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BES Island News Too

Fundraising Helpers



Fr. Alphonsus Baak, Pastor of our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol Bonaire, coordinated a fundraiser for the church that also provided an opportunity for some children to have a summer job and make spending money for themselves. Bonaireans Quiona Winklaar, 15, and her cousin Ger-G Winklaar, 16, who are both altar servers at the church, along with Kasper de Ceuninck, 12, and his sister Tamar de Ceuninck, 10, label items for sale. Kasper and Tamar are from Holland and are on Bonaire for six months while their parents work in the hospital. The school and office supplies, along with books and other items, that they are sorting through, were generously donated by the Flamingo Book Store. The sorting took place in the Parish Hall on July 13, 2017.

Photo by Alan Zale for *The Bonaire Reporter*.

The suspect in the murder of Adriana Morales, the cruise ship crew member found buried in a shallow grave in April, will be tried on November 2, 2017, beginning at 10



am. **Adriana Morales**, a young Mexican national, disappeared after leaving her ship. After an intensive investigation involving the FBI, detectives from The Netherlands and examination of CCTV footage, the suspect **R.S.**, a local man, was arrested. He's been in custody since April 30. During the course of this investigation child pornography was found. The investigation is ongoing.



► **Bonaire airline history may repeat itself.** According to *Airline News*, Divi Divi Air has recently bought two used **19-20 passenger Twin Otter aircraft** (DHC-6-300), formerly in service with Air Inuit and Air Labrador, along with spare parts. Twin Otters were the aircraft ALM (the defunct Curacao government owned airline) used when it began flights to Bonaire. The same plane is used by WinAir in the Windward Antilles and has a reputation for safety and dependability. Divi Divi plans to begin flying them in the third or fourth quarter this year. Divi Divi is the "other airline" that provides flights to Curacao from Bonaire. It enjoys a reputation of reliability and on-time operation using 7-8 passenger Norman Islander aircraft. **Divi Divi flies the issues of The Bonaire Reporter from the printer in Curacao to our island.**

► **InselAir Update: One step forward, two steps back:**

>>>Inselair Fokker 50s continue their daily Aruba-Curacao-Bonaire flights slightly more reliably than in the past. **The InselAir press office reported that, perhaps as early as August, they may re-employ their grounded Fokker 70 and MD83 jets.** They said the required C Checks, a major maintenance, was satisfactorily completed on one of their Aruba registered MD83s and the Fokker. The MD83 would be used on the Curacao-Surinam route.

>>>On July 10 the president of the InselAir workers, Wendell Meulen, requested the airline's management to provide them with an **update on negotiations with Avianca**, a possible takeover partner. To date there has been no report of the results of last month's negotiations.

>>>Last weekend *BisJournal* reported that there was a **\$1.38 million federal tax lien filed on InselAir in the USA.**

► **These days Bonaire's cruise ship season never stops.** Last year the TCB estimated that ships provided 600 jobs and revenue of \$25 million. At the conclusion of the 2016-17 high season, awards were given to several tour operators. They were:

- Woodwind guided snorkel tours
 - Bonaire Vista Tours
 - Roadrunner with the Twizy Tours
 - Taxi #1 driver: **Reinaldo "Ban Ban" Nicolaas**
 - Good Return water taxi
 - Bonaire Cruisers Golf cart rental
 - Jentis Tours. This company also won the Caribbean Leading Tour Operator prize from Carnival CL
- Special recognition was given to the **TCB team** that works hard to attract more visitors and enhance their experience on the island.

► **91% of VMBO students (Preparatory Middle-level Vocational Education) passed their high school exams** this last semester. This is **8% more** than the last school year. In the other tracks, in addition, **59% of the HAVO** (academic) passed, **63% of the VWO** (university prep) and **68% of the MAVO** (General Secondary School) pupils passed.

On average, **74% of all exam candidates passed.** This percentage is 1% higher than last school year. In 2016 there were 219 candidates, of whom 160 passed, this was 73%. This year 151 students passed of a total of 204 students. Following summer school these figures may change.

► **Dive Friends has been busy.** The renovations at Dive Friends at Port Bonaire are complete. They've finished moving into a new, larger location at Dive Friends at Sand Dollar Condominiums. They now fill both air and nitrox at Sand Dollar and offer daily boat dives. **This week their sixth location, at the Courtyard Marriott, will open.** It is the only Marriott in the world with an on-premise dive shop.

There have been some personnel changes. General Manager **Carolyn Caporusso** left in March for another Bonaire job. **Pascal De-Meyer** returned to manage the company. **Devin** also left at the end of April. He will first travel home to visit his family and then move to Mexico for work. **Jeffrey** will be replacing him as the location manager at Dive Inn. **Gift** will be leaving Port Bonaire to become the new location manager for the Courtyard. Instructor **Edward** returned to the Netherlands, and Divemaster **Oscar** moved to Curacao.

Several new members were welcomed to the crew: front desk assistant **Joan** at Sand Dollar, instructors **Tim** and **Travis** at Yellow Submarine and boat captain **Larry**.

Big congratulations are in order for the new PADI Dive Masters **Matt** and **Jack**. They will soon be followed by **Zack, Sarah** and **Veer**. And, congratulations to new PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor **Luis**. The most recent Dive Friends Bonaire Underwater Clean-up Dive was held on Saturday, July 8th. -*Jesika*

► **Bonaire schools closed July 8 for summer vacation.** They will not be closed for long. Here's the opening schedule: Primary Schools: August 7; Liseo: August 23; VMBO: First year students August 7 - higher years on Thursday, August 24; MBO: Intake interviews in the week of August 21. In the week of August 28, the introduction week starts for the first-year students and the second, third and fourth-year students; SLP: week of August 21

Bonaire students are expected to wear the appropriate color school uniform of their class with long pants and covered shoes.



