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Nunu Rafela, Clark Abraham, Elvis Tjin A Sjoe and Daisy Coffie announce the coalition

**B**onaire has still another new Government. It happened this way last week. After becoming a member of the Island Council when **Michael Pieters** stepped down, former PDB leader **Clark Abraham** broke with his party and declared himself an independent member of Bonaire's Island Council. Then the MPB fraction of the Island Council withdrew from the executive Council. The decision sent that Executive Council home. Following a few days of negotiations a new Executive Council was put together by MPB head **Elvis Tjin A Sjoe** made up of his three Island Council delegates, **Clark Abraham**, now independent and **Nunu Rafela** also independent. Bonaire's traditional Democratic PDB (red) and Patriotiko UPB (green) parties are not represented.

► **The Ministry of Health in The Hague is questioning expenditures for the expansion of San Francisco Hospital** run by Bonaire's Mariadal Foundation. Part of the expenses of the work, perhaps as much as €103 million, appears to be untraceable they said. An audit is underway.



► **Charter flights non-stop from Canada to Bonaire will resume** in December following a hiatus of a decade. They will be flown by Sunwing Airlines.

► **From mid-August through early November, the 3rd Annual Bonaire Fall Festival (August 19 - November 4, 2017) has a lineup of accommodation packages, excursions, underwater and topside adventures and culinary specials that will make Bonaire the top spot to Dive-Dine-Discover this fall.** Ho-

tels, dive shops restaurants and tour operators are participating in the program and will be offering specials that make a Bonaire vacation complete. For information about the Bonaire Fall Festival: Dive-Dine-Discover program visit [www.tourismbonaire/fallfestival](http://www.tourismbonaire/fallfestival)

► **Several business interests on Bonaire would like to see more flights from the USA.** They told *The Reporter* that the TCB should assign as many, if not more, resources to increasing airlift, as is done to get cruise ship tourists.

► **Tourism Corporation Bonaire announced that European arrivals during the last quarter via KLM and TUI airlines rose by 22%** compared with last year. Compared to 2016, that works out to more than 2,600 additional visitors.

In an unrelated development, TUI announced it will be transferring its St. Maarten capacity to KLM to make more room for its clients to the ABC islands aboard TUI planes.

► **Wil and Sue Heemskerk reported they have sold their popular Wil's Grill Restaurant.** The name of the new owners hasn't been announced. The Heemskerks have had a restaurant on Bonaire for 15 years. They'll now focus on gourmet food products including hot sauces, BBQ dry rubs and flavored sea salts with the Flaming Flamingo brand. They wrote, "We are continually adding new items to our list. We will continue to produce and sell the Flaming Flamingo items. These items will be sold at the cruise market, van den Tweel supermarket and mail order. Wil will continue to cook and work his magic. We will be planning cooking classes up at our home. Also, Wil and I will be offering private chef services at your home or rental place." Connect through Facebook: Flaming Flamingo Hot Sauce Co. or call 717-6616.



► **The Save Our Sharks project is organizing the third Dutch Caribbean Shark Week for June 3-11, 2017,** simultaneously on six Caribbean islands and in the Netherlands. The week will be filled with activities and events taking place in Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius, and the Netherlands. All activities are set up to highlight sharks and their importance for the oceans

► **The Curacao Tourist Bureau reported a sharp drop in tourism** because of InseAir's failures. No figures were released. Spokesman Hugo Claude said he expected an upturn as InseAir recovers.

The Naf 7 million loan installment to revitalize the airline **has not been received** and 250 employees who were to be laid off are still on the payroll because of Government red tape.

► **STINAPA participated in May 13 Global Big Day, a worldwide single-day bird watching event.**

The worldwide bird census was organized by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology. **Typically in one year, you can encounter 130 different types of birds on Bonaire.** On this past Global Big Day 6,000 different species of birds were seen around the world.



Among the birds counted here were Southern Lapwings at LVV and it seems that they are breeding on Bonaire. Different types of breeding terns were also observed on Saturday, including the Least Tern, Common Tern, Cayenne Tern, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern. A couple of Greater Ani's were also observed. It is possible that they also are breeding on the island. Bonaire is becoming the birding paradise in the Caribbean. ■ G.D./L.D.

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# Murder Trial Ends

The trial (code-named "Drum") of the seven defendants in the home invasion and execution of a police officer ended last week after three days of testimony. Following its deliberations the court will rule next month.

(Dutch trials are held before a judge; no jury as in American trials, are involved. The trial focuses on fact-finding rather than adversarial tactics-ed.)

Highlights of the first day of the trial included an emotional confession, contradictory statements and a sick suspect.

Accused murderer **Nitzael Padilla Gutierrez** (21) said that on 17 August 2016 he shot dead police officer **Ferry Bakx** (45). He had to interrupt his statement occasionally to wipe away his tears. He said, "In Venezuela, the police shoot first to kill you. I thought he was about to shoot my nephew (defendant **William Padilla Marin**)." Several other suspects said the bad situation in Venezuela was their a motivation to come to



**Murdered Officer Ferry Bakx**

Bonaire "for a job." Defendant **Chanon Rivera** (34), who brought the group together, said they also hoped to sell weapons.

Bonairean **Rachyt Saragoza** (41) was fingered by the six Venezuelans as the person who planned the robbery. According to **Saragoza**, drug trafficking was the goal. When **Rivera** failed to sell two kilograms of cocaine right away, he targeted the home of a rich family for robbery.

Bonaire knowledgeable **Saragoza** first considered robbing the De Jongh family, well-known Bonairean entrepreneurs. But that idea was abandoned because the home had a guard. According to testimony he then brought the Venezuelans to Sabadeco, the posh neighborhood north of Kralendijk, because **Rivera** wanted to know where rich families live. On the evening of August 17, he dropped them off.

Here the testimony became conflicting. **Saragoza** said the Vene-



*Part of the police presence at the Sporthall*

zuelans stated that they were going to explore the neighborhood. According to the Venezuelans, **Saragoza** insisted that they should invade a home to get money.

So they invaded a random house. Luckily the live-in housekeeper was on the phone upstairs and unnoticed when the robbery began and got word to the police.

The police patrol responded. Officer **Bakx** and his partner knocked on the door. The Venezuelans ran out of the house. **Bakx** followed **William Padilla Marin**, 30, the nephew of **Nitzael Padilla Gutierrez** through the rough undergrowth surrounding the house. "**Bakx** fell," said defendant **Padilla Gutierrez**. "Then I saw him grabbing his weapon and thought he'd shoot William dead. The policeman went to his knees and aimed his weapon."

However, research conducted by the Dutch Forensic Institute has shown that **Bakx** had to be on the ground and was shot in the back and in his head, execution style.

During the session, suspect **José Exposito Perez** became ill and was removed from the room. He



*The Sporthall was turned into a courtroom to allow for a large group of observers*

was examined in the hospital on Tuesday. And Wednesday he was sent to The Netherlands for treatment.

