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**BES Island News Too**



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Suiting up in less than one minute—story on page 8



Firefighter Jose Luis Nicolaas practices putting on protective gear... in less than a minute





There has been recent criticism in the press and on social media of a lack of press releases concerning crime and police actions. It may have prompted a release last Friday by **Wibo de Vries**, director of the JICN Prison, to report on actions being taken on a growing problem of contraband like drugs and cell phones inside the prison. Stepped-up searches of visitors and employees, as well as the installation of another layer of nets to block items thrown over the walls are included in the measures.



### ► Bonaire Air Service Updates

- InselAir flights between Curacao and Bonaire continue daily, sometimes actually on schedule.
- Talks with Avianca (Colombian) about a takeover are continuing following vacations. Results by the end of August are promised.
- InselAir hopes to have one of its big MD-80 jets back in service soon to be used for Surinam service.
- InselAir personnel are threatening to strike, saying Management is not doing enough to resuscitate the airline
- InselAir is not refunding money for

tickets already paid for even if the flight schedule is changed and the passenger cannot make the flight. Refunds for tickets made unusable because of cuts and delays have not been made

- **Divi Divi Air is planning to expand capacity** with a couple of Twin Otters which have about three times the passenger capacity of their existing Norman Islander planes towards the end of the year. Divi Divi flies reliably between Curacao and Bonaire.
- **Winair is adding a third weekly flight** from St. Maarten to Curacao using Dominican PAWA jets.
- **United, Delta and KLM long-haul flights operating on schedule**

► **On Saturday, the 5th of August, the Terramar Museum will have been open for exactly one year.** Pass by that day for a free tour (English or Dutch) at 10 am, 12:30 and 3pm. Visitors have to pay the normal admission fees, but the tours are free (up to 20 persons per tour).



The first 50 visitors will receive a coupon for an ice scoop at Luciano's and for the children there will be small contests (where they have to guess) and they can win a prize.

► **Local attorney Michiel Bijkerk is investigating the possibility of establishing a Masonic Lodge on Bonaire.** Curaçao has four lodges. If interested contact Michiel on 796- 2650 or send an email to: [abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com](mailto:abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com). This invitation applies to Dutch, English, Papiamentu and Spanish speakers living in Bonaire.



► **The Island Health Department reports that for several weeks many people have suffered from inflamed eyes.** This is an inflammation of the tissue on the inside of the eyelid that covers the white part of the eye, called conjunctivitis. The inflammation present on Bonaire, as well as on

the islands in the vicinity, is caused by a virus. In most cases, there are mild short-term complaints such as redness, swelling, itching, tearing eyes and an unpleasant feeling in the eye. The inflammation subsides after a few days. Treatment is not necessary. If after a few days the problem is not resolved or become serious, such as with severe pain or pus formation, it is wise to go to your general practitioner. The virus is contagious. Avoid cross contamination. Do not use a towel from someone with an eye infection. Wash your hands with water and soap after contact.



► **The Trans World Radio Bonaire Power Up project** has been fully funded by donations of \$3.8 million and by the end of January next year TWR hopes to transmit across Cuba, the Caribbean, and Brazil.

TWR is planning a special event for January 30, 2018, in Bonaire to celebrate the Power Up project and the potential impact of the enhanced signal. As you read this article, engineers are adjusting the antenna and the transmitter is being constructed. "Hopefully everything will be in place by about the end of the year and then we'll run it for 30 days see how it's going, make sure it's up and operating and reliable, and then we'll have the dedication," said Lauren Libby of TWR.

► **August fuel prices were just announced.** (↓ ↑ change from July shown):

Gasoline	\$1.02	per liter.	↓
Kerosene	.48	per liter.	↑
Diesel	.63	per liter.	↓
LPG 100LBS	\$31.00	tank	↓
LPG 20LBS	\$8.00	tank	↓

As a comparison, gasoline in Curacao is NAF 1.59 per liter, just under \$0.90

► **Unkobon, Bonaire's consumer advocacy group, celebrates its fifth anniversary** this year and will organize a big  
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Flotsam and Jetsam (Contin. from pg. 2) “Consumers Walk” on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Even though solving consumers' problems on Bonaire is often frustrating, Unkobon has had some successes in the last five years. Currently they are working on getting bank deposits guaranteed up to the Dutch level of €100.000, evaluating postal delivery service and inappropriate leasehold increases by the government.

► **Bonaire came in just behind**

**Curacao in the top 5 as the Best Southern**



**Caribbean** Cruise Destination defined by CruiseCritic.com. Cruise Critic claims to be the world's leading cruise review site and online cruise community. This year Bonaire came in at number two in the list, an exceptional showing as most cruise destinations have many times more visitors than Bonaire.

► **The traditional Bonaire Regatta, scheduled for October 11-14, got off to a running start last week with a press**

conference and invitations for participants and exhibitors. This, the 50th Regatta, will be an over-the-top event involving the whole community. Professionally organized by Hype Marketing the program it will include not only sailing races but festivities, food booths, celebrations and reflections on past Regattas. We will keep you posted.



► **Co-founder and President of The (St. Maarten) Daily Herald, Roger F. Snow**

passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 82 on Saturday afternoon, July 15, after a long battle with Parkinson Disease and the effects of a stroke he had suffered earlier. Roger and his spouse Mary Hellmund went to St. Maarten from Curacao in the mid-80s to set up the *Chronicle* newspaper. In 1991 they left the company and started the weekly *Caribbean Herald*, which in 1994



became *The Daily Herald*. Roger helped *The Bonaire Reporter* in its early days with advice and news. He was a sociable and well-liked man, always ready to help.

► **Next weekend Bonaire will take the spotlight in an upcoming episode of HGTV's Caribbean Life.** The story: A family of five is ready to leave chilly Rhode Island and move to Bonaire to be closer to world-famous scuba diving sites. They enlist the help of a real estate agent to help them find a place that will fit the entire family and their scuba gear. The episode is scheduled to air on Sunday, August 6 at 9:30pm AST.

