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George Kultura Thode plays the donkey jaw at Mangazina di Rei
Photo Julie Morgan

See Feel and Taste Bonaire Culture

Mangazina di Rei, (storehouse of the King) built in the 1820s is just outside of Rincon at the top of a hill that once overlooked fields of rich agricultural land worked by slaves. Following the abolition of slavery in the 1860s, the storehouse fell to ruin and was forgotten. But in the 1970s when Francisco Broertje Janga, Rincon politician and founder of Dia di Rincon, rediscovered the building on an iguana hunt, he set out to restore the building with its unique history. Finally in the 1990s together with Edith Strauss-Marsera, Boi Antoin and Ever Piar Mangazina di Rei was renovated to become a place to keep Bonaire cultural heritage alive.

Since then, Mangazina di Rei keeps growing and improving. The storehouse houses a historical museum and learning center with amazing old photos, videos and artifacts of the past. There is historical information on various parts of Bonaire including Lake Goto, Karpata and of course the cradle of Bonaire, Rincon. Displays contain cultural information about music, cooking, architecture, the language of Papiamentu, farm life, donkeys and a lot more.

Every month the event Nos Zjilea (our desire/yen) is held on the last Saturday. The event tag line says, "See Feel and Taste" the culture of Bonaire and this could not be more accurate.

There is always fresh, local food, homemade juices, sweets, locally made crafts and of course live music from local bands with cultural

dancing that everyone is invited to join. And if you are lucky, you can enjoy freshly baked bread from a stone wood oven prepared right before your eyes.

The Reporter always looks forward to the Nos Zjilea presentations as there is so much to learn. In months past there has been fire jumping you can actually try,

the making and use of the Bari (a drum), local cooking demonstrations, cultural traditions during the holidays, how to make a boat...too many to list.

In the most recent Nos Zjilea, a presentation on saving Bonaire's historic donkeys was given by Al Catalfumo and Michael Obersi from the Bonaire Donkey Protec-

tion League (BDPL). Since 2013, the organization has worked to find a balance for the donkeys and humans. Bonaire's donkeys are direct descendants of the African Wild Nubian ass that are almost extinct and for that reason alone they need protection. The Bonaire government has set a 2030 date to eliminate Bonaire's donkeys. BDPL has a better solution by relocating them to areas with water and plant grasses for food. Sick or wounded animals would be treated at the Donkey Sanctuary.

Felomena Beaumont demonstrated how to make Calabas syrup from the trees ripe fruit. The crowd was invited to taste the fruit and the sweet syrup.

George 'Kultura' Thode, head ranger at Washington Slagbaai National Park demonstrated the use of a donkey's jaw as a historical musical instrument. In the distant past, Bonaire musicians used the jaw like a type of maraca. As in most early cultures, everything was put to use and not wasted. If a donkey died the head was dried and the jaw was removed, and it became an instrument.



Mangazina di Rei Photo Julie Morgan

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European and Caribbean Netherlands not getting along together

Szabó vs Island Councils

Accompanied by deputy Clark Abraham of Bonaire and deputy Bruce Zagers of Saba, the Island Councils of the BES Islands flew to The Hague (again) for a one-hour meeting, this time with State Secretary Zsolt Szabó on March 24. The delegation had requested the meeting in a letter (reportedly strongly worded) that objected to Szabó's decision to retain the position of State Secretary despite a previously negotiated agreement that the position would be terminated. The delegation also demanded a stronger voice in decision-making that affects the islands.

At the meeting and afterward Szabó responded in offended language. He considered the letter not only inappropriate, but further evidence that the islands need continued supervision from the European Netherlands. He emphatically declared the issue decided. He also indicated that he considered meeting with island councilors to be below his pay grade. He announced he would deal only with executive boards in the future. The councilors should concern themselves with local matters, he said, and if there was anything he wanted them to know, the executive council would tell them about it.

Landfill Problems

As Bonaire's landfill situation keeps getting more intolerable, Deputy Clark Abraham says he has "a vision" of how to solve the many problems.

Acting National Representative Jan Helmond has told the Executive Council to come up with concrete improvement plan by April 4, or he will again take over the job, and permanently.

Fuel Supply

In 2021 the central government formed Bonaire Bon Transition BV (BBT) and gave it control of the island's fuel supply, which had long been managed by the local government. The action was taken because the fuel tanks at the airport, through which every drop of fuel burned on the island passes, were deteriorating and no longer met safety standards. The local government didn't recognize the need to replace them.

Now BBT is shutting down, control of the fuel supply has been returned to the OLB, and no new fuel tanks are planned.

The fuel facility continues to operate under temporary permits with lower safety requirements. Those permits expire on April 1, 2026. The Environment and Transport Inspectorate says it will shut down the fuel facility then if it still fails to meet the safety requirements.

The Executive Council is pleased to have control again and points out it still has a whole year to repair the tanks to make them safe. It also wants the 5 million euros remaining in the BBT bank account.

Bonaire Civil Rights Office

Looks like our civil rights may turn out to be well protected. The Ministry of Justice and Security previously planned to establish Civil Rights Legal Desks on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. At these sites residents of the respective islands would be able to get easily accessed information and guidance when confronted with complex legal and administrative procedures with the government and government agencies. The Legal Desks should have been operating already, but "the implementation" of that project "has been delayed" according to a government spokesperson, as have many of the promises made by the preceding Dutch Coalition.

Now Deputy Clark Abraham intends to establish a "Bureau Burgerrechten Bonaire" conceived on a similar design that would provide the same services to the citizenry. It too would offer free help and would function "independently of administrative influences." According to the Executive Council announcement, recruitment and training of staff will start soon.

Issuing Environmental Permits

In 2023, an investigation by the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate uncovered many shortcomings in the way environmental permits were issued on Bonaire. The Inspectorate recommended the VTH (permit issuing) tasks for construction, nature and environment on Bonaire be transferred to Europe "in the short term."

A widely supported motion in the House of Representatives agreed with the transfer and urged haste. No action has been taken. Now coalition leader/deputy Clark Abraham is affirming the island wants to retain authority over the VTH tasks. *DMR*

Sports facility lighted and screened

INDEBON has installed LED lighting to illuminate the beach sports courts at Rudy Boezem and screening to shield the courts from the wind.

Wind screening is planned for other sports facilities as well.

DMR. Photo via OLB

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Welcome to the Bonaire Reporter's
April Fools Day Edition

If you see the fool at the end
of a story you've been fooled.
The laughs on us!



Dia di Rincon has begun



With the raising of the Rincon flag near St Louis Bertrand Church and lighting of the flame near the statue honoring Francisco 'Broertje' Janga on March 29, a month long celebration for Dia di Rincon 2025 officially began.

This is only the second year for Sende Mecha, the lighting of the flame, and hopefully it will become a tradition. The people of Rincon, many dressed in cultural attire, came dancing and singing from the North, South, East and West to meet at the four corners next to the plaza honoring the founder of Rincon Day, Francisco 'Broertje' Janga. Each group brought a torch to simultaneously light the flame signifying the start of the fes-

tivities which will end with the grand celebration of Dia di Rincon on April 30.

Rincon Day was established in the 1980's by Broertje Janga to preserve the cultural heritage and traditions of this oldest city in the Dutch Caribbean. This is the 36th year for the Rincon Day celebration and the theme is Kunuku, promising real insight into Rincon's culture and traditions.

Leading up to the actual Rincon Day, in the next two weeks the celebrations are: Den Trin on April 4, festive gatherings at various Rincon barrios; Festival Kanto Krioyo, a competition for adults and youth in singing, poetry, songwriting

and storytelling held April 9 - 12; Luna Yen, a full moon celebration April 13 and the selection of an infant, youth and adult Miss Rincon will be at Jong Bonaire on April 13.

