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The agreement between the Bonaire Island Government and the Dutch Central Government signed last week can be beneficial to the island **provided both parties diligently perform their tasks:** The Dutch send their most competent civil service experts who dedicate themselves to their tasks and the island commissioners direct Bonaire civil servants to cooperate fully and acquire new skills. See page 3 for details of the agreement.

► **Sanikolas will arrive at 9 am on Saturday, November 24, at the Town Pier,** accompanied by a full flotilla of the traditional



“Zwarte Piets.” The Dutch controversy over the ethics of the “Sint” having black helpers gets turned topsy-turvy on Bonaire where the dark-skinned Sanikolas wears white make-up and the “Pieten” put on lots of black makeup. And everyone has a great time.

Accompanied by a drum corps and brass band Sanikolas will be downtown until noontime. In the late afternoon he'll visit the hospital.

On Sunday the excitement will move to Rincon. Visit Sanikolaas' Facebook Page www.facebook.com/sanikolasbonaire

► **Bonaire's inter-island air transport situation is becoming desperate.** Last week InselAir planes were grounded for three days due to maintenance issues. Travelers have to rely on the more reliable smaller aircraft,

like Divi Divi, with only a third of the capacity of other companies.

► The Dutch Caribbean Police Force has received several reports of fraud involving the purchase of cars via the internet in recent months.

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The Dutch Caribbean Police Force advises to be cautious when buying cars via the internet.

► The Tourism Corporation Bonaire is preparing for the busy cruise ship season. In addition to the downtown Wilhelmina Plaza market there will be a “**Cultural Cruise Market**” in Rincon to spread the visitors over the island and to give an opportunity to the people of Rincon. The market will be at the Plaza Commerce in front of the gas station in Rincon every cruise ship day from 8am to 4pm. The plan is to have a tourist information booth, stands offering local handmade products locally made food and beverages and entertainment.

► **Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands will be in Bonaire the last week of November to visit at the invitation of the Bonaire Na-**



tional Parks Foundation STINAPA Bonaire. The Princess, who will be in Bonaire from November 28 to December 1, has a hectic schedule for an 80-year-old woman.

On her arrival on November 28, the former queen will **be met at the Flamingo Airport** by Acting National Government Representative Jan Helmond and Bonaire's Island Governor Edison Rijna.

-On Thursday, the Princess will visit the **headquarters of STINAPA** where she will receive an explanation of the management and protection of Bonaire's nature parks. Princess Beatrix later on Thursday will visit **Strea Briante** (Bright Star) School, the winner of the first Caribbean UNICEF Children's Rights Festival. The Princess will watch the film together with the pupils after which she will engage in a talk with them.

-Also on Thursday, the Princess will attend the “**Economy and Nature in Balance**” symposium. Thursday's events will conclude with a reception at Governor Rijna's official residence.

-On Friday, the Princess will visit **Washington Slagbaai National Park.** The Princess will receive a tour of the visitors' centre, drive through the Park and speak with rangers, researchers and staff.

- On Friday **afternoon, Princess Beatrix will visit the cultural residents Hôfi Kultural.** The Princess, who has a keen interest in arts, will meet with the initiators and residents, and unveil a piece of art.

-On Saturday, Princess Beatrix will attend a **debate of the STINAPA Junior Rangers.** As part of their training, the Junior Rangers organize a debate every year. This year's theme is: “Will sustainable development hinder or benefit Bonaire's economy?”

► **The office of the Ban Boneiru Bek Foundation was again hit by lightning.** It's the third time that lightning has caused enormous damage. The first time the office was hit and a computer and a printer burned out.

The last two times in 2018 the lightning hit the telephone cables in the street. This has caused high power peaks on the telephones and the vulnerable alarm system.

The foundation cannot bear these costs and has requested Telbo to contribute to repairs.

► **Now all future productions can have professional aerial footage by award-winning Bonaire (Scuba) Vision Films & Photo (BVF&P).** This new photo and video service is offered for commercial interests as well as private applications. Aerial footage is especially useful for nature film productions, real-estate promotions, conservation, research, discovery or recovery.

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► An Island Council motion by the MPB Party to instruct the Island Government to explore connecting the Gotomeer with the sea was delayed because of the previously mentioned agreement signing. **It recommends that an environmental impact report be required to study the consequences of the opening of Gotomeer to the sea.** Funds for this can be applied for several agencies and this study can be the subject of a doctoral thesis by students from Wageningen, U. of Groningen or Utrecht.

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►Lead singer TAFKAH and rapper Gerald Martines performed Bonaire's #1 hit song live at the most recent Taste of Bonaire. Their hit song, "The Spirit of Bonaire," was produced to support local charities. And it's paying off: The first check of \$1000 was handed over to Angelo Alberto, representative of the Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation (BYOF), for their project "Mitambepor."

You can help support the youth of Bonaire as well! Buy the CD. It's a great gift and souvenir and all proceeds go to BYOF. The CD is available in shops around the Island and downloadable on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon etc.

More information on www.TheSpiritofBonaire.com

►The Bonaire Free Roaming Donkey photo contest mentioned on page 3 in the Nov. 5th issue has an upgrade. The 2nd prize now is a color printer donated by Bonaire's popular Obersi Group and \$250 in cash. Enter now. This contest is open to all adults over the age of 18. Deadline is 1 March, 2019. Prizes will be awarded 30 March, 2019. Lots



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Last Wednesday, motivated by bipartisan political and private frustration over inability of elected officials to administer the island, an ambiguous financial report and a deteriorating infrastructure, the Bonaire Island Council handed over self-government to Dutch bureaucrats. The Council vote was unanimous (with one abstention, PDB's Clark Abraham). Island Governor, Edison Rijna signed on behalf of Bonaire, State Secretary Knops for the Dutch government. The 22-page agreement was 13,300 words long but was only available for review 48 hours prior to the vote.

While Bonaire's elected officials remain in place, unlike in St. Eustatius where the Dutch sent local officials were sent home, island affairs will be run by a specially appointed "program manager's administrative agreement" to reorganize the financial management and the island's administrative organization. The new administrative agreement covers a period of four years, with an interim evaluation at the end of 2020. According to Knops, the agreement should lead to "visible results in the area of traffic and infrastructure, healthy food and affordable social housing on the island." Next year's local elections may be postponed.

Until something changes the island will be administered by civil servants of the Dutch BZK (Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties- Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations).

Critical to the agreement was the release of €9 million in projects for



Dutch State Secretary Raymond Knops addresses the Bonaire Island Council

the island. Prior to the agreement former Bonaire political leader Ramonsito Booi observed that fiscal trust had deteriorated since the days when the Dutch could "hand over NAf10 million with a simple agreement" as it did to assist in the purchase of Klein Bonaire.