► Two of Bonaire's great new restaurants are **Bon Aroma** in Kralendijk (see ad on page 7) and **Foodies** at Lac Bay. Try them both and enjoy really fine, delicious meals. Bon Aroma is intimate and elegant, Foodies is brash and casual.

► As we go to press there is news that our **Island government collapsed again.** Commissioner Nunu Raphela withdrew her support from the coalition. Is it the fifth time this happened this year? We've lost count. ■ G.D. /L.D.

**WHO IS WORKING ON BONAIRE**

In 2016, 69% of the Caribbean Netherlands' work force (the population aged 15 to 74 years) were in paid employment. On Bonaire the employment rates stood at 70%.

Bonaire had 15,300 residents between the ages of 15 and 74 in 2016. Slightly more men than women have paid jobs in the Caribbean Netherlands. On Bonaire, 72% of the men and 68% of the women aged 15 to 74 are employed. (Source CBS)

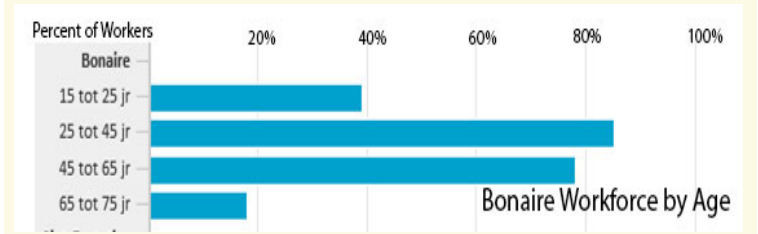
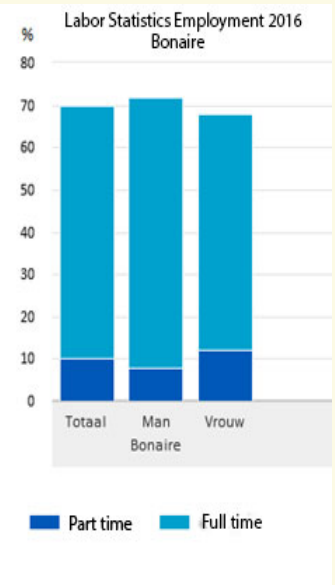
**Mainly poorly educated unemployed**

In general, 65% of the jobless population of the Caribbean Netherlands were poorly educated. In 2016, 6.7% (equivalent to 770 people) of Bonaire's labor force were unemployed. People are considered unemployed when they are not in paid jobs, have recently looked for work and are available for work.

Slightly more men than women have paid jobs on Bonaire. Employment is highest between the ages of 25 and 64. Bonairean unemployment is high among young people in particular.

Of the over-65s, 18% are working: a higher figure than among their peers in the European Netherlands. People on Bonaire mention early retirement, retirement and old age as the main reason for not working, followed by getting educated or in training. ■

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# On the Island Since... 1981 and October 2015 – Mariëlla Beverhoud



Mariëlla Beverhoud

**I** was born in Curacao. My father, **Ricardo Beverhoud**, is from Curacao. When he came to work on Bonaire he met my mom, **Julia Pourier**, who is from Rincon. After they got married, they moved to Curacao where I was born.

When I was three, my maternal grandmother, **Aida Pourier**, came to fetch me and took me to Bonaire because my parent's marriage wasn't doing too well. In Rincon I went to live with my grandmother's sister, **Martha St. Jago**, where I grew up with her children, who were much older than me. In a way it was a lovely, free childhood, but at the same time I learned I had to do my utmost best if I wanted to accomplish something. Money was always an issue and after school I would pass by the houses in Rincon to sell Bonairean coffee cakes so we would have enough money at the end of the day to buy food. It taught me that school was the only way out. I wanted to do better.

Nevertheless, all my life I will be grateful for what 'Tita,' as I called Martha, taught me: 'You have to work hard if you want a better life and never forget to go to church on Sundays.' She passed away when I was almost 16. I graduated from Mavo without her being there. For two more years I lived with her children while I did Havo 4+5. When I was 18 I went to Holland.

In the beginning it was tough, mostly because I was living alone, which was something I'd never experienced as the house in Rincon was always full of people. But after I'd started school, life was all about my studies and nothing else. I chose to become an occupational therapist because from when I was very young I'd been involved in taking care of people. At home 'Tita' also took care of her mother, and I was looking after her as well, not just by keeping an eye on her, but I took part in the whole process of her daily care. In those days it was a normal thing to help your family

members in every possible way. So I also cleaned the house of an uncle and did grocery shopping for him. Also I had to sleep at another lady's house to keep her company because she was home alone as her husband was sleeping at the house of his old mother who lived alone in Playa.

Now I'm helping people so that they are able to continue their daily activities as independently as possible. I work with people of all ages. It can be a temporary situation or an ongoing one, such as people who suffered from a stroke. But it can also be from a fall or a car accident, or a disease like Parkinson or dementia.

If you notice that the performance of daily activities becomes increasingly difficult for someone, then it's time for an occupational therapist to step in. It's about everything you do. From the moment you open your eyes in the morning until you go to sleep again at night and everything in between, from wiping your butt to having sex – every move counts!

Not only are there certain ways to make things easier, but there are also devices and tools – from very simple ones, to ingenious and sophisticated ones – which can help people improve the quality of their life. I work together with the house doctors, home care, specialists and physiotherapists, but also with psychologists, speech therapists, Best Care Logistics and the caregiver(s), in short, everyone who is involved in the care of this person. It's all about keeping the person as independent as possible for as long as possible.

I also work on request like, for instance, at Kas di Kuido or at FKPD or for anyone whose independence is deteriorating. In those facilities when nurses are confronted with difficulties in taking care of their clients, I assist the personnel. But I also work with people who have psychiatric problems and I help clients who experience problems at work.



Mariëlla Beverhoud shows her sign

After I'd graduated as an occupational therapist, I did the teacher training for health and well-being. I thought in case I'd move to Bonaire, it would be good to have another option! In Holland my first real job as an occupational therapist was at the Westeinde Hospital (now *Medisch Centrum Haaglanden*) in The Hague. I'd just graduated and was working on my own at the hospital. However, I was very well supervised by the rehabilitation doctor who had hired me. I am eternally grateful to him because he taught me so much and he has always had faith in me.