► **Projecto Tanki Matrimonio**, is a new construction project of 115 new houses built on long lease land. It promises to partially fill the need for affordable homes on Bonaire. Eligible buyers are not limited to Bonaire residents. If you are on the waiting list for long lease land this

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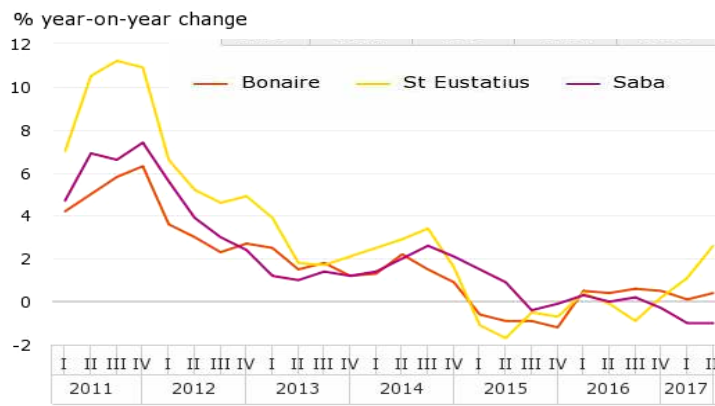
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Flotsam and Jetsam (Contin. from pg. 2) could be an opportunity to own a new home. Contact tmproject@sunbeltbonaire.com for more information.

► **From June- July 2, the Foundation Nos Kier Boneiru Bek (We Want Bonaire Back), represented by James Finies and Davika Bissessar-Shaw, lobbied the United Nations HQ in New York.** NKBB wants Bonaire listed on the non self-governing territories roll of the United Nations. The Foundation's main point is that Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire in 2010 became partially integrated into the Dutch Kingdom without the level of political or economic rights required for full political equality under UN principles. UN veteran decolonization expert, **Dr. Carlyle G. Corbin**, has been engaged to assist their project. In a press release NKBB said they believe the Bonaire population supports their effort as reflected in the donations that financed the UN visit and their other activities.

The release went on to zealously add that Bonaireans are voiceless people being forced into annexation as second class Dutch citizens by their elected officials. It said the Dutch government is not respecting results of a December 2015 referendum, and that Bonaire is trapped in the process

Consumer price index (CPI) Caribbean Netherlands



► **Consumer prices on Bonaire were up 0.4% in the second quarter of this year**, as against 0.1% in the first quarter. The effect of the drop on electricity rates in the second quarter of 2016 has worn off. There appears to be an uptrend in prices underway on Bonaire. See the chart above for a broad view that includes all BES islands.

of re-colonization, modernized and institutionalized, which will result in the inhumane displacement and eradication of the Bonairean people.

The Dutch UN Ambassador and representatives of the Netherlands rejected the FKBB allegations and the current elected Bonaire government recently supported inclusion of the special status of the island into the Dutch constitution.

► **If you are an American and want to become a Bonaire resident take note of recent adjustments in the requirements.** Bonaire's Immigration Service,

the IND, has refined the rules covering proof of financial responsibility. In order to be approved for residency you must demonstrate that you have an income, or can earn, at least \$20,000 annually (\$1,667/ month) per person after you become a Bonaire resident. Showing a bank account with \$20,000 deposited is no longer acceptable. **You need proof that you will have a sustainable or guaranteed income of at least \$20,000 per year per person.** The proof may be in the form of investment, business or pension income. ■ *G.D. /L.D.*

Below are listed the responsibilities of the newly reconstituted Bonaire Island Executive Council:

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Legal and General Affairs, ie, Political structure; Economic development and investment promotion for tourism; Finance including government agencies; Information and communication technology;

Internal and external communication; Post and archive; Facility management; Sports policy; Surveillance and enforcement, with the Supervisory and Enforcement Board; Port and Pilot Care and part of the Management and Support Management: Finance, Communication, JAZ, FZ and P & A.



Island Deputy Ms. R. Hellburg-Makaai:

Spatial development and management; Civil works and infrastructure; Urban Planning and Land Affairs; Traffic and transport;

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; Environmental and nature policy and management; Public housing; Sustainable waste disposal policy; Sports matters; Including the Directorate Space and Development: Policy and Projects, Realization and Manage Public Space.

Island Deputy Ms. N. S. den Heyer:

Public health care; Education; Culture- Social Affairs and Welfare, w.o. Youth and Family; Labor affairs; Civil Status and Population; Social housing; Personnel and organization, ie re-organization OLB; Social economic agenda; Incorporated the Management Society and Care: Policy and Projects, Social Support, Employment & Activation, Civil Affairs, Public Health, Education and Welfare and Museum and SKAL and a part of the Management and Management: P & O.

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Born on Bonaire... March 6, 1973 – Alex Gerharts On the Island Since... 2006 – Lotte Bechtold

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Lotte Bechtold and Alex Gerharts



Alex Gerharts and Lotte Bechtold near Terramar

“I grew up here until I was 11, says Alex. Life was all about the sea. Night and day I was on the water. Shoes I hated. I was always walking in bare feet. The moment school ended I went home, changed clothes and went out in my little boat. I would fish, go knee boarding or waterskiing. I had a best friend, Steve, whose nickname was ‘Kora.’ My BMX buddy was Eric Niels, and Maurice van Gastel was one of my best friends. It was a childhood I wouldn’t want to change for anything in the world.

Then my parents, **Hugo Gerharts and Doesjka Falkenburg-Baart**, divorced and I went to Holland with my mom. My sister Natasja was already there, studying. I lived in Holland for about eight months, then we moved to Miami where my mom married my stepdad Ralph, so I could go to school there. Miami was tough; I had an accent and as I was blond with blue eyes I wasn’t accepted in the Latino neighborhood where we lived. However, within a year it got better. When I was 19 I became a dad when my daughter Karly was born. She’s now in Holland, studying at the Rietveld Academy, the University of Applied Sciences for Fine Arts and Design in Amsterdam. I am very proud of her. In Miami I still have a lot of friends whom I visit regularly; we’ve always stayed in touch.

