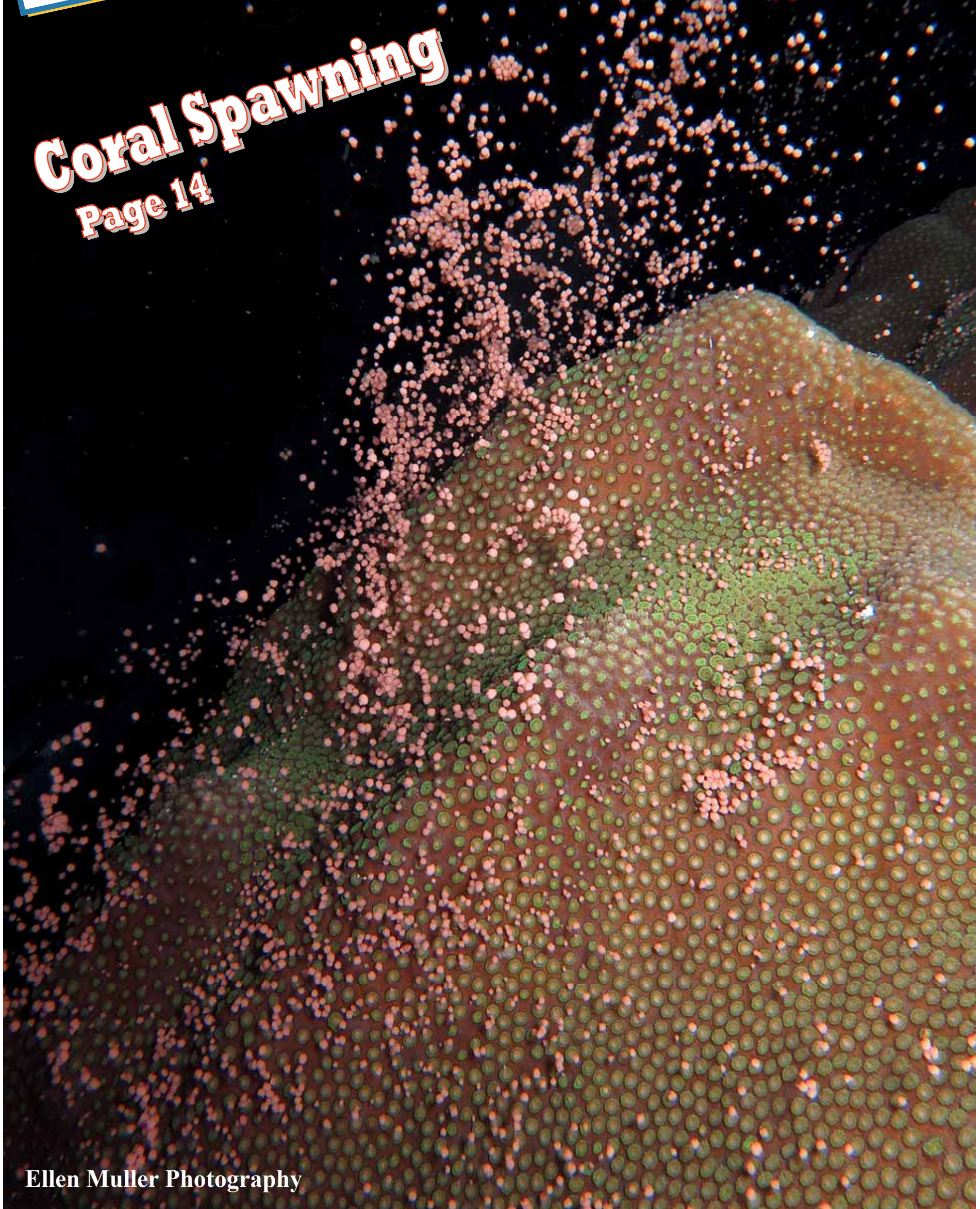


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Ellen Muller Photography

Bonaire is in trouble with the Board of Financial Supervision (Cft) and, unless it shapes up, local financial control will be taken away from the local government and supervised by Dutch ministries. Dudley Weedervoort, head of Bonaire's Finance Department, held a press conference to explain that all was well. He said to Island's finances were sound, all debts were paid and there was a surplus. He added his department was working hard to raise its level of management

The Board has called on both the Bonaire Executive Council and the Island Council to be more decisive. The Cft has repeatedly said that Bonaire is not complying with the legal standards on too many levels. In addition, agreements made with the Council have repeatedly been inadequately fulfilled or never accomplished. "If this situation does not improve, an advice for an intervention will become unavoidable," according to the Cft chairman Raymond Gradus. For example the 2017 accounts and the 2019 budget are not complete.

If the Cft does not see sufficient progress in this process and in the implementation of a modified plan, then an escalation by means of an advice to the State Secretary of Interior and Kingdom Relations to proceed with an intervention will become inevitable. The Cft has called on the Executive Council to prevent this.

The Cft BES consists of chairman **Raymond Gradus**, former MCB Bank Managing Director **Herbert Domacassé** and former Dutch Minister **Henk Kamp**.

► **Violent thunderstorms shook Bonaire in the morning hours of October 14.** Continuous thunder, brilliant lightning and torrential rain lasted for over an hour and continued



somehow diminished for the entire day. The system had even begun to rotate like a hurricane. Scattered power outages were widespread but quickly restored by WEB crews. Dozens of Internet routers were burned out by nearby lightning strikes. It was reported that Telbo ran short of replacements. As we go to press a tropical wave is persisting over the island, bringing overcast and scattered showers.

► **Although reconstruction of the South Pier continues it will be able to accommodate cargo and cruise ships** while the work is being finished. The rebuilt pier will incorporate innovations that should extend the usefulness beyond the originally planned 10 years to perhaps, if properly maintained, to 30 to 40 years.

As the rebuild progressed, it appeared that the repairs to the pier were much greater than previously estimated. Two and a half more months of work is needed. In addition, the construction of the new large mooring post (dolphin) was underestimated. The work was to have been completed on October 1, but the end date is now in mid- December.

However, the harbormaster, has agreed that the delay is acceptable as long as all scheduled ships can use the South pier as needed. The Roll On/ Roll Off Don Andres ships, as

usual, will be handled on the Middle Pier. The Middle Pier was rebuilt earlier this year.

Agreements have been made with the companies that supply sand, gravel and cement for the concrete industry and construction to continue to supply Bonaire without hindrance. The large cruise ships can also continue to use this pier.

► **InselAir continues to frustrate travelers in the ABC Islands.** It remains the sole larger-plane carrier with a daily schedule to all ABC islands.

It had no flights to Bonaire for the start of Regatta, stranding many visitors in Curacao with no access to food, drink or overnight accommodation. It prompted its new head-man, **Lars de Branbender**, to make an unprecedented personal apology to its customers.

It has only one aging jet used for longer flights, and one aging turboprop to meet its schedule. Despite this situation it announced expansion plans. An "aviation industry doctor" recommended the company focus on its Caribbean business.