Through him I eventually got a

Well, when I notice I can't grow anymore, I become unhappy. Then I will look for new opportunities. As a teacher you give children knowledge so they can move on, and as an occupational therapist you do the same. At the end of the horizon there is light!

After one year in education I started working again as an occupational therapist, this time at a nursing home in Amsterdam called Gaasperdam. I was supposed to fill in for four months for someone who was pregnant, but I stayed there for six years because all my colleagues got pregnant, one after the other, hahaha! It was an awe-

now, but they still have to get used to it. I'm not established in their 'system'... yet. But people are ever so happy when I come to their house to discuss the situation and look for solutions. Their happiness is enormous because in most cases they are not aware of that there could be a solution for their problems and they'd already accepted their situation as is.

Last year I worked in my profession during the mornings, but as there wasn't enough to do I've been working at Buddy Dive at the front desk from 2pm until till 11pm because I needed the money. I also worked at Beer and Burgers in the kitchen and cleaned apartments, because the rent has to be paid! I have to survive! Now I'm thinking of getting a job as a part-time teacher, but that is until the GPs and specialists will use my services more frequently.

Then I will hopefully be able to realize another dream. I am Rinconera and I would love to set up an activity center for the children of Rincon, and at the same time I would love to be a foster parent to – let say – five children. Because one needs guidance in their life and if you don't get it you can end up on the wrong path. I know, because I've been there, but someone was kind enough to take care of me and she helped me and guided me and made me who I am today. I want to do that for someone too..."

■ Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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**"...one needs guidance in their life and if you don't get it you can end up on the wrong path. I know."**

job with Sophia Rehabilitation, Westeinde, in The Hague, so I also have experience with outpatient treatments. In total I worked in The Hague for six years. I moved to Amsterdam in 2008, where I worked full time in education for a year as I wanted to have some experience in that field as well.

I worked in the south-east of Amsterdam in a multi-cultural neighborhood with many Antilleans, Latinos, Indians, Pakistani, Hindustanis, Muslims and Africans. It was so much fun, but it was a short contract. When I had to leave it really hurt.

I then went to teach at an Islamic school where I learned a lot about the Muslim culture. It was very interesting. Of all the teachers, maybe six of them (including me) weren't Muslims. I didn't have to wear a headscarf, but the students had to. It was strict and the pupils weren't easy either. It was a challenge.

some time! We're still in close contact, and whenever they have something I could use here, they send it to me.

In 2010 I came to Bonaire on a regular basis, always looking for work possibilities. For years the answer was negative until Nilda Emerenciana advised me to start my own practice and to get a contract with ZVK. It was very hard to get it done, but with the help of the Association of Occupational Therapists in the Netherlands it worked out and I came to Bonaire in October 2015. In December I signed my contract with ZVK and then it was definitive and I had to say goodbye to everything and everybody I knew in Holland. I cried; it was very tough to start completely anew.

Ever since 2015 I'm pushing very hard to make it happen. Where before GPs on the island didn't have the option to use occupational therapy, they do have



# 50 Years Coming To Bonaire

*Louis Dessau has been coming to Bonaire since 1968. Still an avid diver, he stays at Carib Inn. Don Stewart and Bruce Bowker certified him in 1974. Originally from Copenhagen, Denmark, Louis now lives in Columbia, South Carolina. Three generations of his family have visited and enjoyed Bonaire. At one time they had a house on Gov Debrootweg. Louis' wife, from Paris, France, was certified at Carib Inn in 1993. For the last seven years they have returned every year. This is his story...*

**M**y first visit to Bonaire was in 1968 with my parents, Ralph and Carmen. We were greeted at Flamingo Airport by Captain Don Stewart who drove us to the Flamingo Beach hotel, now Divi Bonaire. We came from Caracas, Venezuela where we were living at the time, attracted by an article in *Skin Diver Magazine*. There were numerous return visits and in 1972 we purchased a house on Gov. DeBrotweg, the year I started boarding school in Kent, Connecticut. That year my mother and I flew from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Bonaire. We took a KLM DC-8 from Amsterdam to Lisbon, on to the Canary Islands, then Paramaribo and finally Curacao where we connected to an ALM DC-9 to Bonaire.

The SCUBA diving industry evolved, and it became necessary to be certified. Under the instruction of Captain Don and mainly Bruce Bowker I earned my YMCA certification in 1974.

By this time Don Stewart had established the first version of Habitat which was a dive center located at what was Hotel Bonaire at the time. Some of my part time jobs included helping Kevin Stewart maintain rental Sunfish sailboats and helping set up the first photography dark room for underwater photographers. Holidays on Bonaire were healthy and fun. I interacted with many nice people: **Kevin Stewart, Gwen Stewart, Debbie Gerharts, Larry Gerharts, Grace Gerharts, Jenny Gerharts, John Thielgaard, Jeanette Heitkonig, Bernadette Verhoeven, Yvonne Verhoeven, Vivian Verhoeven, the Hernandez twins, Vicky Coates and Theo Bakker**, to mention some. On our street were the **Clarks, Jody and Lori, the Seraes**. Our neighbors on one side were **Rebecca and Dan Harvey**. Dan worked at Trans World Radio and I would get invited on outings for the young like a day trip to Washington Park or an overnight on Klein Bonaire. On the other side our neighbors were the **Beudekers** whose children, **Greg and Nadine**, were younger than me. Fun activities in Kralendijk included going to the movie theater or to SuperMax for ice cream. As teenagers we also often frequented **E-Wowo discotheque**. Many stay in touch on Facebook as did I for a while. It was neat to see the first wind generator in town as arranged by **Mr. L.D. Gerharts**. The dive business became more sophisticated. **Carl Roessler** grew Sea & Sea and **Peter Hughes** arrived.

