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Changes in the government-mandated health insurance for 2015 will significantly reduce affordable health care for residents of the BES Islands. The revised BES Healthcare Insurance Claims Rules (*Regeling Aanspraken Zorgverzekering BES (RAZ BES)*) which stipulates which healthcare claims will be reimbursed by the healthcare insurance cut several key items including:

- **Orthodontic** costs will no longer be reimbursed
- One-time periodic preventive **dental** examination and treatment will no longer be reimbursed
- **Physiotherapy** will only be reimbursed starting after the 20th treatment for a chronic disorder. The chronic is on www.rijksdienstcn.com/zorg/chronische-lijst-2015. For people who already are under treatment with a medical recommendation for a chronic disorder there is a phasing out arrangement and the treatment continues to be reimbursed in full.
- Added is a **neonatal screening** for newborns (the heel prick). More comprehensive information is on www.rijksdienstcn.com/zorg.

►Based on information provided by the Don Andres Shipping NV, because of the presence of cruise ships on Bonaire's piers, as well as maintenance on the piers, **cargo has to be unloaded inefficiently and at night which will result in shortages and the higher costs will be passed on to the consumers** of Bonaire. Twenty-four cruise ships are expected in December.

► **Bonaire's government has a vision for the development of our island from now through 2025.** This vision is laid down in the document "A vision for the future of Bonaire, Carib-



bean Netherlands."

The vision is: "Optimal happiness for present and future generations of Bonaire" and can be described as choosing sustainable development in the broadest sense, providing prosperity, allowing its people to lead a healthy and balanced life for current and future generations.

To achieve these goals, the government says it will undertake programs leading to an improvement of the social security system, integrate neighborhood development with attention to social problems and vulnerable groups, investment in infrastructure, including the road network and the seaport and airport, stimulate the business and investment climate, define a responsible environmental and nature policy, improve and diversify tourism, professionalize and strengthen the administrative apparatus and hold structured dialogues with the community.

► **The Evaluation Committee, which is charged with assessing the impact of the state structure established on 10-10-10,** visited Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius from November 13 to 19. The purpose of this first visit was to hear from various groups on the islands what they consider important for the evaluation. On Friday, November 14, the Evaluation Committee visited Bonaire and spoke with residents. Two political parties boycotted the meetings saying that participation would imply their acceptance of the structure as agreeable.

The committee is headed by **Liesbeth Spies**, former Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. The other members of the committee are **Fred Soons** – emeritus professor of the Utrecht University; **Glenn Thodé** – Rector of the University of Aruba and former Lieutenant Governor of Bonaire; **Luc Verhey** – Professor of Leiden University and State Council of the Council of State, and **Frans Weekers** – former State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance.

No report is yet available.

► **Antilleans still lead the crime charts in the Netherlands. Caribbean-born people of this ethnic group are still more often a suspect of a crime than second generation Antilleans born in the Neth-**



erlands. The figures and conclusions are in the 2014 Annual Integration Report of the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) of the Netherlands released last Wednesday. The crime rate among this group, the majority originating from Curaçao, may have steadily decreased over the past seven years. In second place committing crimes were persons of Moroccan descent, followed by Surinamese. In 2013, close to one in every 11 Antillean men was arrested for a crime. Some 147,000 persons of Dutch Caribbean descent were registered in the Netherlands in 2013, which is 0.9% of the total population.

► **On November 1st Nichalin Martina became the new director of the Tax Office - Belastingdienst Caribisch Nederland (B/CN),** part of the Tax and Customs Administration of the European Netherlands.



Nichalin Martina succeeds Angel Bermudez, who left in June this year. Martina was trained in the Netherlands and started her career in Aruba where she worked as a tax inspector. After that she joined the Tax and Customs Administration of the European Netherlands. She is responsible for both the *Belastingdienst* (Tax Service) and Customs, which together form *Belastingdienst/CN*. Apart from the regular tax processes and customs processes, B/CN also performs duties for third parties such as collection and levy for other implementing organizations and for the Bonaire Island Government.

► **In the morning on Wednesday, November 12th there was a joint traffic control by the Royal Military Police (KMar) and KPCN on Kaya Internashonal.**

A motorcycle policeman would select a vehicle to check and order the driver to follow him to the control site in the parking lot of the airport where KMar and KPCN checked the papers of the vehicle and the driver and the technical condition of the vehicle assessed. Eighteen vehicles were checked with some violations discovered: One driver did not appear to have a valid driver's license, one driver was driving without insurance and four drivers were found to have not paid road tax for the second half of 2014. The Police commented that many drivers are still getting used to the presence of the new motorcycle cops in traffic. If you get a signal from a motorcycle cop you are obliged to respond. You may get a signal to stop where you should stop immediately. Or you can also get a signal to follow him to a certain place.

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The Foundation for the Blind (FKBO) has been collecting funds and organizing fundraising activities to be used for job coaching activities, helping the visually impaired persons to either maintain a job or to help them towards getting a job; as well as for after-school activities for visually impaired kids who are unable to visit a regular after school organization/place (eg. a *kresh*). Funding is needed for both these activities.

They have organized their yearly **Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27th 2014 at Eddy's Gourmandises Restaurant**. The tickets can be bought at the office of Fundashon Kuido pa Bista i Oido, Kaya Mgr. Nieuwindt #6 or call 717-5765/ 782-4263; Email: info@fkbo.org for \$65. This includes a buffet; one welcome



► After the fire at BOPEC on 8 and 9 September 2010 flamingos disappeared from Gotomeer (Goto Lake), probably because of the contamination of the lake, especially by the perfluorooctane sulphonate compounds (PFOS) chemicals used in fire fighting. While the good news is that the flamingos again are finding food in Goto, the pollution in the lake has probably not disappeared. It is also unknown whether PFOS has entered the food chain and what the consequences are. As many as 350 birds were spotted recently in the area.

drink and prizes which will be raffled at no extra cost. The Thanksgiving Dinner menu: Pumpkin cream (soup), Italian pasta salad, Mix green salad, Sliced chicken/Sliced turkey in a white wine sauce Roast beef in a mushroom sauce, Mini ayaka, Gratinated potatoes, Lime cheesecake, bread.

► **Fernando Simal**, who held numerous positions with the STINAPA Park Authority for 14 years, has resigned to form his own company offering environmental consultation and other related services. Find out more on the website www.wildconscience.com Good luck in continuing to cham-

pion environmental causes, Fernando.

► **The Customs Service (Douane Caribisch Nederland)** intercepted 251.20 grams of cocaine, 3568.70 grams of cannabis with a street value of nearly \$57,000 and 20 kg. of unsanitary meat products from Venezuela in October. Some incidents:

A female passenger on a scheduled flight from Curaçao was arrested at the airport after she came to retrieve her suitcase which was left behind with **54.40 grams of cannabis** inside a spray can. Several other individuals were arrested after the airport scanner detected pot in their luggage. And **251.20 grams of cocaine**.



