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HAPPY SHARK WEEK



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The situation for children in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba has improved in some areas in the past few years, but United Nations Children's Fund in the Netherlands, UNICEF Nederland, and the Defense for Children organization are still very much concerned about the conditions in which children on the islands grow up. The report made mention of the 2013 study by UNICEF Nederland that showed that the situation of children's rights on the three islands didn't comply with the requirements of the United Nations (UN) Children's Rights Treaty. The 2013 study, compiled after several visits to the islands and consultations with authorities, organizations and children themselves, reported intense poverty, domestic violence and the lack of figures on children and the problems they face.



Have you seen the palm trees along the waterfront facing the new Terramar building? They were planted there by Ap van Eldik's Green Label Garden Center. What an elegant addition. And it looks like they've been there for years.

The motion was submitted in the wake of the debate last Monday with Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations **Ronald Plasterk** and the response of the Dutch Government to the Spies report. During the debate, held in the presence of the Island Council, Minister of Interior and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk said that he was willing to see if there was room in the 2017 budget, but he couldn't make any promises.

► **Minister Plasterk visited Bonaire earlier this month.** His working visit focused on self-reliance and cooperation within the Kingdom. He spoke with young people who are going to study in The Netherlands and talked with them about their plans for the future and the possibility to return to the island.



► **The UK voted by 52% to 48% to leave the European Union (EU).** What

does it mean to Bonaire? Traveling to Europe should be less expensive as the dollar strengthens after years of being of less value than the euro. The British pound fell to its lowest level against the US dollar since 1985 while the euro slumped around 3.5%. In the Netherlands, Dutch anti-immigration leader Geert Wilders called on Friday for a referendum on the Netherlands' membership in the European Union. Call it "Nexit?"

And if some Bonaire activists get their way there will be a "Bonexit" from The Netherlands,

► **Enforcement of the laws protecting Bonaire's endangered species is usual but protecting other country's endangered species from import to Bonaire is also important.**

On February 12, 2016, the Public Prosecutor BES received a file from the Department of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in the US. This case alleged the illegal import of endangered birds such as cockatoos and parrots from the US to Bonaire. On the basis of this file suspicions arose against a resident of Bonaire with the initials J.A.P. and a customs officer with the initials C.A.B.F. The suspicion involves official bribery, complicity in forgery and violation of the BES Law of Principles Nature and Protection. Both suspects were heard last week by the National Criminal Investigation. The study is not yet complete and will continue over the coming months.

► **Embezzlement? I absolutely do not acknowledge that.** If the situation was really as bad as the 50Plus Party says, I would have expected protesting people in front of our office," **Harald Linkels, chairman of the Pension Fund Caribbean Netherlands Foundation (PCN)** told reporter Janita Monna of Caribisch Network.



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► Recently Bonaire medical General Practitioners (house doctors) signed a renewed agreement with the BES Healthcare Insurance Office (ZVK). This agreement secures continued cooperation in 2016. The ZVK sees GPs as an important medical services gatekeeper and director of care.

In the photo (from left to right), the doctors Hermelijn, Schröder, the ZVK account manager, Peter Degen, and doctors Rove and Miranda.

The PCN was accused by **Jan Nagel**, a senator for the seniors' party 50Plus who pronounced: "Millions in pensions have disappeared." Around 300 civil servants allegedly lost the pension that they built up since 10-10-10. "Embezzlement," Nagel said. Civil servants in Bonaire, Saba and Statia are members of this pension fund

The PCN pension fund acknowledges that there are **problems with several hundreds of dossiers of the workers.** "But the seriousness of these problems varies wildly. The problems arose on 10-10-10 when the responsibility for the pensions of civil servants on the three islands was transferred from the general

pension fund for the Netherlands Antilles (APNA) to PCN.

Dutch Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations **Ronald Plasterk** submitted a motion calling on the Dutch Government to establish an independent committee that would investigate the missing millions in pension premiums and report back before October 1, 2016. He said the Dutch Government is willing to supplement the possible losses in pension years of (former) civil servants and teaching personnel who worked in the BES Islands before October 10, 2010, however a thorough investigation is needed first.



► On June 22, **James Finies** the leader of the "We Want Bonaire Back" (*Nos Kier Boneiru Bek*) movement, pleaded his **case for Bonaire self-determination at the United Nations in New York.** According to a NKBB Facebook post he "spoke most eloquently about his people's plight in the United Nations along with South Africa, Uganda, Syria, Tanzania, Nigeria, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and the Western Sahara."

Following his address, Dr. Carlyle Corbin, an international advisor on global governance and former Minister of State for External Affairs of the US Virgin Islands and past UN expert on self-determination, spoke in behalf of the NKBB. According to the Facebook post Finies mentioned "Human Rights violations that Holland is committing in Bonaire." He spoke during a meeting of the 2016 UN Conference Special Committee on Decolonization, which considers the rights of non-self-governing territories of former colonial powers. Bonaire is currently not listed as a non-self-governing territory by the UN. Following his address Mr. Finies was congratulated by others at the session.

► A big congratulations and thank you from nature to **Pasa Bon Pizza for their now using the new biodegradable "Styrofoam" boxes.** They are a lot more expensive than the regular, non-biodegradable ones, but Lisa and Joe are

doing it for environmental reasons, they say. They are putting their money where their mouths are! The big pizza boxes of course are paper cardboard.

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On the Island Since... November 17th, 2013 - Mimoun Himmit and Marieke Knol

“I met Javier Boezem (‘On the Island Since,’ *Bonaire Reporter* May 30-June 13, 2016 issue) in Gorkum, Holland, at a jam-session. It must have been around 1996. From then on we played for two years together in a band called ‘Mmaf,’ doing lots of gigs. When Javier returned to Bonaire in 1998 I went to see him and fell in love with the island. It appealed a lot to me because I could find myself and my culture in the closeness of the families here, and I found a whole new family on Bonaire as well – the Boezem family. I stayed for a month at Javier’s father’s kunuku and it was one of the most beautiful episodes in my life – such a good time. That’s how it all started.

