of Pugnani. She played beautifully rich low notes as well as sparkling high notes on her more-than-200-year-old violin.

The new venue, La Birgen Maria di Coromoto Church in Antriol, was chosen as the CMBB's new chairman, Dr Esther Bernabela, hails from Antriol. Palms, colorful lighting and the concert grand piano transferred the church into a charming concert venue. It was a little hot but the artists preferred that to the humming of the fans.

The CMBB's next concert will be on Friday 21st November in the lovely chapel of Mariadal where the violinist Jeroen de Groot will perform amongst others and a first for Bonaire Camille Saint-Saens' Rond e Capriccio. ■ Story by Carla Hay

► The TCB has reported the total air arrivals for 2014 through September. Although several regional airlines discontinued service to the island, arrivals were up significantly over the same period last year. Additional increases are expected especially since Delta has added another weekly flight. Details below:

2014-2013	2014	2013	DIFF	13-14 change %
United	12,808	9,702	3,106	32.01%
Delta	6,739	6,482	257	3.96%
InselAir	0	1,497	-1,497	-100.00%
Total USA	19,547	17,681	1,866	10.55%
Arkefly	7,935	6,388	1,547	24.22%
KLM	18,162	16,604	1,558	9.38%
Total Europe	26,097	22,992	3,105	13.50%
DAE	0	10,311	-10,311	-100.00%
Insel Air	64,824	54,341	10,483	19.29%
Tiara Air	891	9,530	-8,639	-90.65%
Divi Divi	9,862	8,782	1,080	12.30%
Ezair	399	1,621	-1,222	-75.39%
Total Regional	75,976	84,585	-8,609	-10.18%
TOTAL	121,620	125,258	-3,638	-2.90%

► Luigi Eybrecht has been awarded the World Wildlife Fund Jane Goodall Hope and Inspiration Ranger Award. Luigi is one of the founding members of the Bonaire Junior Rangers. He helped develop the youth education program and continues to volunteer his free time and weekends as their Commander. Luigi is also now an official park ranger of STINAPA.



Avenue, Forever 21, Ann Taylor, The Limited and others and not leave Bonaire? Now you can. It's at Penny Lane Exchange—a shop stocked with gently used clothing with the name brands featured at those stores.

And if you do own top name clothes but are tired of them and they are in good condition bring them to Penny Lane for sale and share the profit when they're sold. That's because Penny Lane Exchange is a consignment shop too. Opening is scheduled for Friday, October 31, Halloween. Check them out upstairs at La Terraza, above Botika Bonaire on Kaya Grandi. More information in their ad below. ■ G./L.D.

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On The Island Since...

2012 and 2013 –

Paul Westerbeek (35) and Sjoukje Hiemstra (28)

“I came to live here on October 1st 2012,” says Paul Westerbeek. “The year before I was here on vacation and I found it so beautiful that I thought ‘I want to live and work here’. So I went back to Holland where I worked as an ecological consultant at the Department of Public Works. I resigned my job and finished up everything.”

I am a marine biologist, having graduated in Groningen, Holland. I immediately found a job with the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance and immigrated to Bonaire. I worked at DCNA with great pleasure for one year and nine months. But the budget was exhausted and my contract couldn't be renewed.

Then I met Elly Albers of the Mangrove Center and started to work for her as a tour guide. We start with an introduction about nature, the mangroves, the ecosystem, the kayaking and the flora and fauna. Then we take off in the kayaks and go snorkeling. For me, that's the best part of it all – to stick my head underwater and to see with my own eyes what's living in the mangroves... it's never boring! I deliberately chose marine biology and it's something I want to keep myself busy with every single day.

I grew up in a very small town - half the size of Bonaire - in the northeast of Holland, Ter Apel. As a little boy I was always digging in the mud of ditches and creeks to see what kind of creatures were living there. We lived in a wooded area and my dad would take me on long walks in the forest. I learned to identify birds by the way they look and later on just by their song. It was always obvious that I would study biology.

I met Sjoukje in Holland in 2011 at the Ministry of Economic Affairs where various Dutch parties were discussing the porpoise protection plan. (The porpoise is a small toothed whale with a low triangular dorsal fin and a blunt, rounded snout which lives in the North Sea and around the British Isles.)

“A year later,” Sjoukje says, “we met again in the necropsy room of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht as Paul wanted to take a look at what a porpoise looks like from the inside. I was working as a research and management assistant with the porpoise project. Paul told me he'd applied for a job on Bonaire. I didn't know Bonaire and I'd met Paul only twice, but I said ‘All right, that would make a nice vacation destination for me.’ And now I've been living here for one and a half years!

Paul left for Bonaire first, but we were already a couple by then. I came three months later for a five-week vacation and three crucial questions: Do I still like Paul? Do I like the island? Will I find a job here?