Other events include Simadon (harvest) parade, veteran football (soccer), a film premiere on Dia di Rincon, music,

cultural food events and more.

The complete schedule of events is published in *The Reporter* online, page 17 and on *The Reporter* Facebook page. And as the weeks pass we will highlight the not-to-miss events.

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POLICE REPORT

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Property crimes

Mar. 24. Two black electric bicycles (E-Bikes) type V8, which were parked at a building on Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot were stolen between 5 and 11 p.m.

Mar. 18. Between 7 and 9 p.m. a cardholder with cash, a driver's license and a gold chain were stolen from a car parked on Kaya C.E.B. Hellmund in front of Fort Oranje.

Mar. 18. Thieves broke a lock on a sliding door of a home on Kaya Kuerde. and stole a "55 inch" Samsung television, two laptops, one HP and one Lenovo, an Ipad mini, a box with various jewelry, a baby G watch and a Nikon watch.

Mar. 17/18. Between 4 p.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday thieves destroyed two padlocks locking a container at a construction site on Kaya Aleksandrit. They took various Makita tools, including 2x jackhammers, 1x saw, 2x sanders, 1x wooden sander, 1x chainsaw, 1x cutting machine and an electric planer. A generator and a machine charger were also taken.

Mar. 17. Between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. two bags with contents were stolen from a car parked at Altamira Unjo in Rincon. The bags contained, among other things, a wallet with various cards, a Samsung A33 phone, a Go Pro 4 camera and batteries.

Mar. 14/15. Between 7:15 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday thieves destroyed a fence surrounding a house under construction at a kunuku located on Bará di Karta. They took, among other things, tiles, a rainwater barrel, a water tank and plywood roof panels.

Arrests

Mar. 25. In the early morning hours a home in Amboina was searched under the BES Opium Act. A man, 32, was arrested and several articles were seized. In addition, a woman who was on our island illegally was found at the address. She was handed over to the KPCN Aliens Control Department and was deported to her country of origin on the same day.

Mar. 24. Around noon a man, 22, was arrested at Bario Puente Afó for vandalism and violation of the BES Weapons Act. The suspect is said to have destroyed a car tire with a knife.

Mar. 21. Around midnight a man, 45, was arrested at Kaya Hulanda for assault and assault with a weapon.

Mar. 20. Around 10 a.m., a third suspect, a man, 29, was arrested at the police station for public violence and serious assault. This arrest is part of the investigation into the brawl on Kaya L.D. Gerharts in the evening hours of Sunday, March 2.

Traffic checks

Mar. 19. During an evening traffic control on Kaya Niki-boko Zuid nine cars and two scooters were stopped for a check and four drivers were fined: 3x for driving without valid insurance; 1x for driving without a helmet.

Fines for traffic violations vary between \$30 and \$225.

Mar. 25. In the afternoon three fines were issued and one vehicle was towed away for illegal parking in the Centre Area. Parking on sidewalks or in places without parking spaces is prohibited. Offenders can receive a fine of up to \$85, and incorrectly parked vehicles can be towed away at the owner's expense.

Driving under the influence

Under the policy 'botsen is blazen' ('to collide is to blow') a breath test is given drivers involved in accidents.

Between Feb. 15 and Mar. 26 nine drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One driver drove into a lamp post; one hit a rock on the side of the road and his car was then too damaged to drive. Patrols stopped five vehicles (including a scooter) for erratic driving. Two cars collided with another vehicle and one driver was arrested for leaving the scene of the accident.

Two drivers received a 4-hour driving ban and two

received a 5-hour driving ban. One file was sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office and two driver's licenses were confiscated.

Two drivers could not show a driver's license and one was unable to show any insurance papers. The scooter's passenger was not wearing a helmet.

Traffic accidents

Mar. 24. Around 7:50 a.m. a scooter was driving towards Rincon when a donkey crossed the road. The driver collided with the donkey and fell off his scooter. As a result, he suffered abrasions and seriously injured his foot. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance. The donkey ran away.

Mar. 24. Half an hour after midnight a quad collided with a pedestrian on Hanchi Amboina. The driver of the quad said that a man standing on the side of the road suddenly crossed the road in front of him and he couldn't swerve to avoid him. The pedestrian had no visible injuries, but did complain of pain. The ambulance personnel treated the victim on the spot. The driver of the quad blew negative on the breath test. The victim displayed several characteristics of someone under the influence of alcohol and was taken home by an acquaintance.

Mar. 17. Around 2:10 p.m. a car and a fat bike collided at the intersection of Kaya Antonio P. Neuman and Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot. The fat bike was speeding. The underage driver of the fat bike was injured and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Mar. 17. Around noon a mini crosser crashed into a wall on Kaya De La Plata, injuring the young driver. She was treated by the ambulance crew and taken to the hospital. The minor driver stated that she was riding the mini crosser and tried to brake, but the brakes did not work. The minor's parent said that her other young daughter was also on the crosser, but had jumped off the crosser before the driver hit the wall.

Mar. 16. Around 10 p.m. a car collided with a donkey. The injured driver said that he was driving on Kaya Macario (Cai) Sint Jago and in a fraction of a second saw a donkey appear on the street, which meant he had no chance to swerve. As a result, he collided head-on with the donkey. The impact caused him to hit his head against the window and his body against the steering wheel. The donkey fled, but the car was left behind with considerable material damage. The victim was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Mar. 16. Around 6:35 p.m. a minibus crashed into a lamppost and overturned on its side. Because there was also a gasoline leak, the fire brigade was also sent to the scene. The driver said she was driving north on Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot when a vehicle from Kaya Zephyr suddenly appeared in front of her in the bend. Because she tried to avoid a collision she lost control. All occupants, the driver and two minors, were taken to the hospital by ambulance. Traffic was temporarily regulated by the police and the KMar until the services had completed their work.

Mar. 16. Around 1 p.m. a car and a scooter collided on Kaminda Djabou due to the failure to give way. The ambulance personnel treated the driver of the scooter on the spot.

Fire

Mar. 24. Around 6 p.m. the central control room received a report of a house on fire at Kaya Pal'i Funchi. When the fire brigade and the police arrived, the residents had extinguished the small fire in the living room themselves. They said the fire was probably caused by a lighter that had fallen on the floor. No one was injured.

Mar. 18. Around 9 p.m. the central control room received several reports about a large fire at the Lagun landfill. The large fire of plastic waste caused large clouds of smoke, so nearby residents were evacuated. The road to the landfill was closed off by the police. The Forensic Investigation (FO) department arrived on site to investigate the cause of the fire. Items that may be relevant to the investigation were also seized. The investigation is ongoing.

Public order

Mar. 16. Around 7:20 p.m. when a patrol was driving on the Malekon the officers heard loud banging noises coming from motorcycles driving behind them. The officers stopped in the middle of the street and checked all motorcycles, including a number of mopeds, scooters and quads. One of the vehicles was not insured and the driver did not have a driver's license. The driver was fined and the scooter was confiscated.

Dogs bite kids

Mar. 16. Around 6:30 p.m. the central control room received a report about two dogs attacking a child while he was cycling on Kaya Pilon. The child was injured and was taken to the hospital in a private car. The caller stated that they had been experiencing a nuisance for years from dogs jumping out of the garden. Up until now, however, nothing serious had happened. The owner of one of the dogs had not lived at this address for years and had left the dog with his acquaintances. Officers decided to take the dog to the owner's home address where the dog must be kept on a leash to prevent it jumping over the fence again. The local police officer will speak to the owner of the other dog.