► **But competition is growing.** Scheduled flights of EZ Air are getting closer with the certification of more pilots for its 20-passenger Beechcraft and impending delivery flight from Florida of two planes. WinAir has a limited schedule of ABC Island flights. Aruba Airlines also flies inter-island and connects to Miami.

► As previously announced in *The Bonaire Reporter*, in

2019, which marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Austrian Hans Hass, we will be featuring stories of his exploits here. Hass pioneered diving at Klein Bonaire in the 1930s. He continued diving here after WW-II.



Hass, Hughes, Hakkenberg

This photo shows Hass with dive tourism pioneer **Peter Hughes** and a young Bonairean resident, **Rene Hakkenburg** (who later went on to manage the Salt Company). Rene writes, "Notice the tanks with the old type reserve (J-valves). Hans Hass gave me one of his books. Years earlier my father had taken him and Lotte diving in Curacao. That must have been around 1950. I hung around and snorkeled, and with the 500 psi left in my father's tank I was allowed to finish up his air and go two meters deep. We had no dive tables, all we knew was do not go up quickly. We were young..."



► **Irresponsible people are fishing in the canals at the**

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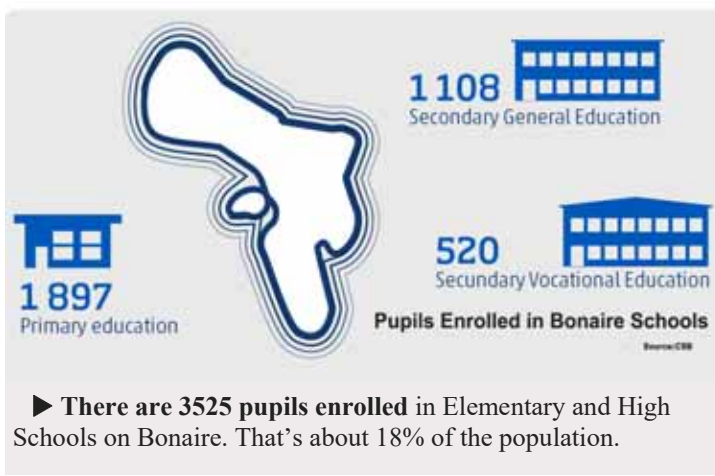
Flotsam and Jetsam (Conti. from page 2)

Cargill bridges in the south of the island. They are using nets and throwing fish that they don't have a use for on land and leaving them to die. During the weekend of 5 to 7 October, pictures were sent to STINAPA of dead fish on land and also trash left behind by people fishing with nets in the canals at the Cargill bridges. The entire area of Pekelmeer is private terrain of Cargill and also an important protected wetland area for birds where trespassing and activities such as hiking, fishing, dog-walking, operating drones, etc. is forbidden.

This area is a model for the proposal to open up Gotomeer (Goto Lake) to the sea that was covered in previous editions of *The Bonaire Reporter*.



► **The annual Swim to Klein Bonaire to benefit Jong Bonaire took place** again with a reported over 500 swimmers participating. The 1,600-meter swim (Eden



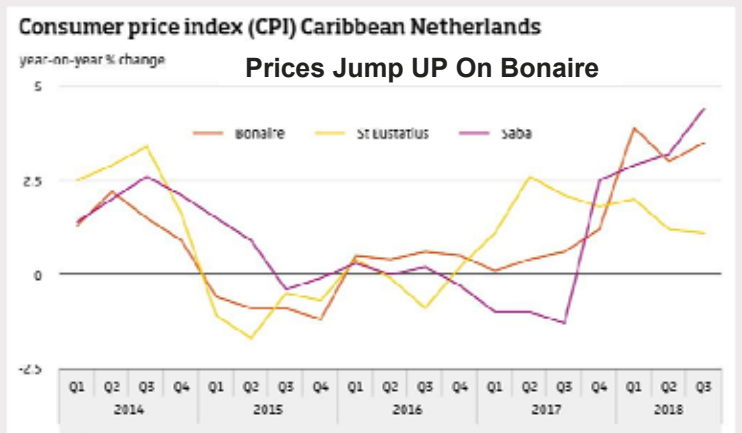
Beach to the turning mark at Klein Bonaire and back to the beach) was completed by hundreds. The first arriving participants were Michael and Ruby.



► **Know a smoker who wants to quit?** Encourage them to join Bon Bida Gym's clinic run by Jeroen Frank. You can still join #Stoptober and give up smoking with all the same support as those who started on October 1. Get your free intake for a Personal Quit Plan. Call: 717-7030



► This year, an added event took place: **Anita Smits** and **Wijnand de Wolf** swam from Eden Beach, totally around Klein Bonaire (12 kilometers) in 4 hours-50 minutes. Anita, a competitive swimmer, is the first woman to do it. The swim was a fundraiser for **The Bonaire Bar-**



► Having a hard time trying to make ends meet? In the third quarter of 2018, consumer prices on Bonaire were a shocking 3.5% higher than one year previously. Prices also rose on St. Eustatius and Saba, by 1.1 and by 4.4% respectively according to Statistics Netherlands (CBS). Bonaire consumer prices rose more rapidly mainly due to **electricity prices continuing to rise, 18% relative to the previous year.** The price of **gasoline went up by nearly 17%.** Not all prices rose. For example, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables became cheaper than a year ago.

racudas Swim Club. Donations can be made to an account at MCB, 11153607 Bon Aquatics Club, reference Public Pool.



► **Wannadive Bonaire** is the first dive operation on Bonaire to successfully have their boats pass the national board of safety inspection and receive their national safety certificate from the harbormaster. The certificate ensures that the boat is reliable, has vital equipment and is better able to cope with emergencies.

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SABADECO PIER DISPUTE

To the Editor:

Today was an eye-opening legal experience for members of all the Sabadeco neighborhoods. Many attended a court hearing regarding the Sabadeco pier. It seems that the person who recently purchased the house on the north side of the pier decided that he would close and lock access to the pier even though he doesn't own the pier or the driveway to the pier. Legally he is only entitled to an easement as opposed to the whole driveway from the road in Sabadeco Courts to his gate which is just inside the main gate entrance to the pier on Sabadeco-owned property. The new owner, who just moved here a few months ago, has an iron gate directly at the entrance to his property but feels that he doesn't have enough security and needs to lock the first gate as well, thus keeping Sabadeco residents from using the driveway to the pier and the pier itself, both of which are the property of Sabadeco, not the owner in question. In addition he has implied that he doesn't want to be bothered by Sabadeco divers and snorkelers using the dock – which, interestingly enough, is the property of Sabadeco and not his.

There was much back and forth between the judge and the attorneys and it soon became clear to many of those present that the judge thought it was fine to give the new owner extra security (why?) as long as Sabadeco agreed to allow the gate to be locked, that Sabadeco should order and

pay for keys to be given to 30 Sabadeco residents (the number of keys the new owner is willing to allow), yet Sabadeco residents who win the 'lucky key lottery' must give the NEW OWNER a \$50 deposit for each key. As the new owner is not a famous person, royalty, or someone in witness protection, additional security at the expense of the many to satisfy the desires of the few seems quite an odd notion and pretty much over the top. The majority of non-Dutch people affected by this situation are struggling with the logic of the judge. In fact the Dutch residents of Sabadeco are questioning it as well. The final judgment will be made soon yet it will undoubtedly be some form of locking the gate. Hopefully Sabadeco will appeal this lopsided situation.

