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**Rudolph Goeloe at  
the Cargill Salt Works**

Hendrik Wuyts photo



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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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**B**onaireans have the lowest median disposable income, at \$23,000, of the three BES Islands according to the latest (2012) government report. St Eustasius has the highest with nearly \$27,000. Saba has a median income of \$24,000

**Income increased mainly in the lowest income groups.** In 2012 the median disposable income in the Caribbean Netherlands was higher than in 2011. The highest income increase was on St Eustasius with 9%, followed by Saba with a 6.3% increase and Bonaire with a rise of 1.8%.

Income rose particularly in the quartile of households with the lowest incomes. This group mainly consists of employees on minimum wages, pensioners and other people on benefits.

**The greatest income inequality is on St Eustasius.** St Eustasius has the greatest income inequality: with median disposable incomes varying from nearly \$8,000 in the lowest quartile to over \$60,000 in the highest. On Bonaire income ranged from over \$7,000 in the lowest quartile to nearly \$57,000 in the highest.

Sources: <http://www.cbs.nl/NR/exeres/00406288-554E-487B-A3BF-CAEE6AB8C5FA.htm>

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**Fuel prices in Bonaire will fall on October 1 following a drop in world oil prices.** Currently a liter of gasoline at the pump is \$1.168. The price per October 1, 2015, will be \$1.032 per liter of petrol. This is a decrease of 13.6 cents, which equates to a whopping 11.64%. Other petro products dropped too:

- The price of kerosene will fall by 14.20 cents; from 58.60 cents to 44.40 cents
- The price of diesel will fall by 5.60 cents; from 68.80 cents to 63.20 cents
- The price of LPG (100 lbs cylinder) down \$ 5.13; from \$ 22.20 to \$ 17.07
- The price of LPG (20 lbs cylinder) down \$ 1.60; from \$ 6.40 to \$ 4.80

The price changes of fuel products are reviewed every two months. The government of Bonaire will inform the public about a week before the price adjustments. Communication on this will be

done through various media. The government of Bonaire can be found online on Facebook under the Facebook page or via the Public Body Bonaire [www.bonairegov.com](http://www.bonairegov.com) website.



**Three huge new propane storage tanks** have been delivered to Curogas, Curacao. They are expected to play a big part in alleviating the chronic cooking gas shortage on the ABC islands because of increased storage.

**Bonaire's BOPEC oil terminal**, which just celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation, should be benefiting from the increase in Venezuelan crude oil exports to the US. They increased for the second month in a row to 808,000 barrels per day (bpd) in August, fuelled by larger sales of diluted crude oil and other blends, much of it via Curaçao and Bonaire, according to Reuters trade flows data. The US received 49 cargoes of Venezuelan crude last month from state-run *Petroleos de Venezuela* (PdVSA) and its joint ventures, a 10.8% increase versus July, according to the data.

**Bonaire's highly praised JICN prison system will get bigger.** The *Justitiële Inrichting Caribisch Nederland* (JICN) is the Correctional Institution housing all convicts of the Caribbean Netherlands. Now based in downtown Kralendijk it currently has a capacity of 112, divided across 7 units, for young adults, women, a house of detention among others. The JICN also houses persons newly arrested. A new prison facility, out on the Lagoen Road, is on target for completion in mid 2016 will have capacity for 125 additional prisoners.



**On August 1 of this year a complaint procedure for schools in the Caribbean Netherlands (CN) came into effect.** Each school funded by the Kingdom Government now follows a standard procedure for handling complaints from parents, pupils and personnel and that a central Complaints Committee (Complaints Committee Caribbean Netherlands) has been appointed.

It is mandatory for schools to provide information about the complaints procedure, for instance via their school guide or website. The committee handles complaints confidentially and will respond within four weeks.

Based on the advice of the Complaints Committee the school board can take action. The advice of the Complaints Committee is not binding but may result in new views on the matter.

For general questions about the complaints procedures or the Complaints Committee, you can contact RCN/OCW via e-mail: [vragenoveronder-wijs@rijksdienstcn.com](mailto:vragenoveronder-wijs@rijksdienstcn.com).

**There are three new tour guides in Rincon. Soldachi Tours congratulated the new tour guides Sheyla, Edson and Fred, wishing them a lot of success. The course was held by the TCB in September.**



Maria Koeks

For 15 years Maria Koeks Sint Jago's **Soldachi Tours** has been conducting village and nature tours in Rincon, the heart of Bonaire. Maria writes, "I am very glad that some of our locals see the importance of being a tour guide. The course at the TCB was an all-round one, so they are certified guides and able to do the island tour during the cruise season and later. As you know, the Rincon Tour tells the history, shares the culture and creates appreciation for the architecture and nature. Why is it so important that new guides come into the picture? Because in 2027 Rincon will celebrate 500 years of existence. And the history has to go on. In that time I hope to be 80 plus and hope to walk proudly with our young guides and listen to their stories."

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**Celia Fernandes Pedra and Hans Evers**

►Hans Evers and his wife, Celia Fernandes Pedra, have stepped down as director and supervisory board president respectively of the Bonaire Consumers Union, Unkobon, which they founded three years ago and which has grown to 400 members. The future of Unkobon is uncertain as it depends on volunteers and has received no financial support from its Dutch counterpart or the government.

►Jamaica's salt refinery, Industrial Chemical Company (ICC) Ja. Ltd., manufacturer of Freeflo and Ocean salts, is pushing to increase exports by targeting markets outside the boundaries of the Caribbean Community Caricom in light of the recent construction of a new refining facility to process salt from Bonaire.

►The BES Healthcare Insurance Office (ZVK) in late 2014 found that patients' files used by the "House Doctor" GPs in Bonaire were not correct. According to this report, a total of 22,935 patient files were enrolled with GPs on Bonaire, while the population of Bonaire according to figures from the Central Bureau of Statistics in total consists of just 18,413 people. The ZVK's basic pay compensation for GPs is based on the number of their patients.

In October 2014, the ZVK asked the GPs to deliver their patients files to the ZVK. Then the ZVK made an inventory of these files. The inventory of the patient's file showed that 774 were incorrectly recorded, 1,877 were double registered with GPs, 1,740 enrolled patients were found to be uninsured and 211 patients deceased. To clarify, individuals can only be registered with one general practitioner, what is desirable and necessary in light of the quality of care.

Because the patients' files from several doctors were found to be incorrect, the ZVK decided to clean up these files. In May this year, the ZVK, by e-mail, announced to the GPs that incorrectly registered persons (such as deceased persons and non-insured) were deleted

from the files. The dual enrollees, who are assigned to the GP who is the last for that person, sent a declaration to the ZVK. If a person otherwise wants to change, he can submit an appropriate request directly to the ZVK, as now possible.



