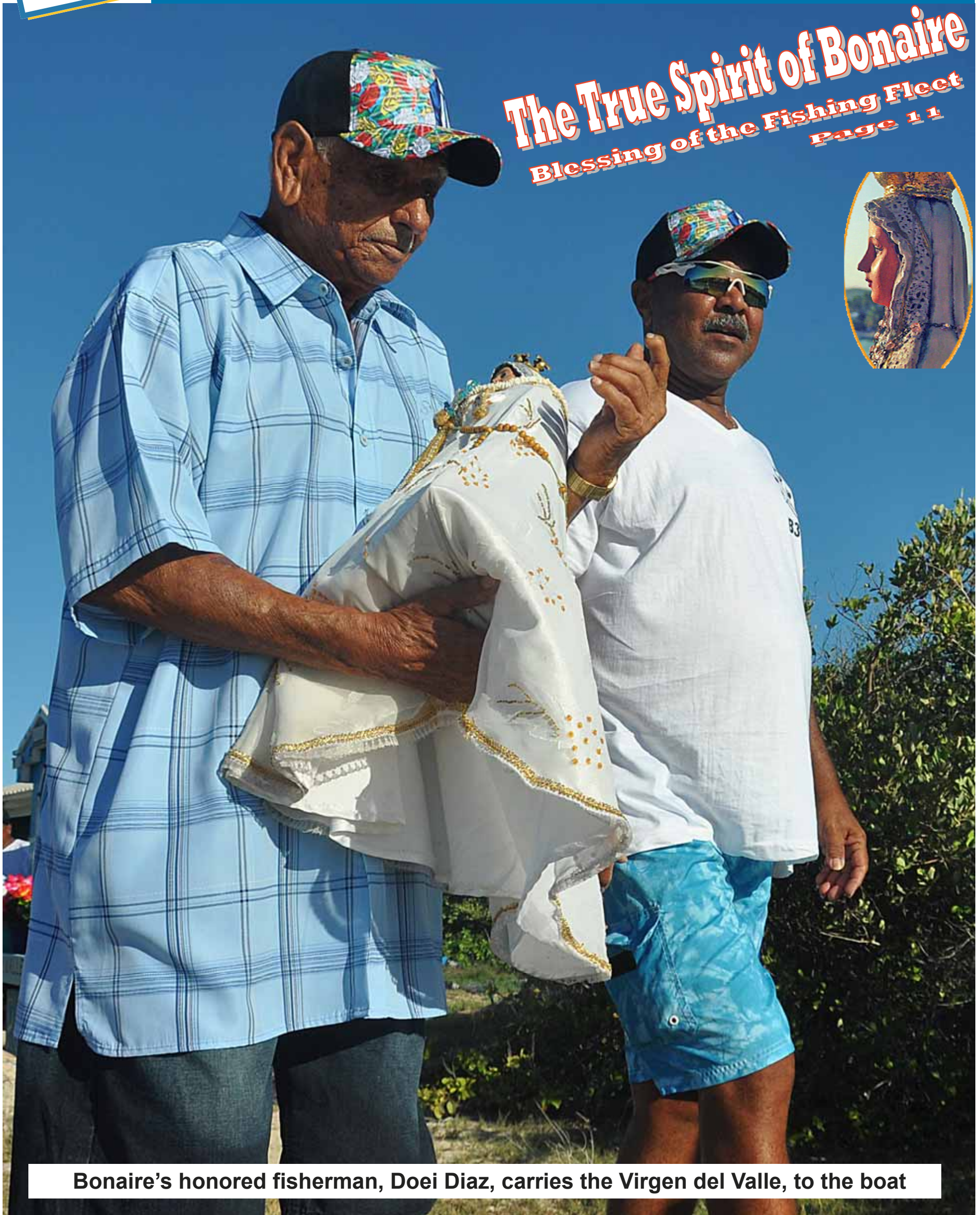
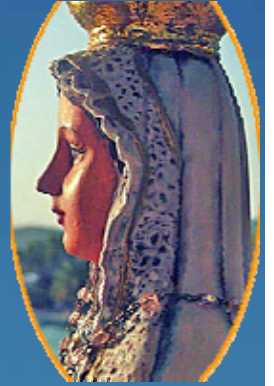


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**Bonaire's honored fisherman, Doei Diaz, carries the Virgen del Valle, to the boat**

### CRIME

**B**onaire police reported that for the first half of this year crime overall decreased while traffic accidents rose. Details below:

**Property crimes:**

↓ **Domestic burglaries** have more than halved with a decrease of 64%.

↑ **Burglary** of tourist accommodation and businesses have increased by 25% and 8% respectively.

↓ **Theft** from cars at dive sites has dropped by 84%.

↓ Total number of **property crimes** shows a decrease of 31%.

**Violent crimes:**

↓ **Holdups** show a combined decrease of 37.5%.

↓ **Abuses** have fallen sharply.

↑ **Domestic violence** has increased.

↓ **The total of all violent crimes** has decreased by 7% in 2018.

**Traffic:**

↑ **Collisions with injuries** are up considerably.

↑ **Collisions with fatalities** have increased by one.

↑ **Traffic accidents** had an overall rise of 16.6%.



► From 2019 all Dutch Defense units in the Caribbean will get new state-of-the-art Deba Light Military Vehicles. 40 have been ordered. They replace the Mercedes Benz jeeps.

► The proposal published in the previous two editions of *The Reporter* to cut a channel from Gotomeer into the sea has gathered support as well as criticism over the past two weeks. Most notable was the endorsement of the idea from one of Bonaire's prominent political parties who will make it one of the "planks" in their platform for next year's elections. STINAPA responded to the proposal and it is being reviewed by **Rene Hakkenburg** who put it forward. *The Reporter* will keep readers informed.

► A man on Bonaire was not fined for attempting to steal the Bonairean flag flying at the roundabout of Kaya



International. A passerby had made photos of it and put it on Facebook, after which the police came into action. The Public Prosecutor demanded a \$250 fine, but the judge did not agree. The judge ruled it was an unsuccessful attempted theft so the man was allowed to go free without penalty.

► **Lars de Brabander** (56) is the latest chairman of the board of InselAir. He was appointed to the job for six months. Until recently he was a member of the Supervisory Board of the airline. De Brabander will be mainly responsible for daily operations and facilitating negotiations with a strategic partner. In addition, he faces the challenge to meet the conditions set by the judge in connection with the recently extended deferment of payment like shedding staff and closing sales offices. De Brabander previously worked at Air France - KLM, Northwest Airlines and Martinair. He succeeds Jan Heppener.

His motto, as listed on his LinkedIn profile, is, "Imagination is more impor-

tant than knowledge. Never stop believing."

► **Tourism Week Begins this week, running from September 24th to September 29th.** Look for various "open days" events at different tourism related companies. The goal during the open day and the different specials is to offer the opportunity for the locals to get closer to the tourism industry. By having the activities companies, hotel, restaurant and all other tourism related companies so have an open day or discount during this week it can educate, inspire and inform our people what the island has to offer to our tourists.

► STINAPA Bonaire's professional non-profit organization that manages the nature parks is currently looking for new board members. Go to this link for more information: <https://stinapabonaire.org/vacature/> or send a short letter and a CV to STINAPA via the email address [director@stinapa.org](mailto:director@stinapa.org). This call remains valid until the board vacancies are filled.