Booi offered the idea that perhaps "We should have the courage to think about a total integration in the Dutch government, where Bonaire becomes part of a province. After all, provincial governments, unlike ministries, are used to working together with municipalities."

Democratic Party leader Clark Abraham said, "We are giving the leadership away and pushing the island council aside, because the program manager is accountable to The Hague, not to us (Bonaireans)."

Elvis Tjin Asjoe, whose opposition MPB Party voted in favor, was quoted as saying, "Thanks to this agreement, many things will be

achieved which are important to the island and the population."

Nevertheless Secretary Knops said he, "does not think there is intervention by The Hague. The Executive Council and the Island Council are in agreement with the agreements and also remain in office."

Bonaire's autonomy has been reduced. The Public Entity governing model established in 2010 has been demonstrated to be a failure. How much autonomy will Bonaire have after 2020 or when the four years are over? James Fines and his NKBB movement wants to refer back to The Netherland's colonial days and have Bonaire declared a non-self governing territory by the United Nations like French Polynesia. Total independence and reconnection with Curacao appear to be dead issues. What the majority of Bonaireans want is uncertain. Some say hold another Referendum, but that is not part of the recent agreement. □ G.D.

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QUESTIONS: SHORE DIVING AND ROADS

Dear Editor,

Since 1995 we have brought groups to Bonaire every November and sometimes in June, and watched all the improvements going on. We started at Sunset Beach Resort and now exclusively we stay at Captain Don's Habitat where we are always treated like friends. I hesitate to write but some new divers to our group asked some good questions. First, if this is a Diving destination with diving freedom, why are the shore diving destinations such a train wreck getting in and out? It looks like some actual entry points with ramps or cleared out walkways could be created. I mostly shore dive and always see folks struggling to get in and out of the surf including me. Karpata has the concrete pad but under the surf are some real ankle breakers. Andrea II is always a joy in and out. I'm sure I'm not the first to ask this.

Second question was about the roads and flooding. Where I'm from if we have flooding, we fill the low spot and drain



the water off. At Harbor Village there's always a flood to negotiate and someone always gets splashed and the bike riders are in trouble there. And for the love of Pete and all that's Holy can the pot holes be fixed? This year it seemed like continuous pot holes going into town. I saw a road crew making humps out of holes coming from Rincon so I told them they were doing a good job and thanked them. They looked at me like I was crazy and probably commented about the crazy American as I drove off. We will be back of course and maybe by then the roads will have improved hopefully. Thank you.

Carl Sampieri

Flotsam and Jetsam (Continued from page 3) of prizes. For more information contact BDPLFphotocontest@gmail.com



Photo: Danielson Antoin

► Captain **Franklin Antoin** and First Officer **Lorenzo Silié** prepare for the first landing of EZAir's new plane in Curaçao. The 18-passenger Beechcraft 1900D and its companion are expected to help relieve the air traffic bottleneck among the ABC Islands beginning next month. The aircraft is

undergoing a certification process before being taken into service.

► **The repair of the south pier is proceeding well** with the first pouring of high-strength concrete to create a new mooring post to accommodate even larger ships. About 62 cubic meters of concrete were poured in the early morning. The concrete must harden for 21 days, after which the mooring post can be fitted with fenders. The harbor master hopes that the south pier will be ready in early December!

► When the big **cruise ships call** at Bonaire it is common for crew as well as passengers to come ashore. Ship's crew usually numbers about one-third the number of passengers. **That means that the number of visitors can exceed the listed count.**

► **Celebrate Thanksgiving Day.** Just being on Bonaire is reason to be thankful! Join the **Thanksgiving feast at Rum Runners.** See the menu on page 7. □G./L.D.

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In Greenland & Iceland



Hettie and Patrick Holian, longtime residents of Bonaire, went to Greenland and Iceland in September for a different kind of island experience. □ **WIN GREAT PRIZES!** Take a copy of *The Bonaire Reporter* with you on your next trip or when you return to your home. Then take a photo of yourself with the newspaper in hand. **THE BEST PHOTOS OF THE YEAR WILL WIN THE PRIZES.** Mail photos to *Bonaire Reporter*, Box 407, Bonaire, Caribbean Netherlands (CN). E-mail to: picture@bonairereporter.com. All 2018 photos are eligible

Picture Yourself With The Reporter In A Japanese Earthquake AND Typhoon

Atached a picture of *The Reporter* in Japan in early September (Sept. 1) on the day of the typhoon and the earthquake. The photo was taken from a hotel about 200 km north of Tokyo. The hotel windows there have been strengthened for, among other things, earthquakes. Fortunately, the typhoon only delivered rain (see photo), the earthquake was clearly felt. In short *The Reporter* in choppy Japan, wrote M.vr.gr. (Mr.) Jos Ruis –from Zutphen in The Netherlands. □



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Born on Bonaire... January 30, 1961 – José Reyes



Greta Kooistra photo

José Reyes

“I was born at Kaya Grandi 84. My father, **Manuel Fernandez**, was Venezuelan. He owned two fruit boats and would come to Bonaire every two weeks. My mother, Lucia Reyes-Martijn, is Bonairean, she is 84 and presently lives on Curacao with my sister Lupe who has her own TV show and who’s pretty well-known there. My dad passed away on my 30th birthday. He was 79.

Growing up I became a tennis player; tennis was my first love. I lived at the tennis court. Right after school I made sure to be there every day at 1.30. I would not even go home to eat; I would buy food at the nearest Chinese. The earliest I would go home was at 7pm and the latest at 10 at night when they would shut down the lights. **Rudy Domacassé** was my trainer, but he was (and still is) my cousin, and I have fond memories of Pachicho Thodé, who would also come to train with me.

In 1972, when I was 11, I participated at a Pan American tournament on Curacao and I came in third! Then, when I was 12, we moved to Venezuela to live in Puerto Cabello. I didn’t want to go but my parents tricked me by telling me there were lots of tennis courts in Venezuela where I could continue and grow in the sport that I loved so much.

However, it wasn’t the case; I never saw a tennis court in Puerto Cabello, so I buried my love for tennis and I’ve never watched one single game up to this day. The first time I picked up a racket after all those years, was this year on Bonaire, to play with my cousin **Robby Domacassé**. I am very sure that if I would have continued in the sport I would have been playing in the world’s top matches.

I lived in Venezuela for 45 years. I first started with Kung Fu for three years, then I switched to karate and I am still with it. In

1982 I was offered a scholarship in Los Angeles for one year, to train with Kaicho Kiyoshi Yamazaki, who is the overseas Chief Instructor and president of Japan Karate-Do Ryobu-Kai. I graduated black belt in 1983 and opened my first dojo in Cabimas, a city on the shore of Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela, and it’s still open. In 1989 I was part of the A-selection of Venezuela in the category 70-75 kilos and in 1990 I was ranked 5th at the World Championships in Mexico. From ’89 till ’97 I won many championships, national and international and during that time I opened four more dojos. My challenge was to create karate champions in Venezuela and I succeeded throughout the years.