**Parisina Malatesta and TCB's Malinda Hassell**

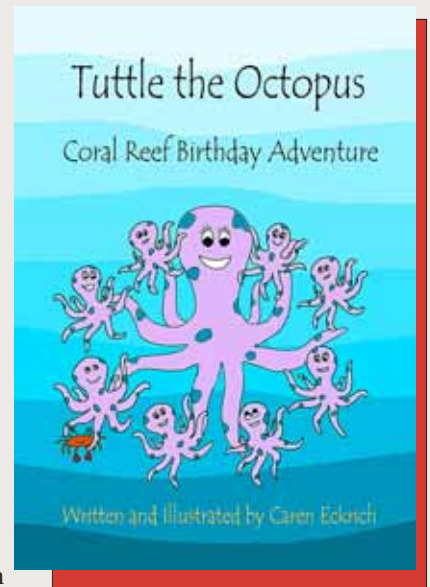
►Sorobon Beach Resort was host to the first exposition from Friends of Nature Foundation of the Bonaire Nature Agenda, the first of which was printed in 2001.

Through Parisina Malatesta's Bonaire Nature Foundation, the 2016 agenda shows with photographs the beauty of the link between man and nature.

►The BSSA (Bonaire Sailing School) sailors who will be going to Peru for the World

►Tuttle the octopus knows how to make birthdays special! Her eight octopus children are celebrating their birthday by going from one coral reef adventure to another, from sponge jumping to having tea with Maxima the Queen Parrotfish. Rhyming verses bring the coral reef to life and the birthday fun is contagious for children of all ages. While this book is whimsical and full of fantasy, it includes realistic components of the coral reef and has important eco-friendly messages. The author, Caren Eckrich, is a marine biologist/SCUBA instructor and was inspired by her experiences underwater and her love of the coral reefs of Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean.

Addo's Bookstore on Kaya Grandi will launch Caren's new book Tuttle the Octopus on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:30-5:30 pm. The selling price is \$9.95. All are invited.



Championship Sunfish competition sailors are helping to raise funds for their trip. On a recent Sunday they washed cars for people who had bought tickets. Sadly, six of the sailors, some of the best on the island, will not be here for Regatta to compete as the Peru Championships are the same time (Oct. 8-18). ■ G./L.D.



**Car washers: Alexander Tromp, Ton Nuijten, Braylan Thode and Sipke Stapert.**









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# Born on Bonaire- Hennyson Thielman



*Hennyson Thielman*

“My mom was a schoolteacher. Now she’s the director of Kristu Bon Wardador elementary school. My dad worked at WEB. I have one sister. My childhood was fun; I had lots of friends in my neighborhood. We’d ride our bikes and during weekends we organized sales of stuff we didn’t use anymore. When we grew older we also organized parties and car rallies.

I went to SGB Havo and did management and economics. From there I went to the University of Aruba to study business administration. I graduated after four years, then I went to Holland to continue my studies at VU Amsterdam, where I specialized further in entrepreneurship. Holland, especially Amsterdam, was a total change, a whole new world. First I stayed with family, then I lived in many different cities. Holland was ok; it changed my outlook on life because I saw how people do their thing differently. During my stay I always kept in mind that I wanted to come back to Bonaire to help with the development of the island. After three years I returned to Bonaire. I still had to finish my thesis, but when I arrived here there was a vacancy at the Chamber of Commerce for a business consultancy position. I decided to take the job because it was right in the range of my studies. I didn’t finish my thesis; it’s still possible but I don’t think it’s going to happen anymore. I don’t regret it because the knowledge I gained at school means more to me than just a paper.

Just before I started working at the Chamber of Commerce I set up an event at Karel’s Beach Bar. We did it because at the time there was nothing to do on Bonaire during summertime and we wanted to change it! This first event was a huge success and we decided to start up an event bureau. We named it Hype Events Management. From there it went fast. We developed a team of people who complimented each other and we were able to cover all aspects of marketing and events. It was – and still is – fun! But I am doing it in addition to my job. Presently I’m working at the Executive Council where I’m the portfolio advisor for the Commissioner of Economic Development & Tourism, Clark Abraham.

In 2013 I was alongside Elvis Tjin Asjoe when we founded the political party MPB, together with three others. I was on the board of the party. At first I didn’t have the intention to be eligible, but after I was asked by Elvis and others I agreed to do it. It was a great experience. I talked to so many people and I found out what it was that people wanted for themselves and Bonaire. Then the elections came and our party won. The result of the negotiations after the elections was that our party was left out of the coalition. It was very disappointing because of the time and effort we’d put into it. In the meantime I’ve learned to accept it, because as an island we have to keep moving forward.

**“I think (Bonaire) has a lot of opportunities economically. When it comes to tourism Bonaire is still underdeveloped and I find there is room for expanding the hotel sector.**

My personal idea for Bonaire is that I want to see the island more developed. I think it has a lot of opportunities economically. When it comes to tourism Bonaire is still underdeveloped and I find there is room for expanding the hotel sector. Agriculture also has a lot of potential. And with the fiscal system we have here there are a great number of possibilities for overseas companies to establish themselves on the island, especially companies that offer services.

Well, what keeps me off the street these days is that we were hired by the Island Government to organize the 2015 Bonaire Regatta. It is a great opportunity for Hype Marketing & Events and a dream come true for me personally to be involved in the organization of the Bonaire Regatta. I love the Regatta. I like to see the sails on the water and I have great memories of the festival at night, all the attractions, the different bands

and their music, the dancing and the drums. I feel that all that has declined and I want to contribute to bringing it back, not exactly as it was, but with modern aspects and new energy. We are doing it together with Victor Wijnand, who is in charge of the sailing part. It was the government’s idea to put Victor in charge of the water activities.

This year’s Regatta will start on the 7th of October and it will last through the 10th. It will be located at Coco Beach (what used to be Sunset Beach) near the traffic circle in Hato. We decided to take it to Coco Beach because they had already fixed the terrain and many people were for it, including the owners of Coco Beach. Everything will take place there: all the music, the stands, the festivities and the sailing. It’s a big terrain, right on the beach, which gives you a real Regatta vibe. As everything is centered at one point, it makes it easier for the organization and more importantly, it makes the whole event one!

The opening takes place on Wednesday, the 7th of October with local bands, and we finish with Era Autentiko from Curacao. On Thursday we will again have different bands and dance groups and Doble R from Curacao to finish it off. On Friday we have Cache Royale from Holland and on Saturday we’re welcoming international star Alison Hinds, who is originally from Barbados. The sailing starts on Thursday and goes on through Saturday around



*Hennyson Thielman on the radio with Hans Els*

Two-liter coke bottles are also available and bags of ice as well. Problem was that many stall holders were no longer interested in participating at the Regatta, so we changed the rules to make sure the stall holders would come back. This time we have a special food court with benches and a lot of different food stands, where people can sit and chat and try all different kinds of delicious bites! Besides food and drinks there will be stalls with arts and crafts, Bon Ku Ne – a kind of lottery – jewelry, clothing and kids’ games. We will also create a kids’ corner with games, activities and bouncers. People can use the toilets at Coco Beach and 16 portable toilets will be placed all over the terrain.

And... to make a definite end to an ongoing conversation: there is no entrance fee; the Regatta is free for everyone!

