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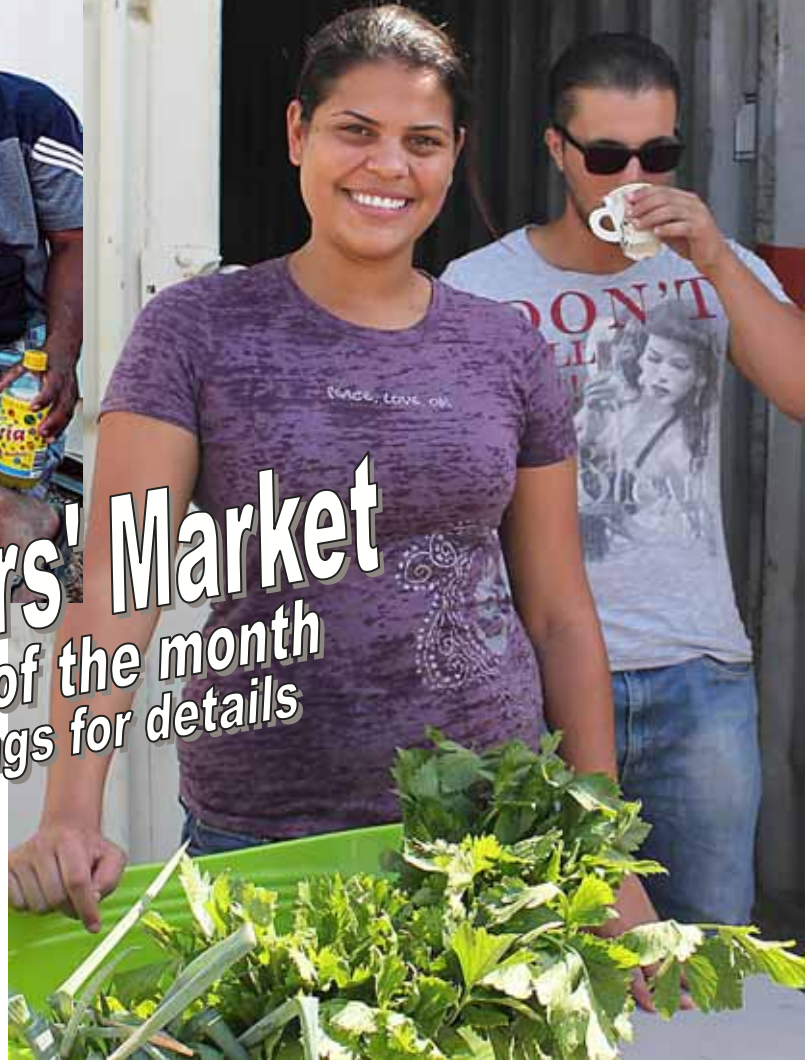


*The hard core of the market: Aminah and Galil with their baby ducks and rabbits, fruits, vegetables and plants.*

**Kriabon Farmers' Market**  
Every first Saturday of the month  
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*Sra. Alba Lombana selling shoes, flip flops and pastechis, and neighbor Angliet Baidjoe with her delicious chutneys and syrups from ginger, lime, tamarind and pineapple.*



*Stephanie Booi and Said Elkaich - selling the most beautiful and freshest vegetables on Bonaire - a super initiative! But you have to come real early because by 9am they're practically sold out!*



*Daymiro Janga and his meat chickens, weighing about 3 kilos each! Selling them for \$5.10 per kilo. He buys the little chicks when they are one day old and then he raises them himself without giving them hormones.*



*Mother and son: Ingel and Maaiké van Almenkerk selling mint, Surinamese cherries, tomatoes and sweet tamarind.*

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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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The Bonaire island Council unanimously approved Simeona "Jona" Chirino-Felida, better known as Jona as Commissioner to serve on the Executive Council to replace Hans Els.

Jona is well known for her active social work. She is shown above with Edison Rijna, the deputy governor.

► According to StatLine, in the Caribbean Netherlands on Bonaire, inflation was 1.3% in the first quarter. This is 0.1 of a percentage point higher than in the fourth quarter of 2013. Higher prices for food and clothing were the main factors in the increase. Fruit and women's clothing in particular cost more. Electricity prices fell slightly, and had a downward effect on inflation. The up-tick followed several quarters of declining inflation.

► KLM is preparing to fly to the Caribbean on biofuel. Spokesperson Joost Ruempol confirmed this to the *Amigoe* newspaper. KLM is not providing any details just yet. KLM first experimented with biofuel in 2009 and already is flying some routes using the fuel.

► KLM reportedly sold four Fokker F70s, serials 11528, 11537, 11578 and 11583, to Insel Air (Curacao). All deliveries will be between now and June 2014.

► More than a decade ago, the government of President Hugo Chávez enacted strict exchange controls on the bolívar, the Venezuelan national currency. The controls pegged the bolívar to the dollar and limited trade between currencies. Because of these rules, airlines that operate in Venezuela are not allowed to freely exchange their accumulated bolívares for dollars, as they can in countries that have free-floating currencies. Several of the airlines have had to curtail operations as a result.

Normally, every 15 days, they ask the government to convert their revenue,

according to the International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.), a trade association for airlines.

But from 2009 to 2012, repayments took around six months, and by the end of 2012 payments were being delayed for as long as a year. And since October, 2013, almost no payments have been approved at all. Now the I.A.T.A. says that the Venezuelan government owes nearly four billion dollars to 24 international airlines including Insel Air and Tiara Air.

Airlines are not the only foreign companies that suffer from Venezuela's rigid currency controls. Toyota's and Ford's Venezuelan subsidiaries, lacking in dollars, had to cut production of vehicles because they couldn't import parts from overseas.

► Two representatives of the National Ombudsman

completed their visit to Bonaire last week. "Last year we received 25 complaints, this year we got 41 complaints in total," said Marjolein Banner of the Ombudsman's Office. At the end of the year the representatives of the National Ombudsman will return. In the meantime, residents of Bonaire can simply submit their complaints via [website www.nationaleombudsman.nl](http://www.nationaleombudsman.nl).



► The Council of Ministers should take a decision on the appointment of a new National Government Representative for the Caribbean Netherlands (*Rijksvertegenwoordiger*) on July 8, 2014, announced Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ronald Plasterk last week. It's expected he will revamp the *Rijksvertegenwoordiger* reporting structure and authority in line with experience gained since 10/10/10.

► Julian Woodley was named deputy National Government Representative (*Rijksvertegenwoordiger*) for the Caribbean Netherlands back in 2010

when Wilbert Stolte was named *Rijksvertegenwoordiger* to lead the RCN. Woodley has taken the temporary leadership, however, that was not generally



known until recently when the countdown began to Stolte's May 1 departure. In the past an RCN official performed the *Rijksvertegenwoordiger* functions rather than Woodley.

► MIAMI, Florida--The 2014 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be quieter than normal, with a below-average number of storms and hurricanes, a leading US hurricane forecasting team said on Thursday. Forecasters predicted this year's season will see nine tropical storms, three of which will intensify into a hurricane and one becoming a major hurricane with winds of at least 111 miles per hour (178 kph).

A typical season has 12 tropical storms, with six hurricanes and two major hurricanes. The hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Bonaire is historically out of the path of hurricanes but can suffer from side effects like wind reversals and sea swells.

► Two out of three persons age 15 and older in the Caribbean Netherlands drank alcoholic beverages last year according to a survey carried out by Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS). The survey showed that 50% of the women and 25% of men in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba had not drunk alcoholic beverages in the past year. One man in eight drinks excessively, compared to one woman in 30, CBS stated.

