



“Mi a bakuna”

pa seguridad di mi wela
i tur nos grandinan
(For the security of my
grandmother and all our elderly)
Comm. Nina den Heyer

pa asina nos ta liber
pa biaha atrobe
(Because then we are free
to travel again)
Lt. Gov. Edison Rijna

pasó mi ke bai wak
mi yu na Hulanda
(Because I want to see my
grandchildren in Holland)
Paulina Rodrigues - Mama Smile

Vaccines - science versus social media

Vaccines are teachers to our immune systems. When a new microbe like Covid-19 appears, our immune systems know nothing about it and are helpless against it. They need to learn to recognize the virus, then build antibodies to defend against it. Our immune systems automatically learn on their own, but only if we get sick first.

On the other hand, we can let a vaccine do the teaching ahead of time and safely. A vaccine alerts our immune systems to the new threat and gives them the information they need to design antibodies to attack it. When our bodies do encounter the virus later, we will be ready to fight it off. We won't have to get sick. We won't have to, maybe, die. And we won't be a potential danger to the people around us.

Here is how the Pfizer vaccine works. The Pfizer vaccine contains a small snippet of genetic material from the corona virus called messenger RNA. When that snippet is injected into our bodies, the RNA causes us to produce a new protein, one that exists on the surface of the virus. Our immune system recognizes that protein as an intruder and manufactures antibodies against it. After that, whenever a corona virus enters our blood stream our immune systems are ready. They immediately recognize and attack the protein, de-

stroying it and the virus it is attached to.

The government recently surveyed Bonaireans to find out what they think about being vaccinated. The survey revealed that only about half the people want the Covid-19 vaccination. Others are uncertain, and the island has some who say they will refuse.

Surveys in the European Netherlands give similar findings. Fewer than half the people want to be vaccinated or have been already. About 40% are hesitant. They say they will likely get vaccinated eventually

but don't want to be first in line. About 14% of the people in the Netherlands say they will not agree to be vaccinated. Surveys all over the world are finding a 15%-20% hard core of refusers.

The safety of "herd immunity" is the goal everywhere. When 70%-80% of the population is vaccinated, the transmission of the virus will be slowed significantly. So the people who are afraid now, or uncertain, or give excuses for avoiding vaccination, not only put themselves in danger, they prolong the danger to the rest

of us. Perhaps they have been listening to the wrong advice.

The scientists and doctors have assured us the vaccines are safe and will protect us. They have also explained how vaccines work. We should listen to them, not to those who are spreading unfounded allegations.

Here are some of the falsehoods that are being passed around on radio and social media . . .

False claim: The vaccines were developed too quickly. Certainly they were developed far more quickly than other vaccines have been in the past. But responding to the viciousness of the pandemic, several governments funded research lavishly, multiplying beyond all precedent the man hours and other resources that could be invested in the search for a vaccine.

False claim: The vaccines will infect us because they contain the covid virus. The vaccines contain only snippets of RNA from the virus, and those are cleared from our bodies after they have fulfilled their role in teaching our immune systems to fight the virus.



Getting the vaccination is fast and easy with every precaution taken for your safety and it only takes about 30 minutes.

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news that has arrived since the printed issue

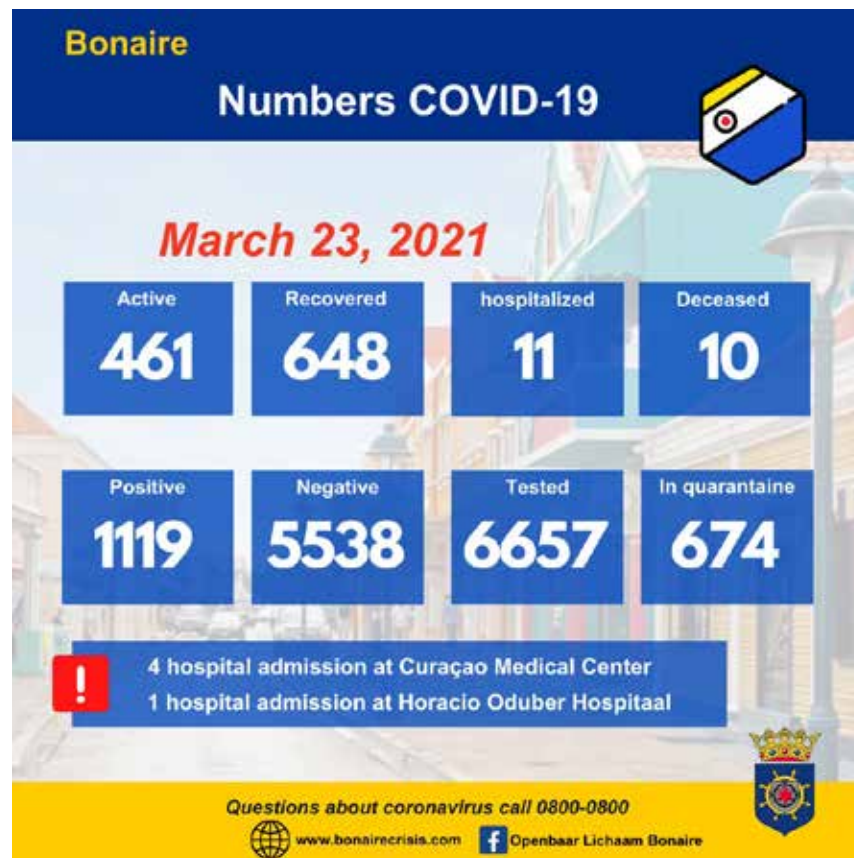


Curfew from March 18, 2021

Kralendijk - From Thursday March 18, a curfew will be introduced on Bonaire to contain the spread of corona. Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna has imposed the curfew from 21:00 - 04:00 in view of the high number of corona virus infections. The British type of the virus is active on Bonaire, which leads to a rapid spread of the number of infections. Often people get infected when they get together with friends or family. When there is a curfew, people are less able to visit each other. The rule is that citizens are not allowed to leave the house during curfew. But there are exceptions.

People are allowed to take to the streets if there is an emergency. They are also allowed to take to the streets if they themselves or someone else need urgent (medical) help. Citizens who are on the street between 21:00 and 04:00 in connection with work must have a completed employer's statement with them. This statement can be downloaded from www.bonairecrisis.com/functions.

During curfew, a dog on a lead may be walked by one person. It is not the intention that dog walkers have contact with each other when walking.



Important: If you have symptoms stay at home, do not go to work and call 0800 - 0800.

On March 23, 2021, there are 461 active cases of Covid-19 on Bonaire. 3 of the active cases are visitors. 77 people were tested yesterday and the result of 27 people is positive. 1 person died due to Covid-19. 29 people have recovered from Covid-19. There are a total of 11 hospital admissions due to Covid-19. 6 people were admitted to the hospital on Bonaire. 4 people were transferred to the hospital on Curaçao and 1 person is transferred to the hospital on Aruba. 3 people are in the intensive care department of the hospital on Bonaire.

Get tested if you feel sick. It could take a while before you receive the results. Stay inside during this time period. Do not go outside before you get your results because you can infect other people. To bring the number of infections down and prevent infection with the Coronavirus it is important to maintain hygiene instructions such as keeping a social distance of at least 1.5 meters and washing your hands regularly with water and soap.

Do you have a fever, a sore throat or other complaints that might be related to Covid-19? Then stay at home and call 0800-0800. Apply hygiene instructions. Eat healthy



March 16, 2021 speech Lt. Governor Edison Rijna

Dear residents,

I am addressing you today to share some major measures. Measures I had to take because of the alarming figures of people infected with the corona virus here on Bonaire. Recently 158 people have been tested and 62 of them have tested positive. Today we have in all 298 active cases of COVID-19!

You remember that I have always said that if the situation does not change, I would not hesitate to take drastic measures. I want everyone to understand the seriousness of the situation we are in now. Last Thursday I said that we would remain in phase 5, as we still hoped to see the positive effects of the measures.

It is unfortunate that we still do not see a decrease in the number of active cases, even though the severe measures have been in place for 12 days. The current situation requires drastic measures. The situation also requires that each of us abide by the rules, I repeat: abide by the rules. **The new measures will take effect the day after tomorrow, Thursday, March 18, 2021 for a period of two weeks. From next Thursday, Bonaire will go from risk level 5 to risk level 6. In other words: Bonaire will go into lockdown.**

In addition to the measures that apply to risk level 6, a curfew from 9 pm until 4 am will be introduced. It is forbidden to be on the street during curfew. Only people who have to take to the streets for work, or have permission to do so, are allowed from 9:00 pm. Being on the street until 4 a.m. at night. If someone has to be at the GP post or to the hospital for care, that person is allowed to take to the street. The police and the Directorate of Supervision and Enforcement, together with the K-mar, check with a heavy hand whether people adhere to the curfew.

In addition to the measures that apply to risk level 6, we are also introducing an alcohol ban. It is forbidden to sell alcohol at snacks and bars / restaurants. It is also illegal to drink alcohol on the street and in public places.

Catering establishments are allowed to provide takeaway meals. They can do this until 8 p.m. to do. People can pick up meals, but are not allowed to queue for take out. Staff of the catering establishment must deliver the food to the vehicle. When someone collects food, the person must remain in the car or vehicle. In accordance with risk level 6 measures,

restaurants and bars of hotels are allowed to remain open, but only for hotel guests.

Essential shops such as supermarkets can remain open, only one person per household is allowed in.

All non-essential stores must remain closed.

All pupils continue to receive education from a distance. They are taught digitally. The schools will remain closed and will reopen on April 12, 2021, so after the Easter holidays.

The shelters for children will remain closed.

In view of our situation, I urge all churches, Christian congregations and the mosque to please stay closed until the situation has improved again. It is recommended to keep masses, services or prayer services digital.

Individual sports can be practiced, but outside, not inside!

As far as possible, employees should continue to work from home. I have a request for all businessmen and managers. Please arrange a health check for the staff before they start working. All employees with physical complaints must go home and make an appointment to be tested. This is in everyone's interest.

As is known, the British variant of the coronavirus is on Bonaire. It is spreading and people are quickly becoming infected on our island. The only way to stop this is to take tougher measures and stick to them. We see that families or people still visit each other, they also visit the sick. I want to emphasize that this is not possible during the lockdown.