Victor Wijnand and his team, Massive Productions (light, sound, videos and DJs), and the Hype team are in the process of putting this all together to make sure this year’s Regatta will be an event never to forget!

It’s a lot of pressure but there is also massive enthusiasm which gives us a tremendous push and energy. I’m thrilled and excited and exhausted at the same time.

I have no idea what life is going to be like after the Regatta. I hope I can get at least one week off. I’m planning to keep on working for the government, but my main focus will always be on contributing to the development of the island. I want to see Bonaire come alive. I want it to flourish, I want to see movement! We are a small island but that doesn’t mean we can’t compete on an international level. I know there is a group of people who wants to stay with the old Bonaire, but we live in a world which is changing all the time and you will have to adapt to it. I want to make a change, that’s my goal in life. I don’t want my life to go by, by just living. I want to make an impact on people and this world. I am not a career person, I see myself as an entrepreneur and even though I am working for the government I take ownership and initiative to realize the goals that I have for the island.”

■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra





## Picture Yourself With The Reporter at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida



Almost every year this group of people—Jimmy, Dick, Walter and Laura — (and their spouses) get together to rekindle their friendship begun in high school many decades ago in the last century. There are always good stories, lots of laughs and good food in select restaurants. This year they got together in Bonaire where they toured the island, north and south, tried out many restaurants and spent time hanging out at Kunuku Shimaruku.

This photo was taken last year in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Cocoa Beach is a relatively unpopulated area of the state around the Kennedy space launching center . The area is the “Space Coast” and has many kilometers of endless beaches to walk on and swim.

Luckily Laura brought enough copies of *The Bonaire Reporter* for everyone to read at the same time so we could get this photo.

## Picture Yourself With The Reporter at Versailles Castle in Kentucky, US



Howard and Kim Harrison have been in *The Bonaire Reporter* before. Howard writes, “We’ve owned at Sand Dollar for several years and I always look forward to receiving my copies of *The Reporter* at home in Ashland, Kentucky.

I don't know if any of these selfie pictures are good enough to use (they are... ed.) but we've been passing this castle for years on our way to visit our family and I've always told Kim that this would be a great picture for the reporter (-:

The Martin Castle, also known as Castle Post and Versailles Castle, is a castle in Kentucky, located Versailles, Kentucky, near Lexington, Kentucky, 201 Pisgah Pike near the Woodford County line, part of a 50-acre estate.”

### WIN A PRIZE

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Each year there is a new prize. Last year it was a fabulous dinner for two on the beach at posh Harbour Village’s La Balandra restaurant. Take that photo today!

## Picture Yourself With The Reporter Ketchikan, Alaska, US



Harold and Maira Vaseur took an Alaska cruise with their friend Senaida Hart who celebrated her birthday and enjoyed each and every single moment. They remembered to take along a *Bonaire Reporter* to make this photo. They wrote, “Our July cruise to Alaska was awesome. The scenery is one of a kind.”

For your information....

We are continuing to work on our backlog of submissions for Picture Yourself. If you've submitted one please be patient. You are also welcome to send a reminder to us to make sure we don't miss printing it.



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# Cruise Ship Update



The TCB anticipates about 247,000 cruise passengers for 2015 and approximately 248,000 for 2016. to visit Bonaire Carnival and Royal Caribbean lines are expected to make summer calls for the first time in the coming cruise season. This will be a busy cruise season, the TCB states, and downtown Kralendijk will be crowded. Drivers will need to observe the closed off traffic areas.

After scheduling the ship *Monarch* for every-Tuesday port calls in Bonaire year round, early in September **Pullmantur Cruises removed Bonaire from their port of call line-up from December 2015 through November 2016.** The Pullmantur *Monarch* will call at Bonaire until December 1, 2015; Bonaire will be replaced with La Guaira (Venezuela) until November 1, 2016, when *Monarch* will return to Bonaire. A TCB press release said Pullmantur understands and apologizes for the consequences that this change will create in Bonaire; however they could not refuse an expected revenue increase. Pullmantur understands that

the instability in Venezuela could increase and further changes may become possible. Pullmantur Cruises has confirmed that they will resume service to Bonaire in November 2016.

In order to provide better service for the cruise passengers, the downtown area will again be closed off to vehicles whenever there are more than 1,200 passengers per day. The closed off areas will continue to be the intersection at the ex-City Café Kaya Isariba and the BC parking area. When there are two cruise ships in port, the intersection of Kaya C.E.B. Hellmund and Kaya Gilberto F. Croes will also be closed for traffic.

Employees of all the companies that adhere to the TCB cruise operating standards will be wearing a badge which allows them to operate within the City Center boundaries during the cruise season. Additional information is available at: [http://www.tourismbonaire.com/includes/Cruise\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.tourismbonaire.com/includes/Cruise_Calendar.pdf). If you have any questions you can contact TCB via Phone: 717-8322. ■ *Press release*

# A Year On The Job

It's been about a year since Kingdom Representative Gilbert Isabella took office (September 1, 2014) as the new *Rijkswetwoordiger* (Kingdom Representative) of the Caribbean Netherlands.



Kingdom Representative Gilbert Isabella (circle) at Jong Bonaire

He replaced Wilbert Stolte who was named at the 10/10/10 transition to the new BES government structure

According to a press release summarizing his first year in office he spent time "getting to know the three islands, their authorities, new colleagues and of course also the residents. There was not enough time to speak to everyone and to visit everywhere. It immediately became clear... that each of the three islands had its own character, concerns and issues but undoubtedly also opportunities, strengths and sufficient challenges."

He passed on his impressions at his first "CN Table" at the The Hague. The Caribbean Netherlands-Table is the joint administrative consultation in The Hague. He said, "Topics I mentioned were: the so urgently desired tackling of poverty on the islands; the growing 'us-them sentiment' I noticed as an undercurrent; the joint further development of multi-year policy plan;

issues behind the scenes and the optimistic outlook of the youth on the islands."

During the year island council elections were held, evaluations started, public appearances made, and speeches given.. "Of course it is not all rosy," he added in his statement. "At the moment the situation of enhanced administrative supervision in St Eustatius is giving me cause for concern. I believe that the Central Government and the Public Entity of St Eustatius (Statia) ultimately have a common goal that is good governance, transparency and financial stability. These are necessary for the wellbeing and development of the inhabitants of St. Eustatius."

A consensus of the islanders is that by his personal behavior, open communications and subdued personality, he has worked hard to overcome the bad feelings that his predecessor, Wilbert Stolte, gave to the *Rijkswetwoordiger* job. ■

*Press release*

# 2015 Regatta Festival Schedule

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# Young Author's First Book

On Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> youngster Guillaume (Willem) Martiszoon presented his first book named "De avonturen van de enige Eva" (The Adventures of the Only Eva) at the local library.