In Bonaire, 19% of men are heavy drinkers and 10% excessive drinkers. 6% of women in Bonaire are considered heavy or excessive drinkers.

A heavy drinker is defined as someone who drinks six or more alcoholic beverages a day on at least one day a week. Excessive drinkers drink more than 21 glasses per week for men, or more than 14 drinks a week for women.

20% of the population in the European Netherlands did not drink alcohol in 2012, according to CBS. This percentage is almost twice as high in the Caribbean Netherlands: 39%.

► Caribbean Netherlands Customs intercepted significant amount of cocaine, ecstasy pills, methadone pills, heroin, cannabis and money in March. They confiscated drugs and money. A total of 1,454.10 grams of cocaine, 2,030 pieces of xtc pills, 1,000 methadone pills, 506.70 grams of heroin and 535.60 grams of cannabis were intercepted on Bonaire, representing a total street value of \$114,476. The total cash amount seized was €10,324.15.

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Clothing drive volunteers

► **The Clothing Drive that took place on April 12th was a success.** The organization was pleasantly surprised with both the quantity and quality of the clothing that was donated. At the end of the Clothing Drive on Saturday afternoon there was literally a mountain of bags and boxes filled with clothing. Volunteers from Best Brands, SELIBON and Tene Boneiru Limpi sorted clothes by size and category: men/women/children.

Left over clothes, will be donated through ADRA Foundation, which has been providing the less fortunate with clothes since 2009. If there are other charities that could use clothing for their clients, contact Onnie Emerenciana at *Directie Samenleving & Zorg*.

Bodega di ADRA serves the community every Tuesday afternoon and Sunday morning. ADRA can always use more second hand clothing and furniture. You can find Bodega at the Kaya Pos di Amor, across the street from More For Less supermarket.

► Look for Hagen's Cactus Blue food trailer not at Kite Beach but at "Ti Amo" Beach across from the airport.

Hagen's burgers and lionfish burgers are out of this world. It is the Trip Advisor #1 choice in restaurants on Bonaire. Cactus Blue can also cater your outdoor party for which Chef Hagen can offer a good choice of hot and cold dishes, cooked on site. Call him at 786-0816.

► **You can win a dinner for three at Sonia Home Restaurant.** Send in a photo of your mom at home, at work, maybe with you, or a "selfie" of you and your mom. The winning photo will be judged on creativity and fun. First prize will be a dinner for three (mom, dad and child) at Sonia Home. Other prizes for second and third. Send the photos by May 1 to Reporter@BonaireNews.com. Winners will be announced in the next *Bonaire Reporter* (May 5 edition). See the announcement and ad on page 9.

► Put it on your calendar: **A Masquerade Party at Sonia Home Restaurant on Tuesday, April 29, 8pm-late.** DJ with all kinds of music for dancing, magician. Free entry. Co-sponsor Heineken. See ad on page 9.



► **Have you been to the Bona Bida-operated Spa at the Aqua Terrace on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Spice Beach Club at Eden Beach?** It's a beautiful location with a view over the sea to Klein Bonaire.

There are several classes available including water aerobics and yoga. And of course, massage and manicures. Classes

## Isn't It A Right?



**V**oting rights for foreigners in Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius may be taken away. When these islands became special overseas public entities of the Netherlands it was decided to allow foreign residents to vote and/or take part in local elections the way it's also done in the European part of the Netherlands, based on the argument that people who pay taxes should have some say in the way their municipality is governed.

This turned out to be a problem, however, because of plans to let the respective Island Councils elect members to the First Chamber (Senate) of Parliament in The Hague (refer to past editions of *The Reporter*). In the European part of the Netherlands this is done via provincial elections in which foreigners cannot participate, but no such option exists on the islands, as they don't belong to any particular province.

The Dutch Cabinet doesn't want foreigners to be able to influence national policies indirectly in this manner and is now requesting that the Second Cham-

ber reverse the decision that lets them vote and be elected locally on the three islands. The First Chamber itself, but also the Council of State, the Government of Saba and the Dutch Electoral Council are said to be against the idea, so it's not at all certain the proposed amendment actually will pass in any case before the next Island Council elections of March 2015.

This is just one example where steps that were introduced in the interest of democracy in the Caribbean Netherlands perhaps should have been studied better regarding side-effects.

Another one was dropping the requirement that candidate lists must earn at least one seat outright before competing for a residual seat. Plus a "separation requirement" was introduced so that Island Council members cannot be commissioners at the same time, something that actually was mandatory in the former Netherlands Antilles. ■ G.D.

are free for Bon Bida members.

► **Bondigro s expanding and relocating** to the old Consales building across from Warehouse. Talk about success!

► **Need footwear for your Bonaire lifestyle?** Check out the **NEW Reef**

store around the corner from the Caribe Bank downtown. It's a shoe-lover's heaven.

► Next week is holiday time. **Enjoy yourselves.** ■ G./L. D.

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# On The Island Since... 1993 – Linda Schut



Linda and her boyfriend and business partner Wiebe

“**W**hat I know is that my mom had been here to dive when she was 20 and when my dad was in the military service he was stationed on Curaçao, so both of them knew the islands. I was born in Utrecht, Holland, where my parents had a printing house. I don’t know why they moved to Bonaire, but I do know that they were looking for something different. So, when I was four and half, the three of us came to live here. I remember I went to kindergarten, *Skol Preparatorio Orkidia*, but I do not remember anything else.

My father started working for National Printing and my mom was a substitute teacher at the schools, then later on at the after school care program at Rayvah. They also had a copy machine at home where people could have copies made and I would help them with it. From there – exactly 20 years ago – they established a new printing house: Flamingo Communications. When I was eight I began answering the phone and when I was 12 I would insert the pages of the *For Sale* pamphlet, so I had a really great work experience from the time I was a little girl.

As well as the business I was very much into sports, especially sailing, first with Optimists, then with Sunfish – racing and recreation. There were two people who would always win: either Sabina ter Borg or me and... we were best friends! Artie de Vries was the sailing instructor and we had a great group of kids. During Regatta I did win once or twice, but in general Sabina would win and I’d be second. But with the Sunfish we would be together in one boat.

However, most years you couldn’t sail during Regatta because of the lack of wind. I never figured out why they would insist on organizing it in October when the wind dies down. I clearly remember that once during a Regatta Sabina and I lay down in the boat to sunbathe as there was no wind at all and the boat was just floating there!

My school years at San Bernardo elementary school were awful because I was bullied terribly as I was different. There weren’t a lot of Dutch children at school and even fewer blond ones, and yes, I think it did play a role in my life. It started in the second grade where the (Dutch) teacher was really picking on me and she made sure that I became very insecure – that’s how it began. I was also very

young, almost one year younger than my classmates and still a real child where the others started puberty early. And that’s why ultimately I chose to repeat the sixth grade (at that time it was the last grade) so that I didn’t have to go to SGB with that group of people. It has been one of the best decisions of my life. I ended up with Sabina in the same class and I could finally be myself. Nobody ever bullied me in that class. Super! have very good memories of that year.

**“...when you are medically unfit to work on Bonaire your government allowance is less than \$300 per month. I cannot live on that!”**

I graduated from Mavo when I was 16. My mom and I went on vacation to Holland and there I got glandular fever. When we got back I had to stay at home, feeling exhausted, for almost seven months. One month before I became 18 I went to Holland to study to become a beautician with the goal of becoming a make-up artist. But, because of the glandular fever I got fibromyalgia and everything became 10 times more difficult in every possible way. All my muscles hurt constantly. Everything I do hurts. And believe me, there are muscles you don’t even know you have- like your eye muscles or the muscles of your jaw. It’s brain signals that cause the pain.