At 22 I returned to Bonaire. I lived in the last house in Hato with my dad while I was working for him at the airport. However, as I was spending a lot of time at the disco, I couldn’t keep my job, so I started my own discotheque in my father’s hotel, Sunset Beach Hotel. It was called the Whiskey Bar and we played mainly European and American music. We did well and it was a nice locale. Shortly after I

arrived here, I met the girl with whom I later had my two other children: my son Zoie, now 16, and my daughter Isis, 13. Then I totally renovated the old E Wowo disco and it became Club Paradiso. I ran the two clubs for about six or seven years. I want to mention a good friend of mine, **Euson Martijn**, who has always been of great help. I had to close the club when my dad lost the building. My son Zoie had just been born on Curaçao through an emergency delivery and his mother thought it would be fun for us to move to Holland.

In Holland I started working through an employment agency – terrible jobs, making terrible money – but then I moved to Amsterdam to work at KLM. Soon after we settled in a town not far from Amsterdam Airport. My daughter Isis was born in 2004.

I travelled as much as I could; it’s my passion. I went to Cape Town, to Thailand, Australia and India and the Caribbean, but also to Brazil, Ibiza, Nicaragua and to Venezuela when it was still okay and often to the US – a great country. It was all possible because I was working for KLM.

Six years ago my ex and I split up and I went to live on my own. Because I was (and still am) working all odd hours I couldn’t have the children, but every school vacation I took them with me to Bonaire. It’s still like that and they love it! They have family here and Isis is crazy about the sea, just like me. Then, at the end of 2015, I met **Lotte Bechtold** here.”

Lotte: “I came to live on Bonaire around the end of 2006. It was a random choice. I wanted to get out of Holland for a while and be where the weather was nice. Acquaintances of mine had lived here and they advised me to go see Bonaire. The idea was to stay for a

year, but soon enough I never thought of going back again.

First I worked for a month at Karel’s and then I worked at La Guernica which was owned by Joyce at the time. In 2011 she offered me the opportunity to buy the restaurant, which I did, together with the chef. The only way I knew about the restaurant business was through part-time jobs making some extra money, so when I suddenly became the owner of a restaurant it was quite difficult, but at the same time it was a lot of fun. As well as working I obtained my

laughs, “I’ve come to Bonaire 14 times – almost every month – thanks to my job at KLM.”

“We just want to be together,” Lotte says, “preferably on Bonaire. But because of the fact that Alex’s children are still young, we’ve decided to live the next few years in Holland, however, with the intention of coming back to Bonaire within a few years. I have my house here and my dogs and a girlfriend of mine is going to live there and take care of my dogs until we come back.”

“...of the Caribbean islands I’ve visited, Bonaire has the nicest people and it’s one of the safest places in the area.”

open water dive certification and I attempted kiting and joined barbecue parties at the beach. There was always time to enjoy the island. Then I met Alex at his mother’s house, where I went with a group of friends. I thought he was very interesting, a cool guy, then he went back to Holland. But we kept in touch through WhatsApp and it became more and more fun.”

Alex: “During the 10 years she’s been living here, we never met. This is really weird when you think about it because Bonaire’s nightlife is not that grand. But when we finally met – at my mom’s house of all places - I fell for her eyes, her beautiful big smile and her enthusiasm.”

“In the beginning,” Lotte says “when we were only on WhatsApp, we told each other that a long-distance relationship would never work, but yeah... you fall in love and all of a sudden everything becomes possible!”

“Since that moment,” Alex

“There’s no place like Bonaire,” Alex says. “I’ve been to a lot of places but such a beautiful clear blue sea is hard to find. And of all the Caribbean islands I’ve visited, Bonaire has the nicest people and it’s one of the safest places in the area. Also, Bonaire has given me a large international group of friends whom I see often. When they know I’m here they come to visit me, which is like an extra reason for them because all of them are extremely fond of the island.

One of them is Garrett. I met him when I was 10. He and his father were fishing at the pier and I was passing by in my boat and I invited them to come along with me. Then they invited me to come to Michigan and I went to visit them several times. This summer he’s coming to Bonaire again, together with his friend Josh and I will be here too. It’s going to be great.

Bonaire life is the sea, the gorgeous weather, the shorts and flip flops, the soft breeze and so many

people that I know. It’s my home.

Sure thing, I do have plans for the future. I would like to do fishing charters or cruises with tourists or organize barbecues at Klein Bonaire, but we’ll see. I just hope that in the meantime the changes that are taking place will slow down a bit, because it’s going too fast. Many people cannot keep up with it. I want everybody to be friends again and help each other because together you can accomplish so much more than on your own.”

“I haven’t even thought about what the next step will be like,” Lotte says. “I am busy selling my restaurant and I haven’t got the faintest idea what it is I’m going to do in Holland. But I’ll go with the flow and I am looking forward to the move as my brother is having a baby and it will be nice to be part of it. And once we are there we will travel as much as possible! I’m excited!”

“First we are going to have the wedding here on April 19th, 2018,” Alex says. “I asked Lotte to marry me on Klein Bonaire when we were the only two people there, waiting for the sunset... and... she said ‘Yes!’ Now she’s wearing the engagement ring my dad gave to my mom – very special. My good friend **Olivier Domingo** has offered us his beach as a wedding gift and we can’t wait to have all our friends and family there together next year.

We’ll live in Holland until my daughter is big enough, but we will be visiting Bonaire as often as we can, until the day we will return to stay.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Lora Conservation Follow-up

As a current Master's Student in Conservation Science, I'm interested in more than just animals and ecosystems, I'm interested in how people interact with and relate to biodiversity. So, this past April and May, I spent five weeks on Bonaire carrying out research for my



thesis, which is looking at the different factors that have influenced Lora conservation over the past 20 years. The Lora, or **yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot** (*Amazona barbadensis*), is vulnerable to extinction, and different individuals and groups have worked on its protection over the past few decades. For my thesis, I'm looking a diverse set of factors that may have influenced its population, from environmental laws to poaching to outreach campaigns.