The next day Justice Prosecutor **Antionette Doedens** announced the criminal charges:

- Murder of officer Ferry Bakx
- Armed robbery
- Possession of illegal arms
- Human trafficking
- Drug trafficking

(The group had a number of weapons and two kilos of cocaine in their possession when they were caught in a house in Belnem.)

Six of the suspects are Venezuelan nationals and one is Dutch/Bonairean.

The sentence recommendations by

the Public Prosecutor were:

- Rachyt Saragoza:** 20 years
- Francisco Carrasquel Alfonso:** 15 years
- Chanon Rivera:** 18 years (Organizer)
- William Padilla Marin:** 15 years (Killer)
- Nitzael Padilla Gurierrez:** 25 years (Killer)
- Padilla Marin:** 15 years
- Jose Exposito Perez:** 16 years. (Became sick during trial)

Apart from the imprisonment, the Prosecutor also demanded damages of \$14,000 for the family robbed and **Bakx's** widow.

On Wednesday the defense gave its pleadings. The trial was over. The Judge will rule and announce sentence on June 3, at 10 am. ■

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# On the Island Since... 1993, 2002 and 2012 - Raquel Craane

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Raquel Craane and Johnny Engelhardt

“My mom Paula is a daughter of Ma Egbrecht, so Gielmon ‘Funchi’ Egbrechts is one of my uncles. My dad is Henkie Craane. He is a brother of Johnny Craane and one of the 11 children of Buchi Craane. I was born in Holland, in the south of Rotterdam, in 1989. I have two older sisters and one older brother and a ‘little’ brother, Bob.

When I was four, my dad got homesick and we moved to Bonaire. We went to live at a large kunuku in Jatu Baku, without electricity, and I was having a blast! I went to Papa Cornes elementary school where I had a horrible time because they would hit the children and I wasn’t used to that at all. Every day I would cry in the school yard, then my cousin Shamila, who was 15, would see me and take me home with her. Really bizarre when you think of it; nobody saw it! My mom, who came to get me at school, would fume at Shamila when she found out where I was. I did second and third grade at Papa Cornes, then we moved back to Holland. I don’t know exactly what the reason was, but the kunuku was sold and I think my mother was fed up with living without electricity.

We went back to Rotterdam-South and moved a couple of times. I went back to the school I’d attended before and finished elementary school. We stayed in that house, in that neighborhood, for quite a long time. Ha Ha, very unusual! I went to high school for a couple of months and then we moved to Bonaire again where I went to SGB. I was 13 and furious. I missed my girlfriends in Holland who I’d grown up with. I went on strike but it didn’t help because my mom always wins. Of course I found new girlfriends in no time. They all lived close to us in Nort di Saliña, and I was immediately accepted because I had a cousin there, which was good.

It was a fun time and of course I’ve been a bad girl too, but it was child’s stuff, nothing weird. At the time SGB was different from now. People would fight occasionally,

but in general the kids all got along. I had Dutch friends but was also part of the group of girls from Nort di Saliña and nobody made a point of it.

My mom was very strict. When I was 16, I was finally allowed to go out. I broke the rules before that time and I did lie, but who doesn’t at that age. It wasn’t serious. In fact, I could tell my mom everything, which was good.

Eleven years ago I met Johnny Engelhardt at Lee’s Bar. I was totally bummed because I was with a boyfriend and the minute I saw Johnny I thought, ‘Oh boy! Why am I not single?’ I was 17 and we became good friends, nothing else. When I was 19 I went to Holland to study to become a nurse. In Holland Johnny – who was also living there – and I reconnected. I got pregnant and had a daughter, Shaniya. I didn’t finish my training because I really missed my parents, so I came back in 2012 and Johnny followed a bit later. I started working at the Plaza.

**“Discrimination is complete nonsense. To label someone because of his color, the color of his eyes or the language that he speaks... it doesn’t make any sense!”**

Johnny is the sweetest guy. It’s hard to find someone like him, someone you really adore and who is sincere in taking care of his family. Johnny is always there for us, and when he’s not working, he’s home with us. We do everything together and of course he is also terribly handsome. I feel very lucky to be in a relationship like ours. It’s solid and getting stronger every day. We have the same goals and we think the same way.

When I became pregnant with Johnson, I quit working at the Plaza. Around the same time Johnny changed jobs and was hired by Macho Scooter Rentals. He’s still there and I am a stay-at-home mom. Now Johnson is three and Shaniya is six, and the only wish I have is: I would like to live



Left to the right: Bob, Raquel’s ‘little’ brother; father Henkie Craane; daughter Shaniya with Raquel and son Johnson with Johnny

on a kunuku and I want to set something up.

The kunuku is like a childhood dream, the space I had when I was little, running around like crazy and getting dirty from the sand and the mud from the dam. I want that for my children too. For myself I would love to have the privacy that comes with kunuku life. Also, I have six dogs – in my family we are all animal lovers – and I would love to have my own donkey. In the meantime I got one-third of my dad’s kunuku. We cleaned the land, we built the niche for the water and electricity and we’ve put in the foundation to put the containers on. I need at least three containers or I’ll get claustropho-

(elementary) schools, and we need sponsors and donations from, for instance, supermarkets, but also businesses and private persons. It should be feasible. It can’t be that difficult. I would love to set this up, together with some other people, but we have to move fast. We can’t get stuck in endless meetings because it’s urgent.

Now that I’m getting older, I realize I don’t need so many friends anymore. But for the last couple of months I’ve been seeing one of my old girlfriends again who has children the same age. It’s cool to sit and chat now and then.

I find Bonaire has changed – the people have changed. They used to be so friendly, but now they treat

different backgrounds and nobody would fuss about it, and you would certainly not call them names like *Paisa* or *Makamba*.

The good thing about Bonaire is that it’s getting a bit more modern. I find that positive because we have to move with the rest of the world. The hospital is much better than it ever was and the elementary schools are doing really well. Children nowadays are eager to learn and they are sharp. They speak more languages, they want more and they show their talent at an early age. I hope the schools will pick it up and help and guide them in making the best of their lives – and more – because not all parents have the money to take them the extra mile.

