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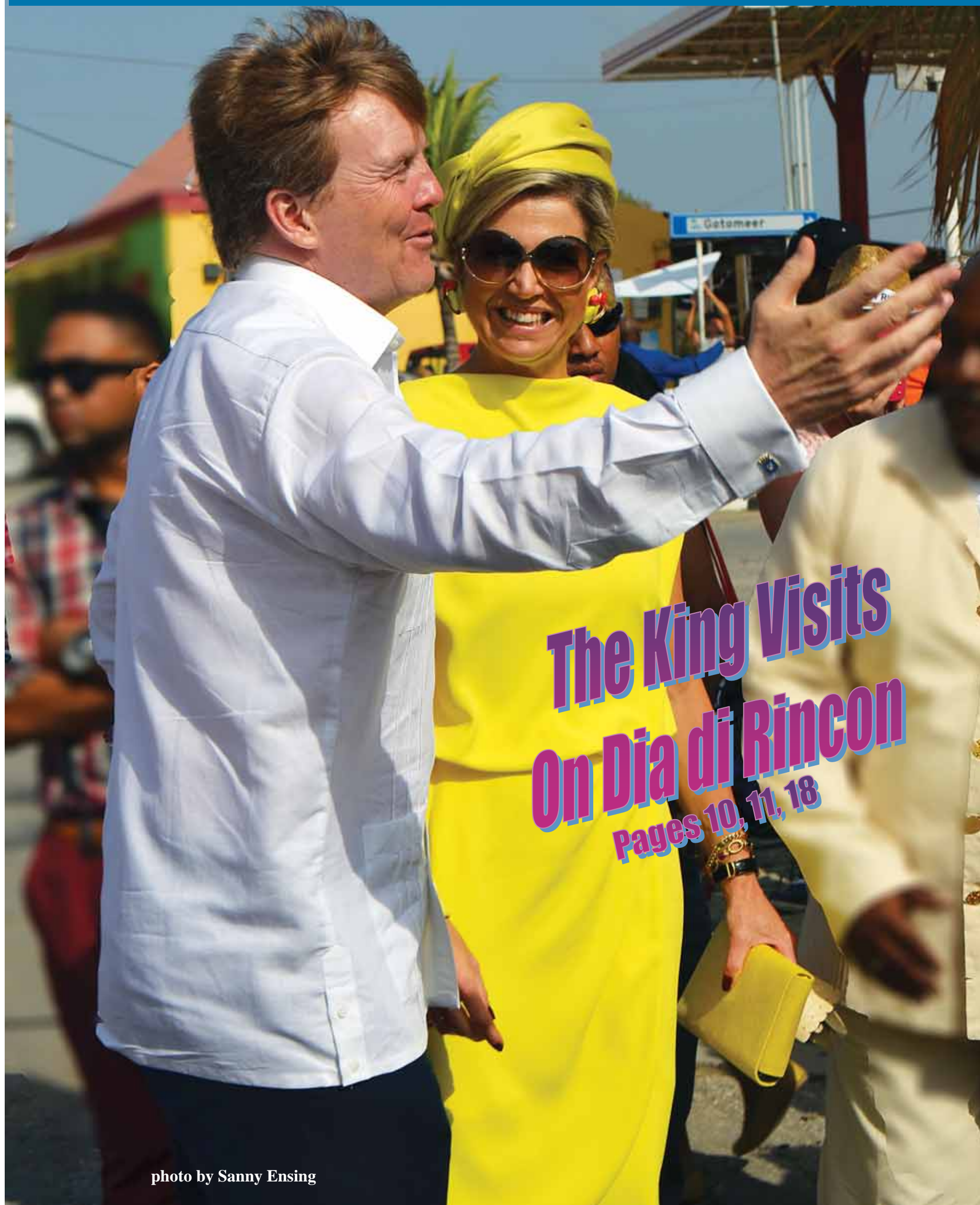
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On Dia di Rincon
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The scheduled *Bonaire Reporter* edition due April 20 was delayed because of a sudden illness of Laura DeSalvo, the editor. She is now recovering. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/GetWellLaura>. Thanks to all who sent prayers and intentions to her.

King's Day last Monday started a week of merrymaking. King Willem Alexander celebrates his birthday on 27 April, not like the past queens on 30 April. However, Rincon Day (see story beginning on page 10) is still celebrated as an unofficial holiday on May 30.

People were looking forward to Rincon Day. The former UPB-led Executive Council had announced it would make that date a public holiday in exchange for Kingdom Day on December 15, but the Dutch Government said that was not possible this year. Employers were asked to voluntarily give workers time off on Thursday to attend the celebrations at which the royal couple were present. This made for a four-day weekend.

► **You can once again fly from Bonaire to San Juan and return.** Beginning Thursday, July 2nd, 2015 Insel Air will fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The flights are every Thursday morning and Sunday afternoon via Aruba. To celebrate the new flight destination Insel Air has a sale on tickets to San Juan. The introductory fare is \$222 (including tax). Flights will be operated with a Fokker 70 jet.

► **May is "Bonaire Cuisine Month."** Ten Bonaire restaurants are participating by offering culinary specials, usually with prefixed menus, signature cocktails and happy hour specials. It was launched at this

past Sunday's Taste of Bonaire. The program is designed to showcase Bonaire's excellent cuisine and capitalize on the growing trend of culinary tourism.

► **In the past quarter, employees of the Fiscal Intelligence and Investigation Service (FIOD), in collaboration with other police agencies investigated non-compliance of the obligation to report unusual financial transactions.**

Accountants, notaries as well as other companies and service providers among others are obliged to report unusual financial transactions to a hot-line of the Financial Intelligence Netherlands Unit (FIU-NL) with the aim to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing. Unusual transactions include cash payments of \$ 11,000 and more. The failure to report constitutes a criminal offense.

► **Bonaire's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KvK) cleaned up its commercial register.** Just 1,100 of the original 4,200 listings remain in the register. The firms dropped are who the Chamber of Commerce has long had heard nothing from and did not react to letters and reminders.

Companies and institutions have an obligation to enroll in the KvK or run the risk of a fine of up to \$28,000.

The Chamber of Commerce advises entrepreneurs, executives and other stakeholders to check their data in the register for correctness and that there are no arrears in the payment of annual dues. Pass by the Chamber of Commerce at Kaya Grandi 67 or check online at www.bonairechamber.com.

► **Kooyman opened its new Megastore in Bonaire** on Friday, 24 April. Island Governor

Produkto	Preis februari 2015	Preis april 2015
Mogas 95	98.00	104.90
Kerosine	48.80	50.30
Diesel	69.10	66.90
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LPG 20 lbs	7.26	6.29

► **Fuel prices changed last month; some up, some down.**

Edison Rijna cut the ribbon followed by a show that ended with fireworks around 8 pm. The old store is to be demolished and replaced by a drive through. The \$7 million project also increased the company's payroll by 20 persons to 55.

► **Lobster Season Closed**

On May 1st . From May 1st to October 31st it is prohibited by law to catch lobster in the

waters around Bonaire, Klein Bonaire and in Lac. Venezuela also has prohibited the catching of lobster during the same period. Do not catch, buy, serve, sell or eat fresh lobster from May 1st to October 31st. Spiny lobsters breed and spawn when the ocean is warm during the summer and female lobsters may produce hundreds of thousands of eggs twice during the reproductive season. She lays the eggs and holds them under her tail for up to ten weeks, until they are ready to hatch. **It is strictly prohibited to take lobster during this time.**

► **The US premiere of George Buckley's short documentary film Bonaire Bonanza, made with award winning Dutch filmmaker Edward Snijders** debuted in Harvard on May 1. **The film was completed in 2014 in Bonaire**

during several trips. It has since won the 'Palme d'Or Award' in Marseille at the 'Festival Mondial De L'image' whose roots go back to Ocean Pioneer Jacques Cousteau. The film features the dynamic biodiversity that make up a living coral reef and documents the decades of work by the people and organizations of Bonaire to manage and protect them. See <https://vimeo.com/93424785>

► **Construction for the construction of the new Papa Cornes Community School in North Salina is underway.**

The construction is expected to take about a year. The new building will consist of sections for the Papa Cornes school, a nursery and a joint-use covered outdoor space available for shared use.