From 1995-2000 I was technical director of Ryobu-Kai Venezuela, then I resigned and dedicated myself to the dojo in Cabimas where I taught karate Monday through Thursday, and where I started preaching Friday through Sunday to everyone who wanted to hear God’s word.

In December 1996 I had an encounter with God. I had a very high paced life, then came the moment that I caved in. Before that time, everything I wanted to achieve had always been successful and I thought I really didn’t need anyone – until I broke down. It was impossible for me to carry on. I had power and I had fame and I just had to open my mouth to get what I wanted. Then too much power destroyed me and I started looking for the truth and I found God. From that point on my life changed drastically. But today I am a happy person: simple and free. I enjoy every day and I am

myself, always the same person. So, when I found God, I wanted to share that happiness with others. Three months after my encounter I started preaching from the heart because I wanted people to know that Jesus Christ is real.

And as I always had the calling to help people, I started learning natural therapies. I studied traditional Chinese treatments- acupuncture, moxa (moxibustion) and cupping. Then I studied naturopathy – natural remedies like hologram and osteo treatments for pain relief – in Venezuela for four years. At first my patients were purely my karate students and their families and I would never charge them. It was passion, not work. At this point my two loves were God and karate but also curing people, although, the way I see it, God is curing those people, not me. I feel blessed to be able to serve God this way.

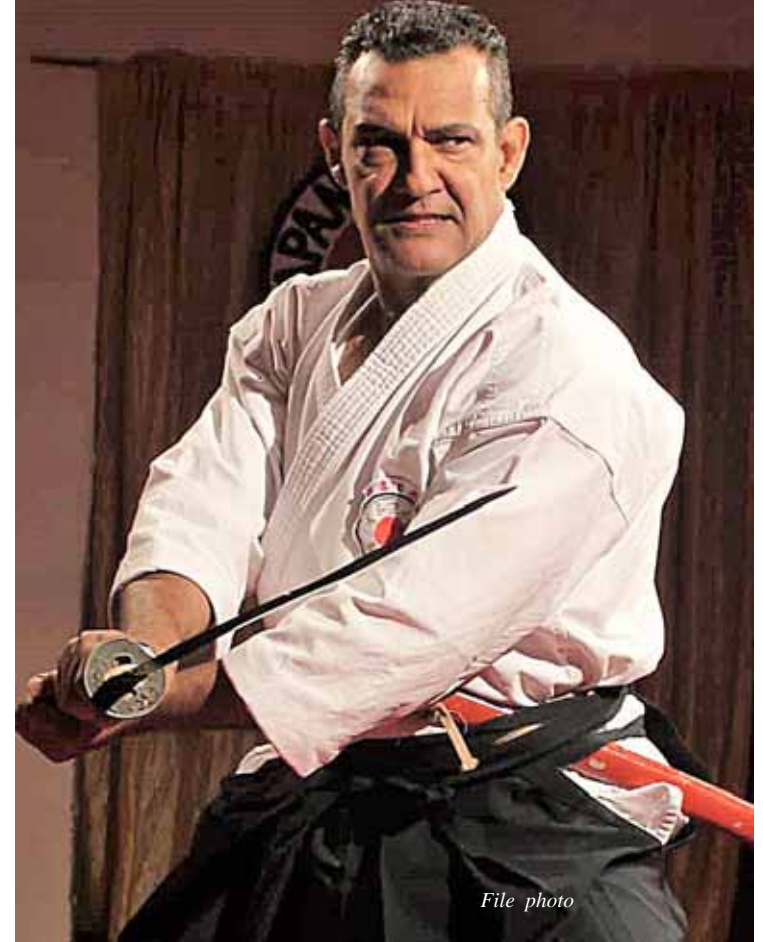
December 2017 my sister Lupe came to Bonaire and had a chat with a deputy and I got the opportunity to come to Bonaire to do more with karate for Bonaire. I didn’t want to leave Venezuela, because when I left Bonaire as a kid, I never intended to return; I felt that my family had robbed me of all my chances to become a top tennis player. And over the years, living my life in Venezuela, I got used to fast paced city-life and the hustle and bustle of a country that was booming. At that time Bonaire seemed slow and small to me and it didn’t appeal to me at all.

When I came to Bonaire this

“(Karate) gives you mental strength and discipline and it gives purpose to adolescents, and to grown-ups it gives health. So with the word of God, karate and natural therapies we can achieve a lot.”

year, I walked back and forth through down town in 20 minutes and then I didn’t know what to do! But every day I would sit at the Parke Tului, watching the ocean and then I started reconnecting. I remembered how I once loved this island and its sea and all the memories of my childhood came back: happy days of swimming in the sea, playing police and thief in the water with my friends, the people who I used to know... Then I began to admire the beauty of Bonaire- its nature and its people- and it struck me that I wanted to live here and continue with my karate school and natural therapy practice and, of course, carry on sharing the word of God. So I stayed. I also reconnected with my family and all my childhood friends.

When I observe the island’s ways I cannot help but feel the urge to contribute building our community by helping people to



File photo

Karate Sensei José Reyes

discover the purpose God has planted in them. Karate can also help. I am a Sensei 5th Dan. When you practice karate, you connect with your entire being, with every muscle and tendon and with your character. You are aware of every single thing in your surrounding and of every feeling of those around you, because all your senses are wide open. I never use the self-defense technique as a

therapy, but I am not prescribing any medicines. My intake is a health scan, quantum magnetic resonance, followed by an evaluation, and from the evaluation I will come up with recommended therapies which I do charge for. The idea is for the pain to be gone, preferably in one treatment and for the patient not to come back as a patient but for karate practice because he or she will feel healthy again and would want to stay healthy!

My purpose in life is helping people to understand their physical, emotional and spiritual health. That is what I came for. Every day my doors are open for everyone at Kaya Kanari 42 or people can call me at 795-3473.

I enjoy every day that I am here. I still have three dojos in Venezuela and one in Peru that I will keep on running. I also have five children, both in Venezuela and in the US, and I have five grandchildren of which the oldest is 19. So that’s my life. Here I am no longer a foreigner. When I arrived in January I was Venezuelan. Now I feel Bonairean and after all, that’s what I am.”

□ Story by Greta Kooistra



motivation for people to start practicing karate, because for children it is discipline first. That’s why when kids sign up to practice karate, they get three lessons a week, not less. It should become a way of life as it gives you confidence and self-control and you learn how to channel your energy. But it also gives you mental strength and discipline and it gives purpose to adolescents, and to grown-ups it gives health. So with the word of God, karate and natural therapies we can achieve a lot.