Our Danish relatives were very intrigued by the amount of time we were spending on Bonaire. My grandfather, **Einar**, at age 90 travelled to Bonaire with Air France Concord to Caracas, then ALM to Curacao and finally a private Cessna to Bonaire. He snorkeled for the first time and then took a glass bottom boat ride. My Uncle William tried scuba diving for the first time



Bruce Bowker photo

*Bruce Bowker readies for a dive at the Rappel site*



Bruce Bowker photo

*Bruce explains a few things before the boat dive*

and **Aunt AnneMarie** enjoyed snorkeling. For my cousins **Thomas and Philip** it was fun as well. They particularly enjoyed going out on a Sunfish sailboat. In part I learned to drive on Bonaire, a Toyota stick shift my parents bought from **Mr. Mayer**. His son **Leo** was part of the young generation of the 70s. My studies began at the University of Miami. I was very interested in Marine Sciences based on time on Bonaire. I did quite a bit of volunteering at Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences until I transferred to Florida State University and began to pursue business studies and a career. An interesting project I worked on with my father was the delivery of the first reverse osmosis sea water filtration unit for BOPEC. My parents relocated from Venezuela to France and then the US. I was able to enjoy our home while I started my career in

Venezuela, but then I moved on first to Houston, then to Aarhus, Denmark. It became too complicated for us to visit Bonaire regularly so we sold the house here. In 1989 I met my wife **Sylvie** while completing an MBA program in Paris, France.

## Returning to Bonaire in the 90s

I shared with her my desire to get back to Bonaire, so in 1993 we visited and stayed at Carib Inn. Sylvie was certified by Linda Baker who still teaches at Carib Inn. Having forgotten my certification card I completed an open water certification so I could dive with Carib Inn. This was the beginning of many return trips. In 1995 I took a job in South Carolina and at the time there were direct flights with ALM from Atlanta. We returned to SCUBA with pleasure. ALM went bankrupt and at one point Air Jamaica offered travel to Bonaire from Atlanta via Jamaica.



Louis



Sylvie

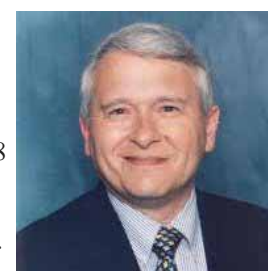
Again we returned until they went out of business. Next and to this day, it is Delta Airlines that offers a direct flight from Atlanta to Bonaire with a Boeing 757. Initially we would spend one week on the island, but as of last year we started visits of two weeks at Carib Inn. Both Sylvie and I enjoy the diving immensely. We don't rent a car but instead walk down town to Kralendijk.

A third generation Rotarian, I enjoy very much attending the Rotary Club of Bonaire and have been able to do make up meetings since I was president of Rotary Club of Five Points in South Carolina and did what we call a banner exchange. It is impressive to see how real estate has evolved. A couple of years ago, **Jeanette Heitkonig** was kind enough to give me and Sylvie a tour of the island and we got to see the Sabadeco, the WEB electric wind farm and the growth in Rincon.

Underwater, Bonaire remains as beautiful as ever. STINAPA has done a great job of preserving the natural wealth of Bonaire both above and below the surface.

It was impressive to see the salt mounds in 1968 and it still is. Underwater photography has evolved. In the 70s a Nikons II with 35mm color film was impressive. I won an underwater photo contest in Venezuela and did a presentation at my boarding school. I also participated in a Captain Don "Magic Lantern" slide presentation at the new Habitat. Now I shoot with a Go Pro and there is just as much of a thrill. For the first 20 years of diving I never saw turtles, and now I often get to take pictures of them on Klein Bonaire. Look forward to returning in 2018 for a 50-year celebration of visits to Bonaire.

■ *Louis Dessau*





# Bonaire Creates Ambassadors

**D**o you know that Bonaire has an Ambassador's Corps? They're visitors who promote Bonaire by their frequent trips to the island and the kind words they offer to all willing to listen.

Several years ago, at the suggestion of then TCB (Tourism Corporation Bonaire) Marketing Director, Delno Tromp, these individuals were formally recognized as Bonaire Ambassadors and presented with gifts, medals and certificates..

There are four levels based on the number of years the Ambassador has been visiting Bonaire: Bronze, 10 years; Silver, 15; and

Gold, 20. and Platinum for even more visits.

The operator of the resort where he or she is a guest notifies the TCB of the landmark visit and in a brief ceremony a TCB representative presents the new Ambassador with a medal of appropriate level, a certificate and a small gift.

There has been a flurry of new Ambassadors recently, some of whom are recognized here . ■ *Press release/G.D.*

For more information about the Bonaire Ambassador's Program contact Helen Thode at [helenthode@tourismonaire.com](mailto:helenthode@tourismonaire.com)

## New Ambassadors

**T**opping the awards for last month was **Douglas Roe** who has visited Bonaire for **45 consecutive years** . He collected his Platinum Medal from TCB's Helen Thode (right).



**Quito and Eugenie Booi** also were awarded Platinum Medals for the 30 consecutive annual visits. Mr. Booi was born on Bonaire but moved to Holland in 1980 TCB's Helen Thode and Marjolein Oleana (left) presented the award.



**Jeffery Lacey and Nancy Jewett** were presented with Bronze Medals by Helen Thode for their 13 consecutive annual visits to Bonaire,



TCB Ambassador Coordinator Helen Thode awarded **Chris Kenyon** the Bronze Medal for 12 consecutive visits.



## Picture Yourself With The Reporter In London, England



**B**onaire residents **Eva and Steve Telenius-Lowe** visited Kensington Palace in London in June, on what turned out to be the hottest day there since 1976, at 34.5 degrees C. During their annual visit to Europe to see family

and friends they also took in an exhibition of the late Princess Diana's dresses at Kensington Palace and the Aegon Classic tennis championship at The Queen's Club in London. And *The Bonaire Reporter* was remembered. ■

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*A new look for Bonaire's taxi drivers: yellow shirts and hats that say, "Taxi Services." We caught these gentlemen drivers at Wilhelmina Park and asked them to pose. Pretty spiffy, no?*

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# Susy Weber Passes



It came as a shock to everyone when we heard that Susy Weber, one of the most popular people on the island, died suddenly. She was the kind of person who, when she touched your life, left you with a smile and warm feeling.