It was just revealed that the house in question is now a rental property. The significance of this is that the major issue at the hearing was that the owner personally was fearful for his safety and required more security. Now it turns out that the owner wants to rent the house and his ad implies that the rental includes a private pier. Umm- let me think here. If the gates are locked and the pesky residents who are entitled to use the pier are kept out then yes we now have a private pier in the rental agreement. Ka-ching! Up goes the rent. If the owner's personal safety was the main issue, now that the situation appears to be a commercial enterprise instead, shouldn't the 'lock the gate issue' be moot? Stay tuned.

--A Resident

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In The Maldives



The Maldives is a group of islands in the Indian Ocean a long way from Bonaire. Rasdhoo is a small island and is one of the almost 1,200 islands that make up the Maldives. It provided a perfect location for a group of regular Bonaire visitors to explore and get a taste of the local culture after spending nine days diving the Maldives before returning to Bonaire, where their trip began.

Laura and Scott Cook, from Westfield, MA, Judy Grattidge, holding *The Bonaire Reporter*, and John Grattidge, from Charlton, NY and Jody and Stan Ortman, from Kokomo, IN, are all owners at Sand Dollar and, combined, have been coming to Bonaire for more than 30 years.

The trip to the Maldives from Bonaire was a long one. It started with a four and a half hour flight to Houston, TX. Next was a 15-hour plane flight to Dubai, the largest city in the United Arab Emirates. There the travelers spent two and a half days recovering from the jet lag before taking a four-hour flight to the Maldives.

Once they landed in the Maldives airport they literally crossed the street to join the live aboard, *Manthiri*, for nine days of diving where they experienced a lot of big animals and unique fish. The diving was so great they are planning a return trip.

Judy Grattidge commented that as great as the diving was in the Maldives you can't beat Bonaire, "I love the beauty, and the ease, of just walking out my door to swim, snorkel, or dive. And of course there are all the wonderful people."


Judy is holding a copy of the 2018 Karnival edition of *The Bonaire Reporter* with the cover photo taken by her good friend, Alan Zale, hoping that knowing somebody who had a connection to the paper would get their photo published. Photo by Val Andre, a fellow traveler. □

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Cola Creek, Surinam



Gilberto Lira and Hugo Bernal wrote, "In Suriname with our Reporter. In July / August we visited Suriname with a group of old students from the Aruba Bushiri hotel school. We took your Issue #14 for all our friends. Visiting the famous Cola Creek with showing off our *Bonaire Reporter*. Thank you." □

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The live auction will begin at 7:30 pm with our auctioneer Deepak Daryanni (owner of the fabulous new Best Cellars wine store) and his assistant/sidekick Lee Van Leeuwen. With those two running the show you know it's going to be quite an evening! During the live auction they will be tempting you with, among other things, deep sea fishing trips, a sunset cocktail sail for 10 people on the *Mushi Mushi* including cocktails and appetizers, a one-year membership to Bon Bida Spa, an airplane tour of the island for three people, and mini vacations at the beautiful new Delfins resort, and, at a real Bonaire favorite, The Sorobon Beach Resort, to name only a few of the choices on offer.

To get the full picture of everything available in both the silent and live auctions go to our auction website beginning November 1. Log onto asbauction.com and decide which of the items you can't live without. This year you will be able to **start bidding on those items online effective November 1**. The online bidding will close December

9 at 12:30 pm and the highest bids at that time will be the opening bids that evening. Also check out our goodies on Facebook - **Animal Shelter Bonaire - Charlie Piar** - and the Shelter website too - www.animalshelterbonaire.com. And as you look at the sites remember that the auction proceeds are a significant part of the Shelter budget. On behalf of all of our dogs and cats waiting for their forever homes we hope that we can count on your support.



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□ Dabney Lassiter



What To Know About Vitamin D

Your body makes vitamin D under your skin when you are outside in daylight, which is the reason vitamin D is sometimes called the 'sunshine vitamin'. A vitamin is something that helps our body function - a 'nutrient' - required in small quantities in the diet because it cannot be synthesized by the body.

What does vitamin D do to your body?

Vitamin D works with calcium and phosphorus for healthy bones, muscles and teeth. Vitamin D also plays an important role in protecting muscle strength and preventing rickets, osteomalacia (soft bones) and falls.

Even if you have a calcium-rich diet (for example from eating plenty of low-fat dairy foods and green leafy vegetables), without enough vitamin D you cannot absorb the calcium into your bones and cells where it is needed. Vitamin D may have many other important roles in the body, but there isn't enough evidence at the moment to make any conclusions.

What happens if I don't get enough vitamin D?

Some babies are born with low levels of vitamin D and some do not get enough in breast milk; this can result in fits or rickets. Older children who do not get enough vitamin D can also develop rickets. Rickets can cause permanent deformities to the bone, weaken muscles and reduced growth.

Adults who don't get enough vitamin D can develop osteomalacia. This makes the bones softer as the minerals needed to keep them strong cannot get into the bone. People with osteomalacia experience bone pain and muscle weakness.

When is vitamin D made in the skin? The amount of vitamin D you make depends on how strong the sunlight is. You will make more in the middle of the day, when the sun is strongest. You will also make more when you are in direct sunlight than in the shade or on a cloudy day.



It is the sun's ultraviolet rays that allow vitamin D to be made in the body. You do not have to sunbathe to make vitamin D. However, strong sun also burns skin so we need to balance making vitamin D with being safe in the sun - take care to cover up or protect your skin with sunscreen before you turn red or get burnt. This can be a problem if you spend a lot of time outdoors on Bonaire.

People at risk for having low vitamin D are:

- people over 65 years old because their skin is not as good at making vitamin D
- people with darker skin tones - that is people of Asian, African, Afro-Caribbean and Middle Eastern descent - living in northern climates
- if you always cover most of your skin when you are outside
- anyone who spends very little time outside - the housebound, shop or office workers, night shift workers
- if the air is quite polluted
- babies and young children, and children and adolescents who spend little time playing outside
- pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers
- **Foods containing vitamin D:** cod liver oil contains a lot of vitamin D (don't take this if you are pregnant)
- egg yolk, meat, offal and milk contain small amounts but this varies during the seasons
- oily fish such as salmon, sardines, pilchards, trout, herring, kippers and eel contain reasonable amounts of vitamin D
- margarine, some breakfast cereals, infant formula milk and some yoghurts have added or are 'fortified' with vitamin D

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On the Island Since... 2007 - Niels Hogeveen and ... 2015 - Dennis Claassen



Niels (left) and Dennis on their way to Klein Bonaire



Niels and Dennis at Coconut Grove

“February 2006—I came here on vacation for a month,” Niels says. “The first week I didn’t like it, the second week I got used to the temperature, the third week I thought it was paradise and the fourth week I didn’t want to leave anymore. But I went back to Holland where I worked as an assistant location manager for Praxis, a home improvement supplies retailing company. However, during the following days and weeks Bonaire was the topic of all my conversations; I just couldn’t stop talking about it! I started thinking and came to a conclusion, then I put my house up for sale. Within six weeks it was sold. Of course I had to finish my work in a proper manner and so I came to Bonaire in February 2007.