I started small, at Kaya Kanari #42, with a consultation office and a dojo. My first focus was teaching karate to people in the ages of 50+ and during the month of November it’s for free: every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 pm. From February 2019 I’m starting classes for all ages and those are not for free.

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On Saturday, November 10, at the national meeting day of *Stichting Dierenlot* in Gorinchem, The Netherlands, *Stichting Dierenlot*, a Dutch-based organization supporting animal foundations in The Netherlands, honored the Foundation FKK Animal Rescue Bonaire. More than 1200 visitors attended.

FKK Animal Rescue received a second animal ambulance, which was very welcome and necessary. Now, FKK will be able to respond quicker and more efficiently to emergency calls. But there was more to come, and that was entirely unexpected!

Stichting Dierenlot also holds an election for "Animal Aid Worker of the Year." After the speeches, completely unexpectedly, FKK President **Patrice Verschoor** was invited on stage because she and **Peter Kerssemakers**, founders of FKK Bonaire, turned out to be the winners of that election. FKK Animal Rescue is the first non-European Dutch organization to win this award outside the European Netherlands.

As winner of this election, a check for €5000 was handed over, to be spent on behalf of animals in need.

Concurrently on Bonaire, the staff and volunteers of FKK were at Red Palm Village viewing the event via a live feed to the Netherlands. They follow the events in Holland as they happened.

FKK Animal Rescue cannot possibly receive a greater recognition for its work on Bonaire. Patrice and Peter want to explicitly share this recognition with all the volunteers at FKK Animal Rescue, for



without their selfless commitment it would have been virtually impossible to gain such a recognition for all the work we carry out on Bonaire (more than once under harsh conditions), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

□ Press release/Greta Kooistra

Patrice Verschoor poses with handsome, blond fuzzy Bobby, who stands out among all the brunettes! That sweet smile will entrance you. He's about 3 years old, is just a darling, gets along great with other dogs and loves people. Meet him yourself. Call **FKK 780-8020**.



Loving Nature is Loving Yourself

With the theme—Loving Nature is Loving Yourself—once again the Friends of Nature Foundation organized a painting class inspired by nature. The children of Tra 'I merdia were from the *Kolegio San Luis Beltran* in Rincon.

For me it was a new experience painting in Soly-mar, the kunuku of **Rob van den Berge and his wife, Loli Sánchez**. They were the sponsors of this experience in nature. And, we were very lucky too because "**Nochi**" **Coffie**, the Bonairean painter who lives in Rincon and works at the Museo Boneiru, joined us.

Patiently explaining, Nochi showed the children how to paint and asked them to choose what attracted them the most: a landscape, a tree, a fruit? With hints from Nochi the children painted and were interested and attentive. For me it was very touching to see them so sensitive and open to expressing the nature that surrounded them.

Also with us was the teacher **Francine** who was very attentive to the needs of the children. When the children finished painting, we ate a delicious snack prepared by **Jacqueline** from Rincon and offered by **Rob**. Finally, we all heard a story told by **Nochi**. There is not much to add when the experience touches our soul. □ *Parisina Malatesta, Founder, Friend of Nature Foundation*



Nochi with the kids at the kunuku



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DID YOU KNOW?

BONAIRE VEGETATION

File photos from Internet

That the vegetation on Bonaire used to look very different from now, and that it is due to the activities of humans, pigs, donkeys and goats?

We humans tend to change the environment of the places we go, through many different kinds of actions. Some of those actions involve the removal of vegetation to build homes, cutting down trees to use for fuel or building materials and cultivating the land to grow crops to feed ourselves. Indeed, 75% of the Earth's surface is under pressure from human activities.

Here on Bonaire it seems to have been only small impacts that were made by the Amerindians that lived here before the American continents were "discovered," presumably because they were so few in number.

When the European colonizers came, they started to cut down trees on a much bigger scale than the indigenous people ever had. They also brought goats, donkeys and other animals. Some of them were let loose, free to roam the island in search of food, and reproduced without control. This had devastating effects on the vegetation, and by 1816 almost every tree on Bonaire and Klein Bonaire was gone due to human activities and free roaming animals.

After the exploitation of wood that took place until 1816, some actions were taken to reduce the devastation. Unfortunately, there was no enforcement of the regulations and they did not apply to private lands. Deforestation actually continued into the 1950s because of the cultivation of *Aloe Vera* grown and harvested on the island and the cutting and burning of wood to make charcoal. These activities continue today, but on a smaller scale.

Today, much of the island is protected and there is a good possibility that the landscape could start to return to its normal state with more trees, both in total numbers of trees and also in numbers of common species. But for this to happen something needs to be done about the free roaming grazing animals: the donkeys, goats and pigs. Compared to Curacao which has a similar climate to Bonaire, there is far less woody vegetation cover on Bonaire. Scientists consider the donkeys, goats and pigs to be the major cause of this.

Grazing by goats, donkeys and pigs slows the change towards a more natural habitat since they eat the young trees and destroy their roots as well. Grazing also benefits some species of trees that are not being eaten by the goats and donkeys, like the Kuida and the Obada (Papiamentu) or the Mesquite tree and Twisted acacia. These trees have thorns for protection and can be found in large numbers all over Bonaire. They can also grow as thorny bushes, and if you have found yourself in an area where it



Brazilwoods were heavily cut to make red dye from the roots




The Divi Divi tree is to Bonaire as the palm is to Tahiti

is hard to get around without getting punctured or scratched by spines, chances are that it is because of the Kuida or Obada. At least the Kuida is a native tree on Bonaire but should probably be found in much fewer numbers if the grazing animals didn't eat their competitors. When the Kuida is found in other parts of the world, it is classified as an aggressive invader.

STINAPA regularly monitors the many different tree species on Bonaire to see if and how the vegetation is changing. During the recent drought, we have seen that even some of the trees that are resistant to grazing are having a hard time. The Divi Divi is one example of a tree that, in some areas, can handle the goats, donkeys and pigs pretty well, but it can't handle drought very well at all.

In a world where climate change is making events like droughts, heavy rainfall and tropical storms more common and life harder for many native species of trees and animals, it is really important that we help to reduce the negative effects from other sources. One way to help is to keep the populations of goats, donkeys and pigs on Bonaire under control so that they don't overgraze the native vegetation.

History tells us that the vegetation has already changed greatly from its natural state. Let us work towards solutions for raising livestock in a sustainable way in order to restore some of the natural vegetation and beauty of our island, for a healthier Bonaire.  Caren Eckrich, STINAPA biologist. Connecting People with Nature....Internet photos

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At Rum Runners we do our utmost best to work with fresh ingredients only. However being on small remote island means that these are not always available if this is the case our chef will adjust the dish accordingly. For this we ask your understanding.