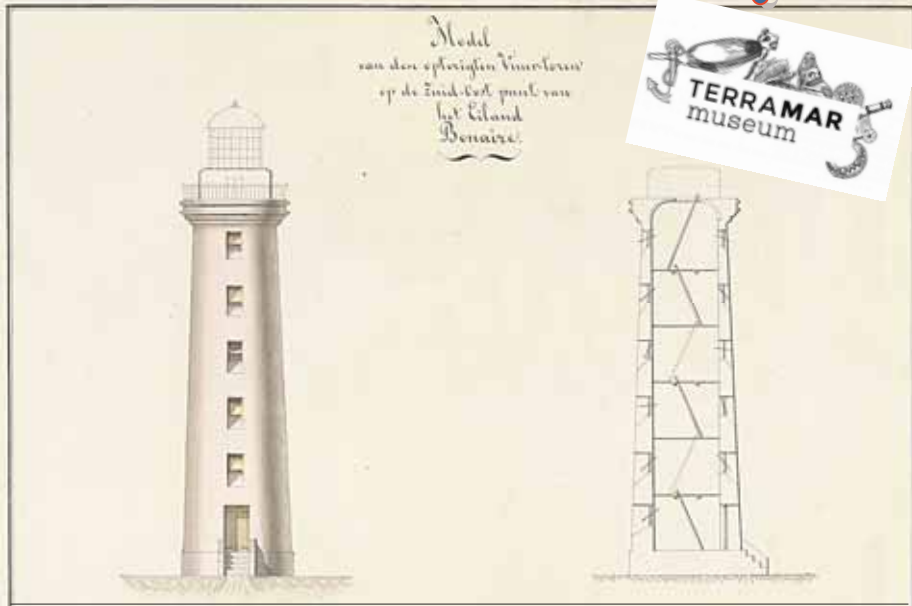
Well, here I am, now with my own family, but also with my parents and other relatives and friends I’ve known since I was little. The island is very beautiful. I love the sea and the bright colored houses I pass by every morning when I am on my way to my mom’s kunuku. I see her every day and when I am a little late she calls me, ‘Raquel! What’s keeping you? The children are missing me!’ Ha! Ha! It’s she who cannot breathe without them, but this is the way she puts it.

I really love my life and I am sure the dreams I have for the kunuku and the kids in need will be realized, and I wish for Bonaire that its people will make the effort to all get along.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



# The Willemstoren – Bonaire’s Oldest Lighthouse



Original design drawing of the Willemstoren lighthouse, held by the National Archives in The Hague.

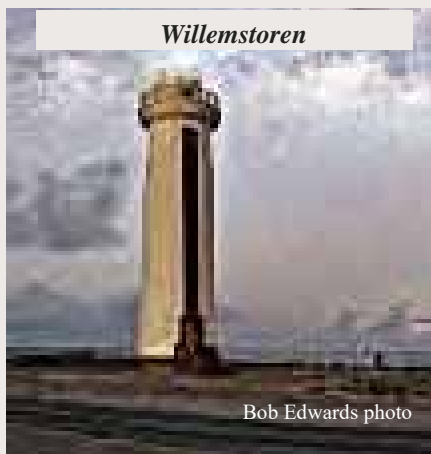
## The Willemstoren lighthouse on Bonaire’s southern tip is one of the island’s most famous landmarks.

Nearly every visitor passes it at some point during their stay, but few know the story behind its construction.

The southeastern shore of Bonaire has long been a treacherous place where numerous ships have wrecked throughout the past five centuries. At night this flat part of the island was almost impossible to see by passing sailors. For this reason, in 1730 a plan was devised to erect a lighthouse at the southernmost tip of the island. The commission that evaluated the proposal, consisting of three merchant captains, rejected the plan, the reason being that the lighthouse would serve as a beacon for pirates and privateers, making it easier for them to navigate. Soon after the decision was made, one of the captains who rejected the proposal ironically wrecked his ship on Bonaire’s southern tip, and he perished.

In the early 1760s, it was decided to place a beacon on the island’s southern point. The beacon consisted of a pile of stones with a fire on top, serving the same function as a lighthouse, albeit a bit more primitive. The beacon was not very reliable though. In 1817, the Dutch warship *Ceres* crashed into the reef on the southeastern tip of the island. Even though this was bad news for ship, captain, and crew, it created opportunities for the people of Bonaire. After a ship wrecked, people would flock to the beach to take whatever cargo would wash ashore.

The wrecking of the *Ceres* showed that a proper lighthouse was badly needed. Finally, on March 22, 1837, plans were ready for the construction of the Willemstoren lighthouse, and the first stone was laid. The tower was nearing completion after two months of hard work. It took more than one year, however, until the lighthouse was finally ready to be used, as the lantern and lamps had to be imported from Europe. It was inaugurated on August 24, 1838, King Willem I’s birthday. The construction of the lighthouse was partly paid for with donations from neighboring Curaçao. Curaçaoan merchants’ businesses were affected by the situation on Bonaire, as their trading activities were disrupted by ships foundering on Bonaire. Therefore they donated 3,000 guilders to the project.



Willemstoren

Bob Edwards photo

The building next to the Willemstoren served as the keeper’s house. It was badly damaged during a hurricane in 1877. Coincidentally, the same night the hurricane wreaked havoc on Bonaire, an earthquake struck as well. It was eventually restored with reinforced concrete. Historical documents indicate that people on warships sailing to Bonaire frequently complained about the lighthouse not being lit on time. Furthermore, the keeper did not keep many records, as very often the used amounts of oil could not be justified. It is likely that he sold the oil to make a little extra money on the side.

The lighthouse is 22 meters or 71 feet tall, and was renovated in 2011. The Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure (*Rijkswaterstaat*) is responsible for the maintenance of the lighthouses on Bonaire. The lighthouse runs on solar power and is satellite-controlled. There are six other lighthouses on Bonaire and one on Klein Bonaire, of which the Willemstoren is the oldest. ■ Ruud Stelten, Terramar Museum Director

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# Jazz at the Hospital



Last Friday morning the *Kas di Sosiego* (elders’ home) at San Francisco Hospital swayed with the beat. A trombone and saxophone concert was given by **Larry Bowers**, trombone, and his daughter, **Angela Bowers**, alto saxophone. They played jazz standards and many of the pieces are from the old days of the big band era.

Their hour-long concert was much appreciated by the patients, the staff, some visitors and outpatients. One lady in the audience, Bonairean **Adriana Marchena** (2nd from right), who was born in the US, said she couldn’t stop dancing in her seat! Even one of the doctors made a video of them and the audience. Thanks to **Sharlotte Sintiago** (far right) for organizing the concert and acting as emcee.

Larry and Angela gave this free concert to do something nice for the people of the island. They came on vacation for just one week and brought their instruments, amplifier and other gear so they could perform. ■ *Story & photo by Laura DeSalvo*

Full disclosure: Larry is my nephew, Angela is my grandniece

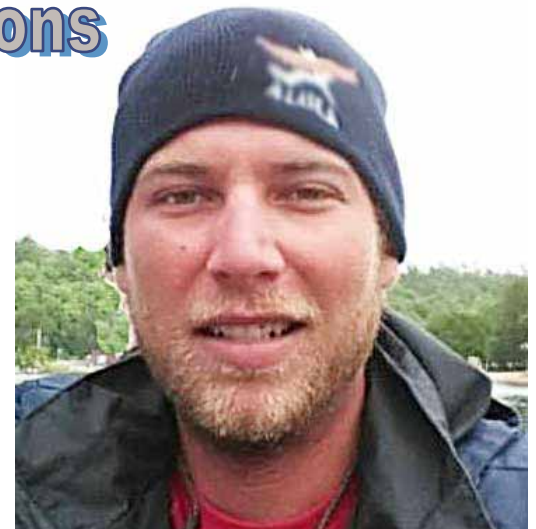
## Congratulations

Christie Dovale writes, “I am Douglas’ proud mom and happy to announce the graduation of our son, brother, grandchild, nephew and to many a great friend, Douglas J. Abraham at the Kellogg Community College in the Battle Creek Arena, Battle Creek, Michigan, USA, on Nurse’s Day, May 11.

