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World Oceans Day



Open day Washington Slagbail
Flamingo release
Brass Boer

Caylen and Ineesha on Bonaire's Pink Beach

Living on an island, almost all of us see the ocean everyday. We drive along the shoreline and enjoy its beauty. And we are aware that most of Bonaire's economy depends on this sea which surrounds us.

Over 70% of our planet is covered in water. It helps feed the world and provides a living for millions of people. It is the home of some of the smallest and some of the largest animals on the planet.

Experts warn us that pollution is destroying this life source. This destruction hasn't happened overnight; it's been going on for 100's of years but only in the last 75 have we been unable to ignore the damage. There is too much pollution from toxins flowing into our oceans from land, from the carbon emissions of our vehicles, and from the plastics that are choking the lives out of our oceans and all of us!

What do we do? We can begin by being aware of the problem personally, locally and globally. Bonaire NGOs have worked with the government for years to protect the island and its seas. They have fought both large battles and small ones; they have fought for a creditable sewage plant and for stores to ban plastic bags. But there is still so much more to be done.

Each of us personally can be aware of what's happening with sewage and water run-off in our own communities. Locally, the Bonaire Public Entity has just signed an agreement which will kick-start the stalled final phase of the sewage treatment plant with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. (see page 2)

Keeping track of our personal plastic use and asking the stores for alternative packaging can help. It's mind boggling how much plastic we use everyday and even with recycling one way or another it eventually finds its way to the oceans.

Experts tell us plastic is in the water we drink, much of the food we eat and even in the air we breathe. An estimated eight million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean every year! That's a garbage truck full of plastic dumped in the ocean every minute. And this stuff doesn't go away, it will be here long after we are all gone as it never

completely disintegrates. Finally, we can join a clean-up group or start one of our own.

For the last few weeks Bonaire has been celebrating the sea around us in the global event known as World Ocean's Day. The official day is June 8, but many of Bonaire's environmental groups started early and held multiple functions to draw awareness to the plight of our oceans.

On May 30, A Plastic Free Bonaire and Clean Coast Bonaire kicked off World Ocean Day awareness with a free movie about plastic, "From the Waste Up". There was a demonstration of how to reuse/recycle plastic and mold them into other items. A discussion followed on how we can be more plastic free on Bonaire. (more on this in 'Did You Know' page 11)

Coral Reef Restoration hosted Reefiesta on June 1. The group invited divers to join them in their coral nurseries and out plant the corals to other sites. (see page 9)

Dive Friends and Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, with the help of STINAPA and Selibon, held two clean-up dives under the south pier on June 1 and on the official World Ocean Day, June 8. The volunteer divers collected new and old trash, fishing line and scouted the area for big refuse that should be removed in the next quarterly clean-up this summer.

Also on June 8, STINAPA's Junior Rangers cleaned up the coastline of Klein Bonaire. Much of Bonaire's trash washes up on the beach and coast of Klein.

Clean Coast Bonaire held their monthly micro plastic survey clean-up on June 8 at Te Amo Beach. The group meets once a month and rotates the clean-up destination between various coastal sites.

These groups and others are helping sustain the nature of our island. Bonaire has long been ahead of the pack in preservation and protection of natural resources.

Celebrating and protecting our oceans is not a one-day event. *Story and photo: Julie Morgan*

Agreement provides subsidies for wastewater

Deputy Elvis Tjin Asjoe and Minister Cora van Nieuwenhuizen of Infrastructure and Water Management (I&W), have signed an agreement that will end the impasse surrounding the sewage treatment plant.

The ministries of I&W, the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, and the Bonaire Public Entity will reserve a maximum of one million euros for the final phase of the project.

Contractor MNO Vervat and client SONA have been conducting arbitration proceedings for years about the costs of the last part of the project. The consequences of the conflict are huge: the Water and Electricity Company Bonaire (WEB) pays for the operating loss of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), at the expense of necessary investments. Purified waste water cannot be supplied to the hotels for irrigating their gardens forcing them to use expensive drinking water.

As a contribution to the operating costs of the WWTP the agreement also stipulates that I&W will continue to provide a subsidy of one million euros annually up to and including the year 2025. There will be a structural solution for the sustainable exploitation of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) by the end of 2025 at the latest. A waste water levy will be introduced before the end of 2019, but the levy will be nil for the first two years. The introduction of a waste water levy was a condition for obtaining a subsidy from the European Union (EU) for the construction of the WWTP. Deputy Tjin Asjoe has also been promised that the ministries will assist in the search, including in the EU, for subsidy options for WEB. They will also investigate whether WEB can qualify for interest-free loans. *Source: OLB 05-06-2019*



Rafaela elected to EU parliament.

Samira Rafaela will be the first Dutch MEP with a Caribbean background. Her mother is from Curaçao. Rafaela was the only candidate to campaign in the ABC islands.

On June 4, Rafaela announced the election result on her Facebook page: "The Dutch Electoral Council (Kiesraad) has certified the results of the European elections. I have been elected with 32,510 preferential votes and will be installed as Member of the European Parliament for D66/ALDE on July 2nd. I would like to once again express my gratitude to everyone who has supported me, trusted me and believed in me.... We will now continue. For a strong, social and safe Europe." #SamiraInEuropa #D66 #EP2019

There will be no joint audit office for Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

While a Court of Audit function is necessary to monitor the efficiency and legitimacy of income and expenditure, an island-specific approach is preferable to a joint audit office, announced State Secretary for Kingdom Relations, Raymond Knops.

"... an island-specific approach is now preferable to a joint audit office. The scale of the islands must be taken into account. I am discussing the effective design of an audit office function with Saba in the context of the Saba Package to be concluded and with Bonaire in the context of the Bonaire Administrative Agreement. This is currently being worked out for Sint Eustatius. It is also being considered whether a change in the law is necessary to set up a computer room function per island. Moreover, there is consultation going on with the Court of Audit," says Knops.

Dutch aids Venezuelan refugee crisis.

The Dutch government is allocating approximately 24 million euros (27 million US dollars) to help Curaçao and Aruba deal with the increasing number of Venezuelans seeking refuge because of the uncertain political situation in their country. The amount is a "one-off" contribution for 2019. State Secretary Knops will coordinate exactly how the money is spent. *Sources: Dutch news site NOS, and BES Reporter*

The Saba Island Council met with Director of the Caribbean Netherlands Health Insurance Office (ZVK), Angel Bermudez, on Bonaire May 15. Council members discussed long-standing concerns over the functioning ZVK on Saba. According to the BES Reporter, their visit coincided with the publication of the national audit chamber's report on the financial administration of ZVK, whereby the public learned that 67 million dollars, or half of the budget spent by ZVK, could not be justified.

The Saba delegation presented a discussion paper that documented complaints of the patients on Saba regarding medical referrals, along with logistical and decision-making issues. It also discussed accessibility conflicts that have arisen from the stricter enforcement of the rules and regulations by ZVK Bonaire.

Saba patients often receive treatment unequal to Bonairean patients. Since more decisions are taken now by ZVK Bonaire, the role of the ZVK office Saba has been minimized. The document recommended allowing the local ZVK office more authority, since they know the patients and can communicate with them directly.

Bermudez promised that he would meet again with the Saba Island Council in a month to discuss short-term solutions for the issues presented in the discussion document.

Did you wonder why:

All government offices were closed Friday, June 7th? It was Sports Day at OLB. The day was devoted to promoting the health of OLB civil servants. All officials could participate in sports events. They could also be weighed, measure their blood pressure, and compare their BMI to their ideal weight for their age. Advice about healthy eating was available.

You were without electricity Tuesday, May 27th? A broken bracket on a high-tension pole in Noord Nikiboko led to a power cut reported at 15:37 and fully resolved by 20:25 pm, thanks to WEB working overtime.



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Picking up a new license plate is mandatory

You must collect your new license plate from the finance department, J.A. Abraham Boulevard 27 between June 17 to 28. The collection office is open workdays, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 6pm.

The finance department has adjusted its conditions, so you now have to take fewer documents with you to collect your license plate. You must show your original documents, but you do not have to leave a copy of those documents. A print-out of an on-line document is considered an original document. You must take:

1. A valid proof of identity. (sédula, passport or driver's license)
2. A receipt for motor vehicle tax assessment 2019 (at least the first half year).
3. Proof of payment for the new license plate. Your payment receipt must include your plate number and your CRIB number. The new license plate costs \$ 8.40 (motor cycles \$ 5.60). You can pay this amount via internet banking or via the bank itself to accounts: MCB 40291708, RBC 8400000180872997, ORCO BANK 7601000195 or

BDC 30638802.