Delno Tromp

► On September 18, STINAPA board member **Delno Tromp** (above) was elected unanimously to be its new president. Bonaire-born Tromp has both experience and graduate-level education in business, marketing and tourism. He is a former Island Councilman and a leader in charitable actions. Upon accepting the position he

said, "STINAPA already started with the execution of an ambitious progressive plan. We are on the way to big changes; a more specific focus on STINAPA's mission, a new structure to help us reach desired goals, a stronger relationship with our community and partners in the public and private sector and to reach a higher level of service. Changes and journeys of improvement are hard and difficult work sometimes, but very necessary. I am very happy with this opportunity to be able to contribute to our common goal: that STINAPA will continue with the service to our community successfully and with pride."

► More and more WEB customers have been losing electric power during periods of high demand. Motivated by these recent power outages Contour Global Bonaire (CGB) and WEB Bonaire have appointed a committee to focus on maintaining continuity of electricity supply on Bonaire. Recently there have been several power failures partly caused by the significant increase in energy demand during hot, dry and windless periods encountered during September to the end of November. WEB requests its customers to economize the use of electricity during this period. Possible disconnections in the coming period cannot be ruled out. CGB and WEB say they are fully committed to a long term solution to guarantee ample supplies of electricity on Bonaire.

► Bonaire's Punta Agua Co-operative to desalinate seawater specifically for agriculture and animal husbandry reorganized and is looking for financial support. If you grow crops, raise animals, or have a ranch you may be interested because the co-op aims to provide water at a significantly lower rate than WEB.

The Board of the co-op, *Kooperativa Punta Agua (CPA)*, con-

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*Flotsam and Jetsam (Conti. from page 2)* consists of **Nadine Emerenciana** (President), **Elize Martis- Craane** (Treasurer) and **Harlton (Onnie) Emerenciana**, Secretary.

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► A few months ago, the consumer organization **Unkobon and Henri Verhoef** (promoter of the protest action for better roads) took on **Mission Impossible**: get local and national government to improve Bonaire’s roads.

The very poor condition of the roads has been, and continues to be, disastrous for the (traffic) safety of residents and tourists.

Unkobon and Verhoef contacted the responsible administrators and politicians in the Netherlands and Bonaire in late June with the request to swiftly come up with a concrete plan for improvement / major maintenance of the road network on Bonaire.

The Netherlands offered additional funds, but the amount is insufficient to achieve a complete, thorough improvement of the road network. And that’s dependent on its judgment of the actions of the Island Government .

The Island Government says it has been using its own resources to build and plan for road improvement as requested by the National Government. This plan, drawn up by an agency hired by the Island Government, would cost millions of dollars and would have to be covered by funds from Bonaire, the Netherlands plus a loan. It’s estimated that the cost of permanent improvement of all the roads would be \$90 million not including the cost of the road expansion necessary to cope with the large increase in traffic already being experienced.

Unkobon and Verhoef believe that the island can never come up with all the money or resources themselves. In the European Netherlands, (smaller) municipalities cannot do this on their own.

In their press release, Unkobon and Verhoef wrote that they hoped that the Dutch ministries and the Bonaire Island Council will join in coming up with an implementation to improve the roads on the island. An Administration Agreement is to be defined in the coming weeks and may provide clarity. They promised to keep us informed.



► The rural areas of Bonaire receive an economic boost when they are more accessible to tourists and holidaymakers. A map is now been made for the picturesque area of **Tras di Montaña**, the low foothills behind **Seru Largu**. It will officially open on September 27th, but you can travel it now. The mapped autoroute with signage is about 8 km long. This route is also good for mountain biking. In addition, two new hiking trails have been created to further enhance this unique area. Along the trail you will find the first Bonaire airport, **Aletta’s Goat Farm**, wind water pumps, great views and more. See Happenings on page 13 for more information.

► **The number of requested and renewed building permits on Bonaire is skyrocketing.** In 2017, 242 building permits were applied for up to and including August. This year there has been 305 in the same period, **an expansion of 26%.**

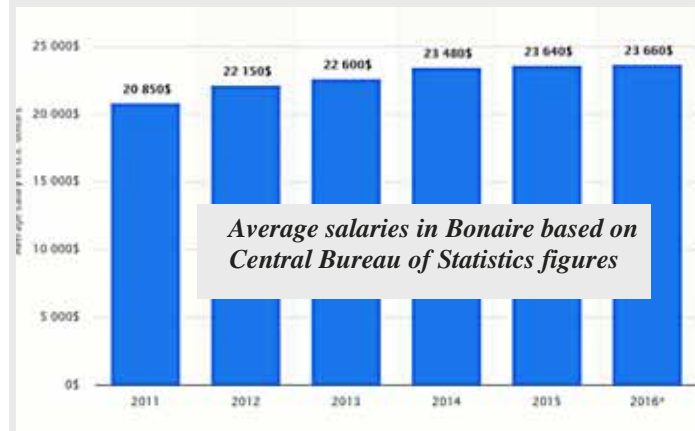
The total construction value has also increased. The 242 building permits issued in 2017 were worth \$49.5 million. The 305 building permits issued in 2018 were valued at \$68.1 million, **a growth of 38%.**

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► **For 2018 Bonaire’s minimum wage (\$4.70) will be raised 5% and several other welfare payments will go up** to help match salaries and provide social support to the reality of life in the Caribbean Netherlands. Last week the Dutch Government announced that starting next year the minimum wage on Bonaire will be set 5% higher and other social benefits will be increased. To make the cost of the wage boost easier on employers their tax contribution will be lowered from 18.4% to 13.4% of the employee’s salary. Social payments such as welfare, AWW and AOV (retirement) will increase by 5% as well.

Those needing special assistance will get additional benefits. The child benefit will increase by 50% in 2019 as well.

But the new measures appear to fail miserably to accomplish this. For example a 5% minimum wage rise means \$42 more a month, leaving a shortfall of \$558 rather than \$600 to meet the monthly cost of living (as computed by government and independent studies).



► **Bonaire salaries have been rising since 2010.** This chart shows the average annual salary on Bonaire from 2011 to 2016 (in US dollars). Between 2011 and 2016, the average annual salary on Bonaire increased from approximately 20,900 US dollars to approximately 23,700 US dollars. In 2016, the average salary was 23,660 US dollars per year. This is approximately 2,800 US dollars more than in 2011. When 2017 figures are available an increase of several hundred dollars is anticipated.

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**NOT 100% ACCESSIBLE**

Dear Editor:

I flew in on KLM last Wednesday, 12th September, and my wife, who is disabled, still had to walk the steps. She is terrified of being carried off due to a very bad previous experience.

When we asked about the Aviramp the staff had no knowledge of it. Who authorized the purchase of this Aviramp when it appears to be suitable only for one type of aircraft or airline, namely Delta? Is it going to be available to all aircraft/airlines in the future such as KLM and European airlines? After all Bonaire is a Dutch island. As things stand at the moment Bonaire Airport is NOT 100% accessible for disabled passengers. This is definitely not what Michael Gaynor (RIP) tirelessly campaigned for.

George M. Crear



Editor's Reply:

Yes, it's indeed unfortunate that Bonaire's present Aviramps (handicapped friendly boarding ramps) can't handle KLM's planes. The 11 wide-body planes that arrive weekly bring a third of the arriving passengers so you could say that twice as many passengers are carried on the narrow-body planes. Whether an Aviramp is used on the very smallest planes remains to be seen.

The biggest Aviramp ramp that Bonaire has won't reach the height of the wide-body plane doors of KLM's Airbus 330-200/300 nor TUI's Boeing 787-Dreamliner. KLM has seven and TUI, four flights per week. So currently the 11 wide-body airplanes per week must deal with handicapped passengers in a less friendly way.