Bonaire Board Game



Fernando Nava Bravo

There is now a board game highlighting the problem of endangered species and the impact of their extinction. And it was invented on Bonaire by local businessman **Fernando Nava Bravo**. The game, **Saviors of Kimeria – Bonaire Squad** is a fast cooperative game with an educational twist.

The game tells the story of the planet of Kimeria, distant but similar to Earth. However, Kimerians polluted the planet so much that all their animals, called Kimeras, became extinct.

They have now cleaned up their world and are trying to bring their Kimeras back to life, but to accomplish that they need to combine DNA from different animals.

Doctor Maganda, a Kimerian scientist, searched throughout the whole galaxy until she discovered that only Bonaire has the animals with the DNA that, if combined in a precise form, will help them unravel the extinction of their fauna.

She constructed a “warp portal” to receive the DNA samples, but the portal is only stable for 30 seconds at a time and can reconstitute only one Kimeria.

Now Dr. Maganda needs our help to collect and combine the needed DNA samples and place them in the portal before it collapses.

The player’s mission is to work together to combine the Bonaire animals needed to form each Kimeria in less than 30 seconds, one Kimeria at a time. Once all 16 Kimeras have been recreated and placed on their spot in the map, you win.

The game includes a neoprene mat game board, a 30-second hourglass, 27 animal cards and 16 Kimeria tokens. After the cards are dealt, a player has 30 seconds to combine the Kimeria that was revealed on the token they selected. If successful, the Kimeria is “un-extincted” and is placed on the game board.

Hopefully, the games will be at the December 22 Christmas Market and in shops like Top 1 Toys and VDT before Christmas, but as Fernando Nava Bravo, the developer, said, “You know, importing to

Bonaire is a roller coaster.”

Currently the cards are in English and Papiamentu, but the instructions are in English. For the next update, instructions will be in Papiamentu as well. “How to play” videos for Youtube in English, Spanish and Papiamentu are planned.

The game will cost \$40. Development of an app and website is underway as are more support videos. The game takes approximately 30 minutes and is good for between two and seven players

But Kimeria is more than entertainment. It’s a learning tool. Fernando told us, “During the design phase I play-tested the game with my daughters, 6 and 9, and their friends. After a few games they were more knowledgeable about the animals of Bonaire, and they even picked up the Cartesian system (when placing the Kimeras in their location). But also they related to the story of Kimerians and how they polluted their world as related to us and Earth.

I am a firm believer that better games can help introduce complicated subjects to children, and I am very happy to see how my kids are learning about the fauna of Bonaire, because the first step to value our animals is to get to know them.”

Saviors of Kimeria is the first 100% original environmental board game fully conceived and created in Bonaire.

If you like the game and its concept there are sponsorship opportunities available.

Since the game is in English and Papiamentu it makes it accessible to most people in Bonaire, but it’s also attractive for tourists looking for a different souvenir and for a family experience.

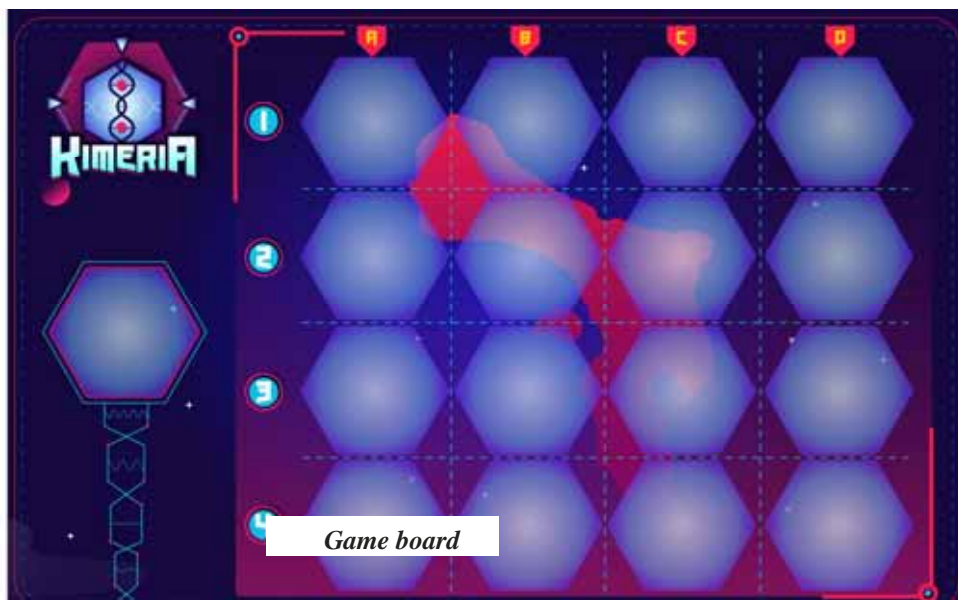
This first run of the game will consist of 100 sets to be sold exclusively in Bonaire, and will be released between December 2018 and February 2019.

Exclusive Sponsorship costs \$1,500 and includes:

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 - A full page for the sponsor in the instructions booklet and 25 game sets
- For this first run this option is no longer available as there are already two sponsors.
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Game board



Animal Cards



Kimeria Tokens



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The Bike Professionals

Study & Career Day

Bonaire's foremost showcase for the opportunities available for graduating youngsters is the annual Study & Career Event. This year it was held at Jong Bonaire on Monday, November 5.

Governor Rijna opened the event at the Liseo high school with a speech motivating students to think about their study choice and to consider Bonaire's future in this.

The information fair at Jong Bonaire started at 1 pm. **The theme was Bonaire-Blue is the new Green.** A highlight was a huge hand-built wind turbine. The turbine, built by Caribbean Wind Works, inspired the visitors to use more wind energy and promote its use. The Netherlands and Bonaire have a rich tradition of windmills and it is worth the effort to pass on this knowledge to our youth. In the same area you could find the big "hospitality plaza" where one could learn everything about the hotel and restaurant business. Visitors could make their own sushi, or try sushi that had been freshly made by MBO students. The krioyo sushi with *kabritu stoba* was delicious!

A record number of schools and colleges were on the scene. Educators from Bonaire, Curaçao, Aruba, the Netherlands, the USA and even from Canada were present to tell about their schools. Because of air connection problems, some schools from abroad had problems due to cancellations, and two exhibitors from the USA had to cancel their visit to Bonaire altogether.

