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**Formashon Musikal Krioyo**

Donna Wuyts DeSalvo photo

Since the beginning of the year the Bonaire Island Government has been destabilized by resignations, replacements and various coalitions. If it continues there is a possibility that The Dutch Government will exert higher authority as it has already done in Statia. The MPB party holds the largest number of seats in the executive council and is central to this muddle. Last Wednesday the MPB appealed to its members to decide in the interests of better functioning and in the public interest.

The party's political leader **Elvis Tjin Asjoe** wrote, that under current circumstances it is virtually impossible to continue to lead the MPB considering the friction within its ranks. Later on that same evening, **Milena Silberie**, MPB member on the Island Council, resigned from the Island Council and the party itself. On Sunday, June 25th, **Daisy Coffie**, a stalwart of the MPB, declared she cares for the party but put a deadline of September 30th or she too might resign and also leave the party. On the same day Executive Council member **Nina den Heyer** sent a letter stating her concern about the developments in the party and called on the party to get better.

As a result it was decided that there would be a restructuring of the party beginning this week. Experienced council member **Joselito Statia** will replace **Milena Silberie**.

At present, the islands governing coalition consists of independent **Nunu Raphaela**, the Democratic Party's Island **Michael Pieters** and the MPB.

►The **STINAPA Board** has been reorganized. **Curvin George** (at left) was named Chairman on June 20.

He replaces **Jeannette Nolen-Heitkönig** who continues as a board member. The Board of STINAPA now includes: Mr. Curvin George – Chairman, Mr. Herbert Piar – Treasurer, Ms. Agnes Joosten-Clappers – Secretary, Ms. Susan Davis – Vice President, Mrs. Jeannette Nolen-Heitkönig – Member, Mr. Felix Cicilia – Member, Mr. Bruce Bowker – Member, Mr. Maurice Adriaens – Member, and Mr. Bas Noij – Member.



►WEB significantly raised some connection fees on July 1. After a half-year delay, the Consumer & Market Authority (ACM) recently set new rates for new electrical connections (connection of houses up to 10 KVA: \$2,337) and water (\$1,623 for homes). The rate for reconnection has also been fixed (max \$ 40). WEB says that the new connection rates do not differ much from the old rates. The maximum rate for re-connection is considerably higher than before. ACM has postponed setting other rates and usage fees.

►Fuel Prices for July (↓↑change from June shown) set by government:

Gasoline 104.10↓1.9 USDct per liter.  
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►Food service workers no longer need a health certificate (blue card). Until now, anyone involved in the preparation or sale of food was obliged to have a "blue card." This card had to be displayed and was obtained after a laboratory test. Now more of the burden for maintaining a sanitary workplace falls on the employer and inspectors from the Island Government (OLB). In the near future, further information will be given on the approach to food safety in Bonaire, according to a press release announcing the change.



►The mural of reef fish accompanied by a Bible verse on the Trans World radio (TWR) studio at the Kaya Gob Debrot traffic circle, has been a landmark on Bonaire since 1998. It's one of the most unsung attractions of the island as well as one of the most photographed. Back then artist **Paul Gallo's** design of an underwater mural of tropical fish prophetically included Lionfish which were not found in Bonairean waters at that time. Over the years, the colors of this mural faded. According to TWR's director,

**Bernard Oosterhoff**, something needed to be done. A new mural will be painted. According to Oosterhoff, "The mural will mark a new phase for TWR; after four years of hard work we are increasing the power of the radio masts located at the salt pans and this will double the reach of the transmitter. With this upgrade the signal will be able to reach 100 million people living in Colombia, Cuba, Venezuela, and North and Central Brazil. This is such a milestone that we want to celebrate." As we go to press scaffolds cover the side of the TWR studio (photo) and repainting is underway.

►On Saturday night, July 1<sup>st</sup>, TCB organized their fourth Taste of Bonaire of 2017 with a Talent theme. The event was in Wilhelmina Park from 6pm to 11pm as usual.

The program was filled with music and performances. The park had numerous food stands plus art and crafts booths. The musical group of talented youngsters, **For-mashon Musikal Krioyo** were a highlight (on the cover). In addition the BYOF (Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation) group performed dances, songs and drama.

►When at the end of May tar balls began washing up on the southern coast of Bonaire the government, Stinapa and Selibon took immediate and decisive action to clean the beaches. The goal was to minimize the damage. Now that the incident is mostly over investigation has begun to assess the long-term damage caused by the oil pollution.

The samples have been sent to the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Information and Training Center (REMPEITC) for further investigation. The samples will be analyzed to determine the origin, thought to be from a storage tank rupture in Trinidad, and to determine toxicity. The Dutch Water Authority, *Rijkswaterstaat*, will pursue the legal process of the oil disaster and will share the results of the investigation.

The local Health Department has requested the results. The long-term effect of the oil spill on the health of the Bonaireans is expected to be limited.

►On Saturday, July 8th, Dive Friends is hosting another quarterly Clean Up Dive. All divers are invited to come by and help keep Bonaire blue and beautiful.

Check in for volunteers will begin

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Contin. from pg. 2) at 9:45am at Dive Friends DIVE INN location, with a briefing for all volunteers at 10:00 am. Please don't forget your certification cards (if we don't already have yours on file). Divers will be cleaning up at the SOUTH PIER. Please make sure to have your BMP tags along with you, as is required. As much fishing line as possible will be collected, so please bring along your dive knife or shears. Non-divers are also needed to help with counting and logging the items removed from the water for PADI Project AWARE Dive Against Debris at Yellow Submarine after the dive.

At 6 pm, Dive Friends will host a potluck BBQ for volunteers at its Hamlet Oasis location. It's a potluck, so please bring a snack, side-dish or dessert to share and they'll provide the main course and one beverage.