I was told that the training I was going to do – ROC in Utrecht – would be too much for me. In the end I found a private school where the course would take a year. It was extremely hard, but with interruptions and breaks I managed to do it in three years, and I did it! I also graduated as a nail and hair stylist and as a make-up artist, so I have all the diplomas. Then I wanted to leave Holland; it wasn’t my place. They saw me as a Dutch person, but I didn’t feel like one. I’ve always felt like I was a stranger.

I didn’t know where to go and I didn’t want to go back to Bonaire either. I also had a boyfriend so I stayed on. I was working in catering, but when the catering was taken over everything went wrong in the organization and I got more and more stressed, then I got overwrought. My relationship suffered and when I came for a



The 'crew' of 'Buy, Sell & Trade' : Raphael Ranis, Linda Schut, Wiebe Kalkman and Marja Heinemans.

vacation to Bonaire – to get away from it all – my boyfriend broke up with me. I wasn’t doing well at all but I’d decided to come back to Bonaire to live.

I’d met Wiebe, who is now my boy-

friend and business partner, when I was here on vacation. He lived on Bonaire and when I moved back I met him again. First we were friends and then it became a relationship and I started feeling much better. My parents, especially my mom, have been a great support to me. I was working at the office at my parents’ business when I began to feel really bad. I was sitting behind the computer and all my muscles would ache, my vision was blurred and I had headaches all the time. I ended up on AO – sick leave. The doctor wanted me to stay on AO for two years after which I would be definitely incapacitated. But... when you are medically unfit to work on Bonaire your government allowance is less than \$300 per month and I cannot live on that! I sat at home for over a year while Wiebe was at school, then I decided to apply for a permit to start a second hand store. At the end of June 2013 I opened the store, ‘Buy, Sell & Trade.’ We are located on Kaya Korona 38A, almost opposite Kooyman.

it together and it’s fun! This is NOT a Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter flea market) because we have to buy everything; we don’t get it for free. We also have to pay rent, WEB and salaries, so therefore we cannot be too cheap. Also, our items are of good quality and sometimes even very special and/or unique. But if we get a good deal buying something, we also sell it low-priced. We’re open every day - except for Sunday and Monday – from 10:30am till 6:30pm non-stop.

I enjoy going to work, maybe because this is my own store and maybe because I see things I would never have guessed you could find here. And whenever I feel tired, I can take a break. That’s another advantage and very important in my case. I am still undergoing treatments – very painful ones, really awful—and I just hope that one day someone will find a cure for fibromyalgia because the disease has made my life very narrow and limited. I’ve never spoken about it up to now, as I didn’t want to be judged by it. You see I am NOT the disease, that’s not me!

I used to be an outgoing person who loved to party and now I look differently at life. I live a life that would suit an older person, but then... my boyfriend is only 20 and he keeps me young, ha ha ha!

To me Bonaire is home. In my roots I feel more Antillean than anything else, but I don’t feel accepted and that might be the consequence of the bullying. The way things are going after 10-10-10 does not make me happy. It seems like everybody has changed, like they’ve held a grudge against each other. I find that hard to deal with. We’re all in the same boat and I think we should get together and find a solution. I hope for better government allowances, for child support, that the standard of living for the people here will be equalized to what it is in Holland and that we can live in harmony, like it was in the old days.” ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



# JUDICIAL ERRORS



Last week two apparent failures of our justice system came to light. In the first, two (formerly) young men were sentenced to prison for a crime they could not possibly have committed. In the second, two preeminent Bonaire politicians were harassed for over five years for corruption, which charges the court said, were without foundation.

The details:

For a gross miscarriage of justice The Dutch Government has to pay Bonairean **Andy Melaan** \$1.3 million (around €30,000) because he was wrongly imprisoned for eight years. It is the highest payout of damages for a miscarriage of justice to date, the Dutch daily *Volkscrant* reported.

In the same murder case, **Nozai Thomas**, who was sentenced to four years, will receive almost \$680,000 (€90,000). This was decided by the court two weeks ago. The two were wrongly accused, tried and convicted of murder at Spelonk.

In 2005, Melaan (35) and Thomas (27) were sentenced to 24 and eight years in prison for a double murder at Spelonk. At that time the local Papiamentu language press were astonished at the incorrectness of the verdict. After a years-long fight the men were cleared of the charges on the 15th of November, 2013. Their case is the sixth miscarriage of justice under Dutch law of this century. Their lawyer, Geert-Jan Knoops, says that the men are victims of the difference in laws between The Netherlands and Bonaire.

Knoops says that the men now suffer from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, and that their lives are "irreparably broken." Melaan was stuck in a police dungeon for six weeks, isolated from the outside world to break him mentally, Knoops stated. His daughters don't know their father anymore. In 2008, Melaan attempted suicide.

The court awarded five times the compensation that acquitted persons normally get.

■ *Press release*

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Bonaire's Court of the First Instance acquitted ex-commissioner Burney el Hage and his wife Genia as well as former UPB-leader Ramonsito Booi of all charges. Judicial authorities said the evidence was inadequate.

The Public Prosecutor's Office immediately announced it would appeal the verdict at the High Court in The Hague.

It's the second blow in a short time to the Zambezi case, after Judge Irma Lips had already dropped all corruption charges against the trio a few weeks ago.

The tough Public Prosecution on Bonaire can be said to have suffered a heavy defeat in the island's biggest corruption investigation to date. Former politicians, Burney and Genia El Hage and Ramonsito Booi were acquitted by the court of official corruption, fraud and money laundering.

The lawyers of the three will hold the Dutch state liable for the persecution, according to their attorney, Jan Knoops, "for enormous damage" that Booi, El Hage and his wife suffered from five and a half years of protracted investigation. That other individuals, never formerly charged, were held in custody for extended periods and had their careers ruined was not mentioned in the verdict. ■ *Saskia Crier*



*Andy Melaan free*

# TV Special



The super-exciting finale of the 1 + 1 = 3 Lito TV show on Monday, 7 April, at 6pm was shown on both NosTV (kanal24) and Energia (kanal02). The students of Reina Beatrix, Pelican and Kristu Bon Wardador schools were the finalists from the preliminary rounds and competed in the final episode to determine which Bonaire school was the best in creative arithmetic. During the TV show there was a

Rap battle to see which schools could create the best homemade raps. Questions were asked using short videos about sports and shopping. And Dance Sensation Dance School gave a performance. The TV shows were recorded on Bonaire in a temporary TV studio at the Sports hall. To view the shows got to <http://bonkousa.org/tvshow>. A DVD with all the episodes of the 1 + 1 = 3 can also be ordered. ■ *Press release*

## American Dive Group Donates Gear to Jong Bonaire

CHUM (City of Houston Undersea Mariners) came to Bonaire to enjoy our underwater environment but they left a lot behind. The group donated a large pile of dive gear which the members of Jong Bonaire will be using to learn the sport that brings so many tourists to Bonaire. Roger Veteto, president of CHUM said, "We're very glad to know that the gear is going to an organization that is having such a positive impact on the island."

Jong Bonaire is the Youth Development Center and has programs after-school, evenings, during vacations and also operates the *Learn, Work and Live* center where young adults can reside and learn the life-skills that will help prepare them for a good future.

■ *Press release*



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# Spearfisherman Caught

STINAPA rangers stop illegal spear fishing in front of Club Nautico.