A yearly tradition is the prize for the best booth. All visitors who filled in a questionnaire helped us choose with their vote. This year it was **the Coast Guard who won this prize.**

RCN-OCW provided financial support, and Telbo and Breathe-IT took care of a good internet connection and a radio line. □

Rosemarijn de Jong

Exhibitors:

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| 1. University of Curaçao | 11. Genesee Community College (USA) |
| 2. University of the Dutch Caribbean / College of the Dutch Caribbean (Cur) | 12. Bishop's University (Canada) |
| 3. University of Aruba | 13. Onderwijspraktijk Het Talent |
| 4. Colegio EPI (Aruba) | 14. RCN Studiefinanciering |
| 5. Aviation MTS (Bonaire) | 15. RCN SSO &slanders |
| 6. SGB MBO (Bonaire) | 16. IND |
| 7. Fundashon Forma (Bonaire) | 17. Coast Guard |
| 8. Hogeschool TIO (NL) | 18. NGO platform Bonaire |
| 9. Hogeschool vanArnhem & Nijmegen (NL) | 19. Tempo Bonaire |
| 10. Experientia (Curacao) | 20. WEB |
| | 21. OLB |
| | 22. MCB |
| | 23. Caribbean Wind Works |
| | 24. Bonhata |
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COVER STORY

Eating sushi with chopsticks can be tricky



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MCB Bonaire had lots of info

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FIELD TRIP -
RAMPS AND ART

It was time for a field trip. I accompanied **Artie de Vries**, chairman of MIVABO. He coordinates the project OLB (island government) initiated, where inhabitants who are 60 plus and those who suffer from a limitation get a ramp from their front door to the street. This way they can leave the house safely and get into the wheelchair-taxi and back again. We left for Rincon to see how far the project is developing. In Rincon there are nine inhabitants who applied and had their petition approved.

Not every house is suited for the purpose because there is no house that is built the same way. At some houses the ramp had to be built from the kitchen and there were porches to consider. It turned out to be a huge puzzle, but the man on the job did his utmost to comply and to make safe ramps that meet the standard. As soon as the project in Rincon is finished, the other barios will be taken care of.

If people want to apply, they may contact **Artie de Vries** at MIVABO. artie_de_vries@hotmail.com. Or **Thijs**: thijs.kieft@hotmail.com. They can give all the necessary information.

It was also time to pay the **FKPD** (handicapped center in Rincon) a visit and take a look at the art project MIV-

ABO started. A real competition is going on and FKPD is the first project we paid a visit to. A lot of art supplies were generously donated and this was appreciated very much. We were welcomed very warmly and it was so good to be back after so many years.

The artists were right at it, painting beautiful paintings, using nice and bright colors, and those who could not express themselves were assisted by an employee. They told us what was painted, and why, what the painters wanted to express, the stories behind the pictures. The artists were very proud of their art and the fact that it is a competition made them fierce. They all want to win. They explained that all the art will be on display in a real art gallery and the winning art will be used in an artsy project with restaurants, where the paintings will be printed on special decal paper, then embedded in an "underplate," get glazed and baked in a kiln. Not all the artists had finished their painting, so we can anticipate even more exciting art from the FKPD at the exposition.

After that we left for **COCARI** (day care for the elderly). We noticed that there was no art for us to see here yet so we got a rain-check and will be back in two weeks.

We headed back to Playa and because of all that gorgeous rain it seemed we drove through awesome green meadows.



Different styles of houses need different ramp designs



The next stop was **Villa Antonia** (another elderly day care). We talked to the lady in charge. She explained that there had been no time yet to paint, but she promised that in a week or two they would be ready for us and that there would be art to pick up.

At the **FKPD** and **Villa Antonia** we sensed that they could use the help of a couple of serious volunteers, a few persons who really want to help and who really show up to do so. So, if you feel you can help and donate your time, please contact these organizations. Your help will be seriously appreciated. *Story & photos by Ria Evers-Dokter*



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PERGOLAS AND TRELLISES



In time this mandavilla will cover the pergola.

The best time to experience new things in your garden is now. And while I'm going around on my bike I see so many nice pergolas and trellises covered with beautiful vines. Yes, this rain has let miracles happen and while Bonaire can be so dry and tough for plants, it is now green and there are beautiful gardens all over the place.

The Pergola

So first let me introduce the pergola. What is that? A pergola is a shaded outdoor garden feature like a shaded walkway, passageway or sitting area of vertical posts usually supporting cross-beams and a sturdy open lattice, often upon which woody vines are trained. There are also freestanding pergolas that can provide a sitting area that allows for breeze and light sun, but offer protection against direct sunlight.

Pergolas also give climbing plants a structure on which to grow.

On Bonaire there are some beautiful plants one can use for a pergola. But before going to the plants first look from which one can make a pergola. There are different materials like wood, vinyl, fiber-

glass, aluminum, CPVC, brick or stone. Think also of beach wood to make an adventurous looking pergola. But wood is high maintenance, so an alternative can be vinyl, fiber glass, aluminum or CPVC. These materials do not require yearly paint or stain like wood.

When looking around I see so many climbing plants full of flowers, and it's lovely to see them hanging around and on a pergola. A **grapevine** is a nice plant which grows easily in this climate. I often get grapes from my neighbors who get them from Rincon. They are small dark purple grapes that grow on a vine on a pergola on their porch. So nice to pick and eat from those grapevines while enjoying a visit in the shade and breeze in the afternoon. The grapes are a little sour, but still good enough to eat. Sometimes I make juice from them or mix them with other sweet fruit. Delicious! The vines can be trained into a variety of styles, depending on what you like. When you want grapes, the amount of sunlight, humidity, and wind is important to consider.

Other plants for the pergola can be **trinitaria (bougainvillea)**. There are different colors and you can keep it to one



Colorful flowers and pots enhance this pergola

color or make a combination of colors. Remember this plant has sharp thorns so consider that if it's where you sit and relax.

Another plant is the purple trumpet. You see it in many yards on balconies and porches. This plant grows easily on Bonaire and it can totally cover a pergola or fence very quickly. Then there is also the **mandavilla**, a vine with yellow flowers that blooms the whole year round. It's a beloved plant on Bonaire. You'll spot its yellow bells hanging over pergolas, fences, porches, balconies and trellises.

The only unpleasant thing to say is that mosquitoes love to live in these vines. The more bushy and dark it is, the more mosquitoes and bugs you have around. But you can do something about it. Candles with citronella smell or smoke of the dry coconut. Or just a simple fan blowing away the mosquitoes.

The Trellis

Another decoration in a garden can be a trellis. This is an architectural structure, usually made from an open framework or lattice of interwoven or intersecting pieces of wood, bamboo or metal that is normally made to support and display climb-

ing plants. There are many types of trellises for different places and for different plants. Rose trellises are popular and, for Bonaire, a trinitaria trellis is great with so many flowers the whole year round and it's always green.

Some plants will climb and wrap themselves around the trellis without much artificial help while others need training by passing the growing shoots through the trellis and / or tying them to the framework. Trinitaria need to be tied. Watch the thorns and be careful when busy tying.

Trellises are vertical, while a pergola refers to trellis-work that is laid horizontally above head height to provide a partial "roof" in a garden.

You only need to start with a beautiful pergola or trellis and vines.