► **Three primary schools Kolegio San Luis Bertrian, Kolegio San Bernardo and De Pelikaan, have passed the Dutch School Inspectorate's basic quality inspection satisfactorily.**

Said a pleased Dutch State Secretary of Education Sander Dekker, "This is very good news; good news for the pupils at these schools that now get the education to which they are entitled, good news for the teachers, school leaders and directors involved, who have worked very hard to achieve this result."

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► The **Mariadal Foundation**, which is responsible for the hospital and other health services on Bonaire had a 60-member troupe (photo above) taking part in Dia di Rincon last week. For more on Dia di Rincon (Rincon Day) go to page 10. (Audri Statie photo)

Flotsam and Jetsam (from page 2)

► **More and more schools in the Caribbean Netherlands are getting their programs to the basic quality level.** In 2013 Fundashon FORMA, the foundation for education, including adult education and social opportunity for young people, was first to achieve the level. The aim is that by 2016, as many schools in the Caribbean Netherlands as possible will have achieved the basic quality level.

► **Recently, the Island Government placed 29 new signs that warn about donkey crossings.** The signs were donated by the Donkey Sanctuary Foundation. This government and the foundation want to emphasize again that drivers must be on guard for



donkeys on the road. In the past year the number of accidents involving donkeys declined drastically.

► **WASHINGTON--The United Nations (UN) and conservation groups have warned the Caribbean that their economies are in peril because of the decline of coral reefs.** According to a report, years of overfishing, boating and environmental degradation are causing coral reefs in the Caribbean and around the world to disappear.

► **Last year, Aruba welcomed a total of 1.07 million air arrivals,** a 9.5 per cent increase over 2013. Compare that to Bonaire's 60,000 or so.

► **The Classical Music Board Bonaire is organizing a concert**

► **Bonaire had a momentous moment last month. Long time political rivals Partido Demokratiko Boneriano (PDB) and the Union Patriotico Boneriano (UPB) have jointly signed a coalition agreement to govern the island.** During the years, at times, Red (PDB) and green (UPB), the two oldest parties in Bonaire (61 and 45 years of age, respectively) often conflicted.

"But all that is over now and we have left this behind," said Robby Beukenboom, the leader of the Democrats. "This collaboration brings hope for the future. We need to put everything aside, behind us and walk for Bonaire." PDB's James Kroon said in his opening speech. "Bonaire should be in harmony. Everyone is entitled to unity and stability." Both received applause and unanimous and united cries in Papiamentu: "Yes, it is." Both men then signed the coalition agreement between the UPB and PDB.

Gerard Silberie, a relative newcomer to party leadership, but long on experience, the brother of UPB party chairwoman Maritsa Silberie was sworn in as Commissioner for the UPB. Clark Abraham will serve as Commis-



Slicing the watermelon

sioner for the PDB and Benito Dirks, who merged his party into the PDB will also serve as Commissioner on the Executive Council.

Rumors were flying that current UPB Commissioner James Kroon had to switch from the Executive Council to the Island Legislative Council to avert a possible "hijacking" of the Island Council that would allow the Blue Party of Elvis Tjin-Asjoe into the government. The portfolios of the Commissioners still has to be announced.

cert on 23rd May at 8 pm at Plaza Resort.

The internationally recognized Dutch pianist **Marcel Worms** will perform Caribbean Dances by Jules Blasini, Joseph Sickman Corsen, Robert Rojer, Wim Statius Muller, Jan Gerard Palm, Rudolf Palm, Jacobo Palm en Albert Palm. The pieces together are called "Danzas Caribeñas" and a CD will be on sale at the concert. Mr. Worms will also play pieces from Vene-

zuela, Cuba and Brazil. He has performed in Europe as well as China, Indonesië, Israël, The Middle East, Russia, The Far East, the USA, South America, Cuba and Africa.

Tickets are available at Addo's Books and Toy Store, Flamingo Book Store, Valerie's Airport Shop and at Plaza, You can also reserve tickets at www.classicalmusicbonaire.com See ad on page 19.



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On The Island Since... 2003: Rafael Botero

“I was born in Ibagué, Colombia and when I was about four or five years old, my adoptive mother took me to Venezuela. I never call her mother, I always call her ‘Fai’, her name is Faizul Semeleer and I respect her endlessly; she gave so much to me and she worked so hard. She always tells me that when she adopted me, it was because she loved my eyes and my smile and that when she took me home I brought a lot of happiness to the house.

We lived in Caracas, the four of us; Fai, her father and mother and me. Faizul travelled a lot, not only she loved it, but it was also her job as she would buy and sell clothing, shoes and jewelry. When she went on her trips I would stay with her parents who loved me very much.

At university I learned about electronics and electricity and so he laughs ‘I can fix everything in the house. However, I never worked in that field. I worked as a salesman in natural medicine and I was good at it. I was the sales person for three cities: Caracas, Guarenas and Los Teques and for Litoral Central, also called ‘La Guaira’, the coastal zone north of the mountain range, a big area.

When I was about 18 my sister Nelsy was born and one year later came my second sister, Arunel.’ He laughs: ‘They made me crazy but I was and still am crazy for them too!

I still lived with my mom because in Venezuela it’s different; you live with your family and they want to keep you as long as they can; our culture is all about family! We all lived together; my sisters and me and my grandparents and Fai. She still travelled frequently and then one day, she came to Bonaire to look for business opportunities and she loved it the moment she stepped from the plane; it was paradise to her!

Because of political reasons the company I worked for went bankrupt and my friends found me a job as a security guard at a discotheque. I loved it but my Fai didn’t like it; she thought it was too dangerous. It paid good money, but working at night kills you, so I found another job at a gas station. I had to take it; jobs had become scarce as the political situation was deteriorating. After work I would take my board and drive to the coast to go body boarding in Los Cocos. A great way to get rid of stress and get a tan!

When Fai moved here in 1998, she came back to fetch my sisters, but I preferred to stay in Venezuela. However, Fai didn’t agree; she told me ‘Rafa, come to Bon-



One of Bonaire's beautiful faces, Jana Isaza

aire; it will be better for you and safer.’ She always tried to protect me and she was forever thinking of what was best for me. But I stayed with my grandparents while I was working at the gas pump and the car wash. Then one day, it occurred to me that it wasn’t the life I wanted to live for the rest of my days, so I went on vacation to Bonaire, to see what it was like. It seemed okay, but it was a little bit quiet. Fai immediately started with the paperwork and I went back to Venezuela and two years later I was accepted by immigration and then Fai sent me the ticket. But... I didn’t go – I used the money for something else and Fai got very angry. You see, I was afraid to change my whole life for a life I didn’t know anything about. I was 27 and I didn’t know anyone here, nor did I know the language or the culture. However, the second time Fai sent me the money, I did come to Bonaire and started working at her shop. My grandparents stayed in Caracas and that was sad; I loved them so much.

The first months were hard; but there was Alex Semeleer, Fai’s husband, my stepfather, who became very special to me and who is one of the most important persons in my life. He is a saint and thanks to him I learned everything I needed to know and much more about Bonaire. He and Fai also told me to look for better

opportunities as they wanted me to grow and do better. It didn’t take me long until I’d found a group of friends with whom I felt very comfortable. On Bonaire, when you are friendly, people are friendly to you. My friends taught me Papiamentu and little by little I picked up some English words as well. Then Fai heard that they needed someone at the car wash of Hertz and so I started working there; it was a chance to become

“... I’ve learned that sometimes it’s too late to fix your mistakes. I’ve also learned that good friends really support you when you need it.”

independent. I did that for about two years and then I got an offer from AB Car Rental. The manager was Venezuelan and a good friend of mine; he let me drive the cars and pick up clients and it was challenging because I didn’t speak enough English, no Dutch, just Papiamentu and Spanish and I felt insecure. I worked nights from 3 am when KLM would come in and I also worked weekends; it was really crazy but along the way I became more confident.

Then I met Radya; she was Dutch and worked as an intern. I



Jana cooking at the Dive Hut

had my own apartment and after a while we became a couple. I learned about the Dutch culture, because in Venezuela a man pays everything, but the Dutch girls are independent; they share the bills and that was nice for me! We were very happy! At work however things were not so well and went back to Hertz, to the car wash; it wasn’t a problem for me because if you did it before you can do it again.