Conducting research on Bonaire was a wonderful experience. Early in the research process, I realized that I would need to interview people from many different sectors to understand the full story of what has happened with the Loras. So, instead of only interviewing conservationists and biologists, I went out of my way to interview people from eight different sectors, including journalists, biologists, local homeowners, educators, and government officials. Conducting the interviews was fun and informative. I encountered many themes I'd read about in my classes and had the opportunity to explore the whole island in my quest for interviewees. Ultimately, I hope my research will help people from Bonaire and from other places understand more about the impact of different types of initiatives.

I'd also like to extend a huge thanks to all the wonderful people who participated in my study and to all the other individuals who made me feel welcome on Bonaire. I'm in the process of analyzing my results and am looking forward to sharing my findings later in the year. ■ *Story & photo by Gabby Salazar*

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Ushuaia, Argentina



The *Bonaire Reporter's* own Nature Lover, Angliet, took a trip way down to the southernmost city in the world, **Ushuaia** (/u:'ʃwaɪ.ə/; Spanish pronunciation: [u'swaja]) the capital of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Ushuaia is located in a wide bay on the southern coast of Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego, bounded on the north by the Martial mountain range, and on the south by the Beagle Channel. It's a busy port and adventure hub, a sliver of steep streets and jumbled buildings below the snowcapped Martial Range. An increasing number of Antarctica-bound vessels call into its port. As you can see it has Internet and access to *The Reporter*. ■

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When your car fails to run properly, you get it checked as soon as possible, right? Well, in my case, this sorry looking vehicle was neglected to the core, wrecked as a result, and then tossed in the dumpster. Less figuratively, I had been suffering from neck pain, a near-frozen shoulder, a strained wrist, bladder issues and insomnia. At first, when a good friend of mine, who had numerous physical complaints (painful arthritis and extreme hip discomfort), relayed her story to me about the positive effects of Body Stress Release (BSR), I was somewhat skeptical. Just take a pain killer and be done with it, was my reaction. The side effects of these meds I'd just been taking for granted. Not always so pleasant, though, and maybe not such a great idea, I well knew. So I attended three BSR sessions. The results? Well, now I can play solid tennis again and I'm able to sleep without pain or urinal distractions. Consequently, I've decided to continue regular maintenance visits, just like I keep an eye on my ole Mitsubishi by having it tuned up regularly.

Freedom from (body) stress leads to an improved quality of your physical, mental and emotional life - Riemer Zijlstra.

But what is body stress? By overburdening our bodies physically (injury, bad posture), chemically (pain killers and air pollutants) and mentally (stress and grief), we develop muscle tension. Muscle tension often leads to neck, shoulder and back issues, migraine headaches, stomach and intestinal problems or to chronic pain otherwise. Our body stores all the overloaded stress in our muscles. Tension in the muscles tends to put pressure on the nerves which disturbs the body's communication system, which in turn disrupts the body's natural self-healing properties.

What is Body Stress Relief? It's a gentle health technique devised by **Gail and Ewald Meggersee**, both of Capetown, South Africa, in 1987. Since then, Body Stress Relief has benefited people from all over the world who suffer from musculoskeletal, gynecological, gastrointestinal and emotional disorders, basically by unlocking tension and restoring self-healing. BSR works with the body's natural desire to be stress-free. Clients, including my friend and I, are surprised to find the ever so gentle and often good-feeling method to be quite effective in relieving our stressed muscles and pressured nerves.



Optimally, you book three appointments over a period of two weeks. Therefore, the practitioner is able to figure out how the client's body responds, for how long the tension has been stored and where. During the first appointment, therapist Riemer discusses the client's pains and aches, taking ample time for this. Afterwards, a specially designed bed, (above) which can be moved from horizontal to near vertical, is waiting for you. With my face to the mat in the vertical position, I'm gently lowered into a lying position. Riemer then tests my body for stored muscle tension. By applying pressure to the affected areas -- in my case, neck, right shoulder, right wrist and lower back -- my body is encouraged to release the tension. The bed is then raised and I turn around, face forward, before the bed is slowly lowered. Again, Riemer applies specific pressure, using his soft, warm hands (sometimes aided by a special tool) on the sore spots -- lower abdomen, neck and shoulder. It feels as if he is slowly releasing my demons. At times it's a bit painful, but the whole session makes me feel liberated physically and mentally. Really. After the 30-minute release, Riemer explains his findings, offers advice on improved posture and demonstrates self-help techniques.

Since I've been suffering from my share of physical ailments for quite some time, I've returned twice for extended BSR treatment, and will continue maintenance check-ups and treatment in the future. Even though my body responded quickly and positively, I had built up quite a bit of tension over the years. The tight, protective layers of muscle need time to release tension gradually and return to their natural state.

Who's Riemer Zijlstra? Born in 1969 in Oosterbeek in the Netherlands, he graduated college with a chemistry degree. He subsequently taught chemistry at the high school level on Bonaire, in the Netherlands and on Aruba. When Riemer traveled to Surinam, in 2009, he stumbled on a pothole in the road, thereafter requiring painkillers and lots of rest just to make it through the remainder of his vacation. Fortunately, he met a fellow sufferer there who was undergoing BSR therapy on



Curaçao. After his return to Bonaire, he decided to seek his own BSR treatment, then available at BonaireBasics. Riemer felt like a truck ran over him . . . "twice," he says, after that first session. A few sessions later, he enjoyed the fact that he could stop dosing himself with painkillers. The quality of his sleep had improved as well.

In 2014, Riemer began his studies in England to become a BSR practitioner himself, and in 2016 he opened his practice on Bonaire, also on Curaçao. "My main goal is to make people feel better," Riemer says. ■ *Story & photos by Karen Bastiaansen-Gilmour*

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Reviving Rosita

THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF A JUVENILE GREEN SEA TURTLE 'ROSITA'



Rosita surfacing after a dive

Over the past six weeks, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) has successfully rehabilitated a juvenile green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), named 'Rosita,' who was found at Lagoen, floating and unable to feed herself.