On Thursday, March 20, around 3:30 in the afternoon STINAPA headquarters received a phone call about a man who was seen entering the ocean with a spear gun downtown in front of Club Nautico. Rangers were mobilized immediately and headed to town. Upon arrival the rangers saw a man snorkeling so they entered the water and approached him. The man was in possession of an illegal spear gun as well as seven fish, all with holes in their body from the spear.

The spear gun, fins, snorkel, mask and all the fish were confiscated.

Spear fishing is a highly damaging activity as it is very effective and tends to remove the big fish from the reef. In a decision without precedent at the time, Bonaire completely banned spear fishing over 40 years ago. This ban, together with good fishing practices from our fishermen and other management measures, resulted in Bonaire's reef fish population still being one of the healthiest in the Caribbean. Lion fish is the only fish that is allowed to be shot with a spear gun especially designed for hunting lion fish. In order to be awarded a permit for hunting lionfish, an appointment with the Marine Park manager is required.

The confiscated fish was donated to the Krusada foundation. ■ *Press release*

# Winsberg Exhibit

Bonaire/Antriol—

On Saturday April 26, at five o'clock in the afternoon the exposition of some 20 oil-on-canvas paintings made by Angelika Winsberg will be opened at "Go Green," the restaurant located in Bonaire Basics on Kaya Korona in Antriol.

Angelika Winsberg was born in Germany, lived in the Netherlands and Aruba. Since 1996 Bonaire is her home. Angelika says, "This is my space, this is my home. I love Bonaire. My heart belongs here. On this island I finally found peace and rest." Angelika started painting at the age of 13, but soon after her father did not allow her to paint anymore because being a painter is not a job and you cannot make a living from it. Fifteen years later, at the age of 28, Angelika, being independent, finally bought new paint and brushes.

For Angelika, who appears to be a very sensitive person, painting is a way of expression. By painting she tries to express her feelings, her fantasies and her dreams. She does not obey the theoretical rules of colors or the signals of the brain. "I am just the painter," Angelika says, "on one



Angelika Winsberg with her art

side there are the dreams, the feelings and fantasies. On the other side there are the brushes and the paint. I am the link, the emotional connection in between."

The exposition of Winsberg's work will be at Bonaire Basics for a month. During the opening of the exposition a complimentary drink and snacks will be served. After the opening wines from the New World will be available for very friendly prices. The art of Winsberg, numbered and priced, will be for sale.

Apart from the paintings of Winsberg there will be an additional small exposition of an artist who prefers to remain anonymous. She uses parts of the bark of a European pine tree, golden paint and strong waterproof varnish to create a collection of unique ear rings. The ear ornaments are light weight, easy and classy to wear. ■

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# Word on the Street

After being closed for several months, **Boomerang House, Garden and Pet Shop** has reopened in a new location, across from SELIBON's recycling center. Plants, garden stuff and great pet supplies are back on the shelves.

- **Wilhelmina Plaza is looking great....**new restaurant/night club, new benches, new paving stones, and the **Pas-sangran** (government building) has just recently completed renovations. **And how about those lovely, smelly (stinki in Papiamentu) dumpsters right next to the Lions Club time capsule? Nice huh?**

You'd think that if you're paying only a dollar a month rent you could afford to keep your garbage somewhere other than in the middle of the town square.

- Speaking of smelly dumpsters....**Bugs Pa-trol**, a local pest control company, has started a new service. They will come to your home or business and clean and disinfect your nasty Kliko container for you. They have a new machine with high pressure water hoses that arrives at your place and cleans up all those nasty bins. Bins that should NOT be in the middle of the newly remodeled Plaza!



- **Revised Content**— **The Courtyard house and apartment complex owner, Robert Kat, said a rumor that his project is in financial trouble is untrue.** "The project is on schedule," he said, "and a section will

be finished in mid-July as planned. Everyone has been paid and the project is not over a million dollars in debt." A drive-by of the property showed everything in order. The Courthouse project is unrelated to other uncompleted projects on Bonaire

- The ice cream shop in Hato recently got new owners. **Gossip on the street is that another ice cream shop is soon to be on the market.**

- **Divi Flamingo Resort has been looking for a new manager.** Rumor has it that the manager of one of the island's oldest, largest condominium projects will be taking on the job.

- Recent police reports indicate that **thieves have been stealing the new license plate stickers off vehicles.** Here's a tip from Bula Bonchi: After you place the new stickers on your license plate, use a sharp knife or razor blade and cut a large X across the sticker. If someone tries to steal it, they will only get a small piece....useless, just like the thieves trying to take it!

- Holy dengue, Batman! News out of Aruba reports that **dengue mosquito larvae** were found in the holy water basins of a church in the San Nicolas parish.

- **Jonchi Dortalina**, long time UPB honcho, has announced he is retiring from the party and from politics. He follows several other leaders in leaving the green party. Local newspaper reports that their sources indicate that Ramonsito Booi will return to the political arena to save what's left of the party...or what's "right" of the party? ■ **Bula Bonchi**



# Triumphant Performance

**K**ralendijk's Kas di Sosiego chapel, next to San Francisco Hospital, provided the distinctly classic setting for the passion concert organized by the Classical Music Board Bonaire (CMBB) on Saturday 12 April, to a sold out audience.

The internationally known cellist, **German Marcano**, performed an impressive repertoire of two solo suites by Johan Sebastian Bach. Each piece lasts 25 minutes and consists of six movements which are technically challenging and require great stamina. German brought across each movement's own distinct character with tremendous ease, drawing the audience into his world.

German's meditative quality combined with the wonderful acoustics added to the haunting sound emanating from his 200-year-old cello that had just had some restoration work done on it.

**Hans Faassen**, Bonaire's resident pianist, accompanied German for Antonio Vivaldi's 3rd Sonata for cello and harpsichord. This was the first time they had played together and they musically complimented each other, providing for a harmonious balance of sound and delivery.

They also performed the emotional piece for piano and solo cello, "Kol Nidrei" by Max Bruch, which brought a tear to the eye of a few in the audience. The whole piece tugs on the heart strings as it is, but their musicality added a new emotional level.



*Cellist Marcano and pianist Faassen*

A standing ovation followed. As an encore and thought for the state of affairs in Venezuela, Marcano played Gabriel Fauré's "Apres un Reve."

The concert was another success for the CMBB who has just had to say a fond farewell to their chairman, **Raymundo Saleh**, ex governor, has retired after five years. He was there at the beginning of the CMBB and has been a force to be reckoned with. The CMBB has organized 50 concerts and hope to continue for many more years to come. The next CMBB concert will be in October 2014. See the website for more information: [WWW.ClassicalmusicboardBonaire](http://WWW.ClassicalmusicboardBonaire). ■ *Carla Hay*

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# Picture Yourself At Kaieteur Falls in Guyana.



**B**onaire resident Ludwig Tdlohreg remembered to bring his *Bonaire Reporter* with him on vacation. Here he is (second from left) with friends at Kaieteur Falls.

Kaieteur Falls is the **world's largest single drop waterfall** measuring 741 feet. For comparison, Kaieteur is about five times taller than Niagara Falls. Kaieteur Falls is a waterfall on the Potaro River in central Guyana. It is located in the Kaieteur National Park. ■

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# DID YOU KNOW?

