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# Flotsam and Jetsam

One of the big questions following President Barack Obama's decision to significantly expand US tourism to Cuba will be how much it will affect other Caribbean tourism destinations.



According to a 2011 International Monetary Fund study called "The Vacation Is Over: Implications for the Caribbean of Opening US-Cuba Tourism," by former senior IMF economist Rafael Romeu, "The opening of Cuba to US tourism would represent a gradual seismic shift in the Caribbean's tourism industry."

The study said that a blanket lifting of the US embargo on travel to the island – it has not happened yet, and is not likely to happen in the short run – would result in 3.5 million to 5 million US tourists to Cuba a year.

As for the rest of the Caribbean, there would be winners and losers. Overall, the net effect would be an increase of up to 4% in total tourism to Caribbean destinations, because Cuba's hotels would not have enough rooms to absorb the massive influx of Americans, and tourists from Europe, Canada and Latin America (who already regularly visit Cuba) would most likely seek other destinations, the study said.

Currently, there are up to 650,000 US visitors to Cuba a year, of which more than 550,000 are Cuban-Americans who travel under family visit visas. Under Obama's new exceptions to the travel embargo, the number of non-Cuban American US visitors may triple to about 300,000 over the next three or four years, Romeu estimates.

But, rather than a disaster for other Caribbean destinations, Romeu says there will be a spill-over effect that will benefit several Caribbean destinations. "Once Americans start going to Cuba en masse, many of the one million Canadians who travel to Cuba every year will seek other Caribbean destinations, because Cuba will have capacity constraints and prices will go up."

Among the biggest losers will be Cancun, Aruba and the US Virgin Islands, places which attract mostly US visitors, Romeu said. "If they don't diversify, or lower their

prices, they will get hurt," he said. So far there has been no reaction from Bonaire's TCB on the US/Cuba announcement.



►WILLEMSTAD--The auction of properties and assets of the Taams Clinic in Curaçao was cancelled. The clinic is often a destination for Bonairean residents seeking specific medical treatments not offered on their island. At the last minute, a judge suspended the auction initiated by one of the largest creditors of the financially troubled medical facility.

Taams Director Dr. Earl Esseboom said the clinic is meanwhile working hard to achieve a restart. Esseboom announced he was in talks with a foreign investor, but could give no further details. He's very positive about the future and will continue to give service. According to an employee of Taams, they have been providing health care as usual during the crisis



►WEB's pilot solar farm at the former Radio Netherlands (Wereldomroep) site in the Colombia plantation in its final phase. The power company announced the official dedication will be around the middle of this month. The 180 kW the plant can produce is sufficient to power 60 homes. The project will evaluate the feasibility of larger scale solar power for Bonaire.

►Last Saturday, January 3, all Bonaire was blacked out from 1:45 am to after 10am, January 4. Water- and Energy Company Bonaire (WEB) found the power outage was caused by destruction of the fiber optic communication cable between WEB and ContourGlobal's generating plant near BOPEC. WEB has a police report suspecting sabotage. A nearby high-voltage cable was possibly damaged., As

we go to press the planned power outage set for repairs has been cancelled. Needed repairs can be done without disruption says WEB. The Reporter is edited and composed with an independent solar/wind power electrical system)

►The environmental organization Echo's Tree Planting Day was a great success with 30 energetic vol-



unteers joining the Echo team at Dos Pos and getting to work. Over 70 trees were planted in the fenced restoration area, and to help them get established each plant was protected from iguanas. More than 20 different species were planted, all of which are native to Bonaire. Some of the trees are globally endangered and others like "Hog plum," which is known by Bonaire's elders as *Hoba*, is now locally rare. Through habitat restoration work Echo is contributing to long-term solutions that will benefit parrots, and people.

► A strong wind on January 2 tore the roofs off the sheds at the Puntu Blanku chicken farm near Bonaire's east coast. About 700 chickens died in the incident. Puntu Blanku provides locally produced eggs.



►Twenty people from Antriol learned how to grow their own vegetables during workshops organized by Rocky Emers of LVV in collaboration with Foundation Antriol Avanti.

At the first meeting students were taught what to do with goat and chicken manure to create a black soil mix. A fertile soil is the basis for any garden. All participants worked hard, despite the heat. Vegetable seeds were sown at the second meeting.

According Emers, growing one's own vegetables reinforces society. People share and exchange their fruits and experiences. There are new friendships. Also, eating one's own vegetables helps reduce the cost of groceries.

In the future gardening workshops will be organized in other neighborhoods. The workshops are made possible by support from the Rural Development Program.

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►Time to break out those shiny new binoculars and telescopes and take a gander at comet Lovejoy hanging low in the late-night southeastern Bonaire Sky Park. The long-period Comet Lovejoy – formerly known as C/2014 Q2- may put on an impressive show in the Earth's skies. The comet has already been visible for those living in the Southern Hemisphere, according to EarthySky.org.

And according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the comet will reach its closest position to Earth on January 7, at a distance of about 70.2 million kilometers. That means those living in the Northern Hemisphere, like us, may be able to get a peek at Lovejoy.

According to Earthsky, during the first week of the New Year, the comet will move from the Lepus constellation to the constellation Eridanus the River. By January 9, Lovejoy will be in front of the constellation Taurus the Bull.

The comet was discovered on August 17, 2014, by amateur astronomer Terry

Lovejoy. It is the fifth comet he has discovered since 2007.

Read more: <http://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/comet-lovejoy-to-reach-closest-position-to-earth-in-new-year-1.2166672#ixzz3NYWWHgvu>

►This past Christmas Eve was grim. The fifth and sixth road fatalities this year were recorded on Bonaire on Christmas Eve in a single accident. On Wednesday, December 24, at 9pm two cars collided on the Rincon Road. The impact was so severe that two men in one of the vehicles died on the spot. The occupants of the other car, two adults and five children, were also hurt and rushed to the hospital by ambulance. They are all said to be in stable condition. The deceased are 28-year-old Theron Martijn and 25-year-old Rudiangelo Coco. All but one of 2014's highway fatalities were on the Rincon Road. There have been calls for better road marking, reflectors in mid-lane and enforced speed reduction.

►Early the same evening the body of Sherman Gibbs →

was found lifeless in his roadside "museum." His museum is a landmark on the road and is featured in several travel guides as a unique tourist attraction.

►And another wonderful Bonaire take-



## Bonaire's First 2015 Baby



In the photo midwife Sophie Zeegers (left) joins baby Kaylee, her parents and sister to receive gifts from MCB's Lito the Lion and Ingrid.

►Bonaire's first 2015 baby was born at 1:10 in the afternoon on January 2. Kaylee Christiaan weighed in at a healthy 3.58 kilogram, 51 long (7 lbs. 11 oz., 20 in.) . Her parents Carmelita and Charlton Christiaan were presented thoughtful gifts by MCB Bank's Lito the Lion and MCB representative Ingrid Fenies. Congratulations to the parents and welcome Kaylee

out has sprouted -located in the green container/building next to Store25 (the former Leen Bakker). The Fresh Market/Döner Station is open from 11m to 8pm Monday through Saturday and offers something a little different for Bonaire. The Fresh Market "Noodle Bar" offers Coconut Curry Chicken, Beef Teriyaki or Vegan soups with fresh vegetables. The very fresh vegetables are put in a cup with the noodles and then covered with the super hot soup broth of choice to warm the vegetables. The Döner Station side of the eatery offers ro-tisserie chicken in wraps, sandwiches, quar-

ter, half or whole chicken, or gyro-style beef or beef/chicken combo wraps and sandwiches. A local restaurateur sampled the Coconut Curry Chicken Soup and the chicken wrap and gave it rave reviews. We've noticed a steady stream of customers at all hours.

► The Bonaire Reporter is entering its 22<sup>nd</sup> year of continuous publication. It's still free and still fun. Keep it that way by telling the shops and restaurants you visit to consider advertising in our pages. ■G.D.

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# On The Island Since... 1994 - Gregorio Feliz

“I came to the island after I was divorced in my country, Santo Domingo. My mother said ‘You need to go out; have a change of environment!’