If you have any questions, please call 717-2929. If you can't make it next Saturday, but are interested in helping with another clean-up project for the eastern coastline, visit [www.debrisfreebonaire.com](http://www.debrisfreebonaire.com) for more information.

►The Save Our Shark room at the Washington Slagbaai National Park museum had a grand opening on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Inside the Save Our Shark room you will discover the sharks of Bonaire, uncover fossil shark teeth in our Shark Tooth Dig, and learn

about the sharks of the past, present and future. Thanks to the generous support of the *Nationale Postcode Loterij* in the Netherlands, STINAPA, among others, is able to make a real difference in shark conservation in the Caribbean. The Lottery has provided special funding to the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) for shark conservation throughout the Caribbean.

►Herbert Domacassé was named to the financial oversight board (Cft) member for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. He succeeds Hyden Gittens, who has recently submitted his resignation to the Minister of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations. Mr. Domacassé has fulfilled a number of functions within the banking industry in Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba. He has been Minister of Traffic and Transport for the Netherlands Antilles and Lieutenant Governor for Bonaire. Currently he is member of the Supervisory Board of the Caribbean Netherlands Pension Fund.

►When Herbert Domacassé (left) was governor, a hurricane



Congratulations and a Big Happy Birthday to Esheriev Trinidad on his 2nd birthday on July 4. Love and greetings from his parents, Monica and Edson, and his grandmothers, Julia and Marlene. Marlene is head of distribution for *The Bonaire Reporter*. Hip Hip Hooray, Esheriev!

was hours away from hitting Bonaire. He went on the air to ask islanders to pray that it diverted. Last week a tropical storm, Bret, also



►The trial of the robbery suspects which lead to the death of police officer Ferry Bakx was concluded early this month.

Nearly all charges as presented by the public prosecutor were found proven by the court. Three suspects were sentenced according to the claim of the prosecutor; four others received a lower sentence than demanded.

The robber who shot and killed Bakx received a sentence of 19 years imprisonment. The Prosecutor had asked for 25 years.

In the eyes of the court, however, the sole Bonairean defendant (R.S) played the most significant role in the crimes. He exploited the fact that Venezuelans, given the situation in their country, were vulnerable to temptations to get "easy money." He had them do the dirty work, while he stayed behind the scenes. R.S, according to the court, attempted to hide the truth about his role in the events. The court ruled that he had to get the heaviest punishment and imposed the 20-year imprisonment demanded by the prosecutor.

The court also followed the claim of the prosecutor in the case of the Venezuelan suspect with whom the Bonairean suspect had arranged everything. According to the court, the defendant had needed little encouragement to play an important role in the crimes. He was therefore convicted to 18 years imprisonment.

The suspect who directed his weapon at one of those present in residence in the presence of a child, also was sentenced to the 16 years imprisonment demanded by the prosecutor. The other three Venezuelans received 12, 13 and 14 years of imprisonment respectively. The lowest punishment was awarded to the robber who was described as 'kind' by the residents because he tried to reassure the child present during the robbery.

veered away as it approached Bonaire. Nevertheless, the storm created some bother for islanders. Winds briefly reached storm force in gusts with little rain. Some minor damage was reported along



the east side. Power went out for most of the island for a few hours. Most diving excursions were suspended for a day. Emergency services were standing ready but weren't required. ■G.D./L.D.

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# On the Island Since... 2013 - Greg Robles de Medina

A Bonaire Reporter regular feature since 2001



Greg Robles de Medina



Greg at the sewing machine

“I was born on Aruba where my dad - who came from a mixed Surinamese/Dutch family - had gone to work for KLM. There he met my mom, who is Bonairean. I grew up on Aruba until I was 14, then went to study in a beautiful country - for which I am still grateful every day. I cannot think of a country where one gets so many chances and opportunities. My dad had retired and the whole family moved to Holland. But... my grandfather, my mom's dad, who was Bonairean, always told us: 'Wherever you go, Bonaire is your home and once you're ready, you have to return to help to make it better.'”

I studied and after I graduated the Small Business School I went into the army. I'd seen several commercials on TV where these army people woke up in the middle of nature, then it seemed like they were ambushed by the enemy, but it turned out to be a deer... hahaha! It really appealed to me so I joined the army and became an officer with five tanks under me. However, in the end I couldn't understand the government policy and I left, but it was a good time and it made me who I am today.

I was always complaining about the police and their attitude. I worked at the head office of ABN/AMRO bank, was driving a fancy car and because I am dark the police would stop me almost every night. When I made a remark about it somebody told me, 'Apply for a job with them, you have to change it from within.' So that's what I did and I was hired. Again I was 'playing outside.' I worked in the corps of North-Holland in different departments for a number of years. I also had my own band with mostly Bonairean musicians. We played a lot of music all over the place. That's how I came in contact with people from the fashion industry because we were sponsored by brands like Salty Dog and Bad Boys. As I got to know these peo-

ple really well, we also worked for these fashion companies where we learned a great deal about the industry. That's how I met my then partner, Cora. Together we set up a fashion studio. Not only did she teach me to sew but also everything else I needed to know about the métier. Amongst many other things our company would dress Bonairean beauty queens like Benazir, Saphira, Ana Maciel and others when they went abroad to represent Bonaire.

I am a passionate fan of the doctrine of American self-help author, Napoleon Hill, and his books. 'Think and Grow Rich', published in 1937, is my favorite.

Ingrid Morales of the 'Smallest shop in town', who sells juices and cakes under the tree in Playa, is a perfect example for the island. It's very simple: People go to work, make money and become dependent on that salary. And if you ask them why they get up every morning to rush to work, the answer is they want to be on time so they can collect their wages at the end of the month which they then spend on things they've created according to their income. I lived like that for many years. Nothing wrong with it, but you could do so much more - you can take your life into your own hands. And instead of investing in a fancy car - something many people see as a priority - you could use that money to create chances to make more money. You can be a follower and stay in the safe-zone, but pioneering is so much more fun! Look at what Ingrid did!