I was born in Morocco but grew up in the Netherlands. I’ve got the best of both worlds and I do feel I am from both. Well, in the meantime from all three, because now Bonaire is included too. I am a musician. I play the guitar and I’ve played all kinds of music but what I love most is fusion – my North African roots and western music combined. I’ve always played in bands but also taking care of the business aspects like finances and contracts because that’s something I like to do too.

Marieke and I met in 1999 at a festival where I was going to perform and where she was working. She had her own one-woman business, organizing and consulting in the cultural sector. After I graduated and got my Bachelor’s in marketing Marieke and I founded our company, ‘Mobility in Music.’ The original idea was to make professional artists mobile in their arts by taking care of finances, administration, acquisition and management and promotion. Then we started to develop and organize our own projects, and in 2000 ‘Mobility in Music’ became a partnership.”

“We began organizing all sorts of arts- and culture projects,” Marieke says, “and in 2001 when Rotterdam became the cultural capital of Europe we accomplished quite a number of beautiful projects, like the ‘Girls Festival’ – only accessible for girls because they’re completely different dynamics with just girls. Beforehand there was a range of workshops and the festival itself took one afternoon. Also we organized a project for Moroccan youngsters, ‘Habibi Maghribi,’ which means ‘Moroccan cuties’ – a music project where kids ended up playing in a band. In the years since we’ve repeatedly organized these festivals and many others in different cities in the Netherlands.”

“In 2001,” Mimoun says, “I participated in a Master class given by the famous Algerian musician/singer/songwriter **Cheb Khaled**, who plays raï-music: folk music that originated from Algerian Bedouin shepherds, mixed with Spanish, French, African and Arabic musical forms. It was an amazing experience and it gave my musical career a different direction because I learned then about my



Mimoun and Marieke

North African background and its fusion with western influences.

Then we developed an educational program for children in Lower Vocational Education about Moroccan cultural expressions like (belly) dance, food and cooking and playing in a band. The day would end with a concert of a Moroccan band. The project was undertaken by schools all over the country and it ran for years. The last big projects before we came here were developing a music school for Caribbean brass bands, and Marieke created ‘Music Matters,’ about meeting and getting to know each other through music. It was done in cooperation with all major cultural institutions in Rotterdam.”

Marieke continues. “I studied Art and

“Very often culture sounds a bit abstract, but in the end, it’s all about people. Culture is who you are and the way you are living it.”

Cultural Sciences at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and I majored in Cape Verdean music. When I came here for the first time with Mimoun in 2001 I loved it, but also I recognized many influences in the Bonairean music culture like the Simadan. I thought it was very interesting. Every year we would come for vacation, but never with the intention of moving here. On one of those holidays we ended up talking to various cultural foundations and got a number of requests to help organize and fundraise. So the two of us, together with Javier, founded *Fundashon Plataforma Kultural* in 2010. It sort of came with the idea that we had to be here now and then for a longer period of time in order to carry out projects, but still we weren’t planning on living here.”

“The first major project that we did,” Mimoun says, “was digitalizing **Boi Antoin**’s archives, and it took us four years. All the material that has been digitalized can be found at www.archivoboneiru.com. For two years we were engaged in ‘Children Making Music’ – where children got free music lessons weekly— which was supported by the Dutch Oranje Fonds. By that time - it was 2014- we were living here. Along the way we’d noticed that it would be better to live here for certain projects and we really wanted to focus on Bonaire. It’s a good place to pioneer. A lot of develop-



Mimoun and Marieke with the dogs. Behind them the Hofi Kultural land.

ment is possible and we can share all the knowledge we’ve gathered through the years. Also, it was the purpose of the foundation to help make the cultural infrastructure stronger. We’re doing that by working together with other cultural foundations. And of course, personally, it’s great to be here, and like before we would go to Bonaire every now and then – now we’re going to Holland once in a while. We’ve really grown used to living here

beauty of it is that children and grown-ups can, without any barriers like money or distance, become acquainted with all different forms of art. I hope it will be an inspiring place where the artists can give and share.

A number of projects are on their way. The first one is about dancing with the elderly – the traditional dances like the Mazurka and the Waltz - from an idea by our neighbor, **Hyacinta ‘Chinta’ Mercelina**. It’s a project for the whole island and it already started at Villa Antonia in Antriol (‘Keeping Traditional Dances Alive,’ *The Reporter* May 16-30, 2016). After the summer, in September, we will be giving free music lessons for children. The third project is about continuing the tradition of *Maskarade*. It threatens to get a bit bogged down and we want to make sure it will really be transferred to the next generation.

Those are the plans for this year. In the meantime we’re meeting a lot of people who are very enthusiastic, but organizing projects is a profession and quite a process. Very often culture sounds a bit abstract, but in the end, it’s all about people. Culture is who you are and the way you are living it. All my life I’ve found that to be most interesting.”

“We are culture professionals with a great passion,” Marieke says, “and that’s what moves us. Your intention has to be sincere and you can only show that by doing it. If you don’t do it from your heart, people don’t believe you and you will never click with them. To us the community is very important and so, if people who read this article get enthusiastic and feel like helping or participating in the projects or they have new ideas or they want to give a hand in the construction of the complex or they want to donate money or volunteer in dancing with the elderly they can call us **700-5304** or mail us . Also they can look us up and like us on Facebook *Fundashon Plataforma Kultural* or go to our website ■

Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



Picture Yourself With The Reporter at London, England



Nathania Velasquez writes, "Attached a picture of my mother and myself in the London Eye, with *The Reporter* of course. We're both from Bonaire but as I'm currently studying in Amsterdam my mom, Shirley, came to visit me in The Netherlands. I planned a little trip to London with my mom because she's the best travel buddy and I'm obsessed with Shakespeare. ;-)

In the picture you can see the Westminster Palace and Big Ben in the background.

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OUTDOOR OFFICE →

Yes! How lucky I am, I see an interesting scene on the side of the dog-outlet road. It looks like a do-it-yourself package from Ikea that was just unpacked. With my expert eye I immediately notice that a lovely office may be created here although it looks a little messy. I see neat partitions, cabinets and desks that can be put together in no time (or usually a lot of time) by driving in some screws. This really is a prime location with lots of peace, space and wind. Why do so many people actually pay rent for office buildings that are unbearable without air conditioning, in which you are locked up in a box and get a slap of warmth when you walk outside after a long day? Why is this self-flagellation and closure from all that is worthwhile? It can be done differently and the pioneering work is taking place before my eyes: the new working in the outside, the real open air plan office.