After three weeks it was a definite ‘yes’ to the first two questions, but not to the third one. You see I am a certified animal caretaker and a para-veterinair (a four-year middle professional education) which allows me to assist a veterinarian, doing more than a regular veterinarian assistant. Well, I couldn't find a job in my field on Bonaire, but I decided I would come back to live here after I'd finished the porpoise project. So on June 11th, 2013 I flew to Bonaire.”

“Of all the options that I have in the world in my profession,” Paul says, “I chose to come to Bonaire and to live with much less money, with less luxury. But, the fact is, you don't need that much here, and it's a small town and I just love that. Everyone says hello and is friendly and on top of that you live close to nature. I'm delighted I left the busy society. Everything goes slower here and that's what I love and appreciate. When I came here for the first time in 2011 I felt like I'd arrived on a spot in this world where the rhythm equaled my own personal rhythm.”

“From the moment I stepped from the plane I thought it was just lovely,” Sjoukje says. “I come from a farm and I grew up in the middle of nature. I learned how to handle it with love and respect. Paul got to know all the forest birds, but I learned what all

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the meadow birds looked like. Hahaha!

In Holland I worked not only for the porpoise project but also in two different zoos with the predators, the birds, the elephants and European ungulates. But... I was a snowboard instructor as well, and I worked as an anesthesiology assistant in an emergency clinic for dogs and cats.

On Bonaire I'm involved in a lot of volunteer work. I am a beach keeper for STCB, the Turtle Club, and during the nesting season I check Donkey Beach and Te Amo Beach for turtle activities.

Also I perform necropsies on dead turtles with STCB, to find out the possible cause of death. We are setting up a tissue bank as well; we take samples of organs or muscle tissue from dead turtles and keep them for later research. Everyone doing research on turtles can use these data. It's a data bank where you can refer back 10 years for instance. I'm also involved with the Junior Rangers. For Cargill's tern project I've performed necropsy on dead juvenile terns. Cargill, Stinapa and the Institute for Marine Research (Imares) in Holland created little islands on the salt company's land where the terns are nesting now. Before they were nesting on the access roads on the Cargill terrain and were often killed by trucks, other equipment as well as predators.

I am also the education and communication assistant for PPR-ABC 'Programa Pa Protehé Raton dj'anochi' (the Bat Protection Program for the ABC islands). I write articles for the press, I do website work and give presenta-

tions. And it's planned that we are going to organize mist nettings – at the end of the day when the sun goes down – to identify the species, to measure and weigh and to ring them in case they are not ringed yet. We determine the sex, take blood and parasites and we note deviations. Then we give the bat a little bit of sugar water to recover from the stress and we set them free again.”

“During this last year,” Paul continues, “it has been confirmed that there are bat migration routes between the ABC islands and Venezuela. That's something



Sjoukje and Paul and their dog Jack



Sjoukje and Paul in front of their nursery

totally new. Nobody knew about that. It came out because of the ringing of the species. So the suspicion was confirmed.”

“We're also setting up a tissue bank for which we use dead bats found on all three islands,” Sjoukje adds. “We're working together with various veterinarian institutes in the Netherlands. But,” she laughs, “I am also a volunteer with Echo, the reforestation project of Stinapa and Stinapa in general.”

At home we're trying to grow our own vegetables and herbs. Some are doing okay like spinach, basil, mint and sweet peppers and our hydroponic container is almost ready. I am also at the Kriabon market every first Saturday of the month with home made products like jams and chutneys, syrups and pesto. I love to cook!

For the last couple of weeks we also have two chickens, one of which is already laying eggs. We've got three dogs: two from the Shelter and one through the Foundation for Animals. All three of them are very quirky dogs and each came with his own manual. Hahaha! They're just like us!

When Paul is not working he makes things like furniture, a

shade house, a chicken coop - not just for us but also for other people. He's very handy and he likes it.

In the meantime I did the tour guide course with Sue Felix and starting November 8th I will work for Bonaire Tours.”

“We still want to travel to see this part of the world,” Paul says. “I was in Australia and Indonesia for an extensive period of time, but Alaska also appeals to me. I like to go places and stay around for some time. So... we're taking it by the day, living from year to year and it's a great way to live. I just love it.”

When we are in Holland we really enjoy the comforts, but then, when we are back here again we feel at home immediately. We get never bored and it doesn't matter where we live in this world because you always create your own home.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Risky Business

RESTAURANT NOSTALGIA - WHERE HAVE ALL THE RESTAURANTS GONE?



This old Bonairean house was a ruin for years before it was opened as the restaurant, DeTuin. Later it was L'Atmosphere. Now it's the popular Wil's Grill.



This old home across from the Catholic church in Playa was refurbished and opened as Mi Poron, a cozy restaurant featuring local food. It is now under reconstruction for offices, but lost part of itself to the new road.



The demolition of The Blue Moon Restaurant on the waterfront. It formerly was Chez Truus. Now a condo/apartment building occupies the site.