I am aware that the new measures have a major impact on our way of life. That people can feel uncomfortable or even unhappy because they can no longer move freely now that there is a curfew and an alcohol ban. It is important that we continue to exercise in the days ahead. To eat well and live a healthy life. Go to bed on time and rest well, I call on everyone to look out for each other, to take good care of each other. If you find that the situation is making you depressed, seek help. Talk to your people. Contact your family doctor and let the doctor advise you on what to do.

I make an urgent appeal to you.



Hospital under pressure

!! Big pressure on Fundashon Mariadal due to increase in Covid-19!!

Fundashon Mariadal is expanding the Special Care department to be able to catch the strong increase in the number of Covid patients. For this, part of the day treatments and non-urgent operations should be postponed. Patients affected are informed by their outpatient or specialist.

In addition, agreements have been made with our sister islands to ensure care. If needed, these agreements will be launched.

People who have been tested positive for the Covid-19 virus and have increasing complaints are requested to keep in touch with their GP. To relieve emergency assistance Fundashon Mariadal requests these patients to decide to come to the hospital only after consultation with their GP.

Fundashon Mariadal once again urges everyone to keep 1,5 meters away, wear a face mask when needed and wash their hands regularly. Due to the seriousness of the situation, residents are also urgently asked to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Report a violation of COVID-19 measures



**Supervision
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outside of office hours
or for urgent matters

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Police Force (KPCN)**

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anonymously

The police and the Supervision and Enforcement Directorate cannot simultaneously check all places at once.

**Reports, therefore,
are welcomed.**

Dutch travel advisory March 16, 2021



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Traveling is a risk for the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Dutch cabinet strongly advises not to travel unless strictly necessary. Due to an increase in the number of coronavirus infections on Bonaire, there is an increased risk. From 18 March 2021 at 00:01 am you will go into home quarantine when you return home to the Netherlands. In addition to the home quarantine, there is a test obligation from March 20, 2021 at 08:00 hours when you come from Bonaire. Read the entire travel advice. For entry and exit restrictions, local corona measures, information about mandatory testing and home quarantine, see the "Coronavirus" section.

https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/landen/bonaire/reizen/reisadvies?f-bclid=IwAR1_CA0o-bdQ1uWzGIXzvjT7cqH-Fuqknbway55rOUG-tR-2miZ-0fsp6WSk

Vaccination number COVID-19



Number of people that have been vaccinated **once**:

2960

Number of people that have been vaccinated **twice**:

313

Number of people registered for vaccination:

3898

Until: 22-03-2021



More information:
openbaar lichaam Bonaire
www.bonairecrisis.com

Coronavirus hotline: (toll free)
0800 0800

	Risk level 4 Serious	Risk level 5 Very Serious	Risk level 6 Local
Private meetings (e.g. home, beach or park)	Max: 2 households with max 10 pers (> 13 year). Advice: stay home for vulnerable groups	Max: 1 pers. from outside the household	
Prof. organized events (See 'clarification sports' for sports events)	Inside not allowed. Outside: max. 50% capacity and 25 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing.	No grouping together	
Funeral service and wedding ceremony	Max. 50 pers	Max. 30 pers	
Restaurants en cafes (incl. watertours/-restaurants)	Max: 4 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Closing time 22:00	Take-out only	
Hotels	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: level 4 Restaurants and cafes	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: take-out only	
Essential shops	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 1 pers. per household (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	
Non-essential shops	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years)	Closed	
Churches	Max: 50% of the capacity. Go home directly after service. No singing	No physical services	
Sports activities (also see 'clarification sports')	Max: 50% capacity inside, 100% outside (for >18 years). Go home immediately after exercise	Facilities closed. Limited sports allowed. See 'clarification sports'	
Work	Work from home as much as possible	Work from home is mandatory where possible	
Contact professions	Face mask	Closed, unless medical indication	
Nightclubs	Closed	Closed	
Adult Entertainment	Closed	Closed	
Gambling halls, casinos and cinemas	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 00:00	Closed	
Saunas	Max: 50% of the capacity	Closed	
Daytime activities elderly	25% capacity	Only emergency shelter	
Primary education and after-school care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	
Secondary education and after-school care	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Reduce number of students per day	
Child care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	

See also risk levels 1-6 on pages 17 & 18

Curaçao must pay full N. A. pensions

A Curaçao court has ruled that the government of Curaçao must pay full benefits to people living in the BES Islands and Sint Maartin who had accrued Netherlands Antilles pensions at the time of the 10-10-'10 separation. On January 1, 2017, the Social Insurance Bank began discounting by 10% the pension benefits of people who were no longer residents of Curaçao. It also cancelled their annual Christmas bonuses, which amounted to a full month of AOV. That decision was appealed.

On the other hand, the court did rule that Curaçao can legally reduce the benefits paid to vested pensioners who now live on Aruba or in the Netherlands. The court's reasoning was that those people have chosen to leave the former Netherlands Antilles. According to the court, people in the BES Islands and Sint Maartin had not, as individuals, made that same choice. *DMR (Koninkrijk.nu)*

Employees must pay tax on emergency benefits

Anyone who received employment benefits in 2020 through the Social Affairs and Work (SZW) Emergency regulation must declare those payments as income from work and pay income tax on them.

The emergency benefits were paid in two ways.

Some employees were paid salaries by employers who were receiving support. Just like regular wage income, employees must state this compensation in their income tax return under income from work.

Others applied directly to SZW. These people had already lost their jobs because of the coronavirus when the support program kicked in on March 13, 2020. If their previous company was covered by the SZW emergency regulation, they could claim 80 percent of their most recent wages. Again, this benefit from SZW is taxed under income tax and must be declared under income from work.

Start-up Allowance for students

Caribbean Netherlands students can count on a Start-up Allowance and free guidance in their first year of study in the European Netherlands, but they must register before April 1. (www.rijksdienstcn.com/opstarttoelage)

The Start-up Allowance assists students, who for the first time, are going to follow a full-time course at MBO Level 3 or 4, HBO or at the university in the European part of the Netherlands. The Start-up Allowance consists of a one time payment of \$2,761.72 and a loan of up to \$5,523.44. It is intended to help pay, for example, for the crossing, room furnishings, winter clothing and a bicycle.

Young people from Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba also receive free guidance in their first year through RCN Study Financing. Their travel will be arranged, and they will be received at Schiphol and immediately helped to settle in, including finding housing and being insured in the Netherlands. In addition, They will be assigned a mentor who will help them through their first year. The mentor will help them register with the municipality, apply for a Citizen Service Number, open a bank account, and will be available for advice and guidance, as needed. *DMR*

Flotsam & Jetsam, continued on page 7

Covid-19 round-up

The cavalry finally arrived. But unfortunately a lot more Indians showed up too.

The vaccine is here, and the population is slowly but steadily progressing toward herd immunity. However, Bonaire's covid infection rate has soared, with multiple clusters, multiple unknown sources, and an apparently accelerating spread. Governor Edison Rijna has announced Risk Level Five restrictions.

Charts of the new emergency regulations can be found on page 12 (and 16+ of the online version).

The vaccination program is speeding up as the kinks get worked out of the system. Bonaire, which started out processing about 100 people a day, vaccinated only about 5% of the population in the first two weeks. The daily rate is now up to 140. Curaçao vaccinated 3,371 persons in the first two weeks, or about 300 per day. That was just over 2% of their population. In their first week St. Eustatius vaccinated 23% of its population and Saba 75%. Saba received all the vaccine it needs in one shipment.

The second shipment of Pfizer vaccines arrived with KLM at Flamingo Airport on Tuesday, March 9.

People who have been infected should still go ahead a be vaccinated. Public Health Doctor Marian Luinstra explained: "It is certainly possible that you became infected with the COVID virus just before the vaccination, without noticing it yourself. In such a case, you can still get symptoms after vaccination and you must get tested. Even after vaccination you can still become infected and—without becoming ill yourself—infect others."

Three well-known Bonaireans over 60 were the first to be vaccinated against corona at Kompleho Deportivo Jorge Nicolaas. Journalist and culture expert Bôl Antoin, Paulina "Mama Smile" Rodriguez, and Dr. Marian Luinstra-Passchier of Public Health, reported to the sports complex early Monday morning for their first Pfizer shot. Two of them, Antoin and Rodriguez, also appear as vaccination ambassadors on posters that the Bonaire public body displays on social media and in public spaces.

Testing has confirmed the British variant coronavirus is now on Bonaire. The British variant is more contagious and seem a bit more pathogenic than earlier variants. Like the other vaccines currently available, the Pfizer vaccine that is currently being administered on Bonaire protects people against the British variant too. Recently three-quarters of the positive tests on Curaçao turned out to be the British variant.

The Netherlands still advises against holidays abroad. The Netherlands advises against holidays abroad. The Rutte cabinet believes that traveling in these times simply involves too much risk. It hopes it can give less stringent advice by April 1. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added Curaçao to its highest advisory list on March first.

Governor Rijna says no camping again this Easter because of the increased covid danger.

Teacher infections forced temporary closure of two primary schools. Colegio San Luis Beltran in Rincon and Skol Amplio Papa Cornes near Hato closed for two days. At Colegio San Luis Beltran in Rincon, a large part of the teaching staff had to be quarantined when a few staff tested positive. The students in these schools did not need to be quarantined, but parents were advised to monitor their health closely and report any symptoms. *DMR*

The most current Covid information from the government can be found at: <https://www.bonairecrisis.com/>

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Covid-19 on Bonaire as of March 23, 2021

461 active/27 new 619 recovered	11 hospitalized 10 deceased
1119 positive 5538 negative	6657 tested 674 in quarantine

For breaking covid news go to the online Reporter <https://bonairereporter.com>



A Garden? Just Do It!

by Angliet, Nature Lover

"Come on, let's plant water," Aletta

Aletta's goat farm

Who doesn't know Aletta who set up the goat farm: Semper Contentu holistic farm. Aletta is very creative in practising sustainable nature. She came up with a new idea: to set up a garden according to the philosophy of Life in Syntropy. The theory is to garden according to the rules of a rainforest and its diversity. It's a complex system where all the ingredients like soil, climate, plants, animals, water, light and so on form a perfect balance together to create the best conditions for a rainforest. Nothing is wasted as all is needed for the growth of the diversity of all lives there together. We have to see nature as our ally to fight climate crisis. Rainforests should be our model to change our behavior. According to this theory, there is not much watering needed because of the evaporation of all plants together (like in a rainforest). Water exists from the plants, which gets used by the plants again. They recycle the water.

This way of gardening made Aletta call her project: Ban planta awa. (Come on, let's plant water).