When I’d worked there previously I had met Luqui, who is the general manager for Bonaire and Curacao for Hertz, and we had become friends. This time it was Rafael Rodriguez who asked me why I wasn’t working as a rental agent. He had noticed that I did a really good job with the clients. So they trained me and slowly but certainly I started working at the office all by myself. I liked it and I felt comfortable with the clients and great service is my number one!

In 2011 my girlfriend Radya and I decided to have a baby and on March 3, 2012 at 9.30 in the morning a beautiful baby boy named Sachiël was born at the hospital. I was very happy with my son! It was a difficult delivery but Radya handled it very well while I almost blacked out! After that I had a lot more respect for her! So, life went on and when my son was one and a half years old, Radya went to Holland with him and then my life changed completely. You know, when they left I felt sad, but after a while it really hit me... I missed my boy so much. I thought about

going to Holland, but it seemed so difficult because I would have started with zero. Sachiël is always on my mind and I miss him like crazy. My son means everything to me; he has shown me what the real value is in life and I love him more than anything. Often times I think when he’s older he will come back to live here and he will love it because he is ‘yu di tera’, born on Bonaire.

So, for the time being I am staying here. I’ve learned that sometimes it’s too late to fix your mistakes. I’ve also learned that good friends really support you when you need it. And I am very proud and grateful that I have friends who have been through good and bad with me, who talk to me every day to see how I am doing. Friends are so much more important than money and Bonaire gave me the best friends of all. I’d like to say thank you to Luqui, Josina and Petri, to the Velarde family and to Linda and to all my other good friends and most of all to my family who has given me their unconditional love.

I am still at Hertz and I love my job, but I was always working and now I’ve also learned to enjoy life a little bit more for myself in order to live happier. I miss my son and that is a constant pain but I trust that we will be together one day. When you work hard, your dreams can come true, but never forget where you are from and how you started and it where it took you. Here and now I am doing well; I like my life and it will be even better in the future.”

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Word on the Street

Items not necessarily confirmed but are being discussed "on the street"

The Dutch royals are easy to like and naturally approachable. One of the winners of the Rincon Day road race was thrilled when she received her trophy. She stepped out just as the royals drove up in a tuk-tuk.

She burst out, "Maxima, look what I won!" Queen Maxima said, "Why that's wonderful." This was just one of the great moments the royals shared with the Bonairean people on their visit. Maybe they should make it an annual event... and bring their daughters?



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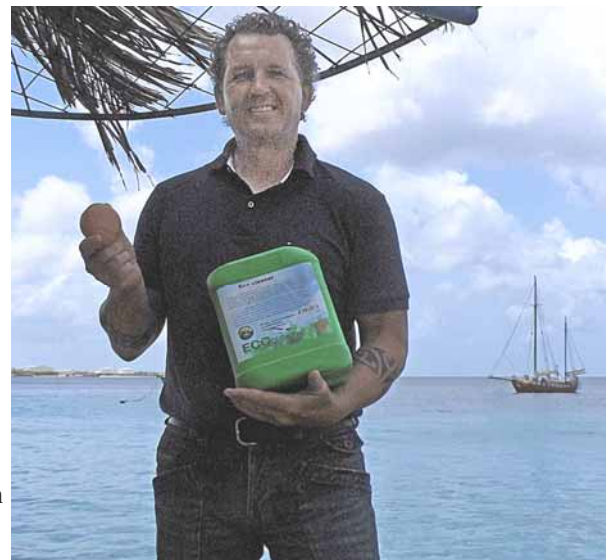
- **Update on Empire Cinema:** Bula previously reported on the indoor/outdoor cinema opening soon in Hato near the MCB administrative building. Plans were to begin showing movies the last week in April. However according to their Facebook page, everything is on hold. The usual Bonaire "plague" has struck: waiting on licenses! Stay tuned for further updates.
- **More updates:** Previous reports of a new establishment, named "Woodstock" at the former Capriccio location are confirmed. Word on the street is that the owners of Caribbean Chillout in Tera Cora will be opening a "hippie" bar there...construction is almost complete and opening is not far off. Hopefully they will avoid the "plague."
- **More "plague" report:** As previously reported a new establishment at the former location of Den Laman Restaurant/Sunset Grill and most recently the second Plazita Limena is open. Unfortunately, as of press time word on the street is that they are only open for "happy hours" and snacks. Still waiting on the food license.
- **The taxman bowed to the people, at least temporarily.** Plans to close the cashier's window at the tax service building were postponed. The taxman's plan was to have all tax payments paid through a bank or online. While perhaps a good idea for the 16 million people in the European Netherlands, it may not be the best solution for Bonaire where on line computers and bank accounts aren't used by some of the people.
- **Was there a plot afoot to hijack the government leadership?** If there was, it was foiled. Rumor on the street was that some disgruntled members of one party were hoping to "tumble" the coalition by becoming "independent" once the island council members were seated, the plot was foiled by one of the leaders making the ethical choice for the benefit of the island. Flotsam and Jetsam has more details ■ Bula Bonchi



Environmental Friendly Cleaning Products

Kralendijk –

A couple of years ago Tobi Rens visited the island of Bonaire for the first time. As so many other visitors he immediately fell in love with the tropical island. Being a chemist by profession he was touched by the natural and almost unspoiled beauty of the island. Unfortunately, especially by the increase of the population the last ten years he got more and more concerned about the environment and the pollution of the island.



Tobi with a few of his products.

Rens: "When I first came to Bonaire I discovered almost immediately most people still used a lot of traditional and old fashioned cleaning products, containing lots of chlorine and other harmful and aggressive chemicals. As the Bonairian nature is very special, unique and delicate, I started thinking about alternatives for the environment unfriendly cleaning products. I did a lot of research; I had contact with the Stinapa, local people and the owners of hotels and restaurants. I found out salt, grease and fine dust are very stubborn and difficult to get rid of. Metal, glass and windows, concrete, tiles and paint suffer and deteriorate from these types of pollution.

With more than 25 years of experience with cleaning products I developed a range of eco-friendly products, completely based on natural degreasers made out of coco's, alcohol made out of corn. The fresh smell of my products I extract from oranges, the color from beets and green plants. All cleaning products from Eco di Caribe are especially developed for a tropical island like Bonaire. All products are completely made from natural ingredients and all products are completely natural degradable. The philosophy is: "From nature to nature." Even the big containers and canisters are completely re used and recycled."

Eco di Caribe is a developer and producer of fully natural cleaning products. Their cleaners are delivered to companies and shops like JRA Cleaning Service, Dive Friends Bonaire, Buddy Dive, Lisa Convenience Store and Budget Marine.

Gordon, dive master at the Dive Inn location of Dive Friends Bonaire: "The stuff from Eco di Caribe seems to work pretty well. It is a concentrated cleaning product and we just need a little of the product to make a solution with water. We use it in our rinse tanks for cleaning masks, snorkels and regulators, for mopping and for general cleaning. It is not as bubbly as the classic cleaning products we were used to but there are no artificial chemicals in it, it smells nice and it does the job!"

Irida Felix, from Lisa Convenience Store, located at the corner of Kaya Lisboa and Kaya Nikiboko South said, "I am born on the island of Bonaire. I left and then I returned to my original soil and roots. More and more persons produce more and more dirt, fine dust, grease and oil. And then there is always the bad influence from the salt on wood, glass, metal. I am proud of my island and I also feel responsible for nature and environment. We have to realize nature is one of our most important sources of income. Think only of all the tourists visiting Bonaire and the dive industry. We may not lose our island and underwater world!" ■ Jan Brouwer



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Music Museum at Terramar

Bonaire has plenty of room for museums with different focuses, and that is what is emerging in the new Bonaire. Most of these museums are going to be housed in restored historical buildings – a plus for Bonairean architecture.

Stichting Terramar Museum is to be a small museum in the old Music School building which will be first and foremost a museum that Bonairean people can identify with and use – not just view, and secondly a tourist attraction that will be a “journey through time in one hour.” The goal is to open in October 2015 after the historic building has undergone a complete restoration.