4. A valid car insurance certificate.car.

(5.) Companies must also bring an extract from the Chamber of Commerce.

If you have more than 5 license plates or are unable to collect your license plates between June 17 and 28, you can make an appointment to collect the plate(s) between July 1 and August 31. To make an appointment, contact the finance department via 7175330 extension 2637, or via tax-olb@bonairegov.com.

If you cannot collect your license plate yourself, you can give someone else permission to do that for you. If you give someone else permission to collect your license plate, they must take all the above documents, plus a signed and completed authorization form for a new license plate and your proof of identity. You can download this authorization form from <http://bonairegov.com/en/downloads>.



National Police are investigating DROB

An investigation named "Caldera" has confirmed "stories for years of self-enrichment and favoritism" in the Directorate of Spatial Development and Beheer (DROB). Caldera was triggered by suspicions of fraud and money laundering by two employees. In the process of the investigation, evidence turned up wide spread misbehaviors that "undermined" the legitimate functions of DROB and may in some cases have been criminal acts.

According to a government press release handed out this time last year and reported on-line by Bonaire Nieuws, Caldera was conducted by the Recherche Cooperation Team (RST) and the National Criminal Investigation Department of the OM BES.

Edison Rijna recently announced he is taking temporary leave of absence as Lieutenant Governor because his name turned up during the Caldera investigation. He is only being questioned by detectives about the matter and expects to be cleared of any wrong doing.

The primary finding of the investigation is that systemic changes need to be made in the ways DROB operates. According to the Public Prosecution Service, clear rules and policies need to be established, functioning control mechanisms need to be organized, and adequate staff hired.

Although frequent evidence turned up of "behaviors that are socially and ethically seen as reprehensible," those behaviors could not be prosecuted because the necessary laws and operating rules were not in place.

At the same time, many infractions may not have been intentional malfeasance. DROB employees and directors may have made mistakes because they did not have clear legal and operational guidance.

National Police Detectives to question Governor Rijna

On May 30, Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna announced that he will take a leave of absence during the period when he is to be questioned by detectives from the National Police (Rijksrecherche). In his press release, Rijna states: "On June 12, I am interrogated by the National Criminal Investigation Department. This conversation stems from the so-called Caldera investigation. This is an investigation into irregularities at DROB concerning -among other things- the wrongful allocation of pieces of land and forgery in writing in which two officials of the OLB have been identified, prosecuted and sentenced by the Public Prosecution Service." One of the suspects accused Rijna of wrong-doing. "This declaration relates to an application that I, in 2013 as the then-director of Bon Recycling B.V. did for a piece of land on leasehold property and the construction and recycling activities afterwards on the property," explained Rijna in his press release. "As you know, I have been particularly committed to transparent governance recently. Governance where integrity is central and where there is no room for doubts about integrity of important actors. I want to emphasize that in my role as governor, I have never done anything related to the research I mentioned. The investigation is also about a period in which I was not yet an Island Governor." Rijna also said that he was convinced he had not done anything wrong and would, in the end be acquitted of any wrong doing. *Cabinet of the Lieutenant Governor*

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WEB forced to curtail service to north end of the island

WEB has announced it must curtail water deliveries to Playa Frans and Boca Druifi because its trucks are breaking down on the BOPEC to Playa Frans road. People living on the north end of the island report the road is in its worst condition in 25 years, and has needed major repairs for several years.

Last week two WEB trucks were in the shop getting their suspensions rebuilt. Mechanics were cannibalizing parts from one truck to repair the other truck and put it back in service. Local vehicles have needed repairs to their steering and suspension as well.

WEB's priority is, and must be, to supply household water to the area.

Unfortunately, several hundred young trees planted by Echo Bonaire are now at serious risk, given the dry conditions. Echo Bonaire's water hauling equipment cannot handle the Playa Frans road either.

Therefore Julianka Clarendra, Director of Echo Bonaire, had arranged for donated tankage capacity at Boca Druifi. WEB had agreed to help keep the young trees alive by delivering water to the tanks. Those deliveries have been suspended.

The Playa Frans road provides divers with access to some of the best shore diving on the island. Rincon's W fishermen navigate the road daily. Other Bonaireans use the road too, especially on weekends when families enjoy the area.

Funrace results

De Freewieler sponsored 23 km and 32 km Funrace attracted 27 bikers on Open Day at Washington Slagbaai National Park on June 2. The bikers hit the road at 7:30 am. Riders on the 32 km route finished with times ranging from 1 hour, 1, 36 to 1 hour, 47, 05 with the best time going to Tom Homburg. The bikers on the 23 km route times ranged from 1 hour, 11, 34 to 1 hour, 39, 28 with the best time by Wijnald de Wolf.



Get your socks on by Ronnie Heijmans

Why should you do fitness exercises?

First of all I am a big fan of doing things because you want to do it. You don't have to like it, at first, but you have to understand why you are going to the gym. There are a lot of different reasons but we can sum them up in two big categories.

1. You want to look better
2. You want to get healthy

Luckily these two categories go hand in hand. I have never seen a healthy person who was in bad shape. So if you want to get healthy, you are automatically going to look better. It's a win - win situation, but there is more going on.

Bonaire has a big problem with lifestyle diseases. The good news is that we can change our lifestyle, we just need a couple of components: discipline, knowledge and will power.

Wikipedia explains it like this: Lifestyle diseases are commonly caused by alcohol, drug and smoking abuse as well as lack of physical activity and unhealthy eating. Diseases that impact on our lifestyle are heart disease, stroke, obesity and type II diabetes. You are harming yourself with an unhealthy lifestyle, and the crazy thing is, you already know it.

I know that eating healthy is an expensive venture on Bonaire but don't use this as an excuse to block your way to a healthy lifestyle. Take it step by step.

- Go to a gym
- Stop drinking alcohol/ stop smoking
- Stop consuming loads of sugar

Every step is a step closer to health and away from diseases. Make the choice and do it. At the end, we all want to be able to put on our own socks till the end of our lives. Just do it! You can start a healthy life by reading fitness and health themed articles on the internet or just drop by and have a talk with us. *Ronnie Heijmans*

Ronnie Heijmans is 35 years old and has been active in the fitness industry for over 10 years. He is the owner of CrossFit Flamingo and Flamingo Fitness Bonaire. His specialties include: CrossFit/ Strength & Conditioning / Powerlifting/ Weightlifting and lifestyle management. In this column Ronnie will explore fitness and a healthy lifestyle.



Ask Kate

Bonaire real estate advice

Question: We are thinking of retiring to Bonaire in a few years but want to rent out whatever we buy to tourists before we move. Should we be looking near downtown or out of town? Which area do vacation renters prefer? Jim

Hi Jim, Since you will be living in whatever you buy eventually, I would choose the area that you like the best. There is no one best area for vacation rentals. Some renters like being walking distance to town, others prefer to be further out of town in more quiet neighborhoods. Each area has appeal to various renters. Focus on the amenities that appeal to many vacation renters, which may include view, access to a pool, distance from the sea, condition of bathrooms and kitchen, etc. Then, price the rent amount to reflect the amenities and condition. *All the best, Kate Butler, GRI, Real Estate Agent, RE/MAX Bonaire*

If you have a real estate question for Kate, email her at kate@bonairehomes.com Tollfree from US: 1-866-611-7362

Letters and Opinions

Dear Reporter Team

We are Anja and Mirko and we are sailing around the world with our sailing boat. Currently we're enjoying and exploring the beautiful island of Bonaire. With our folding bikes we were riding to the culture festival in Rincon last Saturday, visited some nice snorkeling places on the island and went shopping with them nice and easy. These bikes mean a lot to us, they give us the opportunity to explore different surroundings in different countries. Without bikes, our possibilities to get around on land are quite limited.

Unfortunately our bikes were stolen yesterday. They were locked onto a brick wall on the property of the regatta school in Kralendijk. We left them there, because we thought Bonaire would be a safe island where everybody knows everybody and almost no crime happens. Apparently we were wrong with that. But now we thought, there are also so many nice people living on the island, why not asking them for help. So we already made a post on facebook and instagram and hang up some flyers asking everyone for help to find our bikes. If everybody would know that these bikes were stolen the chance that anybody sees them by incidence is even bigger. Lets show everybody that the community on Bonaire works very well and that crime doesn't have a chance here! We really want to keep Bonaire and its people in a good memory. New bikes we unfortunately cannot afford since we are young and traveling on a very tight budget. We've been to the police station, anybody who sees one of the bikes can either contact us or the police.