I imagine the conversations. They will be quite different in such an environment than the gossip that you usually hear in offices. "John, do you know where those papers are that I had on my desk?" "What do you mean, those papers are of course gone with the wind." "Will it rain today? Then we need to get the tarp out, otherwise we can buy new laptops again." "Is it your turn to make coffee today? Then you must also pick up a new gas bottle and a water tank." "Did you already dig a new latrine hole?" "Watch out for that donkey behind you, otherwise you'll lose your lunch." "Hello, can you repeat your question? I couldn't hear you because of a donkey whinnying and a goat bleating at the same time." "Yes, of course you can visit us. If you drive the dirt road you turn right at the 18th cactus."

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Upon my departure from this heavenly place I meet a few employees. When I ask how they are doing they respond wearily. "I just returned from a period of illness due to a heat stroke and have carried my desk into the mundi to catch a little shade of cactuses." "I was bitten on my toes by an iguana and just recently got rid of my crutches. I work with a pole next to me to keep them away and I wear boots now. I still dread every sound; that's why I am in therapy." The next worker explains that she was discharged last week with symptoms of poisoning, because the water she drank had been exposed to the sun too long and was defiled. "No one wants to work overtime, because when it gets dark it's very scary. Don't tell our bosses we said this, they think we are posers. They themselves do not know what we go through; they work in their cars with air conditioning which makes us work in their petrol fumes."

Well, there you are, people. Even under the best of circumstances there are always people who are malcontent and whine. Positive thinking is not for everyone... ■ *Story & photo by Justine Verschoor*



Flotsam and Jetsam
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► **Bonaire will celebrate the US 4th of July Independence Day at Rum Runners restaurant** at Captain Don's Habitat with a fireworks show. See the menu and more on page 9.

► **Play Chess?** Join other competitors on Wednesdays at 6 pm at the Tera Cora Ranch. The players previously met at Karel's Beach Bar. An upcoming story in *The Reporter* will have more on the chess club. ■ *G./L.D.*

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BONAIRE IN FEBRUARY, 1996 – 20 YEARS AGO
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The Bonaire Reporter's earlier name:

BANK ROBBERS ESCAPE BY SPEEDBOAT



On Thursday, February 8, 1996, shortly after 8 am, five heavily armed men entered the main branch of MCB in Playa. They told everyone to lie down and emptied the cashiers' tills. The vault time lock hadn't opened yet. A woman customer entered the bank and a gunman shot her in the leg. A security guard was hit over the head and knocked to the floor. An employee phoned police but was reluctant to call in an armed squad because of the possibility of a hostage situation developing. They got NAF 39.000 (about \$22,000) and US\$4,000 plus the customers' money.

The robbers had come to Bonaire via small speedboat with 2/ 75- hp motors . the previous day and tied their boat to the

Windjammer pier (between Karpata and BOPEC)

The next morning the robbers stopped a mini van near Rincon and tied the driver to a tree. They used the mini van for their getaway with Bonaire police in hot pursuit, back to the speedboat where two accomplices were waiting for them. Also involved was a rented jeep driven by two other men. The criminals jumped from van to speedboat but the jeep wasn't seen and boat sped off. Bonaire had no boat available that could catch them and the robber's boat could be seen speeding toward Venezuela by people in Kralendijk. Police alerted coast guard and search and rescue F-27 aircraft, *Pluto*. The boat headed for the Venezuelan coastline just south of Punta San Juan. *The Pluto* was soon overhead but couldn't force them to stop as it was not armed. The speedboat entered the River Heque and disappeared.

Later the jeep was found abandoned. Since the driver and passenger of the jeep didn't board the speedboat, it was assumed they were still on Bonaire. In fact, several days later a bank employee saw one of the robbers at the town pier. Police arrested the man who confessed but had gotten lost returning to the speedboat. Videos of the robbers are being studied as well as fingerprints. Interpol is also involved. There is no treaty of extradition between the countries so that if they are caught in Venezuela they will be tried and convicted in that country.



A KLM MD-11 three-engine jet at Flamingo Airport. It flew on to Lima.



Toys Bar Restaurant run by Ed and Joop in the 90s

The criminals were never found and the man left behind was deported. ■ G./L.D. Next edition: Huge Klein Bonaire development threatened....



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A quick drive north from Kralendijk, through Hato, leads us nature fans to a sandy parking lot, just before the bend farther north to Sabadeco, where we park our good ole "Sjors." We start out slightly nauseated from a chilling encounter with Mr. Iguana Head. Yep, we stumble over a bloody head sans body.

After a few moments of shocked silence, we dash (in fear?) onto a sand path (Hato-Sabadeco), which leads us into a vast array of blossoming acacias. They look like useless spiny shrubs when not blooming. Goats and donkeys tend to ignore these armed-to-the-teeth bushes, except in case of dire need. Then during exceptionally arid spells they'll attempt to eat its leaves.

However, the acacias have now produced yellow/orangey spherical flowers, fluffy in structure.

Further down the road we spot a lone *prickichi* (parakeet) nibbling on a few petals. We cherish the scene in front of us: the blooming bushes booming with bird life. What a contrast to the murder scene at the start of our trip.

After a 10-minute trek on the path, we descend left to "Andrea 1" snorkel and dive site for a brisk beach stroll. Over rocks and coral rubble we climb to make our way to "Andrea 2." For about 30 minutes the overwhelming perception is of crashing waves and howling winds. I love it! Meanwhile, I have to mind the winding trail between the boulders, the stones and the pebbles. A green heron is peering at us from below. These elegant birds use their dagger like bills to snatch up fish. As bait these smarty-pants might well use twigs or insects (Wikipedia).

At the end of "Andrea 2," we ascend to Sabadeco Court and continue on to Sabadeco Shores.