⇒ *The beloved fine Italian restaurant, Croccantino, reopened as the Mexican eatery, Paradise Moon.*

The building was totally rehabilitated and now houses Orco Bank

The Reporter (originally Port Call) has been continually publishing since 1994 and in that time there have been massive changes on Bonaire: population increases, overwhelming development, traffic congestion, lack of parking.

One of the changes has been the number of restaurants that were open sometime during the last 21 years and that have closed. The moral of this story is: If you like a restaurant that's operating now, please support it so it won't go on This List!

At the top right is a list of restaurants that have come and gone on Bonaire within the last 21 years. Maybe you can think of others that you may mourn today.

■ Laura DeSalvo

⇒ *Some restaurant closings have happy endings. The de Bonaireaan lunch room provided economical meals served by youngsters learning hospitality skills. It's activity was expanded and is now part of the training complex and long-term residence of the Stichting Project, called Lang Verblijf Huis. Supported by the Forsa training Foundation.*



Gone, But Not Forgotten

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| RendezVous | Luigi's |
| Croccantino | Je-mar Vegetarian |
| Toys | Portuguese Restaurant |
| City Café | La Luna |
| Cactus Blue | Tambu |
| Leeward Inn | Chez Truus |
| Lost Penguin | Otello |
| Beefeater's | L'Atmosphere |
| Bistro des Amis | CasaBlanca |
| Richard's | Angel Floating Restaurant |
| Cozzoli's Pizza | Bon Bini |
| Mi Poron | Chicken Bonito |
| Bali | De Islander |
| Admiral's Tavern | DeTuin |
| Blue Moon | Papagayo |
| Garden Café | Swiss Chalet |
| Den Laman (original one with big fish tank) | Lee's Bar |
| Old Inn | Lion's Den |
| Sandwich Factory | Norca's-above Botika Bonaire |
| De Bonaireaan | Paradise Moon |
| The Dome | Seahorse Café |
| China Garden | Belgian Fries |
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A Garden? Growing Questions Answered

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It has been fun. At the Kriabon market last month people recognized me as the one writing about plants in *The Reporter* and they stopped by with a bunch of questions.

I tried to answer as many questions as I could as I was busy selling my stuff too.

But later it popped into my head to put some of the questions in *The Reporter* with answers because maybe more people have the same questions, and others who are just starting might have to deal with the same problems in the future.

Q. My pumpkin plant has a lot of flowers but never a pumpkin. Why?

A. There are too few insects here to fertilize the female pumpkin flower, so it needs some human help. The pumpkin plant has male and female flowers. The female has a very small pumpkin behind the flower. Take a little stick or a piece of toilet paper, touch the inside of the male flower so that the yellow pollen inside adheres to the stick, then touch the inside of the female flower so that the pollen sticks



Pumpkin flower (above)



Pumpkin forming (below)

there. Do this all the time and for sure one day you will see pumpkins growing. Keep an eye on them because iguanas love these young pumpkins too. Protect them with paper bags or chicken wire.

Question: (Q) I live close to Punt Vierkant. All the plants that I buy at the market are dying there. Why?

Answer: (A) The salt in the

air and in the soil as well as the strong wind and the full heat are too tough for the plants. It's hard for them to survive under such circumstances. Try hardy plants that can go in pots on your porch, protected from the wind and sun, and give them some extra vitamins and rainwater.

Palm trees are nice for that area. The best easy growing ones for that area are coconut trees. Other plants that might be successful are those you see on Donkey Beach: real beach plants with thick leaves that are always green and can cope with the wind. Don't try any fruit trees; you will be disappointed. They will die, not only because of the environment by the shore, but from so many iguanas and donkeys.

Q. I bought water from Web. And within a few days all my nice healthy plants died. Why?

A. Sometimes water that you buy is salty. It's not always 100% sweet because of the well that water comes from. Some places on Bonaire have wells with sweet water and some have water with a bit of salt. It depends on the area and whether it is a dry or rainy time. When there is less water in the soil, it



Q. My banana trees stay small and skinny even though I water them enough and they are beside the septic tank. Why?

A. If banana trees have too many babies around the trunk they cannot grow big; there's not enough food for all of them. So you have to remove them up when you see they're not growing big. Plant each one separately. When the bananas come out, chop the purple flower off the banana bunch. If you leave the flower, it takes a lot of energy and food and the bananas stay small and won't ripen normally.

can become salty. So you never know. And most plants can't stand that salty water, no matter how little. So be careful with the water.

Q. Which plants are dangerous to have growing close to a building?

A. Be careful with all big trees

like mango, tamarind, neem, druifi Surinam, knepa, mispel, maka pruum, those big flowering trees: flamboyant, hoba and so on. Their roots look for water and will grow in the direction of water pipes, cisterns, beerputs (cesspools) and so on. Their strong roots can damage your

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Garden (Continued from page 6)
house as well. Plant such trees on the edge of your yard, far away from your house. Also with big trees close to the house, iguanas, rats, mice, birds, ants, etc. which live around the trees because of the fruit can easily come into the house too, looking for food.