She started the Syntropic farming project on her farm a few months ago and has taught the theory in different languages to various groups. Following the class, she asked if anyone was interested in participating in the creation of such agriculture on her farm; a sort of tryout. A lot of people were very enthusiastic and have been working with Aletta for several weeks on the farm. Aletta began this unusual way of gardening on Bonaire by accepting the challenge to start something new that fits into

the mind of sustainable agriculture and gardening. How brave and great this is. Anyone can ask Aletta for information as she is always pleased to share.

The perfect weekend

During the last weekend of February a great thing was the perfect combination of a full moon, a lot of short but heavy rain showers, very little hard sunlight and occasional hard winds. These were fantastic gardening days. I was able to plant, harvest, trim, dig holes, make compost and pull grass (easy when the soil is so moist). I repotted big plants, raked under the big trees, caught buckets of rain water and watered all the trees many times, so the water would penetrate deep down to the roots. I emptied all the containers before dark. The weather conditions were great and I already see some sprouts popping up. Some of my gardening friends sent me pictures of their lush gardens after this great rainy weekend.

Animals were active too. A lot of birds in the trees took rain baths. Two iguanas crawled around and one could not find in my yard a better place to poop than right on the gate where you have to put your hand to unlock it. Hrrrr!

That weekend I did not miss downtown center or the beach. I didn't go shopping but I enjoyed being busy in my garden and slept in the night as a rose while the rain kept falling on my roof. When all your muscles have been busy and are tired and you are satisfied with your



This plant needs a lot of water to flower, but because of the rains these last days it flowers beautifully

gardening day, you enjoys a peaceful good rest.

Gardening is more than planting. It's a way of happiness, mental healing, getting rid of stress, healthy eating, spiritual experiences, a connection with gardening friends and an awareness of nature.

This all for nothing so start with, so just do it.

Just do it. *Angliet, Nature lover*

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POLICE REPORT

Found

Mar. 4. A Rip Curl black / gray wallet and a bag was found outside a sandwich shop on the Bulevar Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot. The owners can collect the wallet and bag from the police station with a valid ID.

Property crime

Feb. 23. A Naish kitesurf kite was stolen from a beach at the Bulevar E.E.G. The kite was lying on the beach while the owner was kite surfing with another kite.

Mar. 1. A bag belonging to a supermarket employee was stolen from on a rack near her seat. A security camera showed two women taking the bag. A woman, 18, was arrested a little later at her home. The employee got her bag and cash back.

Mar. 4. A lady pretended to be an employee at a tourist accommodation on Kaya Internashonal to gain access to the rooms. Among other things, she stole cash and personal belongings of the guests. The woman, 24, has been arrested for theft.

Mar. 4. Strangers have destroyed a door to enter a bookstore on the Kaya Pos di Amor. They took away a black Samsung television and black Casio cash register.

Between Mar 6-7, a locked gray Kymco/Agility scooter, license MF-102 was stolen from an apartment at Bulevar Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot.

Arrested/held in custody.

Feb. 27. A man, 56, was arrested for violation of the BES Weapons Act and the BES Identification Act. The suspect had an air rifle with ammunition in the car.

Feb. 28. A woman, 26, was arrested for violation of the Opium Act BES. The suspect had various bags of marijuana. The bag and its contents were confiscated.

Traffic checks

Feb. 22. At Kaya Korona 10 police reports were issued for driving without a seat belt, insurance and a valid driver's license. Fines vary between \$30 and \$225.

Feb. 24-25. On the Bulevar Gobernador Nicolas Debrot and the Kaya J.N.E. Craane seven drivers received police reports for driving without a valid driver's license or valid insurance, for using the phone while driving, not wearing a seat belt, and not wearing a helmet on the scooter.

Feb. 24. A wrongly parked car was towed from the parking lot in front of the Administrative Office. Poorly parked vehicles that obstruct traffic are towed away. The owner receives a police fine of \$85 for parking incorrectly and must also pay the cost of the tow truck..

Weekend Feb. 26-28. During regular traffic checks, several drivers were fined for driving without valid insurance papers, without a valid driver's license, without seat belts, for driving in a prohibited direction and for malfunctioning brake lights. A car was also confiscated because the driver had been warned before for driving without valid insurance

and a valid driver's license.

Mar. 3-5. Fines have been issued for driving without a helmet, without valid insurance documents, without a valid driver's license, for holding a phone while driving and for driving without a seat belt. Especially the last two offenses are increasingly being fined.

Fires

Mar. 4. A fire spread to burn out a field. A resident had burned waste in a metal container without noticing that it had no bottom which allowed the fire to escape. Burning waste is against the law and is punishable.

Emergency ordinance

Weekend Feb. 26-28. During regular checks several illegal parties and gatherings were found on beaches and a remote kunuku. The multidisciplinary team, consisting of KPCN, the Supervision and Enforcement Department of the Public Entity and Stinapa, will continue to enforce gatherings, and if necessary, fine participants.

Feb. 27. On Saturday it was remarkably busy and several groups did not obey the rules. In the central area of Bonaire, a large group was dispersed that lingered after the closing time. A second group was found at "Te Amo Beach" and a third group at the salt pier. These groups were also dispersed with extra support from KMAR. A total of four arrests were made: two for failure to comply with the order of the police, one in connection with the Opium legislation and one for staying illegally on the island. A total of 20 fines were written for the violations of the emergency ordinance.

Mar. 4. Around 1:30 am, a patrol detected a group of 50 to 60 people at the Te Amo Beach who did not adhere to the distance of 1.5 meters. The police asked everyone to leave the location and the crowd immediately complied.

The police understand the young people's need to socialize and go out. However, the rules must now be adhered to in order to gradually provide more ease at a later date. We also have to consider our nature and turtles. The KPCN and partners will therefore continue to monitor the emergency ordinance.

Mar. 5-7. Last weekend, KPCN, KMAR, and JICN checked compliance to the emergency ordinance that took effect on Friday, March 5 at 6 pm.

The police found that despite these new measures, it was quite busy at snacks, some catering establishments and on the beaches. On the beaches it was groups of water sports enthusiasts or families / who said they belong to a household. Although these people comply with the rules, the risks of more infections remain. A man, 20, was arrested during one of the inspections as he was in violation of the Identification Act.



Ask Kate Bonaire real estate advice

Question:

How long does it take to close a property on Bonaire once the Seller and I sign a purchase contract? Jess

Hi Jess,

The time depends on whether you are paying cash or financing the property, and whether there are any contingencies that need to be satisfied prior to the transfer of ownership.

A cash sale with no contingencies can complete in as little as 30 days if the buyer sends all funds and documentation on time. If you have an inspection contingency, plan at least 60 days. If you require a mortgage from a Bonaire bank, plan a minimum of 90 days, since the bank will require an appraisal and detailed financial information from you before the application goes to the loan committee for approval.

The time frame can also depend on market conditions. During a busy selling season, the demand for appraisals, inspections and closing appointments increases. However, there is not an increase in the number of professionals who provide these services, so appointments may take longer to schedule during busy times.

All the best,
Kate Butler and Jean Searce
Re/Max Bonaire

If you have a real estate question or want to buy or sell property, email us at kate@bonairehomes.com.

Testing the fire hydrants

During the past two weeks, the Caribbean Netherlands Fire Department (BKCN) has been busy checking the fire hydrants on Bonaire.

The BKCN will see if the hydrants are still easily accessible and if any need maintenance. After this inventory, they will make a plan in cooperation with chain partners to ensure that all fire hydrants remain accessible, functioning and maintained in the coming years.



Marian Veneberg new BES Chief Prosecutor

Marian Veneberg will be the new Chief Prosecutor for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

Veneberg was born in 1961 and will start as Chief Prosecutor for the Caribbean Netherlands on April 1, 2021. She has been working as a prosecutor at the Caribbean Netherlands Prosecutor's Office since August 1, 2020, and is the acting Chief Prosecutor there. She is the successor of former Chief Prosecutor Bote

ter Steege, who was sworn in as solicitor-general at the Prosecutor's Office in Aruba on September 1, 2020.

Between April 1, 1991, and August 1, 2020, Veneberg worked as attorney-general at the Prosecutor's Office in The Hague, as a prosecutor in Assen, Leeuwarden and Haarlem, and in the Prosecutor's Offices for the Central Netherlands and Eastern Netherlands regions. Source: The Daily Herald

Homes searched during drug trafficking investigation

In the morning of Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar) conducted two domestic searches in cooperation with the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (KPCN) and Customs Caribbean Netherlands (Customs CN). One suspect was arrested in relation to a drug trafficking investigation.

The two searches, one in the Antriol district and the other in Barrio den Tera, were conducted simultaneously by two teams. The KMAR had sufficient indica-

tion that the suspect, a 45-year-old man was staying at one of the properties. Both homes were therefore searched under the direction of the Public Prosecution Service. After the suspect's arrest in Antriol, he was immediately taken to the police station for questioning.

Money and narcotics were found during the searches, and were seized by the KMar. The locations were released to the residents after the search.

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Letters & Opinions

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the various authors and forum participants do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of The Bonaire Reporter.

Letter to the editor: The vaccination program Ron Sewell

I would like to congratulate the Bonaire Government and medical authorities on a very smooth roll out of the public vaccination programme yesterday (March 1st).

At the sports hall near Ackerman's garage the organisation was excellent and the copious volumes of personnel were all well trained and operated smoothly.

Although my wife and I arrived about 30 minutes early to review the situation, we were accepted immediately into the waiting area, which was already emptying rapidly as the previous occupants moved forward to the next station.

Seating was magnificent, allowing for all variations and very well spaced-out in all of the different zones.

The injection itself was smooth and painless and professionally carried out.

Well done everybody!
Ron Sewell

Response to "Rijna and Flanegin talk about Hato port," *The Bonaire Reporter*, Issue 3, Feb. 24-Mar. 10, 2021: Conserve Bonaire

We at Conserve Bonaire are happy to hear that Governor Rijna is strongly focused on what is best for the environment of Bonaire. Additionally, it's great to hear he wishes to reduce cruise ship tourism. A reduction in cruise ship tourism would solve the issue of needing to build a new port and thus provide two bonuses for our environment – less cruise ships and no need to build a massive container port over a healthy reef. However, if for some reason the cruise ship tourism continues to grow and the container port is deemed necessary, we do have some questions in response to his statements regarding the choice of Hato for the container port.

- The building of a container port at Hato has been formally confirmed in writing by the OLB and Steering Group New Freight Port: "These conclusions were adopted by the Executive Council and the BC has designated the site of WEB as the location for the new port." Are you saying this is not true?