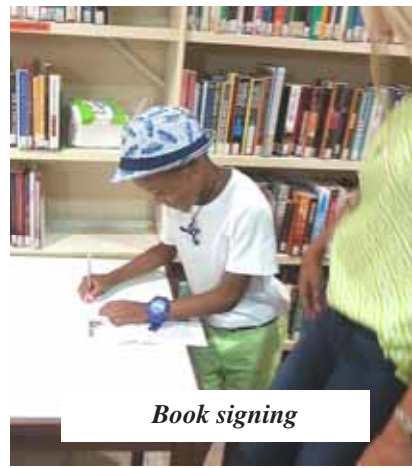


Guillaume (Willem) Martiszoon

In his book he tells stories about a girl named Eva (who is an actual family friend), with lots of imagination but also with real life experiences. The theme of the book is the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle by exercising regularly and eating healthily. Guillaume is nine years old and already has an outspoken opinion on many matters. He is also a passionate reader and was inspired to write his own book because he feels that there are too few books in Papiamentu available for kids. With the help of his mom, Shaedra, and others he completed the book in two languages; Papiamentu and Dutch. Guillaume was also recently elected to participate in a Dutch documentary by UNICEF about children's rights and will be featured in an episode about children's right to development in the fall of 2015.

At the presentation Guillaume read

three short stories from his book, handed a copy to Deputado Benito Dirksz and even managed to do a book signing on request. We will most definitely hear and read more from this talented young man in the future. ■ Story & photo by Fleurtje Veldkanp



Book signing

# World Clean Up Day



Volunteers out collecting trash

## 5,000 KILOS OF GARBAGE ~Inspired Volunteers clean the island ~

On Saturday, September 19, SELIBON, Bonaire's waste management company, organized its third annual World Clean-Up Day. For most of the volunteers who take part in this island-wide clean-up it is a fun event, and the feeling of love for the island and its environment is evident. Every year more local companies and business are joining in to make this great initiative happen. Groups clean along the streets of the various island neighborhoods as well as in the *mondi the farm, kunuku land, outback* where a lot of garbage is still 'dumped' instead of driven to Bonaire's landfill.

off. Previously *Fundashon Tene Boneiru Limpi* organized a successful annual clean-up event. Cranston smiles and says, "We also organized a clean-up event for the youth called 'Aware.' 250 young people, from 13 to 25, from various schools on the island participated, and as a reward we hosted an amazing party at Plaza Resort. The children really enjoyed the day and the party at night of course and it was a real success." She grabs her computer and shows a wonderful clip of the event on the SELIBON Facebook page. "We'd love to organize it again this year," Cranston says, "but we need the help of island sponsors to get the party off the ground."

To contact Cranston please visit the office at Selibon or email [c.cranston@selibon.com](mailto:c.cranston@selibon.com).



At the recycle center

SELIBON's Public Relations Manager, Christen Cranston, said that more than 300 people signed up for the clean-up event: from the Fysio di Bario, the Rotary Club, Jong Bonaire, Fundashon Cas Bonaireano to private parties such as the Fantastic Four and Nos Ku Nos (baseball team) and many others. A total of 20 groups participated in the annual World Clean-Up Day on Bonaire.

The day began at 7.30 am with a great gathering of all teams at SELIBON. There they were handed gloves, garbage bags, water and *pan dushinan* (sweet raisin rolls.) The groups chose their own location to clean up or one chosen by SELIBON. Using their own pick-up trucks they brought garbage back to the recycle station. Also SELIBON drove around to collect garbage for those without proper transportation. At noon the teams finished. **The collected garbage weighed in at 5,000 kilos.** The areas that were cleaned this year were located mostly in Antriol, Nikiboko, Rincon, Nord di Salina, and way out by Washikemba. Thank you to all the volunteers for a great job well-done!

Cranston explains that SELIBON picked up where *Fundashon Tene Boneiru Limpi* left

## THIS EVENT WAS BONAIRE'S PART OF THE UN'S CLEAN UP THE WORLD CAMPAIGN

Clean Up the World is a community-based environmental campaign that inspires and empowers communities from every corner of the globe to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, Clean Up the World, held in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), mobilizes an estimated 35 million volunteers from 130 countries annually, making it one of the largest community-based environmental campaigns in the world. The campaign brings together businesses, community groups, schools, governments and individuals in a range of activities and programs that positively improve local environments. Since the first Clean Up the World campaign in 1993 the improvements achieved due to the efforts of millions of concerned volunteers around the world have been astounding. Examples of community-led Clean Up the World activities include:

- Recycling and resource recovery
- Tree planting

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# A Garden? Just Do It!



*A beautiful Bonaire cactus fence backed by Oleander.*

**D**idn't I say in my last article that soon the rain would come? And there it was. I felt it on my toe!

But it's not enough. Nature needs tons of rain. But even that little bit was still a big boost for the plants. Within a few days after the raindrops all the dried, nearly dead plants started getting young leaves and sprouts. I was really surprised to experience how big a force is in nature to protect life. It's a miracle.

You know a lot of us here on Bonaire complain about how hard it is to get things to grow here. And we may think that in other places it's much easier to grow veggies, plants and trees, where it rains more or where the climate isn't so hot

But that's not true. In every part of Earth there are circumstances that make life hard. For instance in the tropical countries like Surinam, Indonesia, the Philippines or Brazil, the rain comes so much and so hard that all the land goes under water and all the harvest gets damaged. You cannot save anything there because water is such a strong force. Too much of it will make you poor. Then look at the cold countries. Only half a year is good enough for agriculture. Everything has to go in special growing systems to make things grow. And in the desert like in Israel, there are the rocky places like the mountains which are covered with snow most of the year. Then there are all the plant sicknesses and bug problems which give farmers all over the world hard times.

So I think that after all this is really not the worst place to grow some of our own food. Just give it a chance and don't focus only on food but also on the pleasure of gardening and the colors of flowers that makes a garden looks beautiful.

Once I visited Nevis, a small island but .. a jewel, because of the beautiful flowers all over the place. Each garden is full of plants and flowers. I was impressed by the lovely atmosphere on the island just by all these flowers and nice clean green little gardens.

So because of this reason and because so many people have questions about flowers I want to spend this article on

beautiful flowers for Bonaire.

On Bonaire there are really a lot of flowers that will do well with just some patience and care.

One of them is the **Bougainvillea**, known here as the **Trinitaria**. It comes in so many colors. Some people make a nice hedge or fence from the different colors. This plant flowers the whole year. Because of the thorns it can live with less water or even without water (for a while). The thorns save the plant from the dryness and heat. It grows easily once it's in the soil or as mini plant in a nice pot. It needs to be trimmed once in awhile because it flowers better after a trim. Be careful of the thorns. The wound can hurt for a while.

These plants may grow from a stem, but it's not easy so I always put a lot of stems in water and then see what is growing. Let them grow big before you put them in the soil, because they can die easily if they are not strong enough or if they don't have enough roots. Iguanas like them so protect them for a while until they're a big plant. But once you have one, big and nice, you will enjoy it always flowering forever in your yard

Another one is the **Tuturutu**, the Bonairean name for a very strong plant, also always flowering, also in different colors. It grows very easily, needs less water and can stand the dry season very well. It also has thorns but that is not in the way of looking liked a nice plant.