Q. *There are plants which die even when I water them every day. Why?*
A. Not all plants need water everyday. For example, the beautiful Desert Rose needs only a little bit of water once a week. And if it stays outside now when the rainy season starts, it will die soon because of too much water. So you have to move that plant to a place where it stays dry. There are other plants which only need a small amount of water as well.

Q. *In my green house there are plants which are doing badly. Why?*
A. Not all plants can stand a green house. Some plants, like spinach, tomatoes and peppers, need more or full sun. Some plants need more air, some need more space, like the pumpkin and the parchita. Some plants don't give any fruit because there are no insects in the green house. Some plants get too much water; the water doesn't dry fast enough so the plant stays in the wet soil too long- which it does not like.

Okay, I hope some people will be happy with these answers. So try it again. Lots of success! ■ *Story & photos by Angliet Baidjoe, A Nature Lover*



Picture Yourself With The Reporter on A Stairlift in Holland



Bonaire tour bus operator and busy person, Therese Rosier, sent us this photo of herself with *The Reporter* riding her mom's stair lift in Bergen op Zoom, the Netherlands. ■

Protecting Coral Reefs



Foundation Panchito's Kids with WWF rep, Bente van der Wilt, at the filming

To call attention to the protection of coral reefs, especially in the Caribbean, World Wildlife Federation sponsored a song written by a 10-year-old Dutch WWF ranger. Local musician Benji Schaub arranged the music for the band, and the to be sung in three languages. On Thursday, October 23, at Buddy Dive, a live music video was made and featured: Benji Schaub - guitar, composition, production, Gabriel Mercera - drums, Lando Tjin-a-Shu - bass, vocalists Gea Feeburg, Roy van der Veen, Ethsel Pieterella. Rhonda Bennett's Foundation Panchito's Kreative Kids (above), Dara Pestana, Sanne Davidsson, Maria "Mafer" Nava, Meghan Velandia, and Selena Landbrug. ■ *L.D.*

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Artists Help Turtles



"Turtle Bank" by Elena (Helen Dovale)

On Friday, September 26th, Hotel Roomers in Belnem was buzzing with activity. Paints were furiously mixed, glue was pushed out to the limit and colored sequences were sorted for mounting. About 50 kids had gathered in the hotel's lush courtyard to make turtle art. "We've been leading these workshops, helping them with their art," says Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) volunteer Jannie Koning. "We give them the materials and a turtle shape and they fill it in. Some of the children are really precise. Others make small turtles to take home with them. They all have fun, but this project is also for the children to think about the turtles."

This is the second art workshop conducted by STCB this year. About 10 children work on each piece in a group effort. Eighty young artists were involved in the two workshops. Plus, over 100 more have been involved creating turtle art from Papa Cornes School, Jong Bonaire and STINAPA's Junior Rangers. All the children's group work projects will be auctioned at STCB's turtle



Artist-teacher Ady Figaroa

art auction to be held at Roomer's Hotel Saturday night, November 29th. Another 100 pieces from adult artists will also be there and up for bid.

"We wanted to carry the project through a long period because we really wanted to engage the people of Bonaire. We launched the first art workshop in April and now this one. It's not only about raising money for STCB. It's also about educating and raising awareness about sea turtles," says Koning.

The productive workshop was not exclusively about art. Owner Nicole from Roomers supplied snacks for the hungry artists. Plus the kids got to cool off in the hotel's swimming pool. After all, making turtle art is serious work. For more information on STCB's Turtle Artwork Auction, log on at <http://www.stcbfundraising.org/> ■

Patrick Holian

BonDiGro Is Growing

It was only a bit less than one year ago, on Friday, December 6th, that the BonDiGro crew opened their first supermarket in the blue building in the same street as The Bonaire Food Group. A couple of months later they moved to a three times bigger building behind the former location of Leen

Bakker and Best Brands Bonaire. Signs along the Kaya Industria show you where to find BonDiGro but almost every Bonairean knows where to find the new low budget supermarket.

About a year ago Roland Schalker made some calculations on the back of an empty cigar box and he discovered it was possible to import and sell basic products for lower prices. And he was right. Now other supermarkets try to follow him in competition. One of their problems are the high overhead costs caused by location, air conditioning, display and advertising. BonDiGro is in development from a roaring mouse into a young and energetic lion with its expansion of the range of



Ingrid Saragoza and Dulce Nicolaas, of BonDiGro

products and special offers like flat screen and digital TVs, tablets and laptops. Most articles are of well-known top quality brands. The crew is also expanding: Ingrid Saragoza, the well-known face for years from The Warehouse, and Dulce Nicolaas, employee of Cultimara's Supermarket for years. In November BonDiGro will start a butchery, working with fresh, cooled and deep frozen meat. IJsbrand de Vries is the new, very experienced, butcher. BonDiGro keeps on roaring. ■

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October Is For The Birds

What a marvelous season of birding here on Bonaire during the month of October. The fall migrating birds from North America are making it the season to be out, with binoculars tucked under your arm. You'll be rewarded with sightings just like I and some birding friends have had.