## Flying squid

Japanese researchers confirm squid can fly

- ▶ Jet launch and glide through air thought to be a defence mechanism to escape predators
- ▶ Can fly more than 30 metres in 3 seconds

Research: Jun Yamamoto Hokkaido University

Membrane between tentacles helps form "wing"

Opens mantle to draw in water

High pressure jet of water launches squid

Glides by spreading out fins and arms

Fins fold back for re-entry into water

Source: Hokkaido University



Picture Credit: KoutaMuramatus

**T**hat oceanic squid can actually fly? How you may ask? The key is their jet propulsion. Squid suck water into a large chamber in their bodies and force it out through a narrow channel that can be directed in various directions. This feature is important because they commonly use it to make a rapid escape from predators. The jet stream can be so powerful that free-swimming squid are sometimes ejected out of the water, giving the view that they are "flying." Each "flight" lasts around three seconds and has been classified into four stages. The stages include launching, jetting, gliding and diving. At each stage, the squid changes forms to become more aerodynamic.

These flights occur randomly



and in the open ocean so keep your camera ready and eyes open! ■ Sarah Girouard

Sarah Girouard is an Environmental Science major from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. She studied at the CIEE Research Station Bonaire until last December.



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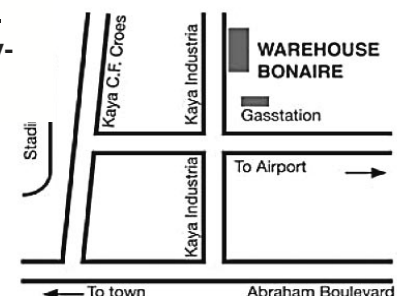
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**SHARING THE SEA**

I love Bonaire. This is my 9th year visiting and in this time I have seen many changes. I try to embrace them all. Bonaire has so much to offer to a person of my age, but also for the youth, teens and young adults. Kiteboarding, windsurfing, diving, stand up paddling and sailing are all available.

These young folks need more to do and a place to do it. So when I visited Atlantis, commonly called Kite Beach, I saw positive change. It is a great place for kites and kiter enthusiasts to gather. While kiting is central to Atlantis, the beach has become a nice place just to hang out. The question is how can the kites continue their sport while allowing others to safely enjoy this part of the coastline? And can this all be accomplished while respecting the marine environment at the same time?

Is this possible? Yes, I think so, but awareness on the water and common courtesy are key to making this work. Snorkeling the southwest coast of Bonaire is my passion. My favorite snorkel is a drift from Red Beryl to Margate. These days if I enter the water before 10am, all is good. There are very few kites. But after 10, especially on windy days, Red Beryl can be scary—not



Bo Bodiffee photo

*Kitesurfers at Atlantis*

treacherous or dangerous—but scary. I am not over reacting here. Last week while beginning this drift (in the light blue water) I see a kiter coming towards me. I pop up and wave an arm- to be seen- and to alert the kiter that I am there sharing the water. He was very close. Close enough for me to see the look of shock on his face. I was wishing for a “thumbs up” or other signal from him. Letting me know that he had seen me, and that he would remember I was sharing Red Beryl/Margate with him. I received no sign. Just a hasty come about and off again. This has happened more than once. My snorkeling buddy has tried to call out to the kites in order to alert them that we are sharing the area, but again no response. After a drift snorkel we were admiring a pod of Dolphin swimming and feeding at Red Beryl. They too had the same problem I did. They were keeping an eye on the kites as

well.

When

I snorkel this area I make it a point to know where the kites are at all times. I keep my eyes on them, but I wonder if they are keeping their eyes on me? Do they not see me? Are they even aware of the snorkelers and divers using these sites?

STINAPA recommends that kites surf in dark blue water. Wonderful, but do kites even know this? Is STINAPA getting the word out to them? And is this rule explained to novice kites when they take their first kite lesson? This is a multi use area. Perhaps a bit of education can help all of us—kites, divers, and snorkelers—enjoy fantastic southern beaches of Bonaire

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# Feel Bonaire's Culture At Mangazina di Rei

Mangazina di Rei had its first Cultural Market last month, Saturday, March 29. It was a joyous event with residents, part time residents and tourists - all enjoying the local art, crafts, plants, vegetables, fresh local food, local live music, ladies baking bread the old fashioned way, sightseeing tours. The museum was open, showing how early Bonaireans lived. There were educational talks. Something for everyone. The photos tell the story.

The Mangazina Cultural Market will be a monthly event—every last Saturday of the month, 8 am to 2 pm. **The second edition of Mangazina di Rei's cultural market will be held on Saturday April 26.** You may take sightseeing tours, buy local art and crafts, plants and vegetables, enjoy an educational presentation and take part in dance-fitness workouts in the open-air.

Have delicious local food while listening to some of the best local musicians.

Mangazina is located at the east entrance of the village of Rincon. Entrance is free.

■L.D.



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Young entrepreneurs sell their toys



Boy Scouts enjoyed the day



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# Sea Turtle Fundraiser

The "Turtle Fundraiser" is a great new creative project that combines creativity, fun, nature education and fundraising. This Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) project will run throughout 2014 in partnership with Hotel Roomer, culminating with an auction in November. The purpose of the project is to raise much needed funds for STCB, to help to protect our endangered sea turtles; which includes nesting beach protection and habitat conservation and aims to reduce the threats to Bonaire's sea turtles.



Ex-governor Lydia Emerencia inaugurated the event

How will it work? Participants will decorate and donate a plywood version of the STCB turtle image, available from STCB ([program.assistant@bonaireturtles.org](mailto:program.assistant@bonaireturtles.org), tel: 701 0433), Hotel Roomer ([info@roomerbonaire.com](mailto:info@roomerbonaire.com)) or STCB volunteers Hans & Jannie Koning ([hansjannie@telbonet.an](mailto:hansjannie@telbonet.an)). Once the artwork is complete, artists will return it, ready to hang, to be auctioned at Hotel Roomer on 29th November 2014. Artists may choose any size STCB turtle shape they wish, appropriate to the artwork they want to create and the STCB turtle shape can be decorated in any way the artist wishes. There will be special recognition for artworks in the following categories:

- "Trashtastic" - using found or recycled items e.g. plastics from the beach, packaging etc.
- "Turtle Extravaganza" - the most turtles found on a single artwork
- "True Life" - the most realistic turtle artwork
- "Fisherman's Friend" - artwork that sends a strong sea turtle conservation message
- "Junior Delight" - for those 10 years and under
- "Turtle Groupie" - projects done as a team (3 or more artists).



Colored Styrofoam turtle shell

The project launch was on 11<sup>th</sup> April at Hotel Roomer, beginning with a Workshop, where specially invited artists worked with children and students from Liseo Boneriano on group projects. Three fabulous artists agreed to give up their time to attend this launch workshop, namely, Mamita Fox, Adi Figaroa, and Dion Doelman.



Adi Figaroa teaches

For further details or to discuss this project please contact Sue Willis, STCB Program Assistant, by emailing [program.assistant@bonaireturtles.org](mailto:program.assistant@bonaireturtles.org) or phoning (+599) 701 0433. ■ Sue Willis

## Coral Nursery

The Bonaire Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF Bonaire) is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to restoring the shallow water populations of elkhorn and staghorn coral along the coast of Bonaire

Since the 1980s coral diseases, bleaching events, loss of sea urchins together with deteriorating water quality and overfishing have affected the staghorn and elkhorn coral populations throughout the Caribbean. CRF Bonaire was born in 2012, when Ken Nedimyer, founder of CRF based in Florida USA, was invited by Buddy Dive Resort to work with and assist Bonaire with their continued efforts to preserve Bonaire's greatest assets, its reefs.

By setting coral nurseries and transplanting mature staghorn and elkhorn coral onto degraded areas, the CRF Project aims to restore a portion of the coastal coral reef of Bonaire.

To date, more than 6,000 coral fragments are growing in the nurseries in Bonaire and almost 1,000 have already been transplanted on the reef. ■ G./L. D.