Douglas received his diploma as an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse).

He will continue up the ladder to get his license as an RN (Registered Nurse) which date is set for next year, May 18. And then in three years as a NP (Practitioner Nurse).

Thanks to all of you who may have contributed in any and every way to Doug’s bright future! ■



Douglas Abraham



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# Sax in the Park



**Saxomania Group**

On Sunday, May 14, the fine central square of Bonaire, the Wilhelmina Park, was crowded and was filled with outstanding music from the international renowned saxophone players, "Vento do Norte" (North Wind) from Portugal. Under the charismatic leadership of Henk van Twillert they performed classical and popular music. The five saxophones produced a sound like a symphony orchestra or a pop band. Very impressive was the performance of the first part of the Brandenburg concerto in G flat.



**Blockbusting tenor Jonchi Dortalina, Henk van Twillert and percussionist Gaby Mercera**

The preparations for this concert started months before to establish a cooperation between the sister organizations on Aruba and Curacao to negotiate prices and conditions and last but not least to organize the artistic preparations. Very special was the interplay with local artists. The saxophone group, "Saxomania," nowadays eight players, joined "Vento do Norte" in a majestic performance of "The Pirates of the Caribbean." Nelly Kopylova, winner of the Voice of Bonaire, performed with an orchestra of 13 saxophones— never heard before! The sound was of superb quality and balance.

At the end of the concert Bonairean singer Jonchi Dortalina performed the well known songs *Atari* and *Abo* with Henk van Twillert and the audience joined in.

This concert was one of a row of events with Vento do Norte which began on Saturday evening with a water parade along the shores of Kralendijk, and four school concerts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The teaching skills of Henk van Twillert to inspire the youth were moving. Sunday evening, on Mothers Day, May 14, the people of Bonaire received an outstanding free concert from the Classical Music Board Bonaire.

This was possible because of important contributions by the Island Government and the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds for the Dutch Caribbean, and many, many contributions from companies and private persons on Bonaire. ■ *Story by Hans Faassen; Photos by Rob van Lier*

# Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Aremenia, Colombia



Marieke Baptiste sent us this photo of her husband, Martijn Baptiste, of the SGB High School with his team and students in Colombia with *The Bonaire Reporter*. The six students are learning carpentry at the MBO section of the SGB. From left to right: Isandro Wanga (BonNed Contractors / Bonaire Construction Management), Raviëne Boezem, MBO teacher and technical expert Martijn Baptiste, Sigmaro Martina, Ruy Abreu, Jeremy Margarita, Erich Fischer and Mary-Clare Kirindongo.

For more study and training, the carpentry students are at the Sena Training Institute in Aremenia, Colombia. The sister organization of Skills Netherlands Caribbean, Skills Colombia and its Sena Training Institute organize week-long education in the field of drywall and plastering of light partition walls (gypsum panels). The students follow an intensive program of theory and practice lessons and meet their Colombian fellow students.

The students previously made and installed outdoor furniture in their own time and during school practice for the new Rayo di Solo school. ■

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**T**he Mediterranean diet is inspired by foods eaten in countries that border the Mediterranean Sea. This includes Greece, Spain, France, and southern Italy.

The Mediterranean inspired way of eating not only helps control weight and lower the risk of developing type 2 Diabetes, but also it can lower the risk of heart disease by 30%, according to a study recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine. It also helps to manage your blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels. In older adults, it can improve brain function.

The diet is rich in inflammation-fighting antioxidants from colorful fruits and vegetables, grains, legumes, and beans. Inflammation is one of the biggest risk factors for heart disease, and these protective compounds act as powerful anti-inflammatory agents. Also, the fatty acid profile of the diet is rich in monounsaturated fat, but low in saturated fat, both of which help protect against heart disease. A glass of wine every day is common practice in the Mediterranean way of eating, and studies have found that this may be a protective feature against many diseases, including heart disease.

The Mediterranean diet emphasizes the importance of the whole meal, the combinations of the foods, and the idea of finding a style of eating that is delicious, easy, and enjoyable, so that people can really make it part of their lifestyle. The point of the diet is to savor a meal, whether it's with family and friends, or relaxing alone at home. Making the effort to unplug, unwind, sit down, and establish some healthy eating habits is key, even if that means slowing down and enjoying a glass of wine with your meal — or having a piece of dark chocolate later!

Healthy oils such as the monounsaturated oils found in olives, olive oil, nuts, fish and avocado offer a healthy fatty acid profile which is protective against risk factors

associated with inflammation, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, some types of cancer, and Alzheimer's disease.

This wholesome way of eating gives your body the nutrients it craves and needs to function properly, which helps cut out the desire for junk foods.

Also, locally grown food is favored, because calorie for calorie, it may offer more nourishment and flavor than foods that have traveled thousands of miles to get to your plate.

Although vegetables are the focus of the diet, shellfish and fatty fish such as salmon are also encouraged at least twice a week. Red meats are to be avoided if possible, and when eaten, it's recommended to keep portions to 4 ounces or smaller.

In the Mediterranean diet, herbs and spices play a starring role by adding flavor without added salt and fat. Bay leaves, chili powder, coriander seeds, cumin seeds, oregano, dried mint, thyme, and ground cinnamon are all Mediterranean-friendly ingredients that allow grains and vegetables to be the star of the meal, without even missing the meat.

Additionally, cooking veggies with healthy oils, like extra virgin olive oil, not only enhances the taste, but also increases the nutrition benefits by unleashing phytochemicals and antioxidants more powerfully.

■ *Lucinda van der Wardt*

Van der Wardt has been a registered dietitian and sports instructor for more than 18 years. After working for more than 10 years in a University hospital in Amsterdam and later in her private practice she is currently owner of Food and Vitality Dietitian practice located at Bon Bida health centre in Kralendijk. More info: tel: 599-785-0170



# New Art Exhibit

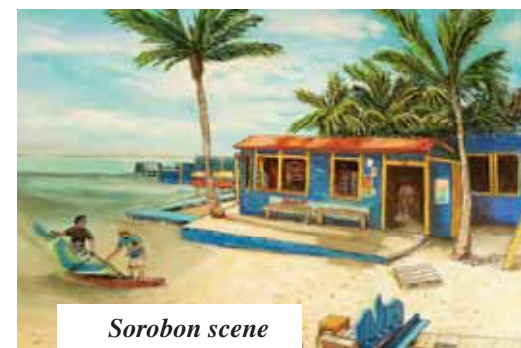


*Luciano Tortorici with some of his Italian scenes*

Since he was a child, **Luciano Tortorici**, a native of Genoa, Italy, loved to draw. As an adult, he worked all his career sailing the seas on various beautiful ships. Even though, he kept cultivating his passion for painting. His favorite subjects have been landscapes, mostly from Italy. But that was until he met and married a Bonairean lady. Thanks to her he got the opportunity to explore the beauty of the island: the pristine sea, the nature and the architecture which began to inspire his artwork. He works predominantly with acrylic colors on canvas.

