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Bonaire's new \$49 million prison, begun in January 2015, is still not operational and is already considered by the authorities to have insufficient capacity. The prison was scheduled to open in December, 2016.

Like the Contour Global electric power plant, the planners underestimated both the current and future requirements. Upon opening (soon) there may not be enough cells for incarceration of both convicted prisoners and others awaiting trial. While there are no plans currently to expand the facility other means to handle the situation are underway. In the sprawling complex there are only 62 cells – prisoners are two to a cell. The layout allows for the natural ventilation possible in this climate. The construction cost was **\$645,161 per "room."** Work is currently underway to provide psychiatric facilities at the site for mentally unstable convicts.



► *The Reporter* received several questions about why the new prison cells are equipped with a microwave oven and refrigerator as reported in our

last edition. It's may be because the prison has no common eating hall. Each morning a prisoner is given all his/her meals for the day. They can store it in the fridge, prepare it in the microwave and must eat in their cell. During noontime all cells are locked and the guards can leave the prison to have lunch at home with their family, as is customary on Bonaire.

► **To combat money laundering and corruption, real estate brokers and notaries on Bonaire were recently briefed to raise their awareness of possible financial crimes.** Those professionals are legally obliged to report "unusual" financial transactions.

It is of public interest to identify possible corruption and money laundering practices. Some real estate deals may be used to legalize "black money." This disrupts the real estate market and makes homes for people with a modest income unaffordable.

Characteristics of a money laundering deal might include: — **intermediaries/consultants** used for concealing corruption money; — **negotiations** by a realtor with person A, while formal ownership goes to person B; the **final destination** of corruption cash is often real estate; — **misuse of third-party accounts** and checks for concealing money flows; — **use of offshore companies** to disguise the beneficial owner.

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► In a still recent report, Kingdom investigators **painted a troubling picture of an administrative and official cul-**

ture at Bonaire's Department of Spatial Development and Management (commonly called DROB) that risks undermining lawful authority. Last week Public Prosecutor Henry Hambeukers sent Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna an urgent recommendation to take action against the Department to correct abuses in the issuance of land and building permits.

The recommendation stemmed from an investigation by the Criminal Investigation Team (RST) focusing on a small circle of suspects over time. The findings provided a detailed account of a culture within the department that undermines public administration, not only by corrupt administrators or civil servants, but also by criminal elements.

However, the self-enrichment, arbitrariness and other **dishonest behavior at DROB that were identified were insufficient to bring criminal charges.** The abuses were possible because there are insufficient rules and policies within the local government to which the employees, including the managers, must observe. Control of the actions of personnel is inadequate. There is no functioning system of checks and balances so that abuses remain undetected.

The Public Prosecution Service did not indicate whether there will be follow-up investigations, but wanted to point to the need for administrative and political action.

► **Most Bonaire residents say they are religious,** although this group is becoming smaller. In 2017, 81% said they belong to a religious denomination or ideological group, versus 88% in 2013. However, the share of religious people attending religious services remained high. This is the outcome of the Omnibus Survey

conducted by Statistics Netherlands (CBS) among Bonaire residents aged 15 years and over.

The percentage share of **Roman Catholics** decreased from 68% in 2013 to 60% in 2017. Catholicism remains by far the island's largest religion. Of Bonaire residents, 7% are **Pentecostals**, 3% are **Protestants** and an approximately equal share are **Evangelicals.**

► **Bonaire's top chefs and bartender are getting ready to participate in the highly anticipated Taste of the Caribbean culinary competition taking place June 22 to 26 at the Hyatt Regency Miami.**

Hosted by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos have selected their best chefs and mixologists for this year's Taste of the Caribbean.

► **A Curacao Advisory Council has advised banning very darkly tinted car windows.** Now 70% light blocking is permitted. The Council wants to reduce it to 40%. The rationale is that improving the driver's visibility from both inside and outside of the vehicle will make driving safer. Many driving schools teach their students to make eye contact with other drivers in a meeting situation.

► Colorado State University hurricane researchers have revised their early-April forecast and are now predicting a **near-average Atlantic hurricane season**, which has begun and runs to Nov. 30. Fourteen named storms – including the first, Subtropical Storm Al-

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Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 2) berto, which formed in May, are predicted this year. Of those, the forecast team expects six to become hurricanes and two to reach major hurricane strength. The researchers predict that **2018 hurricane activity will be about 100% of the average season.** By comparison, the extremely active 2017 season was about 245% of the average season. More forecast updates will be issued



by the CSU team on July 2 and Aug. 2.

► **By 2021 Bonaire wants to more than double the amount of electricity provided by wind power.** Currently 11 mW can be supplied by the wind turbines; an additional 12 mW is desired to be on-line by the first quarter of 2021. However, it will deliver only 65% of the island's requirements said **Minister Eric Wiebes** of Economic Affairs and Climate. The focus, he says, for the time being, security of supply and affordability, have priority over sustainability.

► **The vast majority of what's needed or consumed on Bonaire arrives by ships.** Shipping is the linchpin of our

modern economy, moving about 90% of all globally traded goods, including T-shirts, bananas, and smartphones along with food, medicine, fuel, and even livestock. Around **93,000 container ships, oil tankers, bulk carriers, and other vessels now ply the world's waterways,** delivering some 10.3 billion metric tons of goods in 2016, according to United Nations trade statistics. That's four times the cargo delivered in 1970.

► **On June 2, Carolin Coffie won the "Miss Tourism Bonaire 2018" competition.** In a gala event at the Marriott Hotel Courtyard the four finalists gave presentations, danced and entertained. The competitors were featured on the cover of *The Reporter* last month. Miss Tourism Bonaire will represent the island at upcoming events.

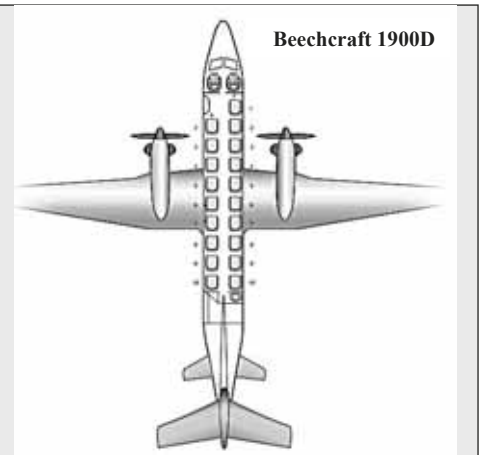


► **In this edition we welcome Bonaire Realty to the pages of The Bonaire Reporter.** They want to be your partner when it comes to buying or selling real estate on Bonaire.