I became the manager at Pasa Bon Pizza and from there I went to It Rains Fishes. I worked in various restaurants and at Plaza Hotel as an activity manager. During that time Dennis came here for a vacation to celebrate his dad’s 65th birthday, as his dad lives here on the island, just like my parents who’d moved here before me.”

“I’d been travelling frequently,” Dennis says, “working as a steward for Air Holland, which later became TUI, and also privately to the fanciest places. I was living in Amsterdam for 15 years, had a good job, a good salary and I was in the process of buying a house – a long cherished wish I could finally realize – and although everything seemed to be working out fine, I noticed I was restless and wondering if this was it. Then I went to Bonaire for my dad’s 65th birthday but before going I contacted Niels, who was an acquaintance of mine, to ask if he was still living on the island. We met when I was vacationing here and it was fun. We got to know each other better and found out we got along well, so I came for the second time to Bonaire shortly after. Then I felt I had to make a decision: to let it go or to do something with it. Lots of mixed feelings really, but in the end it was Niels who gave up his life on Bonaire after having lived here for six years and he moved to Amsterdam with me.

In the beginning it was so much fun: our jobs, our own house and the life we lived in the city. But somehow, after a little bit, the idea to move to Bonaire resurfaced again. I wasn’t flying anymore and I felt

ready for a new adventure.”

Niels continues: “The city wasn’t a problem for me, but the mentality was. It seemed like people were very much into themselves and life was fast and mostly about career, image, ego and material things. It just wasn’t my style.”

Dennis continues, “I was working for ‘Suitsupply’, a very successful men’s fashion brand. It was a jet-set scene involving very successful people and I was sensitive to it. I went to parties and happy hours with the in-crowd. On the other hand, I slowly started to resent the lifestyle. Somehow – and mainly because of Niels – I began to see there was a lot of fakeness and being just a simple guy from the south of Holland who moved to Amsterdam to live the life, I felt that after 15 years, it was enough. It wasn’t so important to me anymore.

“I think it’s a pity that it’s changing so fast and I really hope Bonaire can keep its Caribbean flavor, in spite of all the changes.”

Before, when I’d met Niels, I wasn’t ready to leave Amsterdam. It all went too fast for me. But within the year I changed and started to think about Bonaire. I felt I should face a new adventure. I talked about it with Niels, but in the beginning he didn’t take me seriously and later he told me that he’d left everything behind for me and now it was I who wanted to go.”

“I’d worked several jobs in Amsterdam that weren’t so great,” Niels says, “but then, finally, I’d found a job I liked a lot at Café Pollux, one of the most well-known cafes in Amsterdam. And when Dennis came up with his idea to move to Bonaire, my life had just settled in a good way. Nevertheless, I was thrilled of course and super happy because in the back of my mind the thought of going back to Bonaire one day had always been there. Especially because my parents, my sister and my nephew were living there as well. The only issue I had was that I’d never thought we would go back within 18 months!

From there on it went very fast. I’d been on vacation to Bonaire once since I lived in Amsterdam and it had been very hard to say goodbye, so when we planned for a second vacation to see what we were going to do on Bonaire, it sort of hit me. We were having dinner, talking about the coming vacation and then I told Dennis, why don’t we arrange everything so that we can stay on Bonaire?”

“At that instant I thought, ‘why not!’” Dennis says, “yes, it was a bit fast – but three days later the rental agent knocked on the door and the ball started rolling. In three months we completed everything and we never used the return ticket! It was September 2015. We moved in with my dad and started looking for a house to rent. I went to work at Spice, doing the breakfast service and Niels became the restaurant manager at Sorobon Beach

I was interested in vacation rentals, then I met Rob van den Berge and Lolymar Sanchez who own ‘Island Time Vacation Rentals.’ They invited me to join their staff. I’m still doing that, but no longer full-time, because we got the opportunity to manage Coconut Grove, a small scale apartment complex of six units at Kaya Nikiboko-Zuid. First we remodeled it thoroughly, and we’re still not completely done, but in the meantime we are in business. Most of the time I’m there while Niels is also working at Haafkes. What I learned at Island Time I can now use and give it my own twist. But one thing I know now: hospitality is my thing!”

“Life on Bonaire has changed tremendously since I came here 12 years ago,” Niels says. “Personally I think it’s a pity that it’s changing so fast and I really hope Bonaire can keep its Caribbean flavor, in spite of all the changes. Of course many things have also changed for the better, but I find it so busy and westernized. The relaxed atmosphere is gone. Of course the island has to move with the times but it shouldn’t lose its authenticity. I know it’s part of Holland, but it certainly isn’t Holland.” “I don’t know the old Bonaire,” Dennis says, “and I don’t know if I would have liked to live here in those days. The way I see it, Bonaire is bubbling and... no change, no progress. When you make the move from Holland to Bonaire, you find out things are different here. You should respect and accept local customs and ways as we are not in Holland; we are in the Caribbean. I think a lot of Dutch people who come to live here do not realize that you have to adapt to the local rhythm and not start criticizing it because then you don’t fit in.

I’d expected to miss a lot of (cultural) things from Holland when I moved here, but my life is completely different now and it’s okay. Once I was pulled into the material world and I still like beautiful things, but I don’t have the urge to own them anymore. That’s the choice I made. We are where we are and we’re open to the future. I love this island tremendously. We are happy.” ■ Story by

Greta Kooistra.
Photos from file & Greta Kooistra



TWR Color Contest

One of Bonaire's most visited, although unheralded, tourist attractions is the undersea mural painted on the outside of the Trans World Radio studios. Last month a contest was held to name a winner of a children's contest to color in a line drawing of the mural. The mural was designed and painted by Rita Carswell and Jeannie Villacorte of Mural Art Designs.



The Winners

On Sept 22 the winners of the coloring contest visited the TWR-Bonaire office to receive their prizes.

Anaira (6), Gabin (8), Leonardo (11), Algaron (12) and Michelle (18) each won a bath towel with the TWR mural, sunglasses and a water bottle with their coloring page.

Mien, the mother of Anaira, says that her daughter was busy with the colors throughout the summer. "She was done with the drawing on the last day for submission." Michelle is the winner in the 16-99 age group. She is studying to become a graphic designer. "Normally I paint, but I really enjoyed doing this," she says. Algaron, a winner in the 12-15-year age group, said the turtle was the most beautiful animal to color.

HARD TO CHOOSE THE WINNER

The prizes were awarded by Jonas Fischer, technical director of TWR Bonaire.

"In total, about 30 color plates have been handed in. There is a lot of creative talent on Bonaire. It was hard to choose the winners because all entries were done very well," says Salome Fischer, one of the jury members.