'Rosita' was found on May 21 by dog walkers who reported a Turtle in Trouble to the STCB Hotline. After a first assessment by STCB's Project Coordinator, it became clear that the turtle was positively buoyant, and therefore unable to dive for food and so likely to die without help.

Over the course of six weeks, 'Rosita' was rehydrated, treated for any possible infection, aided in her digestion, fed well and supported in the process of achieving neutral buoyancy once more by progressively weighting her carapace. Alternative therapies given included a complimentary course of biomagnetism/energy healing treatments from Rosita Paiman, after whom the turtle was named.

Due to expert team work from STCB staff and volunteers, veterinarian Fulco de Vries, therapist Rosita Paiman, and the team at Harbour Village Bonaire, 'Rosita' made a full recovery and she was released back to the wild on Sunday 2nd July.

Dr. Sue Willis: "Bonaire is home to three of the world's six endangered or critically endangered species of marine turtles. Being able to respond to and assess any sea turtle in trouble on Bonaire is therefore very important. We can't always save their lives but at the least we can prevent unnecessary suffering." **If you see a turtle in trouble, distress or danger, please call the STCB Hotline on (+599) 780 0433.** ■ *Press release*

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is a non-governmental research and conservation organization that has been protecting sea turtles since 1991. ■ *Press release*

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Tank For Turtles



TEMPORARY IRRIGATION SYSTEM INSTALLED ON TE AMO BEACH

As part of the Beach Protection Project, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) together with WILD CONSCIENCE BV and the Bonaire Island government is setting up a temporary irrigation system to irrigate the 50 green buttonwood trees (a native species of mangrove) that were planted on Te Amo Beach in January 2017.

Last week, a metal water tank was installed on Te Amo Beach. This tank will serve as the reservoir for a temporary irrigation system to water the vegetation until the trees become adults and will no longer need watering.

As the vegetation grows, it will act as a natural barrier to prevent vehicles from accessing the beach. The vegetation will also reduce light from the airport and the road, thereby reducing the disorientation of nesting turtles and hatchlings at Te Amo Beach, and help nesting sea turtles, such as the critically endangered hawksbill that likes to nest underneath shore plants. The roots of the trees will also bind the sand, which in its turn prevents the sand from blowing away.

The Beach Protection Project is part of the *Ecological Restoration of Lac and the South of Bonaire*: a project that is coordinated by the *openbaar lichaam Bonaire* and funded with 'natuurgelden' made available by the Dutch government. In addition, Kite City will allow the use of the water tank until the plants are self-sufficient. ■

Press release by STCB

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The island's health care foundation offering products and services for sale and rent: hearing aids, special food products, diapers, diabetics, disability aids, impaired vision devices, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, electric scooters, patients beds and more. Cooperating with Bonaire's health care insurance



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Spectacular Mural Renewal

TWR 'WALL OF HOPE FOR BONAIRE'

The new wall painting at Trans World Radio (TWR) is finished. It's so eye-catching that people stop their cars or drive slower to view the many details in the painting and take pictures. The current mural differs slightly from the original design. At the request of the local population, the wonderful underwater world specifically includes the local fish and coral reefs of Bonaire. The English text is supplemented by the same message in Papiamentu along the top. The drawing and colors in the original mural had faded badly over 13 years.

During repainting, the mural was given a lot of attention locally and online. Many people respond via Facebook that they could not wait to visit Bonaire so they could view the mural itself. Others call the wall a "wall of hope" or "my favorite wall on the island."

Bernard Oosterhoff, Director of TWR Bonaire, said, "The mural shows how beautiful life is under water around Bon-



aire. With the Bible text, we would like to point out to the Creator of this life, as we do daily on our radio programs."

TWR broadcasts Christian radio programs that can be received in much of the world, in over 230 languages and dialects. Worldwide, TWR uses 20 major (including TWR Bonaire) AM stations and thousands of FM stations. TWR's programs are also listened through the internet, mobile phones and MP3 players. Check out the scheduling schedule <<https://www.twr.org/schedule/>>. For the locals of Bonaire, TWR sends non-stop to 89.5 FM, the Voice of Hope. ■

Text by Mariette Oosterhoff / G.D., Night photo by Alan Zale

Protection For A "Secret Spot"

The Echo Foundation, in collaboration with the Bonaire island government, has started preparing a new reforestation project in the Roi Sangu valley in the northwest of the island. Until now the roi was difficult to hike through or even to locate.



The beautiful Roi Sangu

The preparation consists of fencing the entire valley as well as maintaining and expanding the current hiking routes.

will carry out the reforestation project funded by the European Commission's BEST Program.

By placing fencing, Echo excludes alien grazers such as goats, donkeys and pigs from the area while it remains accessible to people. The current hiking routes are serviced and are partially expanded, allowing visitors to explore most of the valley.

Echo selected the Roi Sangu valley because of its high biodiversity. There are rare trees, such as the Wayaka Shimaron (*Guaiacum Sanctum*), which is protected in Bonaire. The kibrahacha (*Tabebuia billbergii*) also grows there. The tree is famous for its spectacular yellow flowers that appear after a heavy rainfall. In addition, the type of vegetation growing in the lower part of the valley consists of a unique and rare habitat that is present only in this valley. Native and migratory birds benefit from this, and the area therefore has the status of important bird area and important biodiversity area. ■ Press release

During the coming rainy season, the NGO will plant 1,000 rare native trees. The ultimate goal of the project is to restore the dry forest ecosystem and to protect the river basin in the valley. The project also includes a scientific study to control the natural recovery of plants and trees within the enclosed total area of 26 hectares. Echo



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The Tung Fong Store is a great asset to everyone on Bonaire because it stocks so many thing we want: clothes, hardware, food, auto and bike supplies. If you don't see it... ask for it. They probably have it. See page 2.

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A Garden? Just Do It

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN.