Then this lady, Suzy Obersi from Bonaire, called me in Santo Domingo. I was working for a computer company as a service manager and Suzy had met someone in Portugal who had recommended me when she was there for vacation. This person was working in a big company doing consultancy for the major hotels in the Caribbean and the company I worked for had sent me to do some jobs for her a couple of times. So when Suzy mentioned she needed a computer specialist on Bonaire she said, ‘I know someone in the Dominican Republic who is a good technician.’

But when Suzy called me I told her I didn’t want to leave my country because I had two young children, only three and five at the time. Then, two weeks later, the phone rang and again it was Suzy. She was in the Dominican Republic and she wanted to meet me. Well, we talked and she convinced me to come.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1994, I arrived on Bonaire. The agreement was that I’d be part of the business, a new computer company called CompuCare. I thought it was a good opportunity. At the time there was only one computer business on the island, called ‘The Computer Doctor,’ and an IBM agency. It was David Hickey, from Canada, who also worked for Suzy, who picked me up at the airport. I’d been studying English and I did understand it, but I couldn’t speak it yet. He drove me downtown and he showed me where the telephone company was and then we arrived at the house that Suzy had rented for me, close to Voz di Boneiru. He told me, ‘This is your house, there is your car and here are the keys.’ It was about 5 in the afternoon and he would be back to pick me up at 8 the next morning to go to Sunset Beach Hotel where they had an ongoing major technical problem.



Gregorio Feliz and his wife Maria

Well, there I stood in the middle of I don’t know where – that’s how it felt hahaha! I didn’t stay at the house. I remembered the way to the telephone company so I went there to call my family and tell them I’d arrived safely. Then I went back to the house. It was very quiet, almost eerie, and the only sound I heard was the wind howling in the power cables... It was a long night.

The next day David came and I told him I wanted to see Suzy. So she came and I said to her that I wanted to go back to the Dominican Republic. She was a very nice lady and she understood what it was that I felt, but she talked to me patiently and convinced me to stay. I was thinking a lot about my kids and she managed to have a telephone installed in the house, then I called my

son here was the nature. I loved it. And then I met the people and they were so kind. Then I decided, ‘This is a blessed island; I will stay here.’

I never brought my children here to live. Their mother moved to the States and two years later they joined her there. But I did bring them here for vacation many times. My daughter Saony Mercedes lives in Tampa, Florida, and she has a little daughter, my beloved granddaughter, Mercelys. My son, Gregorio Feliz Jr... I lost him. He had an accident three years ago when he was 27 years old.”

*For a moment he looks very sad but then he pulls himself together and says, “Well, not very long after I arrived on Bonaire, I’d met Maria Margarita Janga at a dinner party at Suzy’s house. She is also from the Dominican Re-*

**“We have to take care of Bonaire, and to keep it safe and quiet, we have to make the right decisions.”**

kids all the time, ending up with telephone bills of 800 guilders per month! I was really supporting Telbo in those days!

But honestly, what made me

public and came here when she was little. We started a friendship which became a relationship and we are still together. With her I have a son, Gregory Armando, who’s 15. My wife had three children – Jason, Elismar and Flavio - before she met me and we raised them together. I consider them mine and they consider me their dad. I believe I have been very lucky; I have a very nice family.

After four years I stopped working for Suzy and together with Elvis Tjin Asjoe we started another company, Tjin NV, in a container next to his house in Nort di Saliña. The business really grew and then we moved to a nicer location.



Aubrey Sealy and Gregorio

In 1995 I moved to Tra’i Montaña, to a house called Villa Tranquila - no power from WEB, a crazy place, nice, nice! Every day I jogged from Tra’i Montaña to Seru Largu, together with Elsmarie Beukenboom. I met her the second day I was here at Sunset Beach Hotel where she was working. When I told her I didn’t speak English she’d translate for me. When I’d fixed the problem at the hotel we arranged to meet again in two weeks to check if it had really been solved. I’m laughing because when I returned, after having worked two weeks with Suzy and David – and because I’d studied English previously in the Dominican Republic - I spoke English, and Elsmarie told me ‘You’re a liar!’ It was the beginning of our friendship and we are still friends. She is one of the persons who has always been there for me when I was feeling really bad, missing my family.

In 2002 there was this gentleman, Mr. Aubrey Sealy, who said, ‘Why don’t you try to start a business for yourself!’ He pushed me to do it and he helped me tremendously because at that time it was not possible for me to start a business in my name. So he helped me and we put it in both our names, as partners, on March 3, 2003. We named the business Network Pro Bonaire. Four, five years ago Mr. Sealy sold the company to me for one guilder through the notary.

My business is doing well; I cannot complain. Everywhere it’s slow. But our slogan is ‘Service is our prime policy,’ and that works. We do more service than anything else. And sometimes I give computer lessons on the telephone. I spend a lot of time on the phone telling people what to do, but you cannot charge them for that, hahaha! However, money is not everything. People treat me with respect and friendship and that makes me feel really good.

Most people on Bonaire now know how to work a computer and a smart phone. Smart phones

and tablets have changed the market a lot and most people buy their own stuff through the internet, but still, when there is a hardware problem, they have to come to us. Although after two or three years most people don’t bother to have things fixed anymore. They replace it. But I can say, thank God, there is always something that needs to be repaired.

We are two people: Franklin Santiago from Colombia and myself. In the afternoon my son Gregory comes to help. Our location on Kaya Korona – the blue building on the corner of Kaya Gepi (phone 717-2125), next to Toko Ismar, is a great one. It’s a lively neighborhood and people come in for a chat all the time so it never gets boring. My wife is also working. She has a hair salon at home in Antriol.

I believe the island has changed a lot and still a lot of things need to be done. We have to take care of Bonaire, and to keep it safe and quiet we have to make the right decisions. I go out walking a lot. I just take any road in the kunuku and I start walking and I feel that I have no reason to be afraid. The freedom I feel is everything, because where I come from, nature maybe more lush, but there is always a cloud hanging above it and that’s safety.

I will be 55 this coming April, and at my age I don’t take any pills, I have no diseases and I eat everything. But... I bike, I jog and I walk. And I enjoy it tremendously.

Yes, I can say that this is now my country. I am here and I am planning to stay and for my wife it’s the same. She is the one who says ‘we must stay here’ and me as a man – because the man always has the last word in those matters – I say ‘si dushi; yes my dear.’ ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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# And the Winner Is...

In our annual Picture Yourself contest we are pleased to announce that Grace Davies and her husband, Stephen Varone are the winners with a black & white photo with *The Reporter* at the Brooklyn Bridge in the July 7, 2015 issue. Their prize is: a dinner for two at a top Bonairean restaurant. They plan to vacation on Bonaire in March and they will collect their prize at that time. ■ G.D.

## Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Brooklyn, N.Y., USA



This past March Grace Davies and her husband, Stephen Varone, returned to their home in Brooklyn, NY after a wonderful week in Bonaire. She wrote, "We enjoy your newspaper and decided to take some photos for your 'Picture Yourself....' Feature. Attached is the photo of Stephen at the Brooklyn Bridge this past weekend." ■

## Honorable Mention

*Florence Ditlow and Genady Filkovsky on vacation in the rainforest of Ecuador They are showing The Reporter to a Capuchin monkey in an animal rescue center, the Amazoo Center.*



*Frequent Bonaire visitors since 2002, Warren and Pinky Stewart send us a photo from the annual Jimmy Buffett concert in Tampa Florida.*



## Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Grong Grong, NSW, Australia

John Kooper writes from Grong Grong, NSW, Australia: "Attached is a picture of my wife holding *The Reporter*. In the background you can see our beloved Emus. My wife, Sandra, is the sister of Desiree Seaver, who is married to Don who lives on Bonaire.

I have been on Bonaire a couple of times. 1970 was my first time on the island in the sun. We like to wish you and all the readers a Merry Christmas and a special greeting to my dear sister and brother in law and Rik." ■



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## 2014 Chess Champions



Serapio Pop and Charles Lont flank some of the Bonaire Jeugdschaak Club winners

### Sudoku Puzzle

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### Sudoku Solution

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9	8	4	2	5	3	7	6	1
3	2	1	7	8	6	4	5	9
7	6	5	4	9	1	3	2	8
6	5	8	9	3	7	1	4	2
4	7	2	5	1	8	9	3	6
1	3	9	6	4	2	5	8	7

# Bonaire's Flamingo Express Post Office

Just a little over a year ago Nicole Merkies and Bart Bergman decided to team up and create Flamingo Express Post Office in Bonaire. These two driven individuals, one a legal expert, the other a printer and entrepreneur, wrote an innovative proposal that was submitted to the Dutch Department of Economic Affairs. The concession for the Post Office of the BES islands (Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius) was granted and in January 2014 Flamingo Express Post Office opened its doors.