2018 IS A SPECIAL YEAR

Mariette Oosterhoff of TWR Bonaire says, "We organized the color competition because 2018 is a special year for us. In January our transmitter was upgraded to 450 kW, which means that we have doubled the reach of our radio station. In this festive year, we distributed the daily devotional *Alimento pa e Alma* in Papiamentu for free to all people on Bonaire. For the children, we designed this beautiful coloring plate of our underwater wall. The coloring page can still be printed on this site. □ Press release

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 3)

Bonaire is the name of an upscale watch from a Kickstarter-based manufacturer.

According to a manufacturer's comments it has a Rolex-like feel with minimal dial text and no date, and feels like a vintage watch or a near-dressy dive watch. The company, Méraud, has set the retail price of the Bonaire at €849. (\$980) The first 100 backers can get it for €635 (~\$730). Visit Méraud Watch Co. online for more information.



As of press time there were 23 local restaurants signed up for Bonaire Blond Restaurant Week (see ad below) from November 5-11. Restaurant week is when participating restaurants offer a three-course meal for only \$27.50. Most of the island's top eateries participate. They include (in alphabetical order): At Sea, Blue Garden, Boudoir, Brass Boer, Breeze 'n Bites, Capriccio, Chibi Chibi (Divi), Courses- Sorobon, El Bigote, El Encanto, Hang Out Beach Bar- Jibe City, Ingredients, It Rains Fishes, Joe's Restaurant, La Balandra-Harbour Village, La Cantina, La Terrazza, Mezze, Rum Runners- Habitat, Sebastian's Restaurant, Spice Restaurant, Tasty Bar and Steakhouse, Windsock The Beach. □ G./L.D.



Congratulations to the BonKarate Team. In last month's Curacao Open Competition they won 3 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals.

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Regatta

The 2018 Bonaire Regatta is over, It was an unqualified success both on and off the water. The four-day event had weather from brilliant to rainy. Sailing from brisk to windless. Great festival. Super boat party. Outstanding "Coney Island" amusement park. Good feelings. Great ambiance.

The organizers, Hype Events, said their vision "for the Regatta is to develop it into one of the largest in the Caribbean, but it must retain its unique Bonairean characteristics, such as fishing boats and micro-boats."

The logo used for this 51st Regatta will be maintained as a "brand" so the event will be more identifiable in future years.

The organizers pledged to continue efforts to develop the Bonaire Regatta, so that this top event remains a part of the Bonairean culture that every Bonairean can be proud of.

We hope these photos by internationally famous marine photographer **Els Kroon** helps you capture the flavor of the event.

□ G.D.



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Making Bonaire "Accessible"

VISION DISABILITIES

On October 15 the FKBO (Foundation for Care of the Disabled) celebrated "White Cane Safety Day."

According to Wikipedia this is an observance celebrated in October each year since 1964. This day is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane.

On Bonaire the celebration was held in the garden of the former *Kas di Kuido* (elderly home). The guests were told about this special day, they got an explanation and even a good chance to experience the use of the white cane while blindfolded.

The staff and director of the FKBO made their guests feel what it is like to be blind and how to make use of the white cane. The white cane can be seen from afar and it makes clear that the person using it has problems with his or her sight. This is the so-called recognition cane. The other white cane can also be used to explore and scan the surroundings.

Although the cane is visible, oftentimes the car drivers do not stop for a blind person who wants to cross the street. This makes it unsafe for visually impaired persons to be out on the street alone.

Guests stepped out in the Kaya L.D. Gerharts together with a buddy. They stepped off the curb and crossed the street and back. All traffic stopped! Was this because of the white cane? Or because of the buddy and the TV camera? It certainly was



an eye-opener for the public.

The invited guests were also very impressed and even touched. Some even promised to give the visually impaired more attention.

Normally one does not see many white canes as most people don't use it. Only 2% do. Most rely on their useable vision, a guide dog or a sighted guide. We do not see many dogs on Bonaire though. Maybe this is because a dog is very expensive and the training takes a long time. But... it would be a very interesting item to explore.

Bonaire needs to be accessible for everybody, hence also for the visually impaired! Should you be interested to become a volunteer at the FKBO, you may give them a call: 717-5765.

Attentive readers may have noticed.... the MIVABO Facebook page is "alive" again. And they kicked this off with their special project for December 3, the International Day for the Handicapped, the painting contest plus the plans for making the beaches more accessible by rubberized paths and special beach chairs.

Painting is a wonderful hobby, but on Bonaire it is hard to come by good materials and tools. Should you have linen, paint, charcoal, pencils, brushes, etc. lying around and you do not use or need them anymore, consider donating them to MIVABO. They will see to it that it makes it way to those needy artists who want to compete.

To go swimming in a pool should no longer be a problem if you depend on a

wheelchair. At **Hillside** they offer an awesome pool-wheelchair, that has you in and out of the pool in no time. Go, take a look and try it out. Take a buddy for safety and more fun!

□ Story by Ria Evers-Dokter, Internet photos



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A Garden? Just Do It

RAINY SEASON

I guess our rainy season started. What weather! For days there is hardly any sunshine, dark, rainy, cloudy, nasty streets, wet clothes that do not dry, mud under my shoes and on my bike, frogs and mosquitoes. Not nice for tourists who look for sun, beaches and things to do. Sorry for this bad weather, but we on Bonaire love this rain. Oh yes, look at nature. It turns green all over the place. Plants look fresh again; trees are full of leaves and some with nice juicy fruit already. Farmers are happy because there is now grass enough for their cattle. And for animals in the wild like iguanas, loras, donkeys, lizards, certain type of birds, frogs, goats, this rain is a blessing. It means plenty of food and water after a very dry hard period of surviving.

Also we gardeners are happy with this rain. We lost many plants during the very dry months and with the expensive WEB water it was not easy to keep the garden in good condition. My fruit trees were giving less fruit than they normally do and the fruit was smaller, less juicy and not so tasty. Also my veggies like peppers and eggplants were small and hard.

But I never give up (the best, healthiest food is that I grow myself in clean soil); a few months ago I started with new veggie plants so all are big and fresh now and have started giving nice vegetables. I have just eaten from my veggie plants already, fresh from the land with a great, pure taste.

I also catch rainwater in buckets and empty these buckets the same day onto the big plants and trees so even the roots deep down get a lot of water. Rain water is the healthiest water for plants because of all the minerals that keep the plants in a healthy condition.

But not all plants need so much water or can stand all that water. There are plants that even die of too much. I move my cactus plants and desert rose to under my porch. I also keep an eye on certain plants that might suffer from so much rain. When I see them hanging, I will move them too.

Don't leave water in containers overnight. Think of dengue mosquitoes. Also, give the yard a good clean up. Remove pots and pans, empty containers, bottles, tires, buckets, yes, everything that can contain water. Clean rain water in every possible empty container is the most perfect condition for



All you can eat: pumpkin flowers and young vine

the dengue mosquito to breed, so prevention is the best medicine against it.