He already had an exhibition of his paintings at Restaurant "La Cantina." **Now he's exhibiting at Restaurant "Bistro de Paris" from May 15 thru June 15, 2017. Everyone is welcome to visit the exposition.** ■

*Lucille Tortorici Ellis*



*Sorobon scene*

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# Cadushy Award



Cadushy Award 2017 for best tour guide goes to Eddy Geerlings. Here are Eddy Geerlings and Eric Gietman in the garden of The Cadushy Distillery.

Every year at the end of the cruise season the team of the Cadushy Distillery chooses the best tour guide. This year the Cadushy-team chose Eddy Geerlings of *Voyager Bonaire* as the best performing tour guide of the season. Eddy received the Cadushy Award 2017 and a Big Magnum bottle of Cadushy of Bonaire Liqueur from Eric Gietman, owner of The Cadushy Distillery.

Never been to the distillery? Come and visit one of Bonaire nicest attractions, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am till 5pm. Entrance is free. Visit [www.Cadushy.com](http://www.Cadushy.com) for more information. ■ *Press release*

# Be Sure To Visit The Mangazina

## Cultural Demonstration for the San Juan & San Pedro Tradition at Nos Zjilea

The tradition of San Juan (St. John) and San Pedro (St. Peter) are celebrated on the 24th and 29th of June, respectively. On San Juan and San Pedro, anyone whose name derives from Juan (such as Juan, Juanita, Johana, Wancho, John, Pedro, Peter or Petra) is visited and receives a serenade. The host prepares food (sorghum pancakes) and drink (rum, beer and kukui – liquor made from the agave plant) for the musicians.

At a very young age Mr. Hose “Djo” Mercera would go with his father to these festivities. One day Mr. Felipe St Jago (r.i.p.) asked “Djo” if he could sing for his group. **This Saturday May 27, during the Cultural Event ‘Nos Zjilea’ at Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei Mr. Hose “Djo” Mercera, who has been keeping this tradition alive for the last years, will give a cultural demonstration of the Tradition of San Juan and San Pedro.** Do not miss it! During the ‘Nos Zjilea’ there will also be other very interesting presentations and much more. There were also be “Live” presentations of local bands *Grupo Kariño* and *Sonora Rinconero*.

As usual there will be the program, “Kunuku Lifestyle Challenge” for youngsters from 8 to 14 who are interested in learning more about the culture, planting, healthy eating, exercise and entrepreneurship.

The Cultural Market cannot be missed with its local fresh products such as syrup of the local gourd, natural local juice “Made in Rincon,” local art and much more. The kitchen opens at 10 o’clock in



Making Music

the morning. Come and enjoy a nice cup of goat soup. During the midday you may enjoy different delicious traditional local dishes. Furthermore there will be a tasty grill menu that will make you lick your fingers and beg for more.

Nos Zjilea is an ideal opportunity for a time out to enjoy with your family and friends. There’s also the opportunity to take photos in folkloric clothing.

Entrance is only \$1, which helps us to safeguard and promote the lovely Culture of Bonaire. If you wish more information

you can always visit the Facebook Fanpage of Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei.

**Come and enjoy Nos Zjilea with the usual Cultural Market this Saturday, May 27, from 8am to 2pm at Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, located at the southern entrance to Rincon, on the east side of the Rincon Road.**

■ *Story & Photo by Izaïn J. Mercera*



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# The PHANTOM GOURMET



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Tina Woodley (photo from Go Green Facebook website)



Multi veggie salad topped with chicken as an option

## The Phantom Gourmet Strikes Again:

### GO GREEN – “A HEALTHY CONTRIBUTION TO BONAIRE”

Still masked and cloaked, the Phantom is back again at Bonaire’s new **Go Green Restaurant**. “Go Green,” indeed, with natural air conditioning from the island’s refreshing trade winds and delicious organic and Indian-accented servings at every weekday’s lunch and Friday dinner. The menu is posted on the blackboard daily, and it changes daily as well. The green grapes and palms wave in the background.

On his first visit, Phantom sampled a rich and complex salad of multiple veggies – chickpeas, lettuce and chives with hearty chunks of sweet potato and avocado – topped (or not, as you choose) with shredded chicken breast. Phantom Vrouw went for the Bok Choy Curry with Seitan (Indian wheat protein, 75%, no meat) fused with paprika, and sided

by Indian Saag (spinach) and helping of rice with protein-packed pigeon peas. The aromas brought back Phantom’s memory of deepest Calcutta – well, no, just of those wonderful Indian restaurants in New York City’s Upper Westside – back in the day. And the *taste* of the Seitan – dipping as he did, into Vrouw’s robust curry, was just as he’d remembered it from those misty days of yore.

On subsequent clandestine visits, the Phantom has sampled the lentil soup (absolutely the best ever!) and a superb pumpkin, bean and leek soup. These soups ushered in complete meals, featuring vegetarian-Indian main courses in combination with sides of rice and beans or quinoa or maybe a “Chop Sum” (not “suey” but “sum” -- a savory Indian salad with a miniature bok choy).

Go Green’s Proprietor-Manager-Chief Chef Tina Woodley says she purposely goes light on the chilies in her dishes in deference to local palates. “Our food is ‘herby’ to bring out the subtle flavors, but not spicy-hot to overpower our guests,” Tina says.

Originally from Sint Eustatius (known locally as Statia), Tina first came to Bonaire as a late teenager. It was here that she began to train as a competitive power (weight) lifter, representing the Netherlands Antilles, later the Netherlands proper, in major international competitions and eventually becoming World Female Powerlifting Champion. She was also crowned in the bodybuilding world as “Miss Netherlands,” the country’s premier woman in that competition.

After a most enjoyable stint on Bonaire at the Flamingo Beach Hotel (now the Divi Flamingo) as Social Director – “Lots of wonderful people and great times,” she recalls -- Tina moved to the Netherlands, later to other European countries, where in addition to powerlifting and bodybuilding competitions, she became attracted to the healthy, organic lifestyle mode, popular there in the 1970s and ‘80s (and thereafter). Part of her inspiration came from the vegetarian foods prepared in the Indian manner, especially when they were offered in a tasty high-protein way, most often the case in outstanding Indian cooking.

When Tina returned to Bonaire some eight years ago, she was determined to improve her healthy eating – and cooking – lifestyle and to make it avail-

able to others. But realizing that she needed a counselor to assist in realizing that ambition, she invited Indian chef Ayuroeda to teach her to prepare authentic Indian cuisine, which were both vegetarian and tasty for local, European and North/South American guests. Ayuroeda’s coaching obviously succeeded. In addition, Tina doubles as a personal fitness trainer, on site, adjacent to Go Green.