► At the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, **STINAPA Ranger Luigi Eybrecht** received the **Jane Goodall Hope and Inspiration Ranger** award in front of an audience of 5,000 people. It was a beautiful and emotional ceremony and Luigi gave a short but good speech. We can be very proud of Luigi and of STINAPA Junior Rangers and of Bonaire's continued dedication to the conservation of nature. Luigi was also the bearer of the International Ranger Federation flag when a representation of rangers walked into the ceremony.

Hosting the award ceremony was Julia Marton-Lefèvre, the Director General of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

was found in a box with vegetables during a routine check of merchandise in a depot at Kaya Industria, Bonaire. The cocaine was hidden in a pumpkin. Someone's Halloween must have been upset. Customs always remains alert for attempts of smuggling illegal products in or out of the Caribbean Netherlands.

► **Gentlemen: Do you need a good haircut?** Then head for Charles Pikeur's barber shop on Kaya J. Gregorio Hernandez 45A for a good cut at a great price. See

the ad on page 18.

► We've heard of only one "Black Friday" sale on Bonaire. It's at Penny Lane, the new shop upstairs from Botica Bonaire on Kaya Grandi. **They are selling the classic "Melinda and Doug wood toys and sticker books for 25% off.** See their ad on page 12.

► **Santa came to Bonaire on November 22** via boat to Wilhelmina Plaza. See story on page 8.

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Born on Bonaire... July 4th, 1950 – Mayra Everts

On The Island Since... 1967 - Freddy Everts



Freddy and Mayra

“My parents were Raquel de Jongh and John Craane,” *Mayra says*. We were 11 children and I was number seven. We lived on the waterfront. My grandfather’s house was where It Rains Fishes restaurant is now and our house was a bit further. As a child, my life was all about the sea- swimming and fishing. I went to Lourdes Mulo, then I started working at Banco Popular. In 1974 I met Freddy, but I already had a three-year old daughter, Rucellia.”

Freddy says, “My father was Alacario Everts from Nort di Saliña. My mom was Cecilia Goeloe from Antriol. They left for Aruba where my dad worked at the Lago oil refinery and I was born there on March 1st, 1956. We were eight children. When I was 11 my dad retired and we came back to Bonaire. It was super sweet, a close-knit community, friendly and relaxed. I went spear fishing all the time and we could take karkos (conch) and lobsters without any problems. There were no restrictions, it was all okay! That time will never return.

I went to nautical school in Curacao, I worked on Aruba building a mega pier, then came back to Bonaire where I got a job as a waiter at the Hotel Bonaire casino. I was 17.”

“I met Freddy for the first time,” *Mayra continues*, “at my mother’s house. He was a friend of my brother Randolph. It was love at first sight. He was a tough guy, not afraid of anyone and I loved everything about him: his color, his smile, his eyes, everything I could see. The rest came later!” “I didn’t know Mayra,” *Freddy says*, “but when I saw her I thought, ‘What a babe! Vitamins for the eyes!’ I was 18 and she was 24. The first months we talked a lot, but not about love. However, a year later we hit it off.”

“I’d bought my own house when I was 22,” *Mayra says*, “the same one where we still are, but it was much smaller then. I worked at the bank and my daughter Rucellia went to school and crèche. After work I would pick her up and go to my mothers’ and Freddy would come too. You know what I would do? When I needed him, I thought of him very strongly and then he would show up! Telepathy! It worked better than any WhatsApp nowadays! He would walk me home, but we didn’t live together yet. He was too young, hahaha!”

In 1978 we went to Holland. I felt like seeing my brother Randolph who lived there, so we made a plan and we left. It was extremely cold that winter and I was missing my mom like crazy.”

“I liked it,” *Freddy says*. “I started working at the harbor, loading and unloading ships. It was hard work. But Mayra was homesick and when she got pregnant with our eldest son we decided to come back.”

“We went to Curacao,” *Mayra says*, “but Freddy couldn’t find a job and my legs

swelled up big time. I went to the doctor and he prescribed diuretics, three tablets per day. I took them for a couple of days and started feeling really bad. I was completely dehydrated and looked like an iguana. We rushed to Bonaire to Dr. Welvaart. He told us that the doctor in Curacao had made a big mistake. Looking back at that episode, we still feel that taking those pills when I was pregnant with our son Illich, caused Illich’s kidneys to stop working before he was t21. But more of that later.



Mayra and Freddy and their dog Maya in their lovely house

the roof and then, in 1997, we moved to Holland.”

“Rucellia had been living in Holland for nine years already,” *Freddy says*. “Illich had

and he looked so good! There were complications with leakage, but after three more operations he was fine. Then he completed his training as a goldsmith and we were so proud of him!”

“2009 was the year that my father and Freddy’s mom passed away, and somehow for Freddy the moment had come to go home,” *Mayra says*. “We came back in June 2010 while all the children and our only grandson stayed in Holland.

For me it’s hard, really hard. Many times I wonder what I’m doing here. In the meantime our beautiful little granddaughter Jade was born. Freddy says I have to let go, but mother and children can’t let go of each other; they are forever connected by a silk thread.”

“I respect my children’s decision to stay in Holland,” *Freddy says*. “They are adults, they make their own life. But if they want to come back, they know the way. They’ve got their house here and they are welcome.”

“Fathers are different,” *Mayra says*. “They do have a silk thread, but that one goes to their mother, not to their children.

But... although my children are not here I do feel happy with what I have; I’m not lonely because Freddy never leaves me alone and I have my little dog Maya who is my companion. My house is tops and I sew, I crochet and embroider and I can plant as much as I like. I go to the Kriabon market to sell my plants, I am a member of *Mi Mes Hofito* and I am involved in everything agriculturally that Bonaire has to offer. Really, I am a farmer!”

“I belong here,” *Freddy says*. “I feel free and I can do a little bit of everything. We’re constantly in touch with the children and as we are longing for them, they are also longing for us. Those are the things of life. I feel I am here to defend their interests because you never know in life. It changes all the time.” ■ *Story & photos by Greta Kooistra*



“...‘Do you have a kidney for him?’ We stood there, my sister Haydee, Freddy and I, and we said, ‘Together we have six kidneys.’”

Illich was born in April 1979. Freddy worked at Flamingo Beach in the kitchen, but when the casino opened he became a croupier. I had rented my house and lived at my mom’s with the children and Freddy lived with his parents, but in January 1980 we moved into the house because Freddy couldn’t stand it anymore. I told him ‘we should get married some time...’ and so in May 1981 we got married.

We’ve lived through all the ups and downs like all other couples, but we’ve never spent a day without each other. He has been a good father and a good husband. He’s spoiled me, he did well!

In 1985 we bought a kunuku, and there I got pregnant with our daughter Queeny-Ann. It was a good kunuku with a windmill and a sturdy house, but before she was born we sold it; there were too many goat thieves. Freddy was afraid he would end up in jail, taking the law into his own hands...