The idea, according to managing director and archeologist, Ruud Stelton, is to have a small museum with Bonaire history from prehistoric 1500 BC through colonial times until the present. The exhibits will show Bonaire as the center but will also take the wider view of how Bonaire fits into the history of the region from the Orinoco delta, through the Venezuelan coast to the other islands of the Caribbean with the sea as the highway for trade and travel

Artifacts for the museum will be on loan from local collections, NAAM –



(National Archaeological Anthropological Memory Management) - in Curacao, the Florida Museum of Natural History – Caribbean islands collection, and possibly other Caribbean islands. Many commitments have already been secured.

The information will have to be quite general with more detailed temporary exhibits that may change every six months or so.

Stelton wishes to work with the local schools so that Bonairean children will gain a greater understanding of their history and take pride in their rich cultural heritage. He also wishes to do some archeological research while on Bonaire. ■

Maggie Kaiser
Booi



Picture Yourself With The Reporter Wekerom, The Netherlands

Gijs Borsten

(foreground) writes, “We shot a sunny contribution to the new ‘Picture Yourself’ spring edition of 2015, from an -at this very moment- ‘Flowering Inferno’, the Netherlands, to be more precise from the hamlet of

Wekerom, on the western edge of ‘De Veluwe’ N.P., heart of the Bible Belt, the new home town of Marlies and Annemiek. In the center of the picture you find two former Animal Shelter staff members flanked by their partners).



In Church In Hartsdale, NY, USA

Among the many people who sent healing thoughts and prayers for the recovery of our editor, Laura, were frequent contributors to Picture Yourself in *The Bonaire Reporter* Alan and Joan Zale.

They wrote, “We lit a candle this afternoon for Laura by the statue of our Blessed Mother at our church, Sacred Heart Church here in Hartsdale, NY.”

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The Fisherman's Hut "Rancho" -Part 2

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Once everything was unloaded, mom would start by cleaning up, while my little brother and I would wander off in any direction, with intentions of exploring the vast landscape to discover what natural wonders were waiting to be found. Barefoot, as always, which would explain the thick calluses residing on the soles of our feet to this day. Our explorations took us in many different directions, such as the coastline, where we would search the coastal puddles for odd creatures like crabs or sea snails, or even the occasional octopus, which we then proceeded to handle without hesitation, examining their qualities by squishing them around in our fingers as if playing with little globs of Jell-O. Otherwise, we would head inland towards flat plains that stretched as far as the eye could see, where a small species of Tern or Gull would lay their eggs among the stones. Fortunately, we were never able to find any of these illusive eggs, however this made for great fun because whenever we would near these areas the birds would swoop down at us, while screeching "wraa! wraa!" as we ran as fast as we could. Laughing so hard it almost made us cry.

Afterwards, when our adventures were deemed satisfactory, we would return to our mom, to share our other worldly discoveries of alien life along the coast or the exciting and perilous escape from almost certain death by angry mini sea gulls. No matter how crazy our adventure, we always returned safely and now that the sun was starting to set, it was time to prepare the fire.

Sun sets on the island were incredible. The sky changes from a clear blue to many shades of green and purple, and then finally it transitions to orange and red. As you see the colors darken you also feel the wind start to howl while it picks up due the slight drop in temperature. You couldn't help but feel like you were alone in the world at that moment. Until the sound of hermit crabs starts to become more evident, the clicking of their shells as they drag them across the rocky surfaces of the coastline. And the grunting they do so well. You could hear hundreds of them coming out to look for food and travel more safely to where they had to go. However, there was a specific use for these little critters, they were revered to as a delicacy to reef fish! Knowing this, we would collect them

during the night using bread crumbs, for use as bait during the following days.

Unlike many places around the world, the ocean surrounding Bonaire is usually a comfortable 75 to 80. degrees Fahrenheit. The coastlines were lined with miles of beautiful reefs that resembled huge metropolises consisting of millions of inhabitants from various different species. All functioning as one to create an incredibly diverse ecosystem.

But for my little brother and I, this meant nothing more than another adventure! Armed with our little masks and snorkels, and nothing else on but our little swim trunks, we would take to the water! The masks making our eyes squint like we had just eaten something incredibly sour, and the snorkels making our lips pout, like when you kiss a glass window and blow against it. However we weren't worried about appearances, we had a more important task at hand, lunch!

Once in the water we would use our hand lines to catch reef fish such as Bar Jack, Snapper, Grouper, Goatfish and sometimes even Barracuda. Many of which were in abundance at the time. Grouper and snapper were among our favorite to catch.



The Rancho

Firstly, they were easier to catch. Their specific way of feeding was; they would use their jaw to suck in the entire bait (Mr. sneaky hermit crab) we conveniently placed in front of them. Of course once bait and hook were devoured, the rest was easy. Secondly, and more importantly, because snapper and grouper are delicious! Nothing more was needed than a hot grill, some aluminum foil, onions, salt and pepper and a lime.... Priceless!

It was truly a wonderful time, one that I sometimes wished would never end. But such as all good things, it had to at some point. Many years have since passed and although our peaceful "Rancho" still stands, there has been little time to revisit.

Reflecting on those times has taught me to appreciate what you have, whether it be the type of beauty that's straight out of a magazine, or simpler things like hermit crabs crawling about in the dark, on a coral covered beach.

"Beauty is hidden in everything, just learn how to observe", and when you live around true natural beauty for long enough that it starts to seem like nothing special, always be sure to step back and take a moment to appreciate it.

■ Douglas Abraham



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TRAFFIC CONTROL NEEDED

Dear Editor,

I was very happy to read in your last edition under Flotsam and Jetsam, that the Bonaire police is finally planning to step up their traffic enforcement obligations. I am a visitor to Bonaire for the last seven years and stay on average for two months on a sailboat at a mooring along Kaya J.N.E.Craane. There is no end to the young hooligans who are racing down the narrow road with speeds in excess of

100 km per hour, pulling wheelies for stretches of 100 to 200 meters at a time on one wheel without the possibility of steering or braking their scooter, four-wheeler or motorcycles. Also all night long you have to listen to the screaming of unmuffled motorcycles doing rubber burnouts on the pavement or creating over revving and misfiring noises, terrorizing local citizens and visitors alike, who are coming here for recreation and a good night's sleep.

All the while it appears that police is nowhere to be seen or heard of. As the hooligans are always the same, it would be very easy to put a stop to this by having some well placed police cars positioned along the street a few times a week and pull the offenders over. Everywhere in North America, behavior like this is called stunt-driving and results in roadside vehicle seizures, fines of up to \$10,000 and the loss of a driver's license.

If Bonaire continues to tolerate this behavior in public, a serious accident with possible loss of life will be unavoidable, when someone eventually runs into visitors or pedestrians who crowd the road frequently. Please continue with your efforts to make it clear to the youth that if someone abuses their driving privileges, there will be consequences.

Besides that, I love your island!

Martin Hederich M.A.(ed),

YACHT MOORINGS

Dear Editor,

Rumors have been circulating that Stinapa is considering increasing the fee to use the yacht moorings. Or should I say increase them again. A few days ago the fee was raised by one dollar per day (10%). Before they raise them again may I suggest that they sort out the mess that the moorings have become.

The moorings consist of three concrete blocks cabled together making in effect one block. A number of moorings have been pulled apart so that they are now two single blocks. Single blocks are not adequate. It is possible to topple them over or drag them. One block has dragged to the very edge of the reef top. A little further and the hapless boat owner would have been drifting out to sea with a tonne of concrete tied to the bow of his boat. The blocks need to be cabled back together. Two ropes secure the yacht to the mooring block. At least there are supposed to be two. Some have one (usually old and waiting to break), some have missing floats and some do not have any mooring lines at all! Mooring lines should be replaced in a timely manner.



Internet photo

Kralendijk Bay—you can see the block moorings underwater.

Over the years numerous moorings have been placed inshore of the yacht moorings. In many cases there is no longer enough room to swing one hundred and eighty degrees in the event of a wind reversal. This creates a dangerous situation whereby attempting to leave the mooring results in the very real possibility of having a rope wrap around your propeller. This leaves you with no propulsion and headed for shore. It has happened in the past. Along the same line, in light wind conditions the yachts drift about aimlessly and bang into the boats closer to shore. I have the dings in the paint to prove this. Inshore moorings and swim areas need to be moved as necessary in order to provide sufficient swinging room. Once you are on a mooring you have a further problem, how do you get ashore? You could go to the marina but this is a private facility and has little space and is a long way from town. The fishing pier is

usually fully occupied by fishing boats. Besides it is too high and dinghies get underneath and damaged by the rusty steelwork. Karel's kindly lets you use their dock. But this is also a private facility and dinghies can disappear completely underneath it. There is a small dock on the north commercial pier but this can only be used when cruise ships are not in port. There are no viable public docks for yachts on the moorings and there certainly should be.