"The beginning wasn't easy," explains Flamingo Express' Financial Director Bergman. "Up until then, the post office in Bonaire was run by Seapost Curaçao. In order to streamline the business we had to downsize." Though various concessions were made to the remaining personnel, a full strike evolved. Together with the trade union and with the help of contract revisions the employees returned and work could resume. By then the post was in arrears but with open communication to the public and a promise to deliver post, even if weeks late, Flamingo Express Post Office showed reliability and confidence returned.

Bergman continues, "In January we decided to fly in the former director of the Post Office in Curaçao, who helped us tremendously. By March we had 'a clean floor' - meaning all post had been deliv-



Bart Bergman and Nicole Merkies

ered." "It was a real try-out period," says General Director Merkies. "We brainstormed a lot and came up with alternative solutions to make it work. In order to deliver a lot of post quickly we asked taxi drivers, newspaper deliverers and retirees to help us out," she says. "But just when we finally thought we could come up for breath, we were burglarized," continues Bergman. "They managed to come in through the ceiling and break into our safe and steal all the packages. Worst thing was we



Happy postal Staff at the Flamingo Express Post Office in Bonaire

weren't insured. At least we thought we were but it turned out not to be the case." "It is a learning curve," adds Merkies. "Today we are way better prepared."

"We are only a relatively small post office but we like to think big," says Merkies. "That is why we decided to approach Post NL (Dutch Postal Services), our natural partner, in order to exchange knowledge." Flamingo Express can benefit from the extensive knowhow of Post NL. Merkies

adds, "Today we work together. We can think of creative solutions to existing problems and more."

Together Bergman and Merkies explain that they decided to publish an extensive survey (16,000 copies) in April asking the Bonairean population detailed questions about their postal service. Bergman says, "We wanted to know what we could do to improve our service. It quickly became clear that many people suffered from the long queues at the office

as well as from late postal delivery that took a long time to reach its destination." In order to facilitate a better service Flamingo Express contacted KLM, Insel Air and American Airlines. Bergman elucidates, "As we are now the main post office for the BES Islands instead of a subsidiary of the Curaçao post office we now have our own contract with KLM. That is why a letter to The Netherlands only takes about five to six days either way today - a great im-

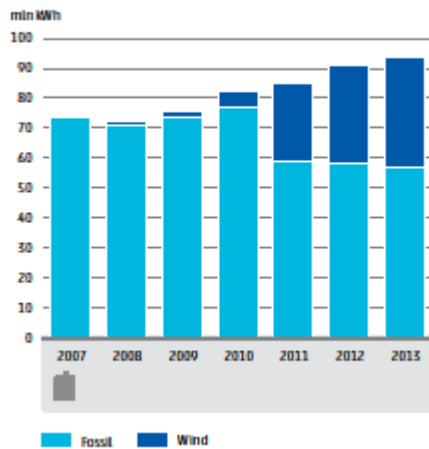
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In this and coming editions *The Reporter* will present statistics gleaned from reports of the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) which reflect some important aspects of society on the island and give a brief impression of areas such as capacity, population, education, justice and security, prices and many more. Statistics can be found on [statline.cbs.nl](http://statline.cbs.nl). This edition focuses on aspects related to the recent power outages. ■ G.D.

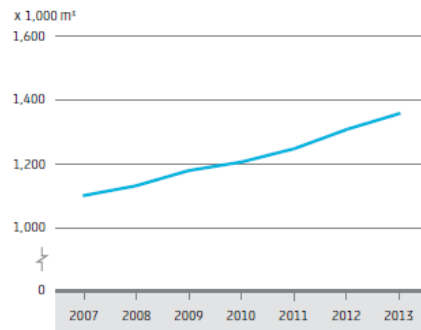
### 1.6 Electricity production, Bonaire



98% of households on Bonaire have at least one mobile phone



### 1.5 Water production, Bonaire



### 1.4 Power cuts, Bonaire

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of power cuts	14	22	36	24
<1 hour	1	4	3	7
1-2 hours	5	7	11	6
2-5 hours	8	8	15	9
>5 hours	0	3	7	2
<b>hours</b>				
Total length	29	65	141	52
Average length	2.1	2.9	3.9	2.2

### 1.1 Climate, Bonaire, 2013

Month	Temperature °C	Wind speed m/s	Relative humidity %	Precipitation mm
January	26.7	6.7	82.0	70.8
February	26.9	7.2	76.2	7.3
March	27.5	7.7	74.1	1.7
April	27.9	7.7	75.5	14.0
May	28.4	7.0	77.4	52.6
June	28.7	8.4	76.0	5.2
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In a funeral mass at Rincon's San Luis Bertran Church last Saturday **Olimpio (Tavio) Sint Jago**, one of Bonaire's most beloved and honored songwriters and performers, was remembered in a solemn funeral mass. His body was laid to rest. He'd lived for 100 years.

His songs written, composed, sung and recorded made him well known throughout the Dutch-Caribbean. ■ G.D.



Making the award: Lydia Emerencia (Board Member of the Prince Bernhard Cultural Fund -PBCCG), Emma Siny Jago, "Tavio" Sint Jago, and Michèle Russel-Capriles (President of PBCCG).



Belkis Osepa PHOTOS



In his lifetime Tavio was awarded many times. In 2013 the Culture Prize Prince Bernhard Culture Caribbean (PBCCG) prize was awarded to Tavio. He was the first Bonairean to get the prize. (Upper center column photo)

At the Cocari elderly daycare center musician and poet Tavio St. Jago (99) waited for the Dutch royals to greet him during the recent visit of the monarch

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# The Phish Phactory—Don't Go There For Seafood.



There is a new company in town called the Phish Phactory. Even if *F*'s are inserted for the *Ph*'s, this is not a business that sells fresh wahoo or tuna. Rather, the name for this enterprise that makes canvas, wood and cloth products, came from a young Irish lad's inspiration. "When I was about 10, I had made plans to make clothing, and a bit later, a bar/nightclub," explains co-owner Eunan Doherty. "I wanted to call them the Phish Phactory. But this was the first venture to come along and I thought the name was perfect. I really like the alliteration. I guess I was influenced by where I grew up, a small fishing town in Donegal, Ireland, called Culdaff." You guessed it. Culdaff just happens to have a real fish factory.

Joining him in this venture is partner Suuz Zelders who hails from Maastricht, the capital city of the Dutch province of Limburg. It was there that Zelders's mother



taught her the fine art of sewing. Years later the two met in the Far East. They were dive gypsies, working as scuba instructors in Thailand, Australia, and eventually Bonaire. After a few years here, the couple decided to start a business. Their first project was to repair an enormous main sail from a 100-foot yacht docked at the Harbour Village Marina. Bringing the confidence and moxie gained from their dive instructor pasts, the two tackled this massive project. "It was our first canvas job," says Doherty. "We had to move the sewing machine to the marina and just went for it. It was definitely eye opening, but we thought this was mainly some basic patching, straight stitching, and we had an industrial-grade machine. Why not do it?"

Since then, the Phish Phactory

has completed a variety of canvas projects including wind surf sail and surf kite repairs, and custom made boat covers, cushions, biminis and other marine products. Recently, they have expanded into refurbishing canvas doors and roofs for jeeps. But perhaps what is most unique about the new company is its involvement with discarded sails. "Those old materials are just beautiful," remarks Zelders. "You can see where the canvas is stressed, that it has lived. It has a history. The idea that these used sails have traveled the world is really awesome. So you are going to get a product that is hip and happening."

Those sassy products which Zelders adores mix canvas with cloth—perfect for island living. Tote bags (\$60) have rugged sail canvas exteriors graced with lively cloth interior linings of jolly anchors, geometric designs and whimsical chili peppers. Elegant purses (\$40) made of soft, vibrant cloth are perfect for an evening out or a trip to the grocery store. And beach beanbag chairs have built-in, pliable shapes, but with durable bottoms to withstand the sand. "We have a very distinct taste," says Zelders. "I like to call it the *sneaky funky*. It's minimalistic and clean—especially with the bags. I want something that you are able to use whether you are going out to a fancy dinner or the beach, and that you are still comfortable hav-



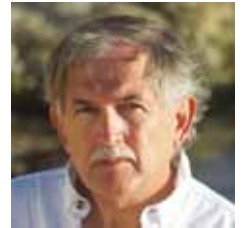
ing the same bag. The funky stuff happens inside."