One day before my birthday in 1988, my mother passed away. She was 72. Freddy’s father had gone in 1983 when he was throwing a line to fish and fell of a rock. He was only 61.

A few days after my mom’s funeral, I got pregnant and our youngest son, Gustavo, was born in April 1989. We converted the porch into a bedroom for the two oldest children and the two little ones slept with us. It was a great time. Sometime later we took a loan and remodeled the house and changed

moved with Mayra’s sister, but then the sister’s boyfriend wanted him out. So I went to Holland to look for a house and three weeks later we were all living together again, except for Rucellia. It was a huge step, but we had to, because if we would not help our son, who would have? Nobody!

I started working for an employment agency at the shipyard. Then, just before his 21 birthday, Illich’s kidneys stopped working. It happened practically overnight. I couldn’t believe it; such things had never occurred in our families before.” “I felt like standing on the edge of an abyss,” *Mayra says*. “There was nowhere to go. He was dialyzed for 10 months. It happened in 2000 and in 2001 I asked the nephrologist, ‘When are you going to put him on the transplant list?’ His answer was, ‘Do you have a kidney for him?’ We stood there, my sister Haydee, Freddy and I, and we said, ‘Together we have six kidneys.’

“They chose me first,” *Freddy says*, “and I passed all the exams with flying colors! The specialist said, ‘Except for when your son would have had an identical twin we could not have found a better match.’ They called it a ‘turbo kidney’ and on the 17th of June 2002, my son and I were operated at the hospital of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam.

A couple of days after the transplant Illich’s skin started changing from dark yellow to radiant rosy. His beard began to grow

Picture Yourself With The Reporter at Yankee Stadium, New York



Long-time Reporter subscriber Peg Hart sent us this photo of her husband Mike Guerin (right) with her brother-in-law Denis Guerin with *The Bonaire Reporter*. She took it at the new Yankees Stadium in New York City on August 23rd. She wrote, "We flew up from North Carolina to see the game. My husband was hoping to see Derek Jeter play before Jeter retires at end of this season, but alas, Jeter was a part of the pre-game Joe Torre day festivities and did not play. Nevertheless, it was a great day." The three of them usually make it down to Bonaire a couple of times a year to dive. ■

Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Islay, Scotland

"We just can't keep away from small islands!" say Bonaire residents Eva and Steve Telenius-Lowe from the UK. They recently spent a holiday in Europe and visited the island of Islay off the west coast of Scotland. Islay is twice as big as Bonaire - but with a population of only just over 3000. It is most famous for producing some of the best single malt Scotch whiskeys in the world. "Of course, we had to visit some of the distilleries and have a 'wee dram' at each," they said.

Here Eva and Steve are seen here at the Caol Ila distillery. ■



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Tree Planting Festival

On November 21st STINAPA celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Tree Planting Festival. All students and teachers of primary schools' group 5 were transported to Washington-Slagbaai National Park. There was a small ceremony at the park entrance where the kids sang the festival song and the winners of the drawing contest were presented with their prizes.

After the ceremony all students worked together to plant approximately 100 trees.

This year's winning drawings were made by:

Rishmar from Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador – **Ralph** from Kolegio San Bernardo – **Gilane** from Kolegio Papa Cornes – **Bindi** from Kolegio Reina Beatrix – **Jamerickson** Pourier from Watapana School – **Iraya** from Pelikaan School – **Barbara Boezem** from Kolegio San Luis Beltran.

The big winner this year is Barbara Boezem from Kolegio San Luis Beltran. Sponsors for the prizes were Kentucky Fried Chicken and Firgos. ■ *Press release*



To Trinidad For Talent

Always on the lookout for new artists to perform in Bonaire, **Hans Faassen, founder of the Classical Music Board Bonaire (CMBB), attended the Concert Music in the Caribbean Symposium** recently, thanks to the sponsorship of the Prins Bernhard



Cultuurfonds for the Caribbean. The Symposium delegates found his speeches very informative. Hans also took part on a panel of composers consisting of amongst others Dominique Le Gendre, Roger Henry and Carlos Carillo Cotto (above).

This year the CMBB celebrates its fifth anniversary and will host a concert in the San Bernardo Church on December 26 featuring local artists. ■ *Press release*



KPCN. CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Dear Editor:

I had the occasion to visit our newly remodeled Police station yesterday. As a disabled citizen, I am compelled to compliment them on making the building accessible to those of us who face challenges in gaining access to government services.

The access for wheel chairs and scoot mobiles still needs a bit of fine tuning; however, it is more than adequate and welcoming. There is a lift to accommodate

wheel chairs and most scoot mobiles.

They have installed toilets for the disabled and in general considered all that is necessary in making their building along with Pasangran a model for other public offices to emulate.

Kudos to the HR people and Police Chief Buitnik for demonstrating the foresight in helping MiVaBo to achieve its mission of making Bonaire a 100% accessible island by 2025! Our next goal is to address the access and egress problems facing passengers at Flamingo Airport! The AVIRAMP 2015 funding program will be our target for the rest of this year and into 2015!

-Michael Gaynor, MiVaBo Special Project Coordinator.

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An Icon Retires - Riet Sealy



Daughter Ingrid, Riet, granddaughters Eva and Sanza at the party.



Riet Sealy

It was a retirement party to remember. On Wednesday, November 12th a tremendous bash was thrown for Riet Sealy, the woman who was the “midwife” for Youth and Family care on Bonaire.

At least 200 people were present as an astonished Riet arrived by ‘mini-train’ at a beautifully decorated Tera Kora Ranch, where she was invited to sit down on her ‘throne’ on stage. The party was organized by Youth and Family. Speeches were given by the chairman of the Supervisory Board, the Deputy, the manager of Youth

Care and Riet’s brother. Master of ceremonies was Riet’s former pupil, Aimer Ayubi.

The invitees came from high school, the elementary schools and crèches, from all the different organizations Riet has worked with throughout her career. There were colleagues and ex-colleagues, Riet’s husband Arthur and other family members. The catering and decorations were taken care of by the late Wahid (who had sadly and unexpectedly passed away shortly before the event) and his wife Nelly. Upbeat music was provided

by the children’s band, Kara Kora, and for sure, Riet was one of the first ones to hit the dance floor.

A couple of days later we met to do this interview during which Riet explained her career and brought the highlights forward, but most of all it sketched the image of an unconventional woman who has been deeply involved in the care for the children of Bonaire and their parents and who dedicated her entire career to improve their situation.

I came to Bonaire in 1982 with my husband Arthur and our two kids, Timothy and Ingrid, who were toddlers. I was 30 and studying to become a Dutch teacher at high school. I continued my studies on Bonaire and then I went to Holland briefly where I graduated.