However, there are almost 100 narrow-body flights per week, including DiviDivi with 8 flights per day; InselAir, four per day; Aruba Airlines and Winair, each four per week. Delta, United and American Airlines have five or six flights per week and EZAir will soon begin flying. □

**ISLAND FEEKING? PART II**

Dear Editor,

I wholeheartedly support Disgruntled's (Last issue of *The Reporter*) opinion on the Netherland's responsibility for all said discontent with the measures taken to reform Bonaire's bureaucracy, especially those in the entrepreneurial field. They - for example - coldly eliminated the monthly social event that we all remember and loved so well: The "Great Day of Queuing till your Feet Hurt", every 15th of the month, when we all had to pay our dues to and our 'Aangiftebiljet' stamped by (in random order) the *Eilandontvanger*, the *Landontvanger* and the SVB, an event that, needless to say, could last all day. That's where we met friends and foes, that's where we exchanged the latest news and gossip, that's where we fell in love, fathered - under cover of the crowd - our children, and wrote our bestselling novels. They simply abolished it, and replaced it by a digital job, that takes 10 minutes at the most to complete once every quarter, thus putting us in a social and emotional vacuum for at least seven hours per month.



Another example of the all pervading and now disappeared bureaucracy of the Netherlands Antilles was - if you wanted to leave the island - the formal permission to do so. You had to collect a number of stamps on a sheet of paper - about 10, as far as I remember - issued by authorities like the *Eilandontvanger*, the *Landontvanger*, the Chief of Police, the Head of Immigration and a couple of other Island Big Shots, to check whether you paid all of your dues and taxes, did your jail time, paid your fines and fulfilled all other obligations.

It's a disgrace 'beyond belief' that the Dutch ridded us of so many time consuming and sometimes discriminatory traditions, and replaced them by a few simple procedures.

All in all, dear Disgruntled, and you could have known, the Dutch haven't much to do with the problems you mentioned. The island government is pretty much responsible to determine and implement her own agenda, be it law enforcement, be it taxation, be it the way energy and water are being generated and sold, be it the way infra-

**Picture Yourself With The Reporter at a train station in Illinois**



Here is Bonaire's **Christie Dovale** reading *The Bonaire Reporter* at the locally famous Silver Beach train station pizza parlor on Lake Michigan, during a visit to her son, Douglas Abraham's graduation. She wrote, "I had to taste the best pizza in miles Douglas said was on our way to O'Hare airport. And he was RIGHT! □"

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structural projects are being designed and maintained. The Dutch have nothing more to do with it but to facilitate a number of administrative processes with knowledge and money. Parking a problem? Get a life. You can park anywhere within a couple of meters from central Playa. Walk. It'll do you good. Clears the head.

Considering the number of cars on Bonaire the island economy is thriving, and the availability of goods is abundant. That has a price. But: compared to say 10 years ago has life improved enormously. Don't like it? Need rest? There are still lots of islands in this great wide world where regulations fail and corruption doesn't. Take your pick.

—“hvdb”  
(Letter regrettably edited for length)

*Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 3)*

**The increase in the number of building is said to be good for the economic development of Bonaire.** Due to this development in the construction sector, the Bonaire Island Government has a windfall. In comparison with 2017, it has collected more in construction fees this year, namely \$246,362 compared to 2017's \$184,291.

It is expected that this growth will continue for the remainder of the year. The Space & Development Department expects to conclude 2018 with 400 granted building permits.

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## UPDATING THE MANAGEMENT OF BONAIRE'S PARKS

One of the most important factors in establishing and managing a national park is ensuring that sustainable, long-term financing is available. Decades ago Bonaire's Land and Marine Parks pioneered this by establishing fees, setting up a "dive tag" requirement for SCUBA divers, Washington Park admission and a Nature Fee tag. However, the burden of having to run a user fee system that, although effective, puts a significant dent in the resources of the Park Ranger staff and back office personnel and puts a burdensome workload on dive and water sport operators to administer.

As the numbers of park users increase it becomes inefficient, expensive to run and difficult to enforce. Visualize the many mindless hours involved in just collating 50,000 plastic dive tags each year, tracking their use, collecting the \$25 per tag, auditing the finances, distributing them to the dive shops, etc. It's expensive (about \$1 just for each numbered tag) and occupies a Park Ranger who'd be better used doing environmental work. And Park conservationists encourage using less plastic? They should begin at home.

**Fortunately on-island experience and technology now offer a better way to handle Park fees** and the associated management, control and administration. Since surveys and studies have shown that currently over 90% of our tourists use the internet, their computers and phones to arrange their vacations it also points to a solution.

Former Marine Park Manager **Ramon De Leon** and local software developer

**Breathe-IT** capitalized on that to develop the **Reef Support System** to handle the multiple tasks needed to run a Marine Park. It lets the Park users buy their own "tags" with their personal debit/credit card even before arriving on island. But that's just a small part of the total system. While allowing Park users to effortlessly pay their fees, it streamlines the administration and financial control for park managers. It's been pilot-tested and is currently in daily use in the Sint Maarten and Dominican Republic Marine Parks. It is tailor-made for use in Bonaire.

It took almost four years of intense research, development, and tests to make it happen. The system provides a safe, accountable way to receive money but also creates an ever-growing database of Park "customers," offers a unique ticketing system and generates customized financial and usage reports. It's easy to enforce by Rangers, Park employees and water sport operators.

### How it works:

⇒ After a visitor pays the fee on-line the system immediately generates a unique numbered ticket with a QR code allowing a Ranger or water sport operator to verify ticket validity and name of the holder... without needing a plastic tag. The same verification can be achieved by simply entering the name of the visitor. If they are in the system, it's a go, if not, the visitor can buy a tag or ticket on the spot.

⇒ It has a transparent and accountable financial system built in. Reef Support is capable of producing, in one click, an



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### New "Tags"

accurate and verifiable record of all transactions in real time.

⇒ It can include a customized Marine Park orientation. The system allows including any rules or information considered important for the users to know before arriving and during their stay.

⇒ No cash transaction required. More safety for Rangers and Operators.

⇒ No more over-the-counter tags or arm-bands sales, saving valuable time to the operators. Souvenir tags can be made separately available for the divers main-



### Old Tags

taining a collection of tags.

⇒ Low operational cost. Simplest and transparent pricing-- a percentage of the revenue collected which includes credit card processing fees. No setup fee.

This is considerably more than an Internet-based payment system or service reseller. It's fundamentally a Park Management System suitable for all types of conservation organizations like STINAPA. Because of its experience and track record in the dive industry, conservation, management and ITC, Reef Support is uniquely qualified to ensure the success of the system. □ G.D.



### Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 4)



► Divi Divi Airlines is considering offering daily morning freight-only flights be-

tween Bonaire and Curacao by the end of this year. Divi Divi is currently transporting small packages including *The Bonaire Reporter* on normal passenger flights. It already has a Customs station on both islands, but since a number of things remain to be done there is no concrete start date.

► If weather conditions permit **Anita Smits** and **Wijnand de Wolf** are going to swim clockwise 12 kilometers around Klein Bonaire from Eden Beach and back on October 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at sunrise finishing around noon. It's to draw attention to swimming club Bonaire Barracuda swimming club's natural sea pool. □ G./L.D.

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# On the Island Since... 2008 - Marjolein Pourier-Brunink Born On Bonaire... 1983 - Rolandson "Roly" Pourier



*Roly and Marjolein*

**R**oly: "I grew up in Playa Pabou. My father was the director of SGB and my mom was the HR at Divi Flamingo. Later on she worked for the Roman Catholic School Board until she retired. I've got two older sisters. I did Havo at SGB, then I went to Holland to study computer science. I did Information Provision and Information Technology (IVIT) at The Hague University for one year and then started a Bachelor's training in Computer Engineering and obtained my preparatory diploma. From there I finished my education in Rotterdam. When I went to Holland my older sisters had been there for six years and I'd been visiting frequently, so it wasn't difficult to adjust.