- For supposedly not having decid-

ed formally on Hato yet, the traffic route as described in the article has already been built with a new round-about and construction at WEB is active such as the installation of a large new security fence. To protect...drinking water? Or is it for containers?

- If Cargill and Bopec are up for consideration, where is the investigation into these sites?

- The Volkskrant on February 4, 2021: "We don't want anything on a large scale, said Flanegin, and certainly nothing that would harm the marine nature of our island." But building in the deep water, a huge (20m+ ?) crane, stacking containers, vessels up to 120M, 2 RORO slips is not considered building on a large scale? "We aren't changing much to what is already there." Unfortunately, we are confused as to the nature of what is considered not of a large scale?

- Where are the considerations for the people that live in these areas? "Flanegin said zoning for the area was a plan consideration," and "if the entire concept is realized from the beginning, there will be limited container truck traffic." If the port has to be moved because the traffic is too terrible downtown, how will a larger port lessen this traffic in its new location?

- "The containers are noisy and dangerous. It isn't attractive in front of the restaurants and residential area." The Hato/WEB area is located directly in a residential and tourist area. Are you saying that a larger and more active container port with a massive crane and two slips will be more pleasing to the eyes and less loud for the tourists enjoying dinner at Rum Runners or the neighbors out walking for a sunset stroll? How will you guarantee it is less dangerous and noisy than current conditions?

- It is incorrect to state that this may reduce costs for those living on the island. In the Ecorys report in Chapter Three on page 60, figure 3.2 it says that the transport cost from (Curaçao- Bonaire) is calculated at 1%. Many stores on Bonaire have their main warehouses on Curaçao and so will continue to ship from Curaçao to Bonaire. Many freight companies will not divert to the Bonaire port to offload a few containers only. The port will not "run for free." The millions for the build of the port still needs to be paid back. Where will this money come from? The Netherlands has already stated they won't pay for the full cost of the investigation into the port, which doesn't bode well for the financing of this port.

- If the environment is truly of a concern – why hasn't the bid been opened

to environmental organizations so that there is more than one assessment to choose from to ensure objectivity?

- If the stakeholders in the area are meant to be included in the conversation, why haven't you reached out to them?

While we at Conserve Bonaire salute your commitment to nature, unfortunately we are still left with more questions than answers. We're certain that you'll be able to answer us accordingly and we look forward to hearing how Bonaire could move forward with protecting her greatest asset – her nature.

-Conserve Bonaire

Opinion: Bolivia, a gift for Breemhaar? Astrid Duyff

More than 50 years ago, the Amigoe published an impassioned plea by the then 22-year-old Jopie Abraham under the heading "Host gets Bonaire as a gift". Abraham showed in his letter to the editor that the contract that Bonaire was planning to conclude with the American project developer Host would be very detrimental to Bonaire. Host would lease 560 hectares of land around Lac for sixty years and build a 440-room hotel with many surrounding facilities. Bonaire administrators had made the most absurd commitments under the guise of employment. One of the absurd commitments was that 1.2 million liters of water would be supplied free of charge every day to maintain the 18-hole golf course. At that time all residents of Bonaire together used half a million liters of water a day. Abraham had also discovered that Host was allowed to dig all of Lac's sand and export it to an arbitrary place on Earth. How absurd can it be?

At the moment there is a threat on Bonaire that will turn out to be much more disastrous and absurd than the threatening development of Lac at the time. Fortunately, the development is not yet as far as fifty years ago. There is no contract yet and there is no amended zoning plan yet. At the moment the plans of the Breemhaar couple from Dronten in the Dutch East Flevoland are still intentions for the development of the former plantation Bolivia. These plans do not concern 560 hectares, but 3,000 (!) hectares, more than 5 times larger than the Lac project of 50 years ago. The couple's plans send shivers down to any nature lovers spine. Bonairean administrators and members of

the island council should also feel these shivers, but we also know that they often give in to these kinds of developments because they would involve a lot of employment. And we also know that there is great reverence for the American dollar and the European euro on Bonaire.

In 1970 the entire council of commissioners and a majority of the island council approved the plan. They had overlooked the absurdity. Fortunately, the Governor intervened.

In this article, we will describe and demonstrate the absurdity of developer Breemhaar's plans for Bolivia. We start with a statement by the couple Breemhaar at the beginning of January this year in the Telegraaf (Dutch newspaper). Mr. Breemhaar says in an interview that Bolivia has been seriously neglected. This claim is complete nonsense. The reality is that since 1868 no one or almost no one has cared about Bolivia. Not looking after nature is different from neglecting it. From time to time tourists visit to look at the drawings in Spelonk and there are always a few fishermen on the coast. There were also some cows and horses back in the 1950s and goats graze to this day. The fact that people have not looked after Bolivia does not mean that the area has been neglected.

That Breemhaar calls Bolivia neglected is a rhetorical trick. Bolivia has developed and managed to maintain itself as a dry tropical forest without human interference. That is not neglect, but nature development avant la lettre. Finally man has not interfered with something. This is still possible on Bonaire and is a rarity on a global scale. The only thing left to do now is to get rid of the goats and donkeys. The perspective on this is hopeful because the OLB and the association of goat farmers Kriabon have agreed that the goat farmers will keep their goats behind fences in five years' time.

The argument that this is a neglected part of Bonaire is therefore utter nonsense. Bolivia is the largest continuous piece of dry tropical forest in the Antilles and therefore very valuable. That is the reality. Everything else is rhetorical.

You can read the continuation of this article at www.saveplantationbolivia.com.

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Reef Glimpses

by Dee Scarr

Basket Stars: Shining at Night

One of the questions dive guides hear, especially after day-dives down south, is “What was that thing that looked like a bird’s nest in the gorgonian coral?” One of the best responses is, “Let’s do a night dive and I’ll show you!”

So off they go after dark, straight to the gorgonian – but the bird’s nest isn’t there! Instead, there’s a wide, round, basket-shaped thing with a central body disk no wider than our thumb is long. Thin arms emerge from the body disk, each arm bearing multiple mini-arms which themselves bear multiple mini-arms. As soon as the bright dive lights reach the star, its arms begin to writhe and curl like Medusa’s snakes. They’re not snakes, though, and the Medusa head/bird’s nest is a single animal called a basket star. Its scientific name, *Astrophyton muricatum*, means: “star creature full of sharp points”. Its common name is sensible, too, because it looks like a basket (and functions like a net) as it faces into the current and uses its arms to filter plankton from the water. As a tendril makes a catch, it passes the food along the arms to the center of the disk, the basket star’s mouth.

With the arrival of daylight, basket stars prepare for rest by curling their arms and moving to shelter. They intertwine their tendrils with the gorgonian’s branches for the bird’s nest look. Basketstars also spend their days in reef crevices, curling up so tightly and filling their space so perfectly they’re almost impossible to see.

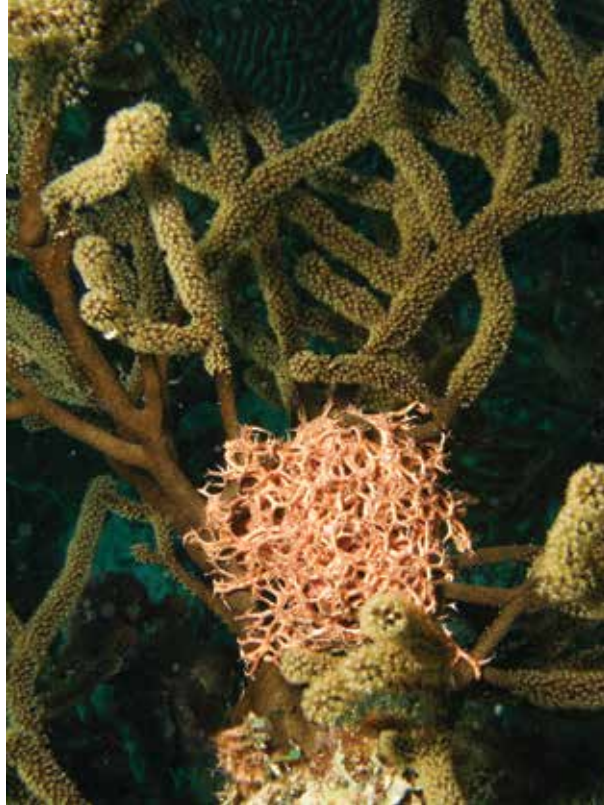


Photo: This basket star spent its day at the base of the gorgonian; it is just beginning to prepare for darkness.

[note: The 3rd edition of REEF’s Reef Creatures has a good photo of basket star shrimp (p. 111) but the photo in the enlarged 2nd edition (p. 183) shows how perfectly this shrimp is camouflaged.]

Often, once a basket star finds a good sanctuary, it will return to the same place day after day.

With the coming of darkness, basket stars disentangle themselves and find (or return to) a place on the reef where their filtration is likely to be successful. Gener-

ally they move as close to the top of the reef as possible, where there are the fewest filter-competitors. They’re happiest in areas of strong currents, by the way, so if you see a bunch of them at a site you’re not familiar with, be prepared!

Occasionally, we have the privilege of looking closely at a basket star: maybe there’s no current, and a bird’s-nest-star is near the edge of a gorgonian, or maybe you looked at Medusa’s tendrils with a light so feeble that the tendrils weren’t disturbed. The patterns created by the pinkish-beige and black tendrils are beautiful and ever changing.

And, occasionally, you will find an extraordinary resident: the basket star shrimp. Of all the types of shrimp we’re likely to see in the waters of Bonaire, the basket star shrimp is the most perfectly camouflaged to match its host. In fact, the basket star shrimp is so well-suited to the basket star that it lives only on basket stars. It receives protection and a good hunting position from its host. I’m not sure what it does in return, but it may defend its star from other creatures that are harmful.

In the early 1970’s, a dive guide on Cayman told me, “We don’t bother with night dives. Everything people talk about seeing at night, I can show you in the daytime!” Those days are gone, and basketstar-watching is a good part of the reason we enjoy night dives.

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.” Dee’s books are available for purchase at the Carib Inn on Bonaire or through touchthesea.com.

PARROTS and PEOPLE

by Rayshantaly Coffie

Echo, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to preserving Bonaire’s nature, especially the endemic and endangered, Yellow-shouldered Amazon parrot or lora, as it is locally known. Echo is focusing on community engagement to connect parrot and people together.