Back on Bonaire I gave Dutch classes to the government officials, then taught adults at Mavo night school. When the children went to elementary school I started teaching at SGB high school and studied pedagogics, graduating in 1986, then taught social science. There were no books; it was up to me to make it work. I had the students choose the subjects, so we would discuss social issues like drugs, teenage pregnancies, aids, sexuality and politics. I’d ask the students, ‘What is it you want to know about it?’ I’d divide the class in groups and tell them to go out and find their answers. I always try to find a way to make children –

but also adults – think, and not just assume. Everyone should form their own opinion.

After six years I was through with SGB. Teaching was fun, but the pedagogic climate at school was too traditional. To me, school is not only about teaching; it’s also the atmosphere in which children are being taught; you have to make them critical and I only believe in sensible rules. Rules which are not functional or uncontrollable are useless.

I always work according to a vision: you have to educate children to become independent, strong people, because that is something they can work with the rest of their lives. I am very much shaped by the emancipation movement; being emancipated, making your own decisions and carrying the responsibility for it. Freedom in restraint – because there is your partner, the children and the community you are part of. You are a free person, but you are connected with the people you live with, the people you work with and the society you live in.

When I was still with SGB, Ann Martha, Ruthlyn Bernabela and I founded Sebiki. Around 1995 the problems with troubled Antillean youngsters in Holland started, so a task force was founded in Holland and on the five islands. Goal was to

find out how to prevent youngsters from getting off the track, but Holland also wanted to keep them on the islands. So we opened a center where we gave parental support, information about how to raise a child and a number of courses and training. Our target group was the parents of young children. The Sebiki center was a two-year project. When it was approved it became the *Sentro Hubentut i Famia* (Youth and Family Center) which officially opened on January 1st, 2012.

I was also involved in ‘Kaleidoscoop,’ a program for pre-school (crèches) education. It was part of the education renewal program for the Antilles. We chose it because it was an international program from the US which connected best to our educational system. For the five islands, 20 coaches were trained. Bonaire got five and I was one of them. The coaches started training the day-care teachers; it was experiential learning, directly applicable in

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 practice. The project lasted for two years but it is ongoing as every three years the crèches and the teachers have to recertify. In fact it is a lifetime learning process; the teachers have to upgrade constantly and we, the Youth and Family Center (previously Sebiki), must meet their needs.

In 2011 I thought 'Sebiki is taken care of and I'm going to retire'. I was 60! But then they were looking for a director to set up the Youth and Family Center and an urgent appeal was made to me if I wanted to do the job. I accepted because I wanted the new center to have a good start and I told them I would do it for two years so the base would be strong and then someone else could take over.

In the past I'd been the president of the teachers' union, Simabo, and so it was interesting to sit on the other side of the table being the director of the Youth and Family Center conjoining all the different parties in one organization. (Bonairean Youth Care, Porta Habri, Sebiki and Fundashon Mariadal's Parent and Child Care).

Well, after working with youth problems for 20 years, I can confirm that poverty has always been the main cause of these problems. At the time there was little or no money to do something about it; however society wasn't as complicated as it is now and it was actually quite manageable with the help of the family and the neighbors and the agencies involved.

Because of the social media, the tourists, drugs and the rich people who came to live here and the decrease in norms and values and a much more complicated society, the face of poverty changed and many people are now ending up on the edge of society.

On the other hand, I do see that new developments also offer new chances, be-

cause a lot has been and is invested in education, health care and assistance care, which should stimulate people to educate themselves and free themselves from poverty and the best way to do so, it to do it yourself with the help of the offered possibilities.

And that's emancipation; to take the responsibility for your own life and I know what I am talking about, because I grew up in poverty – a working class family with 14 children and my dad worked at a factory. If you want to get out of it, you have to do it yourself. Of course you're allowed to use all the help you can get, but then comes the time that you have to do it alone. Change comes from within.

On Wednesday, November 12th, I officially said goodbye. It was an immense event – the whole celebration. I've experienced it as a tribute to my entire career on Bonaire and I have to say that now I know what the word overwhelmed stands for....

'You've done a terrific job, although we didn't always agree.' This statement was made by various people and you know, it's true! Because for me it doesn't matter who you are- the governor, the director or the deputy, when I stand for something, I speak out!

I'm 62 and I'm going to spend more time making my mosaics, growing plants in my greenhouse and my granddaughters Eva and Sanza can visit me often. Also I'm planning on seeing my grandson Boris in Holland frequently and she grins 'I'm going to develop teaching materials. I will do training and coaching, being involved directly with the people. Because as a director there are lots of different tasks which need your attention, but now I've got other priorities!' ■ *Greta Kooistra*

'Pone E Barí Ronka'

Last month lessons started for 30 children and youngsters on how to make and play the old Bonairean musical instrument called the barí. 'Pone E Barí Ronka' is a project that deals with the old handicraft of how to make the barí. Thirteen children from FESBO were the first to start with the lessons. Then came a group from Jong Bonaire and the third group from the Practical Education of the SGB.

In the next months the students will learn how to make their own barí. They will also prepare to perform on the Dia di Barí, the 27th of December at the Marshe Kultural at Mangazina di Rei.

In the evening, the Dia di Barí will be celebrated with performances and presentations. The students that participated in the course will also show their skills.







The project is an initiative of Mangazina di Rei and Fundashon Plataforma Kultural. The project is subsidized by the *Fonds voor Cultuurparticipatie* and the *Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds*. Fundashon Sabor Krioyo and the governmental service SKAL participated in developing the program for the Dia di Barí. More on www.facebook.com/mangazina. ■ *Press release*



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Sinterklaas and the Piets Arrive

It was the biggest turnout ever. The island's children and their parents gathered at Wilhelmina Park to welcome Sinterklaas and his massive crowd of Swarte Pieten. ■ L.D.



Gov. Rijna welcomes Sinterklaas to Bonaire



All ages get into the act!



The first of two boats with Swarte Pieten, this one with Sinterklaas



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The perpetually peppy and zany Piets

Word on the Street

Offers items that cannot be confirmed that are being discussed "on the street"

• According to the online Dutch news site, AD.nl, two Dutch entrepreneurs, **Rob Kooijman and Edwin Groeneveld**, are coming to Bonaire to be part of **Cuba Compagnie in Wilhelmina Plaza**. After 35 years of ownership, the two men recently sold cafe de Landman in the Hague, one of the oldest hangouts in that city (since 1761) and a popular spot for political figures. The news report was not clear as to exactly what interest the two will have in Cuba Compagnie. Have they bought it? Are they partners? Will even more political figures now flock to Cuba Compagnie? Will they pay \$1.00 per month rent to the government? Stay tuned for more.

• Bula's previous report of a new bed and breakfast resort just south of Donkey Beach turns out to be a little more than that. **Summer Dreams Ocean Club**, a six-room luxury resort, is now open. Besides overnight accommodations, the Club also has a full bar and restaurant open to the general public. The owner is a former crew member of a cruise ship line and will also offer special crew and staff promotions with crew ID when cruise ships are in port.