The young seeds are sweet and as a child I use to eat them. You also can plant them to make a hedge or fence. As far as I know iguanas do not eat them. It doesn't take much water to get a nice flowering bush.

Then there's the **Oleander**, a poisonous plant, so no animals eat it. But it's so nice, always flowering and you have a choice of different colors. You can make new plants with the thick stems and line your fence with them. The thick leaves are always green and protect the plant against the hot weather. It doesn't need much water and it flowers the whole year through.

At the end I want to say some words about the **Heliconia** –a beautiful plant



*An unusual bi-color Trinitaria also known as Bougainvillea*



*Heliconia*

you will suddenly see the most awesome flower on a most beautiful stem. Then you know why you did it!

With all the above mentioned flowers one can make very nice bouquets and even when the Trinitaria and the Heliconia are dry they are still beautiful for a dry flower bouquet, especially with some driftwood. So use your creativity and change your yard into a haven of flowers and colors. ■ *Angliet*



*Nature lover.*

with a wonderful flower that comes in different types and colors. It's easy to grow, but it only survives in the shade and needs a lot of water. It does well in big pots too. It is a typical tropical jungle plant and grows everywhere in the Amazon area. I have some of them and I know that a lot of people here have them too. Once they bloom with their very elegant flowers, you can enjoy them for some weeks. Soft potting soil is good enough for the stem roots to grow. They grow new plants just like the ginger roots. They like to live under big trees in total shade, out of the wind with some water almost every day. But with all this attention and care one day

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# Early Introductions

**Y**ou gotta start them early!

On Thursday, September 24, two and three year old kids from the Kresh Bon Kwido were invited to come to **Special Security Services (SSS)** to see how they run their company protecting peoples' homes and businesses as well as getting a peek inside the SSS



armored security van that transports money and valuables. All the kids were super enthusiastic, especially when they got to celebrate with cupcakes and drinks. Thanks to the personnel of SSS for being wonderful hosts. ■ *Story & photo by L.D.*

## BonFysio Bon-Bida

hosted another group of kids from the Dopey Kresh.

Owner Robert Smaal (photo) talked to the children telling them a lot about how the human body functions, the importance of exercise. The kids got a tour of the gym and watched a fitness spin class. ■ *G.D.*



BonBida photo

# First Time For STINAPA In Virgin of the Valley Celebrations

**T**he *Virgen del Valle* celebration was big this year and STINAPA participated with marine park boats.

Virgen del Valle is the patron saint of fishermen and other seafarers, many of whom took part in this celebration. Each year, the day of this saint is celebrated, and this year was better than ever. STINAPA, for the first time, also participated in the celebrations with two marine park vessels.

The statue of the Virgen del Valle was placed on a boat which sailed across from Sorobon to Cai. When the boat with the statue reached there, the other boats circled around, after which they sailed back to Sorobon to receive the blessing of the Patron Saint. Afterwards there were drinks and snacks.

It was a very nice experience to see all the fishing boats, fishermen with their family and friends, coastguard and also the government pilot boat, take part in this celebration.

Next year STINAPA will participate again. ■ *Story & photo by*

*Anouschka van der Ven*



*Fishermen Erwin de Grijze and Doei Diaz reverently carry the Virgin's statue*

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-- Gary Rimmey, Plant Manager



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# Word on the Street

Items not necessarily confirmed but are being talked about "on the street"

**M**urmurings on Restaurant Row: According to their Facebook page, the former Four Seasons Restaurant has been reincarnated into N-JOY Lobster Steakhouse featuring an ample "surf and turf" style menu. Sure hope they aren't serving local lobster until after October 31 since it is prohibited to catch lobster in Bonaire waters from May 1 to October 31.

- → Further murmurs: **Boudoir Restaurant, in the Royal Palm Galleries mall, has new owners.** No word yet if there will be a menu change. Boudoir was noted for its weekly kibbling special. Stay tuned.
- → **Boutique Chez Claudette on Kaya Grandi suffered significant damage as a result of the recent fire.** Word on the street is that the majority was water damage from extinguishing the fire. Their fire sale offered everything for \$5.
- → Bula previously reported on plans for monthly drag racing on the Rincon road in the area of Sabana Piedra Krus. Word on the street is that **Rincon residents have launched a petition drive to prevent this from happening due to the inconvenience of closing the road for several hours on a Sunday afternoon.** This opposi-



tion group suggests that Kaminda Sorobon is a better place to have the monthly event since they already drag race there (illegally) and there are alternate roads available if that road is temporarily closed. Local media reports that Burnout Speed Foundation, the event organizer, states that despite the opposition all necessary permits/agreements are in place for the event to take place as planned on October 25. The road will be closed for 4 hours and there will be an alternate side road for cars to move normally. So will they put on the brakes or will the checkered flag be dropped?

• → Readers may have noticed that **much of the land opposite the airport at the harbor entrance to Plaza Resort Marina has been cleared.** Word on the street is that the water-

way will be expanded through the Plaza property (taking out the bridges) and that high end homes with private docks will be constructed in that area. Bula will stay on this developing story.

→ Several months ago the Pakus di Tela (fabric store) in the center of town closed its doors and the building is for sale. **For those of you who appreciated the fabric selections and the great seamstresses....fear not, they are still available.** The operation has been moved to the Hato home of one of the business owners. Take Kaya Gob. Debrot through Hato. Just before you make the sharp left hand curve to continue up to Sabadeco, the large house on the right advertises on its wall that the business is there... continuing to keep you in stitches!

→ The Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service has announced that as of **October 1 they are making changes to some of the fees charged for various residency permits, work permits and extension of tourist stays for Americans and European Dutch.** Some of these fees are significantly increased. The new fee schedule is available at their offices or on their website: [www.rijksdienstn.com](http://www.rijksdienstn.com)

■ Bula Bonchi



(Clean-up ...Continued from page 7)



More volunteers

- Education campaigns
- Water reuse and conservation
- Competitions
- Exhibitions
- Fix up projects.

While participants are encouraged to hold environmental events on or around CUW Weekend (always the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September), Clean Up the World is also designed to provide support to groups undertaking activities throughout the year. Clean Up the World is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and is supported by, and collaborates with, a range of partner organizations in various countries. ■

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# RPM Live (Reggae Plus More)



The RPM Band in Action

There's an amazing new musical group here on the island, made up of all local talent. They've appeared at Canti Awa, Spice, Hillside and The Beach Hut. They're so good that they've accumulated RPM groupies already. These guys love what they do; in fact they usually play just for tips!

RPM plays reggae, rock, contemporary and rap—everything from Marley to Santana to Megan Trainor. As one of their RPM groupies says, "They're all great musicians with the ability to really get the audience involved." That means dancing too!

Not only that but they're so good that

guest artists love to play with them. Recently we heard them at Canti Awa, the very local, very popular with the aquatic and boating set "beereria" on the waterfront. Along with the regulars was super saxophonist Benjamin van Loenen from Holland.