My Bonaire Tree

Continuing their efforts to reforest Bonaire, Echo and NOBO will celebrate World Forest Day with a pre-sale of the “My Bonaire Tree” a new development selling native trees in a recycled plastic flower pot. You can reserve



Parrots & People, continued on page 13



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Dr. Eijsenga acquires Dr. Miranda's practice

Dr. Alfredo Miranda, will retire at the end of March. He will say goodbye to his patients and introduce them to Dr. Eijsenga, who is taking over his practice on Friday 26 March between 2 and 5 pm in the outdoor area of the practice (covid safety measures will be observed). Doctor S. J. Eijsenga earlier acquired the practice on Bonaire of the late Dr Hermelijn. He was trained as a general practitioner in the European Netherlands and has worked in St. Maarten, Saba and, most recently in Bermuda. Doctor Eijsenga speaks Dutch, English and German. He says that Papiamentu and Spanish are very important to him to learn well.

Doctor David Verbist will join the practice permanently later this year. Dr. Verbist was born in Curaçao and was trained as a general practitioner in the European Netherlands and has previously been on Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire. He speaks fluent Papiamentu, Spanish, Dutch and English. *DMR*

Ombudsmen will investigate single parent poverty

The National Ombudsman and the Ombudsman for Children will investigate parenting problems in the BES Islands that result from poverty. They will focus on single parents who live around or below the poverty line, and on what special difficulties those parents face in raising their children. Their report, to be published next fall, will recommend

actions to help people parent more effectively while improving the quality of their own lives as well. *DMR (Koninkrijk.nu)*

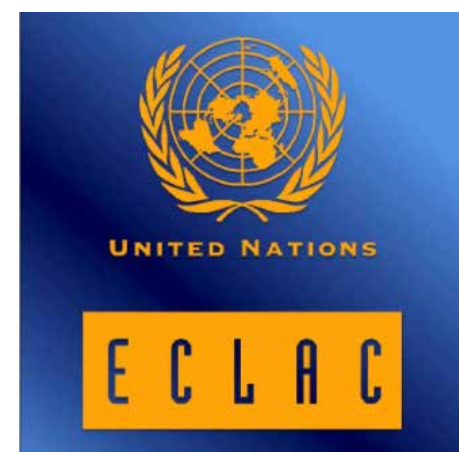
Support for entrepreneurs upgraded and extended

Entrepreneurs in the Caribbean Netherlands can apply for continuation of the government contribution to their fixed costs from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (EZK). The amount of this fourth EZK Compensation has been increased and can vary between \$425 and \$400,000. Also, entrepreneurs being supported by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW) under the Emergency Regulation for wage costs can request more flexibility in how they spend the money. *DMR.*

Second Chamber election March 17

Election for the Second Chamber is scheduled for March 17th, 2021. Residents of the Caribbean Netherlands with a Dutch nationality can vote, provided they are at least 18 and have not lost their right to vote. The Second Chamber consists of 150 members who represent the Dutch population, including the residents of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The role of the Second Chamber is to oversee the work of the prime minister and cabinet and to make new laws together with them. The members decide on issues such as education, health, environment, economy and more. *DMR*

Active opposition to violence against women urged



For International Women's Day on March 8, the ECLAC Caribbean, a UN economic commission, called for Caribbean women and men both to #choosetochallenge gender-based violence and gender inequality, including beliefs and attitudes that limit women's roles in the home, workplace, and society.

Gender-based violence (GBV) has long been a serious issue in the Caribbean, and the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed a 'shadow pandemic' of violence against women across the world,

with lockdowns and other confinement measures causing increased pressures at home and further limiting women's opportunities to escape abusers and find protection. Emerging data demonstrate that Caribbean women have been increasingly victimized by this violence as well.

Men have an important role to play in challenging their friends and family members who disrespect women and engage in discriminatory behaviors. Men should challenge peers who cat call or make disparaging remarks about women and girls.

The ECLAC also urges Caribbean governments to protect women and girls' fundamental right to live free of violence, and offer them meaningful opportunities to seek redress for acts of violence. When police, health and justice officials operate in a culture where GBV is tolerated, women and girls are often denied their right to report abuses and access protection from their abusers. *DMR*

Executive council tackles unemployment



The job center, Plenchi di Trabou, is open for business.

The Executive Council is investigating two approaches to ease the Island's high unemployment: a program of temporary employment, and help offered by the job center. The Executive Council has met with residents who have lost their jobs and as of January 1, 2021 are no longer eligible for support by the temporary subsidy scheme for wage costs and loss of income CN.

Temporary Jobs

The current unemployment problem, says Deputy Hennyson Thielman, "concerns fellow citizens who have contributed to our community who are now without income. As an executive council, we want to commit ourselves where possible to support this group with temporary jobs so that they still have income until tourism is completely restored."

Although the decline in tourism means fewer job vacancies, there is other useful work to be done on the island. "Think of cleaning neighborhoods and beaches, painting government buildings or supporting the vaccination program," said Thielman. "We are working with government departments and other organizations to create projects that require three to six months of labor. In the meantime, the job center is actively looking for suitable, permanent jobs. I also call on employers to think creatively about

whether [they] have jobs and report to Plenchi di Trabou."

Plenchi di Trabou.

Deputy Nina den Heyer: "Social welfare is not an island task, but poverty reduction is. A few weeks ago we opened the job center "Plenchi di Trabou." The mission of Plenchi di Trabou is to bring together supply and demand on the labor market and where necessary, offer job seekers training, retraining and further education and personal guidance. We asked ourselves the question: Can the Plenchi di Trabou team do something for the unemployed who, even harder than others, have been affected by the crisis? "

The offer is not without obligation Den Heyer emphasizes: "We are investing in these people and expect them to be motivated in return. Some jobs will not return soon, so we will offer retraining and further training to make job seekers more promising for sectors. who are the first to recover. Those who have contributed to the development of our island in recent years can also make an important contribution to the recovery of our community. "

Residents who are looking for (temporary) work can register at Plenchi di Trabou at Kaya L. D. Gerhart's number 12, phone 715-8346.



Ban Traha ta un kampaña di Plenchi di Trabou
Ban Traha is een campagne van Plenchi di Trabou

Six participants successfully completed a hospitality vocational course. Many have already found a job. The others are supported by Plenchi di Trabou in their job search. Their IVIO receptionist diploma is recognized in the Netherlands. The students gained their practical experience at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort.

Sinatra had one and so does Alfred

Few cars in the world garner the same respect as a Jaguar, especially the 1960's E-Type. Its beautiful, sleek and innovative design was modeled after the Jaguar D type racing car. First released in Geneva, Switzerland, only 631 E-Type 3.8 litre flat floor models were produced from 1961-62. The car did 150mph. It was owned by celebrities like Steve McQueen, Brigitte Bardot, Frank Sinatra, and George Harrison.

The E-Type turns 60 years old this month and a 12-day classic road tour called Pilgrimage to Geneva, is being held in June to celebrate.

The E-Type was once called the most beautiful car in the world and, believe it or not, there is one here on Bonaire. If all goes well, owner and Liseo School English teacher Alfred Philip Burgos will be driving that car in the classic road tour.

Alfred has been a part of this celebration twice before, once in 2001 on the 40th anniversary and again in 2011 on the 50th.

Originally from Aruba, Alfred has lived in the Netherlands, Curaçao and now Bonaire. As a kid he saw the E-Type when thumbing through his dad's car magazines.



Jaguar E-Type cockpit interior is the original red leather. It even has a push button start similar to today's cars.

But it was as an adult living in Curaçao, that he was compelled to travel to the Netherlands in search of his own E-Type. He found one in the Dutch countryside in a kind of historical car graveyard.

Alfred said, "I bought it as a wreck in 1992 and I worked on it for four years to get her on the road."

With little knowledge about cars in general and not being a mechanic, Alfred bought a repair manual, some tools and a welder and set to work.

He became a member of the Jaguar Driver's Club in the E-type register and was accepted into the exclusive group. In 1994 Alfred met the chairman of the register, John Burton, at the home of the British Grand Prix, the Silverstone Classic. The following year, Burton visited Alfred in Curaçao and together they finished up the restoration of his E-Type.

Alfred was invited to the 40th commemorative anniversary tour. He and fellow E-Type enthusiast, and KLM pilot, van Schuppen, packed up the car and headed to Europe. The journey began in a small town in England then on to Calais, France where the actual tour got underway. There were 60 E-Type cars traveling 270 miles (435 km) a day through France to reach Geneva for the 40th anniversary celebration. They drove on historical highways in the mountains, visited notable landmarks, slept in amazing four and five star hotels and even spent a few nights in a castle. The car's dynamo (alternator) caught fire, so the co-driving partners removed it and drove on without it. On down the road, they were able to replace it with a fellow driver's spare part.

Alfred said that even though the dynamo caught fire,



Alfred Philip Burgos' and his striking 1961 Jaguar E-Type 3.8 liter, six cylinder, flat floor coupe are almost ready to roll. The car has the original paint color of gunmetal grey and a red leather interior.

they made the repair in the allotted time and went on to win the rally. His car was one of the only ones without major problems.

In the 2011, the 50th anniversary tour, Alfred's 16-year-old daughter Amber was his co-driver. The father and daughter team traveled the same number of miles but took a different route to Geneva.

On both tours Alfred was the only black owner/driver.

The 60 year anniversary tour is only a few months away and Alfred has some work ahead to get the car in shape for driving the 3231 miles (5200 km). Yet to be paid are the entry fee of 7000 GBP and shipping costs of 4000 EUR, so Alfred is hoping to find sponsorship as he has in past tours. He is also in need of an E-Type fan co-driver for the pilgrimage.

Anyone who is interested in sponsorship, partnership or both is welcome. The tour is guaranteed to be an experience of a lifetime. Please contact Alfred by Whatsapp 599-770-9959 or email subgora@gmail.com. *Story and photos Julie Morgan*



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Even after a slow beginning in June 2020, due to Covid-19, the Street Colors Bonaire project has come to life painting the island with splashes of art.

The Street Colors project is not only giving the island's building structures a fresh more colorful look, but some 75 kids are reaping the benefits. With the project youth are being educated in various art styles and mediums through a visiting artist program. The kids are actually painting side by side with a visiting European artist. This is an opportunity young artists around the world can only dream of. In addition, the kids get a chance to see and learn for themselves what it means to be a real artist in the world today.

The most recent artist, Tymon de Laat* from the Netherlands just concluded his six week teaching and painting tour with Street Colors and they accomplished quite a bit.