► **One of The Reporter's phone numbers has changed.** The new number +599 796-6125 replaces the previous one that had the same number but with the 777 exchange code □ *G./L.D.*

More Airlift



This week the Caribbean Netherlands Pension Fund (PCN) will fund the purchase of aircraft and start-up costs for the expansion of EZ-Air. It is a company familiar to Bonaireans for its services as air ambulances, charters and reliability among the ABC Islands and nearby South America, using Britten-Norman Islander aircraft. The expanded airline will increase the competitiveness on the crowded routes it shares with InselAir, WinAir, and Divi-Divi Airlines. Earlier this year it was feared the PCN pension fund would have financial difficulty in paying its pensioners their due, but it was recently assisted by a large subsidy from the Dutch Government.



aviation. PCN will have two seats on EZ-Air's three-member board.

Observers hope the added competition will drive air-ticket prices lower and make inter-island flying more reliable. Concerns on social media were that the airline is entering the market late since Divi-Divi Air added new aircraft and St. Maarten's WinAir expanded schedule of flights between Bonaire and the Dutch Windward islands.

The Director of the airline is **Rene Winkel**, a respected pilot and businessman with extensive experience involving local

The two aircraft, which were previously flown by Air Canada Express, are **Beechcraft 1900Ds**; fast, about 285 knots (328 mph or 528 km/h), long-range (1,000 nm.) flyers compared to the small planes like the Twin Otters and Britten-Normans now used on similar routes. They have a pressurized cabin and standing headroom. First flown in 1982, 685 planes were built and had a list price, when new, of about \$5 million.

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Compostable Products Available

BONAIRE LOGISTICS IS GOING COMPOSTABLE!

Bonaire Logistics has a brand-new product line of compostable products. These compostable products are made from renewable resources such as corn. The company has purchased over 60 different compostable products to replace all of the single use plastic products and the current unsustainable assortment will be phased out. A recent study in Europe showed that plastic straws, cups and cutlery are in the top 10 of most polluting plastic products. Which means that we should definitely avoid using these products on Bonaire and switch them for more sustainable alternatives.

General Manager Roland Verbeek and **Sales Director Adriëne de Jongh** only started with the sales of their eco products last week, but they are very happy so far. "There is a demand for sustainable products on Bonaire, and fortunately the price differences between compostables and single use plastics are not that big." This means that sustainable options are also accessible to small companies, such as local restaurants. Rudolf, from take-out restaurant Matti's Place, has already placed his order for food boxes at Bonaire Logistics. He says: "I have five grandchildren and it is impor-

tant that I make a difference, for them!"

Another positive factor is that the general public is becoming more and more aware of the importance of waste reduction. Van den Tweel Supermarket understands the changing demands of their customers. They will soon start to replace all single use plastic packaging, such as salad boxes, with a compostable version.

Lastly, an online survey, conducted by Boneiru Duradero, showed that inhabitants and visitors on Bonaire are willing to pay at least US\$ 0.25 cents per take out meal extra for a sustainable food container. The maximum price difference between a single use plastic catering product and their compostable alternative is only US\$ 0.20! This means that (take out) restaurants no longer have an excuse to keep using polluting plastic products.

It is important to recognize that compostable materials should preferably be processed by industrial composters and not end up on the landfill where they are mixed with other (non-compostable) waste streams. Industrial composters are able to break down organic waste materi-



Adriëne de Jongh and Roland Verbeek

als, turning them into compost. Bonaire Logistics is also willing to contribute to this last, but very important step in waste reduction. The company will join forces with Boneiru Duradero (Sustainable Bonaire) to research the possibilities for Bonaire.

Switching to compostable products is a significant first step for Bonaire. Roland and Adriëne are hoping that other importers will follow their example, because their ultimate goal is to completely eliminate single use plastics and styrofoam from our beautiful island. □ Sharon Bol/ Press release

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The Tung Fong Store is a great asset to everyone on Bonaire because it stocks so many things 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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Francisco and Dorian with their children Ana Lucia and Francisco

“I had some friends in Aruba,” Francisco explains, “and they’d invited me to come there, but by the time I went, they had moved to Bonaire. So, that was the first time. I thought it was paradise and a great place to raise a family. When I went back to Guayaquil, Ecuador, I told my wife, Dorian, ‘That’s the place!’ I found a job at Harbour Village and from that time we started to work on Dorian’s papers. I was traveling to Guayaquil whenever I could to see her and she would come as a tourist to Bonaire to be with me. In 2010 she got her permit.”

“Francisco and I got married in 2001,” Dorian says, “and ever since our longtime dream was to have children, but somehow I never got pregnant. I had a treatment in Ecuador, but without any result. Then, the first year I lived here, we met friends who told us that I could go to see the doctor and ask for an IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) procedure and I was like, ‘What?’ My dream!” We went to Medellin, Colombia, for the treatment only once. It was very emotional and I cried a lot because I knew I was going to have a child. We stayed for two weeks and when we came back to Bonaire I quit my job at Alda’s ‘The Touch’ because the doctors had told me I needed to rest and anyway, my contract was ending. I decided to take it very easy as I wanted this baby really badly.

Two weeks later I did the test and... yes... it had two stripes! Then we did an echo. The first two months it had to be done every week and thereafter once a month till 20 weeks. Then you know everything is okay.

When I was 30 weeks pregnant I was in a minor car accident. The car had no damage but nevertheless we went to the ER to have myself checked. The gynecologist there told me I should go to Colombia because I had a contraction. At 2 am in the morning we arrived

in Medellin, where they have a neonatal wing. I suffered a lot because I am claustrophobic and the ambulance plane is very tiny. But the nurse who accompanied me took good care of me and of course my husband was there too. I stayed at the hospital for two weeks; the first three days I was not allowed to move, but it went better and after two weeks we could go to a hotel while I was having regular check-ups at the hospital.

After a month and a half our son Francisco was born on January 15th in Medellin, Colombia. We needed to wait three weeks before we could fly with him to Bogota, Colombia, where we had to get a passport for him at the Ecuadorian embassy. Then we finally came

we added programs for people with violence problems, who had a criminal past.

Last year, December, I stopped working for Krusada and became one of the four managers at Warehouse Supermarket. I have the fresh products- dairy, the bakery and meat- and that’s what I’m doing now.

Recently we had a meeting with the new owner and he said he only wants changes for the better in the near future. There are a lot of plans and we are busy with them, but one of our goals is to assure that Bonaire has basic products at the best price and quality on a regular basis, which is a challenge. We are part of a bigger family now, because in Jamaica they have 3,000

“There are no words – you think you know what love is and then you have children and it’s a totally different concept.”

back to Bonaire with our baby boy!”