We would really appreciate it if you could make an announcement on the next printing episode of the "The Reporter."

We love to bike around the islands and there are so many coming up as further we go. If you wish more information about us don't hesitate to contact us. Attached you see our flyer. The finder of the bikes we would like to invite for drinks and dinner onto our boat. Thank you in advance.

Best regards ,*Mirko and Anja, www.yummyum.ch*

(One of the bikes is silver/grey and a bit rusty with the brand name of REX. The other bike is dark blue and has no markings or brand. If you find the bikes or have knowledge of them, contact Mirka and Anja via email, mirko.mona@me.com or on WhatsApp 0041792545982.)

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Remembering Hans Hass Underwater Cinematography



1953:

**Top L. Jimmy Hodges, one of the cameramen,
Top R: Hass and Lotte filming
Side R. measuring the reef**

The work with the new techniques of underwater cinematography was very difficult. Hans wrote later: "In order to film the corals for the first time in all their natural and magnificent colors, we had installed on board two thirty-kilowatt generators which could supply a number of floodlights under the water. Our range of action was limited by two cables, one three hundred and the other five hundred yards long which could be used separately or one joined up with the other. They weighed over a thousand kilograms - that is a ton - and to every six yards of length we attached a buoy so that the cables hung just below the surface. Switchboard cases were placed on board the boats and from these thinner cables a hundred and twenty yards long led to the projectors. On board we generated two hundred and twenty volts but at the lamps themselves - mostly because of the great resistance of the cables - we arrived with one hundred and ten volts.

I signaled by signs under the water to the divers how they should hold and move the floodlights during the filming. Everyone, including my wife Lotte, had to work as an 'illuminator'. The floodlights had a power of five kilowatts; nevertheless the light they gave was sufficient for taking color-photographs only up to a maximum of about ten feet.

As soon as we flashed the rays on to the coral bushes the most incredible hues were revealed. Dull, muted greens and browns blazed suddenly into glaring reds, yellows and orange. Why nature has created such splendid colors down in the depths is a mystery. Since from a depth of only thirty feet or so, all the red and yellow rays of light get absorbed, these colors can never show themselves and no denizen of the sea can see them. It is only in artificial light that the sparkling hues spring into life. Many flared with such intensity that one felt they had been awaiting since their creation for this one moment when they might display their beauty. We were in 1953 the first who filmed the beauty of coral reefs underwater with floodlights." *Michael Jung*

Ask a Geek by Brian Niessen

This week we're all about printers.

Q: Where can I find ink or toner for my printer on Bonaire?

A: You can purchase supplies where you bought the printer (City Shop, Bon di gro, etc), as long as it is a current model. But as a cheaper alternative, Ebay and Amazon sell just about every ink and toner under the sun. You can purchase the originals at a discount or buy refilled cartridges for about 90% cheaper and have them shipped to Bonaire using either CPOST or E-Zone, both which give you a mailing address in Miami, and about 5-10 days later you can pick up your package here.

Q: Why does my printer stop printing, yet the cartridges say they are not empty?

A: That is due to the climate. With my 20+ years in the Caribbean, I have found that cartridges may still have ink in them, but the print-heads are plugged. The solution is to print one page every

week with at least some of the four main colors - Black, Cyan, Magenta and Yellow to keep the print nozzles flowing.

Q: Where can I buy "American" sized paper on Bonaire?

A: Being a European country, we use the A4 paper size, which is slightly narrower and longer than the normal North American "letter" size paper. While this isn't normally an issue, sometimes, especially with PDF forms from government departments back home, they require letter size. I have found that it is for sale at SUNSHINE MARKET on Kaya Industria down by Divi Divi Casino. As for a supply of "Legal" paper, I have yet to find one on Bonaire. *Happy Printing... ..Brian Niessen, The Geek.*

Do you have a question about using computers and computer technology on Bonaire?

Email it to the editor, and we'll get an answer for you next issue.

Law Enforcement

Van den Tweel robbery

Early Wednesday morning, June 5, the police conducted four raids in the residential areas of Antriol Pariba / Mexico and Playa Pabou. The raids were connected to the armed robbery that took place May 20 at Van den Tweel supermarket. Police seized goods found during the searches. No arrests were made. June 5, a 50 year-old man (initials L.A.C.M.) was held in connection with the van den Tweel case. The investigation continues.

Bonaire Police Report for May 25 — June 7

On the roads: On May 24 an official car from KPCN collided with a scooter on the Bulevar J.A. Abraham. The driver of the scooter dislocated his shoulder. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

On May 27, a car collided with a lamppost on the Kaya Korona around 01:00. The driver was taken by ambulance to the hospital. The fire brigade was called because there was oil on the road surface and smoke from the car. WEB was called for the lamppost.

On May 30 For an unknown cause, a driver fell off a scooter on the road to Lac / Sorobon around 7pm. The injured victim was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

On May 31, two cars collided on Kaya Nikiboko Noord. Both drivers were injured and were taken by ambulance to the hospital. On the same day, around 8pm, another collision took place on the Kaminda Gurubu. For an unknown cause, the driver of the car lost control of the steering wheel and landed in an electrical box. Both passengers were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

June 5, around 11:30am, two cars collided on Kaya Korona. One driver complained about her back and right arm and was treated on the spot by the ambulance personnel.

June 6, around 8:40pm, a car and a scooter collided at the intersection of Kaya Monseigneur Nieuwindt and Kaya Nikiboko South. The driver of the car didn't give priority to the scooter. The scooter driver tried to divert but bumped into the car, causing her to fall. She had a scrap at her ankle and was treated on the spot by the ambulance personnel.

Four burglaries: May 27 a house on the Sabadeco Shores was burgled in the evening. The thieves entered the living room through a wooden window. They took away a safe containing, among other things, passports and an HP brand laptop.

May 28, a company at Kaya L.D. Gerharts was burgled. Items of clothing were taken.

June 6, a camouflage backpack and its contents was taken out of an unlocked car in ten minutes between 12.30-12.40pm. The unlocked car was parked at the Karpata dive site.

June 7, a house on Kaya Seabird was burgled. The back door was forced. Computers and jewelry were taken.

Traffic controls: On May 28 a traffic control was held at 11am on the Kaya Internashonal. A total of 40 vehicles were checked and fines were issued for driving without a valid driver's license or for not having the insurance papers in order. There are regular traffic checks at different places. The traffic controls are carried out as an assignment for the exams of aspiring agents.. *Communicatie KPCN*

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If there is no emergency, phone Bonaire (+599) 715 8000 or 717 8000

Business News

Digicel announces Kaan Terzioglu's appointment to the Board of Directors of Digicel Group. Commenting on his appointment May 31, Kaan Terzioglu, said: "With well invested LTE and fibre networks and a compelling content and app portfolio, Digicel is well positioned to make its digital ambitions a powerful and transformational reality for customers. It's an exciting time to be joining an exciting company."

Bonaire Coastal Living will host a meet and greet with Olena Yatsunsk-Poff, the creator of Sealife Scrubbies, at their store on June 27 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. The scrubbies are ocean themed like so many of the items available at Bonaire Coastal Living.

Olena said she was inspired to create the "Ocean Collection", by her underwater photographer husband's images. The handmade scrubbies are fun replicas of sea turtles, sharks, octopi, seahorses, manatees, dolphins and nudibranchs. They are made of a special 100% polyester sparkle scrubby yarn that has a unique texture with a sparkle effect. Every scrubby is stuffed with a loofah bath sponge. This combination of materials is beautiful, durable and can be placed in the dishwasher for cleaning. The scrubbies last more than six months with normal use.

To meet Olena and see more of her original items drop by Bonaire Coastal Living at Kaya Hulanda 58A, 599-700-6049.

Open Day held at Washington Slagbaili



Maskarada was performed several times for the crowd



(top) Kids enjoyed face-painting at the kid's table

(middle) Lots of local goodies were available

(R.top) Head ranger George Thode (Culturar) and Echo director Julianka Clarenda celebrate Open Day

(R.side) For the first time on Open Day a Domino tourney was held



In continuing the celebration of the 50 year anniversary of Washington Slagbaili National Park, the traditional Open Day was held on June 2...