Coral Restoration "midwives" Francesca (Italy) and Nathalia (Brazil) - "Restoring marine life one reef at a time."

## Windsurfing Women's Day

It was a beautiful sunny day on Bonaire as are most days and it was my goal to bring women together for an afternoon of fun, food and sailing. I had invited every woman windsurfer I knew to come to the Event Site at Lac Bay for lunch and some sailing.



Koleta Abrahamz (9 yrs old)

We had a diverse group with a wide spectrum of goals. Levels ranged from the training professional to the basic beginner. There are few places on earth where you will find 20 women on the water at one time. This is a male dominated sport and the female form is rare on the water. But not this day.

We are very lucky to have some of the top women pros here on the island practicing for the beginning of the pro competition season. But also we were fortunate to have local Bonairean girls join us. We all had a wonderful time supporting each other.

This was the first annual. We are already planning the next one hoping to include many more females and more fun. Let us hear from you. ■ Beth Winkler

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# Saving Bonaire Donkeys - A New Direction

Indignation and horror at the so called "contract" to eventually eliminate all donkeys from Bonaire has sparked action by Bonaireans who believe the donkeys play an important role in the island's heritage and are a wonderful tourist attraction, to say nothing of their concern for the animals on compassionate grounds.

The Bonaire government contracted with the well-known popular Bonaire Donkey Sanctuary to collect all the wild donkeys they could find, confine the females and foals in the Sanctuary, castrate the males and set them free with reflectors on their ears, and cull the herd of diseased or infirm donkeys. This was deemed necessary as the donkeys were considered road hazards, destructive to the native plants and sometimes a pest. The donkeys are the responsibility of the local government which can be held responsible for the damage they cause, for example, to motor vehicles resulting from a collision.

At that time, last year, the only viable alternative to that plan was to leave the situation as is and accept liability or the wholesale eradication of the donkeys. While many ideas were brought forth, the Sanctuary appeared to offer the only viable alternative to safeguard the animals. There were no other organized groups or individuals able to shelter large numbers of donkeys, until recently.

The group called Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire has a plan and is moving forward to make it happen. They already have gotten the government to stop culling the herd. Their primary objective is to have the wild donkeys stay in the "outback" (*mondi* in Papiamentu) for the safety of both animals and people.

To do this they must:

- \* Begin a massive awareness program that must start immediately. (Watch for animals and no-feeding signs at airports, hotels, tourist and local restaurants etc.)

- \* Animal crossings and reintroduction of signs on highways.

- \* Long speed bumps on the roads where needed (the type where you can drive at normal speeds but no faster).

- \* Get our special Bonairean wild donkeys back a water supply in areas away from main roads (water supplies they had for hundreds of years that were cut off by building/fencing etc.).

- \* They have private parcels of land already allocated away from the high traffic areas that can be used for them to stay wild and safe. (Arrangements are being made to repair old wells or to drill new ones where needed).

- \* Donkeys that need to be reintroduced to the wild can be. (The method is supplied by wild burro experts with many years of experience). It can be done.

- \* A strategy is ready to be put in place that will allow the donkeys that are already domesticated to be embraced and used to a great end goal. It will allow for increase revenue for the persons on pension or others who are in need of work.

- \* Large banners for the airport and signs for other areas have been ordered to alert the public and visitors.

A another potentially significant fact in favor of preservation of all Bonaire donkeys came to light as a result of preliminary DNA testing done of blood samples from Bonaire donkeys. They may be the direct descendents of the wild Nubian ass, an endangered species as defined by world conservation authorities. Next week 25 more samples of blood will be tested to determine if indeed the genetic connection is viable enough to give the Bonaire donkeys protected species safeguards. ■ *Press releases/ G.D.*



Wilna Groenenboom photo

Road casualties must stop



"The Donkey" one of the stars in Bonaire's Maskarada cultural heritage



Donkey warning signs get stolen frequently

For the past 22 years while Bonaire's donkey-lovers were debating and suggesting solutions to care for the island's donkeys, one person, Marina Melis, and her Donkeys' Help Sanctuary, were taking action by providing water, food, medical care and shelter for hundreds of the animals. They received minimal government support, relying on donations from individuals and foundations. The operation received glowing reports from inspectors for the conditions provided and general operation, the most recent last week from the Royal Society of the United Kingdom.



The Sanctuary celebrates Christmas



Starvation— much more common before the expansion of the sanctuary

Contrary to what *The Reporter* published last edition the Sanctuary did not get government money for expansion and operation. Not in 2003 or in 2012 for relocation, but because of the Sanctuary's forced relocation away from the airport and urgent request from the government they did get some help with money for fence material and for a short period (three weeks) manpower from the Public Works Department to speed up the move.

But they never received a government subsidy to extend the Sanctuary properties or buildings. Recently, as a result of the catch program they do receive money for the new arrivals. The new Sanctuary land was bought with money from donations and sponsors, and since funds are short there is still no house for Marina Melis and her husband Ed to live, so they have been existing in a storage room for the last 3 1/2 years.

While plans may be realized to allow Bonaire's donkeys freedom to roam as they did in Africa millennia ago, will the Bonaire Donkey Sanctuary remain a safe haven for around 500 of the animals, and an important tourist attraction. It also serves as a source of inspiration for what one person with a passion for animals can do ■ *G.D.*



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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
Mon 21	05:30 0.88 ft	13:40 -0.34 ft	19:16 0.35 ft			6:20	18:48
Tue 22	L Quarter 0.08 ft	00:34 0.08 ft	06:20 0.83 ft	14:17 -0.32 ft	19:57 0.44 ft	6:20	18:48
Wed 23		01:43 0.07 ft	07:12 0.75 ft	14:54 -0.29 ft	20:40 0.53 ft	6:19	18:48
Thu 24		02:54 0.05 ft	08:06 0.64 ft	15:31 -0.24 ft	21:26 0.62 ft	6:19	18:48
Fri 25		04:10 0.02 ft	09:04 0.51 ft	16:08 -0.18 ft	22:13 0.70 ft	6:18	18:48
Sat 26		05:30 -0.02 ft	10:10 0.37 ft	16:45 -0.11 ft	23:03 0.77 ft	6:18	18:48
Sun 27		06:52 -0.07 ft	11:29 0.26 ft	17:23 -0.04 ft	23:53 0.82 ft	6:17	18:49
Mon 28		08:11 -0.14 ft	13:01 0.19 ft	18:02 0.03 ft		6:17	18:49
Tue 29	00:44 0.85 ft	09:21 -0.21 ft	14:42 0.17 ft	18:46 0.10 ft	New Moon	6:16	18:49
Wed 30	01:35 0.86 ft	10:21 -0.26 ft	16:13 0.19 ft	19:36 0.15 ft		6:16	18:49
May	02:25	11:12	17:21	20:37			
Thu 01	03:13 0.85 ft	11:56 -0.29 ft	18:09 0.23 ft	21:41 0.19 ft		6:16	18:49
Fri 02	03:58 0.83 ft	12:34 -0.30 ft	18:46 0.26 ft	22:42 0.22 ft		6:15	18:49
Sat 03	04:40 0.80 ft	13:08 -0.30 ft	19:17 0.30 ft	23:40 0.23 ft		6:15	18:50
Sun 04	05:19 0.76 ft	13:38 -0.28 ft	19:44 0.33 ft			6:14	18:50
Mon 05	05:30 0.71 ft	13:38 -0.25 ft	19:44 0.37 ft			6:14	18:50

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## AUTOMOBILE DEALER

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## BANK

**ORCO Bank** offers one-on-one attention, personal banking. Each client is a person, not a number. Their office is in the historic building at Kaya Grandi 48.