Just do it now! □

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

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 - Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Piet B meeting room All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

Casa de Oracion para todas las naciones, Hanchi Amboina 37 Kralendijk, **Spanish service: every Sunday morning at 9 am. Dutch service: every Sunday evening at 7 pm**

Prayer Walk at Rooi Lamoenchi every first Sunday of the Month (or on request) for all followers of Christ. Hours: 4.30 pm till 7.30 pm. Contact Ellen Cochrane-Herrera at ellenherrera@cochrane@yahoo.ca or phone 717-8489 or +5999-540-9800 English/Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish ■

Cruises

Day	Date	Cruise ship	Time	Pier	Cap
Monday	11/19/2018	Norwegian Sun	0600-1300	N.pier	1936
Monday	11/19/2018	Mein Schiff 5	0730-1900	S.pier	2500
Wednesday	11/21/2018	Carnival Sunshine	0800-1600	N.pier	2642
Thursday	11/22/2018	Freedom of the Seas	0700-1800	S.pier	3782
Thursday	11/22/2018	TUI Explorer I	0700-1400	N.pier	1924
Sunday	11/25/2018	Caribbean Princess	0700-1700	N.pier	3600
Monday	11/26/2018	Britannia	0600-1800	S.pier	3600

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**

— The paintings of Luciano Torrici are on display again at **Bistro di Paris**

—**Yana's Fine Art Exhibition at Bon Bida Spa and Gym**— 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 ■

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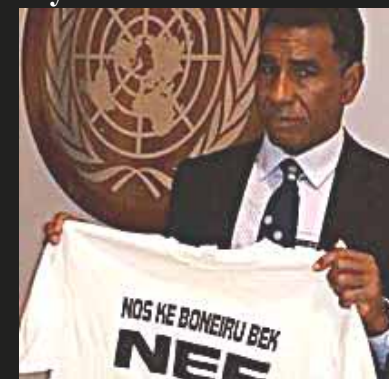
Tuesday, Nov. 20—International Day of the Child parade.

Friday, Nov. 23—Tree Planting Festival, for school groups, 8am-10:30am, Washington Slagbaai National Park Visitor Centre.

Saturday, Nov. 24—Santa (Sanikolas) Arrives. Page 2

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Wed 21		04:04 0.13 ft	11:14 0.93 ft	20:10 0.09 ft		6:35	18:07
Thu 22	00:04 0.22 ft	04:17 0.16 ft	11:55 1.01 ft	21:09 -0.01 ft		6:36	18:07
Fri 23	02:13 0.18 ft	04:23 0.18 ft	12:40 1.08 ft	21:58 -0.11 ft	Full Moon	6:36	18:07
Sat 24	13:28 1.12 ft	22:42 -0.18 ft				6:37	18:07
Sun 25	14:19 1.15 ft	23:22 -0.24 ft				6:37	18:07
Mon 26	05:40 0.30 ft	07:56 0.29 ft	15:12 1.15 ft			6:38	18:07
Tue 27		00:00 -0.28 ft	06:04 0.37 ft	09:37 0.32 ft	16:05 1.12 ft	6:38	18:07
Wed 28		00:38 -0.29 ft	06:37 0.47 ft	11:05 0.32 ft	16:57 1.05 ft	6:39	18:08
Thu 29		01:15 -0.28 ft	07:14 0.57 ft	12:27 0.31 ft	17:51 0.94 ft	6:39	18:08
Fri 30		01:50 -0.25 ft	07:53 0.69 ft	13:48 0.29 ft	18:45 0.81 ft	6:40	18:08
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Bella and Rocco arrived separately at the Shelter but they are a match made in heaven. Bella is a very easy-going girl and is happy with everything. She loves to play and run around. She loves attention but can also entertain herself. Rocco needs a bit more attention because his former life was not so kind and bruised his outlook a bit, so he is sometimes afraid of men. But with the right loving hand and Bella next to his side he is a great companion and loves to cuddle and be petted. You can tell from the photo what happy dogs they are. Their tails are wagging so fast they are a blur! They love to play together and snuggle in a blanket. It would be wonderful

if they could find a forever home together.

If you think that having two companion dogs is always double the work, think again! Adopting a pair of pals can actually end up being less work. Many destructive behaviors are due to boredom or separation anxiety. It can also alleviate concerns about leaving a companion animal alone while at work. Bella and Rocco are both good with cats and children and are healthy and vaccinated.

If you would like to meet Bella and Rocco or know more about them, visit us at the Animal Shelter on Kaminda Lagun 26, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. nonstop or contact us at 717-4989 or 701-4989. *Sanne Attevelt*



AUCTION AND
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Well hello there from The Auction Elves! We've been working our little elfin extremities off to get all the goodies ready for you on December 9. So have you been surfing our website (www.asbauction.com) to get that pesky holiday shopping taken care of? We have just the gifts to fill out your list ... from kids to grannies to your favorite millennial -- just take a peak and make a bid. The silent and live bids will continue online until noon on **Sunday, December 9**, the day of the auction. That evening the online high bids for both silent and live items during the day will be the beginning bids for the evening.

In the silent auction most of the gifts will be beautifully gift wrapped along with a picture and description showing that what you see is what you'll get. How easy is that? Unfortunately we will be unable to gift wrap the deep sea fishing trips, plane ride, and outdoor ATV tours as the container with the really big boxes didn't arrive..

This year won't Aunt Mary be pleased to get gift cards for a mani, pedi, and hair styling instead of the usual box of Christmas cookies? And watch Uncle Bud's face light up when he gets to go deep sea fishing on the Fish Tales or WAME! And don't forget your best friend Fido; he really would appreciate getting a beautiful handcrafted bed to replace that old bathmat he's been sleeping on.

Island businesses have been unbelievably generous in their donations this year so there are a gazillion things to choose from. And keep in mind that every dollar spent on a winning bid goes directly to the shelter. We like to call this The Double Dip because YOU get very special gifts and THE SHELTER gets ... well you know what we get! We get needed financial support for the shelter!

If you want to join us for a wonderful evening of good food, good fun, great music by the one and only **Moogie**, and a terrific selection of gifts to bid on, buy a ticket and meet us at #26 Sabadeco Shores, a beautiful oceanfront villa. You will be treated to complimentary cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks, and some elegant hors d'oeuvres handmade with love and skill by our haute cuisine little elves. The silent auction begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 7:15 pm with the highest bidder on each item being the winner. The live auction begins at 7:30 pm and you will want to be there to watch your friends and neighbors try to outbid each other on those 'must have' items.