On this day the park entrance fee is waived and 1,514 locals and island guests took advantage of this opportunity to visit the park for free. Some visitors ventured into the park in their cars, while 945 people stayed at the entrance to enjoy the planned celebration.

Albert Crestian, Washington Park manager, served as the master of ceremony for the official part of the event. Chief Ranger of the park, George Thode also known as 'Kultura', was one of the speakers during the ceremony that began at 9 am.

Kultura said, "STINAPA has worked very hard and did some beautiful and important work in recent years, but STINAPA cannot do this alone. STINAPA needs help from everyone in our community to help protect our beautiful nature. Without nature there is no life."

The Dutch and Bonaire flags were raised by the Sint Michael Group along with a presentation by their drum band. Pastor Ivan prayed for more rain for our nature.

Prior to the ceremony, De Freewieler bike shop sponsored a Fun Race with 27 bike enthusiasts competing for the best time.

Visitors enjoyed a bird watching tour and nature walks led by Stinapa biologist Caren Eckrich.

The 'kid's corner' was busy all day with youngsters getting their faces painted, playing games and painting on driftwood.

Besides the children, many adults took a moment to rest in the kid's corner and painted enthusiastically alongside the kids.

All types of food, drinks and sweet stands were available for everyone to enjoy as they sat in the shade to taking in the beauty of the park.

Echo Bonaire, dedicated to conserving Bonaire's Yellow-shouldered Amazon Parrot was on hand displaying some of their nursery plants and trees to promote reforestation of Bonaire.

The day included performances from the Maskarada and music from the Silver Bullet Steelband, Grupo Tutti Frutti, Vibe and JC & Friends. For the first time there was a domino tournament in the park with tables filled by Bonaire's best players.

Stinapa would like to thank all of the visitors for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Washington Slagbaili National Park with us. Story Xenah Cicilia, photos J. Morgan

Annual Ride for Roses Ahead



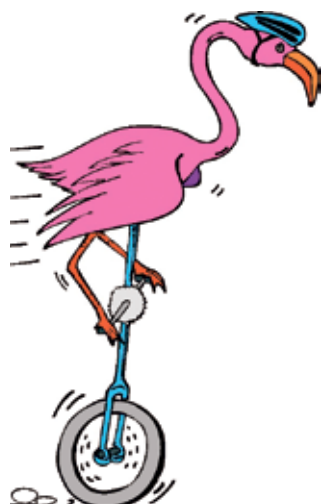
You can run, ride, swim or do it all. The important thing is you just do it "for the roses" on June 23, 2019 at Eden Beach Resort and Spice Beach Club.

This is Bonaire's annual Ride, Swim, Walk for the Roses fight against cancer under the sponsorship by Orco Bank of Bonaire. Last year over 700 participants joined in the fight.

This super fun athletic event benefits cancer patients and their families on Bonaire. Everyone is a winner with a customized "Roses" t-shirt, receipt of a rose at the finish line and the great feeling of knowing you helped someone with cancer. To sign up for the "Roses", go to www.RidefortheRoses.org.

To participate just buy a ticket to ride, walk or swim for only \$15 or \$20 for a combination. The tickets are available at a variety of places: Freewieler Bonaire (Kaya Grandi 61); Bon Bida Spa & Gym (Gob. N. Debrot 74); TecnoBar (Bonaire Airport); Lisa Convenience Store (Kaya Lisboa); Multipost Bonaire (Kaya Industria 2); Special Occasions (Bulevar Gob. N. Debrot 50); Pomp station Rincon; Draga Yoga; Yoga by Arlene; Yoga Sensibile at Eden Beach.

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BRASS BOER – it's not what you think

Have you heard of the Brass Boer restaurant at Delphins Beach Resort? Did you think it was a high-end, over the top restaurant that you could probably never afford to go? Well, think again. The restaurant may be a step above but it is far from uppity.

Delphins, is self described as “Luxury defined by Nature”. True enough, and from the moment you approach the Brass Boer, you feel just that.

The Brass Boer was constructed to hug Bonaire’s coastline providing a magnificent view of the sea from every seat in the house. Whether you are grabbing a bite at the Club Tropicana bar, dining on the expansive patio or in the more upscale restaurant, the mood is relaxing and natural. Every element of the design is in keeping with nature.

The restaurant is the vision of Head Chef Jonnie Boer and his sommelier wife Therese. The Boers are the owners of the 20 year Michelin three star restaurant Librije in Zwolle, Netherlands. They have created the Brass Boer as more of bistro but the flavors of the dishes and style are pure Librije.

Manager Feike Postma and chef Stefan Martens were both educated in the Librije doctrine of cuisine and service. They consider themselves children of the Librije

as they both worked there for many years. They say they grew up at Librije.

The Brass Boer opened its doors on November 16. Feike joined the team as manager during the high season in January. Stefan was on board since day one insuring everything was up to the standards outlined by chef Jonnie and Therese.

Stefan said, “We just want to have good food and be sweet to all the guests - in the island style.”

Like Librije there is a philosophy in service and in the kitchen Whereas, The Librije has a kitchen staff of 20 chefs, here there are five or six.

Stefan said, “It’s the same identity but you will see it’s like a fingerprint of the chef. It has its own style standing on its own.”

According to chef Stefan, the kitchen works because everyone has a basic knowledge of everything, but everyone has their own specialty.

“We have a diverse team and we instill a sense of responsibility in everyone, kind of like a soccer team strategy,” Feike said.

This team doctrine instilled by the Boer’s has become the key to creating a distinctive style of dining and cuisine.

The menu is unique in all ways including the liquor and extensive wine lists. Chef Jonnie has developed his own gin,



Every seat in the house has an amazing view of the ocean at the Brass Boer Restaurant.

Gastro Gin, and Therese her own wines, Kiss of Therese, in red, white and rose. One of the more unusual items is the Lambout with watermelon in gin. There is a gin marinade tomato sauce and several dishes infused with gin and tomato.

The restaurant includes several family style courses including chef Stefan’s favorite, an 11 unit plank of three types of ceviche.

A favorite of Feike’s is an Indian vegetarian dish made for two made with avocado, corn, vadouvan and jalapeno.

To maintain the freshest ingredients, many items are shipped from the Netherlands using an unusual flash frozen (cryogenics) technique to insure freshness. Local products are used as much as possible but the quantity isn’t always available.

The restaurant encourages family style meals with groups of 20 dining on one of the large wood plank tables by the ocean.

Another unique dining experience is Table 14 on the docks. Guests can enjoy a wonderful meal and contribute to Jonnie Boer’s favorite charity, the Johan Cruyff foundation. A portion of the cost of the meal is donated to help children less fortunate and build sports playgrounds for children all over the world.

Feike said, “We don’t want to be the uptight restaurant. Everyone is welcome! People will initially link us to Librije but everyone can find something good.”

Restaurant reservations are recommended: reservations@brassboer.com or 599-715-5050. For more information www.brassboer.com Story, photo, J. Morgan



Restaurant Manager Feike Postma and chef Stefan Martins have some fun in the Brass Boer kitchen.

Open Day Washington Slagball

Kids on the nature walk with Stinapa biologist Caren Eckrich



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Dolphins frequently visit Bonaire



of the water one or two days later.

Another guess is that the groups of bottlenose dolphins with young, may continue circling in the safety of the island while the young grow old and fast enough to avoid predators during their further travels.

Group sightings which are mostly six to 20 animals are called a pod. Sometimes the pods will come together to create super-pods.

We have sighted as many as 55 in 2014 to as low as 20 pods in other years. With information from other dolphin watchers, these numbers might change a little.

The best months to see Bottlenose dolphins seem to be from December to March.

The sightings only serve to provide more questions. Where do they come from? Where do they go after leaving Bonaire? How many sightings are missed because the dolphins travel in the hours of darkness?

I have been collecting records of Bottlenose Dolphin passages along our West Coast for 20 years now. As a dolphin watcher I keep a detailed record of each sighting with the date, time, place seen, approximate number of adults and juveniles. It would be really helpful if anybody seeing a pod of dolphins, or knows of a sighting, would send me an email with the information.

This will help me to improve my records dramatically to gain more knowledge about these beautiful creatures and their behaviour.

Ron Sewell has lived on Bonaire for the last 20 plus years. The information he gathers about dolphins in Bonaire is contributed to the DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance) database. You can email Ron at ron.sewell@diamond-waters.com.