Not only are the plants doing well these days but also the weeds. Oh, that gives me trouble. Weeds grow like crazy as soon as a few drops of rain come down. It's a fight I never win and costs me so much time and energy. Every day I spend time pulling weeds out before they get seeds. I counted how many types of weeds I found already in my yard. It was nine. So after a while I still need to pay a gardener to trim these weeds when I cannot handle it anymore. Another \$150 box from Selibon? Yes, that is what weeds cost me twice in a rainy season. That's why I start to pull it out first by myself to avoid another \$150 box.

Another thing these days in my garden are the small brown lizards with a straight tail. There are more and more of them, hanging out everywhere, even on the walls of my house. As soon as a young plant pops up, these lizards are there to eat the young top and or the young leaves, a new thing to fight against. Friends also complain, asking me what to do. I got a solution from another friend who said that walls of plastic bottles help. The lizards cannot climb on plastic. Another maybe easier way is to put plastic buckets, open top and bottom, around the young plants or over each plant. Your garden may look like a plastic field, but once

the plants are bigger, the lizards are not that interested anymore and the plant is stronger to survive the bites of the lizards.

A strange thing is that cats don't eat these lizards. I often have wild cats in my yard, hunting the birds, but they never chase the lizards. Locals told me that lizards have poisons which make cats and dogs very sick when eaten. So these lizards have no enemies and that's why they are so prolific. I wonder how cats and dogs know that they should not eat the lizards?

One of the plants the lizards are crazy for is the flower of the pumpkin. I have a big bush of crawling pumpkin besides my beer-put. Once I had a great tasting pumpkin, of which I planted the seeds a few months ago. Now the fat plants have giant leaves and everyday a few flowers. If the lizards have not eaten the flowers yet I pick the male flowers in the morning just before they close again. Do you know that you can eat these flowers and that they are very healthy? I chop them and add to scrambled eggs. It's just like a pancake and delicious. It's also good as a tea for certain health problems like yellow fever. Also the very young leaves at the top of the pumpkin vine are a very healthy nice vegetable. Add to mashed potatoes with some melted butter. Cook a bunch of young vines together with the potatoes, add butter and salt, mashed and you will be surprised how nice this tastes. So I use all of the pumpkin plant, I don't need to wait all the time for the pumpkins. But if you cannot wait for a ripe pumpkin, a green pumpkin is also good to eat. Locals make a dish of it, stewed with salted beef or salted fish. I add also some curry powder, cumin, garlic and pepper, a bit of ginger and onion. Try it, you will beg for more.

This is a perfect time to plant pumpkin seeds. There are a number of varieties. The plant needs a lot of space to crawl (which I limit by making a kind of fence from stones on the ground. When it crawls over the stones I put the vine back in its limited space). And don't forget to put open buckets over the young plants to protect them from the brown lizards. How do you know the pumpkin is ready to pick? When the vine turns brown and old you know the pumpkin gets dry and is good to cut from the plant.

Frogs are around now and sometimes I find one in the bushy pumpkin plant. But most of the time they are in the banana trees and palm trees in the little bit of water where the leaves hook onto the tree. So when cutting a bacoba bunch from the tree, you might be surprised by frogs jumping over your head. It's all in the game and a frog does not hurt nor is it dangerous.



"Golden" apples



Tanarin (Tamarind) are beginning to blossom

Last but not least, an update of fruits on the island, ready to pick. **Delicious mispel, juicy knepa, purple druif (grape) Surinam, hoba, pomegranate, soursop, baby druif, some leftover tamarin, the last mangos, sweet papaya, big bunches of bacoba, appeldam, birambi, golden apple, carambola, guaba, coco.**

So it's time to do things. With this rain work in your garden and gather fruit for your jam and jellies, your breakfast with pure island fruits, homemade juices, syrups and pancakes, healthy lunches and dinners.

So just do it. □

Story & photos by Angliet, Nature Lover



The Classical Music Board Bonaire is proud to announce the appearance of renowned soprano **Karin ten Cate**, accompanied on guitar by Paul Pleijsier. Soprano Karin ten Cate and guitarist **Paul Pleijsier** were musically linked by an impresario. After an intensive rehearsal period, the duo gave their first concert in 2008. It turned out to be a golden combination. The sometimes whisper-quiet voice of Karin effortlessly connects with Paul's subtle guitar sound.

For this special concert on Bonaire, Karin and Paul have prepared a programme with Mozart arrangements, a selection from the Seguidillas by Sor and songs by Rodrigo, De Falla and Benjamin Britten. In addition, they play adaptations of the famous Ave Maria by Bach-Gounod and the world-famous aria Casta Diva from the opera Norma by Bellini. After the break the concert gets a lighter touch with pieces by Freddie Mercury and Queen, Beach Boys and Beatles but also by Joni Mitchell and George Gershwin.

The concert will take place in the Cacique room of the Plaza Beach Resort in Kralendijk (Playa Pariba) and starts at 20.00 hrs.

Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased online at classicalmusicbonaire.com/ and at Addo's Bookstore, Joshantie's books & office supplies and Valerie's airport shop. In addition to the concert on Friday evening, Karin ten Cate and Paul Pleijsier will perform for Bonairean school students. They will play part of their classical repertoire and more modern pieces which they deem suitable for a young audience.

□ Press release

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Nature Organization, STINAPA, has frequent events—bird watching, sunset hikes, lectures, etc. Go to their website for more information of events for the rest of 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 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

•**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 Cruscita 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 9am to 12 noon Add'l Info (599) 701-9522 Dutch/English 1pm to 3pm Add'l Info (599) 701-2892

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Children's Club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact: Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

Dutch service Every Sunday evening at 7pm, Hanchi Amboina 37. Kralendijk. Pastor Oppeneer. Info call +599 787-0646

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.

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Saturday	11/3/2018	Norwegian Gem	0700-2200	N.pier	2338

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 Lagoen 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

Tuesday October 23—**STINAPA presentation on the status of the conch population in Lac Bay**-from 7pm to 8 pm at the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA), Kaya Finlandia 10A,

Wednesday, October 24 – **Luna Yen (Full Moon) Celebration**, 7-9pm, Kunuku Arowak, Porta Spano, Rincon Road. Call: SKAL + 599 717 8868

Friday, October 26—**The Classical Music Board Bonaire (CMBB) presents soprano Karin ten Cate, accompanied on guitar by Paul Pleijsier**, 8pm, Plaza Beach Resort. Poster on page 11

Saturday, October 27—**Nos Zjilea Cultural Event, Mangazina di Rei**, creole kitchen, music, crafts, local produce, 8am-1pm, Rincon Road, at eastern entrance to Rincon

Monday, November 3—**Annual Study & Career Event**—Colleges and companies offer information. Canadian universities will be present this year.

—**Taste of Bonaire, Wellness edition**—entertainment, food, drinks, friendly atmosphere. Wilhelmina Park, 6-10pm.