Call **Dabney** at 717-3949 or **Rhonda** at 700-6672 for tickets and we will deliver them to your door. If you're in town stop in at **Re/Max** on Kaya Grandi and get your tickets there. Tickets are \$50 per person. See you there December 9 at 5:30 pm. *Dabney Lassiter*

Shelter News

NEW STAFF AT THE SHELTER

As the Shelter population continues to be at record high levels, finding additional hard working staff with hearts for animals became a necessity. Luckily, the Shelter found two such people and recently welcomed them to our current team. The Shelter is pleased to introduce our new members.

Sherliane Craane, 27, is a student in her last year at the University of Curaçao and in the process of completing her thesis for graduation. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration. Her years of love and care for her own animals combined with her administrative skills makes her a perfect fit.



Rudmar Martina, 25, describes himself as a hard working "quiet man" who is "reliable, eager to learn and congenial." He has proved to be all of those things. His coworkers and the animals he lovingly cares for all agree that he is a welcome asset to the Shelter.

Sherliane and Rudmar join our "veteran" staff of **Luvia Rodriguez, Laurie Smith and Sanne Attevelt**. Together they are a dedicated multicultural, multi-lingual team that are leading the Shelter in its mission to care for the unwanted animals on the island and to educate the community about the proper care of companion animals and the importance of sterilization.

Please pass by the Shelter to meet our team and all the cats and dogs that are thriving under their great care. *Story & Photos by Jane Madden- Disko*





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THE SEVEN SISTERS

What are the names of the stars in the Seven Sisters star group? There's **Alcyone, Maia, Merope, Sterope, Taygeta, Celaeno, and Electra.**

These are also the names of the seven daughters of **Atlas...** and are also stars in the brightest cluster in the sky. Known as **The Pleiades**, the Seven Sisters make a great sight in the evening Sky Park sky.

I always look forward to seeing not one, but two star clusters in the sky. The starry cousins of The Pleiades, nicknamed **The Hyades**, aren't too far away.

Where can you find the sisters and their cousins? On any night this week around 8pm, face east. Let's find the Seven Sisters cluster first since it's the brighter one. One third the way up, when you face east, at first glance you might miss them. The Pleiades may look like a small, faint cloud at first, but if you gaze a little deeper you may be able to pick out 5, 6, or 7 individual stars in the cluster.

For the ancient Greeks, the Pleiades were a group of sisters fleeing the amorous advances of **Orion the hunter**, and they only escaped by divine intervention. The gods took pity on the sisters and turned them into doves. They flew away from Orion and landed up in the sky where they sit today.

Do they look like a little dove to you? A sharp-eyed first grader told me what he saw instead. You know there's a big dipper and a little dipper right? He called this the "dinky dipper."

I know they're called the Seven Sisters, but the Pleiades star cluster really consists of hundreds of stars.

The seven brightest sure look like a "dinky dipper," but zoomed in we can see a lot more.

Let's place the Sisters named earlier. The brightest is called **Alcyone**. Forming the rest of the bowl is **Merope, Electra, and Maia**. The fainter sisters are **Sterope** on the top, **Taygeta** and then **Celaeno**.

But what are the two brighter stars making the handle of this dinky dipper? Those stars bear the names of the parents, **Atlas** and **Pleione**.



So when you're straining to see the Seven Sisters with the naked eye, sometimes you can see a parent or two and miss a dimmer Sister. This cluster was formed from one huge **nebula** and is about 400 light years away from us. These blue stars are massive. **Alcyone**, for instance would be 10 times wider than our **Sun** and shines 2400 times brighter!

Now let's find the other star cluster, the **Hyades**. Look for a sideways, V-shape of five stars below the Pleiades. This is the face of the **constellation Taurus the Bull**. Anchoring the bottom left of the v-shape is the really bright orange star named **Aldebaran**. And **Aldebaran** marks the eye of **Taurus the Bull**.

The stars in and around the v-shape are really part of a large open cluster of stars called the **Hyades**.

You can see some of the brighter **Hyades** with the naked eye and lots more with a pair of binoculars.

The **Hyades** are the closest open star cluster to Earth, at only 150 light years away. In total, there are about 250 stars in the cluster.

Keep an "eye" on this part of the sky later in the week because on **November 22nd** and **November 23rd** the nearly full **Moon** will be nearby. In fact it'll look like the Moon hopped over the **Hyades** from one night to the next.

So, there you have it. Look to the east after sunset for the two star clusters. The brighter, and easier to find cluster is the **Pleiades**, aka the **Dove**, aka the **dinky dipper**.

And the fainter one inside the face of **Taurus the Bull** is the **Hyades**.

If you have a pair of binoculars, definitely get them out and behold the many stars within the two clusters. The universe is amazing. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



THE STARS HAVE IT

November 2018

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves. Your positive attitude and intellectual outlook will draw others to you. Such over indulgence due to emotional upset will be your downfall. Don't take your frustrations out on loved ones. Your lucky days this month will be Saturdays.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You can get your point across and make valuable connections. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. You can make new connections if you play your cards right. Residential moves will be in your best interest. Your lucky this month will be Mondays.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You could find yourself having problems with coworkers and employers. You may be in an extremely passionate mood this month. Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming. The experience will be good. Your lucky days this month will be Tuesdays.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Changes in your home environment may cause friction. You are best not to nag or criticize. Lay your cards on the table regarding your personal direction. Be prepared to overcome frustrations and obstacles at work. Your lucky days will be Fridays.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable and should lead to new and lasting friendships. Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. Encourage the youngsters in your family. Older family members will make demands on your time. Your lucky days this month will be Thursdays.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Refrain from overspending on entertainment or luxury items. You need to be inspired and have your spirits lifted. You can pick up some overtime this month. You will have a blowup this month if your

partner does things that you feel are not aboveboard. Your lucky days this month will be Tuesdays.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can get a great deal accomplished if you bring work home. You have a lot to offer. Hard work will bring rewards. Try to stay calm and understand both sides of the situation. Your lucky days this month will be Fridays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You can make changes to your living quarters that should please family members. Don't draw too much attention to yourself at work. Look into some form of physical recreation. Remember; talk to them, not at them. Your lucky days this month will be Thursdays.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Try to do your job and then leave. Uncertainty regarding your direction is likely. Equilibrium in your romantic life is likely if you treat your partner well. Take time to help a friend who hasn't been feeling well. Your lucky days this month will be Mondays.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Use your intellectual approach to get the best results. Love and romance are evident. Older relatives may make unreasonable demands. You can enjoy entertainment if you join in and follow the crowd for a change. Your lucky days this month will be Fridays.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. Get on with business. Be tactful if you see flaws in someone else's work. Deception and doubts may surround your involvement with friends and relatives. Your lucky days this month will be Fridays.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Do your own research and be prepared. Your mind will be wandering to exotic destinations. New interests are preoccupying your time. Education may be the answer. Your lucky days this month will be Fridays. ■ *Michael Thiessen*

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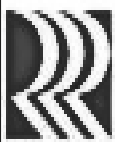
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