Well, in Holland I had a models' training institute. Since 2004 I started living my own life while I stayed with the police part-time.

For a long time I'd been working on my 'I Love Bonaire' brand. It was quite a process: research, networking, what to sell, what not to sell, the materials we wanted to use, to record the name etc. Then I decided it was time to

leave everything behind, and I came to Bonaire. I opened the 'I love Bonaire' shop, next to the OutletMol in Lourdes Shopping Mall in Playa. I make the original samples here, then they go to factories in Poland, Morocco or Turkey where they are produced.

I want to make a point here. When I was a boy, visiting family in Nort di Saliña, I would walk to Hotel Bonaire and pass by the blue building of Cambes' produc-

tion sewing workshop. It was huge. They even made uniforms. All that is gone. You know crafts are something that can make your island strong. And there are clients who are willing to pay more when they know the workers are paid well and no child labor is involved. I also work for associations and clubs. I want Bonaire to look good when it travels abroad. We don't just buy a shirt and print it. We can be really proud that we created a real brand - a line. And then... I have another baby. Just ready. We are the first ones in the world and I've been working three whole years on it. If you come to Bonaire on a cruise ship there are numerous tour operators who will take you everywhere and show you everything. But when you come by plane, by yourself, then you have to sort it out on your own. So we've developed an app for the island (and soon also for Aruba and Curacao) - IB2go - and it means that you can take a self-guided tour with your telephone around Bonaire. No internet, no data, just GPS and every GPS is

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Bonaire. If you key 'Bonaire' in your Apple Store you will see it immediately. The app is in full development and the best part is that everyone can contribute.

My brother Omar and I are also organizing parties, at least once a month, and we have a sound company with local employees. We also have a band called 'Fenty.' With the band we would like to develop an export product for Bonaire. Music as an export product is very important because we can play in Aruba and in Europe at events and concerts, and while doing so we might entice people to come to Bonaire to dance to our music.

Next to all this I also have a construction company together with a guy who is a very knowledgeable builder but who has no marketing skills. We've already started in Aruba and THAT's what I would like to say: This is a promising island full of opportunities. Seriously, people should help each other more often. I think it's very important that people like other people to be successful. When I see that someone

has potential, I want that person to succeed. I put a lot of energy into it and maybe, one day, when I need it, someone will do the same for me. That's how the world should turn, especially on a small island where everybody needs each other and could help each other to move forward.

When for instance someone knows how to make a good handbag, that person needs the material, a sewing machine, a label and an outlet. But people think that besides those things they need a salesperson, a large store, a car with a logo etc., etc. And then the chance of being successful becomes smaller and smaller, although I don't want to be negative. People should have the chance to get financial help for what they need to be able to start the process. But they shouldn't be arrogant or greedy, because all the other things will come in time.

Remember what I told you in the beginning: you have to keep on stimulating your brain. If you don't do that, you'll end up nowhere. You have to take matters into your own hands, and here on Bonaire, there is plenty opportunity!

My brain is always buzzing, but there is also quality time with my friend Denise and our family and friends when we cook and eat together. It can be frustrating for a partner when you're always busy and it does influence her life - but I sure hope in a positive way.

Bonaire is the place of my ancestors and I just want to contribute to its well being and make my grandfather's dream come true.”

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



# Voices From the Past

There are tales of storms and shipwrecks, smuggling under the cloak of night and solving the mystery of a ship's name. Five men from the original crew of *Stormvogel*, the last of the sailing cargo boats, spoke for hours on camera about their time at sea when locally-built wooden ships were the lifeline for Bonaire. They hauled goats, salt, charcoal and occasional passengers to Curacao, Aruba and ports south. They returned with propane gas tanks, clothing, medicine and other commodities.

Their exploits provided the core of an ambitious oral history project started three years ago by *Fundashon Patrimonio Marítimo Boneiru* (Bonaire Maritime Heritage Foundation). Funded by *Fonds voor Cultuurparticipatie* (Funds for Cultural Participation), the video crew recorded interviews with the aging *Stormvogel* sailors, now all in their 80s. They included **Luis Coffi-ship's cook, Jan Felida-boat builder, Balentine Frans-deckhand, Ismael Soliano-captain and Lucio Soliano-deckhand.**

The seamen were asked discuss the six specific topics about *Stormvogel*. These included daily life aboard a cargo boat, trade among the ABC Islands, storms and shipwrecks, smuggling at sea and boat building. The final topic was how *Storm-*

*vogel* got its name. **Jan Felida** told how captain and owner Martins Felida named his boat after a tiny bird called a storm petrel, one that only sailors see because the bird lives far out at sea. STINAPA's **Herman Sieben** was then filmed to explain the habits and the migration patterns of the storm petrel in the ABC Islands. Then the hours of video were translated into Dutch and English and the arduous process of editing began.



*Jan Felida explains how trees were chosen that were used in building Stormvogel*



*Balentine Frans talks about his days as a cargo boat sailor. Hendrik Wyuts is the cameraman.*

The result is a series of six films titled **Old Sailors Speak**. The public can view these on the foundation's web site <http://oldboatsbonaire.org/see-hear/old-sailors-speak> in Papiamentu, Dutch and English. The talents of many local people were needed to produce the series. **Thea Winklaar** and **Luti Frans** served as interviewers. **Hendrik Wouts** of Bonaire Vision Films provided video and editing services. Translations were done by **Xiomara Frans**. The announcers were **Michiel van Bokhorst** and **Marie Craane**. The stunning bird photos used in the film about *Stormvogel's* name were donated by British photographer, **Bill Simpson**.