Elisabeth van Wijnen-Sanders

On the Andrea Beach Trail

Still in Court, we are welcomed by an array of white and magenta colored Bougainvilleas. These thorny ornamental bushes or trees sprout flower-like spring leaves. The actual flower is small and white but surrounded by different colored bracts, such as pink, magenta, purple, red, orange, white or yellow (Wikipedia). One of the neighboring house yards displays

a gorgeous Royal Poinciana. This tree requires (sub) tropical climates and tolerates drought. Even though the tree has ornamental value and its dense foliage provides shade, its shedding can be horrendous (I experienced this when living in the Florida Keys).

Just before we turn left, leaving Sabadeco Shores, to take the

main Sabadeco road leading back to our car, our eyes are cast upon a giant Monkey Puzzle cactus. Dr. Bart A. de Boer says in his Bonaire plant book that this plant, which oozes white fluid, looks like a cactus, feels like a cactus, is NOT a cactus. The many spines and triangular branches of this tree are put to

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Shark Week 2016

STINAPA Bonaire's Shark Week started off on Monday June 20th at the Sentro di Bario in Rincon with presentations on sharks and a variety of games for kids. The week is part of the Save Our Sharks project, an initiative of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance and is made possible by funds from the 'Nationale Postcode Loterij'.

Events continued all week long with a number of events for children and adults.

A contest was held for children and adults to enter their art work, poems and more. There were 107 entries from four different categories based on age, starting

at four years-old. On Saturday night in front of El Mundo Restaurant on Kaya Grandi during the Taste of Bonaire, all the entries were on display and 20 prizes handed out. See some of the entries are shown below.

Shark protection is motivated because due to intense overfishing, shark populations throughout the world are in trouble. The Save Our Sharks campaign is focused on creating shark awareness within the Bonairean community, working with fishermen and conducting research on sharks.

■ Press release- Photos by Diana St Jago and L.D.



Shark Art Contest entries (above)



Following the Rincon presentation each child received a fossilized shark tooth to take home. The teeth were found along the coast of Florida by the Right family and donated to STINAPA to use during Shark Week 2016.



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Shark games in Rincon- Similar events were held island wide.

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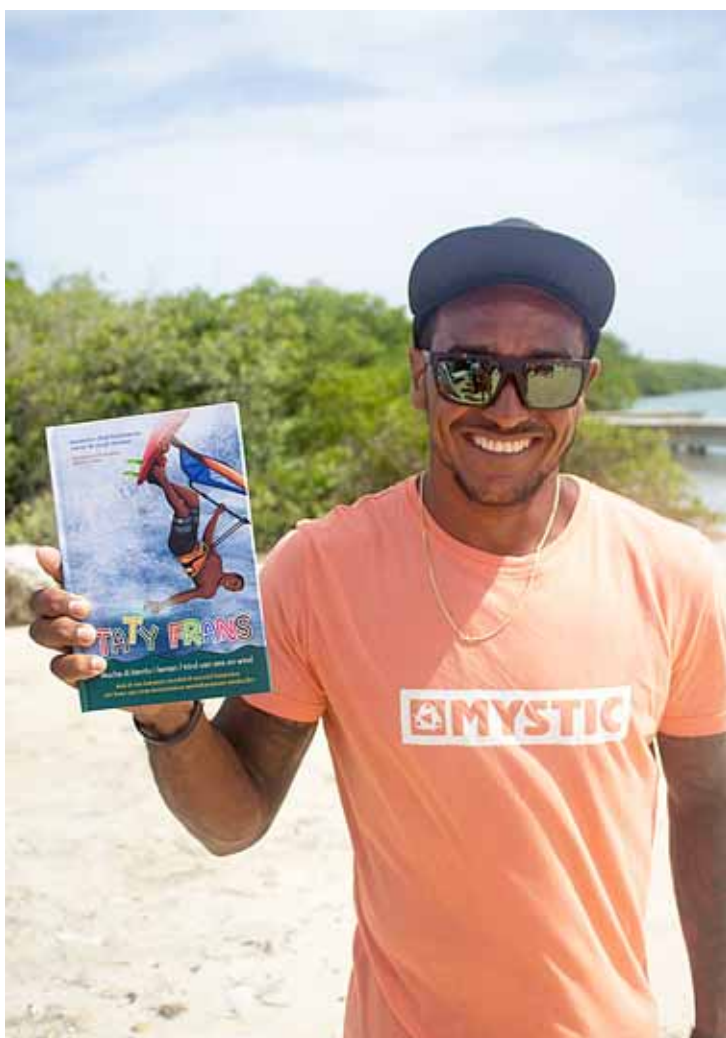
School Kids Write About Taty

BONAIREAN KIDS WRITE BOOK ABOUT LOCAL WINDSURFER TATY FRANS

“It’s like a dream.” Taty Frans gets emotional as he receives the first copy of the book. “This is just.... WOW!” A crowd of children applauded for the Bonairean windsurf hero.

Eight classes from six different schools on Bonaire participated in the creation of a book about Taty Frans. The windsurf champion visited different schools on Bonaire over the last couple of months and told the eighth graders about his life. In every class he told a different story, focusing on different adventures and achievements in his life. These gave the inspiration for the eight different chapters of the book: *Taty Frans: Mucha di bientu I laman* (Taty Frans: Child of the wind and the sea).

The 102 writers were all present at the presentation of the book



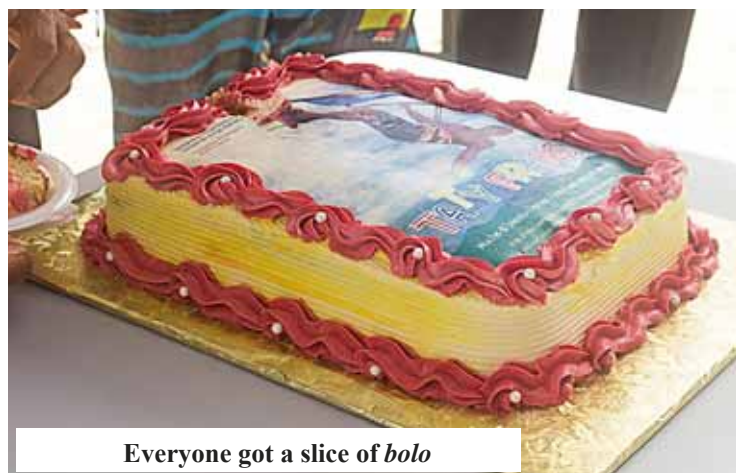
Taty shows pride in the book



Governor Rijna receives a copy from Addo Stuur



Yüf Adèle with some of the writers



Everyone got a slice of bolo

choose in which language they wanted to write their parts. “One can always express themselves better in their first language,” Yüf Adèle explains, “and we as teachers helped to translate it to the other language.” Still it was a challenge for many students to start writing as grammar and spelling are not easy in any language. Still, every single student played a part in the creation of the chapter. Yüf Adèle and her students are very excited about receiving the end result today.