• Another Bula report has also come to fruition. **Burgers and Beer**, located at the former C'est La Vie/Lee's Bar, has opened their kitchen and is now serving up "100% Certified Angus Beef" bur-



gers. Burgers are only \$8 and have fun names like: First Date, Kamikaze, Red Neck, Sexy Beach, etc. Kitchen is open from 3pm to 11pm, bar is open til midnight on weeknights, as late as 3am on Friday and Saturday.

• **Our Coffee Shop on Bonaire**, next to Little Havana, has been closed for a few months for renovations and new concepts. Word on the street is that food and beverage licenses have been obtained and it will reopen soon.

• **The renovated fruit stand in Playa across from old City Cafe appears to be back in business.** Venezuelan guys were back today and selling fruits and vegetables. But for how long? Will Venezuelan President Maduro stop the boats again? ■ *Bula Bonchi*



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Papaya tree



Male papaya tree flowers

At last the rainy season has started after a long period of nearly two dry years. Plant lovers were crying after so many of their plants died and were not even thinking of planting anything more. But now we cannot complain. We have more than enough rain, and look how beautifully green Bonaire is.

So it's time to stop lying back. Come out of that chair and turn your yard into a lush green. Don't complain about the mosquitoes or the grass that is growing so fast and not leaving you a spot to plant. No, nothing like that. Save some old pants and long sleeved shirts, go in your yard between 10am and 4pm when mosquitoes are less active. If you are planting in pots look for a place with the most sunshine where the mosquitoes don't like to be. They prefer it under trees and shadowy places. So the more daylight the less trouble you'll have with all kind of bugs and mosquitoes. And don't forget: look for very dry old coconuts, take the husk off and either put it in a can or in a small hole in the ground and light it. The husk doesn't make a fire; it just smokes a lot and mosquitoes hate it. It's a very natural way to keep mosquitoes away from around your house or while you are busy planting in your yard. Try it and see how well it works. It's not expensive and unhealthy like bug spray; just a simple solution.

Some "Do You Know Things"

-Do you know that the beautiful flowering oleander is a very poisonous plant? And did you noticed that never any hungry donkey, iguana or goat ever eats any of its leaves? You see how smart nature is. Any animal knows that this plant will give them serious problems if they eat it. So with this

rain now you can decorate your yard with all kind of colors of this always flowering plant.

-Do you know that there are male and female papaya plants? So if you plant a papaya tree and it grows big with flowers but then never a papaya appears, then you know you have a male papaya tree. Sorry for you, waiting for a sweet home grown papaya. How to recognize the difference? A male tree has a lot white flowers on a long stem. A female has short white flowers directly on the tree. But you only notice that when the tree start giving flowers. So my advice is to plant more than one tree so that you have more of a chance to have a fruit bearing tree. Papaya seeds grow very easy and fast. If you ate a very tasty papaya, just dry the seeds for two weeks in the sun, then throw them in some dirt. Look how fast the young plants pop up. When they are like 10 cm. dig them up carefully and plant them in several places in the yard. They need 70% sun and a little shade. Close to the house is okay because they don't get that big. Around the bierput (cesspool) is very good; they will not destroy it; they have few roots but the main root grows deep, so it's important not to plant it on *klip* (limestone).

Papaya is a very healthy fruit to eat raw but also when green, cooked as a vegetable, stewed with beef or pork meat. Bonaireans make the most delicious stoba with it. Ask them for the recipe.

Next time: More on the papaya, orchids, desert rose, moringa tree and other garden tips. ■
Story & photos by Angliet-Nature Lover



Kriabon Farmers Market

Don't miss the monthly Kriabon Farmers Market—every first Saturday of the month. The next one is Saturday, December 6 from 8 am to 1 pm. Find locally grown produce, plants, jams, jellies, chutneys, local drinks, bric-a-brac, domestic animals, lots more. One never knows who will be there. Sometimes there's a horse show. Other times there's a bevy of all kinds of birds from Curacao. Sometimes turtles, sometimes rabbits. It's a place to connect with old friends and meet new ones. It's always light hearted and fun.

The Farmers Market is at Kriabon, the farmers' cooperative, Kaminda Yatu Baku



There's always something new and exciting at the Kriabon Farmers Market. Last month it was Reynold "Jan" Janga who showed off his "scare away the birds" noise cannon. "It works great, Jan said. I increased my maishi yield three times over! And with my profit I was able to buy a thresher machine." Jan is also a local fire chief. More information if you want a noise cannon: 717-7729 or 795-4600.



Here's Lee, whom we were told is now the "official bartender of the Kriabon Market." Lee made a name for himself on Bonaire and lots of friends and admirers when he ran (the now extinct) Lee's Bar. He's now a Bonaire tour guide too.

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Wellness- Free For All

It was an amazing day. Bonaire Basics and Yoga Bonaire organized a free wellness event with yoga, tai chi, meditation, reiki, massages and art on Saturday, November 15. All teachers of yoga and other disciplines on the island were invited to offer classes and more than 100 students and interested spectators showed up. Despite a few threatening rain showers the energy was super sunny and positive.

The success of the day shows the great potential Bonaire has for new age / spiritual activities. Following is Sanny Ensings' personal experience.

I do yoga- just once a week - and I enjoy having that little time in a busy week all to myself. A little bit of time to sit back, close my eyes, stretch, and just be in the moment. I always feel relaxed and refreshed when I come home. So when I saw the ad for the Dia di Bonaire Basics I was thrilled.

Yoga teacher Desiree started the morning off with a meditation, followed by a morning chant and sun salutations by Ruby and then on to a good variety of various aspects of the discipline such as centered yoga, vinyasa yoga, sensible yoga, Kundalini heart chakra and related practices like Pilates, Tai Chi and Qigong. Half an hour massages and reiki consultations were given to interested visitors and there was an exhibition of wonderful wooden carvings locally made by Don Seaver. The half-hour-long practices were hosted by different instructors who

teach locally and the venue at Bonaire Basics made it possible to get a good feel of what is available on the island.

I did not make the 7am morning meditation with Desiree (which I heard was wonderful) but was early enough (lucky me!) to get a Reiki consultation with Francheska. Reiki is a spiritual practice that promotes a healing system that channels universal life-force energy. It was a wonderful introduction with Francheska's hands floating over my body much like an abstract artist painting a picture; her 'butterfly touch' transferred me to another world for the 20-minute duration.