*Old Sailors Speak* also provides the core of a new educational curriculum, **Sails in the Schools**, developed by the Bonaire



*After being converted to a motor boat the Stormvogel powers out of Curacao.*

Maritime Heritage Foundation. Titled *Zeilen Op School* in Dutch and *Nabegashon di Skol* in Papiamentu, the project is designed to teach students Groups 6 and 7 (ages 9-11) about the maritime culture and history of the islands. Through the efforts of educational coordinator **Xiomara Frans**, the project will start in August in schools on Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. ■



*A storm petrel (stormvogel) in search for small fish.*

*Patrick Holian*



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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter In St. Albans, Vermont, USA

This photo of Gary and Betty Bluto holding *The Bonaire Reporter* at their home in Vermont was sent in several years ago. It wasn't printed because of a technical problem. However, we were able to recover it recently and it seemed timely to print it considering the news below.



Gary Bluto, long time visitor to Bonaire, died suddenly on June 10. He was at home with his wife Betty at his side.

The Blutos first came to Bonaire in the 1980s. They organized SCUBA trips through The SCUBA Center, a dive shop they owned with (now) island resident John Merrick. From their dive shop in St. Albans, Vermont (USA), they visited regularly. Shortly thereafter, they built their first home on Bonaire. From that point forward, they always owned at least one house on the island and returned every year – sometimes staying months at a time.

Gary was a businessman, entrepreneur, marine mechanic, antique "picker", Jack-of-all-Trades and all around nice guy. He leaves his wife of more than 40 years, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many close friends here on Bonaire. RIP.



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## I Am Leaving Bonaire With Pain In My Heart

After eight years on the island, **Maryke Barendregt**, Chairman of the Foundation for Animal Protection, is leaving Bonaire with her whole family (including five dogs) so the youngest daughter can continue her studies in Holland. Together with Elly Albers and Elsmarie Beukenboom, Maryke founded the organization in 2013 and now, four years later, she's proud to say that with a lot of hard (voluntary) work it has become a well-functioning and solid organization. Thanks to the help of Kunuku Kakelvers/Animal Rescue Foundation, Stichting Dierenhulp and Stichting Dierenlot in Holland and of course numerous other volunteers whom they can always count on.

The foundation is not only helping animals in distress but it is also focused on sterilization/castration, registration and education. They've published an educational booklet which will be distributed at all elementary schools on Bonaire. For a year now they've been in consultation with OLB, the police and the judicial department to achieve structural improvement regarding animal welfare procedures and legislation on Bonaire.

"In the years I've been active here," Maryke says, "I've learned it is very important to teach people how to handle their pets and what to do when they are sick, because in many cases ignorance is the cause of a lot of misery. Positive changes have taken place, but we still have goals and plans for the future which will be carried out. Person-



Maryke Barendregt

ally, I won't let go of it when I am in Holland where I will try a different approach and will do as much as I can to improve the situation on Bonaire. However, people won't see my face on the streets anymore. Still, they can email me at [dierenbeschermingbonaire@hotmail.com](mailto:dierenbeschermingbonaire@hotmail.com). The animal ambulance will be out on the streets as usual and people can call them at 796-7000. I will stay the chairman for six more months until my successor is fully prepared to take over.

I'm leaving Bonaire with pain in my heart; I will miss the people, the kindness, our good friends and the natural beauty of this island. Especially I will miss the Warawara hovering over Bara di Karta. All my life I've worked in real estate as well as helping animal rescue organizations where and whenever I could. But during my years on Bonaire I found out my true passion lies with the animals. Therefore I am delighted to start my education as a canine behavior therapist at the Martin Gaus Academy in Holland, because my biggest goal in life is to stand up for the animals because they can't do it for themselves. I can't help myself; it's something I have to do." ■

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# Reforestation To Continue

The Echo Foundation in cooperation with the island Government will prepare an area to the west of Saliña Tam for reforestation. It is an area located on the north side of the sand road towards Playa Frans.

This location is one of 10 areas where Echo reforests Bonaire's landscape. Each area is fenced to keep goats, donkeys and pigs outside. But the areas remain accessible to the public. The areas are each about 1 hectare (2.5 acres). At present, Echo only deals with the preparations for the reforestation. The actual planting of native trees only occurs during the rainy season. The project is paid with Kingdom Natural funds.

When choosing the locations, Echo observes the specific features of the area. For example, is the soil alkaline? If it's volcanic soil, what trees and plants are most suitable? It also looks at the vegetation that used to be present and the use of the area. The goal is to eventually plant 20,000 new native trees in the different areas.

Because Bonaire is hot, dry and rocky, the natural development of plants is often slow. Reforestation projects can help nature in nature. More trees mean that the roots can hold the ground better when there are heavy rain showers. A fertile soil builds up leaf waste and allows the soil to absorb more water, which makes the trees



Tree planting in Washington Slagbaai Park last year

grow better. Trees also get dust from the sky. Further, trees are important because they offer us shade. In addition, trees provide shelter and food for animals.

During the Ban Topa @ Kunuku Dos Pos on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Echo offered free public tours. Residents and visitors alike found out more about the reforestation and pig control projects in areas around and in Rincon.

The tour was led by local guides from Rincon and were conducted in Papiamentu, Dutch and English.

Snacks and drinks were on the house. ■  
Press release

# Word on the Street

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

And the revolving door of restaurants on Bonaire continues.... "Foodies Bayside Bar and Restaurant" is the latest reincarnation of the site of the former Kon Tiki and Lac Bai restaurants. The new owners spent five weeks of rebuilding and decorating and the result is fabulous. Foodies opened last week for lunch and dinner (with coffee being served from 10 am) and will have a "birth" celebration on July 8 starting at 5 pm. Lunch menu is offered from noon til 5 pm and dinner menu from 6 to 9 pm. They also offer a menu that is served from noon until closing. You can check out their menus on their Facebook page "Foodies."