Eventually, Tina hopes to open a small retreat on Bonaire where visitors can relax and enjoy the full measure of a healthy lifestyle. “But, for now,” Tina says, “this is my contribution to Bonaire’s health awareness. I don’t have to do this, but I really want to while continuing to do the things I’m doing and really like to do.”

That’s for sure, and the Phantom will certainly return to **Go Green**. ■ P.G.

### Go Green

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## Guinness World Records Approved



A new record for the longest distance swim underwater in open water with one breath was formalized on May 8, 2017. Bonaire resident, Venezuelan **Carlos Coste**, swam 177m, in 3 min 05 sec. and Russian **Marina Kazankova** 154m, in 3 min. and the times officially went into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Last September 9, during the Bonaire Deepsea Challenge, Carlos and Marina tried for “longest distance swim underwater in open water with one breath.”

This event was created by Gaby Contreras so the public could easily watch the performances live from the shorefront promenade or even get into the crystal blue waters off downtown Kralendijk.



Both athletes dedicated their records to the ocean conservation. Marina wore a mermaid costume with a monofin. They followed a measured guideline placed in the ocean at a depth of 2.5 m on a flat sand bottom.

The support and collaboration of a multidisciplinary team was essential to make such an amazing event possible: safeties, witnesses, notary, judges, photographers, videographers, a medical doctor, media coverage and sponsors.

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■ Press release

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# A Garden? Just Do It

## DID YOU KNOW?



My Croton from St. Martin



Another Croton with a sprinkling of gold.

### CROTONS

Ever heard of croton plants? You might have seen them somewhere but as a gardener you might never have had them in mind. So let me introduce these beautiful indoor-outdoor plants to you.

Since my young childhood I've known them. My grandma had different types all over the place in the yard. I liked to collect the colorful leaves from the different plants and make small bouquets. So crotons bring back sweet memories of my childhood. And maybe to some of you crotons have a special meaning as well. So if you are interested in these plants, you need this information to make a start with them.

Crotons are incredibly varied tropical plants that grow in warm temperate areas. They don't like to be moved, and they love direct sunlight, and when they are cared for properly, they look absolutely stunning.

Croton plants love rich soil of organic compost that drains well. So on Bonaire the best thing to do is plant your own crotons in pots that drain well with black dirt mix with old dry leaves and some manure.

Water is very important. They like to be constantly moist, so you will need to water your croton plants rather frequently. When the top begins to feel dry, the plant must be watered again. But too much water is also not good. The roots get easily rotted in too much water, so that's why a well drained pot is necessary. When the sun is too hot, you need to mist the leaves to create it artificially.

These plants need four to eight hours of direct sunlight a day to produce gorgeous yellow, red, orange, purple, pink, brown foliage. If the plant is lacking in the light it requires, the leaves will turn green. They also benefit from high humidity.

Croton propagation is easy to do. All you need is to create a cutting from the top of the plant and place it in soil to root. The new plant will need warmth to take root. It will drop the old leaves and it takes a while before you see the new leaves coming. So when the leaves drop, don't think it is dead. Just scratch the stem with your nail. When

you see it is green, you know it is still alive.

Crotons are very sensitive and get easily stressed, for example, when you move the plant. They don't like too much moving and they can quickly go into shock and drop their leaves. But don't panic, simply maintain proper care and the plant will regrow its leaves within a short period of time.



"Gold Dust" Croton

If you see the plant does not get new leaves, it means it lacks sunlight, or less water or there is too much water. Or less humidity. Crotons always show immediately that there is something wrong. Once you get to know them, it's easy to handle their sensitivity.

Crotons are great plant for hedges. I can say that from experience because my grandma had hedges of different types of crotons and all the different colors of the leaves were really an eye catcher in the



Jim Abernethy photo

Sharks are long-distance travelers? Researchers with the Save Our Sharks campaign recently tagged a tiger shark that swam all the way from Saba to Trinidad in four weeks! This tiger shark, fondly named "Quinty," was caught and tagged with a satellite transmitter in October of last year in an effort to learn more about the behaviors and distribution of sharks in the Dutch Caribbean. Tiger sharks often swim near the surface, and in order for a satellite tag to send a signal, the shark's dorsal fin has to come out of the water AND the right satellites have to be passing above that location. Sometimes days and even weeks will go by without learning anything new about a tagged shark's location. We do know that Quinty the tiger shark spent about three months near Trinidad and Tobago and that in March he started traveling towards Barbados. For more information on Quinty's path, you may visit <http://saveoursharks.nl/haaienvolgen/> for updates.

Tiger sharks are large sharks with markings that look like stripes, and that's how they got the name Tiger Shark. In Bonaire, fishermen sometimes see tiger sharks, but divers and snorkelers almost never spot them. A tiger shark's normal diet may consist of fish, turtles, sea birds, dolphins, stingrays, etc., but they are sometimes called the trash cans of the sea because they mistakenly eat trash including: license plates, old tires, cans, baseballs, nails, and all sorts of other strange things! Tiger sharks are thought to live up to 50 years in the wild and fe-



Shark tracks

males only mate once every three years. Although sharks are extremely important players in the oceanic food web, many shark populations throughout the world's oceans are declining and in dire trouble due to finning and accidental bycatch.

**To learn more about sharks, join us for STINAPA's Open Day and the opening of the Shark Room at WSNP on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be activities for everyone (especially kids), music, and food – entrance to the park is free this day only!**

The Shark Room is part of the Save Our Sharks project funded by the Nationale Postcode Loterij. ■ **Caren Eckrich**, STINAPA Biologist. Connecting people with nature.



yard.

Leaves can be short, long, twisted, thin, thick, and several of these combined. My grandma use to trim the crotons every time they dropped their leaves, so soon they got more stems and leaves.

When trimming, cutting and propagating, be careful. Crotons can be harmful plants. The milky sap inside the stem and leaves of the plant is toxic and will cause indigestion distress.

Croton plants are vulnerable to a series of bacterial and fungal diseases (pies-pies or white fly) that can hinder their growth. Once a disease is seen, you will need to transplant the plant into a new pot, but beforehand wash the plant, and make sure the roots are free of disease. Also bugs like to live on these plants because of the nice colors.

Propagating can be done easily by creating a stem or "tip" cutting a few inches long, stripping it back to just a few leaves. Then put them in well drained moist soil or just in some water to get roots. You need to find a good balance for keeping your plant grow-

ing. Avoid hot sunlight to prevent leaf scorching, but never provide low light conditions for long periods.

Crotons grow in tropical areas all over the Americas. One can find them all over the Caribbean on the different islands. They are also well known as *Codiaeum variegatum*. Growing them is a challenge, but a challenge is sometimes a good thing and the croton is a work of art and can be an extraordinary showpiece.