It started off with a drop-in to Sipke Stapert's yard with a winter plumaged male **Scarlet Tanager**. (below)



He reported that it was very hungry and had lost all fear of us humans, even approaching Sipke as he began to photograph. That indicated that he had only recently arrived, very fatigued and hungry because of the long, across-the-Caribbean flight that it had just taken from the mainland of North America.

Just to show how these winter-plumaged birds change, the following photo is of a male Scarlet



Tanager as they look when we see them here on Bonaire (above) in the spring on their way to their nesting grounds in eastern North America.

Feathers that molt on breeding males are high maintenance feathers that require a lot of energy for the bird during breeding season. They shed these feathers as soon as nesting season is finished and they migrate in their duller winter plumage. However, in the spring, on their wintering grounds in the southern Caribbean or South America, they are in an insect-laden paradise and begin to replenish the energy they used up during breeding and migration.

Soon, as the length of daylight begins to increase, it is time to go through another complete feather molt and re-acquire their intense breeding feathers. This is done on their wintering grounds as

spring approaches. Their northward migration is done with the males in complete breeding feathers and this is how we see the Scarlet Tanager in the spring here on Bonaire. Quite a contrast!



The next surprise was an excited Berit Pement that notified me of a male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (above) in her and Michael's well equipped, user-friendly yard that could easily be called a sanctuary for birds, because they keep their sugar bowls and watering fountains full all day long.

The adage that Birds attract Birds is easy to see because of the cheery **Bananaquits** and **Troupials** that are all over their yard. Passing fatigued migrants quickly take notice of the bird

activity and drop in for a look and discover the answer to their weary flight muscles. This particular bird frequents their yard multiple times over the period from when it was first discovered on 10 October, 2014. And it continues to come in daily.

It has been discovered that migration is very costly to the birds and whenever their journey requires that they fly over open ocean for long distances, without stopping, they actually begin to digest their own flight muscles for energy because they have used up all the stored fat and many do not make it to land, falling out of the sky and drowning in the ocean.



Another species that shows up here in the fall of the year from North America is my home state of Colorado's State Bird- the **Bobolink** (above), a bird that looks a lot like a sparrow, but mostly in its winter plumage. I saw this Bobolink on Friday, 10 October, 2014, on a guided birding tour.



One final bird that has been having a difficult time in the US because of decreasing populations that also migrate to the southern Caribbean and into South America is the **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, pictured above. October is the month when I come across them here while doing guided birding tours. Its western US population has recently been declared threatened by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and they are instituting programs in the west to benefit this species.

Yellow-billed Cuckoos do not go through such a drastic color change through the changing

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An Xtreme Accomplishment

When **Adrion Fraser** (18) came from Statia to Bonaire at the age of 17 it was not for a good reason because he had to spend some time in jail. Born on St. Martin, he'd moved to Aruba when he was six. When he was 16 he moved to Statia, a very small island with about 2,000 inhabitants and nothing much to do. Adrion became bored very quickly and went around with the wrong people, which led to his imprisonment on Bonaire.

When he was released he went to Kas Karko, a youth residence run by Youth and Family. From there he went to live in the long-term residence of Stichting Project, called *Lang Verblijf Huis*. Then it went better, as lots of opportunities were offered when the Forsa Foundation took him under their wing. They trained him on the job at Landhuis de Tuin, where he became a maintenance man and also part of the crew, interacting with the guests. Also once a week Adrion goes to Forma, to evaluate the progress he's making at work.

As mountain biking is part of Forsa's training program, Adrion was asked if he would be interested and he rode a five-kilometer tour in March. It was tough but he liked it, so **Ray Geraerts** be-

came his coach and they started training twice a week. Adrion's condition improved and they trained harder. He participated in a few competitions on Bonaire. Then his coach told him that there would be a big race on Bonaire in October, called Duo Xtreme and was he willing to participate. Adrion took the opportunity and said, "Let's go for it!"

"It wasn't just about work or sports," Stichting Project's and Forsa's director, **Mick Schmit** says. "It was also about learning to trust people and to open up and become social, because Adrion was a runaway, not social and very quiet and he used to smoke a lot of pot. Now he's a mature guy

who can speak for himself and tell his story. He's also accomplished a great achievement in sports."