The use of the moorings is compulsory. However Stinapa has stated that their use is "at your own risk" and they accept "no responsibility for any loss or damage". I contend that if they are charging for mooring use they have a responsibility to provide a safe environment under all conditions, moorings maintained in proper condition and a dinghy dock.

Web Burrfish

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A Garden? Just Do It!

GROW YOUR OWN

Recently LVV (The Livestock, Agriculture, and Fisheries department) held a workshop for vegetable cultivation in home gardens.

Rocky Emers head of the LVV taught the class. With enthusiasm, humor and fun he shared his knowledge and experience with the participants.

The workshop was divided into four parts: Soil and manure, sowing vegetables, planting fruit trees and on the last day making a mix of different soil from soil, goat-chicken manure and watapana tree mulch. The people took their mixed soil home to use in their yard.

This project is in cooperation with POP Bonaire (*Plattelands ontwikkelings programma*) to stimulate self sufficiency for food in the barios. It started last year September and participation is free.

I enjoyed seeing all these people so enthusiastically busy with all that stuff. Notepads and pens, big sheets with info, pots and plants, different soil and a experienced teacher.

The lesson was in two parts. The informational part and the action part. There were okra plants (local name *jambo*) and spinach plants, soil and small pots. For each participant there were two plants from each type. So they could plant their own okra and spinach and take them home. That was fun. Everybody busy and sharing info. Now something about these veggies:

OKRA



Okra

The okra is a very popular health food due to its high fiber, vitamin C and folate content. Its also known for being high in antioxidants and its also a good source of calcium and potassium.

This plant grows very easily here. One can find it everywhere in the Caribbean.

There are two types of fruit-the long type and the short round type. The seeds inside the pod must be dry (grey) to plant. Just put a couple of seeds in a small pot and look how fast they germinate. Then plant them in bigger pots or in your yard. The plant becomes about two meters tall and within a few months the pods are mature.

Okra is widely used in a thick stew made with vegetables and meat, dry fish or dry shrimps. Popular on Bonaire (and the Antilles) is *jambo* soup, a



Some of the participants in the workshop making soil and potting plants



delicious soup (a bit slimy) with fish or salted beef with *funchi* (corn meal). Vegetarian soup with okra is also great. Just add some sweet potatoes, corn, herbs and some curry.

Stir fried okra; okra pickles; baked okra with sliced tomatoes and spiced okra with curry and or coconut milk are additional ways to prepare a okra dish.

The products of the plant are mucilaginous, resulting in the characteristic "goo" or slime when the seed pods are cooked.

Some people don't like the sliminess of the okra pod, so to minimize this keep the pods intact and cook with some vinegar or a few drops of lemon juice.

Do you know that the leaves can also be cooked or eaten raw as a salad?

And do you know that okra seeds can be roasted and ground to form a caffeine-free substitute for coffee? This plant came from the Arabic world (Egypt and Africa), went later to Asia - India and later introduced to the Americas by ships plying the Atlantic slave trade.

Oil is made from the seeds which is very healthy and tastes good. The Okra is family includes cotton, cocoa and hibiscus.



Spinach growing in blocks

SPINACH

Since spinach was one of the vegetables in the workshop and also popular here, it's good to know some more details about it.

Spinach is believed to be of Persian origin. Later it spread across the world in different varieties.

Its well known for its nutritional qualities and has always been regarded as a plant with remarkable abilities to restore energy, increase vitality and improve the quality of blood. It's rich in iron and iron plays a central role in

the function of red blood cells which help in transporting oxygen around the body in energy production and DNA synthesis. Spinach is also an excellent source of vitamin K, vitamin A, vitamin C and folic acid as well a good source of manganese, magnesium and vitamin B-12.

Avoid eating spinach in combination with fish. This combination creates a nitrate which is not good for the body. The same happens when cooked spinach is warmed up and served a second time.

Don't eat spinach more than twice a week. The best way to eat spinach is with a boiled egg. It's not good to serve spinach to children under two years old because of the nitrate.

Spinach also grows easily here on Bonaire. Look for seeds, plant them in a pot in soft black dirt and after about two weeks the young plants come up. It needs sun- and shade.

The greener the plant is, the healthier it is for our body. Yellow leaves are not good to eat. To store spinach, don't wash it until you use it. When you wash it and then store it in the fridge it turns bad. And bad spinach is bad for the body.

Soon we will see some "Popeyes" on Bonaire. Thanks to spinach and okra in our own yard. ■

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A Royal Dia di Rincon

~King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of The Netherlands are honored guests on this festive day~



relaxed. Queen Maxima smiles and nods as her husband leans down to whisper something in her ear. They are visibly ready to enjoy a festive day.



The royal couple fully enjoy the festive atmosphere as they laugh and joke together. Mi tambe por!: The royals pose outside at Fundashon Cocari with the children in the Kansen voor Jongeren (Opportunities for the Youth) program.

“A beautiful beginning,” announces his royal majesty King Willem Alexander, as the flags of The Netherlands, Bonaire and Rincon are raised to announce the start of Dia di Rincon’s opening ceremony, on April 30, 2015. The Dutch King and Queen have been invited to Dia di Rincon by Governor of Bonaire Edison Rijna to take part in the events that surround this historic cultural celebration.

Radiant in a bright yellow dress Queen Maxima greets people as they are led to their seats under a canopy that provides shade during the opening festivities. Once seated, the King grabs his phone to take a quick picture before the official program begins. The royal pair looks happy and

Master of ceremonies **Papy Cecilia** (at left) explains in his introduction that he wishes Dia di Rincon to be one of the largest festive days of the Kingdom. He notes that they are well on their way to achieving that goal with the royal visit this year. Governments representative of culture tells the public that Dia di Rincon is of great historical worth to Bonaire and its inhabitants and promises to do his best to have the day declared an official holiday so everyone can enjoy all that Rincon has to offer.

Dance groups take the stage for a colorful exhibit of folkloric dance and the winner of the *Kanto Krioyo Rincon Hubenil*

(Rincon song festival for youth) is a hit. His voice is loud and clear as he sings of *Baluba*, the scarecrow that needs to keep the birds away. He is followed by the champion of the *Kanto Krioyo Rincon Grandi* (Rincon song festival for adults) who amuses the onlookers with his rendition of this royal Dia di Rincon, a day that is fit for a king. The King and Queen are asked to come on stage and receive gifts at the end of the show. Amongst the gifts is a scroll with a playful painting of Bonaire and its landscape; a memory of the island to take home. (at above left)

They taste various traditional drinks and foods made by the Rinconeros (inhabitants of Rincon) before they make their way down the street by *tuk tuk* to the Chi Chi’ Tan museum. The pair is invited in to see the various traditional Bonairean musical instruments, shown how to tie a typical headdress and demonstrated various time-honored games by a group of local children.

Fundashon Cocari is up next where they meet with *Mi tambe por!* (I can too!) project leaders, and officials of supporting

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Royals at Rincon (Continued from page 10)

foundations. The program *Kansen voor Jongeren* (Opportunities for the Youth) helps children aged 12 to 25 that are at risk of dropping out of school or have already dropped out of school. A presentation of the Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation is held by the youngsters themselves who explain to the royals what the program entails. One participant focuses on bullying on Bonaire and King Willem-Alexander asks him whether there is a lot of bullying in a small community like Bonaire as according to him, that kind of behavior is usually anonymous. The youngster replies that there are many cases here on the island, some quite severe. He shows a documentary he made on the subject. Other program members focus their efforts on changing mindsets and have created posters and videos that state slogans such as: "You must be the change you want to see in the world," "Change starts with oneself" and very cleverly, "Impossible – stands for I am possible – everything is possible in your mind."