After my graduation I became a network administrator and worked that job for a number of years, coming back to Bonaire every other year. At first I wanted to stay in Holland and suburban bliss - a wife, a house and a couple of children - was the plan. But after having lived there for several years and reluctantly leaving Bonaire after every vacation I started thinking and I realized I was a bit homesick. I had my parents and family here and my friends too and I asked myself, 'What am I doing here?' On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2011 my eldest sister, Ianthe, (who lives in Holland) got married on Bonaire and right there, surrounded by family and friends, I decided to come back to my roots, because this is home, and I did so two months later.

I'd met Marjolein for the first time in 2009 at a party and I thought she was a great girl and easy to talk to but she had a boyfriend, and at the time I was here on vacation. We did become Facebook friends though, and it turned out that we had a lot of friends in common, but we didn't really stay in touch.

When I came here in 2011 I started working at Telbo and a year later I took a job as system administrator at the Roman Catholic School Board. Nowadays I work at Bopec as an IT specialist.

It felt good to be home! Finally I could speak Papiamentu all day and also many of my former school mates had come back from where they'd studied. The first

**"Bonaire is a paradise and some people would give their right arm to live here. Of course, nothing is 100%, but I've got the great blue sea, no stress, no rat-race."**

couple of years I partied a lot. I saw Marjolein around more often, but she was still with her boyfriend. When I found out that she liked to play tennis - just like me - I invited her for a game, but she didn't say yes until she and her boyfriend had broken up. We got together on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. We'd made a bet at tennis: if I won Marjolein would take me out and if she won I had to paint a room in her house. Fortunately, I beat her... and yeah, the rest is history!"

**Marjolein:** "I came here in 2008 for a three-month sabbatical. That was the plan. My relationship had just ended and I was sort of done with my job, being a flight attendant at Transavia, and I wanted something completely different. I didn't know Bonaire. It was a wild card, and I wasn't going to do anything but relax. I'd rented an apartment at Sweet Lemon and the caretaker of the complex was Tineke, the wife of Maarten, the owner of the Beach Hut restaurant at Sorobon. One day Tineke and I went for a coffee and she looked at me and said, 'Jeez, doing nothing for three months?' And then she told me that her husband had just



*Wedding Dance near Weber's Joy*

opened a restaurant at Sorobon and that he was looking for people... Two days later I started working at the Beach Hut! I'd been chilling for five days. Obviously I'm not good at it! Hahaha! Working at the Beach Hut was so much fun! First I fell in love with Bonaire and then immediately afterwards with Sorobon, and then came my addiction to windsurfing. It was the perfect combination! However, the first month I worked 80-90 hours a week and I didn't see anything of

day is a fun day. I've been at the Beach Hut for 10 years now. I haven't worked anywhere else on the island; I'm part of the inventory! Ha!

After I came here, I had a boyfriend for a number of years who did the same work as I do and so every night we went out to party. It felt like one long vacation with work in between. However, from one day to the next I was done with it completely. And when Roly and I got into a relationship, we

ried. My sister Roëlla, who lives here, planned our wedding and she did it to perfection. All went smoothly, even the kibrachacha trees bloomed and Lorenzo Mittiga took the photos. And at night, when the party was over and everybody went home, it started raining real hard! What a blessing!"

"It was the perfect day," **Marjolein says**, "My family came and my grandmother, who means a lot to me, was our witness. Roly said his wedding vows in Dutch and I said mine in Papiamentu and the guests loved it and starting applauding! Everything felt so right; it was an awesome day."

"Married life feels good," **Roly says**. "It's the same, but you've got more sense of purpose because now the real life together begins and for me it's all about Marjolein, family and security, moneywise and health wise. Bonaire is a paradise and some people would give their right arm to live here. Of course, nothing is 100%, but I've got the great blue sea, no stress, no rat-race. Bonaire is still Bonaire and I hope that the Netherlands understand that here you cannot apply the same rules as in Holland since this is an island in the Caribbean." "I love the island and although it's small, there are still places I've never been," **Marjolein says**. "Our life is here. We will fix up the house and we're thinking of children and family life, together with our dog Kimbo 'Slice' Pourier. We don't need a lot. For me it's all about health, balance, family and friends and of course Roly who is my number one. We are content and happy with what we have but we're certainly looking forward to what is to come." ■

*Story & photos by Greta Kooistra*



# Restoring The South Pier



*The underside of the pier before repair*

The south pier in Kralendijk is about 50 years old and has nearly reached its original intended lifespan. A renovation of the pier was needed in order to guarantee its functionality. The current renovation, using some special techniques, will extend the lifespan of the pier for another 20 to 40 years.

Over time there is normal wear and tear to the pier and maintenance will keep it serviceable. By repairing these small damages it is possible to extend the lifespan of the pier.

Apart from this wear and tear, there has been structural damage which now demands a general overhaul:

**First** there was the corrosion of the steel tube pile foundation. The combination of water and air around the water level caused corrosion of the steel. Over the years this corrosion ate away the steel which can ultimately lead to total deterioration.

**Second**, there was splash water. This is seawater that splashes against the bottom of the concrete structure due to wind, debris in the water and the mooring actions of ships. Over time this water will infiltrate the concrete and reaches the steel reinforcement bars in the concrete. At that moment they start to corrode. Corroding steel will expand in volume and will squash the concrete, shell by shell.

**Third**, there was mechanical damage to the pier from the impact of forces from mooring ships, truck traffic on top of the deck and the normal uses like loading and unloading cargo. This caused small cracks and other damages over time.

To repair these damages and extend the pier's lifespan for another 20 to 40 years the following repairs are underway:

★ The corrosion on the steel tube pilings will be removed and a new synthetic cover be placed on the cleaned steel around the old pilings. Most of the corrosion is around the water level. This cover will be placed from the bottom of the deck to below the lowest water level. The new cover will protect the old steel and provide extra strength to these specific locations of the steel foundation.

★ To prevent new electrolytic corrosion and stop the existing corrosion, cathodic protection will be added. These are aluminum bars that will be mounted on the steel tube piles below the water level. These are called "sacrificial anodes" designed to corrode themselves



*Protecting the decking with special glue*

rather than the steel of the tube piling foundation.

★ The concrete beams on top of the steel foundation pilings which carry the deck are damaged as well. All these concrete beams were inspected and marked for repair. After that the concrete will be removed until the rebar is exposed. The damaged rebar will be repaired and anti-corrosion material will be applied. New concrete will be added. This process brings the concrete beams back to their original condition.

★ On top of these beams lays the deck. The repair of this deck is the most exciting part of the renovation. The majority of the damage to the deck is located at the bottom. This is caused by splash water, but also by water flowing through the deck via small cracks in the concrete and the drainage system. Repairing all these damages could be very time consuming and expensive.

This is why the contractor offered an alternative repair method which also extends the lifespan. This is done by adding carbon reinforcement strips in the top of the deck. The advantage of this carbon reinforcement is that it is not vulnerable to water and chlorides and will not corrode. It will last for an extended period of time. The added carbon reinforcement on top replaces the old steel reinforcement in the bottom of the deck which is damaged. The old steel reinforcement at the bottom had lost its strength and will not be repaired. There is just one exception, the carbon reinforcement at the top of the deck can't completely replace the reinforcement at the bottom of the end fields. The end fields are the deck parts between



*Working in the low headroom space demands special equipment for moving around: a desk chair and bicycle helmet*

the first two and the last two beams. The forces on the deck work a bit differently in these areas, which is why the end fields of the bottom of the deck will be repaired.