"On the 19th of October," Adrion says, "I started the 51-kilometer race with **Annemiek Le Noble**, whom I had been training with twice, a couple of



Adrion Fraser in his sponsored outfit (by Marga Domingo van Lieshout) on the bike he rode the race with Annemiek LeNoble— at Landhuis the Tuin (where he works)

The Duo Xtreme MTB race over paved and dirt roads and trails on Sunday, October 19, was a great success. Competing were Bonairean teams and others from the Netherlands, France, Peru, Aruba and Curacao for cash prizes. It is divided into two distance classes: 51km and 83km.

From the start/finish line at the Divi Flamingo Resort the two routes it wandered over most of the island.

The fastest time on the 51 km course was 3 hours 6 min 15sec by the Bonaire team of **Jan-Henk vd Wier and Martijn Eichorn**. The fastest time in the 83 km. race was 4 hours 2min 22 sec. by the mixed team from Aruba and Curacao, **George Winterdal and Faisel Camelia**.

Six teams were unable to complete the course.

The last team came in with a

time of 5 hours 56 min 40sec.

The race was assisted by a team of 45 volunteers, the Red Cross and Police.

Winners

51 km. Class

Mix- Adrion Fraser, Annemiek Le Noble

Women Senior- Byanka van der Veen, Gemma van der Linde
Women- Karoline Ligthart, Willeke Dolman

Men Senior- Jan Henk vd Wier, Martijn Eichorn
Men- Eduard Meza Quispe, George Gutierrez

Father and son team Dennis and Tom Lensink

cyclists outside the class competition with the fastest time overall of 3hours, 30 seconds. Tom, at 14, was too young to qualify for the event.

83 km. Class

Men Senior- Domingo de Lima, Frank Bohm

Men- George Winterdal, Faisel Camelia

Mix- Hans Bensik, Corine Bos ■

days before we started the race. My outfit was sponsored by **Marga Domingo van Lieshout**. We left at 6:30 in the morning from Divi Flamingo on our way to Washington Park and then back to the finish at Divi Flamingo where we arrived at 10:30 am. It was hard and hot, but it was fun! Annemiek and I have supported each other in every way and during the race all the people from Forsa stood along

the road with a big banner to cheer me on. When I saw them I got more speed! Great! And I won the first place of the team!

My next step is maybe to look for a sponsor and cycle more, continue with the training and maybe one day I will participate in races abroad.

I feel so much better. I am just very positive about myself and my future." ■ *Story & photo by Greta Kooistra*



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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) 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-2pm 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 the 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

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

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

Fridays

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

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)

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. 717-4200or788-2819 or peejeesee@gmail.com

Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya

Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Saturday, November 1, Kriabon Farmers Market. Fresh local produce, plants, jams, jellies, chutneys, drinks, bric a brak, chickens, birds, more. **8am-1pm, Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School.**

Thursday, November 6, — Study and Career Fair 2014 Opening Forum from 4-6pm at Captain Don's Habitat

Saturday, November 8, — 11th Study & Career Fair (SBM) at Jong Bonaire

Saturday November 15 — Dia di BONAIRE BASICS Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47 (across from Botica Korona)

Bonaire Basics organizes a **FREE** wellness event with yoga, meditation and more.

All donations go to the **Pasku Briante**, Christmas celebration for Antillean children.

Everyone is welcome to view and/or experience! Participation is optional. More in the next edition

BIRDS (Continued from page 9)

seasons, but simply intensify the rufous colors in the wing of the males.

I witnessed a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** actually crash on the beach, having fallen out of the sky and was lucky to have landed on dry land. I watched it for about 10 minutes and could see that it was so fatigued that it could not stand nor could it pull its wings up off the sand. It soon recovered and began to hop toward some vegetation and I followed it with my camera at the ready. It jumped a few feet up into the small tree and luckily grabbed one of our endemic tree lizards and heartedly swallowed its first meal after luckily reaching land. This made me realize how lucky some migrants are to find a meal within 20 to 25 minutes after landfall and means that they will survive.

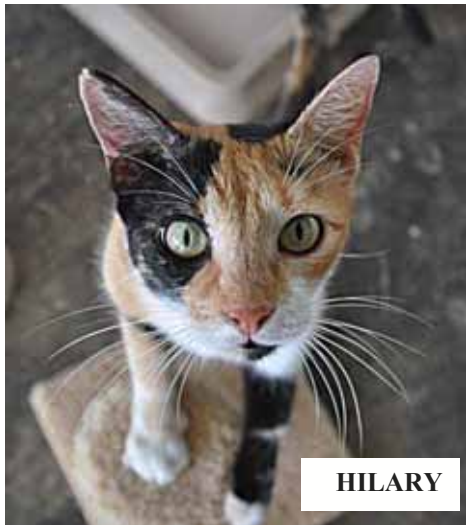
I find many dead cuckoos along my bike route toward Rincon: just a pile of feathers indicating a bird that was so weakened that it could not avoid crashing into an automobile. Many cuckoos are brought to me because a dive boat has found one floundering in the water off shore and there is not much can be done for these unlucky sojourners from the north. ■

Jerry Ligon



Pet of the Week

Shelter News



HILARY

The sweet face and those pale green eyes clearly say, "Please take me home with you!" Hilary is a beautiful, classic calico. She is a quiet and gentle cat about two years old who like most calico cats is affectionate and warm. For hundreds of years the calico cat has been considered a wise old soul that brings good luck and happiness. You may have seen those little "waving" cat figurines in shops and businesses on the island. Those are calico cats. Asian and other ancient cultures believe the calico cat brings prosperity, peace and health to the home and business. Calicos are also considered to be "magical" cats by both European and Asian cultures.