The program began in January with Tymon, some local artists and 16 kids from the Talent Group in a warm up teaching/ painting session at the abandoned Hotel Esmeralda down south. Next up was painting a small wall mural on Kaya Korsow. Throughout Tymon's visit he held art workshops for about 60 kids at MBO Bonaire and Liseo Boneriano. The Talent Group of kids, under Tymon's supervision engaged in personally designing and painting a huge wall mural project at Bonaire Marine Center.

Eight local artists and Tymon in what



was called "The Street Art Jam" added more colorful work to the big blue wall behind the police station. The first installation to the wall was done last fall, by a few of the same artists and previous vis-

iting artist Eduardo "Dodici" Trionfera. The mural covered wall is now two-thirds complete with more space available for the next visiting artist.

Like Dodici, Tymon completed his own

Street Colours Bonaire, continued on page 16



SUE SOLVEIG info@sue-artstudio.com 777-0424, *I love to make people smile, give them a happy feeling for a minute. I hope this work will do exactly that.*



ROSALY VAN DANSIK - @sharkingdaily 786-9428 - *The ray and shark are painted by Rosaly van Dansik, a professional artist. With Sharking Daily, I hope to show people how amazing sharks are, by creating bright and colorful illustrations.*



MARIA CLARA ARBOLEDA - Instagram:@mar-ea.art 780-9610 *I love to transform walls into lively spaces using nature elements as my main inspiration. The process starts in my mind, then I can feel the traces in my hand, then I know I can transfer it to the wall.*



LAUREL HEUSER laurelheuser@gmail.com *With the state of the world at this time, EVERY-ONE could use a wish or five. Laurel hopes this public art piece offers a chance for those so inclined to Make A Wish of their own to help lift spirits for a better day, today and beyond.*



GHISLAINE MONTE - @GHIS.ARTS 952 0228 - *Works at the chamber of commerce and is professional painter. She has joined several street art festivals around the world, enjoying the street art community, perfecting her painting skills and the 3D technique.*



ROBERT KRAMP - @ARTBY_RN 7707443 *My Artwork are an extension of myself. It's abstract and expressive and I never know what it will look like beforehand. There is a message in most of them,*



LOES HAK - @ALOHABONAIRE - *I like to paint realistic and happy. Nothing too dark or gloomy. I want my art to make people feel good.*



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Live Inspired Today! by Malcolm Wilson

Ignite your daily success with a *Reflection For Today* to stimulate your thinking, a *Tip For Today* to equip you and an *Affirmation For Today* to empower you.

The Strength Of Our Chain...

Reflection For Today

"The chain is only as strong as its weakest link, for if that fails the chain fails and the object that it has been holding up falls to the ground." - Thomas Reid

Tip For Today

"Swinda, what does this quote mean to you?" Chichi and Swinda were discussing the proverb mentioned above.

The first thing Swinda thought was "Where is she going with this?" She then shared about imagining a chain made of metal rings, strongly linked to each other, holding up something valuable.

"And if the object is heavy enough, where will the chain break?"

Chichi asked, "Hmmm....at the weakest link?"

Swinda replied, "Exactly! If just one link is weak, the chain will break. The overall strength of a chain does not depend on the strength of the strongest link, or even of the average link. The overall strength of a chain depends on the strength of the weakest link."

Chichi then added another layer to the mix. "This proverb has an even deeper meaning, Swinda. It emphasizes the importance of the collective. Each individual piece is part of a group and has an impact on the whole. And because the chain is fundamentally reliant on its weakest link, it is especially important to identify and strengthen that link, to keep holding up that valuable object."

Swinda said, "That is deep, Chichi. But where are you going with this conversation?"

Here is the point Chichi was getting to...

The chain is an analogy for your family, your colleagues, and our community. So ask yourself...

- What if a member of one of these groups were "the weakest link"? How can you support and guide them towards becoming "a strong link"?

- What if you were "the weakest link"? How can you improve your behavior to become a "strong link"?

Now imagine each and every one of us shifting our mindset and taking on the responsibility of being "the

weakest link in our chain." Then individually improving our behavior to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. Imagine the impact our "strong chain" can create here in Paradise (also known as Bonaire). The "upholding of the valuable object", the wellbeing of our community, depends on it.

Remember:

To safeguard the health of your family and friends, your colleagues, and our community...be "the strength of our chain."

Affirmation For Today

My family and friends, my colleagues, and our community are counting on me. Today I am the strength of our chain.

So...think, be equipped, feel empowered, and ...

Live Inspired Today!

Malcolm Wilson is an inspirational speaker, success coach and certified John Maxwell speaker, coach and teacher. Born and raised in Bonaire, his purpose in life is to inspire, equip and empower students and adults to be successful in school, at work and in life. Success is a journey and Malcolm defines success as "Living your purpose, growing into your potential and serving people."

Did You Know?...that Bonaire's only snake species is called a Silver Snake/Kulebra di plata/ Kulebra di suerte?



Even if you don't like snakes or are terrified of snakes, you may just find yourself enamored by this tiny, gentle creature. It's so small that you can barely see its eyes. These snakes don't get larger than 10cm in length, and they have very tiny eyes and a miniature mouth. People sometimes call or app me with photos of this species and insist that it's some kind of strange worm (its name is wormslang in Dutch – worm snake), and find it difficult to believe that it's a snake. I've only seen a few of these in my 20+ years in Bonaire, probably because they are very elusive, living in burrows, leaf litter and termite

nest. It's thought that they spend most of their time eating termites and termite eggs in termite nests. What's super cool is that this snake produces a pheromone (a smell) that masks it from the termites and they don't seem to notice that the snake is there and therefore don't attack!

This snake goes by many other names, including *Leptotyphlops albiglans*, *Epictia albiglans*, Guyana Blind Snake and Wagler's Blind snake (a man named Wagler described it in 1824), and is found throughout northern South America and Bonaire. It's thought that humans introduced this snake species to Bonaire, but nobody knows for sure. What we do know is that, every now and then, a snake makes it to Bonaire uninvited. Last week, STINAPA was called to catch a corn snake living behind Warehouse Bonaire. A couple of years ago, one of these was found near Kaya Amsterdam. We don't know how these snakes arrived in Bonaire, but believe these animals may have been stow-aways in packages/goods that were imported. Although Customs inspects incoming goods for non-native stow-aways, these snakes found a way.



What we do know is that these snakes are not native to Bonaire. If they were to remain in the wild and reproduce, there could be far-reaching consequences to native animals in Bonaire. In Aruba, there didn't used to be boa constrictors. It is thought that someone released their pet boas in the 90s, because now they are everywhere! They estimate that 17,000 birds are eaten by boas EVERY YEAR in Aruba!!!! We don't want that to happen in Bonaire. If you find a snake other than the Silver Snake, call the OLB or STINAPA so that we can do our best to protect our native wildlife.

More information on the ABC amphibians and reptiles may be found in Gerard van Buurt's 'Field Guide of the Amphibians and Reptiles of Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire.'

Written by Caren Eckrich, STINAPA Biologist. Connecting People With Nature.

Photo by Jake Richter

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your very own "My Bonaire Tree", a beautiful Wayaka seedling for \$25 at www.mybonairetree.org. Orders can be picked up at Onnies market on March 20th from 9-12pm. Fifty percent of all the proceeds go directly to Echo helping them continue their reforestation efforts on Bonaire. The NOBO flower pot is produced on Bonaire and made from 100% locally sourced HDPE plastic.

"My Bonaire Tree" is an Echo reforestation project. Until now, the Echo website only allowed supporters to symbolically adopt a native tree. This new venture gives the Bonaire community the opportunity to not only support reforestation, but have their very own tree and help build a connection to nature.

Echo's nursery is open every Saturday from 9-11am. Whether you need one or a

100 plants, Echo has over 50 native species for sale. Prices range from \$10-\$30 per plant depending on size and species.

Miss Tourism candidates take a tour

Tourism Corporation of Bonaire's (TCB) Miss Tourism candidates visited Echo on February 28. The visit is a part of their journey to explore Bonaire's land biodiversity and help them build knowledge to execute their work as nature ambassadors in the near future.

Miss Tourism 2019/20, Rayshantaly Cofie, who recently joined Echo's team, led the young ladies in an excellent tour at Echo's Conservation Center. The Echo team would like to extend the best of luck to all four candidates participating to win the 2021 Miss Tourism crown on Saturday, March 13th.



Miss Tourism candidates take the Echo tour. Echo's community engagement programs are always looking to engage the local community and improve eco-tourism. Echo is proud to be able to work alongside young individuals who value nature.



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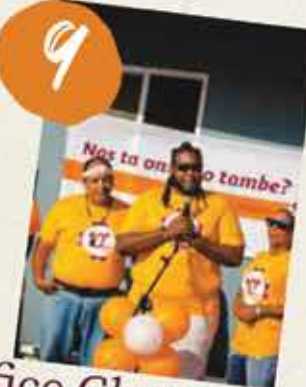
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Billiards	 max 2 pers.
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Bolas	 yes
Boxing	 no
Checkers	 yes, if outdoors
Chess	 yes, if outdoors
Cycling	 yes
Dominoes	 yes, if outdoors
Fitness	 yes, if outdoors
Free diving	 yes
Indoor soccer	 yes, if outdoors
Judo	 no
Karate	 no
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Kickboxing	 no
Kite surfing	 yes
MMA	 no
Optimist	 yes, individually
Scuba diving	 yes
Shooting	 yes, if outdoors
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Sunfish	 yes, individually
Swimming	 yes
Table tennis	 yes, if outdoors
Tennis	 max 2 pers.
Volleyball	yes, if outdoors
Water polo	yes
Windsurfing	yes

What's Happening	
If Covid regulations allow	
Wednesday, March 17	Parliamentary elections on Bonaire
Sunday, March 14	Clean Coast Bonaire. 4-6pm Te Amo Beach. Collect marine litter & data by donating your time working as a citizen scientist.
March 23 -April 13	History & Culture of Bonaire. In English, Tues. & Thurs. evenings. See details page 15.
Sunday, April 4	Easter egg hunt for children under 18. 10am-12pm Dive Friends Bonaire @ Hamlet Oasis. See details this page.
Monday, April 5	Underwater Easter egg hunt. 2-4 pm Dive Friends Bonaire @ Hamlet Oasis. See details this page.
May 28 - 29	BonDoet weekend See page 9.

It is almost Easter!

Therefore Dive Friends is hosting an Easter event on April 4th and 5th at our Hamlet Oasis location!