While ago a gardener cut down a big tree for me. It had to come down before the roots damaged my house. It was a lot of money to pay for that huge tree, but it was done, and I was happy. The gardener made holes in the trunk and put kerosene all over the tree to kill the roots as well. But some months ago I saw new shoots growing from the roots. I chopped them off but new ones came back.

My neighbor told me to make some holes in the roots, add kerosene and light them on fire. There won't be big flames, only smoke for awhile, and that's enough to kill all of the tree. So now you know what to do when roots keep sending off shoots, even if the trunk looks like it's dead. And the bigger the tree, the harder they are to get rid of, so pull out unwanted trees, like the neem when they are small.

There are a lot of dead leaves in our gardens these days because of the dry weather and strong wind. When cleaning the yard, fill plastic bags with the debris and call SELIBON to pick them up. Telephone: 717-8159. It's (still) free.

Speaking of trees, do you know you can make green tea from certain tree leaves? So when trimming your trees save some young leaves for a healthy green tea. Here are some trees with healthful leaves:

- **Tamarind** - High in vitamin C and blood cleaner. Tastes sour so add honey.

- **Soursop** - Three leaves in a cup. Helps sleeping, brings down blood pressure.

- **Passion Fruit** - Calms the nerves, helps against stress. When you have to do an exam, drink a few cups.

- **Noni** - Young leaves are nice when cooked in a potato stoba with butter then mashed. Just once in a while because noni is a medicinal plant.

- **Cashew** - Leaves and skin are good for throat inflammation. Don't swallow the bitter liquid, just rinse your throat with it and spit out. Do this five times a day, then another two days after the pain is gone.

- **Neem** - Good for skin problems and dandruff. Make tea and take a bath with it. Let it dry on your skin. Neem tea is also good to spray on your plants to get rid of bugs. Its a blood cleaner and medical plant.

- **Guaba** - Good against diarrhea. Make a pot of the tea, drink it the whole day.

- **Moringa** - Such a healthy plant. You can use the leaves fresh or dried.

How to dry and save Moringa leaves

Pick leaves, lay them on a piece of cardboard or in a cardboard box in the shade, out of the wind. (Avoid plastic bag which cause them to sweat and go bad).

Turn the leaves over with your hands once a day so they all get fresh air, otherwise the under leaves sweat and get rotten. After a week, the leaves will be nice dry and crunchy. Use the Moringa tea within two months.



The stubborn tree

It's good to have your garden ready now for young plants with compost and manure. Even when it's so dry with just a little rain I start to put veggie seeds in pots to get young plants. Within a short time they will be big enough for the prepared soil in my garden.



Dried Moringa leaves

You also can buy a lot of herbs and veggie plants at the **Kriabon Farmers' Market**, every first Saturday of the month, from 8am to noon, Kaminda Yatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School. There are seeds, fruit trees, vegetables, herb and flowering plants in pots, ready to go in the soil. There are even eggs, chickens and chicken manure. For the hungry ones there are home made drinks, pancakes, Bonairean snacks and local food.

And if you have questions about gardening, the local sellers might be able help you out. By their lives' experience they know best about the Bonairean soil and gardening. Don't hesitate to ask, even if you don't buy anything. Information is for free (just like *The Reporter*, haha) and we like to share it with you.

■ Story & photos by Angliet, Nature



DID YOU KNOW?

That the oil spill we experienced in Bonaire a couple of weeks ago was life-threatening for birds? The Brown booby (*Sula leucogaster*) was the victim in many cases.

The Brown Booby is regularly seen on Bonaire's coastline. It is a spectacular looking bird: dark brown but with a white belly, vent, and wing linings. They forage in the waters around the island, catching fish and squid with a rather extraordinary technique. They locate their prey from the air from around 15 meters (50 feet) high, followed by a spectacular plunge into the water with their wings retracted, giving them a torpedo-like shape. Using this technique, they can dive as much as 2 meters (6 feet) deep. Due to their waterproof feather coat, they float back to the surface where they can take off again with food in their beaks if the dive was successful.

Unfortunately, the Brown booby's way of hunting makes them very susceptible to oil pollution. If they dive for prey and float back up again, they could potentially get in contact with floating oil blobs. This is what we saw in Bonaire: Brown (and Red-footed) Boobies covered in oil, stranded on our shores.

Naturally, a bird's feathers overlap each other to create a waterproof cover. Millions of tiny barbs on individual feathers gently interlock with each other to create a flexible seal. Oil breaks this seal, because it separates these tiny barbs, resulting in skin becoming exposed to the water and impairing the bird's buoyancy and flying ability. Instinctively, the bird will try to get the oil off with its beak, poten-



Brown Booby -Photo credit: Elly Albers

tially causing the bird to swallow the oil and severely damage its stomach. The focus on preening in this situation will also override all other natural behaviors, causing the bird to dehydrate and starve.

Bonaire was lucky with the help and support of **many volunteers who helped STINAPA** clean the shores. Thank you so much for your support! Also, the birds were lucky with **Mangrove Info Center owner Elly Albers, who is providing shelter and care for the live birds that were found covered with oil**. She and her volunteers cleaned the birds many times before the oil was completely off and will continue to feed and care for them until they are waterproof again. Soon they will be released back into the wild. Because of Elly's and her volunteers' compassion and dedication, these otherwise doomed birds have been given a second chance. ■

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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

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 :

12stepsbonaire@gmail.com or 12stappenbonaire@gmail.com for more information.

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

Fridays

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

BONAIRE'S MUSEUMS

• **Terramar Museum** at Terramar Shopping Mall, on the waterfront. Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm. Sunday, closed. Cruise ship days 9am-6pm, \$10, \$5 for residents, children free

• **Bonaire Museum**—on the waterfront at the old Kas di Arte. Monday-Friday 9am-noon, 2-4pm. Free

• **Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** See, Feel and Taste the Culture of Bonaire. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Monday-Friday. Cultural Market last Saturday of the month. Call 786-2101

• **Chichi i Tan Museum.** Step into the past—a typical old Bonairean home, furnishings and garden. Open Thursdays through Sundays. Call for reservations 717-3183 or 795-2021 Free but donations appreciated. Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon.