Some of Hilary's "magic" is that she loves people and loves affection but is not overly demanding. At her age she is content to nap or knock a toy around until you're ready to give her some love. She is the perfect companion for someone who has a busy life and may not be home during the day. As an adult, she will occupy herself with nondestructive behavior while you are away, as opposed to the hyperactive kitten in need of constant activity. Hilary is healthy, vaccinated, sterilized and ready and waiting for her forever home.

Pass by the Bonaire Animal Shelter on the Lagun Road and visit Hilary and all the other wonderful companion animals looking for a forever home. They will be forever grateful for your love, and you will be forever rewarded with their love in return. The Shelter is open Monday-Saturday, 8am-1pm, 3-5pm. Phone 717-4989. WW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com. On Facebook and Twitter too. ■ Jane Madden-Disko



Shelter staff member, Regina, poses with some of the half-price puppies

ADOPT A SHELTER PUP FOR HALF PRICE

The Bonaire Animal Shelter is overflowing with puppies right now, and the Shelter is making it easier than ever to adopt with reduced fees.

Through the end of October, adoption fees are 50% off on the doggies in the puppy kennel and that's only \$37.50 for a puppy! ■

Donations Needed for Shelter Christmas Fair and Flea Market

On Saturday, December 13 the Shelter will hold a Giant Book Fair and Flea Market where you can do all your Christmas shopping. The event will be held on the Shelter grounds on Lagun Road.

The event features a large selection of secondhand books and thousands of flea market items ranging from clothing and household goods to paintings and children's items. The fair is popular and usually draws a large crowd, so it's a good opportunity to meet up with friends, restock your book supply, pick up some best-sellers for your long flight home, and visit with the animals. All the funds raised from the event go towards keeping the Shelter open for unwanted cats and dogs.

Please consider donating your unwanted treasures to the Shelter Flea

DID YOU KNOW?

We now know where sea turtles go after they hatch? This used to be such a mystery to us scientists since the baby turtles are so small. Trackers were out of the question because they were just too big for the little turtles to lug around. New solar powered satellite trackers, which are only activated by air, are providing us with the first information on what these turtles (specifically Loggerheads) do from when they hatch to when they are grown up. It was found that these babies drift, and they drift far! Some drift as much as 4300km, remaining close to the Gulf Stream that runs in the north edge of the Caribbean Sea. These little turtles hide and feed in Sargassum, which is a sea weed that floats on top of the water. Sea turtles are amazing and you know now where they go and grow up to be the majestic creatures that are so fun to see underwater. ■ Story & photo by James Emm



Emm is a Ecology for Environmental Science major from the University of North Texas. He was in Bonaire studying with the CIEE Research Station for the summer semester of 2014.



Market. We're not only collecting clothes but any unwanted items such as furniture, accessories, DVDs, art, toys, hardware, electronics, home decor and home appliances. As long as they're fit to use, we'll take them! You can drop your items at the Shelter

on Lagoen Road or you can call us at 717-4989 and we will pick them up. ■ Story & photo by Marlies Tjepel





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Friday	6-10 PM
Saturday	6-10 PM
Sunday	12-2 & 6-10 PM



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
November 2014

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Be discreet and don't reveal any personal information. Arguments may flare up in your home. Having your own business is a good idea. Come to your own conclusions rather than taking the word of someone else. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You can count on getting a pat on the back for your efforts. You may have difficulties with someone close to you. You must not let fellow workers take advantage of your fine talents. You will be misinterpreted if you get involved in other people's problems. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You can bet officials will be waiting for you when you do. Involvement in groups of interest will bring you in touch with important individuals. You are best to stick to yourself this month. You can make financial gains if you are prepared to take a risk. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Overindulgence could cause problems for you with your loved ones. Secret enemies will be eager to spread rumors about you. Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. Involvement in financial schemes will be followed by losses. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