last Wednesday. Three busses brought the children and their teachers to the Fishermen’s Pier at Sorobon where the festivities took place. Future windsurf champions were practicing their skills on the water right next to the book presentation. The book launch was celebrated with good wishes from Governor Edison Rijna and Representative Nina den Heyer, a windsurf demonstration by Taty himself and young talent Cheppie, and, of course, with a huge bolo (cake) serving all children, sponsors and interested persons present.

Addo Stuur, president of *Stichting Lezen en Schrijven* (Foundation for Reading and Writing), emphasizes the importance of the project for local children. “When children start writing themselves, they understand how hard it is to make a story

and they will learn to appreciate books more.” He is very proud of all the new Bonairean writers. The foundation initiated the project last year in November. It was inspired by a similar project organized in the Netherlands, where schoolchildren wrote a book based on the life of Dutch soccer hero Arjen Robben. The foundation liked the idea and thought immediately of local windsurf hero Taty Frans.

“Many educational materials and books are based on a Dutch context,” Yüf (schoolteacher) Adèle from the San Bernardo school says, “and then kids are not interested in reading them.” This book about a local hero and about a popular local sport is something students really want to read, according to the teacher. Every chapter is published in Papiamentu and in Dutch. The children themselves could

“We all had to write something,” some of the San Bernardo students explain. “Then the teachers read it to us and we decided together how the parts should fit together and which parts were the best to eventually become part of our book chapter.” The project was a lot of fun according

to the students, “but not because we like writing, but because we like Taty!” they all agree.

Before the busses take the children back to school, they all receive their copy of the book they wrote. Taty takes his time to sign all the copies. “Follow your dream and work hard to get there” is the message he wants to share with all those present. “That can make you a champion too.” *Taty Frans: Mucha di bientu i laman / Kind van zee en*

wind’ is available at Addo’s bookstore for \$15. For more information see www.lezenenschrijvenbonaire.org ■

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Kids enjoy the windsurf show at Sorobon during the book presentation



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Echo Foundation press release

During the past few months Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) observed an increase in incidents of tourists and residents harassing sea turtles. STCB posted on social media explaining that taking "selfies" or pictures holding turtles and following sea turtles very closely with cameras is considered harassment. "This increase in selfies with endangered sea turtles and other marine life posted on Facebook and Instagram documented these latest threats for animals, as they are being used in order to accumulate "likes."



"STCB is extremely concerned about this new trend, as the number of likes clearly demonstrates that many visitors to and residents of Bonaire do not perceive this as extremely disrespectful to Bonaire's wildlife. Imagine that someone is stalking you with a camera within a distance of two feet or grabs you from the sidewalk to take a selfie."

The Marine Environmental Ordinance states that it is prohibited to disturb or destroy sea turtle nests or to remove eggs from the nests; it is prohibited to be in possession of, to have for sale or delivery, to offer for sale, to sell, to buy, to trade in, to donate or to transport eggs of sea turtles.

"It is prohibited to kill, catch or be in possession of sea turtles. It is prohibited to offer for sale, sell, buy, trade in, donate, or offer for consumption, sea turtles, sea turtle meat or other products of sea turtles," says STCB.

Violating this law can result in a maximum fine of US\$560,000 and/or a jail sentence and confiscation of relevant equipment [spear gun, car, boat - Ed.].

STCB does not feel comfortable posting a photo of someone harassing a sea turtle on their social media, as they know it will cause a huge amount of angry comments towards the person in the photo and sometimes towards STCB as well. "However, STCB wishes to give a clear message to the general public that taking selfies with sea turtles or other marine life is both disrespectful and illegal, and above all it is absolutely unnecessary." ■

STCB press release



You may have noticed new yellow, pink and blue signs in and around Rincon. With these signs and a map, access to this area for tourists and holidaymakers is much improved. Yellow signs indicate the two car routes, the pink signs for the three walking trails and the blue signs for the two mountain bike trails. The map, the website and a film showing on Tourist TV were developed by POP Bonaire. The routes were officially opened on 24 June. ■ *Press release*



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Defiwind Speed Challenge



The first Defiwind Caribbean, and event for windsurfers and kitesurfers, involved 35 windsurfers and two kites.

For **Philippe Bru**, event organizer, this was perfect to see what Bonaire can offer and if Bonaire is a good location for future Defiwind events. Philippe stayed longer on Bonaire than originally planned and laid plans for a repeat event next year.

Thanks to the GPS system of Dotvision (Guillaume Pelletier) the competitors could be followed second-by-second live through the Defiwind website. This together with the expertise of Philippe and world-champion speed surfer, Bjorn Dunkerbeck made it a fantastic event and promises much more for coming years.

Results in the windsurfing speed event



Last Bonaire Popkoor Concert

On Thursday, June 16, **Popkoor Bonaire** had their "last" concert at the Plaza Resort. The concert was informal and just for family and friends. Why call it the last one? This is a very enthusiastic group of people who like to sing but their SUPER conductor, Renske van Slooten, is leaving the island and must leave the choir. So far the choir hasn't found a new conductor.

But more about the concert:

After the nine Christmas performances were over, the choir began to learn six new songs in January.

Let me entertain you (Robbert Williams); *I'm Yours* (Jason Mraz); *Africa* (Toto); *Lean On Me* (Bill Withers); *Ain't no Mountain* (Ashford & Simpson) and *Don't Stop Me Now* (Freddy Mercury).