Her death came on Sunday, July 23, two days before her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, at San Francisco Hospital in Bonaire. Complaining of pain, she had been admitted a short time earlier that day. Susy had been working at her job at Bondigro Supermarket the day before and many people had chatted with her so it was a double shock to learn of her death.

Many people first remember Susy as the co-owner of Swiss Chalet, the unique-on-the-island Swiss restaurant, which served real comfort food from her native Switzerland. She was a vivacious hostess, full of fun and quick wit. People never forgot her.

Later she worked at the Dive Hut and Blue Divers, gathering more fans. In 2012 she was struck by a serious illness and airlifted to Aruba where she had to have a leg amputated. Her friends, co-workers and fans gathered together and held a fund raising event for Susy at the Dive Hut. The object was to raise enough money to help organize her home to accommodate her disability. It was a huge success and amazing to see how many people loved this lady and were willing to pay for the privilege!

Susy was overwhelmed and happy when she returned.

Some of the most euphoric times for her were when she overcame her disability and became a SCUBA diver, and she was a fanatic. Many hours were spent under water.

For the last few years she worked at Bondigro, winning even more new friends with her full-of-life personality and funny quips.

Susy's boss at Bondigro, Roland Schalker, was asked to arrange and organize a tribute to Susy. She was cremated this last week. Roland says, "To give everyone a chance to commemorate Susy's life, a time will be chosen after the holiday period (end of August or September). Details and a date and time will be published later. One thing we can say in advance is that we want to celebrate Susy's life together with everyone and give her a dignified farewell."

Rest in peace, Dear Susy. ■ L.D.

Susy's two dogs need a home. Can you help? Contact Irene Lussi on Facebook. See page 13 for photo.



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**Cover Story**

# Firefighters-Protecting the People of Bonaire



*Firefighter Arthur Dammers, Shift Chief and Training officer, at the Bonaire Fire Department Headquarters in Bonaire*



*It's not the firehouse espresso machine. Using state-of-the-art technology, including a mask/air pack diagnostic machine, Firefighter Jose Luis Nicolaas is able to troubleshoot and repair equipment at Fire Department Headquarters.*

If you had brand new wardrobe, could you be dressed and ready for work in under a minute? If you worked for the Bonaire Fire Department you would have to.

In a little over a year since the new fire department headquarters, located next to the airport, has opened, there continues to be new equipment added that will help to protect the firefighters, allowing them to better serve the people of Bonaire.

The newest equipment received in the past month from Holland is new turnout gear, the protective clothing firefighters wear when responding to an emergency. The new multi piece gear replaces the old one-piece suit. This is a tremendous benefit to the firefighters because in many situations they don't need to be fully protected. If, for instance, when responding to a vehicle accident where they might have to perform an extrication to rescue

somebody trapped in a car, they do not have to wear the heavy coat.

Unlike when we get new clothes, these firefighters must practice and train putting on their new, heavy protective gear. They have to start by putting on a jumpsuit, followed by boots, coat, gloves, air pack and helmet. And they have to do it fast.

During a recent two-part training session, Arthur Dammers, Shift Chief and Training officer, timed and observed the

seven firefighters on his crew donning their new protective gear. The first part of the training was practicing putting on just the air pack, which had to be done in 15 seconds. The second part of the training involved putting on all the protective gear, including the air pack, which had to be done in one minute.

When responding to an emergency at

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the airport, the crew is required to be there in three minutes or less from the time an alarm is received at headquarters, getting dressed in response gear, getting in the truck and driving to airport to arrive on scene. That is why the firefighters have to be completely dressed in one minute, because they are racing to save a life.

Training is not limited to their new gear, however. It is an ongoing process, learning and perfecting how to use the new equipment and latest firefighting techniques.

They also regularly perform maintenance on all their equipment and vehicles. A new, state-of-the-art diagnostic machine allows firefighters to inspect and pinpoint any problems with their breathing apparatus.

The people of Bonaire are protected by a well-trained, professional fire department.

■ **Joan & Alan Zale; Photos by Alan Zale for The Bonaire Reporter**



Alan Zale with his wife Joan are frequent visitors to Bonaire. Alan is the official photographer of the Hartsdale, N.Y. Fire Department

## All Natural Mosquito Repellent

Stephanie Bennett started making the

repellent named "Bug" because she was fed up with DEET, which she'd been using way too long. She wanted a natural thing and made the repellent in the first place for nobody but herself!



All ingredients are from Bonaire, except for the Tea Tree oil. The main ingredient comes from the Neem tree. Although it took her a very long time to get it right, now it's a stable product without alcohol, so perfectly safe for people in the ages from 0-108!

The repellent is available at Carib Inn, Go Green, Courtyard, Green Label, Vista Blue and Elements. Prices vary from place to place, but it's around \$8 for the 4oz. and around \$10 for the 8oz. ■ **Greta Kooistra**

## Opens At Courtyard



Dive Friends team at the Courtyard by Marriott opening

Dive Friends officially opened their new 3200-square-foot retail dive center at The Courtyard by Marriott (inaccurately referred to as simply the Marriott in the last edition of *The Reporter*) on July 21.

According to Director of Hotel Sales Mingli Chung, the new facility was designed with scuba diving guests in mind. The 140-room Courtyard Bonaire, which opened in December, is the first US-branded hotel on Bonaire. In addition, the property is the first Courtyard by Marriott in the world to have an on-site scuba diving center. Diving guests have the unique opportunity to use Marriott

Rewards points for their stay and to earn bonus points when booking nights at the hotel.

Dive Friends Bonaire is a PADI 5-Star Instructor Development Center with full-time staff, equipment, training and technical expertise at the center. Dive Friends Bonaire has grown to have about 45 staff at six different dive facilities (soon to be seven) and four retail shops. The new facility offers a complete selection of equipment, diving accessories, training materials, on-site classroom, secure locker facilities, two convenient "drive-up" stations for air and Nitrox® tanks and much more. ■ *Press release/*

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# A Garden? Just Do It

## RAIN!

That was great — the little tropical storm in the area that brought us so much rain on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The day before we had some rain too, but just not enough for the plants.