Crotons do very well on Bonaire. I have different types in pots on my porch and in my yard where there is a lot of sunlight. I got beautiful plants from St. Maarten with the twisted leaves with five colors on each leaf.

In the garden of Courtyard Marriot Hotel there are some beautiful crotons too. I was surprised to see so many of them there. But most of all I like to see them in my own yard, also for me a challenge! Try it too. Just do it. ■

Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



# What's Happening

## REGULAR EVENTS

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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.

**Nature Organization, STINAPA**, has frequent events—bird watching, sunset hikes, lectures, etc. Go to their website for more information of events for the rest of 2016: [stinapabonaire.org/events](http://stinapabonaire.org/events)

### Saturdays

• **Marshe di Playa (Bonaire Duodero)**—Every Saturday, 8am-1pm, near Warehouse Bonaire, locally made and grown products.

• **Marshe di Kunukero (Farmers Market) at Kriabon-First Saturday of the Month.** Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am-12noon

• **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.

• **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.

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

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

• **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 :

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### Fridays

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

## BONAIRE'S MUSEUMS

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Tue	6-Jun	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Tue	13-Jun	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Mon	19-Jun	Adventure of the Seas	0800-1700	3114	RCCL

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Contact: [Marytjin@gmail.com](mailto:Marytjin@gmail.com) or [Daisycoffie@hotmail.com](mailto:Daisycoffie@hotmail.com)

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

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## Exhibitions

**-Photographs of Lorenzo Mittiga**, Terramar Museum

**-Stormvogel Salute to the Sailors** maritime photo exhibit at the Plaza Resort, sponsored by Bonaire Marine Heritage Foundation and the Prins Bernhard Cultural Funds.

**Yana's Fine Art Museum at Lagoen Hill 19-** Call for appointment: 599 785-5002

**Luciano Tortorici painting exhibition** at Bistro di Paris Restaurant at the Harbour Village Marina. To June 15. see pg. 7.

## Events

**Thursday, May 25—**

**Ascension Thursday**— holiday

**Saturday May 27 — Nos Zjilea** at Mangazina di Rei, 8am-2pm. More on page 8.

**Weekend, May 27, 28 —**

**Kitemanera** kiteboarding competition . At Atlantis dive site.



**June 3-11 Shark**

**Week**— Several events, see page 11

**Sunday, June 11—Stinapa Open Day. Opening of Shark Room.** Free entrance to Park. Activities for all ages. More on page 2 & 11

**Saturday, June 3—35th Caribbean song festival** dedicated to gospel music in Curaçao's World Trade Center-| 8pm. Bonaire is participating with **Nethanja Bendt** and **Daisy Bazoer** (duet) plus **Nethanja Bendt** (as a soloist). Tickets are 45 Nafl (for kids under 12 years old only 25 Nafl)

**Sunday, June 18—Sunrise Brandaris Hike**, 5am-8:30am. \$10

**June 24— San Juan**—see page 8

**June 29—San Pedro**—see page 8

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

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 22		04:55 0.09 ft	08:55 0.32 ft	15:37 -0.14 ft	22:15 0.83 ft	6:10	18:54
Tue 23		06:12 -0.00 ft	10:07 0.21 ft	16:10 -0.11 ft	23:00 0.93 ft	6:10	18:55
Wed 24		07:27 -0.11 ft	11:34 0.12 ft	16:47 -0.07 ft	23:50 1.01 ft	6:10	18:55
Thu 25		08:33 -0.22 ft	13:12 0.09 ft	17:34 -0.01 ft	New Moon	6:10	18:55
Fri 26	00:43 1.06 ft	09:33 -0.31 ft	14:47 0.11 ft	18:33 0.04 ft		6:10	18:55
Sat 27	01:38 1.09 ft	10:26 -0.39 ft	16:04 0.17 ft	19:47 0.10 ft		6:09	18:56
Sun 28	02:35 1.08 ft	11:15 -0.44 ft	17:05 0.25 ft	21:09 0.15 ft		6:09	18:56
Mon 29	03:30 1.04 ft	12:00 -0.46 ft	17:56 0.34 ft	22:31 0.17 ft		6:09	18:56
Tue 30	04:25 0.97 ft	12:43 -0.45 ft	18:42 0.44 ft	23:50 0.18 ft		6:09	18:57
Wed 31	05:20 0.87 ft	13:24 -0.41 ft	19:27 0.53 ft			6:09	18:57
Thu 01		01:07 0.18 ft	06:13 0.74 ft	14:02 -0.35 ft	20:10 0.62 ft	6:09	18:57
Fri 02		02:22 0.16 ft	07:06 0.60 ft	14:36 -0.28 ft	20:51 0.69 ft	6:09	18:57
Sat 03		03:38 0.13 ft	08:00 0.46 ft	15:07 -0.19 ft	21:31 0.75 ft	6:09	18:58
Sun 04		04:55 0.08 ft	08:57 0.32 ft	15:34 -0.11 ft	22:10 0.79 ft	6:09	18:58
Mon 05		06:12 0.03 ft	10:04 0.20 ft	15:53 -0.03 ft	22:46 0.82 ft	6:10	18:58

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# Pet Of The Week

# Shelter News



**LITTLE LARRY**

Little Larry is not quite a true "Tuxedo Cat." He adds his own special twist....wearing a bow tie as a mustache! A "true tuxedo" cat is all black with white paws, chest and belly, resembling a tuxedo. Larry jazzes the classic version up with some extra white markings and that silly, adorable mustache. Many people claim that tuxedo type cats are significantly smarter than an average cat, which is probably why smarter than average people like Sir Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare and Beethoven were all tuxedo cat lovers and owners.

weeks old and ready to venture out into the world...and into his "fur"ever home. He is healthy and vaccinated and will be sterilized as part of his adoption fee when he is five to six months old. If you are looking for a lovable kitten whose silly mustache will forever bring a smile to your face....little Larry is your man!

You can visit Larry and his brothers and all the other kittens, cats, puppies and dogs at Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26. Opening hours Tuesday through Friday, 9 am-noon, 3-5pm, Saturdays 8am-3pm non-stop. ■

Larry lives up to that reputation. He is always outsmarting his brothers, Lloyd and Lou, as they romp and play in the kitten creche at the Animal Shelter Bonaire. Larry is about 8 to 10

Jane Madden Disko, photo by Nathalie Peterson



## Importance of Nature Education



Wild4life Classes from Kolegio Papa Kornes 1+2

The educational program Wild4life for was created by STINAPA Bonaire to give nature and environmental education to elementary school students from 1st year through the 8th and last grade. Every grade has a different activity and each adds a special mix for the coming years' environmental teachings, lectures and programs. Wild4Life builds the foundation for the youth on Bonaire to understand and protect their own nature, heritage and resources. The Animal Shelter Bonaire is extremely happy that Desiree Croes puts all her time and effort into these students to teach them to "build a foundation" and that pets are FRIENDS!