The new Foodies

- ◆ La Cantina has new ownership. Rick and Kim van den Brock are leaving the island after 10 years in the restaurant business here (Yacht Club Restaurant, At Sea, La Cantina). Jeroen van der Kroft will now take the helm. Jeroen had already taken over The Brewery portion of La Cantina. As of July 1, he will take command of La Cantina with promises of "beer and food pairings."
- ◆ As previously reported Wil's Grill has been sold. Word on the street is that it will be opening very soon with the afternoon chef from a popular harbor side eatery.
- ◆ Fun and nice greeting cards in English have always been a difficult find on Bonaire. Bonaire Gift Shop on Kaya Grandi is trying to fill the gap. They now offer a good selection of greeting cards from Blue Mountain and other American card companies. Also cards in English are available at Paradise Photo facing the main parking lot in town.
- ◆ Selibon Landfill has announced new hours of operation. Monday through Friday 7 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm. Closed on Sunday. ■

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# The PHANTOM GOURMET



**THE BEACH AT WINDSOCK BONAIRE**

**Reggae Night**

*We come together when the feeling right  
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(song by Jimmy Cliff)

Toe tapping to "Reggae Night" at The Beach -- Windsock Bonaire, the Phantom begins to relax, repairing to **The Beach** for a second time. The first occasion memorably marked a satisfying gourmet experience with a light (and breezy; it's outside) touch. Pleasantly seated in the shade, adjacent to The Beach's rustic but elegant bar, the atmosphere is laid-back -- 80s reggae sounds wafting through the salt-scented air. The coco palms are waving and a cool ocean breeze is playing catch with the few remaining "platinum blond" hairs on Phantom's balding pate. Phantom is eager to luxuriate in another festive platter of Dutch-accented goodies, but alas, Phantom has forgotten his faithful fedora. He feels momentarily exposed, a bit vulnerable. But after downing a couple of very cold lagers, that attitude is adjusted.

Phantom and Vrouw are in the mood for the sweet potato soup, a specialty they both inhaled a few weeks back. That creamy broth, accompanied by freshly baked bread with a richly seasoned butter was slightly sweet and cleverly, indecipherably spicy. Delicious! In fact, on that first occasion, Phantom Vrouw purposely distracted the Phantom, all the better to gobble up part of his potage. But Phantom struck back on the next course, purloining much of her succulent shrimp skewer,

complete with just-right roasted veggies (peppers, mushrooms and onions), a fresh side salad and a heaping mound of crispy French fries on the side. Ever the Dutchy, Vrouw dumps tubs of mayonnaise on what were some of the crispiest, most delicious fries Phantom has ever tasted. Truly! But then the poor potato sticks disappeared in the mayo like the sun blanketed by a cloud of dense white cumulus.

On to the latest visit: Phantom glances over the menu items, some of them flaunting the "Dutch touch" -- saté with peanut sauce, croquettes with fries and a "Healthy" Dutch sandwich -- ham, cheese, salad, boiled egg with, you guessed it, mayonnaise. Both Phantom and Vrouw are ravenous; soup alone just won't do. It's Caesar Salad time with Mahi Mahi (Catch of the Day) for Mr. Phantom, and the Salmon Wrap for Mevrouw Phantom.

When the Caesar Salad arrives first, before Vrouw's Salmon Wrap, Phantom notices a surreptitious fork wending its way into his sumptuous bowl. That fork; it's not his! The three-pronged menace withdraws as rapidly as it appeared -- most of the Mahi Mahi in tow -- into Vrouw's gaping maw. This stealthy move calls for another Bright. The Salmon Wrap finally makes its appearance, so Vrouw is focused on *her* meal now -- at last.



Salmon wrap plus



Heidi and Anique

The Caesar Salad is chock full of mixed greens, Caesar dressing, anchovies, capers, red onions, croutons, crumbled Parmesan, wake seaweed and Mahi Mahi. The fresh fish (well, what's left of it) melts on his tongue. The Phantom relishes the salad, nevertheless, also noticing a distinct Japanese piquancy to it. Credit that to the crunchy, green seaweed.

The Salmon Wrap consists of smoked salmon (of course), lettuce, wake and wasabi. French fries are heaped on the side. Both Phantom and Vrouw appreciate the generous infusions of wake seaweed in their servings. Besides the fact that wake is loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber, the

flavor is probably best described as grassy sweet. To conclude a wonderful lunch, a latte macchiato (*koffie verkeerd*, in the Dutch manner) is ordered -- with a Dutch cookie, of course.

The friendly Dénis took our order while Philip ran around to satisfy other Beach goers and customers at the bar. And did we mention, there are ample beach chairs for patrons -- under umbrellas, as desired -- on the sandy beach just above the sea. Some customers will be taking advantage of the stairs leading to the surf (as well as the shower and dip tank) for snorkeling and scuba diving at long-favorite Bonaire dive site, "Windsock," in and

around their meals and drinks at The Beach.

Meanwhile, Heidi and Anique rustled up our midday meals.

While Heidi has been working in The Beach kitchen for at least 18 months, Anique recently joined this new cast of employees, which also includes Jean Paul, along with Philip, as the new managers, since October 2016. Jean Paul used to be the sous-chef at Ingridiënts, while Philip tended bar at Little Havana. Nicky and Alex, owners of The Beach Windsock and Grand Resort Windsock, have high hopes for the restaurant (and the resort) under this new management. The menu has already been adjusted and might see even more modifications in the near future. Meanwhile, the Phantom and Vrouw are well satisfied with the way things are. We will return! -■ *The Phantom Gourmet*

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# A Garden? Just Do It

## HOLIDAY GARDEN PLANNING

Everybody is talking about the holidays, schools are closing, people are preparing to leave and people from other countries will visit our beautiful Bonaire.