Next appearance will be at Canti Awa on the waterfront on Friday, October 2, starting at 7 pm. Check out the Public Facebook RPM Live to see their schedule. ■ Story & photos by Laura DeSalvo/ Jane Madden



Boy Janga on drums



Canti Awa host Gaston Chirino and bartender, Angel

**RPM Members:**  
**Lead guitar/lead singer- Mimoun Himmit**  
**Bass guitar/vocals/drums - Javier Boezem**  
**Rhythm guitar/vocals- Giby Bomba**  
**Drums- Boy Janga**

# Silver Medals For Junior Chefs



Chefs Kendrickson Theodora and Max Maartense

Bonaire Jr. Chef Team competed in Barbados against nine Caribbean Teams and came home with Silver place, just 3 points short of a final round spot. Bonaire Team won overall MOST creative dish with the use of Lion Fish. Competitors this year were Kendrickson Theodora and Max Maartense with scout Deiby Romeroaponte and Team Coach Han ten Winkel.

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	01:35	07:52	13:57	21:48				
<b>Tue 29</b>	0.51 ft	0.10 ft	0.91 ft	-0.03 ft		6:24	18:27	
	02:56	08:47	14:56	22:57				
<b>Wed 30</b>	0.47 ft	0.13 ft	0.99 ft	-0.10 ft		6:24	18:26	
	04:12	09:45	15:52	23:57				
<b>Thu 01</b>	0.46 ft	0.15 ft	1.04 ft	-0.16 ft		6:24	18:25	
	05:17	10:44	16:46					
<b>Fri 02</b>	0.46 ft	0.16 ft	1.07 ft			6:24	18:25	
		00:51	06:15	11:40	17:38			
<b>Sat 03</b>		-0.20 ft	0.48 ft	0.17 ft	1.06 ft	6:24	18:24	
		L	01:41	07:08	12:36	18:28		
<b>Sun 04</b>		Quarter	-0.20 ft	0.50 ft	0.18 ft	1.03 ft	6:24	18:23
			02:27	07:56	13:30	19:17		
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		03:11	08:42	14:23	20:04			
<b>Tue 06</b>		-0.13 ft	0.53 ft	0.21 ft	0.89 ft	6:24	18:22	
		03:53	09:26	15:18	20:50			
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<b>Fri 09</b>		0.09 ft	0.59 ft	0.26 ft	0.58 ft	6:25	18:20	
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



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<b>September 2015</b>						
2	Tuesday	29-09-15	Monarch	0800-1800	2744	Pullmantur
<b>October 2015</b>						
3	Tuesday	6-10-15	Monarch	0800-1800	2744	Pullmantur
4	Wednesday	7-10-15	Royal Princess	1200-1900	3600	Princess

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Tanki Maraka Heritage Park and Open Air Museum.** Site of an American soldiers' camp during WWII. Self guided tour with excellent signage. After leaving Kralendijk on the Rincon Road watch for sign to the park on the right. Driveway to entrance just a short distance. Free entry.

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**Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park)** Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Free 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.

•**Tera Kora Ranch Market**—2nd & last Saturdays- local produce, clothes, food, games for kids, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items

•**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**—Usually the last Saturday of the month, 8am-1pm. 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. Free entrance

•**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**, 2:30-6 pm, Landhuis DE TUIN on the road to Lac Bai. 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.

## Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, cheese making and more. **\$10 includes cheese tasting and tea, Kids \$5.** 786-6950- Also on Wednesdays & Fridays.

•**Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea Trauma and the newest book, Reef Windows. 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290.

## Wednesdays

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

• **Echo Parrot (Lora) Foundation** tours at the Dos Pos Conservation Centre. Get an insight into Echo's work and their efforts to protect this endangered species. Contact +599 701 1188 or [info@echobonaire.org](mailto:info@echobonaire.org) for private tours at least 48 hours in advance due to the remote location. Minimum of 2 people at \$25 each. Meet at the Dos Pos windmill and bring good shoes as it is 'off road'.

• **Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday**. STCB presentation will be taking place upstairs at Yellow Submarine Dive Shop, Kaya Playa Lechi 24 courtesy of Dive Friends.

## 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 Re-

sort 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 7:30 pm. 717-2194

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

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

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

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

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Friday, October 2 –RPM Live at Canti Awa** on the waterfront, 7 pm. See story page 13.



## Saturday, October 3

—**Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers Market)**, at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am-1pm. Local produce, food, plants, hand-crafts, 8am-1pm

—**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**, 8am-1pm. Local crafts, produce, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. On the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon.

—**Tuttle, the Octopus** book signing by Caren Eckrich debuts at Addo's Book store, 4:30-5:30

## Saturday, Oct.4 —The Bonaire

**Donkey Sanctuary will host a fund raising workshop** led by Serena from Chichi Curacao: from 3 to 6pm; Also Sunday, Oct. 5, 9am to noon and 3 to 6pm; and Monday, Oct 6, 3 to 6pm. For more information: [serena@chichi-curacao](mailto:serena@chichi-curacao) or [donkeypala@gmail.com](mailto:donkeypala@gmail.com) Cost: \$99

## Sunday, October 4 Jong Bonaire

**Open Water Swim to Klein Bonaire** from Spice Beach Club. Registration 7- 8am. Swim starts at 9 am Distance: 1.6 K / 1 Mile. Donation \$25 More information: [bonairebarracudas@gmail.com](mailto:bonairebarracudas@gmail.com) The basic swim is NOT a race and open to all. But if you are a competitive swimmer, 14 years or older, you might want to join the racers. Poster on page 7



**October 7– 10 Annual Bonaire Regatta 2015**, One of the oldest continuously operating sailing events in the Caribbean. Schedule on page 6.

**Sunday, October 25—Drag Races** in Rincon. More in upcoming editions.





# THE STARS HAVE IT

## October 2015

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) You need to enjoy the company of those who enjoy the same pastimes. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. If possible, rely on coworkers to back your objectives, and talk to superiors in order to get approval. Romance is likely if you can bring yourself to go out with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can handle situations that require contact with institutions or large corporations. You don't like confrontations at the best of times; however, you may find them difficult to avoid. You have to take hold of your life and make some crucial decisions. Don't gamble unless you can afford to lose. Your lucky day will be Friday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Romance could be exciting if you are spontaneous. Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. Someone you like may be receptive and actively seeking your company. Your lucky day will be Thursday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You can enjoy social events and meet new potential mates; however, avoid being lavish. You may be angry if someone tries to take credit for something you did. Pleasure trips or friendly get-togethers will be satisfying and intellectually stimulating. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Be prepared to step into the limelight if you wish to promote your ambitions. You are best to avoid confrontations. Try to curb your tongue and let others at least get a word in. You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you this week. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) A passionate party for two might be just the remedy. Deception will play an important factor in relationships. People trying to entice you to join in will be less than trustworthy. Although it does look promising, be careful not to overextend yourself or you will lose in the long run. Your

lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't let others make you feel guilty or insecure. You can accomplish a lot if you deal with other people's money or possessions this week. Be careful that you don't spend too much time with a person belonging to someone else. A change is as good as a rest. Don't go looking for change. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. Observations will be far more productive. It's time to consider putting money into long-term investments. Your reputation will be affected. Your lucky day will be Sunday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You can enjoy entertainment if you join in and follow the crowd for a change. Small business ventures can earn you extra cash. Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more unexpected expenses are evident. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Your lucky day will be Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't make promises. You could have a tendency to spend too much on your home or entertainment. Offer consolation, but don't give them any direction. Your ability to visualize will help you convince others of the possibilities. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Jealous attitudes may lead you astray. Don't do something silly just to get back at your mate. Spend a quiet day with the one you love. If you can put some work into home improvements, you should. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Consider selling your homemade crafts at the flea market. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Your personal life will be under the gun and you may want to avoid the questions your lover is going to want to ask you. Take whatever time you can to get to know each other all over again. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday. ■