The Phish Phactory does not have a traditional storefront. Instead, Zelders and Doherty do all of the work from their Playa Pabou home. And while some may view using recycled materials as a way for the company to save on material costs, crafting products from castoff items is challenging and hard won. "It takes a lot more work," contends Zelders. "It takes me twice as long to work down a sail that has been used because I have to wash it, clean it and find spots that are still usable and work around the others. I get these huge sails that are unmanageable and I make bags and clutches out of them. We want to put the effort in to reusing these materials because it is environmentally friendly. For us, recycling materials into a bit of art is a passion."

That recycling ethic extends to wood products made by Doherty. He makes everything from shelves to sculptures, rings to candle holders, cheese boards and utensils for scooping up salad see the "hands" ← at left, all with recycled wood. "I gather East Coast driftwood that has washed up on the shore. I bring it home, clean it and then I take it down to the true wood with a table saw. I think it's really nice that you can re-purpose something and then create a product with a completely different use. My family always re-used everything. My father did that in his workshop and that's how I grew up." To make the point Doherty hands over an elegant leather purse that he crafted and sewed by hand. The material just happens to come from his family's 150 year-old Georgian couch. Not surprising from a guy who long ago dubbed his dream, the Phish Phactory.

If you have old sails you would like to donate or want to purchase Phish Phactory products, contact Eunan Doherty or Suuz Zelders by email [phishphactory@gmail.com](mailto:phishphactory@gmail.com) or log on to Phish Phactory's Facebook page. ■

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# Maskarada Troupe Visit - A New Year Tradition

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Bonaire is home to a tradition called Maskarada- a custom that sees a troupe of masked men (and some women) in colorful costumes acting out various parts of a play to the rhythm of traditional music. A visit of this group to your home brings good fortune in the New Year, according to Bòi Antoin, an authority on Bonaire's cultural heritage. This troupe starts their jaunt by performing in front of the Governor's offices in Kralendijk on the morning of January 1<sup>st</sup>, before continuing to various other homes including the retirement home, to spread their luck and entertain residents.

It was quite the sight as the masked group piled out of the bus and began their parade through the governor's office gate. The accompanying band sang and played the songs that are inherent to Maskarada as the troupe performed. A great entertainer was the dreadlocked man on the donkey, who galloped wildly through the crowd, beleaguering various women, scared a couple of young boys and rode carefully with a little girl in a circle before handing her back over to her parents. Once inside the gates, the band positioned itself in front of the stairs leading up to the Executive Council chambers as the performers acted out various parts of their traditional play that included a fishing boat complete with shark, a bull and a donkey as well as the traditional cake with New Years wishes.

According to Hubert Vis, former cultural department director of Bonaire, the tradition of Maskarada has African roots combined with various elements of the Maskarada participants. "There were two Venezuelan brothers who came from Isla Margarita and knew about bullfighting. They brought the bull. One year we had a fire-eater who showed off his skills during the Maskarada and for some reason Iberian colors are a big theme." It is clear that though its roots are African, the tradition has elements of South America and sees use of European instruments such as the accordion; but in its essence it remains truly Bonairean even in its versatile character. Though other islands in the region also have similar traditions the Maskarada belongs to Bonaire alone.

Traditionally the plays would change throughout the years and include social commentary or add in news elements of years past. "Like in the 1930s when the first plane landed here on Bonaire," says Antoin, "there

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*Sometimes children are intimidated by the slightly spooky Maskarada characters. But not Sierra who was delighted to ride the traditional donkey*



*The Maskarada costumes have been renewed with new colorful fabrics, accessories and painting, thanks to donations from Maskarada admirers.*

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*Making the music for Maskarada*



*The Fisherman lands the Shark*

*Maskarada (Continued from page 10)*

was a plane in the plays too.” “Or the story of the ‘pedji’ song,” explains Antoin, “a beautiful tale about a fisherman who spotted a trunk full of gold coins as he sailed past the nearby Aves islands. He navigated back to Bonaire to get some fellow fishermen to come with him and dig it out. But when he got back to the spot, the treasure was gone. The story says that some Venezuelan fishermen spotted him and took the trunk themselves.” The song called “pedji” talks of this singing (in Papiamentu), and the main verse translates as “They dug the whole night and found nothing.”

“In the past there were more troupes,” explains Vis. “Rincon had one as did Niki-boko, Tera Cora, Antriol and Nort di Saliña. Today only the troupe from Nort di Saliña does the Maskarada. “But the tradition stems from Rincon,” says Antoin, “Rincon is at the root of this custom and traditionally African.” “Though that might be true,” adds Vis, “as long as I’ve lived, Maskarada has typically been something of Nort di Saliña.” With a friendly dispute about origins aside, it is clear that it is a much loved tradition, especially to the elderly and visitors in the know.

“We try to get the youth interested,” says Vis “but in the past Maskarada was only for men, not for women or children. We even used to have men dressed up as women. Today that has changed. We want to include women and children. We would like to keep this tradition alive. We want local youngsters to join in and maintain this indigenous cultural heritage of Bonaire. We will keep Maskarada going strong!” ■ *Story & photos by Sanny Ensing*



*The Maskarada Royals*



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# A Garden? Just Do It!

I thought who wants to spend time on gardening during the height of the holiday season. But so many people wanted to have information about certain things and approached me with questions so here we go, more about plants.



Wandu Bean

### Beans on Bonaire

Let me start with some bean types which are easy to grow on Bonaire. A popular one is the **wandu bean**. Every local knows this one and often they have it in their yards. The plant, a bushy one, fits easily into a small corner of the yard or just in front of the house. It bears a lot of beans the whole year round and I haven't heard people complaining about iguanas eating them. You can use the beans when they're green or ripe when they look off white and big. You can't eat the pods, but they're good to mix with dirt after they've dried in the sun.

The beans are delicious mixed with stewed rice (called *arros moro* here - rice with beans and meat or seafood, some herbs and spices cooked together). They're also good in a soup or a meat stoba. You can freeze them to collect them until you have a lot.

Another bean is the well-known **kouseband**, the Dutch name for the string bean. It's also an easy growing one, but the lizards and iguanas love it. Most people plant it in the shade house, but it doesn't always do well there because beans need a lot of sun. I just plant it outside and



Kouseband Bean in bag (string bean)

hang big colored bags on the tall sticks which are needed for the plant to twine itself around. The **kouseband** is a strong plant which needs some water if it's not raining. Insects like ants, bees and other bugs are needed to fertilize the purple flowers. Plant them, two seeds together, in small holes that you make with your finger in the soil. About four seeds can go in a paint bucket. When the plants start to twine, stick the tall sticks close to them in an X so they can climb easily. When they reach the top, add some branches so they can continue to climb. The more they can climb the more **kouseband** you get. You can also put some green house netting around the buckets so the iguanas can't get to them.

In about 8 to 10 weeks you can eat your delicious healthy **kouseband**. Just cut the long string beans in short pieces, than wok (mix with soy bean sprouts) or stew with dry shrimps, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Also nice when you wok it with chopped potatoes mixed with curry and a little coco cream or coco juice. First wok the potatoes with all the ingredients except the beans. You may have to add some water so it doesn't burn. Add the **kouseband** at the end so it stays crunchy. (Too soft is not nice). It can be easily frozen too.

Another bean which is not well known here but grows very well and bears even more beans is **SIM**.



SIM Bean

That's how we call it in Surinam. It came from India to Surinam where the locals wok it with dried fish, dried shrimps or salted beef. Or just cook in water with a Maggi bouillon. SIM is a very strong climbing and winding plant with beautiful purple flowers which bears beans for months. I plant it in big paint buckets in a mix of black-red dirt with some goat droppings. I get so many beans for myself and my friends too for a long time.

**Growing beans is a nice and interesting way to teach children how a plant grows.** If we want to get people interested in growing our own healthy veggies we have to start with children and show them the wonders of nature. And I tell you what, they like to be involved.