Next was centered yoga with Corien. Two connecting rooms had been opened for this day and they were both full. Corien was very precise, giving detailed explanation about positioning the body correctly, keeping the body straight, in one line and standing tall. Her practice was followed by Vinyasa yoga with Laura, half an hour that flew past with postures,



Corine, Annemiek, Wijnand, Ruby, Jose, Desiree, Sasha, Elizabetta, Tina, Ron, Laura, Francesca, and baby Nelson

breathing and focus. Tina then took over break. Annemiek's massages were booked with Pilates, strong and dynamic with a butt I was fortunate enough to be the last focus on core body exercises. I then took a

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Wellness (Continued from page 10)

one to get a yoga-Thai massage by Wijnand. He gave me a wonderful ground massage where I was positioned in a variety of yoga poses to stretch optimally as well as receiving constant static and rhythmic pressure. It left me feeling supple and relaxed.

The day ended at 12:30 pm with a great group of youngsters from Rhonda Bennett's Foundation Panchito's Kreative Kids, singing and playing guitar with Rhonda and Benji—a bit of musical magic to end a great morning – one in which everyone was entirely themselves.



Foundation Panchito's Kreative Kids with Benji and teacher Rhonda Bennett

The various practices, massages, reiki and artwork breathed the person behind it – making it easier to choose the practice, and instructor, that suits you best. With Dia di Bonaire Basics, the centre successfully showed interested visitors the great selection of yoga disciplines and related practices available on Bonaire.

Although the event was free, participants gave donations for Pasku Briante, the foundation that gives gifts to the less fortunate for Christmas. ■ Sanny Ensing

For more information please visit Bonaire basics at Kaya Korona 47 or surf to their website www.bonairebasics.com



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With so many celebrations throughout the year, Fundashon Sonrisa is gearing up for the 2014 Thanksgiving Celebration. On this day the foundation hopes to inspire our children to be thankful and appreciate all that is given to them.

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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. ■
James Emm

James 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.



Bye Bye Fishing Line



Kralendijk/Bonaire –
On Sunday, November 9th, 21 volunteers got together at the Dive Inn location of Dive Friends Bonaire. As always the goal was to salvage as much fishing line as possible, especially new fishing line. This time it was Richard, from Dive Friends Bonaire/The Fishing Line Project, who informed the bunch of volunteers- experienced divers and non-divers. Goal, as always, was to clean our sea from fishing line. Especially new fishing line is hard to see for turtles and when they get trapped, they will die because every turtle now and then has to reach the surface to grab some fresh air.

The Bonaire government and Customs give permission to clean the underwater world of the Town Pier. The captain of the *Freewinds* gave orders to stop the engines. As always mesh bags and free air were supplied by Dive Friends Bonaire.

For the 19 fishing line hunters it was a one-hour, non-deco dive. The level of the tide was very high this time. Hard to find

your way under the main pier. Water temperature was excellent and there was almost no current. Two volunteers remained ashore to observe the bubbles of the divers for irregularities. After the divers returned the volunteers collected all the fishing line and a little bit of other debris. After rinsing the dive gear and a physical clean up all volunteers went to the *Freewinds* where the captain and his crew invited the brave divers and other volunteers to a well prepared lunch.

The Fishing Line Project is run by Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). Thank you again Dive Friends Bonaire for your hospitality, your free air and the use of your mesh bags. Thank you Captain of the *Freewinds* for inviting us for lunch. Together we can.

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Wed 26	05:49 0.38 ft	09:08 0.34 ft	15:38 1.03 ft			6:38	18:07
Thu 27		00:11 -0.22 ft	06:13 0.48 ft	10:45 0.34 ft	16:30 0.96 ft	6:38	18:07
Fri 28		00:44 -0.22 ft	06:46 0.60 ft	12:11 0.32 ft	17:23 0.86 ft	6:39	18:08
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NARCISSISM -How to recognize it

Is your partner a complete different person to the outside then in your relationship?

Is your partner addicted to alcohol, drugs and or sex?

Is your partner devaluating everything what he/she loved you for in the beginning?

Is your partner only interested in him/herself?

Is your partner only talking about him/herself and how great he/she is?

Is your partner giving you the silence time out?

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~Attention Chocolate Lovers!~

BONAIRE HAS ITS VERY OWN
CHOCOLATIER – MEET BO ATTEVELT.

Bo creates wonderful, hand-made bonbons and chocolates right here on the island, called “Beau Choco.” She makes the sweet treats fresh for us in her own little workshop: white, milk and pure, fine Belgian chocolate, filled with rum, home-made coffee liquor, strawberries, apple syrup, peanuts and much more in a great variety of shapes and sizes.

Bo recently came back to the island after running her own chocolate shop in Belgium for the past four years. Though she loved every minute of having her own business, she explains that she worked seven days a week, long hours and as she did everything herself, never had a break. “I did not visit my family in Bonaire for six years.” she says.

Bo smiles and tells: “When I left Bonaire I decided to study chocolate making, an education that takes two years.” In order to become a professional chocolate-maker you need to know what you are doing. “You have to be very careful with chocolate,” explains Bo. “If it is made fresh, like mine, then any little change in temperature, in the way it is cooled or even in the way the molds are rinsed can do damage to a beautiful bonbon.”

Bo’s hard work paid off and her chocolate shop in Belgium was a great success. “I missed my family though, and at 24 I wanted my weekends back,” she says. Today she enjoys chocolate making as a hobby. She brought her tools, like her chocolate melter and her molds, with her from Belgium and now creates beautiful chocolates in her own workshop at home.



Sanny Ensingphoto

Bo Attevelt.

“I always love to do special things for the festive days,” explains Bo. “I recently did a whole bunch of Halloween-themed chocolates, and I am already planning Sinterklaas Speculaas truffles and apple-syrup bonbons for Christmas.” She laughs and says: “It’s like eating a chocolate apple pie. In Belgium everyone loved them so much I now have them in my regular chocolate selection.”



Beau Choco with the pink ribbons

Bo’s expertise is very welcome on Bonaire. Think of special events or celebrations like Easter and Valentine’s Day, weddings and baby showers. Bo can custom-make chocolates in many flavors, sizes and designs. She recalls making asparagus bonbons back in Belgium. “You need to use white chocolate for asparagus bonbons,” she says, “as the combination works better than with milk or pure chocolate.” To make them Bo visited a farmer in season and bought his asparagus fresh from the land. “Then I boil them and with the extract and other fresh ingredients created a very interesting white chocolate bonbon with asparagus flavor. People loved it! There are so many possibilities when making chocolates, it’s great!”

On Bonaire Bo’s scrumptious bonbons and chocolates are for sale at Van der Tweel supermarket. Look for Bo’s delicious creations, Beau Choco, tied with pink ribbons in the freshly baked goods section. Or contact Bo directly if you are interested in her chocolates or her chocolate-making skills. For more information call her at 796-9594 or email yorucat@gmail.com. Yum! ■
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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.