A few of the songs were not easy to learn, but Renske dragged the singers through the process. Since this was an informal concert, they could have their songbooks while singing. As always they sang with great enthusiasm and lots of pleasure and the audience liked it very much. Conductor Renske was heaped with words of praise and gratitude and a keepsake was awarded to her.

As an encore they sang: *Don't Stop Me Now!* again, which was an appropriate song, because none of the singers wants to stop. So please, if there is a conductor who wants to take over, they'd really like to continue in September.

(For information send a PM to Jose van Nistelrooij on Facebook or call: 796-6868). ■

Story & photo by Tinneke Mourits

were: 1st-**Björn Dunkerbeck** at 60.75 kph, second was **Taty Frans** at 57.97 and third **JP van de Wolde** at 55.40

The Defiwind Caribbean 2017 will be from June 17th until June 21st and the Sorobon Masters and Dunkerbeck

Speed Challenge 2017 will be from June 22nd until June 25th at Sorobon Beach Resort.

Registration will start September 1st 2016. ■

Press release

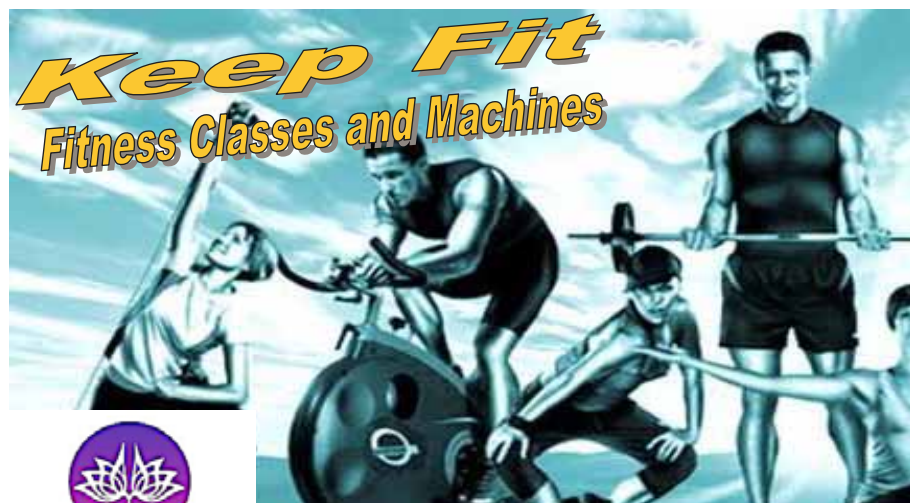


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How Swine Smart Are You?

This story is a part of an ongoing series contributed by Echo, an organization who has been mandated by the Island Government to conduct a pig control program on Bonaire.



Echo photo

“BREEDING LIKE...PIGS?!”

The title of this article is another spin on a common saying because “the wild pig is the most prolific large mammal on the face of the Earth (TAMU, 2013).” Female pigs or “sows” are sexually mature as young as 6-8 months of age, though they typically wait until they are 10+ months before they have their first litter. Wild pigs can have 1-2 litters per year. Each litter will have 5-6 piglets; though they can have up to 12! We have seen litters of 8 piglets on Bonaire. Wild pigs have an average lifespan of 4-8 years, depending on a variety of conditions. So a female pig left unmanaged could produce dozens of piglets throughout her lifetime, thus exponentially increasing the impact of wild pigs on the environment and their competition with native fauna for limited resources.

So, time for another quick math quiz

I have 2 pigs that produce 6 piglets. Four piglets are females and 2 are males. My neighbor also has pigs and 10 months later all 4 of my piglets have produced their own litters. Two had 4 piglets each, 1 had 5 piglets and 1 had 8 piglets. Of the litters with 4 piglets, 6 are female and 2 are male. Of the litter with 5 piglets, 2 are female and 3 are male. The litter with 8 piglets had 4 females and 4 males. How many piglets in the 3rd generation are female? How many were male?

All of those piglets were produced within two years!

Wow, that’s a lot of pigs! So what can I do to help?

Echo has been mandated by the Public Entity of Bonaire to carry out a control



campaign of feral pigs on Bonaire. **If you spot a free-roaming pig, please call our Pig Hotline (786-PIGS) or email us to report it. This way we can track the presence of pigs and will know where to focus our efforts in capturing wild pigs. Please, do not attempt to corner or trap a wild pig yourself. Do not feed wild pigs.**

Information for this article was borrowed from:

<http://feralhogs.tamu.edu/frequently-asked-questions-wild-pigs/>

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/63664/quick-facts-on-feral-hogs>

Remember: We Live from our Nature! (Nos ta Biba di Naturalesa) <http://articles.extension.org/pages/63655/food-habits-of-feral-hogs>

For information about this project, please email Julianka@echobonaire.org or call our Pig Hotline at 786-7447 (786-PIGS).



DID YOU KNOW?



Great white shark tagging. Yikes!

While most scientists tag sharks from a boat, some people tag sharks while free diving! Not much is known about sharks because they 1) live in the oceans 2) are migratory and travel great distances and 3) they are difficult/dangerous to handle.

While sharks are being hunted by the millions, time is running out for scientists to learn more about them in an effort to raise awareness and increase protection. Tagging studies help scientists understand migratory routes of sharks as well as how shark populations are connected. One organization that is having great success in tagging sharks is The Waterman Project. Watermen are men and women who volunteer their breath-hold skills to assist scientists in their research on large marine animals. These free divers (people who swim underwater on a single breath of air - without noisy scuba tanks) approach sharks, including great white sharks, in order to

tag and photograph them. This method of tagging is much less stressful to the animal than the traditional method of a shark being captured, drawn next to a boat and restrained while a tag is inserted. For some easily stressed species of sharks, like hammerheads, tagging them while free-diving is much more successful than any other method. Is it dangerous for the free-divers?

Despite what many people believe about sharks being ferocious and aggressive beasts, most people who have actually encountered sharks say that this is not true – that sharks have a healthy respect for humans and usually don’t attack unless provoked. If you find this sort of thing fascinating, **don’t miss Great White Shark 3D playing at Empire Cinema (www.empirebonaire.com).** It will change the way you think about sharks.