“I worked at Harbour Village for seven years,” Francisco says, “first as front desk supervisor, then as manager on duty, living on the property, which was nice of course. We spent a lot of time in the pool!”

When Francisco was two we moved out of Harbour Village and I became product coordinator for the Krusada Foundation. At the time we were just starting with the greenhouse project. Maybe you’ve seen the boxes with mint and basil and the locally grown spinach that came (and still comes) from Krusada at Warehouse, Van den Tweel and other places. In less than three years that project really grew. We created a brand, opened the market and organized the procedures; growing, harvesting and delivering. Krusada Foundation is a foundation for rehabilitation programs for people with addictions. Later

employees!”

“I stayed at home till now,” Dorian says, “because I waited for my child for such a long time and I decided to enjoy my time with him as much as I could. Then after three years and four months I got pregnant naturally. It was so different because I didn’t know I was pregnant.” Looking at his children Francisco says, “There are no words – you think you know what love is and then you have children and it’s a totally different concept. When they hug me, everything is okay – such peace.” “I always dreamt of a boy and a girl,” Dorian says, “and we always had the names for them. So when I got pregnant I said, ‘This is Ana Lucia’ and it was her! Dreams come true! She was born on Bonaire.

Having children changes you. I stopped drinking coke and coffee and began a healthier lifestyle. I also stopped using many chemical



Dorian with her products... and Francisco

products like deodorants and cosmetics. I made my own hair treatments and then creams. I decided to learn more about it and contacted a person in Spain to take an on-line course in making natural cosmetics. And with this knowledge I wanted to do something for Bonaire, because this island gave me my child.

One of the products we use a lot is sunscreen, so I came up with the idea of developing a natural sunscreen. I did a lot of testing and finally found the right formula, oxybenzone free. The family started to use it and it worked and we loved it! The brand name of my product is called ‘Tropical Nature.’ My younger sister is a designer and she came up with the name and it sounded good! For now I am selling three products: organic sunscreen, oxybenzone free, and a deodorant and lip balm. People can buy them at MG, at Dushi Style, Between2Buns, Multishop, Bio-Conscious across from Xerox, Peanuts, Mr. Saltman, Curacare, ‘The Place’ across from El Mundo,

are changing that to cardboard as soon as possible. Because of her commitment she had the idea to start, almost a year ago, with an awareness campaign. What we want to do for the next cruise ship season is to give free samples of the natural sunscreen she’s making to the thousands of people who



The products

come on the cruise ships. Then we can really make an impact, because most of the damage on Bonaire’s marine life is done at Sorobon and Lac Bay as a result of so many people. So, we’re looking for sponsors. Elly Albers at the Mangrove Center has been awesome and soon ‘The Beach’ at Windsock will be also sponsoring us.

Well, we came from Ecuador, which we call the country of the four worlds: we have the mountains, the sea, the jungle and the Galapagos Islands. We also have delicious food and such fresh and inexpensive produce, it blows your mind! However, now Bonaire is our home and that of our children and the plan is to stay. We love Bonaire, but I tell you this much: I will have my children well-educated, starting at home with Christian values and in tandem with good schools. That’s what we want for our children and we hope to give them that here on Bonaire. If that’s not possible, we will have to move. We will always do what’s best for them, because they are our world.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



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Energetic Touch Classes Return to Bonaire

Energetic Touch is a holistic approach to health and wellness which treats the energy system of the body such as the chakras and bio-field. "By bringing balance to the energetic system a person can accelerate their self-healing process. It is a natural result," said Susan, the instructor and holistic nurse with over 25 years of experience in the field.



Susan DeSalvo-Reed will be hosting beginning and advanced classes in **Energetic Touch** on June 23 and June 30. Susan only comes to Bonaire to visit family every couple of years so this is a rare opportunity to boost your knowledge of these effective energetic techniques used throughout the world. Her classes have been very popular in the past, life changing and spiritually powerful. The Bonaire classes are offered at half the US rate.

These classes are ideal for those involved in holistic arts such as caregivers, therapists, nurses, doctors and **anyone** who wants self-healing and to help others. Upon completion the participants will have the skills that will benefit themselves and others immediately. **Energetic Touch** has been found to speed up the healing process, reduce pain and manage dis-ease of the mind, body, spirit and emotions. It also works great for pre- and post-surgery, cancer, and emotional processes of life.

Both classes will be one-day healing intensives. **Energetic Touch Class 1** will provide foundational techniques to

reduce pain, balance chakras and clear the energy field. In **Energetic Touch Class 2** students will learn advanced techniques such as raising their vibration, spiritual surgery, back work and removing energy blocks. Learn more at one of the free intro sessions (see below).

ET Class 1 will begin on **Saturday, June 23rd** and **ET Class 2**, advanced practice, will be **Saturday, June 30th**. Both classes will provide a **Certificate of Completion** at the end. **Space is limited and advanced registration is required.** Fee: \$159 per class or both classes: \$300 at **Yogarriba**, 8am to 6pm.

To sign up for this workshop or if you want more information please contact – **Susan at susandereed77@gmail.com** or **Text/Phone- WhatsApp 707-355-0959**

Local contact Donna Wuyts-DeSalvo 795-9332. Or stop by Penny Lane Exchange to talk with Donna. □

Seniors and Students Learn

The MBO division of the SGB High School organized a successful educational and fun day for senior citizens last week. Students and teachers from the Helping Care and Welfare program organized the Red Nose Day in collaboration with Best Care Logistics. It was a special day for the seniors of Bonaire. The aim was to draw attention to various tools that can simplify the daily life of seniors.



Helping can be personally rewarding

The afternoon-filled program consisted of various performances by students. The national anthem of Bonaire was sung, the roof went off with two dance groups and a play was performed. The seniors visibly enjoyed all the entertainment! In between shows, Best Care demonstrated various tools such as a wheelchair, four leg walkers and canes. Afterwards, seniors could view all the aids and, under the supervision of students, test a scooter.



MBO student participants

"Most seniors like to keep control over their own lives and to be self-reliant," says **Suzy Balentin**, Care and Welfare teacher. "Only they do not always know that there are tools to support them in this." The

students and teachers in the program hope that they have created awareness about the possibilities and motivated seniors to use tools when necessary, and had a good time along with that! □ *Press release*

ENERGETIC TOUCH CLASSES

FREE Introduction

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DID YOU KNOW?