• **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 **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Hab-

Cruise Ship Schedule

Day	M/D	Ship Name	Time In	# PAX	Line
Monday	11/24/	<i>Mein Schiff 1</i>	07.00-	2114	RCCL
Wednesday	11/26/	<i>Aida Luna</i>	07.00-	2194	Aida Cruises
Friday	11/28/	<i>Eclipse</i>	08.00-	2852	Star Cruises
Saturday	11/29/	<i>Seabourn Legend</i>	08.00-	208	HAL
Saturday	11/29/	<i>Noordam</i>	08.00-	1920	P&O Cruises
December					
Thursday	12/4/	<i>M/S Riviera</i>	07.00-	1250	Ociana Cruises
Monday	12/8/	<i>Mein Schiff 1</i>	07.00-	2114	TUI Cruises
Monday	12/8/	<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	08.00-17.00	3114	RCCL

tat, Call Habitat at 717-8290 or Dee at 717-8529 .

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.coim

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

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

• **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)

Fridays

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

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December

25th and January 1st. Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681

CLUBS and MEETINGS

Bridge Club - Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200or788-2819 or peejeese@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 Crusita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:00 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, 717-8332.

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.

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 27—American Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 29
-Cultural Market, Mangazina di Rei, 8am-2pm

—Storytelling by Wijnand Stomp, 7-8:30pm, Free for all kids, Arthur Domacasse Park-in Dutch and Papiamentu

-STCB Art Auction— page 19

Sunday, Nov. 30 —

-FUN Walk & Bike, Jeugdhuis Jong Bonaire.

-35th Anniversary Marine Park Lion Fish Derby "Malicious & Delicious" Noon-6 pm at Sunset Beach

-Christmas Concert - **Konsierto di Pasku** - presented by Bonaire Art and Culture Foundation at ABVO, Kaya Jato Bako , 6-8 pm. Entry \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets at Flamingo Bookstore, Boutique Vita, Rose Inn Bar in Rincon and Foundation members.

-MiVaBo Fundraising Concert on the *Freewinds*, 5pm. \$10, Addo's, Flamingo Bookshop, or at door

Saturday, Dec. 6—Kriabon Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, at Kriabon, the farmers cooperative, Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin school. More on page 9

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

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THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
End of November 2014

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Avoid functions that will bring you in contact with those you find difficult to get along with. Get on with business. You may experience setbacks due to additional responsibilities with loved ones. Elders may need your help. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You have the stamina and determination to succeed. Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid. You can't lock your partner up and if you keep restricting their freedom you may be left out in the cold. You can make professional changes and direct your energy into making all the right moves. Go after your goals. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. Be courteous if you wish to avoid major delays. Try not to be too harsh with loved ones; there will always be two sides to an Issue. Get ready to discover love, passion, and the desire to enjoy all that life has to offer. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Expect to experience a sudden reversal of fortune. Limitations with females could lead to unfortunate circumstances. Hold on; your time will come. Jealousy may get in the way of a good relationship. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Focus your efforts on details, and keep to yourself in order to finish your work. Your ability to deal with others will help you in getting the support you need. Entertainment should include the whole family or a lot of your friends. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely. Your lucky day will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Opportunities to make financial gains will develop through your connections with other people. Get motivated and follow up on some self-improvement resolutions. Your lucky

day this week will be Monday.
LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Be sure not to burn any bridges. Insincere gestures of friendliness may be misleading. If you can't get ahead in the company you're with, perhaps it's time to move on. Spend time with friends and relatives. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Be honest if you wish to solve the problem. Older family members may take advantage of you by making you feel guilty. Difficulties with female members of your family may result in estrangements. You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) A long, quiet walk alone may help you sort out your thoughts. Offer consolation, but don't give them any direction. You could be tempted to overspend on unnecessary items. You can stabilize your personal relationship if you're willing to communicate honestly. Your lucky day will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. Be aware of any deception on the part of those you deal with. Coworkers may not be completely honest with you; try not to rely on help from others. Don't make any unreasonable promises. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Finish projects that have been hanging over your head. You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again. Don't be afraid to say what's on your mind. You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Be prepared to lose friends or alienate other people if you insist on being stubborn. Your sensitive nature will allow others to read you well. Your honesty will not only win you points but also respect. Travel will promote romantic connections. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday. ■



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

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VARIABLE STARS

Late autumn is an excellent time to observe four of the most **variable stars** in the sky: **Mira, Algol and Delta Cephei**. While most stars shine with a steady light for most of their lifetimes, some stars show a changing brightness over time. These are some of the most intriguing objects in the sky and have contributed to our knowledge of the heavens.

But what is a variable star? As its name suggests, it is a star which, for one reason or another, varies in brightness over time.

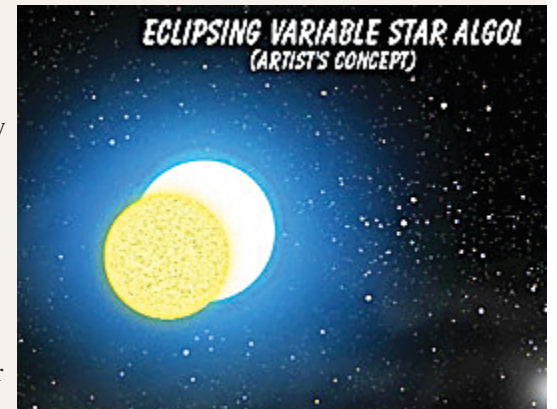
Some stars' variability is regular as clockwork, caused by physical motion or rapid pulsation of the star's diameter; others are slow and irregular. Some are totally unpredictable. These stars are exciting to observe because you can never be sure ahead of time exactly what you will see, and sometimes you can actually see the star change brightness before your very eyes in real time.

Scientists use a **magnitude scale** for star brightness. On that scale, the lower an object's magnitude number the brighter it is, with negative number magnitudes denoting exceptionally brilliant objects.

Mira, in the large dim constellation of Cetus the Whale, was one of the first variable stars to be discovered. David Fabricius in 1596 was the first to notice that this star changed in brightness over time. Careful observations showed that this star varied in brightness from second magnitude, one of the brightest stars in this part of the sky, to naked-eye invisibility at 10th magnitude. Currently Mira is around 8th magnitude, so you will need binoculars to see it.

Our second star, Algol, has been known to be unusual since ancient times. Its name means "The Ghoul" in Arabic and it has sometimes been called the "demon star." In early illustrations, it is often depicted as the Gorgon's head in Perseus' hand.

Algol is what is called an "**eclipsing variable**." It consists of two stars orbiting each other at a close distance, less than 6



million miles (9 million kilometers). As they orbit, each star cuts off the light from the other for a short period. The result is that Algol's brightness varies by 1.2 magnitudes every 2.86736 days, or 68 hours 48 minutes 59.9 seconds. Yes, its period really is known that precisely. Algol is the second brightest star in **Perseus**.

Delta Cephei is perhaps the most famous variable star. It is the type star of the "**Cepheid**" variables which are used as "standard candles" to calculate the distances to globular clusters and nearby galaxies.