So when all that water came down on Wednesday and the soil was totally soaked, it was like my plants got a facelift, no, a leaf-lift. When the thunder and rain started, I ran outside to put the buckets under the spots where the water runs down from the roof. Of course I got wet in a second, but it didn't bother me. In fact it felt sweet on my body. So I kept on going in the rain, emptying the quickly filled buckets onto the trees and plants and then caught water again. My neighbor was watching me, wondering why I was watering the plants while it was raining. Later I told him that instead of losing that heavenly water I'd better catch it and give it to the plants, so this big amount of water would penetrate to the roots deep down in the soil.

As you know rain is the best water for plants. But since we have less rain on Bonaire, I do save rainwater, and in dry seasons I mix this with WEB water. So my plants still get the best vitamins and enough liquid to survive a drought.

A nice thing to see after a heavy rain is the easy way plants (with long roots that grow deep into the ground) and grasses pop up. Soil gets so soft after a good rain, and for hours I'm busy pulling out grass and plants (weeds), so my poor back gets stiff and my hands and nails terrible dirty. But no problem as I was happy getting rid of those weeds and all that grass. But if you want to save your nails, wear gloves.

I had some big boxes ready to put all that stuff in. I called Selibon to pick it up, which they did a few days later.

But you know, nature is strong, and today I saw grass popping up all over the places I just cleaned a few days ago. GRRRRR! And oh, my back. I know, I had to sit on a low bench while weeding. Locals do that, and I got one of those self-made benches. It really helps against the stiff back. But sometimes I just ignore my age, and yes, I immediately got punished for not listening to my body.



**Mandarin tree, birambi tree and papaya tree, ready to plant**

The first seeds I planted for this season popped up already. I also re-plant tayerblad (arrowleaf elephant's ear) bulbs so they will grow nice big tayerblad leaves again. The young eggplants are already giving flowers. I plant them in the prepared soil I made a few months ago. The soil— mixed with manure, ashes from the BBQ, dead leaves, black-and red soil— rested awhile and is now ready for the young plants. The same I did with the dirt in the cut barrels



**Young tayerblad in the box and small eggplant in the soil.**

and look how healthy the plants look. You also can use the wooden boxes that fruit is transported in. I put a plastic garbage bag inside the box. Make holes in the bags on the bottom, add dirt and it's ready to plant in them. Easy to do.

I also have some young fruit trees. Papaya, round birambi (cucumber tree, sorrel, relative of the carambola) and a kind of a citrus whose seeds I brought from Colombia. This citrus, which looks like a big orange mandarin, is sour, but in a juice mixed with a sweet fruit like papaya, it is delicious. I hope that the plants I get from the seeds will do well. The climate here is not the perfect environment for this fruit, but it's a challenge, a try out.

Speaking of fruit trees, the island is full of delicious fruit. Look around: there is mango, mispel, papaya, soursop, knip, cherries, golden apple, carambola, coco, tamarin, baby druif, appledam, bacoba, pomegranate, and even cactus plants bear their delicious red plums. It's a good fruit year because of a good rainy season. And together with these fruits we see the Loras and Prikichis too, damaging all that fruit. What a pity! *(However, why not share with the birds? They cannot go to the supermarket, they bring beauty to a garden and they were here first! Ed.)*

You can save some fruit by tying paper bags around them while they're still on the trees. I do that so I can enjoy some of my fruit. Fruits like mangos ripen well in paper bags.

Because of a good rainy season, all kinds of seeds have started to grow, also from the neem tree. They pop up everywhere and before you know you have a jungle of neem trees around your house. So pull them out, the smaller the better because their roots are very long and it's hard to pull them out later. This tree is all over the place, and even when it's not in your yard, but at your neighbors, the roots can grow until the foundation of your house. So ask your neighbor to remove their neem trees, for everybody's sake. In fact there should be a campaign against this tree on the island. Free Bonaire from neem trees. Just do it. ■ *Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover*

*(The opinions expressed by the author about neem trees are not necessarily those of The Reporter.)*



# DID YOU KNOW?

## INVISIBLE RED

That the ocean makes the brightest red invisible? It's a phenomenon many fish, especially deep-sea fish, take advantage of. The reason lies in the light spectrum. Let's talk more about this colorful topic.

Sunlight holds all the colors of the light spectrum, becoming visible when it shines through raindrops, creating a rainbow. A drop of water separates the sunlight into the colors it holds. Each color has a different energy level, from low energy (red) to high energy (blue). The more energy it has, the further it can travel through water and air. This is exactly the reason why fish that hunt at night and deep-sea fish are red.

We see a color because that color reflects off an object and reaches your eyes, while other colors are absorbed by the object. For example, grass is green because it reflects the color green and absorbs all of the other colors. A white object reflects all colors, and a black object absorbs all colors. When the sunlight hits the ocean surface, the color with the lowest energy (red) is not able to travel through the water very far and eventually gets fully absorbed by it. The color blue has much more energy and can reach much deeper. It is absorbed much less by the water and some of it reflects back to your eyes, making the ocean look blue. Just below the surface we still see colors like yellow and red, but the deeper we go, the less yellow and red is visible due to absorption. At 50 meters (or 165 feet) deep, red, yellow, and orange colors almost do not penetrate. Since there is little to no red



**Blackbar Soldierfish** Credit Herman Sieben

light present, objects that are red at the surface look blackish in the deep. The Blackbar Soldierfish (*Myripristis jacobus*), a commonly found squirrelfish in Bonaire's waters, hunts at night, and its red color makes it difficult, if not impossible, to spot when there is so little light present. This makes the squirrelfish an effective predator and an elusive fish to other predators.

Not only water but the sky as well looks blue because the particles in the atmosphere reflect blue light more than other colors. The fact that a sunrise or sunset appears reddish is because the light needs to travel through more atmosphere when it is close to the horizon, reflecting and scattering the blue light so much that the lower energy colors yellow and red can come through and reach your eyes.

■ *Thijs van Wuijckhuijse, STINAPA Assistant Biologist*

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

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

### Saturdays

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

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

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei**—Usually the last Saturday of the month, 8am-1pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, Creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon. Free entrance

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's Garage Sale (Pakus di Pruga)**—every Saturday, 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

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

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the month**, 7-9 pm. (*Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. +5999-560-7539.*) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules**, 2:30-6 pm, Landhuis De Tuin on the road to Lac Bai. Info: 786-0150

### Sundays

• **Landhuis DeTuin- Real Jamaican BBQ on the terrace** of the land house in the quiet countryside. Jerk Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Seafood Curry, Veggie Dish, Child's plate, Bread Pudding. On the road to Lac Bai – Kaminda Lac #101. Follow the signs, 12 noon to 6 pm. Tel. +599-786-6816, +599-701-1982. A Forsa training school.

### Mondays

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

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: *Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea*

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

### Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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### Fridays

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

## BONAIRE'S MUSEUMS

• **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.

## Cruise Ships

DAY	Loc	Time	Next Week	Weather	
Mon	1-Aug	Adventure of the Seas	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Tue	8-Aug	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Tue	15-Aug	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL
Mon	21-Aug	Adventure of the Seas	0800-1700	3114	RCCL
Tue	22-Aug	Zenith	0700-1800	1828	CEL

## CLUBS and MEETINGS

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

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## Exhibitions

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

## Events

**Saturday, August 5**— Terramar Museum's one-year celebration. Pay entrance and get free tours in English or Dutch. More on page 2.



**Taste of Bonaire Summer "Go Green" Edition, Wilhelmina Park**, 6-9 pm.

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 31		03:21	07:34	13:50	20:20	6:22	19:01
		04:18	08:25	14:13	20:54		
Tue 01		0.02 ft	0.26 ft	-0.00 ft	0.89 ft	6:22	19:01
		05:12	09:16	14:33	21:29		
Wed 02		-0.00 ft	0.20 ft	0.03 ft	0.90 ft	6:22	19:01
		06:07	10:11	14:49	22:04		
Thu 03		-0.02 ft	0.15 ft	0.06 ft	0.90 ft	6:22	19:00
		07:01	11:16	14:59	22:40		
Fri 04		-0.03 ft	0.12 ft	0.08 ft	0.89 ft	6:23	19:00
		07:54	12:46	14:53	23:17		
Sat 05		-0.05 ft	0.10 ft	0.10 ft	0.87 ft	6:23	19:00
		08:44	23:56				
Sun 06		-0.06 ft	0.84 ft			6:23	18:59
		09:25			Full Moon		
Mon 07		-0.06 ft				6:23	18:59
		00:38	09:57				
Tue 08	0.80 ft	-0.06 ft				6:23	18:58
	01:23	10:22	16:43	19:37			
Wed 09	0.74 ft	-0.04 ft	0.30 ft	0.29 ft		6:23	18:58
	02:13	10:43	16:46	21:44			
Thu 10	0.68 ft	-0.03 ft	0.40 ft	0.29 ft		6:23	18:57
	03:07	11:03	17:06	23:19			
Fri 11	0.60 ft	-0.03 ft	0.52 ft	0.24 ft		6:24	18:57
	04:03	11:25	17:35				
Sat 12	0.52 ft	-0.03 ft	0.66 ft			6:24	18:57
		00:34	04:59	11:51	18:09		
Sun 13		0.17 ft	0.45 ft	-0.04 ft	0.79 ft	6:24	18:56
	Last Quarter	01:38	05:56	12:21	18:48		
Mon 14		0.08 ft	0.38 ft	-0.06 ft	0.92 ft	6:24	18:56

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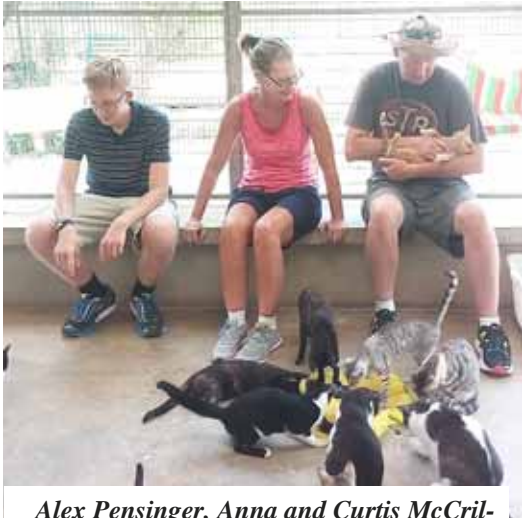
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# Shelter Vacation Volunteers



Alex Pensinger, Anna and Curtis McCrillis (not pictured Kat McCrillis)



Stephanie, Soumaya and Sami

It is always so gratifying and encouraging to encounter people who have a great love for animals. These past few weeks Animal Shelter Bonaire has been so grateful to have the assistance and generosity of vacationers and other short term Bonaire visitors who have selflessly devoted their leisure time to helping our Shelter animals.

The McCrillis and Pensinger family from St. Louis, Missouri, and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, were on a one-week Bonaire dive vacation. Despite their short stay and busy diving schedule they were caring enough to volunteer two full mornings during their short vacation to help clean and care for the cats and kittens at the Shelter. It was hot and sweaty work, but they scrubbed floors, washed towers, cleaned bowls and food trays, and then took extra time to socialize with the cats and work with the shy kittens that needed some extra attention. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work and special attention to our Shelter cats.

Over the past few weeks we also had the help of Stephanie and her two children Soumaya and Sami from Vancouver, Canada. Stephanie, her husband and children were on Bonaire for two months while Stephanie was doing an internship program with STCB (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire). It turns out that it isn't only turtles that the family cares about. Stephanie and the kids also volunteered numerous mornings over the last three weeks helping to clean and care for the cats in the Cat Palace. The whole family, including Dad, also took the time to socialize with the puppies after finishing their cat cleaning duties and cat socialization. It was a true "family affair" and we are so grateful they took the time to spend with our residents.

Animal Shelter Bonaire is always seeking volunteers....either long term or temporary. If you are interested in helping with our wonderful residents please call 717-4989 or 701-4989 or e-mail us at animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com. ■ Story & photo by Jane Madden Disko

# Pet Of The Week



Mike

## MEET MIKE

Sweet Mike arrived at the Animal Shelter Bonaire in April, all alone, and as a very small kitten, he was just newly able to eat on his own. Despite his youth, Mike was a very affectionate kitten always willing to be held and cuddled and ready to play at the drop of a toy. To encourage proper kitten development and learning, Mike was soon introduced to mother Lola and her three kittens who were about the same age as Mike. His endearing personality won them over and he was immediately "adopted" as part of the family and learned all the things necessary to be a "proper" cat.

Over the last three months, Mike has blossomed into a beautiful classic tabby cat and continues to be affectionate and loving. Now four months old, it appears that Mike will be a small cat...the perpetual kitten! He is the perfect cat for a family with children as he is very comfortable being handled, petted and properly carried around. Mike is very social with other cats but also very comfortable playing on his own or with human playmates.

Mike is healthy, vaccinated, chipped and will be sterilized as part of the adoption fee at the appropriate age. If you are looking for an affectionate, loving feline friend please pass by the Animal Shelter Bonaire and "Meet Mike"! The Shelter is open on Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 12 noon and 3 to 5pm, Saturdays 8am to 3pm nonstop. 717-4989, 701-4989.

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# THE STARS HAVE GOT

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**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Situations could easily get blown out of proportion if you have made unreasonable promises. Talk to people who can give you important knowledge. You should take good care of your health; get lots of rest. Do not ruffle feathers if possible. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You can make drastic changes in your professional direction this month. You can get good solid advice from relatives or close friends you trust. Don't let your partner put you down. Listen to the advice given by those with experience. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Trips will be enjoyable, and communication with your lover will clear up any misconceptions. Be careful; you may upset someone you live with if you don't consult with them. You should get out and meet some of those clients that you only speak to on the phone. Abrupt action will cause difficulties with relatives. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Your unique approach to life will interest others. Problems with colleagues are likely. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. You can expect to feel confused about your personal prospects. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Over spending or unexpected bills could set you back. Try not to hurt your partner's feelings. Difficulties with female members of your family may result in estrangements. Concentrate on spending quality time with children and friends. Your luckiest events will occur on a Sunday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You could be attracting individuals who are anything but good for you. Do not push your opinions or try to reform your emotional partner this month. Don't be afraid to pursue unfamiliar grounds. You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure. Your luckiest events this month

will occur on a Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) This will not be the day to have minor surgery. Don't be too quick to sign documents. Reevaluate your motives. Think about taking the time to complete unfinished domestic chores. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You will enjoy the interaction with youngsters and take great pride in the projects you've completed. Get busy making those changes to your home. Property investments, insurance, taxes, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Focus your efforts on your work. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Empty promises will cause upset. Be prudent and don't be led down the garden path. Your best efforts will come through hard work. Your tendency to overreact could get you into trouble. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Children may be less than honest with you. Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Your emotions are soaring and if you don't get your way, look out world. You may be likely to have difficulties with females. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Your charm will be captivating. They didn't fully understand what was expected. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Difficulties will result if you have to deal with controversial groups this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Try to spend time with those having similar interests. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Romantic encounters will develop through colleagues. It's a great day to attend social functions. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday. ■

*SunSigns Horoscope*



# BONAIRE SKY PARK\*

\*to find it... just look up

## Constellation? Not!

Have you seen the **Big Dipper** this summer? I have. After all, it's my favorite... constellation... well almost. But the Big Dipper is not really a constellation.. The Big Dipper is only part of a larger constellation called **Ursa Major** or the **Big Bear**. So, if it's not an official constellation, what do we call it?

We call it an **Asterism**. An Asterism is basically just a shape we see in the stars to help us find our way around. Think of it as an unofficial constellation. And summer is a great time to find several Asterisms in the sky. We've got The **Summer Triangle, the Fish Hook, and the Tea Pot**.

On any night this week face northwest. We will find our first Asterism of the evening high in the northwestern sky. There it is, standing on its handle – the Big Dipper. The formation of those seven bright stars is unmistakable. Four stars make the scoop of the Big Dipper and three more make up the handle. Now where's that Big Bear that'll turn our Asterism into a Constellation?

Ursa Major, the Big Bear, takes up a lot of space in the sky. The Big Dipper is only the rear end and long tail of the bear, while other, fainter stars mark its head and feet. Astronomers don't just stop there. To them everything within this boundary - every star and every deep space object, is part of the constellation Ursa Major.

Then face east and here you can find another huge Asterism in the sky. I'll give you two hints - it's up all summer and it's in the shape of a triangle. Yep, we call it the **Summer Triangle**. It's really high in the sky so let's look up there. The brightest, and bluest of the three stars in the summer triangle, is **Vega**. Down and to the left is **Deneb** and way over to the right is **Altair**. Each of these stars belongs to its own constellation.

Vega is part of **Lyra the Harp** whose stars make a little parallelogram. Deneb is the tail of **Cygnus the Swan**.



*Asterisms Big Dipper and Summer Triangle*

And Altair is the eagle eye of the constellation **Aquila the Eagle**. So this asterism, the Summer Triangle, really incorporates the regions of three different constellations.

Now lets face south and look low on the horizon for two more distinct asterisms. Here we find the stars I most associate with summer looking like a letter "j" or a big fish hook. From these stars you should be able to make out the constellation, **Scorpius the Scorpion**. At the heart of the scorpion you'll see this red supergiant star called **Antares**. As an added special effect, Antares is often low in the southern sky and appears to flicker like a beating heart through the thicker atmosphere.

To the left of the fish hook you can find stars that look like a tea pot. These stars are part of a larger constellation called **Sagittarius the Archer**. He's a centaur (half man - half horse) with his legs down below the horizon. In the Bonaire Sky Park the remaining stars in Sagittarius are low in the sky. But the teapot marks the centaur's body and stretched-out bow and arrow. What's he aiming at? Antares, the heart of the scorpion of course.

So find your favorite Asterism tonight. From the Big Dipper in the Northwest... to the summer triangle high in the east...to the fish hook in the south next to the tea pot. ■  
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