■ *Written by Caren Eckrich, STINAPA Biologist. Connecting people with nature.*

(Ramble -Continued from page #)



Elisabeth van Winsen-Sanders

good use as impenetrable fences. Iguanas enjoy hiding out in the middle of them in order to remain invisible.

On Sabadeco's main road, we pass one of the earlier-built houses (photo above). Construction had to be halted when a cave full of bats was discovered underneath the home. The bats on Bonaire play an important role regarding catching mosquitoes and pollinating night-blooming plants such as our cacti. Therefore, these mammals had to be saved. At second glance, this fabulous Sabadeco home looks like a

boat.

Finding our way back through the same sandy trail, we see our vehicle standing in wait for us at a distance. A skinny dark skinned puppy meets us half way. Lugging an iguana. Another one bit the dust today. ■

Story by Karen Bastiaensen Gilmour and photos by Elisabeth van Winsen-Sanders



What's Happening



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.

Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

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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 Playa (Bonaire Duodero)**- Every Saturday, 8am-noon, across from Warehouse Bonaire, locally made and grown products.

•**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, 2nd 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

•**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

•**Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 9:30am-2pm at Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **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.

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Cruise Ship Schedule				
59	26-07-16	<i>Adventure of the Seas</i>	0800-1700	Royal Caribbean

•**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 Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, and more. **\$10 includes 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 Farm Tour—9am.** See Monday for more information.

•**12-step meeting (AA/NA).** Every Wednesday at **Bonaire Basics**, Kaya Korona #47. Walk in from 18:45, starts at 19:15, ends at 20:30. Feel free to mail 12stepsbonaire@gmail.com or 12stappenbonaire@gmail.com for more information.

• **Echo** offers free (donation-based) Public Conservation Tours at 4:30. No reservation needed. For optimal birding, you can also book a private tour by calling 701-1188 or emailing: info@echobonaire.org. Please give at least one day's notice. Private tours are \$25/person with 2 person minimum.

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•**Chess Club** meets at to play starting at 6 pm in Tera Cora Ranch.

Fridays

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

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CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30am in Papiamentu/Dutch. Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact: Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. 717-8332 for more info or ride bonaireibc@gmail.com. **Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk** – Services, Sunday at 8am and 7pm in Papiamentu.

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

Prayer Walk at Rooi Lamoenchi every first Sunday of the Month (or on request) for all followers of Christ. Hours: 4.30 pm till 7.30 pm. Contact Ellen Cochrane-Herrera at

ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca or phone 717-8489 or 005999-540-9800 English//Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish spoken. ■

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Saturday, July 2— Marshe di Kunukero at Kriabon, plants, crafts, snacks, drinks, more, 8am to 1 pm. Kriabon at Kaminda Yatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School.

Sunday, July 3

-Bonaire Animal Shelter Summer Fair—books, housewares, pet products, bake sale, food, drinks. 9am-4pm, Kaminda Lagun 26A. More on page 5.

-Marshe di Mucha (Children's Market) - Kids from 6 to 12 can sell their crafts, products, art. At Plaza Chiku Goeloe, Antriol, 10am-2pm. More on page 13

Saturday, July 9—Dive Friends Cleanup Dive

Friday, July 15 — Stormvogel Foundation Fundraiser with Captain John Craane at the new Terramar Museum. For a \$10 donation, one can experience an hour-long tour of the photos with Johnny telling stories about each photo. More in the next edition.

Saturday, July 23—Bird Watching with Stinapa

July 29-31—ProKids Windsurfing Event

Saturday, July 30— Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei

Sunday, July 31—Taste of Bonaire, Wilhelmina Park 6:30 pm

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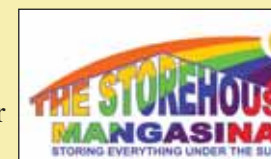


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Animal Shelter News

The Animal Shelter Bonaire 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 grooming and boarding place for cats and dogs. There is a gift shop on the premises to help raise money to sustain the Shelter.

TRUE LOVE

Remember the story of Floortje? For those who don't, here it is in short. Floortje is a Chihuahua mix dog who came to the Animal Shelter Bonaire in a box. She was a mess- very thin and with a terrible case of mange. She had no hair on her face and many very painful raw spots all over her body. It took many people, many treatments, a lot of love and TLC but she recovered. The last few weeks of treatment she was fostered by Rosa, one of our young volunteers. Predictably Rosa and that little dog were meant to be together and Rosa was able to convince her parents that along with the two large dogs they already had Floortje should be added to the family. Floortje fits right in and as you can see she is a new dog. Just look at the difference!! If that isn't true love I don't know what is!

Sadly the family will have to move back to Holland next week but luckily they will be able to take all dogs and especially wonderful little Floortje with them. We'd like to thank Rosa for all her love, dedication, help and effort and all the support from her family. Success may come and go away, but your great achievements will stay.

Hard work may take the fun from today, but it leaves all the things to cherish for tomorrow. You are an inspiration to all and we will miss your smile. Best of luck dear Rosa! ■ Story & photos by Nathalie Peterson



Floortje when found



Rosa with Floortje now

Remember the Animal Shelter Bonaire Summer Fair, Saturday, July 3 from 9am to 4 pm. New and 2nd hand clothes, household items, books, pet materials, bake sale, more. See page 5.

Pets Of The Week



Joss and Sam

Hi! I am Sam (right). I live at the Animal Shelter Bonaire. I am a well behaved, fun loving girl who likes to play, to go for walks and I will be very good at protecting my family! I like it very much here, but I am dreaming of having my own family again one day. One of my friends, Joss (left), is a bit older but full of beans. She was left in front of the Shelter and had severe burn wounds on her back, with lots of care she made it back to good health and is now a tough lady! She is very sweet and likes to cuddle, to play and also would love to live in a loving new home again! If you are interested in meeting Sam or Joss and the other cats and dogs, come and visit the Animal Shelter Bonaire at

Kaminda Lagun 26a to meet them. For more information call #7174989/7014989 or e-mail us and like us on Facebook [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/AnimalShelterBonaire/](https://www.facebook.com/AnimalShelterBonaire/)

All the adoptable animals at the Animal Shelter Bonaire are treated against ticks and fleas are de-wormed, vaccinated, micro chipped and spayed or neutered.