Last weekend, while snorkeling on a cloudy, windy afternoon, I found myself surrounded by thousands of odd-shaped gelatinous things called “salps,” free-floating tunicates. Unusual creatures, aren’t they? You may be asking yourself: Are they jellyfish? Do they sting? The answer to both your questions is no. They are neither closely related to jellyfish, nor do they sting. But honestly, how many people would know that? Not many I suppose... and for good reasons. A salp’s shape, jelly-looking body, high water content and prey are all characteristics shared by jellyfish. Therefore, they are often mistaken for jellyfish.

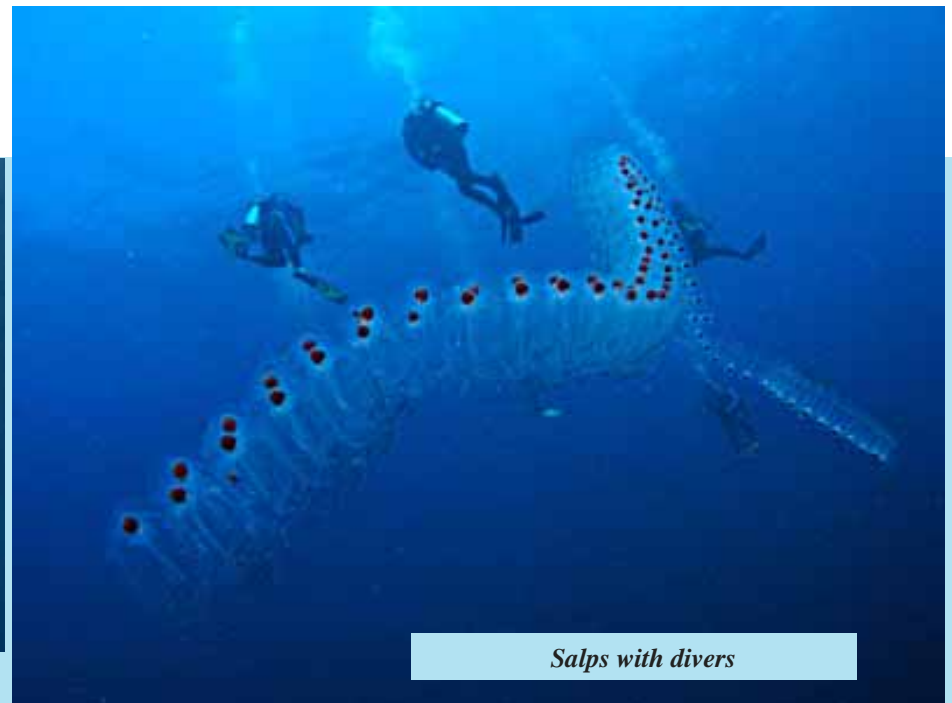


Salps

Jellyfish and salps began to evolve as different animals over 800 million years ago! Unlike simple jellyfish, salps are complex organisms with well-developed nervous and digestive systems. They are also chordates (the same Phylum humans belong to) because, when they are larvae, they have a dorsal nerve cord (a sort of backbone). Their ability to eat anything and the way they eat make them highly successful organisms. Compared to zooplankton (tiny transparent crustaceans),

the way they filter water, using a specialized pump and feeding filters, is extremely advanced. By filtering water, salps trap and eat small organisms that live in the water – organisms as small as bacteria (less than a millionth of a millimeter long)!

And yet salps still hold many mysteries that are waiting to be unfolded. Often, these animals are well dispersed in the water (far away from each other) and are solitary. Sometimes they form chains with other salps of the same species. In some seasons, there are species that form huge swarms in coastal waters covering up to 100,000 km² with over 5,000 individuals per cubic meter of water! You know the old saying: unity makes strength. Individually, they are not a



Salps with divers

threat, but in high numbers they can destroy fishing nets. Their numbers were so high in 2012 that they even clogged two cooling reactors of a nuclear power plant in California, causing it to shut down for six days!

Because of their fragile bodies and the difficulty in finding them and preserving them, salps are difficult to study, but not impossible. Determined scientists have learned that not only are salps more nutritious than jellyfish, but they also represent a major food source for at least 200 species of marine mammals, seabirds and fish including the endangered bluefin tuna. Even their poop and their dead, sinking bodies play a major role in the marine ecosystem. Given the high con-

centration of carbon in their tissues, when salps (and their poop) sink, much needed food is transported to the deep abyssal communities thousands of meters deep.

Not bad for some odd-looking organisms, right? But there are more questions we may ask ourselves, How will salps be affected by climate change? Will they form more blooms like jellyfish? Will they tip the balance of marine ecosystems? Well... only time will tell. **Story by Alessandro Corubolo, STINAPA intern. Connecting People With Nature. Photo credit - russ-george.net**



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American Airlines Begins Non-Stop MIA-BON COVER STORY



Gate D37 at MIA

On June 9 a new day in air service to Bonaire dawned at gate D37 in the Miami International Airport where an Airbus 319 jet waited to begin the inaugural flight between Miami and Bonaire. It was a festive celebration complete with inflatable pink flamingos, local music and dance, speakers from Bonaire and American Airlines, food and drink, and best of all, a sign saying “Boarding will begin in 15 minutes for flight 1379 to Bonaire.” I almost cried: it had been almost 10 years since the last American Eagle plane flew in 2009 between San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Bonaire. Then I really cried when **Captain Thomas Egbert, First Officer Bernel Simon, and Flight Attendants Genesis Hassan, Mary Dougherty, and Gabrielle Leppo** cut the ribbon to the gate and the cheering passengers began to board group by group.

“We are pleased to continue growing our presence in the Caribbean with new service to Bonaire,” said **Alfredo Gonzalez**, American’s managing director for the Caribbean. “This addition will provide increased opportunities for visitors traveling to Bonaire, not only promoting tourism to the island but also offering the people of Bonaire multiple connecting options through our Miami hub.” And the news got even better: American Airlines will add three more flights from December to April for a total of four—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Everyone was smiling, happy that American was finally returning to Bonaire. I asked **Javier de Castro**, senior manager of international operations for American Airlines in Miami why it had taken so long. His response was, “It requires time to do route analysis and market analysis to make a case. We want to be sure the market doesn’t fail so we can continue flying. We have been waiting a long time for this inaugural flight to Bonaire.” And the ride has been upgraded since 2009—now passengers will travel in luxury in an Airbus 319 with eight seats in First Class, 24 seats in Main Cabin Extra, and 96 seats in the Main Cabin. One woman passenger from Bonaire was ecstatic: “We have been waiting a long time for a direct flight from Bonaire to Miami so we don’t have to go through Curacao. Now it will only take two hours and 20 minutes, not an eternity.”

The celebration continued as passengers slowly boarded the plane and received a bag of goodies marking the occasion: a straw hat, a Bonairean flag, a travel brochure, and a certificate from the President of American Airlines of authentic “inaugural flight” status. We clapped, hooted, and hollered every time the pilot or the flight attendant said Bonaire. We



American Airlines initiated six new routes last weekend. But no others had dancers or a double salute at beginning and end of the flight.

clapped, hooted, and hollered as the fire trucks in Miami blessed the plane from both sides with a water cannon. The person sitting next to me observed what most of us were feeling, “Aren’t we some special VIPs?” But what moved me most was the ground crew at Gate D37 and nearby gates standing at attention and saluting as we finally departed.

As we began our approach to land at Flamingo Airport on time, we saw people standing everywhere, awaiting our arrival. When the wheels made contact with the runway, we screamed with delight while our hats went up in the air and the pilot announced, “Welcome to Bonaire where the local time is 3:20 pm.” The closer we taxied to the terminal, the more we realized that there were hundreds of people standing and waving. Then we stopped for another water cannon blessing, this time from the Bonaire fire trucks. It was quite a sight to see all the passengers wearing their hats and waiting for their luggage—some had even attached Bonaire flags to their hats. Outside the baggage claim was yet another greeting party of local people playing music, dancing, and bestowing more gifts of sweets and fruit punch. “That was the most exciting flight of my life,” I exclaimed to whoever would listen.

At 4:15 pm the return flight to Miami took off on time, completing a new chapter in the history of air travel to Bonaire. And I felt privileged to be a part of it. □

Story & photo by Pauline Kayes

Kayes is a retired college professor living in Lake Oswego, Oregon, as well as a part-time resident of Bonaire. She has 1,800,000 frequent flyer miles on American Airlines.



The Brandweer water cannon fires a salute—taken from inside the plane.



A flamingo, **Domenico Matinata**, Senior Manager of Sales for the Caribbean, Florida and US and **Malinda Hassel** from TCB Bonaire

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About Bonaire's Population

As of January 1, 2017, the population of Bonaire was 19,200 according to population data on the Caribbean Netherlands which was collected by Statistics Netherlands (CBS). The expectation is that the 2018 figures will show only a slight increase.

More than 7,000 were native-born Bonaireans. The other 12,000 came from all over the world, including 2,800 from the European Netherlands.

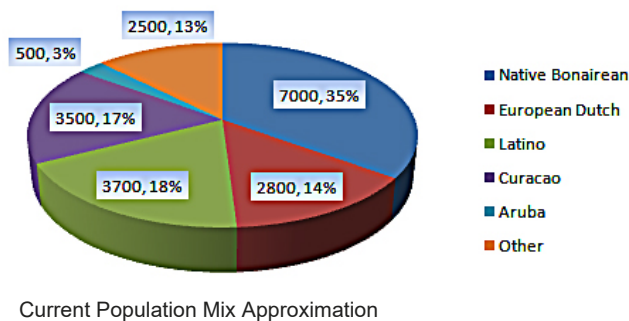
Only 35-40% of Bonaire's residents were born on the island. The others are mainly from the former Netherlands Antilles (3,500- 4,000), South and Central America (3,700) and the European Netherlands (2,800). Residents from the other former Netherlands Antilles were mostly born on Curaçao (3,500), a small number on Aruba (500).

Rincon is the neighbourhood with the largest share of native Bonairean residents (65%). Other places where many Bonairean residents include Mexico (53%), Amboina (51%) and Noord Saliña (48%). Only small numbers of native-born Bonaireans live in Lagun Hill, Lima and Sabadeco.

The European Dutch nationals homes' are spread over the island with concentrations in neighbourhoods like Lagun Hill, where they make up over 60% of the population; Lima (54%), Sabadeco (53%) and Santa Barbara (52%). In absolute numbers, most of the European Dutch nationals live in Nikiboko. However, they only represent 10% of its population.

Relatively young Europeans make up the largest sub-group of newcomers settling here. The waterfront areas of Playa Pariba and Playa Pabou, in the centre of Kralendijk, and Nikiboko are the neighbourhoods where many European Dutch newcomers take up residence. Newcomers settled relatively less frequently in residential Sabadeco. On average, the newcomers are 32 years old. People in their 40s and 50s are settling on Bonaire, but few are pensioners. More than one-third of island residents live without a partner, while almost one-third live with a partner and without children. Most children living at home are usually under the age of 15. □ Press release/G.D.

Mix of Bonaire Residents



First ABC Island Water Polo



The Bonaire team in Aruba

By any measure the area's first interisland water polo tournament was a complete success. Although the Bonaire Barracuda Water Polo team lost to the Aruba Dolphins team in the finals of the first ABC Island Water Polo Cup they swam well against much more experienced swimmers. They previously had beaten the Orca Swim Club from Curaçao. The matches were held at Aruba's Pisina Olimpico Roly Bisslik. It was a very successful debut for ABC Island water polo competition. If you are interested in water polo show up on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the "sea pool" along the waterfront. □ G.D. Photos from Aruba Dolphins FB.



Coach Simone Sweers is the driver behind Bonaire's team.



Players in action in Aruba

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Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Ciminna, Sicily, Italy



When you are tracing your family history to a small, agricultural, mountain-top city, dating back more than 400 years in the hills of Sicily, there is only one thing you need to bring: a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter*.

That is exactly what **Joan Campanella Zale**, and her husband **Alan Zale**, brought with them when they returned to Sicily last September. Joan and Alan are frequent visitors to Bonaire with more than 40 trips. They own a condo at Sand Dollar and when not on Bonaire make their home in Hartsdale, NY. While on Bonaire, Alan, a photojournalist back home in New York, is a contributing photographer to *The Bonaire Reporter*. Joan assists in the reporting of the stories Alan photographs.

Joan wanted to visit the birthplace of her grandmother, who, along with her brother, immigrated to the United States more than 100 ago. Joan's cousins, whom she had only met for the first time a year earlier, were more than happy to oblige. So, on a Sunday morning, a three-car family caravan, filled with cousins, took Joan and Alan to Ciminna, a city located southeast of Palermo, Sicily's capital, so that Joan could trace her family roots.