Mar. 11/13. Around 1:30 p.m. the central control room was informed of a child who had been bitten by a dog while cycling two days earlier on Kaya Rafaela. The caller stated that he had taken his child to the hospital for medical treatment, but because of the new situation, he now reported it. The child stated that he was cycling when suddenly two dogs came out of a fence and started running after him. He tried to kick one of the dogs, but the dog bit him in his left leg. The officers searched the area, but did not find the dogs. Furthermore, the caller stated that another of his children had been bitten by a dog in the past.

Kids on bikes

Last weekend, the police received several reports of nuisance caused by young people, both in Playa and in residential areas.

Mar. 14. In the evening a caller reported a group of young people on Kaya J.N.E. Craane who were cycling dangerously and in the wrong direction in traffic, causing drivers to brake suddenly. Police found the young people cycling and spoke to them. Two of the bicycles were taken to the police station because they had no lights. The boys will be allowed to collect the bicycles if they come to the police station with their parents and the necessary lights.

Around 9:20 p.m. on the same day, the central control room also received a report about a number of young people at Bario Manparia Kutu who were throwing stones. The caller stated that he was on his way to his home when a number of young people were standing on their bicycles in the middle of the road, one of whom was wheeling. When he honked at the youngsters to get off the road he heard a bang, probably a stone against his car. The officers were told that this happens often in the neighborhood.

These situations have the attention of the neighborhood officers and this behavior will be dealt with strictly. KPCN also asks parents to talk to their children about their behavior and the consequences thereof. For example, that the safety of others and of the young person themselves is at stake. If you cause a nuisance with your bicycle, the bicycle will be taken to the police station.

Police seek witnesses to shooting

The police are asking witnesses to a shooting to come forward. The shooting occurred the evening of Sunday, March 2 on Kaya L.D. Gerharts in the center of Kralendijk. Subsequently a surveillance camera at the Misa di Playa roundabout recorded a gray Changan SUV with tinted windows driving away at high speed. The police want to talk with anyone who witnessed the shooting or recognizes the vehicle. DMR

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.

Poke-rods are prohibited here

Dear Editor,

Last week, diving from Park Isidel, I saw two divers with poke-rods clipped onto their BCDs. Not just one diver, but two.

What I'm calling a poke-rod is a thin metal rod, usually about 24" (60 cm) long, usually attached to a lanyard. In charades, I asked the group leader who was carrying one, what it was for. He showed me how he could use it to point at things.

I held up my fist and extended one finger -- happy that, for the moment, I'd had the self-control to extend my forefinger -- and pointed to it with my other forefinger. Maybe if the guy figured out that he could point with his finger...

In more than 8000 dives, and more than 46 years of dive guiding, I've never seen an experienced diver use a poke-rod. Also, I've never seen a single circumstance in which only a poke-rod (not a finger) could point something out.

However, I've seen divers do other things with a poke-rod besides point:

Poke the bottom near a scorpionfish (or moray, octopus, banded coral shrimp, etc.), then slide the rod toward the critter to make it move.

Actually poke a critter.

Poke at a lionfish -- after all, they argue, lionfish are invasive. Note: lionfish are protected, as is everything in the BNMP. Divers might consider, instead, taking a lionfishing course and trading the poke-rod for a lionfishing device.

If you are a poke-rod user, it should be clear to you now why poke-rods are prohibited in the BNMP. Please leave the thing in your room. Your dive buddies are perfectly capable of seeing what your finger points at!

If you're not a poke-rod user, good for you!

Dee Scarr

Bonaire to Introduce "Siesta Enforcement Drones" to Ensure Everyone Naps Between 1-3 p.m.

Starting next month, tiny solar-powered drones equipped with lullaby speakers and coconut-scented mist will patrol neighborhoods to gently enforce the island's new mandatory siesta policy. Anyone caught mowing lawns, checking emails, or being too enthusiastic will be serenaded into submission by a steelpan remix of "Despacito."

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Trump announces plan to make Bonaire the 53rd State: "It's already using the dollar, folks!"

In a surprise press conference held on a yacht just off the coast of Mar-a-Lago, President Donald J. Trump announced his boldest promise yet: making the tiny Caribbean island of Bonaire the 53rd state of the United States.

"Bonaire—beautiful beaches, clear water, terrific diving—I mean, the best diving. People say it's the best in the world. And guess what? They're already using the U.S. dollar! Did you know that? Most people don't," Trump declared, flanked by a flamingo in an American flag bandana.

The island, a special municipality of the Netherlands, has been quietly using the U.S. dollar since 2011. Trump claims this is "clear proof" the island is already "basically American" and just needs "a little Trump magic" to make it official.

"We're going to build resorts, golf courses, maybe a few tasteful casinos," Trump said. "And we're going to call it... Trumpnare. Or maybe BONAIRICA. We'll see what polls better."

Critics immediately pointed out that the United States currently has 50 states, not 52, let alone 53. When asked about the discrepancy, Trump explained:

"Well, you've got the lower 48, then you've got Alaska, Hawaii, and I always count Florida twice. It's just that great."

The Dutch government issued a brief statement in response: **"No."**

Residents of Bonaire were caught off guard. Some welcomed the announcement, mostly because they thought it might mean a direct Target delivery service. Others were less enthusiastic.

"I just want to be left alone with my goats," said Kuku farmer Jopie Martis. "And I don't want to start spelling things like 'color' without a 'u.'"

As part of the transition, Trump suggested building a "Caribbean Space Force base" on the island and renaming Kralendijk to "Trumpendijk."

Meanwhile, Joe Biden was asked for comment and replied, "Wait, we're invading where?"

Stay tuned for more updates, unless this all mysteriously disappears tomorrow morning.

BN 

Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob -

Are counter-offers not used on Bonaire? I started off with a lower offer and the Seller just rejected it, and didn't make a counter offer. I raised my offer a little and they rejected it again. How do I know what price they'll take if they don't make counter offer? Thanks, Jed

Hi Jed,

That's a good question. Counter offers are done here on Bonaire, so I'm guessing if you received two rejections to your offers, the offers you made were simply too low for the Seller to want to enter a negotiation. Of course, it never hurts to ask.

However, homes on Bonaire are usually priced for sale at their market value or close to it, but not always. Most homes on Bonaire sell within 5% to 10% of their asking price, and many will sell within just a few percentage points of the asking price. We are a small island with a limited number of properties for sale and you have a lot of competition from other buyers who also want to own property here, especially in the below \$500,000 USD market. Low offers are not a good strategy here.

I understand wanting to "get a deal" but try to re-set that thought to consider that the best deal is owning a home on Bonaire. That's what we did. My wife and I paid the asking price for our home.

Best of luck in finding your Bonaire home, let us know if we can help!

Regards,

Bob Bartikoski,

Re/Max Bonaire Broker/Owner

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Kultura said, "We are trying to save the culture of doing this by bringing it back, along with the Bari (hand-made drum), Quatra (a type of guitar) and Wele (metal slide)."

A performance was given demonstrating the music of all four historical instruments.

Last year Mangazina di Rei celebrated its 200th anniversary and more renovations were made to the property and building including an extended shaded performance area, paving and concrete walkways and a kid's play area. For more information about Mangazina di Rei and Nos Zjilea visit <https://mangazinadirei.org> or on [Facebook](#).

Story/Photos Julie Morgan



Dia di Rincon - the movie

Sendion Balentin of Balentin Creations, Calvin Richi films and SpovMedia are currently in production of a short 10 minute cultural and historical film for Dia di Rincon.