April 4th: Easter Event

Time: 10am-12pm
Location: Dive Friends Bonaire @ Hamlet Oasis
Events: Easter egg hunt for children under 18.
Find three different colored eggs and get a chocolate egg.
Paint your own egg ornament.
Take pictures with an Easter Frame.
Taste some Easter cookies.

April 5th: Underwater egg hunt

Time: 2 pm - 4 pm
Location: Dive Friends Bonaire @ Hamlet Oasis
There are three great prizes to be won for the best hunters. Make sure to bring your underwater camera with you so you can provide photographic evidence of finding the treasure!
The cost to join in the fun is only \$5 per tank (air). Please make a reservation through info@divefriendsbonaire.com



How to contact...

Fundashon Mariadal: Visitors to the hospital must wear a medical mouth mask. A fabric-mouth mask is not allowed. Until March 12, a visit to Kas di Kuido is NOT possible. Visiting Sentebibu patients is not allowed. Outpatient clinics: regular care will continue, as much as possible via telephone consultation (715 8900). Patients with an appointment are not allowed to bring a companion.

The Chamber of Commerce can best be reached by sending an email to: klanten-service@kvkbonaire.com or 717 5595. Starting on Monday, March 8, the Chamber will only be open to visitors from Monday to Friday between 10am and 1pm. Customers are requested to either pay with a debit card or online as much as possible.

Belastingdienst/Douane (Customs) The office is closed from March 8 till March 29. The port Customs office on Bonaire will remain open. For changes, questions, requests, and customs questions use: Balie@belastingdienst-cn.nl
Residents and companies can easily, safely and quickly submit their tax returns for ABB, LH and the Verzamelloonstaat (Collective Wage Sheet) online to the Belastingdienst.

For help with online returns use helpdesk@belastingdienst-cn.nl
You can deposit documents in the letterbox next to the main entrance of the office of the Belastingdienst.

You can also scan the tax return and email it to Balie@belastingdienst-cn.nl. Submitting tax returns online via the website <https://www.belastingdienst-cn.nl/> is much faster.

WEB Pay online one invoice at a time. A combined payment of water and electricity is not possible. See: www.webbonaire.com and the WEB Facebook page.

The WEB office in Rincon is closed. In Playa a maximum of 30 tickets are distributed. Once 30 have been given, other visitors must leave the waiting area outside of the building and return at a later time. Only one cashier and one information desk are open until March 19th. Visiting the information desk is only possible by appointment. Contact us at info@webbonaire.com +5997158244.

WEB will not proceed with disconnections due to non-payment until March 19th, 2021. WEB services will resolve disruptions in the distribution of water, sewage water and electricity. Other activities will be postponed.

Washington Slagbaai park Open Wed. through Sun. 8-5. Entry until 1:30.
STINAPA headquarters Closed to the public.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS RISK LEVEL 5

Private meetings (e.g. home, beach, or park)	 Max: 1 pers. from outside the household
Prof. organized events see also 'clarification sports'	 No grouping together
Funeral service and wedding ceremony	 Max. 30 pers
Restaurants and cafes (incl. water tours/-restaurants)	 Take-out only
Hotels	 Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: take-out only
Essential shops	 Max: 1 pers. per household (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket
Non-essential shops	 Closed
Churches	 No physical services
Sports activities (also see 'clarification sports')	 Facilities closed. Limited sports allowed. See 'clarification sports'
Work	 Work from home is mandatory where possible
Contact professions	 Closed, unless medical indication
Nightclubs	 Closed
Adult Entertainment	 Closed
Gambling halls, casinos and cinemas	 Closed
Saunas	 Closed
Daytime activities elderly	 Only emergency shelter
Primary education and after-school care	 Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults
Secondary education and after-school care	 Reduce number of students per day
Child care	 Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults



Creating optimal health

by Irene da Cunda Costa

Living Mindfully

What is mindfulness and how can we integrate it in our lives?

The ultimate goal of meditation is not to empty the mind but to be its master without clinging to any particular thought. Through the practice of meditation or mindfulness you can learn to observe how your thoughts flow.

Psychologist William James (1842-1910) coined the phrase “stream of consciousness” pointing to the constant changes in mental life. When you can become an observer and slow down the river of thoughts, then you can also learn to let go of identifying yourself with your thoughts. Once you realize the impermanence of your thoughts and you are able to observe your thoughts passing without attachment then you are meditating.

The goal of meditation should be to increase your awareness of how your mind works. You can identify your tendencies and detect the traps you set for yourself, remember the importance of being thankful and

learn to let go of thoughts that create suffering, such as a grudge. All that involves not identifying yourself with your thoughts.

Not much is needed to start practicing, just a quiet place, some dim light and a few minutes to commit to this training. When you want to train for any skill, you first need to practice it in close to ideal conditions. Only after you master it can you bring it to your regular life. This is the ultimate goal of mindfulness; to be integrated in your daily life, as any other mind-body integration technique.

In two of my previous articles, I wrote about breathing, one in the last issue of 2020 and the other in the first issue of this year. I described breathing as the magic bridge between the autonomic and the voluntary nervous systems. Start your practice by focusing on your breath and refer to those articles in case of doubts. When you feel that your attention is flooded by all the inputs coming from your breathing, keep your focus there and enjoy

all the sensations. I can assure you that your attention will be drifted from your focus, but that is not a problem, you only need to gently bring it back. Your attention will be carried away by the list of groceries, or the conversations you had in the morning with your spouse or one of your kids, or that project that is not going anywhere. I assure you this will happen. Once you are aware that you drifted, be gentle and kind with yourself by first acknowledging that thought, make a mental note, then let go of it. After that, bring your attention back to your breathing.

Don't judge yourself for the thoughts, that might be the most difficult part. Mindfulness is about focusing, equanimity and being nonjudgmental. All these skills need to be trained to be used in our lives. The more you practice the sooner you will catch your wandering mind and bring it back to your breath, taming your mind, making it focus on what you want. Soon you will want to use other focuses like gratitude, forgiveness, loving compassion or your specific projects. Whatever you want to focus on, it will be much easier once you master mindfulness, and become the master of your mind.

Irene is passionate about health, neurosciences and personal growth. Originally from Uruguay, she is an Integrative Psychotherapist (PNIE), Life Coach (ICF), Master in Nutrition(IUSC) and Yoga Instructor.



Making Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

We are going to make it.

Recently I watched a TV program that captured my interest immediately.

A very motivated group of young scientists wanted to do something special. They invited young people with disabilities and asked them what they would need to make their life more complete. And how and why that would make their life a lot easier.

They organized brainstorming sessions and spoke with all who reacted. They then chose two people: an 11 year old girl with severe limitations and a young man in his 30's.

The girl wanted to be able to swim by herself and stay afloat without any help. The young man wanted a way to take pictures and watch birds easier.

Two scientists took the challenge and started visiting the girl and young man. They asked the participants to show how they handled their problems now. Family-

members were interviewed and pictures and videos were taken. Once again, the girl and young man were asked to explain very precisely what they wanted, and why.

The two scientists set off to work checking the available materials, taking measurements, making prototypes and then showing them to the participants. The first testing took place and with all test results they could move on.

The scientist who worked with the young man worked very hard but things went wrong every now and then. After a while he developed two devices: one to hold binoculars that he worked with a remote control. The other device also used a remote control and operated the camera. The scientist and young man went on a field trip with the equipment and everything worked as they hoped. The young man was very happy because now he could go birding and did not need anybody's help.

The woman scientist who worked with the little girl made another prototype and took it to the water, for the girl to test. The mother was involved every step of the way. All three ladies were very happy with the result, but the device needed a little adaptation. Once completed the little girl could swim on her back all by herself for the first time of her life.

It was very touching to see, and it made me understand how important it is to always work together, gather information, share information, be honest and dare to ask.

I know that we do not have scientists on Bonaire or on the other islands. But we are a part of the Netherlands and the U.S. is only a two and half hour flight away. In the U.S. there are hospitals for veterans, where rehabilitation is happening 24 /7.

The technicians I wrote about can also be approached. Maybe people with disabilities on Bonaire could also take part in studies with them.

Currently aids for the disabled are hard to come by. And mostly the patients have to pay for them and that is very costly.

We should put our heads together and get a fitting solution for everyone involved. We are going to make it.

Ask a Geek by Brian Niessen

Contacting a Brick and Mortar Business Online

How many times have you sent an email or a Facebook message to a company to ask a question?

How many times did you receive an answer?

Here on Bonaire, there are some companies that are very responsive to a request, answering questions such as “Do you have this in stock?” or “Can I make a reservation?”, but they are the exception to the rule.

Unfortunately, most of the companies and especially government services either just ignore, or in the case of one of them, delete the message without reading. (You know that if you send a message with a “Return Receipt Requested”, you may get an email telling you what happened to your message such as “Read”, “Read and De-

leted”, “Deleted without Reading”. Facebook messages will say if they are “Sent”, “Delivered” or “Seen”.

Now this wouldn't be such a big deal if the companies or service agencies did not suggest for you to use messaging or emails as a way to contact them, especially now when customer service phone lines are usually clogged.

Over two weeks ago, I sent Facebook messages to three of the suggested Facebook accounts trying to contact WEB with a question about the water system. As of today, not a single one has even seen the message. To easily keep track of your Facebook message conversations, use www.messenger.com instead of www.facebook.com

[facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

As more and more people are staying home and using the internet for business and personal purposes, it behooves businesses to appoint a communications person to at least acknowledge the request and pass it along to the proper person for a response. Otherwise it feels like we are just whispering into the sky.

As a bit of a survey, please email the editor of the Reporter, (BonaireReporter2019@gmail.com), with your experience and we will give a summary of the online customer service quality on Bonaire in the next issue.

PS. Off topic a bit - but this is for the businesses that only advertise in Dutch. Please post your ads in English as well. We'd love to support you.

Need help? Contact the Geek.
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Get vaccinated *continued from page 1*

False claim: We are already protected by our immune system. Our bodies are equipped to fight infectious microbes, but only the ones they already know about. Our immune systems are ignorant of Covid-19. The vaccine will teach them to recognize the new virus and build antibodies against it.

False claim: The vaccines will damage our DNA. Snippets of messenger RNA play a role in some vaccines. DNA is a different genetic material than RNA and is unaffected by the vaccines.

False claim: The new vaccines were not sufficiently tested. None of the vaccines were released for public use until they passed all three clinical trials. The Phase 3 trials tested the vaccines for effectiveness and safety in thousands of people, both those in the group who re-

ceived the vaccine and a control group who received a placebo instead.