I just came back from my stay in Europe. When I arrived home I was in shock. I couldn't believe my eyes. My beautiful garden and well maintained yard had turned into a jungle. While I left it nice and clean, it was now like a big bush. Everywhere there were heaps of dried leaves and a lot of fruit on and under the trees: carambola, appeldam, mango, birambi, soursop, guaba. I picked the good ones and that was my mixed fruit breakfast. How great to have some fresh picked fruit after a long trip. But that's not all. There were a lot of vegetables: peppers, spinach, my Surinam bitawiri, a leafy veggy, wild bitter melon, eggplant with three fruits ready to eat, bimbe, kalaloe and more.

So I picked some of them and made a mixed veggy dish for today. I tell you what. I have eaten in the best restaurants all over the world and enjoyed it, but my own veggies, fresh from the garden, nothing can beat that. There is such a difference between vegetables that are just picked and straight into the pot and vegetables that are old and on their way out. The difference is in the taste and also in color, crunchiness and moisture. In the photo you can see my veggy mix of today. Bimbe with bitter



Today's veggy mix: Bimbe with bitter melon and bitawiri ( Surinam name which means bitter leaves)

soursop tree, lemon drops, tamarin. Think of all the vitamins and minerals you get in your body, just by drinking a cup of tea from these herbs and plants.

I like to travel, but my garden makes me sometimes feel a longing for home, just because of all these goodies there.

**It's good to take care of your garden before leaving. Here are some hints and advice.**

Trim your trees and plants so there are fewer dead leaves all over the place when you return.

Store cans, tires, pots, cups, buckets and so on, so that when it rains they won't hold water that mosquitoes can breed in. Store bags with "potgrond" you bought because the soil will harden up staying too long in the sun.

Store your garden tools so you can find them quickly again when you need them.

It's hurricane season, so think of that when leaving for a long time. Clean your yard and don't leave things around that can damage your house during a storm or strong wind. Don't leave your car under a tree where falling branches and rotten leaves can damage it. Turn off your gas system, unplug your home telephone.

Ask someone to take care of your property and your plants. Even when you don't have much in your yard, still it's good to know that someone is around when you are not there. You'll enjoy your vacation better when there is nothing to worry about.

Turn off electricity and controls.

Put inside plants outside so they have fresh air and the caretaker can water them.

Don't forget to prepare for someone to take care for your pets, just like your plants.

Make sure the hose is not leaking (for the care taker) and tell him/her which plants need less or more water.

Make moats around the trees (like bananas o water doesn't run off.

Tell the caretaker what to do with fruits and veggies that are ready to eat:



Herbs to make fresh green tea

melon and bitawiri (Surinam name which means bitter leaves).

Then, last but not least, my own brewed tea. Every morning I make a big pot of tea from different plants and herbs in my garden. From five different plants I collect some leaves, rinse them, put them in the teapot with a few drops of honey or spice like ginger or cinnamon and pour hot water over. Every day I have a different tea, depending on what herbs I collect. It's always great and gives me the energy I need to start the day. Some of the herbs I have are ginger, lemon grass, oregano, bislips, yerba hole, mint, leaves of the bitter melon plant, leaves from the

## DID YOU KNOW?

### PLASTIC POLLUTION

That people discard 200 billion pounds (91 billion kilograms) of plastic each year, and that 10% of that ends up in the oceans? There is an area in the Pacific Ocean called the "Eastern Garbage Patch;" floating plastic debris as far as the eye can see, estimated to be almost 2,500 times larger than Bonaire! Plastic debris (e.g. bottles, buckets, toys, cups, etc.) is a huge problem, polluting the oceans worldwide. Over 5 trillion (5,000,000,000,000) pieces of plastic currently litter our oceans.



### Beach debris

up with a brilliant idea of how to remove over 50% of it within five years. The project is called "The Ocean Cleanup" and will start in 2018, where long air-filled tubes are installed in the water to collect the plastic debris in and transport it back to land.

On Bonaire, we currently do not have any laws or bans that prevent us from receiving or buying single-use plastic bags. Although many businesses and supermarkets have chosen not to offer plastic bags (GREAT JOB!!!), many stores readily offer them and this does not motivate people to bring their own bags. Businesses that offer or sell single-use plastic bags and restaurants that pack their take-out in Styrofoam containers are contributing to the plastic pollution we see all around us. Hopefully Bonaire will address the problem of plastic pollution and ban these products. Until then, each of us may make a difference by reusing our plastic products, minimizing purchases that contain plastics, and disposing and/or recycling plastics in a responsible way. ■

Plastic does not dissolve, but only breaks into smaller particles. Animals that feed from the sea swallow these particles, resulting in many deaths due to plastic-filled stomachs. In Norway in February of 2017, scientists had to euthanize (put-down) a stranded whale and, when trying to discover why it stranded, they found 30 plastic bags in its stomach! Styrofoam, a plastic that take-out food containers are made of, also plays a major role in the plastic debris story. Fortunately, some countries are taking measures to limit plastic pollution.

In the Netherlands, offering free plastic bags at the check-out register has been forbidden since January 2016. Since the beginning of this year, Aruba and Puerto Rico have forbidden all shops and supermarkets from offering or selling single-use plastic bags. Only paper bags may be offered or sold. Aruba is considering banning Styrofoam as well. In Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, there is already a ban on the import of Styrofoam. France is taking it even a step further and is planning to ban all plastic plates, cups, and utensils by the year 2020. These plastics will be replaced by biologically-sourced materials that can be composted. This measure will stop the country's waste of roughly 4.73 billion plastic goblets and 17 billion plastic bags every year.

To reduce the amount of plastic in the ocean, Boyan Slat, a 20-year old young man from the Netherlands, has managed to come

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maybe store them in the fridge for you or use them himself or give them away. It's a pity to let them just rot under the trees.