Calvin said, "The film depicts people living out on the farm with minimal tools and a lot of effort. And how those people interacted with each other, looked out for each other and tried to correct the freeloaders."

The film includes local folk music with performances by Bonaire musical stars Luis Moka and Elia. The first screening for the promotional film will be April 16, 7 p.m. at Cocari in Rincon.

Julie Morgan photo

Messner-Henning and Henderson officially wed underwater

On Friday, March 28, the crystal-clear waters of Bonaire witnessed a historic moment, the first underwater wedding was conducted by a government official at the dive site Angel City.

The bride and groom, Holly Brie Henderson and Derek Patrick Messner-Henning, are Canadian citizens who first visited Bonaire two years ago. Enchanted by the island's natural beauty, shore diving freedom and vibrant marine life, they knew this was the place to say "yes" underwater.

The ceremony was officiated by Dennis Martinus, a certified scuba diver and wedding official for the Public Entity of Bonaire. Thanks to his unique combination

of training and heart for creating meaningful moments, this dream became a legally binding reality.

In full scuba gear, Holly and Derek exchanged vows and wrote "YES" on underwater slates before surfacing to sign the official marriage certificate (akte di kasamentu) on shore, surrounded by the required six witnesses.

The couple was lovingly supported by six volunteer divers who serving as witnesses, made this extraordinary one of a kind ceremony possible: Thursten Winklaar, David Martinus, Robin Redelijkheid, Ismar Enriquez Iglesias, Aaron Skeates and Chantelle Skeates.



"This was more than a legal union, it was a poetic celebration of love in its purest form," said Dennis Martinus. "As a wedding officiant, I always go the extra mile to make each ceremony unforgettable. Last year I arrived by windsurf for a couple who met on their boards.

I've also performed ceremonies on Seru Largu, Klein Bonaire, on a two-deck boat, in a flower garden, in a church and on several beaches, even in Medellin, Colombia, and in the Netherlands.

This year, I celebrate my 10th anniversary as a wedding officiant, and this moment was the perfect way to mark it."

The ceremony was made possible with the professional guidance and support of 4 Wheel Dive, and some of the stunning images are shared courtesy of underwater photographer Casper Douma.

With this underwater wedding, Bonaire confirms once more that it's not just a diver's paradise, it's also a place where love runs as deep as the sea.

(A wedding on Bonaire is not recognized as legally binding unless a sworn government official performs the ceremony.)

Dennis Martinus /
Photo Casper Douma.



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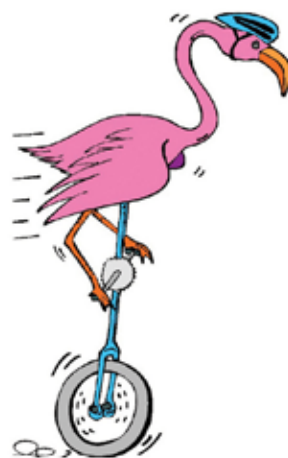
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Police get bodycams this week

As of April 4th, the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (Korps Politie Caribisch Nederland, KPCN) will officially start wearing bodycams on Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba. Bodycams are small cameras worn visibly on police officers' uniforms. They objectively record the actions of the individual police officer and anyone they are engaged with during enforcement actions.



For citizens, bodycams provide extra reassurance that their interactions with the police are fair and handled with care. For officers, the footage serves as protection in cases of uncertainties or complaints. Additionally, recordings allow for incident analysis and continuous professional development. International experiences show that bodycams strengthen mutual trust and reduce the number of incidents.

Officers wear the cameras visibly and announce when they begin recording, either verbally or via a camera signal.

The footage is securely stored and used solely for investigation and complaint handling, following strict privacy regulations. Only authorized personnel have access under specific conditions. Storage duration is limited, and unnecessary footage is deleted in a timely manner. *DMR*

All garages fail environmental inspection

The Supervision and Enforcement Directorate (DTH) and the Netherlands Environmental Agency (ODNL) inspected 47 garage companies on Bonaire in March. The inspections were intended to determine whether the garages on the island were complying with environmental regulations. More than 200 written warnings were issued. No garage met all the criteria.

Most violations concerned insufficient soil protection and unsafe storage of hazardous substances. As well, 44 of the companies had failed register with the Public Entity Bonaire, as required.

The inspections will be repeated in eight weeks. *DMR*

Climate slogan winner

"Our Island, Our Responsibility." That is De Pelikaan Primary School's winning submission for the climate slogan contest organized by the Bonaire Climate Table. De Pelikaan, and the other two participating schools, De Aquamarin Primary School and Liseo, were rewarded with local trees to plant. *DMR*

Truck wreck spills oil at Karpata

A tanker truck overturned and spilled diesel fuel into the sea at Karpata on Sunday, March 30. Bystanders were filmed carrying the driver to a vehicle to take him to the hospital, where he is receiving medical treatment. The truck was carrying 29,000 liters of diesel, but the oil spill was not large and emergency measures were taken immediately.

A vacuum truck from BOPEC removed the remaining diesel from the site. A crane recovered the truck. And part of the affected area was covered with sand.

According to STINAPA and the Harbor Master, the leaked diesel did not pose an immediate danger to the marine park. The thin oil layer will float on the surface and quickly evaporate. *DMR*

Arson suspected at landfill again

Another fire at the Lagun landfill was reported early in the morning of Thursday, March 27. While the fire brigade was fighting that fire, a second report came in about a small fire at Morotin in Rincon. Both fires were quickly brought under control and extinguished. Selibon reported the Lagun fire remained a smoke nuisance. The fire occurred in the new section of the landfill of the Waste Center where household waste and bulky waste have been dumped. Local authorities issued a warning to residents to keep their windows and doors closed.

According to local residents, it took more than two hours before the fire brigade and police arrived on the scene. As with the previous fires, arson is suspected. Deputy Abraham does not rule out 'terrorist motives.'

DMR

Walk or ride Special Olympics WALK-A-THON MAY 4, 2025



Walk-a-Thon 2024, Photo Julie Morgan

Mark your calendar for the Special Olympics Walk-a-Thon 2025 held May 4. Bring your friends and family to walk or bike the 30k distance from White Slave to Rincon to raise funds for Bonaire's Special Olympics team. More details on [Special Olympics Bonaire](#) on Facebook.

Jeu di Boules Club Bonaire invites you to play



Photo Julie Morgan

People recognize this game on Bonaire as Bolles, Bola, Bocce or Boules. The main difference is the geography, size of boules (balls), how and where the boule is thrown from, number of players and terrain. Whatever you call it, the rules are basically the same: the goal is to throw your ball closer to the little ball than your competitors.

The French version of the game, Petanque (boules), is now being played at Happy's and everyone is invited to join. Times are every Wednesday and Saturday from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Come and give it a try. The club has boules or you can bring your own. And if you like it, several shops on Bonaire offer sets of boules for sale. Contact Peter Overman +599-796-4037 or email jeudeboulebonaire@gmail.com.

Rare coral eating crab behavior photographed by Alev Ozten Low



Hoary Rubble Crab. Photo: Alev Ozten Low

A local diver's nighttime find is sparking global interest after capturing never before seen crab behavior. During a night dive at Tori's Reef on Bonaire, local naturalist and photographer Alev Ozten Low captured something no one had ever officially documented before: the tiny hoary rubble crab (*Banareia palmeri*) was observed cutting off and carrying away the tip of a live coral. This was the second time she had photographed this crab, the first time being 5 years ago at a Northern dive site where two other individuals were observed, one cutting a sea fan and the other a soft coral. This fascinating behavior reveals that this elusive crab might actually be a coral predator living among the reefs of the Dutch Caribbean. Working together with marine biologists from Naturalis Biodiversity Center, this unique crab behavior was recently described in a newly published [scientific article](https://www.dcbd.nl/resource/3975), highlighting the value of combining local observations with academic research to uncover new insights into the Dutch Caribbean's marine life.

(<https://www.dcbd.nl/resource/3975>)

A Coral Snipping Specialist

While underwater photographers have long noticed this crab perched on soft

corals, this is the first time anyone has documented it actively cutting off pieces of coral. With saw-like claws, the crab snipped off a coral branch several times its size and hauled it down to its hiding place, behavior more commonly seen in some snails and worms, but never before in this species of crab. Older museum specimens confirmed that the crab has the tools for the job: sharp-toothed claws that can cut through the tough, rubbery coral skeleton. The sightings suggest this behavior may be common, but just rarely witnessed due to the crab's small size and nocturnal habits.

What This Means for Coral Reefs in the Dutch Caribbean

Coral reefs are delicate ecosystems, and understanding every player, especially hidden ones like crabs, is crucial. While the crab is small, its repeated damage to coral tips could influence coral health and growth patterns. It also raises questions about coral regeneration, species interactions, and reef resilience in the face of climate change. These kinds of discoveries highlight the richness and complexity of life in our waters and the importance of monitoring even the most overlooked reef inhabitants.

Citizen Science in Action

This discovery is also a great example of the power of local citizen science. Without the keen eye and curiosity of an experienced local diver, this behavior may have gone unnoticed. It's a reminder that anyone with a mask, fins, and a camera can contribute to science. So next time you're out diving or snorkeling, keep an eye out, and your camera ready. You never know what new behavior, species, or mystery you might help uncover.

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The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) supports (science) communication and outreach in the Dutch Caribbean region by making nature related scientific information more widely available through amongst others the Dutch Caribbean Biodiversity Database, DCNA's news platform BioNews and through the press. This article contains the results from several (scientific) projects but the projects themselves are not DCNA projects. No rights can be derived from the content. DCNA is not liable for the content and the in(direct) impacts resulting from publishing this article. *DCNA*

Article originally published in DCNA March BioNews



Alev Ozten Low

Formerly working in the Tech field in Silicon Valley, Alev, originally from Turkey, moved to Bonaire 11 years ago. She became a dive instructor, began doing REEF Fish ID surveys, observing fish behavior and took up underwater photography eight years ago.

Alev said, "Once you can name a fish then you can observe it properly."

Visit her Facebook page [Alev Ozten-Bonaire fish](https://www.facebook.com/AlevOztenBonaire) and her website [Bonairefish.com](https://bonairefish.com) for links to some amazing and rare photos and videos of fish behavior.



Hoary Rubble Crab. Photo: Alev Ozten Low



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Creating Optimal Health

by Irene da Cunda Costa
Evolutionary Gap. Part 2

Evolutionary changes take millions of years to happen. In the previous issue I wrote about how we are wired to eat as much as possible when food is available and rest as much as possible to preserve energy. Another challenge in recent decades has been the thinning of the ozone layer and sun exposure. Evolutionary speaking, humans wouldn't have survived without sun exposure. For thousands of years, we lived naked or almost naked exposing our entire body to the sun. The sun is not only not the enemy, but the sun is also necessary for our health.

The human body produces vitamin D in the skin with the help of the sun's ultraviolet rays. Rickets is a condition that occurs in children when they do not receive enough sun. Vitamin D and phosphorus deficiency causes bones to soften, leading to flaccid legs and other malformations. Not only does vitamin D help bind calcium and phosphorus in the bones, but this vitamin also strengthens the immune response.

The sleep-wake cycle is governed by the production of certain hormones and neurotransmitters. Many sleep disorders are usually resolved or alleviated by about 20 to 30 minutes of exposure to sunlight. A good night's sleep reduces chronic stress levels and, in turn, regulates the production of other hormones.

The seasonal affective disorder described in Nordic countries, which includes depressed mood, lack of energy, sleep problems, changes in appetite and weight, affects people who have a normal mood for most of the year but have these symptoms during the fall or winter, when exposure to sunlight decreases. Its treatment consists of exposure to sunlight or artificial lights that contain the full spectrum. The aim is to encourage the body to generate hormones and neurotransmitters that regulate mood and sleep.

During the day, the sun's rays have different inclinations and different effects on our body. One hour of sun exposure in the morning is what is recommended to set the internal clock, improve mood and have a good night's sleep. But the sun around midday is the one that helps the most in the production of vitamin D. This is also the sun that causes the most damaging burns if you are not careful.

Therefore, after some years of an almost globalized phobia of the sun, we have realized that this has generated various deficiencies and disorders. Today we understand that moderate exposure is not only advisable, but necessary; evolution could not be so wrong, but of course, it did not count on the thinning of the ozone layer. The phrase: "the poison is in the dose" also applies in the case of sun exposure; excessive sun causes premature aging and various skin lesions that can lead to cancer.

For thousands of years our physiological mechanisms have adapted and have been governed by our brilliant friend, remember the poison is in the dose. We have evolved exposed to the sun, the problem of the thinning of the ozone layer involves regulating our exposure, but in no way blocking it 100%.



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.

Kralendijk to Get Its First Traffic Light *Chaos Ensues*



In a stunning leap toward modernity (and mild inconvenience), the local government has announced plans to install Kralendijk's first traffic light at the intersection of Kaya Grandi and Kaya Neerlandia.

"We've had four near-collisions and one awkward wave-through this year," said Transport Minister Ana Martis. "It's time for bold action."

Locals are split. Some welcomed the move with cautious optimism.

"I guess it'll be good for the tourists," said shop owner Luis Thode. "If they ever figure out it's not a Christmas decoration."

Others are preparing for the worst. "My goats don't respect stoplights," warned kunuku resident Elvi Winklaar. "If they see red, they charge."

A brief trial run of the light last week ended in confusion when drivers thought red meant "go if you feel like it" and green meant "take a selfie."

To ease the transition, officials are offering free workshops titled "What is a Traffic Light and Why Is It Yelling at Me?"

Construction begins next week. The new light will flash pink at night "just for vibes." *BN* 🦄

A Garden? Just Do It! - Poisonous plants and pets

by Angliet, Nature Lover

Sometimes people approach me asking what plants are safe for pets. This is difficult to answer because I don't have enough knowledge on this subject but I can give you some information.

For the majority of plants, only certain parts of a plant are poisonous. It is rarely the whole plant, but it can be the roots, leaves or fruit. Just like with our food there are parts of certain plants we don't consume. Think of the tomato plant, eggplant, the flowers of potato plant, the seeds of spinach or the saliva or juice of certain plants. For pets it is the same.

Here is a list of plants that grow in gardens or as potted plants in the house. There are way more toxic plants, but for now these are known to me. When you design your garden, keep these plants in mind, if you have pets.

Here are some poisonous plants:

Oleander (very poisonous) • Aloe Vera (juice is poisonous) • Jade plant • Dieffenbachia (very poisonous) • Dragon Ivy • Peace palm • Palm lily • Indoor palm • Caladium • Swiss cheese plant • Philodendron • Tulip • Golden rain (Latin name: *cytusus laburnum*) • Yucca leaves • Pepper tree (*Daphne mezereum*) and • Dracaena (dragon plant).

Safe plants for your dog and cat.

Golden palm • Pineapple • Calathea • Banana plant • Spider plant • Pan cake plant • Arundina • Aralia.

How do you recognize poisoning? Pets can become unwell:

Vomiting, severe skin irritation, coughing, excitement, severe diarrhea, excessive saliva, loss of balance, muscle cramps, lethargy, bleeding, shortness of breath, muscle tremors and no energy

What to do when your dog or cat has ingested something bad:

Give laxatives; Induce vomiting (only helps shortly after toxins); Give Norit (helps sometimes, not always); Administer specific antidote: symptom control.
*Don't use salt to make your pet throw up.

For pets a yard is great. The space they have to play and move around gives such a freedom and is very healthy for their muscles and wellbeing. But for gardeners it can sometimes be, grrrrrr grrrrrr.



Dogs like to dig holes in the shade where the soil is soft and usually where you just dug a hole and planted some nice looking fruit trees. So Bella the dog is happy with that spot, to dig another hole and lie down sweet and cozy. But you just planted some young trees there and the roots can be damaged if not the whole plant. Cats like to pooh in the soft soil and cover it gently. No problem, until you go with your bare hand right there to add some dirt. Needless to say your hand is covered with pooh and also smells. If you want to have pets, consider these problems and if possible make a fence for your garden. It prevents a lot of stress, irritation and or disappointment.

People's lives are filled with happiness when there is life around them, plants and or animals. They bring a kind of holistic impact on body, mind and soul. It gives peace of mind and satisfaction. We enjoy the moments in the garden and consuming the food from your garden gives a connection with nature and self esteem because of the success in producing your own healthy food. Garden creativity is food for the soul, a natural gymnastics for the body and it makes friends. It's a kind of healing to our total system. All I can say is: Go Green and enjoy.



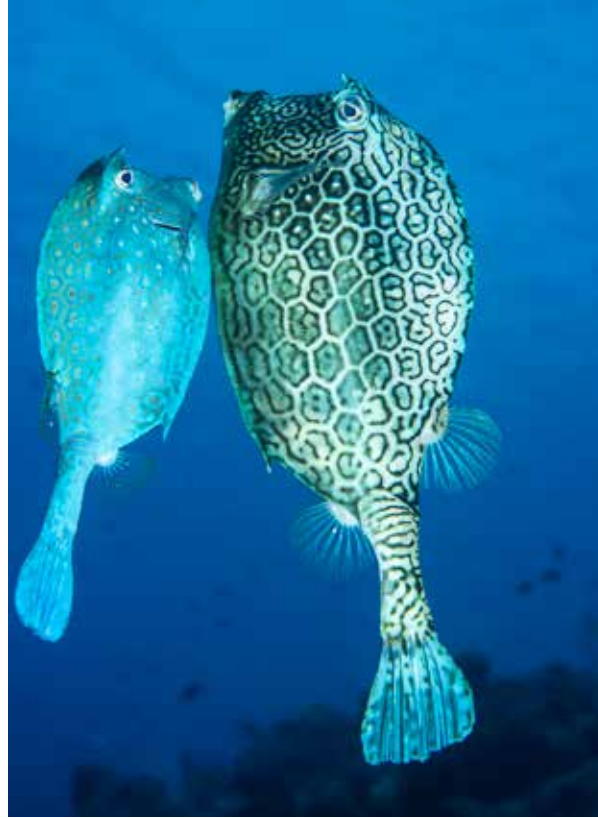
Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, and trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.

Reef Glimpses

Recognizing Fish Flirting

(no, not with you, with another fish!)

by Dee Scarr



Some Pacific cowfish are known to spawn at dusk. Our honeycomb cowfish certainly do not, since we saw a pair courting at around 4 p.m. (1600) on a day the sunset was more than two hours later. One sign of flirting cowfish is the intense pale turquoise color of the (probable) male, who is generally the smaller of the pair. Once the object of his affections accepts him, they swim toward the surface, release gametes, and bolt back to the reef. Photo Julie Morgan

who didn't pay any attention to each other, or to me, or to the kids who were jumping into the water from the floating pool nearby. Then the smaller of the two turtles surfaced for air, then the larger surfaced, then they each returned to graze on that grass patch.

Later, in standing-depth water, I noticed a maculated flounder giving me the eye. Really, I thought he was looking at me just like the flounder friends I had made years ago, by bringing shrimp and other delicacies. I knew he couldn't be an old friend of mine, so I shifted position and looked around. There, so close to me that I hadn't

seen her, was the true object of the maculated flounder's attention: another maculated flounder, a beautiful little lady.

How did I know she was a she and he a he? By their pectoral fins, which, in flounders, are the fins facing the water's surface. The female has a small pectoral fin, and the male's is long, and used for display to the female. It's the flounder version of a peacock's tail.

As the days get longer and the water gets warmer, more fish will be courting. How can you recognize them?

One way to recognize courting fish is by their interest in each other. Although some butterflyfish and angelfish routinely travel in pairs, they don't show any interest in each other unless they're courting.

Trunkfish and cowfish are usually solitary, so if you see two or more interacting with each other, you're probably looking at some level of courtship. Cowfish display especially intense, glorious blue colors during courtship, and even trunkfish colors intensify when they're courting.

Identifying reef inhabitants is fun, and fish surveyors learn a lot. But, there's more than just learning names. The next level beyond surveys is understanding behaviors, and having a clue as to their cause.

Although I have to admit, I really liked thinking that the maculated flounder was flirting with me...

Dee Scarr began diving our North Pier in 1981, and has logged more than 1000 dives there. However, until Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire volunteers began collecting fishing line -- which can drown sea turtles -- Scarr's efforts to remove line were barely noticeable. After the very first STCB line collecting dive, all the line draped between the pilings was gone; our turtles are safe from entanglement thanks to STCB!



Vegan baked and stuffed sweet potato for two

Chef Corjan Hoogerheide, Lekker Thuis Restaurant



Pinch of Zeeland salted black garlic

Grind all ingredients in a food processor until fine

Heat the stuffed sweet potato in the oven and garnish with the warm asparagus and fried bimi and the fried oyster mushrooms, serve the kalamata sauce with some olive pieces.

Each issue Chef Corjan Hoogerheide of Lekker Thuis shares the recipe for one of his personal dishes created from Bonaire's fresh ingredients.



1 large sweet potato • 50 g (1/2 C) Vegan grated cheese • 50 g (1/2 C) Cashew nuts, coarsely chopped • Southern fruits (dates, apricots, plums) cut into pieces • 4 oyster mushrooms, fried golden brown • 2 green asparagus, cooked • Zeeland salt with black garlic (substitute Black garlic and Bonaire sea salt)

Rub sweet potato with olive oil and sprinkle with Zeeland salted black garlic. Wrap in aluminum foil and cook sweet potato in oven at 150 degrees Celsius (302F) for 45 minutes.

Remove skin from cooked potato and cut in half. Use a spoon to scoop out some of the insides to create a boat shape. Chop this finely and mix with the cheese, dried fruits and cashew nuts and fill the potato with it.

Beer battered broccolini: 150 g (5.5 oz) beer • 100 g (3/4 C) self-raising flour • Zeeland salt with black garlic • Freshly ground pepper • Bimi (broccolini) cooked

Make a batter from the ingredients and dip the cooked bimi in it and fry it at 180 degrees (356F) but keep it brown.