★ The repair of the deck follows the following process: The contractor first scrapes the top layer to provide a smooth and flat working surface. After that a small groove is milled every half-meter. In these grooves a small carbon reinforcement strip is glued. The glue is added to the top of the groove to protect the carbon reinforcement strip.

★ Then the damaged concrete in the end fields on the bottom of the deck will be removed as well as all damaged old steel reinforcement bars. These reinforcement bars will be replaced by new carbon reinforcement bars. Because it is very difficult

to pour concrete to a surface facing down, shotcrete (sprayed concrete) is used to add a new reinforced concrete layer.

★ After finishing these deck repairs a new top layer will be added to add smooth and stiff protection as well as esthetic reasons such as giving the cruise passenger a warm welcome.

★ The fenders will be replaced, the edges will be repaired and some new edge bars will be added.

★ After the renovation of the south pier a large extra dolphin will be constructed at the south side of this pier. This will make it possible to accommodate bigger cruise vessels at this pier. □ Peter van Weilink, Arcadis Netherlands, NV  
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# Bonaire's Secret Gallery



**At Last: A Comprehensive Art Gallery on Bonaire.**

Bonaire has a secret art gallery. Its name is **Mas Bonaire**, owned by Ruud Mask. It's the real thing with paintings, engravings and sculptures by local and internationally acclaimed artists. It is tucked away on Kaya Industria, number 15-A3, on a side street with several other companies and offices, near the roundabout at Kaya International, opposite the gas station.

Upon entering you'll be pleasantly surprised at the large amount of art displayed very attractively on the walls. Ruud has worked hard to organize the space to showcase the artworks at their best. Never before have I seen such quantity and quality on Bonaire.

There are also 3-D sculptures and statues of bronze. The oldest work comes from 1816, more than 200 years ago, but most of it is modern. Strikingly, people seem to be the theme in nearly all the paintings. Lots of variety: from black and white to color, from realistic to abstract, from graphic work to oil paint and mixed techniques. Represented are the works of internationally known artists such as engravings by Toulouse-Lautrec and Chagall. But also the late local artist, **Winfred Dania** is represented. The works come from the USA and Europe: the Netherlands, France, Germany, and Spain. Prices are very reasonable, especially if you compare them with galleries in the big cities.

### Rental Possibilities

And, what makes it accessible for everybody is that **items above \$200 can also be rented**, a very attractive alternative if you do not live here all year or if you like a lot

of variety. You rent the painting for a few months, then return it for another or just bring it back. Great idea for companies to make their rooms attractive and maybe let employees choose for themselves what they want to look at in the office and if things get boring you can choose something else.

### Framing Available

It is not only in art that there is variety here. The space itself also has different businesses. There is also a hairdresser (not Ruud!) and Ruud also makes frames for paintings on the spot. While you are at the hairdresser, you can view the artwork or order a frame for the photo you always wanted to frame.

Ruud says that he was interested in art from an early age and that he was buying art when he was just a youngster. While living in Amsterdam he was actively involved in art associations. He also visits many fairs, exhibitions and museums in the Netherlands. He watches the art market a lot and buys regularly, but he does not think of himself as a creative person. He's lived on Bonaire for six years working in the catering and swimming pool businesses. For him this is now a unique opportunity to be able to satisfy his passion as well as being practical by offering framing.

He is very satisfied with the result, but still has a wish. He would very much like to exhibit more work from local artists. **Artists are invited to come to Mas Bonaire and show their work.** Everyone is welcome to enjoy the beauty during a drink and a chat. The gallery is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 6pm. Phone number is: 780-4993. You can also email Ruud: [ruud@masbonaire.com](mailto:ruud@masbonaire.com). □ *Story & photo by Justine Verschoor*

# "Returning Fishes"

The 'Returning Fishes' painting is located at the Rhumba Bar in Playa



Artist **Anna-Marie Kroes** talks about her painting, 'The Returning Fishes.'

"The fishes in this painting are painted in the national colors of the flag of Bonaire. There's a story behind the 'The Returning Fishes.'

It's about the people who come to Bonaire, fall in love with the island and want to keep coming back. Like the owners of the Rumba Café Bonaire. They fell in love with the island, left, and after years of expanding their horizons of the world, they realized Bonaire had never left their hearts. They packed their possessions and gathered their children and pets and came back to the island and bought the Rumba Café Bonaire.

Their expertise in running successful restaurants and bars that they learned in the years outside Bonaire has now come in very handy. They're seeing Rumba Bar and Restaurant every night full of people who want to get good food by take away, delivery or dining at the restaurant at one of the most beautiful locations on Bonaire.

I am Anna-Marie Kroes. I am an artist who lived on Bonaire from 1993 until 2001 and created hundreds of paintings of the island, above and below the water.

One of my paintings in the period 1994-1996, was a huge mural called 'The Red Fishes' at the Whiskey Bar Bonaire which was located at the famous old Sunset Beach Hotel (Ed. previously known as the Bonaire Beach Hotel located near the Hato traffic

circle).

One of the owners who worked at the Whiskey bar fell in love with the 'Red Fishes.'

The hotel burned down and 'The Red Fishes' too, but the 'Fishes' stayed in the memory of a lot of people.

Now we want to make a new lasting memory.

All of us contributed to the painting, not only the artist but also the owners and their family painted their own fishes.

Meet 'The Returning Fishes.'

The painter and her man are part of the returning fishes. The people running the Rumba Bar Bonaire are fishes too. We keep on coming back.

And you reading this story... maybe you are one too..."

While she was living on Bonaire, artist **Anna-Marie Kroes** created numerous art pieces with subjects from the sea, from the land, portraits of people, dogs and other animals. She did the Birthday Calendar for the Animal Shelter and body painting in 1998 and 1999 for Bonaire Nights magazine. She's had numerous exhibits in The Netherlands and on our island.

Kroes returned in 2010 for her art exhibit, "I Left my Heart on Bonaire," which was at the now defunct Kas di Arte. □ Story & photo by L.D.



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# A Real “Taste of Bonaire” at Washington Park



*Beautiful presentation*

A first ever event, in our recollection, was held at the entrance of Washington-Slagaa Park on Sunday, September 9. This “Real Taste of Bonaire” was the brainchild of Park Manager, **Albert Crestian**.

It was a festive happening with music, dancing, food, lots of people of all ages -locals, friends and even a parade of the motorcycle crowd, many who’d come for Bonaire Day and were ready to dig in for lunch.

What was particularly fun was seeing the Park Rangers acting as hosts and bartenders, a real switch from their regular jobs of being “nature’s guardians.” (We were told that at the end of the day they were all exhausted!)

Stands were set up selling local crafts. There was a big area under the trees with tables and chairs for dining. Towards the back were six stands preparing and selling Bonaire’s unique dishes with tantalizing aromas few could resist:



*More than 100 motorcycles and riders showed up to eat!*

*Kabritu Stoba* (stewed goat), *Alaparilla* (grilled goat tenderloin), *Sanger* (stewed goat liver and blood), *Kabes du Higma* (stewed goat liver and head), *Rol di Kabritu* (goat taco) and *Yorki* (stewed dry and salted goat meat).

All six of the stands were participating in a culinary competition, so tension was high as was culinary quality.

Two judges, experts in the culinary field, were **Sr. Frank Goeloe** and **Sr. Vernon Martijn**. The chefs were judged on presentation, structure and the real taste of local dishes.

The winner was **Sr. Ralf St. Jago** with his team— “Ròl di Kabritu.” Second place was **Sr. George Kroon** with his team: “Kabritu Stobá.”

Third place was **Ricky Jansen** with his team presented “Yòrki.” There was also a stand where Master Lion Fish Hunter and Marine Park Manager, **Wijnand de Wolf**, prepared Lion Fish ceviche.

The next “Real Taste of Bonaire” will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. (Yes, we have to wait until next year!) The theme will be “Fish festival” (Festival di Piská).

□ Story & Photos by **Laura De-Salvo**



*Strong arms make good tutu*



*Judges Vernon and Frank do the tasting*

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# Making Bonaire "Accessible"

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Aviramp at our airport



Beach Wheelchair Missing!

What started with a conference on accessibility in 2013 and a dream Michael Gaynor together with the board of MiVaBo would have liked to see come true, was realized last Tuesday. Bonaire International Airport (BIA) now owns two Aviramps. One is to be used on all mid-range aircrafts and a smaller one to be used for the smaller aircraft.

BIA invited the press. The Gezaghebber (Lt. Governor) was present together with two commissioners, one representative of the ZVK (health insurance) and a representative of Zorg & Samenleving (Department of Society and Care). Every one them spoke a few words that showed that they were very proud to have achieved this milestone and were happy for the aviramps to be available on the tarmac, to service and make Bonaire more accessible.

A special foundation has been established to guarantee the safety of all passengers who need special attention to get from the departure hall into the aircraft and vice versa. They provide well-trained staff to guarantee this. Staff has been training hard to learn how to load and unload passenger, and this they demonstrated to the press and other invitees.

However, travelers with KLM and TUI will still have to use the stairs to board or get off the aircraft. BIA and all partners in this project promised to make sure that they will work hard to get the largest Aviramp in order to cater to the needs of KLM and TUI. Once that project is presented, it will be a memorable day in the history of Bonaire. Then Bonaire will truly be 100% accessible.

The first week of October will be a very special week. The Platform that was established in December 2017 changed its name and is called now: INCLUI and wants to celebrate that with a week of special activities, not only to the persons with limitations. They emphasize "inclusion." So keep your eyes on the calendar, listen to the radio, read the papers so you cannot miss all the announcements about this special week. One of the activities will be the celebration of the International Day for the Elderly. This celebration will take place at Kunuku Arawak. And we will keep you informed.

In our last column we wrote about the special beach-wheelchair. There was a beautiful beach-wheelchair available that was donated. There was even someone who catered the service of that chair. Now we hear that this very chair is missing and that nobody knows where it might be. Because we think that all the beaches should be easy to access, we call upon everybody to help find that special beach wheelchair.

In the meantime there is a family who has offered their chair to be borrowed if needed. They were the persons who donated the now-missing chair. MiVaBo wants to get a chair like that and make it accessible for all persons with a limitation. They are setting up a fundraiser to get money to buy one. If you want to help getting this wish come true, you may contact MiVaBo.

And should you want to go for a swim and need help because of your limitation, you can go to Hillside Resort. They rent their special chair for a special price. □ Story & photo by Ria Evers-Dokter

# Bonni's Baaack



Bonni's route

One of Bonaire's nesting sea turtles is surprising everyone.

Bonaire's Sea Turtle Conservation Foundation (STCB) has tracked 26 different turtles over the years by gluing satellite tracking transceivers to their shells, a harmless, painless process. The most recent, a Green sea turtle named Bonni, whose tracking is sponsored by tour operator Corendon, laid three nests on Bonaire beaches, then headed off east, arriving in the Aves islands about 45 miles away. Most everyone thought this was the start of her journey to feeding grounds.



Turtle eggs being laid

But instead, after a couple of weeks, she doubled back to Bonaire and laid her fourth nest. Tracking is continuing to see if she has more shockers for us. Maybe Bonaire is home for her? Stay tuned! □ Press release and photos by STCB

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# A Garden? Just Do It

## THE NIGHTSHADE FAMILY

There are some plants we eat almost daily so it's good to know more about them. It's important to know what you eat. Some of these vegetables grow easily on Bonaire and many gardeners have them in their garden.

I'm talking about the nightshade family, a family to use with care. Family members are the **potato, eggplant, sweet pepper, bell and chili pepper, tomato and more.**



### A poster-perfect eggplant

This nightshade family is a big family with members that contain alkaloids, some of which are highly toxic. The most important plants are those mentioned, which I see in many gardens here.

The **potato** is a nightshade similar to tomatoes. The vegetative and fruiting parts contains the toxin **salanine** and are not fit for human consumption. Normal potato tubers that have been grown and stored properly produce **glycoalkaloids** in amounts small enough to be negligible to human health. But if green sections of the plant (namely sprouts and skins) are exposed to light the tuber can accumulate a high enough concentration of glycoalkaloids to affect human health.

To harvest the potatoes, gardeners used to dig up potatoes with a long-handled, three-prong "grape," a spading fork or a potato hook. Immature potatoes, known as "creamers," is a variety of potato harvested before it matures to keep it small and tender with a nice taste. The flesh

contains a lower level of starch than other potatoes. Some older than creamer potatoes are "new potatoes," with a particular taste and texture. It's very important that the storage area should be dark, well ventilated and cool.

On Bonaire potato salad is very popular especially during special celebrations like Christmas. Also locals use freshly sliced potatoes as a remedy against high fevers. They put it under the feet and tie wet kitchen towels around the feet to hold the slices. Potatoes can lower the fever in a short time. This really works. Potatoes are high in Vitamin C and high dietary fiber.

But remember: Potatoes that have skin that's turned green are bad for your health.

**Eggplant**, another plant in the nightshade family, is also known as aubergine or boulanger. It is a spongy fruit used in cooking in many different cuisines and is in fact a berry. You can eat all of the fruit but always cooked. There are different shapes, sizes and a few colors.

On Bonaire we know the purple long eggplant and those which look like a huge dark purple egg. These plants grow easily on Bonaire because it's a typical tropical plant. I always have them in my garden. They can stand hot weather very well. Some plants I have had for some years. Every six months I trim the plants, harvest the fruits and cut off the dried ones. Then the plant grows nice and strong again.



Peppers come in several colors and flavors, hot and sweet

I have the long type eggplant which is softer in cooking. The plants are very sensitive to the pies-pies (white fly), so every two weeks I spray the plant, especially under the leaves, with neem tea.

I stew them sliced in curry, garlic, onion, some cumin, olive oil and some water, sweet or hot peppers. Or I fry the slices in hot oil. It uses a lot of oil because it's like a sponge. I let the slices drain on a paper towel. For vegetarians this is a great veggie to replace meat in meat recipes.

**Sweet peppers** are a beloved vegetable on Bonaire. In local Bonairean food you can find them in soups, salads, stews, in pickles and salsas. This plant loves warm climates, so on Bonaire it does very well. Sweet pepper plants include a wide variety of plants, from sweet and crunchy to



Eggplant with blossoms appearing

# The True Spirit of Bonaire



A person need not spend a lot of time at sea to know there is a higher power involved in life. Bonaire's fishermen are especially aware of this as they spend long hours on the deep to earn their living. They believe in God and honor him with a religious tradition handed down from the Venezuelan fishermen of nearby Margarita Island. Annually, around the feast day of the **Virgen del Valle** (The Virgin of the Valley), the patron of fishermen, they gather for a Mass (photo above) and blessing of their fleet. This is most certainly a reflection of the true spirit of Bonaire. This year it was held on September 9, at Sorobon.



### Start of the boat procession at Sorobon

Following Mass and blessing, the fishermen, families and friends boarded their boats, and led by the boat **Corker** (B-396) bearing the statue of the Virgin, proceeded in a nautical procession across Lac Bay to Cai, and circled the statue in homage before returning to the pier at Sorobon.

Then they enjoyed the cool end of the day with conversation, food and drink. □ G.D.



spicy and even spicier, in different colors, shapes and sizes. So you have a lot of choice to make a successful meal.