• **Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th and January 1st. Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681

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

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Tue	25-Jul	Zenith	0700-	1828	CEL
Mon	31-Jul	Adventure of the Seas	0800-1700	3114	RCCL
Tue	1-Aug	Zenith	0700-	1828	CEL
Tue	8-Aug	Zenith	0700-	1828	CEL
Tue	15-Aug	Zenith	0700-	1828	CEL

CLUBS and MEETINGS

Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints --Kaya Sabana 26 Sunday Services - Papiamentu/ Espanol 9:00 am to 12 noon Add'l Info (599) 701- 9522 Dutch/English 1pm to 3pm Add'l Info (599) 701-2892

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30am in Papiamentu/ Dutch.

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

Contact: Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. 717-8332 for more info or ride bonaireibc@gmail.com.

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

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol- Saturday at 6pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9am and 6pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios): Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. 717-2194

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

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 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

Sunday, July 30—Fun Race See poster on page 11

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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 17		02:46 0.13 ft	06:36 0.35 ft	13:22 -0.17 ft	20:01 0.92 ft	6:19	19:04
Tue 18		03:50 0.04 ft	07:34 0.26 ft	13:55 -0.17 ft	20:42 1.03 ft	6:19	19:04
Wed 19		04:52 -0.05 ft	08:38 0.19 ft	14:31 -0.16 ft	21:27 1.11 ft	6:19	19:04
Thu 20		05:52 -0.12 ft	09:46 0.13 ft	15:13 -0.13 ft	22:15 1.15 ft	6:19	19:04
Fri 21		06:51 -0.18 ft	11:02 0.10 ft	15:59 -0.08 ft	23:06 1.15 ft	6:20	19:04
Sat 22		07:48 -0.22 ft	12:24 0.11 ft	16:54 -0.01 ft		6:20	19:03
Sun 23	00:00 1.12 ft	08:43 -0.25 ft	13:47 0.17 ft	18:02 0.06 ft	New Moon	6:20	19:03
Mon 24	00:56 1.05 ft	09:33 -0.26 ft	15:03 0.25 ft	19:25 0.14 ft		6:20	19:03
Tue 25	01:54 0.96 ft	10:21 -0.26 ft	16:06 0.36 ft	20:58 0.19 ft		6:21	19:03
Wed 26	02:53 0.85 ft	11:04 -0.25 ft	16:59 0.48 ft	22:32 0.21 ft		6:21	19:03
Thu 27	03:52 0.74 ft	11:44 -0.22 ft	17:46 0.59 ft	23:57 0.19 ft		6:21	19:02
Fri 28	04:50 0.62 ft	12:20 -0.18 ft	18:28 0.68 ft			6:21	19:02
Sat 29	01:12 0.15 ft	05:47 0.52 ft	12:53 -0.13 ft	19:07 0.76 ft		6:21	19:02
Sun 30	First Quarter	02:20 0.10 ft	06:41 0.42 ft	13:23 -0.09 ft	19:44 0.82 ft	6:22	19:02
Mon 31		03:21 0.06 ft	07:34 0.33 ft	13:50 -0.04 ft	20:20 0.86 ft	6:22	19:01

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ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

DOG WALKING PROJECT



Walking the Shelter dogs has unique benefits you may never have considered! Three lovely ladies who volunteer at the Animal Shelter Bonaire started an amazing dog walking project. Jolanda, Helen and Tjaakolina allow the Shelter dogs to get out of their kennels and into the fresh air and sea for some exercise. They also provide valuable feedback on the dog's personality while walking and how they react to stimuli during their trip.

The dogs benefit from socialization and companionship with humans and other dogs during the walks. Most dogs living in our Shelter have been through difficult life situations. Some of them were born on the streets or were abandoned by their owners. These innocent animals need affection and exercise, and by these walks it allows them to feel more relaxed and therefore more adoptable! Like lovely "Besse" and "Bill," two Bull mixes who are a part of the dog walking project. Dear Besse is a young adult female. She is very affectionate and obedient and loves to go for walks and has a passion for water. Her boyfriend Bill is a very young handsome guy who can be a bit clumsy sometimes. He is also very affectionate and needs a steady new owner who likes to continue training and going on walks with him. Both would make great family dogs and benefit a lot from the dog walking project!

Through the help of volunteers we are able to provide one-on-one socialization for the animals as well as a clean and safe living environment. These volunteers are the key in supporting staff and assisting in the care of the animals.

A big thank you to all our amazing volunteers who give the animals a better life! →→→

Pet Of The Week

Meet this special young lady! She is a regular in the Shelter and arrived as a puppy two years ago. In the company of a busy pack of barking dogs she is the first one to withdraw into her own world, avoiding conflicts with more dominant types. She then finds herself a more quiet spot in the cage. However, she makes an effort to play with the other dogs, although this is not always appreciated.

"Poppy" deserves a special, preferably female, owner with a lot of patience. It takes some time to gain her trust, and if so, she loves to be touched. Why female? Blessed with a modest and shy character she is not keen on cuddling with human males, perhaps as a result of experiences in her past. Taking her out on a leash has to be rehearsed a few times. Another (male?) dog is not a problem. She is not the type to fight for the position of First Lady...