We generally see two species of dolphins on the coasts of Bonaire.

The dolphins frequently seen playing between Kralendijk and Klein Bonaire, are the Spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) that characteristically jump into the air and turn around before re-entering the water.

The spinners are smaller than the better-known Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*). The larger Bottlenose is less easy to interact with, as they tend to disperse and disappear when humans enter the water near them.

The larger Bottlenose dolphins mostly pass the west coast traveling from north to south close to the drop-off. Occasionally they are close to shore where the water might be two metres deep and if they are feeding, a little farther out from the drop off.

Many times the same group of Bottlenose dolphins will travel around our island several times, taking between 22 to 26 hours to circumnavigate. It can be surmised that they keep circling Bonaire rather than continue elsewhere because one of the females may be about to give birth. Evidence to support this supposition comes by way of the young white juveniles jumping out

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What are Bonaire's priorities?





Flamingos released



Juvenile flamingos are fitted with their new ID leg tags, weighed and put in towel travel bags for transport to the release site. L-R: Mirjam Boukers, Elly Albers and Monique Reichert.

June 5th was a happy day for Bonaire Wild Bird Rehab with the successful release of another 25 juvenile flamingos to the flamingo and Pekelmeer reserves. For the last four weeks the young birds have received the needed food and nurturing from Elly Albers, manager/founder of the rehab, and her dedicated volunteers.

This is the second release of the more than 180 flamingos that have been rescued in the last few months. The baby and juvenile flamingos were found dehydrated, malnourished and wandering along the roads or even at some of Bonaire's resorts. It is still unclear why the juveniles were in such dire shape and research is ongoing.

Bonaire Wild Bird Rehab is still caring for over 100 birds and thanks everyone who has contributed monetarily and with their time. *Story, photos, J. Morgan.*

Setting the juveniles free after four weeks of care at the rehab center. L-R: Director Elly Albers, Mirjam Boukers and Monique Reichert



Volunteer Mirjam Boukers carries one of the 25 flamingos to be released into the reserve.



Deputies Nina den Heyer, Elvis Tjin Asjoe and James Kroon have been in Holland attending the VNG Annual Congress (Association of Netherlands Municipalities) June 4-5. The Netherlands has 380 municipalities in 12 provinces and three special municipalities (public bodies) in the Caribbean.

The Hague – While in The Netherlands, Bonaire's deputies Elvis Tjin Asjoe, Nina den Heyer and James Kroon spoke extensively with the members of the House of Representatives Committee on Kingdom Relations. The MPs wanted to be informed about the the new Executive Council's concrete plans for the further development of Bonaire.

Plans and priorities were discussed. Deputy Den Heyer pointed out that social backlogs were not sufficiently remedied after 2010, and that she therefore wants to catch up. Deputy Kroon wants to tackle the road network in cooperation with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. Deputy Tjin Asjoe explained the importance of the Blue Destination tourism plan that will contribute to increasing prosperity and well-being of the Bonairean population.

The members of the House of Representatives were pleased to hear that the Executive Council is working on November's Administrative Agreement. They also acknowledged that the deputies have collected public input to the plan and want to address the needs that the Bonairean population perceives as urgent.

Bonaire's deputies emphasized their commitment to good interplay with the ministries. They expressed the hope that the House would hold the government to its promise to improve Bonaire's economics by, among other things, strengthening the infrastructure and reducing poverty.

In addition to consultations with the entire committee, the deputies have also had bilateral discussions with individual MPs. They have concentrated on matters that need to be addressed urgently, but need the cooperation of 'The Hague' to go forward.

Reefiesta participants plant 129 corals



On June 1, the fourth annual Reefiesta sponsored by Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire, attracted 110 participants.

Bonaire reef lovers out planted 129 corals and cleaned 63 coral trees throughout the day. They did a total of 160 dives from shore and from boats to their coral garden sites. They dived six different sites, five on Bonaire and one on the south side of Klein Bonaire.

Corals from Reef Renewal's coral gardens were planted at Buddy's Reef, Calabas Reef, Front Porch, Harbor Village and Something Special.

The underwater coral reef party began at 8:30 am and ended at 4:30 followed by a sunset celebration on the beach. Divers enjoyed drinks, snacks, a piñata and a raffle of donated prizes to help fund the work of Reef Renewal.

Five dive shops participated: Buddy Dive, Goodive, harbor Village, Tropical Divers and Wannadive.

Reef Renewal works with two critically endangered coral species, Staghorn (*Acropora cervicornis*) and Elkhorn (*Acropora palmate*). These are the corals that grow in the shallow waters of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire.

To date they have out planted over 22,000 corals on reef sites (restoration sites) around the island. Over 13,000 corals are tended in the nurseries before being out planted to other sites.

Coral Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire holds a weekly educational talk on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm at Blennies Restaurant at Buddy Dive Resort. For more information contact Bridget Hickey – Bridget.Hickey@reefrenwalbonaire.org or reefrenwalbonaire.org/

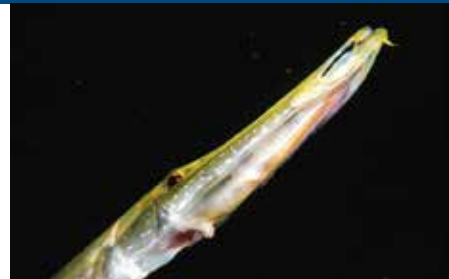
Divers attach stage horn coral to a frame



Reef Glimpses

Trumpetfish

Looking at a trumpetfish, you wouldn't think, "Aha, there's a fearsome predator!" Trumpetfish are skinny and not the tiniest bit fearsome-looking, they're not particularly fast, and they don't even have any visible teeth!



Yet trumpetfish are predators, hunters of small fishes such as wrasses and damselfish. And maybe because they're such unlikely predators, they have lots of hunting strategies. And since undersea creatures go about their lives just as if we weren't there -- as long as we don't get too close to them -- and since trumpetfish are common on Bonaire, we get to observe trumpetfish hunting strategies on just about any dive.

One unusual hunting technique is shadow-stalking, which is mobile opportunistic ambush predation. The trumpetfish swims right along the dorsal curve of another fish, such as a parrotfish or grouper. Since little fish have nothing to fear from a parrotfish or other herbivore, the shadow-stalking trumpetfish can swoop in and suck them down. If the trumpetfish is shadow-stalking a grouper or other predator, the little fishes bolting out of the predator's way could be easy prey for the trumpetfish.

Ambush predation occurs when a trumpetfish lines up next to something, such as a gorgonian, or a mooring line, or even a diver. The trumpetfish is watching for any little fish who doesn't notice it's there. Once the trumpetfish can take the little fish unaware and headfirst, the predator darts forward and sucks down its prey.

Photo and story by Dee Scarr

Dee has been guiding divers on Bonaire since 1982. She's written about her undersea experiences in her books, Touch the Sea, The Gentle Sea, and Coral's Reef (for children); in Dive Training Magazine from 1990 to 2000, with "Coral Glimpses" in the Bonaire Reporter, and now with "Reef Glimpses".

The Bonaire Reporter is delighted to bring "Reef Glimpses" to you free of charge. Dee's books are available for purchase at the Carib Inn on Bonaire or through touchthesea.com.



Sunfish World Championships 2019 set.



Bonaire is proud to host the 2019 Sunfish World Championships, powered by Maclaren. Top sailors from nine different

countries are scheduled to battle it out from September 14th to 20th. The masters (40 and beyond) and youth (U19) take to the water from the 21st to 25th.

To level the playing field everyone will sail with the identical equipment provided by Maclaren. The company is bringing 72 new boats, sails and trollies for the competition. The only variable in determining the winners will be the talent of the sailors.

The boats will launch from the beach at the host hotel Plaza Resort. The competition is held in the bay directly in front of the resort for basically no transit times to and from the course. There will be beautiful viewing areas to watch the competition both at the resort and from along the shores of Bonaire. The sunfish will be available for sale after the event for a great price.

For more information email - Bonaire@sunfishworlds.org or visit the website - sunfishworlds.org. Other social media information links are: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sunfishworldsbonaire/> Instagram: [sunfishworldsbonaire](https://www.instagram.com/sunfishworldsbonaire/) Twitter: [@BonaireWorlds](https://twitter.com/BonaireWorlds)

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B.E.S Care



In the last few weeks our needs regarding wheelchair-accessibility have changed drastically. As the at-home-caretaker my needs to go places for certain things needs help.

and other medical facilities. They also provide a helping hand in the home.