While in Ciminna, Joan, Alan and all the cousins posed with *The Bonaire Reporter* in front of the Church of St. Vito, which dates back more than 400 years. Joan and her cousins, **Tanino Ciringione** and his sister, **Tèa**, also posed with *The Reporter* in front of the house where Joan's grandmother was born. □ **Alan Zale**



Picture Yourself With The Reporter in The Netherlands in Winter



Here's Bonaire's garden columnist, **Angliet Badijoe**, in the Netherlands this past winter. She thought we'd enjoy this change of scene. □

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A Garden? Just Do It

GARDENING SURPRISES

Sometimes, early in the morning when I walk around in the yard, I feel so blessed, gifted with love for nature and passion for gardening.

I enjoy every day every minute when I'm busy in the yard with my plants. There is always something to do and I always see a result sooner or later. Gardening pays off in each and every way.

A while ago, while traveling in Colombia, I saw in a bushy park a plant with leaves like the ginger plant, but these leaves were huge beautiful leaves. It was a root plant so I took a small part of it which was growing a bit on the surface. At home I planted the root in a big pot in nice black dirt. Soon it started to grow, and after a while I transplanted it in soil behind my house in the shade where also a lot of rain water comes from the roof.



Delicious soursop

Because of this drought they are not as big as in the rainy season, but they are good enough to eat, full of nutrition, very tasty, ripened by the sun, with no use of any chemical spray, grown in unspoiled soil, used as fresh as possible, a way to save money and create delicious recipes. Despite our drought there is a lot of fruit on the island: tamarin, mispel, knipp, appeldam, mango. The mango trees have so many mangos that even the Loras cannot eat them all. That is really rare.

Until now I still have enough vegetables from my garden, even when the soil is dry as cork. With a little bit more care and attention, I eat fresh vegetables grown in pots and pans. And from the different herbs I make all kind of mixed



Colombia Surprise

Now that plant grew huge and it started to bloom. I was surprised. Big beautiful rare flowers that I have never seen before. This felt like a gift and it just made my day. Above you see a picture of it. Isn't it great!

Often I get surprised when taking dirt out from under the trees where goats have been lying. So often, when mixing this dirt and using it, all kind of plants pop up. Those are all kinds of grass and wild plants which I immediately pull out when they come up. If these plants get seeds, after awhile the whole yard will be covered and it's hard to get rid of them. But it sometimes happens that some good plants pop up— like corn , tomatoes, papaya, guaba. What I recognize as useful I let grow. And that is how I got three different types of guaba trees in my yard. They have delicious healthy good fruit which I (and of course the Loras) enjoy these days.

Beside guaba I also have a small bunch of bacoba fruit growing, pomegranates, eight soursops on a tree, young carambola fruit, three papayas almost ripe, bunches of coco, amandel (almonds) which I also eat, and birambi.



Three-week old spinach

teas. Today I had red and green spinach as a salad in a dressing of honey, a few drops of lemon, salt, my own fresh Italian basil, and cheese on top of it. Crunchy and great.

This spinach I grow from seeds from older plants. Even though the young plants are only six weeks old I could make a great salad for two from five plants. With chopped hard boiled eggs (mixed with cheese, herbs and mushrooms) and yuca from my garden I had

Making Bonaire "Accessible"

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CHALLENGES ON BONAIRE, #13-

Life as a Caregiver and Letting Go

My husband had his CVA on the evening after we buried my Mom. From that very moment my life as a caregiver 24 hours a day started. (Cerebrovascular accident (CVA) is the medical term for a stroke. Ed)

Being a caregiver means that you hardly have a life of your own anymore. Everything revolves around the loved one you take care of.

When we lived in Holland life was a lot easier, because there you got a lot of help and assistance. My husband got diagnosed. Then based on that diagnosis he got a status and that status gave him rights to a certain amount of money per month.

With this money we could hire people to help care for him. This was wonderful, because then I had time for myself and knew that my husband was well taken care of. He could stay at home and there was no need to have him live in a home and we could stay together.

When we came to live on Bonaire, we were on our own again. For my work I sometimes needed to be away for a whole day and at first we had help from a great friend. But taking care got more intense, the friends also could not help anymore. We were lucky that the *Kas di Kuido* offered us their help every now and then.

Mind you, giving care does not mean feeding, showering and helping in the bathroom....

Giving care means that you are available for 24 hours, day and night. You see to it that there is food and drink in the house and that these are healthy. Food needs to be prepared and plates, pots and pans need to get washed. Clothes need to be clean and comfortable. They need to be bought, washed and ironed sometimes. Assistance needs to be given in the bathroom, everything you do in the bathroom needs your personal attention, several times a day and night. Medication needs to be ordered, gotten at the drugstore, and given. The whole day long you need to anticipate.

Most persons after a CVA become epi-



leptic. This is a horrible brain-condition that gives you seizures, oftentimes many times a day. You cannot leave a person who has seizures by themselves. So whenever I need to leave the house to go shopping or something else, I always have to make sure that my husband is in his bed; so that at least he cannot accidentally fall.

With all this action and care giving you tend to forget about yourself. We got to the point that I started feeling sick, my blood pressure was going up sky-high and more. We decided to go and see our GP, together. We had a good talk, blood work needed to get done at the lab and our doctor stated firmly that I needed help and that it was the best way for my husband and me that he got to go to daycare at the *Kas di Kuido*.

This was a very wise decision, but a very hard one. My husband got angry and sad and did not want to go. But he understood that he could lose me if I did not get some relief.

Last week was the first time he left for the day care. I took him and when I left and said goodbye, he was so very sad, he cried. And on my way home on my bike I cried as well. I felt like a failure and a horrible person to do that to him. But I still sent him back there today and again my heart was bleeding.

Letting go, even for one day a week is very hard to do. □ Story by Ria Evers-Dokter



a healthy mind blowing dinner. With mangos from my neighbor's tree and guaba from my own tree I made a mixed fruit juice. I made a dessert from dry grated coconut from my coco tree, my own papaya, walnuts and honey.

Why do I tell you this? To make you inspired for gardening. Yes, do it!

Oh, I almost forgot this information:

A few weeks ago my *beerput* had to be emptied. The worker told me that from every load a sample is sent to the *beerput* lab to analyze what kind of chemicals are in it. Because to save Bonaire's marine park it's important to prevent bad, strong chemicals from entering and damaging the sea flora and fauna. So

a sample from your beerput gets checked, and if there is anything in there which has bad consequences for life in the sea they will let you know about it.

These chemicals can be bad for your garden too. Everything that goes into soil, goes in fruits and plants we eat and affects our body too. So be careful with using chemicals in nature. Just do it.

□ Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



What's Happening

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Soldachi Tours—See the Real Bonaire and be transported back in time. Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeks for more information: 796-7870, 717-6435.

Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park) Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Entry fee based on income level.

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 2018: 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 cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoon 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

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

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.