November 5– 11—**Bonaire Blond Restaurant Week.** More on pages 3 & 7

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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 22		05:12 0.17 ft	11:21 0.65 ft	18:36 0.28 ft	23:04 0.46 ft	6:26	18:13
Tue 23		05:33 0.21 ft	11:57 0.72 ft	20:02 0.21 ft		6:26	18:13
Wed 24	00:28 0.37 ft	05:51 0.25 ft	12:37 0.79 ft	21:17 0.12 ft	Full Moon	6:26	18:12
Thu 25	02:13 0.32 ft	06:11 0.28 ft	13:20 0.87 ft	22:16 0.03 ft		6:26	18:12
Fri 26	03:56 0.30 ft	06:39 0.29 ft	14:06 0.95 ft	23:04 -0.06 ft		6:27	18:12
Sat 27	05:06 0.31 ft	07:32 0.30 ft	14:54 1.02 ft	23:47 -0.13 ft		6:27	18:11
Sun 28	05:44 0.33 ft	08:45 0.31 ft	15:43 1.08 ft			6:27	18:11
Mon 29		00:27 -0.18 ft	06:16 0.36 ft	09:59 0.30 ft	16:32 1.10 ft	6:27	18:10
Tue 30		01:05 -0.21 ft	06:49 0.41 ft	11:09 0.29 ft	17:22 1.10 ft	6:27	18:10
Wed 31	L. Quarter	01:44 -0.22 ft	07:24 0.47 ft	12:18 0.27 ft	18:13 1.05 ft	6:28	18:10
Thu 01		02:22 -0.20 ft	08:03 0.55 ft	13:28 0.26 ft	19:05 0.97 ft	6:28	18:09
Fri 02		02:59 -0.17 ft	08:45 0.64 ft	14:40 0.24 ft	19:58 0.86 ft	6:28	18:09
Sat 03		03:36 -0.11 ft	09:30 0.73 ft	15:57 0.22 ft	20:56 0.72 ft	6:29	18:09
Sun 04		04:12 -0.05 ft	10:16 0.82 ft	17:20 0.19 ft	22:00 0.57 ft	6:29	18:09
Mon 05		04:48 0.03 ft	11:04 0.90 ft	18:46 0.13 ft	23:18 0.44 ft	6:29	18:08



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Food and Vitality (Continued from page 5)

Vitamin D supplements
Taking a vitamin D supplement as well as eating foods rich in vitamin D and spending a lot of time outside in sunshine is not a problem.
However, do not take more than one supplement containing vitamin D (count cod-liver oil as a supplement) as you could exceed the 10 micrograms recommendation. Always choose a supplement tailored to the age group or condition, as fish liver oils and high dose multivitamin supplements often contain vitamin A, too much of which can cause liver and bone problems, especially in very young children, and the elderly. □ *Lucinda van der Wardt*



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Pet Of The Week

Meet Jiggy! Funny Jiggy is a black and brown male pinscher puppy who is about 5 months old. He is a lovable and intelligent pup who just wants to be part of a loving family that he can please. Jiggy loves having a cuddle and curling up on your lap for his nap time. He also has the funny habit of sitting in his water bowl to relax!

Jiggy is well behaved in the car, so a trip to the beach will make him very happy. This adorable puppy is happiest when around people and he's looking for a home where he is welcome to be an inside/outside dog as a part of the family. Jiggy is good with children as well as other dogs and cats, so he will make a great family pet bringing lots of love and laughter to the home. He is healthy, vaccinated and will be sterilized as soon as he is old enough.

If you would like to meet Jiggy 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. nonstop, or



contact us at 717-4989/701-4989. □

Story & photo by Sanne Attevelt



Shelter News

ADOPTIONS

In the last month and a half, 22 lucky Shelter animals (6 cats and 16 dogs) found their forever

homes! And even better news is that many of these were older companions who had been at the Shelter for some time. We still have plenty of furry friends to choose from, so please pay us a visit if you are looking for that fur-ever friend. Adopt, don't shop!

The holidays are not too far away. The Shelter dog boarding facility is already fully booked from December 28 until the first weeks in January. If you need boarding facilities prior to or after those dates, please make your reservations as soon as possible as those dates are almost full as well.



Speaking of holidays, the fireworks season is also party of the holidays. Many dogs and cats are frightened and go missing during that time. Please have your pet microchipped as soon as possible. If your pet is already microchipped please be sure their chip number is registered with the island veterinarians and the Shelter so we can locate owners of recovered dogs/cats.

WANTED: If you have used clothes drying racks that are still in solid condition, the Shelter really needs them. Also needed are old towels in good condition. Lots of rain means lots of mud and lots of dog baths!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Cause for Pause, the Animal Shelter Auction is set for Sunday, December 9 at a lovely mansion in Sabadeco. You won't want to miss this! □ Jane Madden-Disko



★ Oscar Is Looking For A Home ★

This is Oscar, he is 5 years old and a real good dog. He's quiet but alert and he listens well. Last year Oscar's owner sadly passed away and the owner's friend took him in, but he doesn't match with the six dogs she already had and certainly not at all with the two cats of the house, so he has been kept separately which makes him sad.

Oscar is a dog that should be with older, quiet people, who do have time for him and who know about dogs. Company is very important; he loves to be with his people and to be part of the family.

Oscar cannot be with cats and once he spots an iguana, a lizard or a rat, they won't survive because he's really fast! He's a big, beautiful dog with a great personality and it would be just wonderful if someone with a garden and a good fence could take care of him and love him the way he deserves. He will make that person and the family really happy because a dog like Oscar is hard to find. □ Story & photo by Greta Kooistra



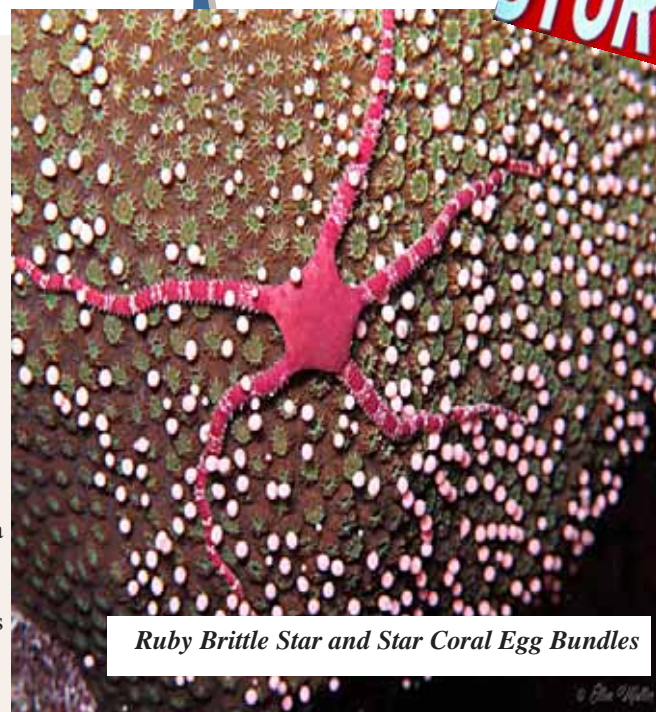
Corals Spawn!

COVER STORY

Something magical happens underwater every year in Bonaire.

As the waters start to warm up, in the months of August, September and October, coral spawning takes place. During the two weeks after the full moon in those three months is when most of the action will take place.