I made an appointment and two friendly ladies came to our house. We had a very pleasant conversation and they explained in a very clear and understandable way the kind of help they offered and how to proceed. On the spot they did an "intake" on-line.

We have opted for help with transportation to the botika and help to take me grocery shopping. There is also an opportunity to get help with the housecleaning, but we are waiting on that for now.

However, I feel that in the near future we will make use of the service since my body is also needing a bit of pampering

Hurricane season has arrived and as you know, it is very hot and humid. One perspires a lot, so drinking lots of fluids is important. But all this drinking leads to a lot of needing to go to the bathroom. But if you cannot do that by yourself, you need disposable diapers.

Adult diapers are big because they must hold a lot of fluids and when drinking a lot, you change them a lot. And when changing a lot, you must be sure that you have enough, and there we had a problem. On my bike I can only transport two packs and I also need to pick up additional items like under-pads to keep the bed clean. My bike won't carry all this.

What do I do? Message the Care shop, make three trips and get exhausted or email or call somebody for help?

Often times, I just call or email a friend and they are happy to help. But, you do not want to overdo it by asking their help all of the time. They have a life and have things to do and people to see.

So I decided to ride my bike to the botika and get one pack of diapers. I messaged the Care shop and they came by in the late afternoon. This was wonderful and I was very grateful.

But as soon as I got home, another option came to my mind. B.E.S Care is a foundation that offers different kinds of help to all people who need transportation to the doctor, the botika, hospital



Adult diapers are bulky to transport

after all that care-giving.

Please know that there is help for you, when you need it. You are not alone. There are so many people that get help in so many different ways. Do not be shy to ask for help. The organizations do not know what you need, you have to tell them, because we all need different things. And please, remember to ask your doctor, nurse, caregiver, social worker etc., to help you and give advice. They know exactly where to get help for you and if not, please consult the Social Guide. *Ria Evers-Dokter*

flowers. You can see this one on Bonaire in some yards.

The Flame tree is tolerant in poor soil and will withstand hard pruning making it suitable for bonsai. It's also possible to grow this bonsai tree from seed. When it grows, remove dead damaged and wilted branches and stems. Prune out damaged wood after blooming ends later in the year. Avoid severe pruning, which can put a stop to blooming as long as three years.

If you have a big yard and you want to create a real tropical atmosphere around your house, this fire tree might give you the tropical creation you are looking for. In several places on Bonaire you can find trees with seeds that you can start now.

As I said, the beauty of the blooming flamboyant tree inspired me to write about it immediately, but I have another subject on my mind too.

Antibiotic pollution

I read an article this week in The Guardian newspaper on MSN news. It said that more than a hundred rivers all over the world are polluted with dangerous antibiotics. This is the biggest research ever done in the field of antibiotic pollution in rivers. This antibiotic pollution is one of the most important causes of bacterial resistance against medicines and leads to usefulness of these medicines.

Antibiotic resistance is a worldwide threat for the world population and could cost millions of lives by the year 2050. Medicines enter the water by pollution of humans, animals and water cleaning installations. Pharmaceutical companies are responsible for this high resistance of bacteria in a many people.

Major areas in nature have such a high level of antibiotics that it leads to a big impact on resistance. Research of this high level of antibiotics was performed in 711 locations in 72 countries. Findings revealed that 65 percent had antibiotics and in 111 places the antibiotic concentration was more than the normal safety level. In places with the most pollution the concentration was more than 300 percent.

Wow!! *This is scary news.* This is a serious reason to worry about human life. This is a wake-up call to begin seriously thinking how to solve this life-threatening problem. We have to start now! *Angliet, Nature lover*



Flamboyant

Flamboyant is the name of the beautiful flowering tree in the bean family Fabaceae. A well-known tree in the Caribbean and Bonaire; one cannot miss it.

A few days ago, I was on my bike and passed a flamboyant tree in all its grace and beauty. When I saw the tree, I could not ride any farther. It was as if I was watching a big flower fire. This is one of nature's most beautiful trees. The flamboyant impresses me time and time again and most everyone else too.

This ornamental tree is also called the Royal Poinciana or flame tree, and is noted for its fern-like leaves and flamboyant display of flowers. The pods are green and flaccid when young and turn dark-brown and woody. They can be up to 60 cm long and 5 cm wide.

The tree can grow to 30-40 ft. tall but its elegant wide spreading umbrella-like canopy can be even wider than its height. The trunk can grow up to two feet in diameter and its roots need space to spread and are sturdy enough to lift asphalt and grow under a house.

The flamboyant perform best in large open spaces in full sunlight. When blooming, the tree drops seedpods and blooms that require regular raking due to the mass.

Delonix regia, another name for this tree, are endemic to Madagascar's dry forest but has been introduced in tropical and sub tropical regions worldwide. The species name "regia" means regal or exceptional in reference to the beauty of the flower.

The tree blooms from May (spring) until September (autumn) and has fruits throughout the year. The flowers of this famous fire tree are long lasting orange-red blooms, with yellow, burgundy, or white markings. There is also Delonix regia yellow that is covered with yellow



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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? Plastics don't just harm marine life, they may also harm humans?

Most people have seen the horrible image of a dead seabird that, after decomposing, has some remaining feathers and a pile of plastic where the stomach used to be. Some of us are even aware of microplastics – tiny plastic pieces - that are in all animals, even corals, even humans. But do we know what plastics mean to human health?

Plastics were invented more than 100 years ago, but weren't commonly used until the 1950s. Unlike steel and glass, that can be recycled over and over, most plastics can only be recycled once and then considered useless. Plastic also takes roughly 1000 years to biodegrade. So, recycling plastic isn't a solution. Most of what we use will be on earth and in our landfills for ages. I thought I was doing enough by bringing my own bag to the store, but after watching the documentary, "From the Waste Up", (organized by Bonaire Duradero, Clean Coast Bonaire, and A Plastic Free Bonaire) I realized that reducing my plastic use was going to take SO much more.

After watching the movie, my daughter and I went grocery shopping with the aim to try to shop more responsibly and cut down on the amount of plastic we buy and use. It was an eye opener! Almost EVERYTHING is you purchase is in plastic: toothpaste, dish soap, detergent, face cream, vitamins, toothbrushes, razors, chips, cookies, crackers, meat, tofu and toys; even the wooden toys were wrapped in plastic!

So, what's the deal with plastic?

Our landfill is full. You can't recycle most plastics more than once. Plastic doesn't biodegrade. So, where is it all going to go?

Wild animals accidentally eat it and die. Wild animals get caught in it and die.

When consumed, many plastics act like hormones. Hormones aren't just in adolescents. They tell our bodies what to do, everything from when to grow, how to develop, when to sleep and when to reproduce. Plastics change those signals.

People are mammals. Our biology, the way our cells and hormones work, is a lot like other mammals. Although studying the effects of plastics on people is not well studied as yet, doctors often warn that what can happen with other mammals most likely will happen with people. In mammals, plastics have been found to negatively affect growth and reproductive success. Studies have shown that certain plastics contribute to cancer - in humans. Scientists are frantically trying to learn more, but research takes time and they don't have all of the answers yet.

It's up to each one of us: our governments (banning single-use plastics?), our manufacturers and our scientists to tackle this problem and find solutions. As for my family, we will try to shop more responsibly, eat more responsibly, and bring our own bottle and cutlery when we go to eat at places where there are only plastic options. We will try making our own toothpaste, face wash, and cleaning solutions.

We will bring our own produce bags, ask for our bread before it's placed in a plastic bag, and search for glass and metal options. We will ask the supermarkets to work with us. It's not much, but it's a start. What will you do? *Written by Caren Eckrich, STINAPA Biologist. Connecting People With Nature*



Ways to REDUCE PLASTIC

- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES
- GLASS OR STAINLESS STRAWS
- SILICONE BAGS VERSUS PLASTIC ZIPLOCK BAGS
- Opt out of plastic produce bags in grocery stores and BRING YOUR OWN GROCERY TOTE BAGS
- SWITCH TO GLASS TUPPERWARE
- AVOID PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS OF FOOD WHEN SHOPPING
- BUY CARTONS OR GLASS VERSUS PLASTIC WHEN POSSIBLE
- USE CLOTH NAPKINS OR REUSABLE TOWELS IN THE KITCHEN to avoid extra trash (plastic garbage bags!)
- REUSABLE COFFEE MUGS OR A MASON JAR (to the juice or smoothie shop): you often get a discount when you bring these!
- MAKE YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS like cleaning sprays, body scrubs, etc.
- USE/BUY LESS PACKAGED FOODS (bonus: you'll be eating less processed foods along the way!)
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You still have time to enter your favorite donkey photo in the Bonaire Donkey Protection League's photo contest. The competition has been running since last October and the final day for submission is June 30.

Everyone who visits and most who live on Bonaire have taken photos of Bonaire's iconic free roaming donkeys. If you have a few images that are extra special and make you go "Ahhh," then please enter the contest. You could win some great prizes. First prize is a seven-night stay at an oceanfront hotel, or \$300 cash and second prize is a Xerox full color printer and \$250 cash. There are many other valuable prizes for the runners up.

To enter go to: [Facebook.com/photocontestbonaire](https://www.facebook.com/photocontestbonaire) or send an email to: bdplphotocontest@gmail.com.

What's Happening

Thursday, June 13	National Reading Day At 10am more than 100 volunteers will read to all classes of all primary schools and many reception centers on the island.
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Anna and Ned Deloach slide show. 6:30 pm at Blennies Restaurant at Buddy Dive
Sunday, June 23	Walk, Ride, Swim for the Roses. Join in the fight against cancer. Complete the cycling (12-20KM), walking (6-8 KM) and swimming (1.2 KM) routes. A combination of Walk & Swim and Ride & Swim is possible. First participants start at 6.30am, Location: Spice at Eden Beach. Find where tickets are sold at: http://ridefortheroses.org/2019/index.html
June 23-26	DéFi Wind Caribbean; A race for experienced windsurfers who know how to surf in open sea. Hosted at Sorobon Beach Resort. Held at different locations, depending on the winds at Kralendijk, Pink Beach and Lac Bay
June 27-30	Sorobon Masters begins directly after the DefiWind Caribbean – a windsurfing long distance race in the open ocean at Lac Bay Sorobon Beach resort. Divisions: Slalom, Freestyle, Speed and Rookies..
Saturday, July 6	Mashe Rincon Krioyo Street market in Rincon, 1st & last Saturday each month Taste of Bonaire Dance Edition, 6pm-11pm, Wilhelmina Park. Sample local and international food from fine restaurants, meet Bonaire's artisans, buy local souvenirs, enjoy live music and dancing.
Saturday, July 13	Clean Coast Bonaire Clean-up Survey Boka Onima. 8-10am

Come to the Slideshow!

For the 17th year, fish ID experts and citizen marine scientists Anna and Ned Deloach are visiting Buddy Dive. The team is responsible, along with Paul Humann, for the Reef Fish ID books that have become the major reference for divers and snorkelers curious about fish and marine life. Anna and Ned will present a slide show of some of their fabulous images with commentary on Sunday, June 16, 6:30 pm at Blennies Restaurant at Buddy Dive.



2019 Cruise Ships

DAY	DATE	CRUISESHIP	TIME	PIER	CAPACITY	& LINE
Tuesday	6-11	Monarch	0800-1800	N.pier	2744	Pullmantur
Tuesday	6-18	Monarch	0800-1800	N.pier	2744	Pullmantur
Thursday	6-20	Freedom	0800-1700	S.pier	3782	RCCL

REGULAR EVENTS

'Sea Turtles of Bonaire' is a free public presentation about Bonaire's endangered sea turtles—topics such as where to see sea turtles, how they live, what they eat, how they reproduce and how you can help! Where: Yellow Sub, Dive Friends Bonaire (on the front porch) 8:00pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

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

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

Nature Organization, STINAPA, has frequent events—bird watching, sunset hikes, lectures, etc. Go to their website for information of events for the rest of 2019: stinapabonaire.org/events, Tel. 717-8444

Bonaire Goat Farm Tour. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. 9 am. Meet the goats, see milking, and more. \$10 includes tea. Kids \$5. 786-6950.

Echo. See Bonaire's parrots. Wednesday at 5pm \$10 per person. Public Conservation Tour. No reservation needed. For optimal birding, book a private tour by calling 701-1188 or email info@echobonaire.org. We need at least one day's notice. Private tours \$25/person 2 person minimum.

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 the first Saturday of the Month. Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am-12noon.

• **Monthly Cultural Event 'Nos Zjilea' at Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei** - Every last Saturday of the month A fusion of local arts & crafts, plants & vegetables,

educational presentations, food & music and an exhibition about the most interesting sights around Rincon. Fun, relaxed and entertaining for both kids and adults. All proceeds go to our educational programs. SEE, FEEL AND TASTE THE CULTURE OF BONAIRE

• **Marshe Rincon Krioyo** 1st & last Saturdays. Street market in Rincon, crafts, local food, sweets, noon—6pm.

• **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.

• **Food Bank (Stichting voedselbank Bonaire)** Last Saturday of the month. Donate foods & household items 9:30am-2pm at Van den Tweel Supermarket.

• **Petanque-Jeu de Boules**, 2:30-6pm, Bolascentre GOLDFINCH (next to baseball centre on Kaminda Sorobon) Info: 786-0150.

CLUBS and MEETINGS

• **Rotary** lunch meetings **Wednesdays**, 12:15-2 pm - Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Piet B meeting room. All Rotarians welcome. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

• **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 **Wednesday** to play starting at 6 pm at Tera Cora Ranch.

• **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.

• **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 Sabena 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 4:30-6pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact: Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

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

International Bible Church. Kaya Pápago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob.N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. 717-8332 for more info or ride bonaireibc@gmail.com.

Catholic. San Bernardus in Kralendijk. Services, Sunday at 8am and 7pm in Papiamentu.

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

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios). Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 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. 4.30pm-7.30 pm. Contact Ellen Cochrane-Herrera at

ellenherreracochrane@yahoo.ca or phone 717-8489 or +5999-540-9800. English/Papiamentu/Dutch/Spanish.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

• **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. *Coral Restoration exhibit.* 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. *Salute to the Sailors exhibit*—Free

• **Chichi i Tan Museum.** Step into the past in an old Bonairean home and garden. Open Thurs.- Sun. Reserve 717-3183 or 795-2021 Donations appreciated. Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon.

• **Washington-Slagbaai National Park Museum and Visitors' Center.** Open daily 8 am-5 pm. 788-9015 or 796-5681

• **Tanki Maraka Heritage Park and Open Air Museum.** Site of WWII American soldiers' camp. Self-guided tour. After leaving Kralendijk on the Rincon Road watch for sign to on the right. Entrance just a short distance. Free entry.

• **Yana's Fine Art Museum** at Lagoen Hill 19- Call: 599 785-5002. Free entry. Also exhibited at Bon Bida Spa and Gym.

• **Bonaire Museum of National History** Kaya Julio C. van der Ree #7, open Wednesday through Saturday, and cruise-ship days, 9am-3pm. Free.

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OPPOSING JUPITER!

It's that time of year again for viewing my favorite gas giant planet at its biggest and brightest! On June 10th, Jupiter will be at opposition. This means that it will be in a great location for viewing.

Jupiter is the largest of all the planets in our sun's family and is the fifth planet from the sun, our earth being number three. Earth is, on average 93 million miles away from the sun, whereas Jupiter's average distance is 484 million miles. Those are pretty big numbers and because the planets are so far away from each other, astronomers don't often refer to the distances in the solar system using miles or kilometers. That would be like measuring the distance from your house to the grocery store in inches or centimeters.

Instead, we use the average distance between the earth and the sun as our measuring stick. We call that distance an astronomical unit or a.u. so, if we converted our units from miles to a.u., earth is one astronomical unit from the sun and Jupiter on average is 5.2 astronomical units from the sun. As Jupiter and earth orbit the sun, they constantly vary their distance from each other. When Jupiter is at its farthest distance from us and is on the other side of the sun as seen from earth, it can be as far as 6.2 astronomical units away.

However, once every year, earth and Jupiter line up on the same side of the sun and are a whole 2 astronomical units closer to each other. Whenever this happens we say Jupiter is at opposition because Jupiter is opposite the sun in the sky as seen from earth. ...and when Jupiter is at opposition, it is always at its closest, brightest and best for viewing. Jupiter will be at opposition this year on Monday, June 10th and just under 4.3 astronomical units away. So, this makes it great for viewing in a small telescope.