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## RESTAURANTS

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## WATER TAXI

**Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry.** Ride the *Kantika di Amor*. Hotel or downtown pickup The only water taxi to Klein Bonaire with an easy on/off built-in ramp at Bonaire Nautico (It Rains Fishes Restaurant)

## Bats On The Move

Nectar Feeding Bats From The  
ABC Islands Recaptured In  
Venezuela

During the first week of March, four bats of the species Long-nosed bat, *Leptonycteris curasoae* (at right) marked on the ABC Islands (three from Aruba and one from Bonaire) were recaptured in Venezuela by a team of scientists. The recaptures, lead by Dr. Jafet Nassar from the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research, occurred close to the city of Coro in the coastal Venezuelan State of Falcón.



This is the piece that was missing in the puzzle of the migratory and long distance movements of these amazing flying mammals. Previous inter island recaptures were the first step in confirming the hypothesis from STINAPA's research unit that these bats are flying overseas among the ABC islands and to the South American mainland. These recaptures demonstrate that we do not have separated populations for the islands and the continent, but instead there is a meta population for the entire eco-region.

This exciting discovery is the product of more than five years of effort invested in scientific research by STINAPA Bonaire, CARMABI, Arikok National Park (united in The Bat Conservation Program of the ABC Islands PPRABC), the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research, and an endless list of volunteers and supporting organizations. More than 6,000 individual bats were captured and ringed during this period.

This discovery, about mammalian ecology and the population dynamics of this key-stone species of our terrestrial ecosystems, has significant implications for the management and conservation of bat population.

PPRABC is a member of RELCOM (The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Bat Conservation). ■ *Press Release*

## Culinary Team Prepares



Bonaire Culinary Team Manager Floris van Loo (left in black-Rum Runners) with the 2014 Culinary Team- Not in order: Pastry Chef Junior Janga (Bonaire Food Group); Chef Rashindra Donge (Plaza Resort); Chef Tjitte Knol (Plaza Resort); Jr Chef Giovannie Veld (It Rains Fshes); Jr Chef Ronald Mauricio (Spice Beach Club). Bartender—To be decided at Taste of Bonaire, May 4; bartender coach, Han ten Winkel (Spice Beach Club) not pictured

On Sunday, April 13th, at It Rains Fishes Restaurant, the Bonaire Culinary Team held its first cookout in preparation for the Taste of the Caribbean competition in Miami. "It was a great learning event with the team cooking together for the first time and under pressure for 60 guests," said Team Manager Floris van Loo. The three-course meal was created from a mystery basket of ingredients—just like the actual competition in Miami. The appetizer was a sweet potato and kari kari glazed with fennel, the main dish was grilled veggies, herb leg of lamb, shrimp with a Caribbean Béarnaise sauce. Dessert: Cheesecake from Bonairean farm-raised goat cheese. Wines compliments of It Rains Fishes were a perfect match!

Bonaire Restaurant Association President Patrice Rannou (Bistro de Paris) opened the evening with a big thanks to all those who support this Team and the past Teams that traveled and competed in "The Taste of Caribbean," the culinary Olympics. "The chefs learn to be creative in their Caribbean flavors in a competition style," said Patrice, "and Bonaire has such great restaurants and chefs on this small island..." ■ *Press Release*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 22.** — Port call of the 2,400 passenger cruise ship *Vision of the Seas* from 0800-1800

End of Winter Cruise ship season

### End of Month Holidays

**Banks Closed 25 -Friday**

**Kings Day 26 -Celebration**

**Saturday**

**King's Day 27 -Sunday**

**Banks Closed 28-Monday**

**Rincon Day 30 -Wednesday**

**Labor Day May 1-Thursday**

**Saturday, April 26**

—**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei.** Every last Saturday of the month, 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire— traditional music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the east entrance to Rincon. Tel. 786-2101—Free entrance

Info@mangazinadirei.org  
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—**Earth Day Fun Fair** sponsored by CIEE at the park next to Kas di Arte. From 8-12 noon. More on page 12

—**Angelika Winsberg Art Exhibit,** Go Green Restaurant at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona, Antriol, 5 pm. More on page 6

**Tuesday, April 29, Maskarade Party at Sonia Home Restaurant, 8pm until late—** DJ with all kinds of music for dancing, magician. Free entry. More on page 9

**Saturday, May 4—Kriabon Monthly Farmers Market** (first Saturday of the month), 8 am to 1 pm. Local produce, ornamental plants, fruit trees, local food and drinks, handcrafts, more. Get there early as things get sold out quickly. Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to Aquamarin School

**Sunday May 11—Mothers' Day** Don't forget your mother. If it weren't for her you wouldn't be here. See **Mother's Day photo contest by Sonia Home Restaurant,** page 9

**Sunday, June 1 -Washington Slagbaai National Park Open House** and celebration of its 45 years of existence. Admission is free.

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

### Saturdays

•**Last Saturday of the month** – donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

•**Parke di Libertat Bazaar.** Flea market tables to rent \$5. Used items for sale, 9am-2pm.

•**Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month,** at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8 am to 1 pm.

•**Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—every last Saturday of the month,** 8 am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, just south of Rincon.

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

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

•**Petanque- Jeu de Boules,** 2:30pm, Tera Cora Ranch. Info: 786-0150

### Sundays

•**Kunuku Arawak -** Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm. Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

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

### Mondays

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: *Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea Trauma* and his newest book *Reef Windows*. 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290

### Wednesdays

•**Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village**

**Marina. Free house rum when you buy a coke.**

• **30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire,** 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. Donation. Call 786-6416, email: [info@bonaireyoga.coim](mailto:info@bonaireyoga.coim)

### Fridays

•**Happy Hour party at Bistro De Paris. Ricky Thomas performs** Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6- 9pm.

### FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

**Monday - Touch the Sea --** Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame, conducts Bonaire's Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, **every Monday when she's on-island** at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

**Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)** presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

### BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon.** Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

**Museo Sentro Chichi'Tan,** historical home, behind Rose Inn, Rincon, open 10am-4pm daily. Tel. 786-6420

**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**

### CLUBS and MEETINGS

**Bridge Club -** Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or [jeroen@telbonet.an](mailto:jeroen@telbonet.an)

**Darts Club** plays **every other Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

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

**Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays,** 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

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

### CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

**International Bible Church,** Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride [bonaireibc@yahoo.com](mailto:bonaireibc@yahoo.com)

**Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk** – Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

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

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

**Ministerio di Kristu Hesus** Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

**Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church** located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held Sunday mornings 10am-11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7-8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20am- Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Information: Call 701-9522 .

**Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente,** Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 pm, in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161.