Arrange for the caretaker to either clean the yard once a week or just before you come home.

Make a list of all you need to do before leaving. Less stress and more safety while away.

Don't burn candles the day you leave.

And very important, the last thing to do is turn off the main water access of the Web water system on the street.

It happens many times, and even with me twice that inside the house one of the pipes of the toilets or water pipes burst because of the water pressure and all that water ran through the house to the street for days! Can you imagine what a mess that was and all that damage to my house and stuff and the high water bill.

So make sure your caretaker knows to ALWAYS turn off that main water access after finishing with water use.

Your neighbors are your best friends when you are not home. They are your 24-hour eyes. Give them a note where they can reach you or your caretaker if necessary. And if you don't mind leave them a key for your house. You never know.

Put your garbage can inside the yard and don't leave it with trash inside.

And finally when leaving the house, double check all the points on your list

Enjoy your vacation and make it unforgettable. (And if you see some great plants, take a snip to bring home or get the seeds. That's what I do during traveling too, ha ha!)

Just do it!

■ Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



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• **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

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*Trauma* and the newest book, *Reef Windows*. 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290.

### Wednesdays

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Tue	11-Jul	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Tue	18-Jul	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Tue	25-Jul	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Mon	31-Jul	Adventure of the Seas	0800-1700	3114	RCCL

## CLUBS and MEETINGS

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Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.)

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

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**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.

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**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 Cochran-Herrera at

[ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca](mailto:ellenherrera-cochrane@yahoo.ca) or phone 717-8489 or 005999-540-9800 English/Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish ■

## Exhibitions

**-Coral Restoration Exhibit-** Terramar Museum

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

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

## Events

**Saturday, July 8—Dive Friends Quarterly Underwater Cleanup, South Pier, 9:45am.** Check in at Dive Friends' Dive Inn location. More on page 2

**Sunday, July 9—Full Moon Walk at Washington-Slagbaai Park, Lagadishi Trail, 6-9 pm.** \$10. For reservations call Stinapa, 717-8444.

**Saturday, July 15 – “Chasing Coral” Movie Screening, Coral Restoration Foundation Bonaire, Buddy Dive 7:30pm**

**Saturday, July 22—Birdwatching with Stinapa, at LVV on Kaminda Lagun, 4:30-6:30pm.** Reservations call Stinapa 717-8444.

**Saturday, July 29—Nos Zjilea Cultural Event at Mangazina di Rei, 9am-1pm,** on the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon

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

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 03		04:49	08:39	14:50	21:36		
		0.05 ft	0.25 ft	-0.08 ft	0.87 ft	6:15	19:04
Tue 04		05:56	09:41	15:06	22:10	6:15	19:04
		0.00 ft	0.16 ft	-0.02 ft	0.89 ft		
Wed 05		07:01	10:56	15:12	22:45	6:15	19:04
		-0.05 ft	0.09 ft	0.03 ft	0.89 ft		
Thu 06		08:02	12:54	14:42	23:19	6:16	19:04
		-0.09 ft	0.06 ft	0.06 ft	0.89 ft		
Fri 07		08:57	23:54			6:16	19:04
		-0.13 ft	0.88 ft				
Sat 08		09:44				6:16	19:04
		-0.16 ft					
Sun 09	00:31	10:24			Full Moon	6:17	19:04
	0.87 ft	-0.18 ft					
Mon 10	01:08	10:55				6:17	19:05
	0.85 ft	-0.19 ft					
Tue 11	01:48	11:20				6:17	19:05
	0.82 ft	-0.19 ft					
Wed 12	02:29	11:40				6:17	19:05
	0.77 ft	-0.18 ft					
Thu 13	03:13	11:57	18:28	22:44		6:18	19:05
	0.71 ft	-0.17 ft	0.40 ft	0.33 ft			
Fri 14	03:59	12:13	18:34			6:18	19:04
	0.63 ft	-0.16 ft	0.51 ft				
Sat 15	00:19	04:48	12:32	18:55		6:18	19:04
	0.28 ft	0.54 ft	-0.16 ft	0.64 ft			
Sun 16	L Quarter	05:40	12:55	19:25		6:18	19:04
	0.45 ft	-0.16 ft	0.79 ft				
Mon 17	02:46	06:36	13:22	20:01		6:19	19:04
	0.13 ft	0.35 ft	-0.17 ft	0.92 ft			

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# Pet Of The Week

Lovely Lola is another example of feline "art work." She is primarily white with tabby tail and head markings. This basic "palette" is randomly accented with large tabby "polka dots" creating a beautiful piece of living art. Lola is a one-year-old, medium sized cat that has a perpetual kitten look. She has a sweet and affectionate personality and a fondness for playing with toys....maintaining that "kitten" demeanor. She also loves to "scoop" her water into a curled paw and lap up a quick bit of refreshment. Lola is healthy, vaccinated and sterilized and would grace any home and heart with beauty and affection. She gets along fine with other cats, but also is content with only human company. You can visit Lola and all her Shelter companions at Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26. Opening hours Tuesday through Friday, 9 am - 12 pm and 3- 5 pm, Saturdays 8 am- 3 pm non-stop.



Lola at rest

NOTE: The Animal Shelter Bonaire Cat and Kitten Cams are back on line! Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Brian Niessen you can again watch our kittens and cats LIVE on You Tube. Go to <http://www.animalshelterbonaire.com/> and

click on the Cat Cam tab. You might spend the whole day just watching. ■ Story by Jane Madden-Disko, photos by Nathalie Petersen



# ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS



## READING TO CATS

This lovely young lady, Nicole, came to the Animal Shelter to read to our cats! Nicole read about the "reading to cats" project in a book she borrowed from her school library. So when she came to Bonaire for summer vacation she wanted to do it for our Shelter cats. She arrived completely prepared: dressed in a "cat suit" and equipped with the book, "Wonderful Wacky Women." The cats were absolutely captivated and so enjoyed the special attention. Nicole plans on continuing to read to our cats during the five weeks she will be on Bonaire. Thank you, Nicole!