To raise these plants: sow seeds in any kind of container in soft black dirt. (*Oh, also eggplant seeds you do in the same way*). When the young plants are about one decimeter high, plant them one by one in bigger containers or straight into soft mixed black soil in your garden. I myself prefer to plant them in pots so I can move the pots when there is too much sun or too much rain water. **Iguanas** are crazy about the soft leaves so put them in a green house if you have one.

After a while you see the small white flowers. (*Eggplants have purple flowers.*) Soon after that you see the small peppers coming out. Also on these plants you often see *pies pies* so control them with the neem tea, especially under the leaves.

On Bonaire the green sweet peppers and the yellow mild hot pepper are the most loved ones. Sweet peppers are low in calories and provide a lot of healthy benefits such as Vitamins A,B,C, E, dietary fiber, foliate, potassium and niacin.

And what locals like to say about hot peppers is: "You enjoy it two times; when it goes in and when it comes out."

So try some peppers in your garden, for your health and to enjoy it twice!

So 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 Kocks for more information: 796-7870, 717-6435.

**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](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 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

**Petanque- Jeu de Boules**, 2:30-6 pm, Bolascentre GOLDFINCH (next to baseball centre on Kaminda Sorobon) 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.

•**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

**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 Cruscita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

### CHURCH SERVICES

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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**

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## CLOSE IN EVENTS

**September 24th - 29th — Tourism Week.** Companies will offer various "open days"

**Thursday, September 27— Opening of new tourist route**, 4:30-5:30pm at the field (Felt di Snip) on the Rincon Road, 4.5 km north of Mentor

**Saturday, Sept. 29**

—**Nos Zjilea Cultural Event**, Mangazina di Rei, 8am-1pm

—**Marsha Rincon Krioyo**, 12 noon-6pm. Street market in Rincon: crafts, local foods, sweets

— **Taste of Bonaire**, Tourism edition, Wilhelmina Park 6-10 pm

**Sunday, Sept 30**

—**Duo X-treme Mountain Bike Race.** Cash Prizes. —**Monument Day**

—**Soapbox Derby. (Kareda di Garoshi)** down the hill from Karpata to Rincon. 10am-6 pm.

**First Week of October – Includ Activities Week.** More on page 10

**Sunday, October 7—Swim to Klein Bonaire**, 9 am.

Sign up at Jong Bonaire or at Eden Beach before the swim.

**Wednesday, October 10 --**

**Regatta Run 1, 2, 4 & 5 km.** Start 17.30 Playa Stadium. Finish Zeezicht Restaurant. Signup on October 6 or 8 between 17.00-19.00 at the Zeezicht Restaurant

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Tue 25	00:42 0.53 ft	08:00 0.22 ft	13:46 0.53 ft	20:51 0.25 ft		6:24	18:29
Wed 26	01:57 0.46 ft	08:25 0.25 ft	14:24 0.62 ft	22:11 0.18 ft		6:24	18:29
Thu 27	03:15 0.41 ft	08:51 0.26 ft	15:02 0.72 ft	23:14 0.10 ft		6:24	18:28
Fri 28	04:23 0.38 ft	09:21 0.26 ft	15:43 0.82 ft			6:24	18:27
Sat 29		00:04 0.02 ft	05:18 0.36 ft	09:57 0.25 ft	16:25 0.91 ft	6:24	18:27
Sun 30		00:49 -0.05 ft	06:03 0.35 ft	10:41 0.22 ft	17:09 1.00 ft	6:24	18:26
Mon 01		01:31 -0.10 ft	06:42 0.35 ft	11:30 0.19 ft	17:55 1.05 ft	6:24	18:25
Tue 02	L Quarter	02:13 -0.13 ft	07:22 0.37 ft	12:23 0.16 ft	18:42 1.08 ft	6:24	18:25
Wed 03		02:54 -0.14 ft	08:03 0.40 ft	13:19 0.15 ft	19:31 1.06 ft	6:24	18:24
Thu 04		03:35 -0.13 ft	08:48 0.45 ft	14:19 0.14 ft	20:22 1.01 ft	6:24	18:23
Fri 05		04:17 -0.10 ft	09:36 0.51 ft	15:25 0.15 ft	21:16 0.92 ft	6:24	18:23
Sat 06		05:00 -0.05 ft	10:28 0.59 ft	16:40 0.16 ft	22:15 0.80 ft	6:24	18:22
Sun 07		05:43 0.00 ft	11:22 0.66 ft	18:03 0.16 ft	23:22 0.67 ft	6:24	18:21
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MEET HANDSOME MISU (AKA DADDY)

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Sweet Misu is a little shy at first but when he opens up he loves to cuddle and play. With lots of love and affection and some basic training, he will make an excellent companion for a family. Misu loves children and other dogs, or anyone who will love him in return. If you would like to meet Misu or know more about him visit us at the Animal Shelter, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 3-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or call 717-4989/701-4989.

Story & photo by Sanne Attevelt



## DID YOU KNOW?

That a new kind of sea grass is invading Lac Bay?

Sea grasses are plants and they are closely related to the plants that grow on land. They even have roots just like the plants that grow on land. They use the roots to hold on to the ground. Without the roots they wouldn't be able to grow in the soft sand of Lac bay. They would be swept away by the waves and currents. This new type of sea grass, *Halophilastipulacea*, usually grows in the Indian Ocean, but was discovered in the Caribbean in 2002 and in Lac bay in 2010. Since it was first found, it has spread quickly and now it covers over 26% of the area covered by sea grasses in Lac Bay.



Photo Credit: Peter Jonas

When a plant or animal is found in a new area and has negative effect on the other plants and animals that lives there, it is called an **invasive species**. One well-known example of an invasive species here in the Caribbean is the **Lionfish**, which has had negative effects on the fish populations around the islands.

In nature there is always a competition for space so, as the new sea grass takes up more and more space, the local sea grasses get less space. This may not sound like something bad, after all, there is still sea grass growing in Lac Bay. But most plants and animals are so well adapted to their environment that it's difficult for them to adapt to something new, even if it's only another type of sea grass.

One of the animals that might be affected by this is the green turtle because it prefers the local sea grass, which is called turtle grass. When scientists gave the green turtle different sea grasses to choose from, they saw that turtles prefer the local turtle grass. They wondered why the turtles always chose the turtle grass so they analyzed different sea grasses in a laboratory. The results showed that the turtle grass is better for the green turtles' health because it contains more nutrients. This is probably why the green turtle prefers the turtle grass.

When a green turtle eats the turtle grass at one location, it usually leaves some small plants. After a while the turtle grass grows back and the turtle can come back and eat from it again. BUT... The new sea grass grows faster so when the turtle eats the turtle grass in one place, the new sea grass takes its place because it grows much faster. After some time, there might only be the new sea grass that grows in Lac bay. This is bad for the green turtle and probably for the other plants and animals as well.

Invasive species are very hard to get rid of so the new sea grass is probably here to stay. Something that we all can do to protect the green turtle and the turtle grass is to be careful with what we do with our trash. Never throw anything in nature. We should also take care of the turtle grass that grows in Lac Bay. One simple way to do that is to avoid stepping on it or cutting its roots with boat propellers or windsurf fins.

Studies like this are important because they help to answer questions regarding the increasing problems with invasive species that are taking place all over the world. To predict, prevent and maybe eventually counteract the potentially negative effects that an introduction of a new species has on the environment, it is important to try to understand the interactions that take place between the different plants, animals and their environment. Story by Emil Ren

Emil Ren is STINAPA's new intern from Sweden. He studied at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and received some funding from the Erasmus+ Program to come and get some practical experience at STINAPA for six months.