**Iglesia di Cristo (Church of Christ)** Sunday: 10:30am & 7pm; Wednesday: 7pm. Services in Papiamentu (English also if needed) Address: Kaya Msgr. ndt 25 (same street as Dr. Dorvil) Cell: 796-0721. email: [iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com)

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# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
April/May 2014

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) The key to feeling good about yourself will be to do something about it. You may find that you are a little lucky this week. Try not to let your emotions interfere with the completion of your work. Take time to catch up on gossip and make plans to do a little adventure travel. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) The stamina you possess will be apparent in your approach to your hobbies and creative projects. Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure. Romantic encounters will develop through group activity. You can increase the value of your dwelling. Look into residential moves that will give you more space. Your lucky day will be Thursday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Get back to the comforts of cottage or home. You may get some opposition. Personal changes will be to your benefit. Think of changes to your home that will please and add to everyone's comfort. Residential moves should be considered carefully. Your lucky day will be Saturday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You really can't do anything to change matters this week. Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. Don't allow your lover to take advantage of your good nature. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. You can make personal changes that will enhance your reputation and give you greater self confidence. Sign up for courses that will help you understand yourself better. Get more involved in group efforts at work. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will have original ideas for ways to make extra money. You need to make changes that will raise your self esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. Creative educational pursuits will payoff. You may be ill-treated if you have to deal

with institutional environments. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You need to get down to basics with regard to yourself. You can expect to face opposition on the home front. You just hate waste, and when someone else costs you dearly you see red. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 -Nov. 22) You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure. You may want to pull out some of those unfinished projects you've got tucked away. Opportunities for love will develop while traveling or while attending religious functions. Arguing won't help. Your lucky day will be Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Investments may be misrepresented this week. Try to curb your bad habits. Don't invest too much of your own money. The personal problems you may be having are interfering with your productivity. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Positive changes regarding your personal status are evident. Promote your ideas now. You may not get your facts correct this week; double-check before making any statements. Do something special for them. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Someone you work with may be trying to make you look bad. Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. You can accomplish a lot if you put some effort into household duties or redecorating plans. Limitations on the home front can be expected if you have been restricting your mate's freedom. Your lucky day will be Sunday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your lover may cost you financially. Do not trust others with important information. Be diplomatic and honest, and that person will only be made to look bad. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday. ■



## BONAIRE SKY PARK\* \*to find it... just look up

### NAKED EYE PLANETS THIS MONTH

Here is a recap on the planets visible in the Sky Park over the next two weeks. **It's a good time for stargazing.**

**Mercury**  
Mercury is unobservable as it is close to the Sun all month.

It passes through superior conjunction on April 25 and then, in early May, jumps into evening visibility.

**Venus**  
Venus is the bright "Morning Star", blazing low in the east-southeast before and during dawn. The planet loses a little of its altitude in April, but at magnitude -4.2 around mid-month you will not have any trouble distinguishing it. The telescopic appearance of Venus changes dramatically during the month. On the 1st, the planet spans 22 arcseconds and shows a disk about 54% lit. By the 30th, Venus' apparent diameter has shrunk to 17 arcseconds, but the disk is then 66% illuminated.

Venus, the second of the inferior planets, is almost the same size as the Earth, and is the nearest body in the sky apart from the Moon. Until recently, we knew practically nothing about the surface of Venus, and there were constant references to "the Planet of Mystery." Indeed, until the radar measurements of the 1960s even the rate of rotation of the planet was not known.

It was then found that Venus turns on its axis once every 243 Earth-days, making the planet's day longer than its year! Even more surprising is the fact that the rotation is retrograde. In other words, Venus spins in the opposite direction to the majority of the planets in the solar system.

**Mars**  
The most spectacular planet this month has to be Mars. April brings the Red Planet closer to Earth than at any time since the winter of 2007. If you have a telescope, even a small one, now is certainly the time to get it out.

Mars pokes above the horizon during evening twilight, among the background stars of the constellation Virgo, and is high up in fine view in the south by mid-



night local daylight time. It gleams so brightly and with such a distinct ruddy hue, you will not confuse it with any other object.

**Jupiter**  
As darkness falls, gas giant Jupiter rides above the western horizon, around 60° high from the Sky Park's latitude. The planet lies in Gemini, near the ecliptic's northernmost point, so it remains visible well after midnight despite being three months past opposition.

Jupiter is the King of the Planets, and not just because of its enormous size - this monster planet is 88,700 miles (142,700 kilometers) in diameter. Jupiter also reigns over the other members of the solar system in the affections of amateur astronomers, because this great ball of gas is just so consistently interesting.

**Saturn**  
Throughout April, Saturn pokes above the horizon roughly three hours after Mars, and lies a good 30° high in the southwest as dawn begins. The ringed planet resides among the background stars of the constellation Libra and shines at magnitude +0.2, two full magnitudes brighter than any of Libra's stars.

Saturn is the most striking member of our planetary family. With an equatorial diameter of about 75,000 miles (120,700 kilometers), it is the second largest planet circling the Sun. Appearing as a bright yellowish object in our night sky

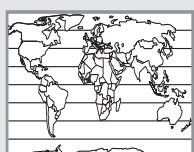
**Black Moon rising-** There is a second New Moon this month sometimes called a black moon. Notice how much closer the Sun and Moon are compared to the New Moon on April 1. On April 29, the moon will pass directly in front of the Sun, causing an **annular solar eclipse**, visible in Antarctica and Australia. ■

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## Sudoku Solution

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9	2	4	7	8	3	9	4	1
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# Shelter News

“Super Sisters,” dogs Katja and Kerry who were featured in the last issue of *The Reporter*, have been adopted – saved from having to be euthanized. The dog sisters had been at the Bonaire Animal Shelter since November 2012 and were on “death row.” According to Shelter Manager, Marlies Tiepel, “At the Shelter there is space for 40 dogs, but most of the time there are lots more. Sadly, when there are too many dogs at the Shelter they have to be put down. It’s very sad and very depressing and sometimes it seems that for every dog we save, two more take its place.” So congratulations to Katja and Kerry and to their new owner. May they enjoy many fun years together. Whew! That was close!



Shelter Manager Marlies Tiepel writes:

“The Bonaire Animal Shelter is offering **free spay and neutering for the island dogs and cats**. The goal is to help control the pet population, to reduce unwanted litters and promote good pet health and responsible ownership. Since the year 2000 the Shelter on Bonaire has a special fund for free sterilization. Last year the Shelter funded the spaying and neutering for over 450 pets. This year they hope to do even more. The Shelter asked for help from the Dierenlot Foundation from Holland. And they got it! Their help makes it possible to give every pet owner who sterilizes their cat or dog a T-shirt and a bumper sticker for their car. For more information call the Shelter: 7174989.” You may also contribute: “Sterilization Fund,” MCB Account #1061640. ■ L.D.



Bonaire Animal Shelter staff and volunteers with the new T-shirts

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Statistics show that black cats are the least likely to be adopted from shelters. This is mainly the case in the US, one of the few countries that consider black cats to be bad luck. Most other countries believe the exact opposite - that black cats bring good luck, good fortune and... good luck in love!

Right now the Bonaire Animal Shelter has eight beautiful black cats, ranging in age from two months to four years, looking for a forever home. Some have been at the Shelter for almost three years, just waiting for the "non-discriminatory" human to realize how special they are. While they may all just look like a "black" cat, on closer inspection you will see that each of them have their own individual features. Some turn "chocolate" in the sunlight; others have long, luxurious fur; some have tiny white "whiskers" running through their coat; others have subtle "stripes" of varying shades of black. No matter their differences, all of them are beautiful and loving.

Because of the genetic coding that produces the black coat, black cats tend to be healthier and more resistant to diseases than other cats and are known to live to quite an old age. Anecdotal evidence further suggests that black cats are also more intelligent and responsive than other cats. Proof of that is evident if you spend time with the Shelter black beauties.

And if "looks" are important to you, remember that black goes with everything and it's a bit exotic having a miniature panther around your house! Black cats have been a favorite of many famous people, including Queen Victoria, John Lennon, Fred Astaire, Winston Churchill, Ernest Hemingway, James Dean and Edgar Allen Poe.

Please come and visit the eight ebony beauties currently living at the Shelter. One of

them will surely steal your heart and reward you with the special love and devotion that only a black cat can give. All of the cats are healthy, vaccinated and ready for a home of their own. You can visit the Shelter on the Lagun Road, Monday through Saturday, 9am-1pm, 3-5pm. Tel. 717-4989, WWWBonaireAnimalShelter.com. On Facebook too. ■

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