The last variable is much fainter than these but one of the most unusual stars in the sky. Located in a small triangle of stars close to Deneb and the North America Nebula in Cygnus, **SS Cygni is what is called a cataclysmic variable or a dwarf nova.**

Just as a dwarf planet is not a planet, a dwarf nova is not a nova. It is like a nova in that it undergoes a significant brightening (about 5 magnitudes or 100 times brightness), but it does so at frequent and irregular intervals, roughly every seven to eight weeks. Most of the time it sits down around 12th magnitude, but for a day or two every two months, it pops up to 8th magnitude.

I find SS Cygni one of the most exciting objects in the sky to observe because I never know in advance whether it will be a dim 12th magnitude star or blazing forth at 8th magnitude. That's what makes observing variable stars so absorbing.

too. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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Pet of the Week

ISABELLA

Isabella is one of the Shelter's long time residents. She has been with us since April 2013 and, in fact, was born at the Shelter when her pregnant mom gave birth a few days after arrival. Mom and siblings were adopted, but for some reason, as sweet and friendly as she is, she has been "passed over" when "shoppers" visit.



Isabella

Shelter staffers cannot understand why, as Isabella is affectionate and quite the little clown. She likes to show off her climbing abilities when visitors arrive, deftly climbing up the cage wall to say hello and get some rubs. And most importantly she likes to demonstrate her hunting/playing skills. Isabella can track down and catch anything. She's so fast that even a fly doesn't have a chance! If nothing alive is available to hunt, a stuffed mouse or a ball will fill the bill. She would be an excellent mouser and would keep any house "pest" free. All Isabella asks for as reward for her abilities is some love and attention when she isn't busy working.

Isabella is a good sized cat by Bonairean standards and has beautiful, intelligent golden eyes and the cutest black face markings. She is healthy, sterilized,

vaccinated and has been waiting a long time for that forever home. If you would like an affectionate adult cat with some kitten playfulness and terrific hunting skills, please come and have a visit with Isabella. She and her Shelter companions welcome you to pass by Animal Shelter Bonaire on the Lagun Road, open Monday through Saturday, 8am-noon and 3-5pm. Telephone 717-4989. Visit their website and Facebook page at Animal Shelter Bonaire. ■

Jane Madden Disko

Shelter News

BONAIRE CAT PALACE



Here are Zachary and Ingmar (right), two residents of the rustic uncomfortable cat cage who cannot wait to move into the new super-deluxe cat palace!

In December 2013 The Animal Shelter Bonaire held an Indonesian diner and art auction. The proceeds of this fundraising activity went entirely to the building of the new cat compound. And almost one year later the new cat compound -or more appropriately called the cat palace- is complete. This means that all the Shelter cats will be moved from the old, leaking, uncomfortable cat compound to the new "super-deluxe cat palace." And everyone around the world can be a live witness of this event because the Shelter has launched a web cam to allow feline fans a view of adoptable cats in the Bonaire Shelter. Watch the cat cam beginning Friday morning the 28 of November at www.bonairecatcam.com

The new cat palace of the Shelter Bonaire will be officially opened on Saturday December 13, the day of the Shelter Christmas Fair and Flea Market. Everyone is invited, especially all our feline friends.

Bonaire Animal Shelter Christmas Fair and Flea Market, December 13, at the Shelter, 10am to 5 pm. Do your Christmas shopping

here and know that your dollars go towards keeping the Shelter open for the homeless cats and dogs on the island.

They are looking for donations of books, handcrafts, Christmas ornaments, clothing, furniture. Call the Shelter if you need to have items picked up-717-4989.

Puppies galore—There is still time to choose from a good assortment of puppies—all sizes, colors, personalities. But most of all they're all healthy, personable, social, have an ID chip and will be sterilized when they're old enough—all for the cost of the adoption fee of \$75. ■ Story & photos by Marlies Tiepel



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Turtles For Bid

Recently Bonaire's artists have been extremely busy creating, painting and assembling pieces of art. Nearly all the creations have one thing in common—they are in the shapes of turtles. "There is a whole range of everything", explains Sue Willis, project coordinator for Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). "We've encouraged people to engage in different themes. For example, we have Trastastic, which involves making mosaics with things that have been thrown away or washed up like beer bottles, plastics, driftwood. Then we have Turtle Extravaganza, works that have the most number of turtles on one single turtle."

Other categories include True Life, realistic turtle artwork; Fisherman's Friend, pieces that convey a strong sea turtle conservation message; Junior Delight, art for those 10 years and under; and Turtle Groupie, projects completed by a team of three or more artists. All of these creations will be up for bid at the **STCB Turtle Artwork Fundraiser to be held at Hotel Roomer on Saturday November 29th**. Viewing begins at 6pm.

For those who want to get an early bid on a piece of turtle art, log on to <http://www.stcbfundraising.org/the-artworks/>. "You can see the bid for each piece on the web site," says Willis, "and you can bid above that to become the highest bidder. At 3pm on November 29th the online auction will stop. And that will be the price that the bidding will start at the auction. For those bidding from the



Artist Brenda Free—"Turtle & Stars"

other parts of the world, they will need to consider how we get their art to them. We can't promise that we can get the items to them quickly and they will have to pay for the shipping costs."

In addition to the art described above there will be about 10 pieces from children's groups that will be up for auction. STCB conducted two art workshops this year where about 80 children created art. Plus another hundred or more youth from Papa Comes School, Jong Bonaire and Junior Rangers contributed to the project. Not only did the children have the opportunity to express themselves artistically, but they also learned about the importance of preserving sea turtles that visit our is-



STCB's Dr. Sue Willis



land. Adult artists in the community have donated about 100 pieces. Willis described one of her favorites titled *Turtles and Stars*. "One of the most beautiful is a piece done by a volunteer of ours, Brenda Free, who is also an artist. She painted a starry scene on the shape of a turtle and there are lots of tiny turtles. She wrote a nice poem that goes along with the piece and it says, 'On the back of each sea turtle ride the lives of many other sea turtles. If we save one, we save many.' That brings a lump to my throat every time I talk about it. Her artwork and the way she expresses it is so beautiful."

STCB hopes to raise at least \$2,500 on November 29th. Join the fun in Roomer's lush tropical garden courtyard. There will be an open bar and food available from

the Roomers Bistro and Lek Lek Thai Food. Viewing will start at 6pm and the auction will commence at 8pm. ■ Story & photos by Patrick Holian

Mountain Bikers Win

Bonaire riders were some of the big winners in the Duo Xtreme mountain bike race in Aruba on November 16th. Domingo de Lima and Frank Bohm, owner of the Freewailer Bike Shop, took first place in the 100+ class.

The race was 64km long in extreme weather. There were NO paved sections, dirt roads with a lot of climbing and downhill in mud and rain.

Andre Maciel also participated. His team partner came from Sint Maarten. Congratulations team! ■ G.D.



Domingo and Frank with the flag and "race chicas"



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