Michael Thiessen



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## SWAN STORIES



The constellation Cygnus the swan has been an area of fascination for story tellers and astronomers alike for thousands of years. To find the swan, simply draw a line from **Deneb** inward toward the center of the **Summer Triangle**. The first star you'll encounter is **Sadr** (also known as **Gamma Cygni**). This marks the heart of the swan. Then if you draw lines to the west and east of this star, you'll find two more stars (**Eta and Omicron Cygni**). These mark the right and left wings of the swan. Going back to the star Sadr, we continue to draw a line inward to form the neck of the swan, ending at the star **Abireo**.

In one legend, Cygnus the swan is said to be the great musician **Orpheus** who was transformed into a swan, and placed in the sky next to his harp, the **constellation, Lyra**. In another legend, Cygnus is said to be **Zeus**, when he transformed himself into a swan to seduce **Leda, the queen of Sparta**, who also happened to be the mother of **Helen of Troy**, and the **Gemini twins, Castor and Pollux**.

However, in modern times, Cygnus has turned out to be a place of great discoveries. During a rocket flight in 1964, a **galactic x-ray source known as Cygnus x-1** was discovered. Cygnus x-1 is now widely accepted to be a candidate for the first **Black Hole** we've discovered and it's estimated to have a mass almost 15 times the mass of our **Sun**, yet an event horizon radius of only about 16 miles.

In more recent times, Cygnus has been the target of study by **NASA's Kepler space telescope**. With the Kepler telescope NASA studied over 100,000 stars in Cygnus. Its goal was to find planets orbiting other stars, and since its mission

began, several of these **extra-solar planets** have been discovered and confirmed. The **planet Kepler- 22b** was announced as being the first "Earth-like" planet orbiting a Sun-like star.

Kepler 22-b is over 600 light years away and orbits in the habitable zone where liquid water can exist. With a possible surface temperature near 73 degrees Fahrenheit, Kepler-22b is quite the "goldilocks planet."

And speaking of planets, if you ever get lost on **Mars**, Deneb is the **North Star** on Mars. Whenever you really think about it, each of the planets has a different North Star or has no North Star at all.

**All the planets in our Solar System rotate on an axis.** The direction the axis points to with respect to the plane of the Solar System determines the angle of axial tilt. Our Earth is tilted 23.5 degrees with respect to the plane of our Solar System. Mars tilts at 25 degrees and **Saturn** has a tilt of almost 27 degrees.

However, compare that with **Mercury and Jupiter**, which barely tilt at all; between 2 and 3 degrees respectively. Yet at the other extreme you have **Venus**, which is practically upside down at 177 degrees and **Uranus** which lies on its side at 98 degrees.

Since every planet tilts in a different direction, each planet should have a different North Star; or, no North Star at all. So that's why our **North Pole** is pointing near **Polaris**, and Mars is pointing near Deneb. So, if you ever get lost on Mars, look for Cygnus the Swan (also known as the **Northern Cross**) and you'll find north. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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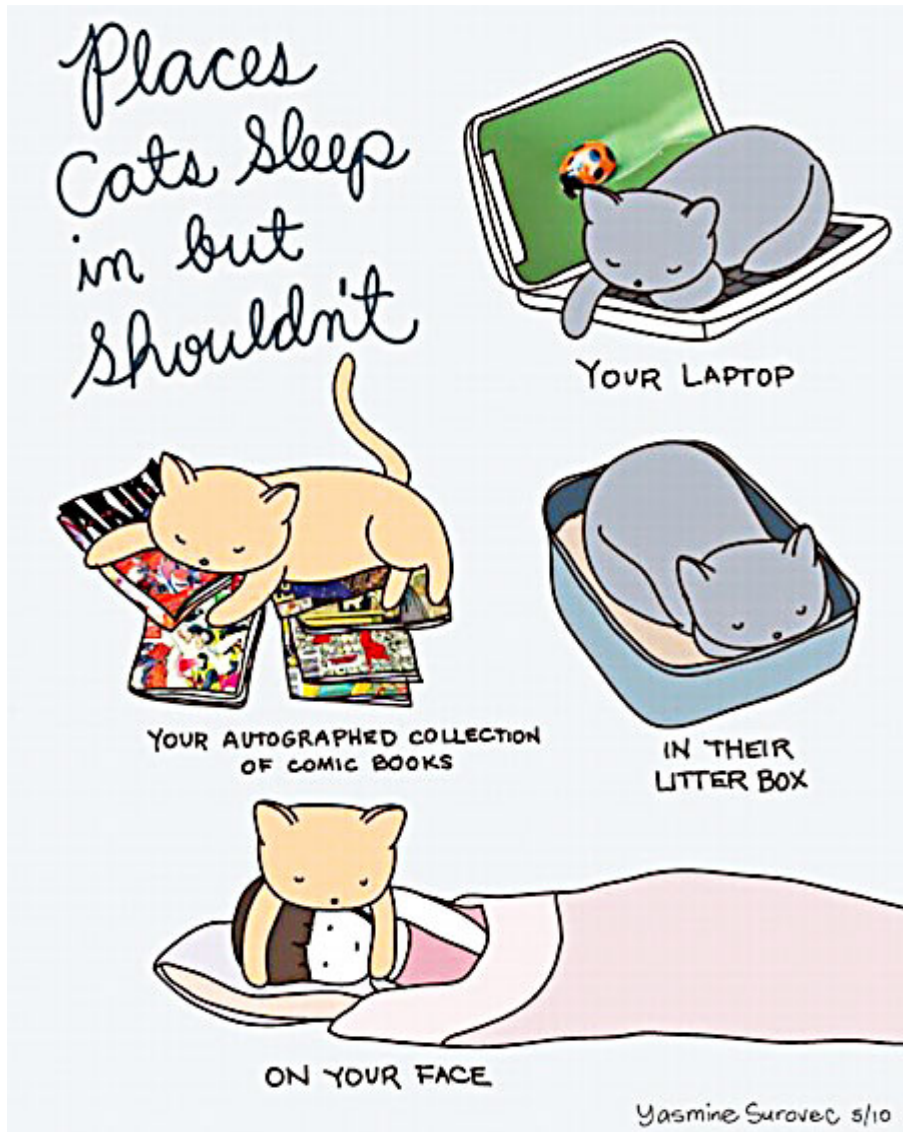
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# Animal Shelter Tips & News

The Bonaire Animal Shelter is a refuge for dogs and cats that can no longer be cared for by their owners, have been abandoned, or were born in the wild and brought in by concerned citizens and tourists.

The Shelter also offers a boarding place for cats and dogs. And there is a gift shop on the premises to help raise money to sustain the Shelter.



## Animal Shelter Bonaire Cats Facts

### Do you know that?

- On an average, cats spend 2/3 of every day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has been awake for only three years of its life.
- The technical term for a cat's hairball is a "bezoar".
- A group of cats is called a "clowder".
- A cat can't climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.
- Cats make about 100 different sounds.

Dogs make only about 10.

- A cat's hearing is better than a dog's. And a cat can hear high-frequency sounds up to two octaves higher than a human.
- A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance.
- A cat can jump up to five times its own height in a single bound.
- Researchers are unsure exactly how a cat purrs. Most veterinarians believe that a cat purrs by vibrating vocal folds deep in the throat. To do this, a muscle in the larynx opens and closes the air passage about 25 times per second.

# Pet of the Week



If you are looking for an affectionate, regal and loving cat, "Desiree" is your heart's "desire!" She is a beautiful primarily white cat with striking calico and tabby markings. With a classic feline facial profile, she is tall and lean and moves like a queen.

Desiree spends most of the day lounging and looking "queenly" and making sure her white fur stays perfectly clean. But every once in a while, she gets "the look" in her eyes and bounds around the cat palace like a kitten, chasing toys and being generally "silly." As if she realizes this behavior is beneath her station in life, she stops short, grooms her face and resumes her lounging position.

This lovely cat is less than two years old, healthy, sterilized and social. Desiree loves being caressed and lavished with attention. She would be very happy as an "only" cat, but has no problem getting along with her 29 roommates at the Shelter Cat Palace. If you would like a calm, loving companion to fill your home with feline grace, then Desiree is the cat for you.

You can visit Desiree and all the other Shelter residents at Animal Shelter Bonaire from 8 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday at Kaminda Lagun 26. Check out their Facebook page at Animal Shelter Bonaire and the live cat cam at [www.bonairecatcam.com](http://www.bonairecatcam.com). Tel. 717-4989. ■ Jane Madden-Disko



Here's "Q," our grumpy Shelter "house cat" looking good.

include onions, garlic, green tomatoes, raw potatoes, chocolate, grapes, and raisins. Though milk is not toxic, it can cause an upset stomach and gas. Tylenol and aspirin are extremely toxic to cats, as are many common houseplants. Feeding cats dog food or canned tuna that's for human consumption can cause malnutrition.

- In just seven years, a single pair of cats and their offspring could produce a staggering total of 420,000 kittens.

- Cats have 32 muscles that control the outer ear (humans have only 6). A cat can independently rotate its ears 180 degrees
- A cat has 230 bones in its body. A human has 206. A cat has no collarbone, so it can fit through any opening the size of its head.
- Cats don't have sweat glands over their bodies like humans do. Instead, they sweat only through their paws.
- The most popular pedigreed cat is the Persian cat, followed by the Main Coon cat and the Siamese cat.
- Foods that should not be given to cats

Would you like to cuddle or adopt a cat or just learn more about cats. Come and visit the Animal Shelter Bonaire we love to give you more information about them! We also provide a free spay and neuter program for all cats and dogs on Bonaire. You can find us at Kaminda Lagun 26a, like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AnimalShelterBonaire> or send an e-mail to [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com). ■

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# Improving Water Distribution



The new pipes

Bonaire is getting an upgrade to its water distribution. CWM (Curacao Road Construction Company) and WEB (Water and Electricity Bonaire) began installations last April and have made considerable progress. The new modern HDPE pipe system starts at Playa and ends at Seru Largo.

Typically, a project this big happens only once in 25 years, according to **Alfredo Koolman, Director of WEB.**

On Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> WEB and CWM gave a presentation and demonstration of the new water pipe system. The project began seven years ago but due to financial issues it had to be postponed until 2012/2013. After the tendering procedure CWM was selected to do the job. In April the kick-off of this project became reality. Now, water pipes are in the ground along Kaya C.B. Hellmund, Kaya Neerlandia, Kaminda Djabou through Noord Saliña up to Republik.

## READY FOR THE FUTURE

Director Alfredo Koolman explains: "Bonaire is growing rapidly. We have to be prepared for the future. In some neighborhoods, for example in Tera Kora, they already have low water pressure. To ensure the growing need for drinking water, this system is being installed. Besides more capacity this new system provides more flexibility when there is need for renovation work. We created a loop."

Another interesting fact is the material of the pipes. These HDPE pipes – High Density Polyethylene - are easy to work with because it is a flexible not a heavy material. Another important fact is that less dirt adheres to this material so the internal pipe stays cleaner and that ensures a good water quality. There are a lot of strict rules to work with when you are a supplier of drinking water. Normally the system has to



Demonstrating a seamless connection

be purged regularly to maintain the high quality. Now with this different material we can downsize the purging and cause less inconvenience to the users of our drinking water, he says. It is not the first time that Bonaire chose the HDPE pipes. In Amboina already we can find HDPE and we will choose this material again in future renovation projects, confirms Director Koolman.

After the presentation all those present witnessed a short demonstration. For an optimal process and reliable end result when using welding techniques for 10-meter-long HDPE piping systems, proper pre-treatment of the surface is of importance but also the seamless connection, which was demonstrated by the employees of CWM.

Bonaire now appears better prepared for future growth with the addition of this improved water pipe system. ■

Story & photos  
by Cora  
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# Bonaire's Birds and Bees

In August, Apiary Inspector Rob Horsburgh came to Bonaire with PhD student Caroline Efstathion from the University of Florida. Their goal was to assist the Echo Parrot Project with Africanized bee problems.

Bees are taking over nest cavities of the critically endangered Yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot (Lora) and are endangering the safety of biologists who check on their nests. In some cases the bees are actually stinging the baby parrots to death to take over the nest cavity. The pair built and installed swarm trap boxes along cliff edges throughout parrot nesting areas. They also experimented with using paintballs filled with a fast degrading insecticide to shoot into bee occupied nest cavities to reclaim them for the parrots. In addition to this, they obtained samples of Africanized bees for DNA testing and pest and disease analyses.

While on the island, they also presented two workshops to the local Junior Ranger students and local beekeepers to educate them on beekeeping management practices. The plan is that captured swarms from the parrot nesting areas will be placed into managed apiaries and honey can then be gathered and sold. The proceeds would go to help fund protection efforts for the parrots. This trip was funded by an emergency grant



Caroline Efstathion, traveled to Bonaire with FDACS Apiary Inspector Rob Horsburgh to assist the Echo Parrot Project with Africanized bee problems.



Threatened parrot chicks

from the Walt Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund. ■ *Press release*

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