S.G.B. class CI4

Animal Shelter Bonaire has also established an education program that takes place at different locations (schools, companies or other establishments). This education program is given in Dutch, English or Papiamentu and consists of four, 45-minute classes of theory and practice. The purpose of the program is to give adults, youth and children the right knowledge about animals (pets) and their needs. These needs consist of: plenty of food, fresh water, sun and rain protection, freedom to show their natural behavior and freedom from cruelty, fear and neglect. Of course, we hope that the students will use all the information in their future lives and also pass on the information to the rest of their family and friends.

In many ways, it makes a difference! ■ Story & photos by Nathalie Peterson

### New Board for Animal Shelter Bonaire

At a party for the Shelter volunteers the new Board was announced: (left to right) Secretary Paul Ruijs, Board member Annemarie Rozendal, Chairman Trudi Bijsterbosch, outgoing Chairman Paul Wichers, Board Member Jane Madden, Paul's wife, Amina.



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# THE STARS HAVE IT

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**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Move forward if you want to turn your life around. Check your project over carefully if you were not the only one contributing to the end result. Use your creative abilities to come up with new ideas and directions. You might be overly emotional concerning situations at work. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You may find your self a bit frazzled if you allow someone to goad you into an unsavory debate. Stress coupled with diet will add to stomach problems. Tempers will mount if you are too pushy at work. Turn things around; make sure that they do their share. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Too much too fast will be the attitude surrounding your home environment. Do things with your children and avoid situations that make you feel as if you've neglected the ones you love. Avoid friction with your mate. If they're too demanding, reconsider this union. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Your partner will be emotionally unable to cope. Your partner will blow situations out of proportion. Social events will be favorable. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) You can accomplish a lot if you work out of your home this month. Do not get upset over trivial matters. You may want to get involved in financial investments presented to you. Lovers may prove unworthy of your affection. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will have a little more energy than usual. Don't offer to pay for others. You should catch up on correspondence. You will have no problem getting along with clients. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Call siblings or old friends to catch up on recent news. Family outings or a quiet stroll through the park will lead to stimulating conversation and a closer bond. You mustn't make promises that you won't be able to keep. Sit back. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't hold back; go with the flow and take a bit of a chance. Family responsibilities are escalating. Now is a good time to ask for favors. Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about possible romance. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Now is a good time to ask for favors. This is probably causing upset and confusion on the home front. If you go shopping, only take what you can afford to part with. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Taking on too much won't help the situation. Those you live with may be experiencing problems. Take your time; do not make any decisions in haste. Make sure that you get legal matters checked out thoroughly. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will have a greater involvement in groups; however, they may not be to your advantage. Don't forget to let your mate know how much you care. You will have some problems with children, but if you are patient you will win their favor. Difficulties with your mate may lead to isolation. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Show what a dedicated person you can be. Confusion is apparent and you'll need some sound advice if you want to do the right thing. Avoid any over indulgences. Those who have been too demanding should be put in their place or out to pasture. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. ■ *SunSigns Horoscope*



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## Sky Park Tea Party

Summer is almost here in the Bonaire Sky Park and favorite **Asterisms** will be making their appearance in the early evening sky next month. The teapot will be gracing the southern sky and if you're a night owl, you can get a preview of it next week.

Look up shortly after midnight, any night next week, facing southeast. Near the horizon, you'll see the stars of **Sagittarius the Centaur Archer**. He's just to the east of the j-shaped constellation of **Scorpius the Scorpion**.

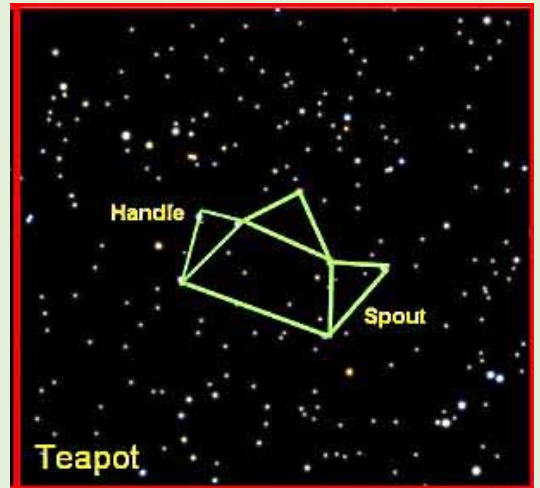
Many of the stars of Sagittarius are too faint to see. However, there are eight stars here that are fairly bright and they form what we call an **Asterism**, kinda' like the **Big Dipper in Ursa Major** and the **Sickle in Leo the lion**.

Therefore, the **Teapot** in Sagittarius is not an official constellation. Nevertheless, it's a fun pattern to spot and with a little imagination, you can enjoy watching it cruise across the sky to pour tea on the tail of Scorpius the Scorpion. The stars **Kaus Media, Al Nasl and Kaus Australis** make the spout. **Kaus Media, Kaus Borealis and Phi Sagittarii** make the lid. **Kaus Media, Phi Sagittarii, Ascella** and **Kaus Australis** make the body of the Teapot. And **Phi Sagittarii, Ascella, Tau Sagittarii** and **Nunki** make the handle.

Finally, if you have super dark skies and a good imagination, the **Milky Way** looks like steam coming out of the spout of the teapot.

As legend has it, Scorpius the Scorpion wanted to show off his brand new teapot by having a tea party. Scorpius invited **Orion the hunter** and his two hunting dogs, **Canis Major** and **Canis Minor** to his tea party. Unfortunately for Scorpius, he forgot that those constellations are in the winter part of the sky. So, by the time they arrived, the sky had rotated so far that all the tea poured out of the Teapot, leaving only the steam behind.

Let's see what the planets are doing. Around midnight anytime next week, since you're up looking for Sagittarius, you're in for a treat. The largest planets in



our solar system are both in the sky at that time.

James: Directly above Sagittarius is a yellowish non-twinkling light. That is the ringed planet **Saturn** and it's getting closer and closer to us, reaching opposition on Thursday, June 15th. The next few weeks will be great for viewing Saturn because when Saturn is **near opposition, it's opposite the Sun in the sky**. This is also when the planet is at its closest to **Earth** and it appears bigger and brighter than it will be all year.

If **Jupiter** is your favorite planet, look toward the southwest in the constellation **Virgo, the maiden**. Jupiter will be the bright, non-twinkling light near the star **Spica**. If you have a small telescope you should check out both Jupiter and Saturn.

Saturn sports a collection of bright rings, and they're tilted toward the Earth right now, making Saturn even easier to see. And Jupiter will be accompanied by its 4 largest moons; **Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto**. If you can, look at Jupiter each night through a telescope for three or four nights in a row. You'll see Jupiter's moons changing position every night as they orbit the giant planet.

So there you have it, a teapot and two planets to dazzle the midnight hours. Now you can look forward to a **Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017**. It will be total on a swath through the US mainland but only about **65% in Bonaire**. ■  
*Dean Regas & James Albury*



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