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 4th Wednesday. Presentation upstairs at Yellow Submarine Dive Shop, Kaya Playa Lechi 24 courtesy of Dive Friends.

•**General 12-step meeting (AA, NA, CoDa etc.)** -Every Wednesday at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47. Starts at 19.15, ends at 20.30, walk in from 19.00. For more information, email: 12stepbonaire@gmail.com

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

• **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

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 Crusita 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 Cochrane-Herrera at ellenherrera@cochrane@yahoo.ca or phone 717-8489 or +5999-540-9800 English//Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish ■

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EXHIBITIONS

— “Salute to the Sailors”— old maritime photos from the Bonaire Maritime Heritage Foundation, Museo Bonaire, Kaya Kachi Craane #34, free.

—**Coral Restoration Exhibit- Terramar Museum**

—**Yana's Fine Art Exhibition at Bistro di Paris /Zazu Bar-** Info? 599 785-5002

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, 717-0423, 780-4327

•**Museo Bonaire** on the waterfront at the old Kas di Arte, Kaya Kachi Craane #34. 717-8868. 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.

•**Yana's Fine Art Museum at Lagoon Hill 19-** Call for appointment: 599 785-5002. Free entry.

•**Bonaire Museum of National History** Kaya Julio C. van der Ree #7, open Thursday through Saturday and cruise ship days, 10am-4pm. Free entrance ■

CLOSE IN EVENTS

Monday, June 18 —Free Introduction to Energetic Touch at Yogaarriba, 6-7 pm See Page 6 for details.

Thursday, June 21—Free Introduction to Energetic Touch at Bon Bida Gym, 5:30-6:30pm .See Page 6 for details.

Saturday, June 23—Energetic Touch I — Class at YogaArriba, see page 6.

June 25—July 2 - Body Awareness Week. Workshops on meditation, stress release, food, massage, Reiki healing, medical biomagnetic, hiking, feet reflexology, Ayurvedic vegetarian cooking... www.gogreenayurveda.com

Friday, June 29—**Jr. Rangers Graduation 2018**, 6:30-9pm, call Stinapa at 717-8444

Saturday, June 30 —**Energetic Touch II** — Class at YogaArriba, see page 6.

—**Foundation Miss Bonaire** is organizing a “FUN WALK” to raise funds for the participation of Miss Bonaire in the Miss World 2018 competition.

--**Nos Zjilea Cultural Event, Mangazina di Rei**, music, local arts, crafts, plants, vegetables, food, 8am-2pm,

Sunday, July 1

—**Mountain Bike fun race** in Washington Park. See page 7
—**Washington-Slagbaai National Park's Annual Open Day**

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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 18	04:17 0.94 ft	12:34 -0.43 ft	18:37 0.48 ft	23:55 0.20 ft		6:11	19:02
Tue 19	05:13 0.82 ft	13:12 -0.39 ft	19:19 0.61 ft			6:11	19:02
Wed 20	First Quarter	01:19 0.18 ft	06:09 0.68 ft	13:47 -0.34 ft	20:01 0.72 ft	6:12	19:02
Thu 21		02:40 0.13 ft	07:06 0.53 ft	14:21 -0.27 ft	20:43 0.82 ft	6:12	19:02
Fri 22		03:59 0.07 ft	08:07 0.38 ft	14:52 -0.19 ft	21:24 0.89 ft	6:12	19:02
Sat 23		05:16 0.00 ft	09:13 0.24 ft	15:18 -0.10 ft	22:05 0.94 ft	6:12	19:03
Sun 24		06:30 -0.07 ft	10:30 0.14 ft	15:38 -0.03 ft	22:45 0.95 ft	6:13	19:03
Mon 25		07:40 -0.13 ft	12:09 0.07 ft	15:45 0.03 ft	23:25 0.95 ft	6:13	19:03
Tue 26		08:44 -0.18 ft				6:13	19:03
Wed 27	00:04 0.93 ft	09:39 -0.21 ft				6:13	19:03
Thu 28	00:42 0.90 ft	10:25 -0.23 ft			Full Moon	6:14	19:03
Fri 29	01:20 0.87 ft	11:03 -0.24 ft				6:14	19:04
Sat 30	01:58 0.84 ft	11:35 -0.24 ft				6:14	19:04
Sun 01	02:35 0.79 ft	12:00 -0.23 ft				6:14	19:04
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Loras Hatched At Echo

Breaking News!

The conservation foundation, Echo, is proud to announce that after some years of trying a captive breeding-for-release program, one of its prospective breeding pairs, Mr. Bruce and Mr(s). Pink, have successfully hatched two chicks: John and Nathan.

Till this day the Echo Team is hands-off since the pair are doing quite well and being well cared for by their parents. Echo announced the news on Facebook Saturday morning. Echo promised to keep us up to date and will be sending an invitation to the special release of these two chicks in to the wild. A full story will be published in the Echo Quarterly Newsletter. ■ *Julianka Clarenda for Echo*

As far as we could determine these are the first Loras (*Amazona barbarensis*) chicks hatched in captivity by parents unable to return to their natural environment.

These disabled or confiscated parrots, who wouldn't survive in the wild, are sheltered at Echo and if they can successfully breed, can strengthen the survival of this endangered species.

This event is significant. Domestic breeding is a recognized path to saving an endangered species. ■

Mary E. "Mel" McCombie, Ph.D./ G.D.



Everyone loves baby pictures; even if the babies look like dinosaurs



ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS



Mingael with his favorite cats



Philberthon and friend

At the end of June, Animal Shelter Bonaire will say goodbye and thank you to two terrific interns! **Philberthon** and **Mingael** are SGB Pro students who needed some alternatives to daily classroom attendance. Long time shelter volunteer and SGB educator, Barbara Huveneers, suggested to the school that perhaps the shelter would be a good alternative education environment. Shelter Manager, Luvi Rodriguez, was enthusiastic about the idea, and in February the interns started their program.

Since February, Philburthon and Min worked at the shelter every week, three days a week, five hours a day, alongside shelter staff and volunteers. They cleaned, groomed, fed, helped with medications and learned the basic care and routine of daily shelter life and the requirements of proper animal care. They also got to cuddle a lot with the dogs and cats....the best part of their job...and the animals loved having them

around! As part of their internship, an Intern Report was also required, in which the young men completed a daily log of their activities and what they learned. Regular evaluation meetings with their teacher and the shelter manager were also part of the program.

Congratulations, Philburthon and Min on the completion of your internship! And thank you for all your work! The shelter looks forward to seeing you again soon as visitors, volunteers...and maybe in future as "staff."

For any questions or information contact the Animal Shelter Bonaire at 717-4989/701-4989 or at animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com. ■ *Story & photos by Jane Madden-Disko and Luvi Rodriguez*



Pet Of The Week



Meet our handsome Oli. This good looking guy was brought in after he made his home in someone's backyard. Despite his getting along really well with the people's own dog, they could not keep him.

Black dogs, just like black cats, don't get adopted very often. Why? That is a good question that no one really knows the answer to.

But there is something we do know about sweet and loving Oli. He gives the best cuddles, is very gentle even with kids, loves to play and listens really well. Oli is healthy, has been castrated, is vaccinated and ready to go.

Are you interested in meeting Oli or one of his other friends? Please stop by at the Animal Shelter, Kaminda Lagun 26, Mon.-Fri. 9a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., Saturday a.m.-3p.m. Nonstop. 717-4989/701-4989. ■ *Story & Photo by Luvi Rodriguez*



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BONAIRE SKY PARK*

*to find it... just look up

A HONEY MOON WITH SATURN

Welcome to the Bonaire Sky Park. Next week, we have three Super Special Events in the Park.

The first is the **opposition of Saturn** on June 27th. The second is that we have a **Full Moon**, also on June 27th.

The third is a **conjunction** of the Moon and Saturn on, you guessed it, June 27th.

Just after sunset on June 27th, face southeast. You'll see a brilliantly bright Full Moon. This is a special Full Moon because it's the closest Full Moon to the **Summer Solstice**. Traditionally, each Full Moon is given a nickname. The Full Moon in June has a few. One of them is the **Strawberry Moon**, because strawberry season is at its peak in June and that's the best time for harvesting. People who live in northern latitudes often refer to this Full Moon as the **Rose Moon** or the **Honey Moon**.

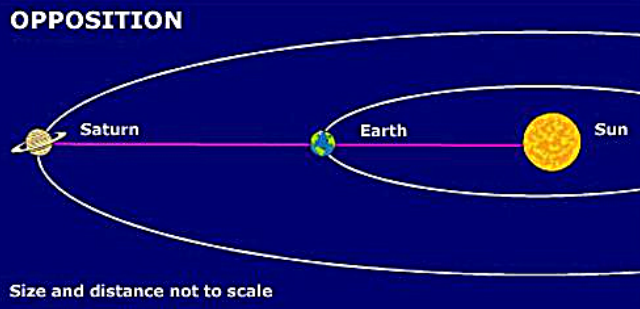
That's because the Moon is close the same position on the celestial sphere occupied by the **Sun** on the **Winter Solstice**.

Next to the Moon, you'll see a relatively bright light that isn't twinkling: our favorite planet, Saturn. Even though the Full Moon is right next to Saturn, it's particularly easy to see because Saturn is also at **opposition** this year on June 27th.

Let's explain a little bit about what opposition means. When we view our solar system from high above the north pole of our Sun, we can see **Earth's** orbit and Saturn's orbit. Earth is about 93 million miles away from the Sun and it takes 365 1/4 days for Earth to make one trip around the Sun. In non-technical language, we refer to that as a year.

Saturn is the 6th planet from the Sun and is almost 900 million miles away.

It moves much slower in its orbit and it takes almost 30 years to make one trip around the Sun. Therefore, Earth makes 30 trips around the Sun for every one trip



Size and distance not to scale

Opposition explained

of Saturn.

When Saturn is at its greatest distance from Earth, it is on the other side of the Sun as seen from Earth and that is called **Superior Conjunction**; which happened last year on December 21st. On that day, Saturn was a whopping one billion miles away from us.

But six months later, Saturn will be lined up on the same side of the Sun as the Earth, and a lot closer.

So, if you think of it from our perspective, the Earth is in the middle and Saturn will be on the opposite side of the sky with respect to the Sun. This orientation of the Sun, the Earth and a planet is called opposition. Whenever a planet is at opposition, it is always at its closest and brightest. So this week, Saturn will be just over 841 million miles away, which is almost 200 million miles closer than it was back in December!

So check out Saturn this week and make sure you mark your calendars for the night of **June 27th** to watch the honey moon rise at the same time as Saturn. And while you're looking at Saturn, ponder this little bit of trivia.

Of all the planets in the solar system, Saturn has the least density. This means that for as big as Saturn is, it's not as heavy as you might think. Its density is so low that you could actually float Saturn in a bathtub of water; if you had a bathtub big enough.

Saturn in a bathtub? I wonder if Saturn would leave a ring? Ugh! On that note, happy Saturn watching. ☐

Dean Regas & James Albury



THE STARS HAVE IT

June 2018

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You must be extremely careful not to let relatives or friends interfere in your personal life. You may find that children are not as accepting as you have been. Control your temper by getting immersed in your work. There is not much you can do to alleviate the problem, but consider putting some extra work into your house. Your lucky day will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may find it difficult to discuss personal matters with family members. Losses are evident. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing. It's time to reconnect with some of the people you used to know. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn't do. Take precautions while traveling; you don't have to get anywhere that fast. Do a little extra work at home. Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't allow colleagues to put unreasonable pressure on you. You may be confused emotionally. Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. Don't lend or borrow money or belongings. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You can change your living arrangements. Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. Changes in your domestic scene are evident. Look closely at motives and honesty in your personal encounters. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You should consider submitting some of your written work for publication. Your emotions will be touched off concerning recent encounters with your lover. Take time to make physical improvements that will enhance your appearance. Be aware of any emotional deception. Do not sign legal contracts or documents this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You should make special plans for you and your lover. Romantic encounters will develop through group activity. Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Plan your day thoughtfully, but try not to rely on others. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid. Your time, not your cash, will do a lot more for your relationship. You can take advantage of opportunities if you are quick to make a move. Some situations may be blown out of proportion. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You will easily capture the interest of those you talk to. Relatives may play an important role in your personal life. Get busy putting your place in order. Try to keep your cool; you may be a tad frazzled by all the rushing around. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You will communicate easily and should be able to develop new friendships. You may blow situations out of proportion when dealing with the one you love. Try not to hesitate; act on your initial instincts. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) In return, the satisfaction you get is enough for you. You need to make your environment a better place, with more comforts and a better entertainment center. Older relatives may be a burden. Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn't do. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Minor health problems could result through exhaustion. Exhaustion will lead to minor injury if you don't know when to quit. Stress may cause minor health ailments. A lack of support and negativity have been the main problems. Your lucky day this week will be Monday. ☐

Michael Thiessen

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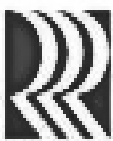
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