We have our skies set for 11:00 pm, any night this week. If you look toward the southeast, you'll see Jupiter among the stars of Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer. On June 10th, Jupiter will form a triangle with the star Antares in Scorpius and Sabik in Ophiuchus. If you've

been watching Jupiter over the last few months, you probably noticed it moving from east to west between Scorpius and Sagittarius. We call this retrograde motion, and it's an optical illusion caused by us passing Jupiter in our orbit. Jupiter began its retrograde motion on April 15th this year and performs this apparent backward motion for almost 120 days each year.

If you keep on eye on Jupiter as we travel past it, you'll notice it continues to travel westward through Ophiuchus, reaching its closest approach to Scorpius on August 11th. Jupiter will appear to pause and then begin travelling eastward again. No wonder they called the planets wandering stars.

The planet Jupiter has been observed in the sky since antiquity. The ancient Romans named it after the king of their gods, whom the Greeks referred to as Zeus. Babylonian astronomers have records of Jupiter dating back to the 7th century b.c. In his book The Almagest, Greek astronomer Claudius Ptolemy used Jupiter's motion with respect to the earth to refine his earth-centered model of the solar system.

Lastly, if you really get excited about conjunctions, set your calendars for just after sunset on November 23rd of this year, and Jupiter will be having a super close conjunction with Venus. Venus and Jupiter will be only 1.5 degrees (or 3 full moon widths) apart that day. They'll both be extremely bright and visible very close to the southwestern horizon. However, if you want to see a crazy-close conjunction, check out Jupiter next year on December 21st, 2020 when it has a super-close pairing with Saturn. Jupiter and Saturn will be only a tenth of a degree (or 1/5th of a full moon width) apart. They'll be so close that you'll be able to see them both in the same field of view in a small telescope!

Now you don't have to plan that far ahead to see the king of the planets this week. It's easy to see Jupiter when you remember to... keep looking up! *Dean Regas & James Albury, <http://www.star-gazersonline.org>*

Aries (Mar.21–Apr.20) Be cautious who you deal with financially. Avoid scandals of any sort. Exercise your talents and present your ideas to groups you think you can contribute to. Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Taurus (Apr.21–May 20) Real estate and joint financial ventures will be profitable. Lovers will be less than accommodating, and decisions regarding personal direction a necessity. Think twice before eating spicy foods; you may have problems with your stomach. Acceptance will be necessary. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

Gemini (May 21–Jun.21) Limitations on the home front can be expected if you have been restricting your mate's freedom. This could be the cause of a dispute that may result in estrangement. If you're already in a relationship, use this added energy passionately. Your family needs to spend some time with you, too. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

Cancer (Jun.22–Jul.22) Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Trying to deal with your mate will be unproductive and possibly hurtful. A female colleague may cause problems for you. Don't overdo it. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

Leo (Jul.23–Aug.22) Sudden romantic encounters are quite likely, but discretion will be a must. Outings with relatives or good friends will provide you with stimulating conversation. Don't be too quick to react. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Virgo (Aug.23–Sept.23) Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. You should get out and meet new people this month. You can find out interesting information if you get a chance to talk to people you respect. Entertainment could cost you more than you expect. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Libra (Sept.24–Oct.23) You will need to work diligently in order to accomplish even the smallest amount. If you're feeling uncertain, spend some time alone and reevaluate your motives as well as your needs. Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Changes in your home will be positive. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24–Nov. 22) If they're really interested, they'll wait. Try not to be overly generous. Get ready to do some fancy footwork when it comes to taking care of your financial situation. Romance could be exciting if you are spontaneous. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

Sagittarius (Nov.23–Dec.21) Spend a quiet day with the one you love. Don't be too shy to promote your own interests. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec.22–Jan.19) Rely on yourself and you will look good to superiors. Don't be too quick to spend money. You are best to back away from commitment. You'll be pleased with the results if you take the time to decorate your home. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Aquarius (Jan.20–Feb.18) Rid yourself of that which is old and no longer of use. Daydreaming will be your downfall. Hold on; your time will come. Loans will be attainable and legal matters easily taken care of. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

Pisces (Feb.19–Mar.20) Curb the impulse to make lavish purchases and maybe spend some time with good friends. Underhandedness regarding legal matters or contracts must be counteracted. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions. You should put your efforts into creative projects. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday. *Michael Emerson, Astrology Insight*

The BJSC (Bonaire Chess Club) awarded certificates and prizes to the finalists for the first part of 2019. The youngsters competed in groups from beginners to advanced. The champions of each group were:

- **Beginners:** Jaynah Francees
- **Group B:** Santiago Lont
- **Advanced:** Emanuel Lont

Pictured here with their coach, Serapio Pop, are: Emanuel Lont, Ralph Salimin, Mark Anthony Nicolaas, Santiago Lont, Ian Djamin, Benjamin Djamin, Jaynah Francees, Amaris Djojopawiro, Joshua Johnson, Maya Winklaar, Tamaris Pikeur

Our congratulations to all the chess kids!



CHESS kids

Pets of the Week Shine and Bere



Dear dog lovers,

I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Shine and this is my sweet brother Bere. We are both very healthy young men about one year old. I am called Shine because my fur is shiny silver and grey with some caramel stripes resembling a very precious Himalayan gemstone. My brother Bere has brindle fur and he looks more like a chocolate swirl.

We both like children, cats and also other dogs. We like to run and play with each other and go for walks. We both are good on a leash, and if you ask us to come we will. We still need to learn some things, but hey... don't we all need to learn? For me the world looks new sometimes so I can be scared or uncertain about things like a car passing by or seeing objects I have never seen before. So sometimes I "freeze" up a little bit, but with my brother Bere next to me and the right loving hand, I melt and continue with what I was doing.

Do you have the love, time, patience and space for us both? Then you might be the sparkle to my shine and the cherry to Bere's swirl! We do want to be adopted together so we can be together in our fur-ever home. If you see yourself as our guardian angel, then come visit us and take us for a walk and see if we connect. We are ready and waiting for you at Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26A. Visit us Monday till Friday from 9am till 12pm and 3-5pm and Saturday from 9am till 3pm non-stop. Call for me at Bonaire Animal Shelter 701-4989 or 717-4989. *Story and photos by Sanne Attevelt*



It's vacation time!...Have you planned ahead?



You're going on vacation, but your pet can't go with you. What now? Did you book boarding for your pet? A lot of people do not understand that when you plan a vacation for yourself you also have to plan for your pet. Frequently people call the Shelter at the last moment to see if there is room. Remember that you are not the only one going on vacation during the vacation periods, and those that made reservations in advance get priority. If you wait until the week before you leave, then it's probably already too late.

If you will need Animal Shelter Bonaire boarding facilities and **have not yet made reservations, please note the following:**

- **Animal Shelter Bonaire boarding facilities for dogs will be closed from September 9 to November 17.** Due to the increase of animals surrendered to the shelter we are expanding our quarantine area. This requires our moving the boarding facility to another location. The construction will take place during that time.
- All boarding for **dogs is full from July 4-16, no space available** during those dates.
- All boarding for **cats is full from July 4-August 5, no space available** during those dates.
- From **July 17 to August 3, only three spaces are available for dogs.**
- From **August 13 until September 4, only four spaces are available for dogs.**
- The available **space for cats is limited** during dates other than those already mentioned. Please call the shelter (717-4989/701-4989) to see if we can accommodate you.
- Spaces during the **Christmas/New Year holidays** are filling up fast, **make your reservation now!**

The above availability is as of June 5 and may change by time of this publication.

When bringing your pet to board at Animal Shelter Bonaire you must bring proof of vaccination and recent treatment against fleas and ticks. Your pet must also be sterilized (if it is not, we will sterilize it for you for free while it is boarding with us). Let us know the name of your veterinarian in case of emergency or should your animal get sick while boarding.

Other options:

Opting for your pet to stay at home with a friend or family member is also a good idea. It is less stress for your pet if it is at home in its own environment, and this is especially good if your pet is older.

If you choose the option of letting someone care for your pets at home, there are important things the caretaker needs to know.

- What and how often does he/she eat?
- How often to clean and refresh water bowls.
- If it is a cat, how often they should clean the litter boxes.
- Should they stay inside or can they go out?
- What medication if any do they need? What, when, how often.
- Phone number for the veterinarian in case of emergencies.

What's most important is that your furry companions are well taken care of while you are gone. Your vacation will also be more enjoyable if you know you left them in good hands. **PLAN AHEAD!** Jane Disko



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