Kalamata sauce: 100 g (3.5 oz) Kalamata olives • 1/2 dl (3.5 T) olive oil • 1 tablespoon mustard • 1/2 dl (3.5 T) soy cream • juice of 1/2 lemon •



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Thurs. April 3	0730-1500	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION 130 guests	North
Mon. April 7	0600-2359	GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS 2440 guests	South
Tues. April 8	0630-1800	SIRENA 824 guests	North
	0700-2000	AIDALUNA 2500 guests	South
Wed. April 9	0830-1700	ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS 3840 guests	South
Sat. April 12	0830-1700	ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS 2440 guests	South
Tues. April 15	0700-1700	CELEBRITY BEYOND 3260 guests	South
Wed. April 16	0730-1500	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Thurs. April 17	0830-1700	CELEBRITY REFLECTION 3046 guests	South
Mon. April 28	0730-1800	GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS 2440 guests	North
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Animal Shelter: Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. phone/whatsapp: 701 4989 or 717 4989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. NEW open Friday 9am till 4pm as well as for the cruise ships (schedule can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/BonaireArtsandCraftsCruiseMarket/)

Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei in Rincon: Tues.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 8-noon

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Marshe di Playa Local market Sat. 9-1. Kaya Industria, by Warehouse Supermarket.

Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter flea market.): Kaya Gilberto F Croes, just past Caribbean Laundry. Saturdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pakus raises funds for the Animal Shelter by selling recycled and affordable clothes, furniture, books, music, housewares and more.

Terramar Museum Mon-Fri 9-2. Kaya J.N.E. Isla Riba 3. Admission \$10. Residents \$5. Tours \$20. Children under 12 free. +599 701 4700 https://www.facebook.com/terrarmuseumbonaire/

STINAPA headquarters: Mon-Fri 8-4. +599 717 8444. After hours: +599 777 8444.

Washington Slagbaai Park: Open Tues. - Sun. 8-5 (entry to 2:30 p.m.) \$40 (Free with Nature tag)

March 15 - April 5	Art Expo Lize van de Ven at Sobremesa, Abraham Boulevard 10.
March 15 - April 8	Mixed Singles Tennis Competition Group-stage matches played every Saturday 4-8 p.m. at Eddie's Courts.https://bonairetennisassociation.com/events/
Saturday, April 5 Sunday, April 6	Sports Expo - Discover your sport - try out over 20+ sports. See posters for different sports you can try pgs. 19-20 The Reporter online. Sat. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Locations: Parke Tului and George Nicholas Sports Hall (Sat. & Sun.) Playa Stadium (Sat.) Rudy Boezem (Sun.)
April 4 - 13	Pre-Rincon Day Events https://www.facebook.com/diadirincon Apr. 4. Third Special Edition 7 p.m.- 12. By the cemetery Apr. 9, 10 & 12. Krioyo Song Festival 8 p.m.-12. Antonio Trenidat Stadium Apr. 11. Youth Folk Song Festival 8 p.m.- 12. Antonio Trenidat Stadium Apr. 13. Full Moon Festival 8 p.m.- 12 at Dam Pariba
Thursday, April 10	Town Hall Meeting (Ban Topa) on subsistence, poverty and the high cost of living on Bonaire. Walk-in with buffet: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Ban Topa: 6:30 – 9 p.m. Location: Jong Bonaire. Register conference@bureauncdr.nl
Sunday, April 13	Presentations with a Vegetarian Dinner: Phytotherapy. Herbs. Three Aspects of health. 3:30 - 7 p.m. \$75 pp. CSI Comprehensive Health Center Whatsapp: 7953473 (Spanish/Papiamentu) 7962059 (Dutch/English) page 13.
Sunday, April 18 Sunday, April 20 Sunday, April 21	Good Friday Public Holiday. Much is closed. Easter Sunday Public Holiday. Much is closed. Easter Monday Public Holiday. Much is closed.
Saturday, April 26	Nos Zjilea Cultural Event 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink.
Wednesday, April 30	Rincon Day Public Holiday. Lead up events throughout April. https://www.facebook.com/diadirincon Playa Rincon 41st Comcabon Run 6 a.m. Comcabon invites runners aged 16 and over to run a 14-kilometer race as individuals or as relay teams of four covering 3.5 kilometers. Register Indebon. April 25, 5-7 or April 26, 3-5.

Coming Up

Sunday, May 4	Special Olympics Bonaire Walk-a-Thon
May 22 - May 25	PWA World Cup for youth windsurfers on Bonaire. Afterwards the young windsurfers can fly to their sister island, Aruba, to compete in the Aruba Hi-Winds 2025, May 28 - June 2
May through July Wed. June 25	100 days of Captain Don. Captain Don's Habitat diving resort will celebrate with lectures, presentations, parties, raffles, music and great photo opps. The grand event on Don's birt@hday, June 25, will be like the old days with a free rum punch party, music and snacks.

Sobremesa Kas di Arte View or buy art from Bonaire's local artists. Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10. For those who love to make art themselves:

- Every Sat 11 - 2. Open Art Studio. \$5 to use our space and materials but no guidance. 12+
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You can help keep Bonaire clean	
Saturdays	One Hour Cleanup Power. Weekly coastal clean up every Sat. 9 – 10 a.m. Location on FB: https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanUpPower/
Sunday, April 13	Clean Coast Bonaire. 4-6 p.m. Boka Onima. Donate your time. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire
Saturday, April 26	Quarterly Clean up Dive, Dive Friends. Held January, April, July and October. Everyone is welcome. If you don't dive, you can snorkel; if you don't snorkel, you can help out on shore. https://www.divefriendsbonaire.com/eco-activities/quarterly-clean-up-dives/



WEB reconfigures its electricity distribution network

WEB is expanding its distribution capacity with a new site called WEB Nobo. The site will be put into operation between March 31st and April 4th.

After a careful risk analysis, WEB does not anticipate power outages, but

if outages occur, personnel are ready to act quickly to keep any interruption to a minimum.

Bonaire is growing rapidly, and as a result, the demand for electricity is increasing. More homes and businesses require

a stable and reliable power supply. WEB Nobo, a project which took almost two years to complete, is now ready to go into operation to ensure sufficient electricity distribution capacity for the island's future.

WEB Press Release

Workshops begin for Fishers and Marketers



Piskabon and FKUP (Federashon Kooperativan Uni di Produkshon) launched a workshop for fishermen and marketers on March 25. In a packed hall at the Antriol Avanti Foundation, 17 participants began the first of a six night workshop with topics to enhance the livelihood of Bonaire's fishers.

Topics and discussions for the workshop will be: 1. Personal development and training, 2. Fishing for now and in the future, 3. Hygiene and quality of fish, 4. Entrepreneurship and 5. Safety at sea.

Piskabon is grateful to all participants who registered for the workshop and wish them much success.

Members of BJSC shined in ABC2025 Chess

The ABC2025 chess tournament for U13 in four categories was recently held in Curaçao. Bonaire won gold in two categories as they did in 2022. In 2023 Bonaire took one gold.

Daniel Fernandez Ojeda won in the U10 category for boys and Keilany Bernabela won in the U13 category for girls with a rating of 1453.

The Bonaire Youth Chess are extremely happy with these results which fortunately turned out much better than they thought after some set backs. But with the competitors' intense training the results were good.

We want to thank Indebon for the trip and Kathiuska Ojeda for guiding the children.

Serapio Pop,
Trainer and coach of BJSC.



Top: Champion U10, Daniel Fernandez Ojeda
Bottom: Champion U13, Keilany Bernabela

Bonaire Approves Plan for Cruise Ship to Become Floating Sovereign Nation

In a bold move blending tourism, diplomacy, and sheer absurdity, Bonaire has approved a pilot program to anchor a cruise ship offshore and declare it a **floating sovereign country**—with a small catch: it'll still need power from WEB Bonaire.

The ship, to be renamed **M/V Libertania**, will be permanently moored off the coast near Kralendijk. Although independent in name, the floating "nation" will rely on an underwater power cable provided by WEB, "just to keep the AC and buffets running."