So if you are going to experiment with beans have the children put a bean in some dirt in a plastic cup. They can see how the bean starts its life and grows roots. You can also do this on cotton on a plate. Keep the cotton very wet and let the children look every day. They get very enthusiastic and soon they might start asking to have their own little kitchen garden. And, you know what? If they grow their own veggies they'll start liking to eat veggies, which is often a problem with kids.

### Bean Plant Pests

Often the **yellow moth or butterfly** lays her eggs in the young beans of all the three types of



Neem tree leaves- use them to make a bug repelling spray

beans I mentioned. After a while little worms come out, having eaten the beans from the inside. So you hardly see anything from the outside, but inside it's getting bad. The only way to see this problem is to check your young beans often and be aware when you see little holes in the beans or when you see the yellow butterflies near the plant.

Another problem is a kind of **small black bug**. There can be a lot of them along the stems and at the top between the young leaves. Also the white fly, well-known here under the local name **Pies Pies**, can affect these plants. So what to do?

As I've mentioned before, make a big pot of **tea from the Neem tree leaves** and spray every 2-3 days. That keeps these problems away. Or you also can spray with dishwashing liquid mixed with water. But the Neem leaves are a healthy and cheap way to spray, so I recommend that one.

Nowadays we have enough rain so try the beans. Kriabon has **kouseband** seeds, and ask the locals for wandu seeds. Then Google some recipes and soon you will enjoy some great food with fresh beans, planted by yourself, just in the backyard of your house. Yummy Yummy. ■

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### More Information:

#### Kouseband

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Research in Ghana found that selecting early generations of cowpea crops to increase yield is not an effective strategy. Francis Padi from the Savannah Agricultural Research Institute in Tamale, Ghana, writing in *Crop Science*, suggests other methods such as bulk breeding are more efficient in developing high-yield varieties.

According to the USDA food database, the leaves of the cowpea plant have the highest percentage of calories from protein among vegetarian foods. ■ G.D

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# Celebrating Bonaire's Cultural Past

**K**udos to Fundashon Plat-forma Kultural, Man-gazina di Rei and all others associated with the **Pone Bari Ronka festival** that took place on December 27 at Man-gazina di Rei. The evening was a joyous celebration of Bonaire's culture and a wonderful showcase for the island's talented youth and their mentors. As reported in the last edition of *The Bonaire Reporter*, the festival was the culmination of weeks of lessons teaching 25 youth how to make and play bari, a traditional Bonairean percussion instrument.



Bòl Antoin photo

Led by Hubert Mercera and assisted by various other masters such as Boy Janga, Jo Mercera and Pedro Concho, the youngsters' performance on beautiful hand-made bari was dynamic and entertaining. *Pone bari ronka*, roughly translated, means "make the drum thunder," and thunder they did with precision and musicality that made everyone feel the rhythm. When the student group later joined in with one of the evening's adult acts, Grupo Eso, they played like pros and didn't miss a beat (pun intended).

Throughout the evening, a slide show presentation showed the audience the intensive process of the students learning to build their drums from scratch: cutting the trees for the wood, curing and stretching the goat-skin, making the rope to tie the skin to the shell of the drum. The success of the students and mentors in this project was evident in the pride and professionalism

displayed by their performance and in the audience's enthusiastic appreciation of the evening's events.

The project coordinators, participants and sponsors deserve accolades for their efforts to preserve, promote and foster the preservation of the very special cultural traditions of Bonaire. Efforts that bear fruit as demonstrated by the scene that played out backstage when the students were not performing. Not one of them was on a cell phone, tablet, iPod or other electronic device. On their own initiative they were all dancing in traditional style to the traditional music that was being played on stage....and having a wonderful time! In a time when people the world over constantly lament the loss of heritage and cultural pride, it was a sight for sore eyes. Congratulations to all those who brought this project to fruition. ■

Jane Madden-Disko



*Flamingo Express P O (Continued from page 6)*

provement over former years. Postal service to, say the States, still takes longer, but this is also due to the many links needed for the post to reach the mainland."

Asked about their plans for the future, Bergman responds. "We want to keep improving our service, especially our online shopping service called Punto Mio – a service that many people on the island use. We also want to look into facilitating online shopping from The Netherlands. The world is getting more digitally active every day and delivery times are shortening so we continue to develop and improve our services too."

"But that's not all," he says and the printer in him proudly adds, "We print and design our own stamps. We keep developing innovative and fun concepts, such as our informative stamps that can be scanned with the CEE app and will show information about Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius. We also feature a collector's publication called *Mooi Caribisch Nederland* (Beautiful Dutch Caribbean) which features flamingos for the Bonairean stamp collection, pelicans for Saba and hummingbirds for the stamps from St. Eustatius."



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Merkies looks across at Bergman who smiles as she explains: "Flamingo Express Post Office stands for excellent service, great communication and happiness!" A powerful combination ■

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

*Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time*

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Phase	Sunrise	Sunset
	12:59 AST	22:15 AST						
<b>Mon 05</b>	0.94 ft	-0.16 ft				Full Moon	06:58 AST	18:24 AST
	13:43 AST	22:53 AST						
<b>Tue 06</b>	0.87 ft	-0.16 ft					06:58 AST	18:24 AST
	14:25 AST	23:25 AST						
<b>Wed 07</b>	0.79 ft	-0.14 ft					06:58 AST	18:25 AST
	06:33 AST	08:44 AST	15:06 AST	23:50 AST				
<b>Thu 08</b>	0.37 ft	0.36 ft	0.72 ft	-0.12 ft			06:58 AST	18:26 AST
	06:31 AST	10:36 AST	15:47 AST					
<b>Fri 09</b>	0.43 ft	0.37 ft	0.64 ft				06:59 AST	18:26 AST
		00:11 AST	06:42 AST	12:01 AST	16:29 AST			
<b>Sat 10</b>		-0.10 ft	0.50 ft	0.35 ft	0.56 ft		06:59 AST	18:27 AST
		00:30 AST	06:57 AST	13:12 AST	17:12 AST			
<b>Sun 11</b>		-0.08 ft	0.57 ft	0.31 ft	0.48 ft		06:59 AST	18:27 AST
		00:47 AST	07:17 AST	14:15 AST	17:57 AST			
<b>Mon 12</b>		-0.07 ft	0.66 ft	0.25 ft	0.40 ft		06:59 AST	18:28 AST
		01:04 AST	07:41 AST	15:13 AST	18:42 AST	Last Quarter		
<b>Tue 13</b>		-0.06 ft	0.74 ft	0.18 ft	0.32 ft		07:00 AST	18:28 AST
		01:23 AST	08:08 AST	16:07 AST	19:30 AST			
<b>Wed 14</b>		-0.06 ft	0.83 ft	0.11 ft	0.24 ft		07:00 AST	18:29 AST
		01:43 AST	08:39 AST	17:01 AST	20:21 AST			
<b>Thu 15</b>		-0.06 ft	0.91 ft	0.05 ft	0.17 ft		07:00 AST	18:29 AST
		02:08 AST	09:14 AST	17:53 AST	21:17 AST			
<b>Fri 16</b>		-0.06 ft	0.98 ft	-0.01 ft	0.12 ft		07:00 AST	18:30 AST
		02:37 AST	09:54 AST	18:43 AST	22:22 AST			
<b>Sat 17</b>		-0.06 ft	1.03 ft	-0.07 ft	0.08 ft		07:00 AST	18:30 AST
		03:13 AST	10:37 AST	19:32 AST	23:38 AST			
<b>Sun 18</b>		-0.04 ft	1.05 ft	-0.12 ft	0.08 ft		07:00 AST	18:31 AST
		03:58 AST	11:24 AST	20:18 AST				
<b>Mon 19</b>		-0.01 ft	1.05 ft	-0.16 ft			07:01 AST	18:31 AST



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## AIRLINES

**Divi Divi Air**- Bonaire's "on time airline" with 16 flights a day between Bonaire and Curaçao. Your first choice for inter-island travel. Now flying to Aruba.

## APPLIANCES /TV/ ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS

**City Shop**, the mega store, has the island's widest selection of large and small home appliances, furniture, TV, computers, cell phones and more. In-store financing too.