False claim: We don't need to be vaccinated. The claim that the recovery rate from the disease is 99.97% is both untrue and not entirely relevant. That rate would mean only three people die of every 10,000 people infected. However, the actual recovery rate is roughly 99%, or about a hundred deaths among every 10,000 infected. And survival is not the only issue. Infected people sometimes suffer terribly from the covid virus, and some never recover completely.

Uncertain claim: The vaccination is dangerous for pregnant women. That may or may not be correct, but no one may ever know. Medical researchers do not put pregnant women at risk, or any humans, in order to deliberately find out whether something bad will happen. In an abundance of caution, pregnant women are not being vaccinated except in extreme circumstances.

True: The "anti-vax" movement opposes the corona vaccinations. The anti-vaxxers are opposed to all vaccines. Every day children are dying needlessly around the world because the anti-vaxxers falsely warned parents against the measles vaccine. Social media has been blamed for allowing the anti-vaxxers to spread their unfounded claims so easily.

The naysayers say crazy conspiracy stuff. For instance, some claim covid vaccination is a plot by Bill Gates to take over the world. Some say it contains a microchip that governments can use to track us. Some say it is made from aborted fetuses. Stuff like that.

Doctors and medical researchers are knowledgeable people who work hard to keep us safe. The naysayers can claim no credentials and seem to have different, less transparent objectives. *Don M. Ricks. Ph.D.*

Picture Yourself Getting the vaccine

Since Covid-19 struck last year, one of our favorite features, *Picture Yourself*, has taken a vacation because you, the reader, can't hit the highways or airways. With everyone getting the vaccine, and doing their part to make the world covid free, we thought it would be fun to feature YOU doing your part. We will post the photos on our Facebook page. **So take your selfie** and let us know who you are, where you are and any other interesting details. Everyone is welcome! Hey, you could win a prize! Stay safe!

Carole took her selfie at Bonaire's Jorge Nicolaas Sports Complex on Kaya Amsterdam. She wrote:

First one down 1 more to come! The lady who was vaccinating me is Anna. The whole operation was so well organized and people were so lovely. I did see some people get a bit emotional- as did I... it is a relief! Right?!



Pet of the Week: Zaira



Hello all, This is Zaira!

She's a two year old, medium sized, female dog. She was very scared at first but when she gets close to someone she's the sweetest. Zaira needs time to get to know someone and to trust them. She also goes really well with other dogs. She is healthy, vaccinated, sterilized and ready to meet her new owner soon! Want to come pay her a visit? Don't wait any longer to make an appointment to see this sweet girl! Call or Whatsapp us at 701-4989 during the hours of 9 am-1 pm and 3-5 pm

Story and "selfie" photo: Edseyenne "ZaZa" Pietersz

Shelter News



Shelter and Pakus di Pruga temporarily closed due to regulations

Due to the new Risk Level 5 government regulations, Animal Shelter Bonaire and Pakus di Pruga (the Shelter's second-hand store) will be temporarily closed to the public at least until 20 March. While staff and some volunteers will continue to care for our furry residents, no visitors will be allowed on the property for everyone's health and safety in accordance with the new rules. Shelter staff are available by phone (717-4989 or 701-4989) to assist you or answer your questions as best they can. The Shelter and the Pakus will reopen as soon as the Risk Level 5 requirements are lifted.

For those who wish to make donations for the Pakus di Pruga, you can leave them outside the front gate of the Shelter on Mondays through Saturdays before 3 pm. Staff will retrieve them and bring them inside. You can also drop off your donations at the Pakus on Saturdays from 8 am- 4pm. *Jane Disko*

**STAY SAFE, WEAR YOUR MASKS!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU VERY SOON!**

Bonaire History and Culture course postponed to March 23th.

André Nahr and Boi Antoin will explore Bonaire's history from the arrival of the first inhabitants 3600 years ago to the start of Bonaire's Modern Times. The seven presentations will be taught in English over six days beginning March 23 through April 13. The class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings held at FuHiKuBo, Kaya Irlandia 12, next to the Extra newspaper office.

To sign up for this fascinating event, call 717-8482 (Extra) between 11am and 4pm or email: shirleymartis2001@hotmail.com.

Price is \$ 95. per person. Only 14 spots available for the class, so sign up early.

Help us celebrate April Fool's Day

Our next issue is March 24 and we would love to see your best 'fool day photos' or read your tall tales. Let's beat the Covid Blues with something funny... Deadline is March 19.



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Bonaire street art projects. Taking into consideration the location space, Tymon painted an amazing portrait of a Cuban musician to a building at Hofi Kultural. Another interesting addition at Hofi Kultural is a brain coral pattern he painted on the walls.

The artist brought to life two walls at the new Tiki bar across from the Havana bar with a striking portrait of a young Polynesian girl titled Leilani. The wall painting portrait was selected as one of the best murals in February for streetart-cities.com.

To wrap up the visit, many of the Street Colors kids, Hofi Cultural staff and the artist traveled by bus to view the art accomplishments during this

stint. Also on board, was art lover and Commissioner of Social Affairs, Education, Culture, Public Health and Youth Nina den Heyer. On the tour, everyone was treated to ice cream from Bonaire's only ice cream truck at the Bonaire Marine Center compliments of owner Louis and Els Posner. At the Hofi Kultural stop, snacks and drinks were served and Tymon gave an explanation of his work there. The final leg of the tour ended at the Tiki bar wall mural.

The next and final visiting Street Colors artist is scheduled for mid-April. Street Colors Bonaire is a collaborative project of Hofi Kultural, Platforma Kultural and Rewriters of Rotterdam. For more information visit www.hofikultural.com/ www.streetcolorsbonaire.com.

Story & Photos Julie Morgan (*Tymon de Laat (Reporter Feb 24 – Mar 10)



Street Colors Talent Group and Tymon de Laat take a break from painting the wall at Bonaire Marine Center



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COVID-19 measures per risk level



This overview indicates which measures (at least) apply per risk level on Bonaire. In each subsequent risk level, the other measures of the previous levels remain in effect. Depending on the situation, it can be decided to deviate.

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	Risk level 1 Alert	Risk level 2 Worrisome	Risk level 3 Menacing	Risk level 4 Serious	Risk level 5 Very Serious	Risk level 6 Lockdown
Private meetings (e.g. home, beach or park)	Basic rules	Max: 25 pers	Max: 10 pers. (excl. kids <13 years) <i>Advice: stay home for vulnerable groups</i>	Max: 2 households with max 10 pers (> 13 year). <i>Advice: stay home for vulnerable groups</i>	Max: 1 pers. from outside the household	Stay home as much as possible. Only go out with roommates
Prof. organized events (See 'clarification sports' for sports events)	Basic rules	Max: 50% capacity and 50 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing	Max: 50% capacity. Inside: max 25 pers. Outside: max 50 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing	Inside not allowed. Outside: max. 50% capacity and 25 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing.	No grouping together	No grouping together
Funeral service and wedding ceremony	Basic rules	Max. 100 pers	Max. 100 pers	Max. 50 pers	Max. 30 pers	Max. 10 pers
Restaurants en cafes (incl. watertours/-restaurants)	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check. No singing/dancing	Max: 50% capacity. Fixed seats. Closing time 00:00	Max: 4 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Closing time 22:00	Take-out only	Closed
Hotels	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: 'level 4 Restaurants and cafes'	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: take-out only	Bar/restaurant only open for hotel guests
Essential shops	Basic rules	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 1 pers. per household (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 1 pers. per household. Mandatory cart/basket
Non-essential shops	Basic rules	Basic rules	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years)	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years)	Closed	Closed
Churches	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Go home directly after service. Sing softly with windows open	Max: 50% of the capacity. Go home directly after service. No singing	No physical services	No physical services
Sports activities (also see 'clarification sports')	Basic rules	Registration obligation, health check and no audience	Max: 50% capacity inside, 100% outside (for >18 years). Go home immediately after exercise	Max: 50% capacity inside, 100% outside (for >18 years). Go home immediately after exercise	Facilities closed. Limited sports allowed. See 'clarification sports'	Facilities closed. See 'clarification sports'
Work	Basic rules	Basic rules	Work from home as much as possible	Work from home as much as possible	Work from home is mandatory where possible	Work from home is mandatory where possible
Contact professions	Basic rules	Basic rules	Face mask	Face mask	Closed, unless medical indication	Closed, unless medical indication
Nightclubs	Basic rules	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Adult Entertainment	Basic rules	Basic rules	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gambling halls, casinos and cinemas	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 02:00	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 00:00	Closed	Closed
Saunas	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 02:00	Max: 50% of the capacity	Closed	Closed
Daytime activities elderly	Basic rules	Basic rules and 50% capacity	Basic rules and 50% capacity	25% capacity	Only emergency shelter	Only emergency shelter
Primary education and after-school care	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Only emergency shelter
Secondary education and after-school care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Reduce number of students per day	Only emergency shelter
Child care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adult	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Only emergency child care
Complaints Stay at home and call 0800-0800	1.5 meters Keep at least 1,5 meters away from others	Avoid crowds Avoid forming large groups with other people	Wash hands Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds	Do not touch Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth	Cover Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a handkerchief	Ventilation Provide good ventilation indoors
			Always comply with the basic rules		Cleaning Frequent cleaning of premises	

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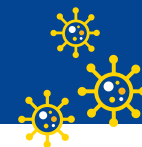


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Clarification Sports

COVID-19 measures by risk level



Sports activities

Sports activities are understood to mean engaging in a sport. In the list below you can see which sports may be practiced at each risk level, provided the general risk-level measures are adhered to. Children under the age of 18 may continue to play sports regardless of the level. From level five onwards they are no longer allowed to exercise indoors.

	Risk level 1 Alert	Risk level 2 Worrisome	Risk level 3 Menacing	Risk level 4 Serious	Risk level 5 Very Serious	Risk level 6 Lockdown
Athletics	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually	✓ yes, individually
Baseball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Basketball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Beach tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Beach volleyball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Billiards	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no
Bodybuilding	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Bolas	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Boxing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no	✗ no
Checkers	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Chess	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Cycling	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Dominoes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Fitness	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Free diving	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Indoor soccer	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Judo	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Karate	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Kayaking	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Kickboxing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Kite surfing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
MMA	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Optimist	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Scuba diving	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Shooting	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Soccer	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Softball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Sunfish	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Swimming	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Table tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no
Volleyball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Water polo	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Windsurfing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually