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## Mania




Saxomaia at Van der Tweel market

Saxomaia, a new group of enthusiastic saxophone players gave a fundraising concert last Saturday at Van der Tweel market. The aim is to raise money to buy instruments for those who want to learn to play. The group is amazing as there are all levels of expertise and they sound like they've been playing for years together.

What a worthwhile initiative! ■ L.D.





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## THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

WEB Bonaire's Meter Readers have completed the basic dog training with positive results in cooperation with dog trainer Jos Klamer and Nathalie Petersen. WEB Bonaire's meter readers have to deal with an increasing amount of stray and aggressive dogs during their work activities. They have now specialized in recognizing body language and behavior of the dogs to prevent having their safety at stake. We are very happy these nice, positive guys visited the Animal Shelter Bonaire where they implemented their knowledge in practice training with the dogs.

Thank you to everybody who made this important training happen. If you also are interested in basic training in dog behavior knowledge e-mail to klamerjos@gmail.com or animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com. ■ Stories & photos by Nathalie Petersen



# THE STARS HAVE IT

July 2017

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Family outings should include visiting friends or relatives. Romantic relationships could be under pressure. Your family may not be pleased with your decisions. Time is money and you must be ready to take action in order to reach your highest potential. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You will be able to work in fine detail and present the best possible proposal. Your goals will be in reach if you direct your energy wisely. Relationships will become stronger. You can make career moves that will be prosperous. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Problems with colleagues are likely. Your concern with older family members and those less fortunate than yourself will only add to your attractiveness. Avoid friends or acquaintances who drink too much. Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Don't get intimately involved with a coworker. Older members of your family may try to take advantage of you. You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. Education may be the answer. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Take the whole family and make it an enjoyable outing. Job changes are in order. Go for interviews or send out resumes. Unrealistic promises will only get you in trouble. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You may want to get involved in financial investments presented to you. Older family members may take advantage of you by making you feel guilty. Consider making pleasure trips or participating in entertainment that will require energy. Take the day to relax and pamper yourself. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Unreliable people will be negative about your ideas. Take some time to change your house around. Do not reveal personal information to those you feel may be untrustworthy. You've been in a rut and you need to do something that will help you break the pattern you've fallen into. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your flair for dramatic appeal will unleash itself at social functions. Your ability to visualize will help you convince others of the possibilities. I Don't let siblings put pressure on you. You should get out and meet new people this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Rely on yourself and you will look good to superiors. You may find yourself changing crowds. You will be quite excitable this month. Overindulgence will mean poor health. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Secret affairs may be brought out in the open. You may overspend if you travel this month; however, the trip will be one to remember. Secret affairs may only cause complications in your life. Take the initiative and go after your goals. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You should regain some of your self esteem if you get involved in organizational functions. Chances are you could get stuck with a colleague's job unexpectedly. You will be prone to carelessness that could result in accidents. Do your job and don't ask for favors. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away. Red tape could be impossible to clear up this month. Don't make excuses. Expect some flak. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. ■

*SunSigns Horoscope*



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## Celestial Celebrations

Early July is a time when several countries celebrate their birth: Canada on July 1, the US on July 4 and Venezuela on July 5 and others too.

In the US, and sometimes on Bonaire, we get a chance to watch some fireworks in celebration. But after the fireworks why not stay out a little later and watch the stars in the

Bonaire Sky Park. And we can check out some national colors in the sky. Plus the Moon will shine, lighting up the night, along with two giant planets.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, well after dark, face south and you'll see a waxing **Gibbous Moon** about halfway up in the sky. The Moon will be almost 250,000 miles from Earth that night.

If you look at the Moon's surface you will see lots of craters. They are the result of past impacts. The Moon has been bombarded by **meteoroids** ever since it was formed, and they left huge holes on the lunar surface. The largest impacts created the darker areas on the Moon - what we call the seas. The meteoroids hit the Moon so hard that they cracked the surface; lava erupted to the surface, -fireworks!-and cooled into the flat dark areas. They're not really seas of water, but they made intriguing places to explore.

Take the **Sea of Tranquility**. That is where **Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin** landed on the Moon in 1969. When I look at the Moon, I often think, wow, we actually went there

There are two planets out there as well. Giant **Jupiter** is in the southwest, looking like a suspiciously-bright, cream-colored star... and the ringed planet **Saturn** is in the south-southeast. It doesn't stand out as much as Jupiter,



*When a meteor hits the moon— fireworks!*

but it glows with a steady yellow light.

Now, let's look at a **red star**, a white star, and a blue star- the colors of The Netherlands and the USA. Our red star is below the Moon and a little to the left. Its name is **Antares** and it should twinkle like crazy. This star marks the beating heart of the **constellation Scorpius the Scorpion**. And at this time of night you may be able to make out the scorpion's body and tail above the horizon. The claws are reaching out to grab the Moon.

To see a great **white star**, turn to the east and look high in the sky for a big, bright triangle of three stars. That is the **Summer Triangle**. The faintest of the three stars is white in color and named **Deneb**, and it has quite a story. Deneb marks the tail of **Cygnus the Swan** and is perhaps the farthest star you can see with the naked eye. It could be over 3,000 light years from Earth. That is about 17 quadrillion miles!

And our **blue star** for July is nearby. It's the top-star in the Triangle, and brightest of the three. That is **Vega** the brightest star in the little constellation **Lyra the Harp**. Its blue color makes a nice contrast to red Antares.

So you can see the Moon, two planets, and red, white, and blue stars all week long. And celebrate our clear skies. ■  
*Dean Regas & James Albury*



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