The *Mi Tambe por!* Project links children to coaches who help them with personal and educational development. In the early evening hours these youngsters come together at the Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation to do homework and unwind. A selection of children participating in this program clarify the positive addition this program makes to their daily life and, especially, to their education. The commitment of the coaches to their respective child was very visible. They proudly smiled and nodded as the teenagers

took turns to address the royals.



Stamps made for this royal visit

On their way out, the King and Queen were invited to the presentation of the new royal stamps of Bonaire. These stamps were especially designed for this royal visit by Bonaire's Post Office; Flamingo Express Dutch Caribbean and picture the King and the flag of Bonaire entwined as a symbol of the relation of Bonaire with The Netherlands. Unique is the fact that these are musical stamps. If scanned with the 'CEE app' one hears either the Dutch national anthem *Wilhelmus* or the Bonairean '*Tera di solo y Suave Biento*.'

In the afternoon the pair was escorted to a raised platform that overlooked the Dia di Rincon Simadan (Harvest) parade. The village was throbbing with visitors and residents alike and the atmosphere was



The colorful fruits and vegetables of the Simadan (harvest time.)

friendly, fun and festive. The parade showed a variety of traditional cultural historical occupations of the people of Bonaire. The presentation included the craft of cacti hedging, the harvesting of Aloe Vera plants, the preparation of natural medicine, salt reaping, kunuku-living, bird catching and much more. The procession ended with a brightly colored parade of dancers making their way through the village. King Willem-



Wonderfully bright dancers weave their way down the street in Rincon.

Alexander and Queen Maxima joined in with the last troupe. They smiled broadly, laughed and moved to the rhythm of the music as they shook hands with the public and onlookers took pictures.

Elated, they reached the Archie Tours bus that was at the ready to transport them to their last visit of the day, Fundashon Krusada. Krusada won the coveted Ap-

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My Little Shop

On Bonaire there are still some little shops, “tokos,” to be found in the neighborhoods. They struggle to survive. In order to get the story behind those shops our reporter visits them. If you don’t want those shops to disappear, support them by visiting them.

GO GREEN

Tina Woodley is the owner of a small vegetarian restaurant that she runs all by herself. It is called **GoGreen** and is situated in the building of Bonaire Basics at the Kaya Korona where it is crossing Kaya Jakuppper, near the Botica.

Tina originally comes from Sint Eustatius. From 1971 till 1977 she lived on Bonaire and made career as a weight-lifter and bodybuilder. She owned the first gym on the island. At the age of 24 she was the first champion from the Caribbean when she went to the world championship in Indiana. She tells, her eyes shimmering with joy: “When I came back from the championship the whole island was there at the airport to welcome me. This was heart-warming and at that moment I felt Bonaire was my home”. That feeling of home made her come back in 1999 after living in Holland, Germany and Austria.

When I ask her how she came to start a restaurant she reacts: “I came back to mean something for this island and what I do here is meant to contribute to society”. However, she needed the discipline and perseverance that had made her a champion to get things started here. In Europe she came into contact with the idea of organic food. That consciousness was not to be found on the island. That’s why her first start with an organic shop did not work out. Then she moved to Bonaire Basic where she started a restaurant with Indian, Ayurvedic food. The restaurant is open from Tuesday till Thursday for lunch and Friday for dinner. Once a month there also is a buffet that attracts a lot of people. Tina cooks, serves and cleans up and still finds time to talk to her guests. Tina: “I want people to have an experience when coming to my restaurant. It is not just the food, I want them to get to know people, have a nice conversation and feel good”. Tina would like to see more real Bonaireans in her restaurant. They are the reason she came back, but they form only about 1% of her customers. For Caribbean people it is usually a culture shock to have a meal without meat. Tina tells: “My father for example always said: “I don’t want to eat without meat”. I would like people to get acquainted with all the other possibilities to get protein and to try all the herbs that are very healthy and a cure for diseases. But if the absence of meat is the reason not to come, I made an exception for Friday: I serve also meat that day for dinner. So, I do hope that this will attract more people from the island”.

When asked if she can survive on the income of her restaurant she tells that she can cover the costs, but can’t really make a good living out of it. “It is a work of love,” she answered.

What about the future, does Tina have any plans? Tina tells that she is always full of ideas. She would like to turn Bonaire basics into a holistic center where you can get Ayurvedic treatment, a massage, health advice and do fitness and have healthy food. Let’s hope this lady will succeed and continue to cook her healthy and tasty meals. ■ *Story and photo by Justine Verschuur*



Tina at the menu board



TRAPPED!

Dear Editor,

How long must the disabled people of Bonaire put up with the thoughtless people who use the Disabled parking places as their private spots to park their cars. I have heard rumors that the laws have been ready for the BC to pass but too date no one seems to have the guts to step up and vote on them!..I also was told months ago by Ruben Didden from OLD that they are being held up in The Hague...! I find this to be unbelievable and if true, pretty dumb for a body of legislators a few thousand kilometers away to have that kind of control.



The reason I am addressing this now is twofold. I was at the RCN Tax office on Friday and was on my scoot mobile. There are two disabled parking spots. There is also a guard who is on duty to direct folks who are able bodied to park elsewhere. I was able to pull up on the one on the left which has to unoccupied. The ramp is not accessible if there is a car parked in the spot so anyone already in the office is trapped if the space is taken.

I was trapped and had to wait while they found the culprit who had parked in the disabled spot. It did not surprise me it was a person from Customs in a private vehicle. Either they are hiring the disabled or they just plain can’t read. BC, it is time to address these traffic laws that we were promised years ago would be passed. The second reason is that we must begin to grow our island into a destination that welcomes people with all sorts of needs and once we solve the problem of how to safely get them off the planes, then we need to show our residents and visitors that we respect everyone’s rights.

Michael Gaynor

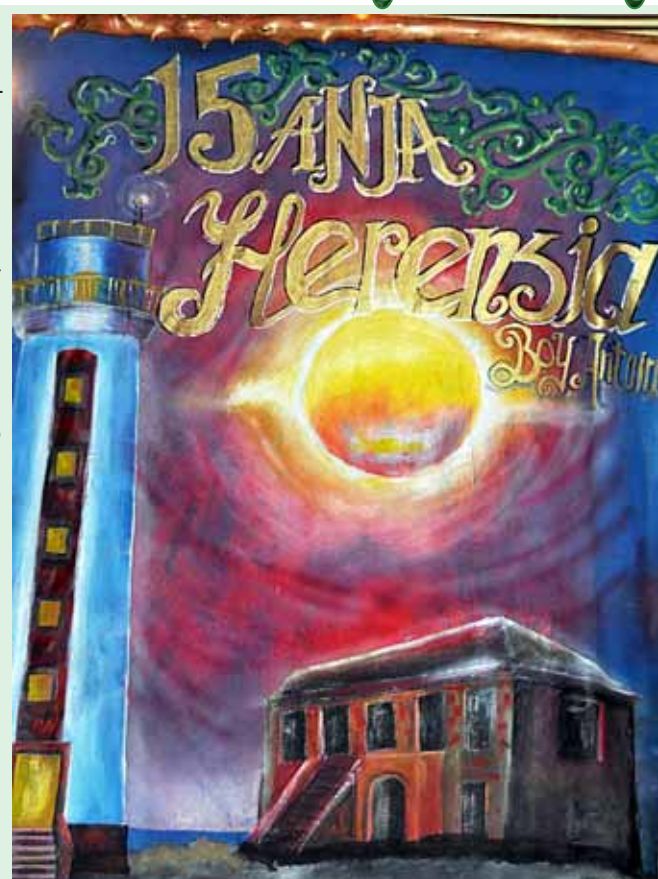
Celebrating 15 Years Preserving Our Heritage

In a festive atmosphere at Man-gazina di Rei the television program *Herensia* (Heritage) celebrated its 15th anniversary.

Over the years about 800 people, 70 years of age and older, were interviewed by journalist Bòl Antoin of “Fundashon Històrico Kultural Boneriano” to help keep Bonaire’s culture and traditions alive.

The people speak about the past life on the island and share their memories with Boi.

The award-winning series can be seen on Bonaire, in Curacao on TeleCuraçao, channel 130, St. Maarten Cable TV and channel 8



Tapestry honoring the 15 years of the show



Shirley Martes of Extra displays the favorite three shirts that Boi wore during the filming of the Herensia shows



Hamoudy Dabboussi, a sponsor of the Herensia project, explains its importance.