## AUTOMOBILE DEALER

Check out **Auto City Bonaire** for the widest selection of new car brands on Bonaire including Chevrolet, Honda, Isuzu, Suzuki, Subaru. Used cars too. Complete service department. Hertz rentals.

## BANK

**ORCO Bank** offers one-on-one attention, personal banking. Each client is a person, not a number. The office is the historic building at Kaya Grandi 48.

## BARS

**Zazu Bar at the Marina at Harbour Village** is all you expect in a great bar. Super bartender, quality drinks and friendly service. Plus Bonaire's only Rum Bar- over 50 types! Great hangout spot for divers and sailors.

## BEAUTY

**Hair Affair**. Expert hair cutting, styling, facials and facial waxing. Great new shop on Kaya Grandi. Walk-in service too.

## CARS AND BIKES

**De Freewieler** sells bikes and all kinds of bike accessories. They do professional repairs on almost anything on two wheels. **Have your keys made here too.**

## DENTURE REPAIR

**All Denture Lab**—for the best denture care by an experienced professional. Repairs while you wait. Next to Botika Korona on Kaya J. G. Hernandez.

## ON and IN the WATER

**BHM Bonaire Hydro-test & Maintenance** offers repair of Scuba Equipment, dive tank hydro testing pressure tests with computerized accuracy. Pickup and delivery too.

**Budget Marine** has what anyone with a boat needs, and if it's not in stock they can order it quickly. You can also find special hardware for general use and components for solar and wind electric systems.

**Dive Friends** has four dive schools and three retail shops so you always get the best deals and can be assured of top notch training. Remodeled shop, Dushi Shoes on Kaya Grandi, open now.

## GARDEN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

**Green Label** has everything you need to start or maintain your garden. They can design, install and maintain it and offer plants, irrigation supplies and garden chemicals. Off Kaya Industria, behind Lucky Supermarket.

## HOME CARE

**VanEps Property Management B.V./Bonaire Second Home Care** can handle all the needs of second home owners on Bonaire including inspection, management and cleaning.

## HEALTH CARE

**Best Care Logistics** provides everything necessary for people who are disabled or sick, including prostheses, dietary supplements, furnishings, mobility equipment, diabetes aids, hospital beds, oxygen therapy, optical & hearing aids, contraceptives, home aids, communication, and more

**Nature's Discount** has a complete selection of vitamins, supplements, herbs, sports nutrition, body care and natural foods.

## LIQUORS, WINES and MORE

**Best Cellars** has one of the island's widest selection of spirits including "hard-to-finds" brands. In addition there is an exceptional assortment of wines, tobacco products and everything needed for a great party.

## OPTICIAN

**Buena Vista Optics** is Bonaire's most up-to-date place to get eyeglasses or contact lenses. The combination of experienced personnel and advanced equipment and technology make it a top value

## PHOTOGRAPHER

**Bonaire's creative above or underwater video and still photographer for the wedding or other important events in your life.** **ScubaVision**, Kaya Grandi 6. See website scubavision.info or ScubaVision on YouTube. **NEW**— Drone photography

## REAL ESTATE /RENTAL AGENTS

**Sunbelt Realty** offers full real estate, rental, and insurance services. If you want a home or to invest in Bonaire, stop in and visit.



## RESTAURANTS

**Bistro de Paris**— Waterfront location at the Harbour Village Marina. Superb menu, genuine French dishes in a waterfront ambiance. Airco if you want it. Its Zazu Bar is a very popular hangout for divers too.



**Bobbejans**— Bonaire's quintessential "rib joint" not only has some of the best ribs but tasty extras like Gado-Gado, pork chops and fries. Open Friday night and weekends only.

**La Balandra at The Harbour Village Resort** offers Bonaire's most spectacular setting. Superb cuisine, top notch service. Eat on the deck or with your feet in the sand.



**Pasa Bon Pizza**—Bonaire's quality pizza-Best ingredients, best baking and best taste. Great salads and lasagna too. Eat in or take away.

## RETAIL

**Dushi Shoes & Dive Friends Shops** – featuring Clarks, Guess, DC Shoes, Reefs – as well as Tee Shirts for men and women.

**The Tung Fong Store** is a great asset to everyone on Bonaire because it stocks so many things we want: clothes, hardware, food, auto and bike supplies. If you don't see it... ask for it. They probably have it.

**Penny Lane** is Bonaire's first upscale consignment store. Buy fashionable, top brand clothing, high quality toys and more for a fraction of their original price.



## SECURITY

**Special Security Services** will provide that extra measure of protection when you need it. Always reliable.

## STORAGE

**The Storehouse (Mangazina in Papiamentu)** offers Secure Storage for Vehicles, Household Items, Diving and Sporting Gear, Business Files or Inventory. Across from the northern hotel row.



## SHIPPING

**Rocargo Freight** Air and sea shipments in/out of Bonaire. Customs agents. Professional and efficient. **FedEx agent. What would we do without their superb services?**



## SPAS/GYM/FITNESS

**Bon Bida Spa & Gym** World Class fitness and health facility- Classes, top notch machines, trainers. Day, monthly or annual rates.

## SUPERMARKETS

**BonDiGro**— Cooperative discount super market offering low prices and friendly service. Open all day and Saturday too. New location across from Warehouse



## TOP Supermarket—

Conveniently located **downtown** at the old Cultimara location. Featuring a complete selection including liquors, fresh meat, fruit and vegetables.



## MADE ON BONAIRE

**Semper Kontentu goat cheese.** Ask for it at restaurants and look for it in the markets. Lovingly handmade. Souvenir mugs available.

## WATER TAXI

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

# 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 entry.

### 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 Habitat

## Cruise Ship Schedule

DAY	DATE	NAME	CAPACITY	CRUISE LINE
Monday	5-01-15	<i>Mein Schiff 1</i>	2114	TUI CRUISES
Tuesday	6-01-15	<i>Azura</i>	3080	P&O Cruises
Wednesday	7-01-15	<i>Aida Luna</i>	2194	Aida Cruises
Friday	9-01-15	<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	2435	RCCL
Friday	9-01-15	<i>Eclipse</i>	2852	CEL
Saturday	10-01-15	<i>Seabourn Legend</i>	208	HAL
Tuesday	13-01-15	<i>Ventura</i>	3080	P&O Cruises
Wednesday	14-01-15	<i>Royal Princess</i>	3600	Princess Cruises
Thursday	15-01-15	<i>M/S Insignia</i>	702	Oceana Cruises
Thursday	15-01-15	<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	3114	RCCL
Monday	19-01-15	<i>Mein Schiff 1</i>	2114	TUI CRUISES

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](mailto:info@bonaireyoga.coim)

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

• **Echo Parrot (Lora) Foundation** tours of their Dos Pos Conservation Centre. Get 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 :30 pm and bring good shoes as it's "off road." Alternatively you can book a private tour through Flow Bonaire [info@flowbonaire.com](mailto:info@flowbonaire.com) Phone: +599 788 4636.

• **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

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

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

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

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

**International Bible Church**, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:00 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

**Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk** - Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8332.

*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

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

### Karnival Events in January

10—Opening of Karnaval  
17—Karnavelesko Activities, Hillside  
24—Tumba Festival- Children's  
28—Activities for Queen, Prince, Pancho—Children's  
31—Tumba Festival Bonaire

### Karnival Events in February

7- Children's Karnival Parade—Rincon  
8—Children's Karnival Parade—Kralendijk  
14—Karnival Grand Parade—Rincon  
15—Karnival Grand Parade—Kralenkijk  
16 Karnival Monday—legal holiday

**Tuesday, Jan. 13—Free CIEE public lecture** by Dr. Graham Forrester from the U. of Rhode Island. "The effects of anchoring on the reefs of the British Virgin Islands," 7-8 pm, at CIEE, Kaya Gobernador Debrot#21-26

**Jan. 22-24—Bonaire International and Local Fishing Tournament**. More on page 9 & 19

**Saturday, Jan. 31—Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**, 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen, more. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon.

**Saturday, Feb. 7—Kriabon Farmers Market**, 8am-1pm. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, homemade jams, chutneys, fts, animals, more. Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School.

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 .





# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
January 2015

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Be very careful while in transit or while traveling in foreign countries. Friendships could be terminated quickly if disappointments occur. Curb any jealous fits if your partner has been flirting with someone else. Verbal abuse could lead to carelessness. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You will be able to make favorable changes in your living quarters. New romantic partners will evolve through group endeavors; however, the association may not be likely to last. Creative educational pursuits will payoff. Join groups of a humanitarian nature. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Resistance leading to conflict will only make it twice as hard to turn the situation around. You need to concentrate on solving existing problems. Do not lend money to friends, or contribute more than necessary to groups unworthy of your cash. Use your quick wit to win points and friends. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You would be wise to consider attending lectures that will broaden your awareness concerning your professional direction. You must be careful not to reveal secrets or get involved in gossip. Self-deception is likely. You should consider submitting some of your written work for publication. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Do not let your mate annoy you; patience will be the key. You should consider getting into self improvement endeavors. Stick to your own projects and by the end of the day you'll shine. Dazzle them with your intellectual conversation. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Your lover will be extremely sensitive and now will not be a good time to make changes that they won't like. You may find that romance will unfold through business connections. Try to be a bit more understanding or you may end up spending the evening alone. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

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**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Think before you act. Don't be too quick to judge your loved ones. You will find it easy to learn and excel. Tone down and put some of that hard earned cash into a safe, long-term investment. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. You may find out that someone has not been completely honest with you. Eliminate situations that are no longer to your advantage. You should be traveling to that exotic destination you've been dreaming about. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Back off if you want to keep the relationship intact. You will find that joint ventures could easily turn out to be dead end projects. The knowledge you have will enhance your reputation. Do your own thing without drawing attention to it. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Check into art objects or precious stones. You can do well in group endeavors. Real estate investments will be profitable. You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do. Be stubborn about making changes around your home. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Rewards for past good deeds will highlight your day. Be sure to look into travel opportunities that will provide you with mental stimulation. Think hard before going into business with friends or family. Make the necessary changes that will enable you to advance financially. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will be in a high cycle regarding work. Brunch, a long walk, or a quiet dinner will secure your position in the relationship. You may find that children are not as accepting as you have been. Unexpected romantic connections can be made if you go out with friends or take a pleasure trip. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday. ■



## BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

ALL FIVE VISIBLE PLANETS ADORN JANUARY 2015 NIGHT SKY

All five visible planets adorn January 2015's night sky. By visible planet, we mean any solar system planet that's readily visible to the unaided eye. In their order going outward from the Sun, the five visible planets are **Mercury, Venus, Mars, (Earth), Jupiter and Saturn**. These worlds have been observed by our ancestors since time immemorial.

Best of all, you don't have to stay up all hours of the night to see these five visible planets. You can catch Mercury, Venus and Mars in the southwest at nightfall, Jupiter in the east at early-to-mid evening and Saturn in the southeast before dawn.

As dusk gives way to darkness, or about 60 to 75 minutes after sunset, seek Venus, Mercury and Mars in the southwest sky. Mercury poses the biggest challenge because it's the first planet to set. If you can't see Mercury with the unaided eye, you can always resort to binoculars. Aim them at dazzling Venus to view Mercury beneath Venus in the same binocular field. Keep in mind that Mercury follows the Sun beneath the horizon about 75 minutes after the Sun, and Venus does likewise a short while thereafter.

Fortunately, the red planet Mars stays out for a couple hours after Mercury and Venus set. Mars is only modestly-bright, though nonetheless rather easy to see with the unaided eye. Roughly four hours after sunset, or after Mars has set in the west, look for super-brilliant Jupiter to rise in the east. Jupiter should be high enough to view by bedtime, even if your eastern view is somewhat obstructed by hills or trees. Once Jupiter climbs over the eastern horizon, it stays out for rest of the night. Jupiter swings up to its high point for the night around 2 to 3am local time, and shines in the west just before dawn. Jupiter will be hard to miss, for this brilliant beauty outshines any star.

Saturn, the sixth planet outward from the



East, Early-to-Mid Evening

Sun, rises several hours before sunrise, lighting up the southeast sky during the predawn hours. Shortly before dawn, look for golden Saturn to shine above the red star **Antares** in the southeast sky.

### Moon Action:

**January 5 - Full Moon.** The Moon will be directly opposite the Earth from the Sun and will be fully illuminated as seen from Earth. This phase occurs at 04:53 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the **Full Wolf Moon** because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. This Moon has also been known as the **Old Moon** and the **Moon After Yule**.

**January 20 - New Moon.** The Moon will be directly between the Earth and the Sun and will not be visible from Earth. This phase occurs at 13:14 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as **galaxies and star clusters** because there is no moonlight to interfere.

Given clear skies, the five visible planets – Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn – should be yours to behold on these January 2015 nights just 15 days apart and a full and a new moon. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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# Pet of the Week

## PUPPIES AND LOST DOGS

Here are two of the newest puppies found in the Drop off Cage (*Kouchi di Bestia*) at the Bonaire Animal Shelter with a male adult dog whom the Shelter staff thinks might be their father. It's a real family affair one might say. The puppies are about seven weeks old, healthy and robust. They've been checked out by the vet, given their inoculations, worming and are ready to go. This Drop off Cage at the entrance to the Shelter has been an excellent idea. It's served as a place where people can drop off cats or dogs at any time of the day or night. This has prevented untold numbers of cats and dogs from being dumped on the road or in the *mondi* (countryside). If you find a lost pet you can drop them off there too. The cage is checked often during open times at the Shelter.



Puppies with Natalie Petersen, new Shelter Manager

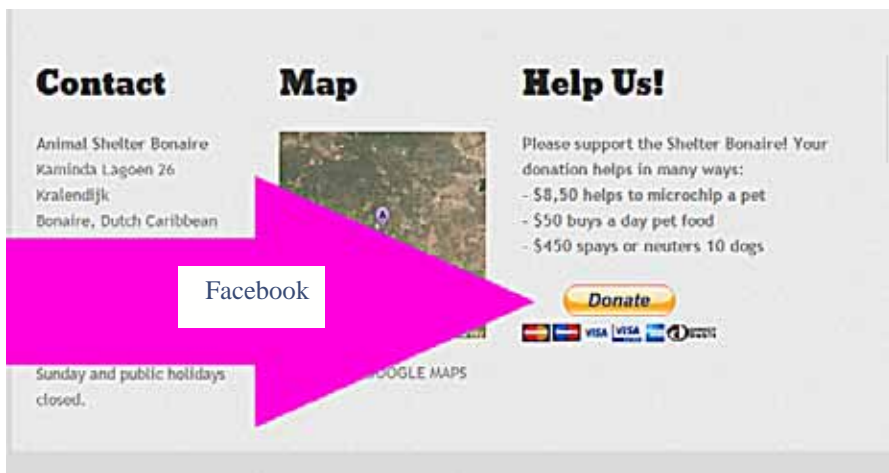
Shown with the two cuddly puppies is Natalie Petersen who is the new Shelter Manager replacing Marlies Tiepel who's done such an outstanding job for the last 10 years. Natalie has quite a background, having trained and dealt with all kinds of animals in many parts of the world.

You may see these two pups and maybe also meet Natalie at the Animal Shelter on the Lagoen Road. The Shelter is open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. ■ Laura DeSalvo

# Contributions

People can make PayPal contributions on the Shelter website and on Facebook

On our Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/AnimalShelterBonaire>) you find it at the top of the site in the menu bar. Click on "Help us" and you will be sent to the Pay Pal page. On website (<http://www.animalshelterbonaire.com/>) you find it at the bottom of the site. Underneath "Help us" you'll find a yellow button "Donate". If you press this button you will go to the pay PayPal page. The two graphics below explain it all!! ■ Marlies Tiepel



# Shelter News

We just couldn't resist adding another bit of "color" to the Cat Palace story. Janice Huckaby of Jan Art and her assistants painted the two bright and amazing murals in the Cat Palace, all done in one weekend. We don't know for sure if the cats can discern colors but the lively shapes should make it a happy place for them. The staff and volunteers should enjoy them as well. Thank you, kind Janice and assistants.



One of two of Janice Huckaby's (JanArt) Cat Cage (Palace) murals

**Importance of Chips**  
-Another season of fireworks has brought in a lot of lost and found dogs to the Shelter which acts as headquarters for the terrified pets. Making it a little easier to find the owners of

found dogs is the **chip system** inaugurated in 2010. Since that time dogs adopted from the Shelter have had chips quickly and painlessly put under their neck fur. The number on the chip goes into the data base which shows the owner's name and contact number.

How successful this operation is was shown during the fireworks time. A dog wandering lost on the street was brought into the Shelter. One of the staff came out with a "chip reader," read the chip in the dog's neck, checked the number and found the owner. A happy ending for all.

**-Did you know that you can have your dog "chipped" for free at the Shelter?**

And if you have brought your dog from another country, you may have it chipped or re-chipped in Bonaire, with your Bonaire contact number. Call the Shelter at 717-4989 during open hours and make an appointment. The procedure takes just a few seconds.

-Another marvelous way for lost and found pets to get back home is the **Facebook page for the Bonaire Animal Shelter**. Find a lost pet? Take a photo and send it in. The Shelter reports that many animals have been reunited with their owners

this way.

-There may still be some **frightened animals roaming the streets**, lost and disoriented. Keep in mind they're hard to catch. But if you have a little tinned cat food and a leash or rope you might have a chance to catch one and take it to the Shelter. Good luck! It can be done!

-One of the nicest things we can do for the New Year is to give a **donation to the Bonaire Animal Shelter** to help keep it open for the homeless cats and dogs. And now you can make your donation via **Pay Pal**. Easy and quick. See instructions at left.

-One of the Shelter's big projects this year is to put a **focus on feral cats**. Individuals, companies or organizations that have feral cats nearby are welcome to pass by the Shelter to get a "Have a Heart" trap. Once caught the animal can then be sterilized, much more humane than euthanasia. ■ Story & photos by Laura DeSalvo





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# Sea Turtle Art Auction

The Turtle Artwork Auction Saturday on November 29 proved to be a very successful event for Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) in more ways than one. It was a truly lovely evening, with over 300 people gathering together at Hotel Roomer for a fun-filled evening which included a raffle with fabulous prizes worth over \$3000, live music from Moogie and even a children's cinema showing "A Turtle's Tale" (of course). The bidding went extremely well, led by Eddy Thielman and Frans de Jong, while Richard Willis acted as MC. The final total raised was a staggering \$14,156.78, which far exceeded the expectations of the conservation organization.

STCB expressed sincere thanks during the brief speech at the event towards volunteers Hans and Jannie Koning for what STCB Project Coordinator Sue Willis described as their "boundless enthusiasm and tireless endeavors throughout the eight months of this project." Willis added that "Without them this event would have been a pale shadow of the great success that it turned out to be." STCB also offered thanks to Nicole, Martin and Noa Roomer, Arjen Kramer and Eva Tijmsa for their work on the fundraising website and to the many STCB volunteers, who helped with the project.

The individually crafted turtle artwork bidding went up to \$750 for each item, the majority selling on the night with just a few going to online bidders. STCB was amazed at each and every one of the 109 artworks that were created by the artist donors who proved incredibly generous and creative. On the night STCB also expressed thanks to the artists who helped at the two art workshops held as part of the project during 2014: Adi Figaroa, Dion, Mamita Fox, Jannie Koning, Linda Maas, and Catrien van Manen, and to the students from Liseo Bonaireano and Kolegio Kristu Bon Wardador who attended these workshops.

STCB expressed thanks to everyone bidding online and at Saturday's auction. Manager Mabel Nava said "Even if you didn't win an artwork, if you made a bid then you helped towards the total: thank you."

This event was sponsored by Hans and Jannie, Hotel Roomer Bonaire, Addo's Bookstore, Figos Bonaire, Wil's Tropical Grill, Tung Fong Store, JanArt Gallery, Elements, Krioyo Paint, Bonaire Affair, Tony Merchanie, Bistro di Paris, Barbara Willis Clark, Seacow, Casper Douma, Elle Lui, Beauty Inside Out, Nancy Reuten Photography, Antillean Wine Company/Le Garage, Jay Silverstein, Littman's Jewelers, Dive Friends Bonaire, East Coast Diving, Sabine Berendse, Compass, Harbour Village Hotel, Flamingo Communications and At Sea Restaurant. ■ *Press release/G.D.*



Turtle Artwork

# Get Set To Fish

The 27th Bonaire International & Local Fishing Tournament will take place Jan. 22nd – 23rd & 24th 2015. As in previous years the organizers expect a great response from participants from abroad but of course also from Bonaire.

The local tournament is open to all boats and will focus on edible fish. There will be cash prizes as well as trophies to be split among the small boats and larger boats.

The International tournament is a catch and release tournament that is targeting bill fish like marlin and sailfish. Participants are obliged to follow all of the rules set out by the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) and recommend the use of Circle hooks to limit the harm to the fish that are released. The event attracts fishermen from Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and Bonaire. Customs and Immigrations will check boats in and out at the event to make the arrival and departure of our international guests as easy as possible. The grand prize for this International Tournament will be a brand new Toyota Hilux for breaking the Antillean record for largest Blue Marlin, which currently is set at 804lbs (365kg). **There will over US\$13,000 in cash and prizes available for this exciting event.**

There is a great festival atmosphere around the event with great buffets, full bar and music nightly in the space next to It Rain's Fishes Restaurant across the street from the Club Nautico Pier.

Sponsors include: the two main sponsors It Rains Fishes and NAPA, as well as Best Brands Bonaire, Bonaire Tobacco & Liquor, Akkermans Auto Supplies, Don Andres, Insel Air, Stone Crusher, Budget Marine, Spice, Bonaire Marine Center, Window Wizard, Rocargo Services, MCB Bonaire, Caribbean Laundry, TCB, and many more. ■ *Press release/G.D.*



Food fish caught in the local tournament last year



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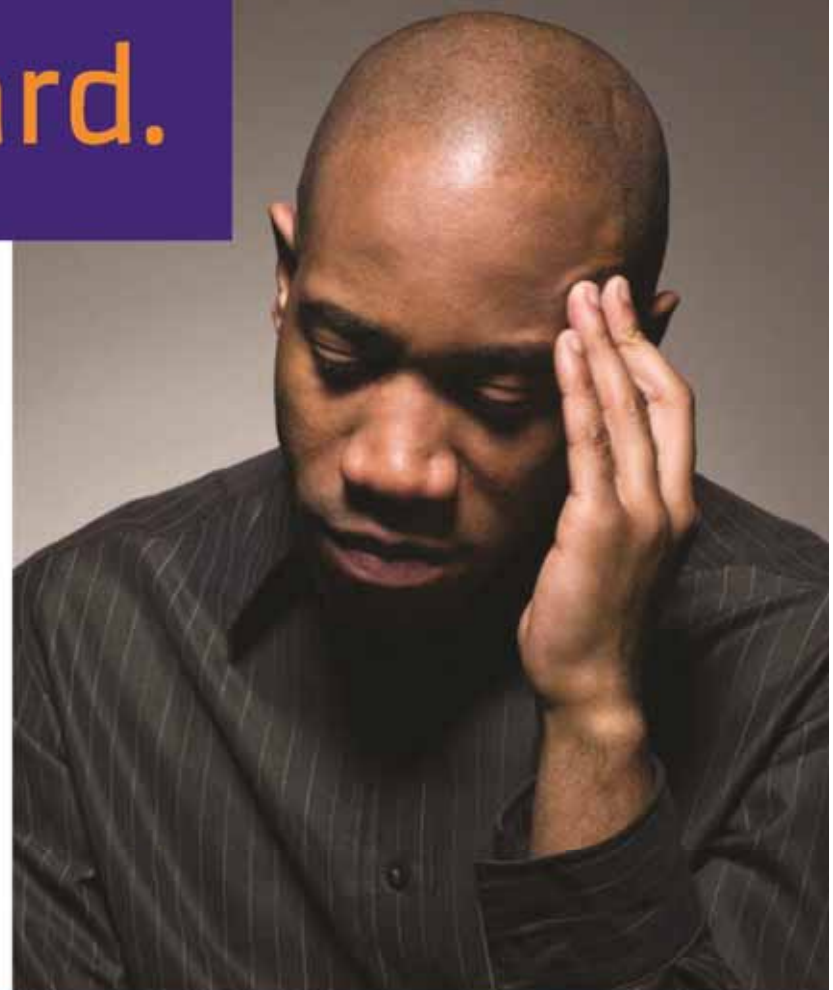
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