Opening hours Animal Shelter Bonaire
Tuesday-Friday: 9am-noon and 3-5pm.
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THE STARS HAVE IT

June—July 2016

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Romantic relationships could be under pressure. Don't spend more than is necessary on travel or friends. You may need to make a choice. Sudden romantic encounters will set your head spinning. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Opportunities will unfold; however, you must be willing to pay the price. Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family. Be cautious of making any residential changes this week. Social get-together will bring you in contact with intelligent new friends. Your lucky day this month will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) This will be a good day for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. Try to be precise in your communications. You're in the mood to party. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You'll be surprised how much you can accomplish. You will reap the benefits if you put money into upgrading your residence. Your anger may be impossible to contain if you get into debates with family members. You will be subject to pushy individuals if you get involved in uncertain organizations. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Entertainment could be pleasing if it is of an energetic nature. This day was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. You don't want to give anyone fuel for the fire. You may have difficulty trying to get your mate to understand your position. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Real estate investments could be to your advantage. Put your efforts into making changes to your domestic scene. If you're looking to do something worthwhile, consider volunteer work. Red tape could be impossible to clear up this week. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Take a trip or just spend some quality time with your mate. Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. Your emotional attitude with respect to your status and direction in society may be unrealistic. You can bet that you'll draw attention to yourself. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can make rewarding connections through the organized groups you associate with. Your creative imagination will help you in coming up with unique ideas. Sudden romantic connections may be short lived. Concentrate on work. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Sudden changes regarding your domestic scene are probable. Be cautious when dealing with foreigners. Get thinking about prolonging longevity. Abrupt action will cause difficulties with relatives. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your mate, however, may not be too pleased with you. Get down to business. Advancement can be yours if you put your efforts into work related matters. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Put your efforts into job advancement. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You can make new friends and experience new things if you do a bit of traveling. Debates will stifle passion and result in estrangement. You can ask for favors but don't take them for granted. You will find the excitement gratifying. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Be careful when dealing with female members of your family. You will learn a great deal about yourself if you go somewhere secluded. You can win points if you present your ideas this week. You may be more emotional than usual. Your lucky day this month will be Wednesday. ■

Michael Thiessen



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

Circum-polar Constellations and Seasonal Stars

You know, we can see some stars and constellations all year round in the Bonaire Sky Park – like the **Big Dipper** and **Cassiopeia**, while others are only visible during certain seasons – like **Scorpius** and the **Summer Triangle**. Why is this? Because there is difference between **circum-polar and seasonal stars**.

On any night this week, face north at around 11pm. First, find the Big Dipper standing on its spoon high in the northwestern sky. These seven stars also mark the rear end and tail of **Ursa Major, the Big Bear**.

We can use the two stars on the end of the spoon to point us to **Polaris, aka the North Star**. Polaris marks the tip of the tail of the **Little Bear, Ursa Minor**... Or the end of the handle of the **Little Dipper**.

Now if you continue that line from the Big Dipper's handle through Polaris, you reach a constellation that looks like the letter, "w". This is the beautiful **Cassiopeia** the queen sitting on her throne.

These three constellations- Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Cassiopeia-are visible in the sky nearly every night of the year. The reason why, is that, as the night rolls on, the stars will appear to rotate around a pivot point – near Polaris.

This motion in the heavens is really caused by the rotation of the **Earth**. Our daily spin causes stars to rise in the east and set in the west. But in the north we can watch the stars spin a full 360 degrees without going below the horizon. That makes them **circum-polar stars**.

When you look at stars farther from Polaris, they seem to make a bigger circle in the sky. So the farther south you look, the less amount of time each constellation is above the horizon.

As the Earth orbits the **Sun**, our perspective on the distant stars changes. When we're on one side of the Sun, like in winter, we can more easily see constellations like **Orion** and **Gemini** at night. But when we're on the other side of the Sun, like in summer, we can't see Orion and Gemini as well because the glare of the Sun is in the way. Those constellations are only above the horizon during the daytime. In summer when the nighttime part of the Earth is



pointed that way then we can better see the constellations like **Scorpius** and the summer triangle. These are **seasonal constellations**.

But no matter what season it is, we always have a good view to the northern sky. So we, near the lower part of the northern hemisphere, can view **Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Cassiopeia** all year long. That makes them **circum-polar constellations**.

So now that we're in summer, let's check out the summer triangle. Look high in the east and you'll find its three bright stars. We can see the brightest star, **Vega**, is at the top, bright white **Altair** is to the right, and dimmer **Deneb** is to the left.

Vega is the brightest star in the constellation **Lyra the Harp**, Altair is the eagle eye of **Aquila the Eagle**, and Deneb is the tail of **Cygnus the swan**: three great summer constellations in one big triangle.

Another easy-to-find summer constellation is low in the southern sky. There's **Scorpius the Scorpion**. You won't need to strain your imagination to see a scorpion in the long fishhook of stars that make his tail and stinger.

The brightest star in Scorpius is a beautiful, red star **Antares**. Antares means "rival of **Mars**" because its color is similar to that of the red planet. And this summer, Mars is nearby so you can compare the two more closely. Antares, the star, will twinkle a lot, while Mars, the planet will not. So get outside tonight and see how the stars move over the night. It might take a few hours (or days) but you'll notice the difference between the circum-polar and seasonal constellations. Say hi to our old friends, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and Cassiopeia. And ring in the summer with the summer triangle and the Scorpion. ■

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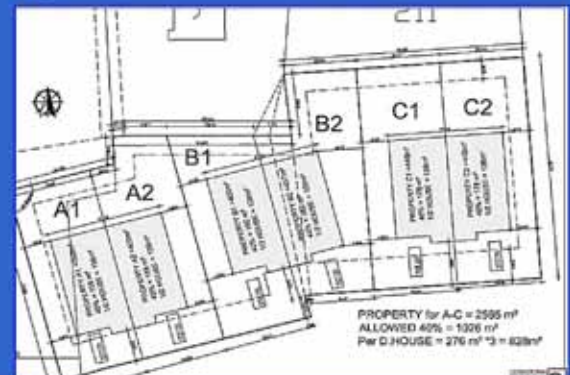
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