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Blue-eyed and friendly, Casper Douma's laid-back attitude belies a vigorous passion for photography and a dedicated desire to portray the beauty of natural life in its traditional habitat. This nature-lover has travelled around the world to make photos of sea creatures such as manta rays, turtles,



Casper Douma

humpback whales and orca's. He has a soft spot for birds, butterflies and insects, a portfolio full of stunning Northern Light frames taken above the Arctic Circle in Andenes, Norway and recently, fabulous wind-and kite surfing shots on Bonaire.

Casper moved to the island with his family a year ago and enjoys it immensely. Bonaire's natural surroundings nourish his photo-passions. His love for diving, sea creatures and underwater photography go hand in hand with the challenge of framing a quick-batting hummingbird. The clear night skies make for outstanding constellation photos, and countless inspiring shots are available at the windsurfing spot in Sorobon or at the kite beach on Bonaire's South Shore. With his photography courses he guides and teaches others who share his passion.

Though photography comes a close second, Casper's first love is diving. Casper: "We used to go to Argelès-sur-Mer in the South of France when I was little. I remember walking on top of the high cliffs and looking down onto the village and seeing the clear waters and thinking 'I want to dive into those waters and explore them.' Years later I learned how to dive and went on holiday to Egypt. As I was diving I realized I saw so many stunning frames underwater that I wanted to capture and that is how it

started." He smiles and says: "Funny enough, when I just started with underwater photography I decided to enter an underwater photography contest in Zeeland, The Netherlands, and won first place. I couldn't believe it – I thought it was a joke."

Winning that contest made him realize that he could truly work as a professional underwater photographer and he started taking pictures for the well-known Dutch magazine Duiken (Diving.) He also created his very own Dive Safari together with his wife Cora Knopper, to dive and snorkel with Humpback whales and Orca's high up above the Arctic Circle in Norway. "Coming eye-to-eye with an orca changes your life," explains Cora, "you feel it in your soul. We are only a small part of planet Earth's natural life."

Casper's first photography course will be a night sky and star photography course on May 17. The course will cover understanding exposure in night photography, focusing in the dark, infield set up, camera set-up and camera gear as well as, for those that are interested, time-lapse videos. The course will start at 20:00 and take about 3 to 3.5 hours. You'll need your camera and preferably, a tripod. Cost \$ US 35.

The second course is scheduled for May 31 and teaches you everything about your camera including technique, composition, fieldwork and feedback. Meet-up is at El Mundo Restaurant in Kralendijk's Kaya Grandi and the course takes about 6 hours. Cost Us \$ 65. Bring your own camera along.

Other course dates are available. Night sky and star photography on June 18, a ba-



The 'Cassandra' on Bonaire's South side.



A turtle taken at the Salt pier.

sic photography course on June 28th and a time-lapse video course on July 19th. Underwater photography courses are available on request.

So join in! You can contact Casper at info@nature2experience.com, call him at (00599)795-2498, or surf to www.facebook.com/nature2experience for more information. Discover your camera's possibilities and the many wonderful features of photography. ■ Sanny Ensing



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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 04	00:47 0.71 ft	10:09 -0.13 ft				6:14	18:50
Tue 05	01:28 0.75 ft	10:51 -0.19 ft				6:14	18:50
Wed 06	02:10 0.80 ft	11:26 -0.24 ft				6:14	18:50
Thu 07	02:55 0.83 ft	11:59 -0.28 ft	18:55 0.20 ft	20:09 0.20 ft		6:13	18:50
Fri 08	03:40 0.84 ft	12:29 -0.30 ft	18:37 0.24 ft	22:01 0.20 ft		6:13	18:51
Sat 09	04:27 0.84 ft	12:58 -0.31 ft	18:54 0.31 ft	23:22 0.19 ft		6:13	18:51
Sun 10	05:15 0.81 ft	13:28 -0.31 ft	19:22 0.40 ft			6:12	18:51
Mon 11	L Quar- 00:37 0.17 ft	00:37 0.17 ft	06:04 0.74 ft	13:59 -0.30 ft	19:55 0.51 ft	6:12	18:51
Tue 12		01:52 0.13 ft	06:55 0.65 ft	14:32 -0.28 ft	20:35 0.63 ft	6:12	18:51
Wed 13		03:08 0.09 ft	07:51 0.53 ft	15:05 -0.24 ft	21:18 0.74 ft	6:12	18:52
Thu 14		04:25 0.03 ft	08:52 0.40 ft	15:40 -0.20 ft	22:04 0.84 ft	6:11	18:52
Fri 15		05:45 -0.04 ft	10:02 0.28 ft	16:17 -0.14 ft	22:52 0.92 ft	6:11	18:52
Sat 16		07:03 -0.12 ft	11:25 0.18 ft	16:56 -0.07 ft	23:43 0.97 ft	6:11	18:52
Sun 17		08:15 -0.20 ft	13:00 0.13 ft	17:39 0.00 ft		6:11	18:53
Mon 18	00:36 0.99 ft	09:20 -0.28 ft	14:39 0.14 ft	18:29 0.07 ft	New Moon	6:11	18:53

Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Solution

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

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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.

• **Tera Kora Ranch Market**—2nd & 3rd Saturdays- local produce, clothes, food, games for kids, 2nd hand items

• **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

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Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—**

9am. See Monday for more information.

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

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

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CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Thursday, May 14 Ascension Day – Legal Holiday– traditional first communion day

Saturday, May 23 -Concert -The Classical Music Board Bonaire is organizing a concert on at 8 pm at Plaza Resort. See pages 3 and 19 for more details.

May 21- 25- Sorobon Masters Windsurfing at the Sorobon Beach Resort, World class multi-discipline windsurfing competition. For info email organisa-tie@sorobonmasters.com

Saturday, May 30—Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei, 8am—2pm. Traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen

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TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Make the necessary changes that will enable you to advance financially. Older relatives may be a burden. Include the whole family or those you love. Elders may get you going this week. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Friends and relatives may be hard to take this week. You can become obsessed with detail and must be sure to divide your time appropriately. You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. Try to deal with it quickly; don't dwell on past regrets. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can help them more than they can help you. Your relationship appears to be stressed out and depleted. Your creative ideas will be put to good use if you dig in and do things around the house that will make your family happy. If they don't like the plan, suggest that they contribute a little. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Find out exactly what's expected of you and you'll be surprised to find out how capable you are. Don't be too quick to judge. Romantic relationships could be under pressure. Sudden changes regarding colleagues may surprise you. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Visitors may be likely to drop by. Concentrate on your career and on making money. Try not to lend or borrow money this week. Be careful when dealing with female members of your family. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You may find that children are not as accepting as

you have been. You can be sure that any dealing with large institutions should go well. Discord could be unnerving. Do not sign contracts or get involved in any uncertain financial deals. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov.

22) Entertainment could be pleasing if it is of an energetic nature. You will do extremely well if you get involved in competitive activities this week. Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. Go over their important documents and take the time to suggest alternatives. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec.

21) Your involvement in groups will be favorable for meeting new and exciting individuals. Family outings that aren't expensive will be enjoyable and help strengthen ties. Develop some of your good ideas. Don't forget that your budget is limited right now. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan.

20) Pushy people must be kept at arm's length. Stomach problems could prevail if you haven't been watching your diet. You must take care not to over exert yourself if involved in sports. You are best to keep your money tied up in a safe and secure place. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Minor health problems could result through exhaustion. You can pick up additional responsibility that will lead to higher wages and a better position. Don't be too eager to give a piece of your mind or even your opinion this week. Don't bend to the pressure. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your emotions are fluctuating, so be careful not to say things you'll regret. You might find that coworkers will support your endeavors. Be tactful if you see flaws in someone else's work. Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday. ■ Astrologer Michael Thiessen



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

CONNECTING THE DOTS THE SKY PARK WAY!

Did you know that the international astronomical union officially recognizes 88 constellations?