LEO You are best to keep hard feelings to yourself. You can get good solid advice from relatives or close friends you trust. A need to express yourself may come out in creative ways. You can win if you're open and up front with your boss. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) A better diet, exercise, or a change to a relaxed atmosphere could be ways to soothe your nerves. You've been hurt before and could be again if you don't play hard to get. Make plans to meet again in the near future. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can deal with large institutions or government

agencies successfully this month. Don't let others try to create unwarranted guilt if you can't meet their demands. You really can't do anything to change matters this month. Plan to do things with your faithful pet or with youngsters who have interesting hobbies. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You might find that coworkers will support your endeavors. You can sort out any differences you have in an amiable manner. Spend time with friends or family. Family outings that aren't expensive will be enjoyable and help strengthen ties. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You'd be wise to control your spending so your debts don't get out of hand. Do your job and don't ask for favors. Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. Your family may not be pleased with your decisions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You can get ahead if you play your cards right. Be careful not to push your luck or take too much for granted when dealing on either a personal or professional level. Your ability to converse with charm will entice someone you may have had an interest in for some time now. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Your stubborn nature will backfire if you give your mate an ultimatum. If they want help that's great, but if they try to take credit for your work, you will have to set them straight. You need to spend some time with individuals who have more experience than you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your creative ideas will be put to good use if you dig in and do things around the house that will make your family happy. Someone you care about may let you down or criticize your methods. Organization will be the key to avoiding discord and family feuds. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. ■

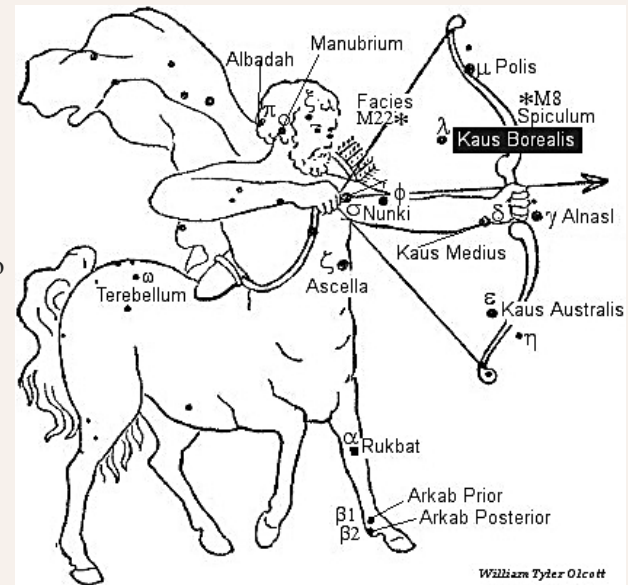


BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

UNUSUAL PASSAGES AND ENCOUNTERS

There are two planet-star "encounters" coming up next week on the night of November 3rd and the morning of November 4th in the Bonaire Sky Park. On Monday night, November 3rd, the red planet Mars passes exceptionally close to the star in the top of the teapot in Sagittarius and later that evening, just before sunrise on the morning of Tuesday, November 4th, the planet Mercury will have a close encounter with the bright star Spica in the constellation of Virgo the maiden.



On Monday night, November 3rd, just after sunset, face southwest. You'll see eight bright stars that mark an asterism known as the teapot. If you look closely on the night of November 3rd, the star marking the top of the teapot will have a reddish companion. That red light is the planet Mars.

We don't often get to talk about the individual stars of the teapot, but this star is quite special. Its Bayer designation is Lambda Sagittarii, however it was known to the ancients as Kaus Borealis because it marked the northern point of the bow of Sagittarius the Centaur Archer.

Kaus Borealis is an orange sub-giant star about 11 times the diameter and two and half times the mass of our sun. It's also 78 light years away from us, so the light you see tonight coming from Kaus Borealis left the star back in 1936.

This particular passage of Mars near Kaus Borealis is special because since this star is so close to the ecliptic, it is occasionally occulted by the moon and some of the planets. For example, the last time Kaus Borealis was occulted by a planet was when Venus blocked it from view on November 19th, 1984.

Now, for you early morning planet watchers, there is another planet-star ren-

dezvous. About an hour before sunrise on the morning of Tuesday, November 4th, face east. You'll see the stars of the constellation Virgo the Maiden rising just south of east. You'll see three bright objects near the horizon. The star Arcturus will be just to the north of east and the planet Mercury will be just to the south of due east. The bright star Spica, which marks the stalk of grain Virgo is holding is just to the right of the planet Mercury.

If you've never been able to spot Mercury and know for certain that it is indeed mercury, this is a good time to try your hand at finding it. Spica is a blue-white star approximately 262 light years away from us and over 12,000 times as bright as our sun. Mercury is positioned in just the right spot in the solar system from us that it will appear slightly brighter than Spica. Since there are no bright stars near the center of the constellation Virgo, Mercury will be easy to spot.

Compared to Spica, you might notice that Mercury has a pinkish hue to it, but you'll have to be quick if you want to see it. Mercury orbits very close to the sun. So you only have about 15-20 minutes of observing time to see Mercury before the rising sun washes it out. ■

Dean Regas & James Albury



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