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ANIMAL SHELTER AUCTION! DETAILS COMING SOON!

# Shelter News

### FAREWELL, BEST WISHES.... AND HELP WANTED!

Last week, Animal Shelter Bonaire said farewell and wished success to two terrific employees. **Michael Prudencia** has been at the Shelter for over a year and a half and has been a great asset. In addition to his great work with the animals, he was a wonderful mentor to the young male interns and "Mr. Fix-It" whenever a repair was needed or vehicles required service. Michael and his wife are embarking on a new business venture and the Shelter wishes them much success. He will be greatly missed by his canine, feline and human friends.

**Petra Rotter** has been with us only a short time, first as a steady volunteer and since July as a staff member. She is known as "the hardest working woman in shelter business"! There is no job too big or too small that she won't tackle with fervor and complete to perfection. Petra and her husband are returning to Germany where they will continue their previous professional grooming business. It will be hard to find someone who works as hard and joyfully as Petra. Shelter staff and residents will miss her.

And now...**HELP WANTED:** Animal Shelter Bonaire needs to fill the shoes of these great staffers. Do you love animals? Not afraid of hard work? Animal Shelter Bonaire needs you for one of two positions.

Animal Care Giver/2. 22 hours per week (incl. some weekend work); \$6.75/\$7.00 per hour depending on qualifications. Requirements: love of animals; physically able; good people skills; speak, read and write basic English; speak basic Papiamentu; Spanish and/or Dutch is a plus; basic computer skills; Bonaire sedula; clear conduct record.

Animal Care Giver/1. 20 hours per week (incl. some weekend work); \$6.50/\$6.75 per hour depending on qualifications. Requirements: love of animals; physically able; good people skills; speak and read basic English; Bonaire sedula; clear conduct record; basic Papiamentu, Spanish

and/or Dutch are pluses. If you are interested in either position please email [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com) for interview/appointment. Jane Madden Disko



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## THE GALACTIC TEA PARTY



**A**utumn is finally here And one of our favorite asterisms will soon be disappearing from the early evening sky. The **Teapot** will be visible in the southern sky and it has a great galactic secret to share.

About an hour after sunset, on any night next week, face south. Near the horizon, you'll see the stars of **Sagittarius the Centaur Archer**. He's just to the east of the j-shaped constellation of **Scorpius the Scorpion**.

Many of the stars of **Sagittarius** are too faint to see if there is light pollution as there is in downtown Kralendijk.

However, there are eight stars there that are fairly bright and they form what we call an asterism; like the **Big Dipper in Ursa Major** and the **sickle in Leo the Lion**.

Therefore, the **Teapot** in Sagittarius is not an official constellation. Nevertheless, it's a fun pattern to spot and with a little imagination, you can enjoy watching it cruise across the sky to pour tea on the tail of Scorpius the Scorpion.

If you have super dark **Sky Park** skies and a good imagination, the **Milky Way** looks like steam coming out.

As legend has it, Scorpius the Scorpion wanted to show off his brand-new teapot by having a tea party. But scorpions don't drink tea. Really? Just imagine that they do in the Sky Park. So anyway, Scorpius invited **Orion the Hunter** and his two hunting dogs, **Canis Major** and **Canis Minor** to his tea party. Unfortunately for Scorpius, He forgot that those constellations are in the winter part of the sky. So, by the time they arrived, The sky had rotated so far that all the tea poured out of the teapot, leaving

only the steam behind.

Now, let's take a closer look at this part of the Milky Way. On clear moonless nights, far from lights, you'll see that the tip of the teapot is embedded in the widest and densest part of the great ribbon of light we call the Milky Way. At this time of year, this great band of stars stretches all the way from the southwestern horizon, up to the zenith and back down to the northeast horizon.

In fact, if you look more closely at Sagittarius and Scorpius, you will see that most of the teapot and the bottom half of the scorpion are embedded in the Milky Way. And... if you take a pair of binoculars you will see that it is made up of millions of pin points of light; each one is a distant star.

These stars, along with our **Sun**, all belong to a great cosmic spiral family of 200 billion stars we call a **Galaxy**; **The Milky Way Galaxy**. The Milky Way is so huge, it is more than 100 thousand light years across. And the **Earth** is about 2/3rds of the way out from the center, on one of the spiral arms.

And when we look at Sagittarius and Scorpius, the reason the Milky Way appears thickest and widest here is because the bulging center of our galaxy lies in this direction. And... at the center of the galaxy, lies a deep dark mysterious object of incredible density. It is a **super-massive black hole**. You can't see it, but it lurks among the stars of Sagittarius.

So, there you have it: a galactic tea party with a celestial teapot. Look for Sagittarius tonight and gaze into the center of the galaxy. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



# THE STARS HAVE IT

Late September 2018

**ARIES** You may surprise yourself and others with what you can create with available funds and talent today. You finally have the key or right approach to a relationship that has been out of balance for a time. Children demand quality time. You make travel plans. Lucky number 21. Color blue.

**TAURUS** You retain a position of power at work and affirm commitments with love and promise. Labor and application to goals brings wealth. Contentment in family scenes is expansive. Your plans prove to be gainful, be it buying property or starting a venture. Lucky number 1. Color red.

**GEMINI** You may find it hard to make decisions as you analyze and think about pros and cons endlessly. Beware of a crafty opponent who tends to gossip. You are super active to achieve a lot in projects and personal matters. Intellectual activity can be rewarding. Lucky number 5. Color blue.

**CANCER** You are kind, romantic and dreamy this month and find it hard to deal with the practical realities of life. Beware of an indolent woman who can be demanding and domineering. A son or daughter can be too emotional and confused about a personal relationship. Lucky number 17. Color blue.

**LEO** Business is brisk and you are highly productive in professional ventures. You are good with your hands and special skills to gain appreciation. Feelings and emotions rather than intellectual ideas, influence your professional direction and personal decisions. Lucky number 1. Color pink.

**VIRGO** You complete an important assignment and can look forward to more opportunities. This is a good time to deal with details, practical matters and health problems. Be expansive and share your richness, wisdom, experience, feelings and expertise with others. Lucky number 9. Color pink.

**LIBRA** Priorities need to be clearly defined today. Delay in transactions can be expected. Personal matters take a back seat, as you get involved in heavy schedules. Encounters at this stage of negotiations can be disastrous. Meditate and rejuvenate your energy. Lucky number 9. Color silver.

**SCORPIO** A lack of persistence can be disastrous today. Sheer, unforeseen bad luck may look negative but it leads to fortunate changes. Restrictions may not be acceptable to you, express your feelings. Don't allow others to interfere in personal partnerships. Lucky number 8. Color lavender.

**SAGITTARIUS** You are kind to friends and family, diligent and benevolent at work and preserving, caring in relationships. Beware of a wasteful and prodigal woman at war with her essential dignity. A balanced attitude brings harmony at home and synergy at work. Lucky number 11. Color rust.

**CAPRICORN** You are left with mixed feelings of failure and success as some projects work well and others defeat you. Speculation is best avoided. Don't be disappointed if some promises are not fulfilled or friends let you down, as it is a temporary phase. Lucky number 7. Color silver.

**AQUARIUS** A restless feeling passes when you meditate in silence. A job or relationship is finished and it is time to let go and make a new beginning as something greater is waiting for you. You are past the point of return and have to go forward to be liberated. Lucky number 8. Color green.

**PISCES** Trust your intuition when judging people or situations. Personal relationships are meaningful. Spiritual reflection and growth is possible now as you are open, receptive and silent inside. The best answers come from within you so don't look for them outside. Lucky number 9. Color red. □ *India Today*

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