Furthermore.....if you are looking for a doggy who loves to be at your feet while watching TV? Inside the house?rather not. No..Poppy prefers a day and night outside at a strategic position on the porch, with overhead protection, with a good view over the garden and the entrance.....always ready to protect and patrol "her" territory against passing persons, donkeys, goats and other dogs. Cats, lizards and birds are not worth chasing so she leaves them alone. No digging, destroying items, therefore an ideal dog for a garden and plant lover. If taken in a car, she does



Poppy

not move before arriving at the new destination. To summarize: a lovely, shy and modest lady who after a while will be a pleasant companion around the house. (Pet of the week by Raymond R.B)

Are you looking for a long life friend, who is always happy, visit the Animal Shelter Bonaire at Kaminda Lagun 26a and meet Poppy! For more information call 701 4989. E-mail to animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com. All the adoptable animals at the Animal Shelter Bonaire are treated against ticks and fleas are de-wormed, vaccinated, micro chipped and spayed or neutered. ■ Stories & photos by Nathalie Petersen



THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

We were invited to BOKS Bonaire to teach about dogs and cats and had a wonderful time. Dog "KC" and puppy "Little Kleine" loved the attention. A week later BOKS Bonaire also visited our Shelter for an educational tour and to help to take care of the Shelter animals. They cleaned the puppy and cat kennels, fed the puppies and baked their own dog treats! All the animals loved it and the kids were amazing students. Next week they will attend the last educational tour about farm animals at the Horse Ranch Bonaire. What a wonderful cooperation to educate our youth. ■

Stories & photos by Nathalie Petersen



Fun at BOKS



THE STARS HAVE IT

Second Half of July 2017

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You will be viewed as a sensitive, compassionate individual and others will ask you for advice. Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Look into ways of making extra cash. Try to avoid serious discussions with loved ones. Friendships could be terminated quickly if disappointments occur. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. You can make money if you work on personal investments. Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. Make amends if you can. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You will feel so much better about yourself if you can control your addictions. Don't make promises. Don't overreact if your partner has a poor attitude. Lovers may no be truthful. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Your determination and stamina will make your work look flawless and effortless. If you're single, get out there and you'll meet someone new. Put in some extra hours and finish those careful jobs before you move on to some fun and games. Don't go out of your way, and don't let these unexpected guests cost you money. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Plan a nice evening for two. You can get ready to celebrate your new direction. Family get-togethers will be interesting. You can make new friends if you get involved in group activities. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Invite people home to discuss your plans for group fundraising events and outings. Your financial situation may be draining and it's time to make some serious changes. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Take care of any pressing health problems. Knowledge can be acquired if you listen. Don't say something you'll live to regret. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Stick to travel or do things in conjunction with groups. You must try to help. Sudden changes regarding your circle of friends could prove interesting and stimulating. Trips will be favorable for business as well as pleasure. Your lucky day this month will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Travel or short trips will probably be your best outlet. You need to get involved in groups that offer physical activities. Your ability to deal with humanitarian groups will enhance your reputation. You can make changes that will enhance your appearance. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. You can discuss your findings behind closed doors with your boss. Focus on forming business partnerships. Problems with relatives and friends could surface. Your lucky day this month will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) It might be time for you to take a quantum leap from one career to another. You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead. Don't allow personal problems to conflict with professional duties. You can sell your ideas to those who have the money to back them. Your lucky day will be Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You may attract attention if you get out socially. You must act quickly. Be careful not to take on other people's problems. You may find yourself in a financial bind. Don't allow someone to do a job that was designated specifically for you. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.. ■

SunSigns Horoscope



BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

The Dragon and the Scorpion

Scorpions are part of the Bonaire environment. Fortunately their sting is not deadly. They are relatively small and rare and they hurt about as much as a wasp. But you can see a really big scorpion hanging out in the Bonaire Sky Park, up there in the southern sky.

And there's another beast up there too— a dragon. The dragon is constellation **Draco** the Dragon who flies high in the northern sky in the summer.

And then there are the planets **Jupiter** and **Saturn**.

On any night this week at 11pm face south. **Scorpius** is one of the few constellations that actually looks like its namesake.

Scorpius scuttles just above the southern horizon as a long fish-hook shape of stars. The curve marks the scorpion's tail and stinger. You might need more imagination to see his body and claws, but there's his red beating heart - the red supergiant star **Antares**. Antares has inspired observers for thousands of years. It means 'rival of mars' because it is similar in color to the red planet. But it's nothing like **Mars**. First, Antares is a star and Mars is a planet. Second, Antares is one of the largest known stars in the galaxy

In mythology, Scorpius was the slayer of **Orion**. Of course we all know about Orion's belt of three stars, but Scorpius has three stars almost in a row too. You can find them at the claws of the scorpion. Okay, they're not quite lined up like Orion's belt, but still they're easy to find. Their names are **Graffias** on the top...**Dschubba** in the middle... and **Pi Scorpii** on the bottom.

Plus Dschubba is a variable star. That means it changes its brightness from time to time.

Now let's look to the northern sky and go dragon-hunting! Draco the dragon lurks in the north with her tail beginning between the **Big Dipper** on the left and the **North Star**



right there. If you're having trouble finding the North Star, use the brighter stars in the **Big Dipper** to point the way. Shoot an arrow from the two stars at the end of the Big Dipper's spoon and continue to the right and bingo you'll run into the North Star. You'll need a dark sky to see the dragon's tail that coils around the **Little Dipper**. Three semi-bright stars mark his head in a neat triangle - they are, in order of brightness **Eltannin**, **Astaban** and **Grumium**. And if you're in a darker sky, you might be able to make out a fourth.

To the Babylonians, Draco was the she-dragon Tiamat. She's said to have had a body seven miles long and a mouth as big as the sky. Along came a god named Marduk who slew the great beast with a bow and arrow. Marduk then sliced the dragon in half - one half becoming the **Earth**, and the other becoming the heavens above.

Now we want to look for two planets in the night sky. The first one is easy to find because its so bright. Face southwest after dark and you'll see Jupiter. It's the brightest star-like object in the night sky right now. Then look south again, just above the scorpions tail, and you'll see a bright yellow star. It shouldn't twinkle as much as the other stars because it is in fact the planet Saturn. Ah, my favorite! I can't wait to see it again. So get outside every night this week. and see Draco the Dragon in the northern sky between the Big and Little Dipper. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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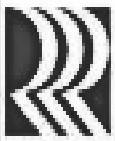
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