Carmabi and Stinapa post a list on their websites of the expected spawning times for each different species of coral and also for invertebrates.



Ruby Brittle Star and Star Coral Egg Bundles



Flower Coral Eggs

The big show with the Star Corals usually happens on the 6th and 7th nights after the full moon from 9:45 pm - 11 pm. If you dive just after sunset during the week after the full moon you may see spawning soft corals, brittle stars, ribbon worms and sea cucumbers.

With coral reefs around the world under so much stress it is a beautiful sight to be able to observe the reef renewing itself. Plan a trip to Bonaire during this time and witness this miracle yourself! □ Story & photos by Ellen Muller

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BONAIRE SKY PARK*

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MONSTERS FOR HALLOWEEN IN THE SKY PARK

It is almost Halloween, so let's look for our favorite monsters in the Sky Park. These are the stars and constellations that struck terror in the hearts of our ancestors.

And they include a dragon, a sea monster, and a woman with snakes for hair.

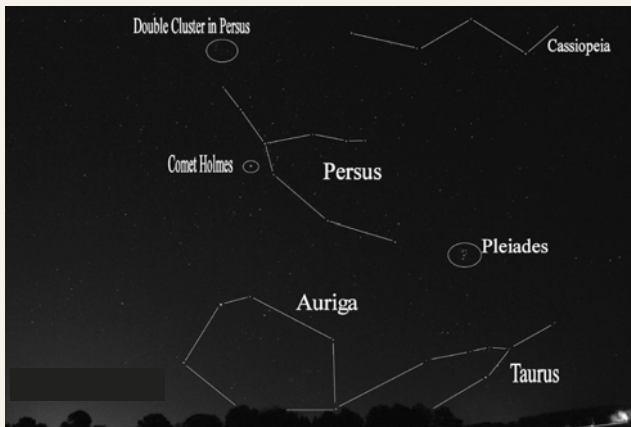
And finally we'll find the star cluster that signaled the day of the dead.

On October 31 face north at 8:30pm. We're going dragon-hunting and looking for **Draco the Dragon**.

Our guide star is low in the north – **Polaris** a.k.a. the **North Star**. It's not terribly bright but you should be able to spy it from most locations. The dragon's sinuous body is nearby... But the dragon's head holds the brightest stars in this monster constellation. Look for three stars in a neat triangle. And if you're in a darker sky, you might be able to make out a fourth star. Along came a god named **Marduk** who slew the great beast. Marduk then sliced the dragon in half – one half becoming the **Earth**, and the other, the heavens above.

Then look halfway up in the northeastern sky now for the **Constellation Perseus**. He's a toughie to find since the stars don't look like an armor-clad hero with winged sandals. With a lot of imagination, we can see Perseus holding something in his outstretched arm. To the ancient Greeks it's the star **Algol**, a.k.a. the winking eye of **Medusa**. She's the gorgon with snakes for hair. But other cultures had some very frightening names for this star, like: The Specter's head, Ghost's Head, Satan's Head, the Double Eye, and my personal favorite, Oiled Up Corpses.

Why such scary names? Algol is no ordinary star - it's a special type of star called an **eclipsing variable**. Algol is really two stars that orbit each other. When the bigger, dimmer star blocked the light of the smaller brighter star the ancients noticed. During these eclipses Algol dims like clockwork every 2.87 days. So, see if you can see the winking eye of Medusa this month. It won't turn you to stone. Perseus is using Medusa's head to save princess **Andromeda** from a



briny behemoth—the sea monster, **Cetus**. Look farther to the southeast, and maybe you can make out the sea monster. However, his outline looks more like a recliner chair. Nevertheless, this was **Poseidon's** vicious pet sea monster who we see turned to stone by... Medusa's head!

Algol strikes again! Several cultures selected November 1 as a special day to honor their dearly departed. It marks a halfway point between fall and winter, plus the coolest star cluster does something special that night. At midnight, the **Seven Sisters, or Pleiades**, are an open cluster of stars visible in the east. At first glance they look like a little cloud, but upon closer examination you may be able to make out the individual stars in the cluster.

A sharp-eyed first grader told me they looked like a dinky dipper. This "dinky dipper" features heavily in All Hallow's eve celebrations around the globe - when they are highest at midnight.

Maya, Aztecs, Peruvians, Japanese, and Hindus all had festivals for the dead near November 1st, in honor of the Seven Sisters.

As the night rolls on, the **Pleiades** rise higher and higher in the Sky Park. And at local midnight they reach their highest point. In fact, from the Yucatan peninsula, the Seven Sisters would be straight overhead. The great Mayan pyramids would point directly at the cluster.

So, look for Draco the Dragon in the northern sky, Medusa's head, Algol in the northeast Cetus the sea monster in the south-east.

And, if you dare, stay up until midnight to see the Seven Sisters ride across a spooky sky. Have a happy Halloween. ■



THE STARS HAVE IT

October (end) 2018

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Implement your ideas into your projects at work. Secret information will be eye opening. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons. You will accomplish the most in the work environment this month. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Don't let your family put demands on you. Your ability to see other people's points of view will allow you to come to reasonable agreements. Your depressed mood has been hard to shake. You will have to make changes in order to eliminate the tension. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Get rich quick schemes will not be successful. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Your mind may not be on the job. You will do well if you mingle with the brass this month. Your lucky day this month will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You need to take a break with the ones you love. You may have difficulties with someone who lives with you. This could be a serious relationship. Try not to spend too much on children or entertainment. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your ability to work with detail could help you achieve your goals. Be cautious while traveling to foreign countries. You need to do something that will make you feel better about yourself. Sudden changes regarding your domestic scene are probable. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You could be misinterpreted if you're not careful. You may find that relationships are not going as well as you'd like. Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about possible romance. Changes will not be easy for the youngsters involved. Your lucky day this month will be Sunday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Plans to make physical improvements may lead to psychological changes, too. Risky

financial ventures will result in unrecoverable losses. You will find their philosophies worth exploring. You may be likely to have difficulties with females. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You'll be able to discuss your ambitions with your mate. You will not be pleased with family members who try to put demands on you when you just don't have the time. It might be time to do some of those chores at home. You can make money if you're willing to push your ideas on those in a position to support your efforts. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Be aware that you might be at fault as well. Your creative talent may well be recognized by others this month Your charm and generosity will bring new friends and romantic opportunities. You are best to do something energetic with friends instead. Your lucky day this month will be Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't use the interstate as a racetrack. Get busy putting your place in order. Relationships have not been the best for you lately and it's left you somewhat gun shy. Limitations at work might set you back. Your lucky day this month will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You can make sound financial investments if you act fast. Patience will be of utmost importance. You can come into money; however, perhaps not under the best circumstances. You may have a problem with coworkers if you try to tell them what to do. Your lucky day this month will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Move forward if you want to turn your life around. Real estate investments will be extremely profitable in the long run. Do not hesitate to help elders with legal documents that are too confusing for them. Involvement in groups will be favorable and lead to valuable information. Your lucky day this month will be Friday. ■ *Michael Thiessen*

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