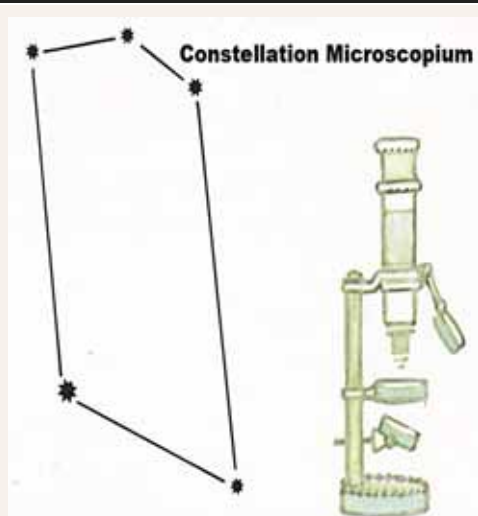
Eighty-eight constellations may sound like a lot, but from where most people live, they can only see a few dozen of them. There's only one region of the world where you can see all 88 constellations and that's the equator. There, during the course of the year, you can see all the constellations.

And some of them are pretty strange. We're all familiar with the constellation of **Ursa Major** the great bear/Orion the hunter. But did you know that from the equator and places south of it, you can see constellations representing more modern things, like... microscopes and furnaces?

You're probably wondering, who came up with all these constellations and how can we come up with our own star patterns?

So make the stars your own. Play connect the dots... the Sky Park way. For thousands of years, our ancestors have looked up at the night sky and wondered what it all was. Without a scientific understanding of what the stars actually were many ancient cultures thought the stars were either distant campfires or even gods. Each of these points of light was fixed in position, relative to the others; appearing to rise in the east and set in the west, night after night. Imagine how magical, mysterious and awesome the heavens must have seemed to Bonaire's early Indians. As a person went from youth to old age, they would see the same stars in the same locations year after year; the same at age 5 as at age 50. We humans love to make patterns out of things we see that are fairly random; like seeing the shape of a bunny rabbit in the clouds on a lazy summer day.

So, although the distribution of the stars in the night sky is random, your brain immediately wants to make patterns out of the brightest stars. So, as our ancestors spent their evenings gazing at the stars, they would play a celestial game of connect-the-dots, making patterns (both big and small) that represented objects, animals or people. We call these patterns, constellations.



There are currently 88 officially recognized constellations in modern astronomy. Which constellations you can see depends on where on earth you're observing. For example, people who live in Australia can see some of the same stars that we can see from Bonaire, but not all of them and vice versa.

Australians can see the **Southern Cross**, high in the heavens; Bonaire sees it close to the southern horizon for part of the year. We can see **Ursa Major (the Great Bear)** and **Lyra (the Harp)**, but New Zealanders can see **Pavo (the peacock)** and **Horologium (the Clock)**.

So, as people around the world played connect-the-dots with the stars, They would create fanciful stories about each of the constellations they created. Many of these stories were used to pass down cultural values of morality, or tell stories about love, courage or honor. As northern astronomers began visiting the southern hemisphere, they made their own constellations and named them after more modern objects and animals, like microscopes and toucans.

Let's revive the habit of creating new stories and new star patterns. Make the stars your own. Start connecting the dots and see what fun patterns you can come up with. Who knows? You might be the first person to create the constellation of the parrotfish, divi-divi tree, the flamingo or maybe even the cell phone. ■

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Dogs of the Week

Meet Animal Shelter devoted volunteer Lilian, she is posing with our Dogs of the week, beautiful Woopy and handsome Isaak. → Two smart, sweet and well behaved dogs. They are looking for a forever home! Both dogs are great with kids and other dogs. They are healthy and full of life and love.

Woopy (on the right): She was found wandering on the streets. After many announcements on internet nobody came to search for her so she became an Animal Shelter resident and turned in to be a very sweet and easy going young lady.

Isaak (on the left): He has been a resident of the Shelter since August last year. He grew from puppy into a handsome and young and playful guy, willing to learn and be a loyal friend.

They are both looking for a strong dedicated new owner who can give them lots of attention and love. If you're looking for a great companion and are interested in adopting Woopy or Isaak or even both of them, please visit the Animal Shelter at Kaminda Lagun 26, or call for more information. (717-4989). ■ *Nathalie Peterson,*



Cat of the Week

ZACHARY

Handsome Zachary has the most beautiful "golden" eyes of any cat you'll probably ever see. He has lived at the shelter for two years, almost his entire life. Zachary arrived as a young kitten in 2013, he was scrawny and not particularly attractive. However, over the last two years he has blossomed into an extremely handsome, smart and affectionate young man. His chest and belly are white and he wears a beautiful "hood and saddle" of brown, grey and black tabby stripes.

Zachary is a wonderful "companion" cat, he loves to be around people but is never intrusive or demanding of your attention. He is more than happy to just sit next to you while you do whatever it is that needs doing....but a couple strokes now and then would be greatly appreciated! A favorite diversion for Zachary is to get to a place that is eye level with a human and just sit and "talk" with you. Of course, you do the talking...he just watches, blinks in acknowledgment and requests a few head bumps or pets if you're up for it.

Kittens are quickly adopted at most animal shelters, but wonderful adult cats like Zachary are often ignored. As has been said many times before in this column, adopting an adult cat is often a better choice. This is especially true if you work every day or have a busy life. When you adopt a kitten, you're bringing in a cat who is still developing his temperament and personality. In order to properly socialize a kitten, you need to be able to be there to positively reinforce the behavior you want to see. Adult cats are settled into who they are, so you already know whether you're getting a "lap fungus" or an excited adventurer, for example.

"Mr. Golden Eyes" is two years old, sterilized, and in perfect health and has



Laura DeSalvo photo

been waiting a long time for his forever home. He gets along famously with all his shelter roommates, but is more than content to play on his own....not a moving toy, fly or "crawly thing" gets by him, so your home will likely be rodent, bug and lizard free if he's around. Zachary would be a delight to have as your feline friend, come meet him and see if you agree. He and all his shelter compatriots welcome visitors Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Lagun Road 26. You can check out all the cats waiting for new homes via live video at

www.bonairecatcam.com

■ *Jane Madden Disko*



Shelter News

TIP & NEWS

Pakus di Pruga: is a second hand shop run by volunteers to benefit the Animal Shelter Bonaire.

It is the Animal Shelter's every Saturday Garage Sale on Bonaire. All funds raised at this garage sale, will go towards the Animal Shelter Bonaire.

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The Pakus di Pruga is housed in the building across the street from Brandaris Café and is manned by volunteers from 8 am to 5 pm. And there's plenty of free parking! ■ *Nathalie Peterson,*



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Krusada foundation director Eric de Jong speaks with the queen and king

Royals at Rincon (Continued from page 11)
pelte van Oranje 2015 prize which is a Dutch award of excellence. This year awards were given to organizations that improve people's social-economical circumstances. The foundation's leaders members and cooperating partners were there to meet with the royals and talk about the structure and future of Krusada. Krusada helps reintegrate people at the sideline of their community back into society, like those with drug addictions and the mentally or physically challenged. The foundation has recently taken on prisoners that need to re-enter society with very positive results. Not only are these detainees an example to their peers in prison, they are also taught a trade such as how to work with metal and wood and join in with the work in the vegetable

green house. As the director of JICN (Dutch Caribbean Penal Facilities) Wibo de Vries explains: "People need time to get used to this new idea in Bonaire. It is still in its first stages but we are already reaping the positive effects of this program. It is very important to work on the acceptance of the Bonairean community for the positive reintegration of an ex-detainee in regular society." Roos Barelds, Reclassification Director, explains that the aftercare of prisoners is a real challenge on the island. Barelds: "Krusada fills a gap. The possibility of a half-way home for ex-detainees at Krusada who are properly guided gives a real good chance of a proper re-entry into island society." The challenge today is to finance this program," she explains.

After a private visit with two of the youngsters that are in Krusada's program, Willem-Alexander and Maxima visit the greenhouse. "It smells delicious in here," Maxima exclaims, and she is right, as the lush garden is full of fresh basil. The tour ends at the metal and wood workshop. The royal pair seems impressed with the space, and with the work done at Krusada. "See you soon in Holland," Maxima says and smiles at director Eric de Jong. Then they turn and board the bus back to the hotel.

Aruba is next on their itinerary before



Dancers take the stage at Dia di Rincon.

they fly back home to the Netherlands. The royals' visit to Bonaire and Dia di Rincon was a great success especially for the founders of the local festive event and the village's inhabitants who have now royally put their day on the map. ■

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