"Think of it like Vatican City," said unofficial Prime Minister-at-Sea, Captain Randy von Snoek. "But with more karaoke and shrimp cocktails."

Passengers will technically be in international waters but are still encouraged to spend money onshore "because sovereignty doesn't cover souvenirs."

The Netherlands has not officially responded, though an anonymous Dutch official was overheard muttering, "If it keeps them busy, fine."

Local reactions are mixed. Some worry about jurisdictional chaos. Others are excited for dual citizenship and unlimited brunch.

The new micronation is expected to print its own currency, tentatively called the **Flamboyant Dollar**, but will still accept U.S. dollars, euros, and Tikkis.

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STINAPA preparing for next crocodile rescue



STINAPA wants to be ready with a well trained staff the next time a crocodile shows up on Bonaire. Their search for someone to bring in to teach the rangers and staff is ongoing. Their requirements for the job are exacting. They want an experienced expert with a successful history of rescuing stray crocodiles. The expert must have developed a good methodology they can explain and demonstrate. Also, STINAPA wants to assure their rangers receive hands-on training. So they're looking for an instructor who will bring their own crocodile. Photo STINAPA 🇬🇵

Church Services

Roman Catholic Churches Bonaire

- **Parish La Birgen di Coromoto (ANTRIOL):** Holy Masses: Mon-6:30 a.m.; Tues & Thur -7:30 p.m. Sat-6 p.m. (English) / 7:30 p.m.; Sun-7 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 6 p.m.
- **Parish San Bernardo (PLAYA):** Holy Masses: M. W. F. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-9 a.m./7 p.m.
- **Parish Luis Beltran (RINCON):** Holy Masses: Tu. W.Th. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-7 a.m./10 a.m.

International Bible Church of Bonaire (HATO): Kaya Papago 104. Sun: Worship Service & Children's Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Services in English.

United Protestant Congregation

- **(KRALENDIJK),** Plaza Wilhelmina: Sun 10 a.m. Services in Dutch
- **(RINCON)** Kaya C. D. Crestian: Sun 8 a.m. Services in Papiamentu/Dutch

We do invite you soon to a keynote lecture and dinner



Jose R



Esther F



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Keynote lecture • phytotherapy and herbs from Bonaire, • importance of having a healthy life in three aspects: physical, emotional and spiritual and • a vegetarian dinner. Sunday, April 13 3:30 to 7 p.m. CSI Comprehensive Health Center (Kaya Papa Cornes #47 Antriol) Whatsapp: 795-3473 (Spanish / Papiamentu) 796-2059 (Dutch / English) Cost \$75.

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Collum

This is Collum.

Collum has been with the shelter for one year and he is about 4 years old. He came to us because his owners left the island. Even though their neighbors took him in he kept crying at night and they could not keep him. His heart was broken, but overtime it healed. Now he is our little lion, with a very big heart. Collum is very laid back, and loves to be petted. He deserves a

Pets of the Week

If you would like to meet our cats and dogs, please come to Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26A. Open Monday - Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. You can call 701-4989 or 717-4989 to make an appointment via whatsapp, facebook messenger, or email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

second chance at a loving home. Because Collum is so relaxed, he is also perfect with kids.

Come meet Collum at our cat palace! And let this little lion steal your heart!

Story / Photo: Bo Attevelt

Meet Mispel!

Mispel is a loving, four-year-old girl with a heart of gold! She came to Animal Shelter Bonaire almost a year ago after her five

little pups were brought to us.

This cuddle queen adores snuggles, likes playing with other dogs, and has so much love to give. After being a devoted mom, it's finally her turn to be spoiled!

Could Mispel be the missing piece in your home? Come meet her soon, she's ready to steal your heart!

Story / Photo: Marissa Lamers



Mispel

Animal Shelter Bonaire Benefit Evening Raises \$23,000

An evening filled with culinary surprises, entertainment, and heartwarming support brought people together for a good cause during the first-ever Animal Shelter Bonaire Charity Event on March 19, 2025. Held on the beautiful grounds of Chogogo Bonaire, guests, sponsors, and volunteers united to raise funds for the daily care of the animals and the construction of a special puppy cuddle corner. The result? An unforgettable evening and an impressive fundraising total.

On March 19, 2025, the Animal Shelter Bonaire Charity Event took place at Chogogo Bonaire, and we are proud to say it was a great success. Thanks to the generous contributions of our guests and sponsors, we raised a fantastic total of \$23,000. Every dollar will go directly toward the daily care of our animals and the development of the new puppy cuddle corner and surrounding kennels.

We are deeply grateful to the Schellevis family, Chogogo Bonaire, Biña Restaurant & Bar, and Peter and his team, whose support and dedication helped

make this event possible. We also want to thank all attendees, our wonderful guests, and all the volunteers for their contributions to this special evening. In addition, we are incredibly thankful to the sponsors who donated the most amazing auction items and helped make the night such a success. A complete list of all businesses, organizations, and individuals who supported this event can be found at the bottom of this release.

Sophie and her girls from So Dance kicked off the evening with a spectacular dance performance full of energy, flair, and glitter. Auctioneer Michiel van Bokhorst led a lively and humorous auction, keeping the momentum going and boosting the total funds raised with his charisma and enthusiasm.

Thanks to the warmth and involvement of everyone who helped, we are determined to make this event an annual tradition. Together, we continue to work toward a better future for the animals of Bonaire.

Thank you all!

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Animal Shelter Release

Make Bonaire Accessible by Ria Evers-Dokter

Can we order, please?

This Thursday I was invited to a lunch near Trans World Radio. The pupils of the M.B.O. had invited the elderly of Bonaire to come and join them for their special program.

There was a lunch with special invitees and from 3 till 6 p.m. an afternoon filled with music by the Hofi Kultur-Orchestra and fun and games. I wanted to attend both.

When we arrived at the place where lunch was served I was pleasantly surprised. I noticed the sign-language specialist indicating something to a young girl. The girl smiled and signed us welcome and to come further and enter the building.

We entered a big room that was decorated for an Easter feast. Self-made colorful wind-spirals and a bare tree full of brightly colored eggs. The four tables were set and each table had a hand-painted stone with a number on it. There was a big screen on a wall showing the kitchen, preparation of the food, the waiters crafting the decorations and more. We were also filmed by Big Papa.

This was for us an indication that it was something special.

On each table were menus placed for each guest. The menu was interesting. At each item, there was a picture and an empty little square: one had to write a cross in the square of the particular food you wanted to order. It was specially designed for the staff to recognize and not have to read.

There was a choice for soup, a burger with different toppings, a desert and a choice of drink.

The waiter or waitresses came to the table, asking us if we had made a choice, took the filled in menus and went into the kitchen.

When the orders were ready, they were served and we enjoyed a delicious lunch. The awa di lamunchi was also very nice.

To the side there were coaches and teachers who helped and instructed in a quiet way. The staff also helped each other where needed.

They were not my grandchildren, they were not my pupils, but I was filled with a pride beyond words. It made me feel all emotional.

What happened here I had always wanted to see. Here were special needs students working in a restaurant, serving food and drinks to the public.

Here were people who believed in their students and who guided them in a way that made these students proud of their work. Here were people who gave these kids a chance and saw what they were worth. They knew that it was possible, if you only give them a chance and guide them properly with love and patience.

A big shout out to the restaurant staff, their trainers, teachers and the people believing in them.

I really do hope that this will be an ongoing project and create jobs especially for all the special needs students.

Hats off.



Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she also used to work as a director at FKPD and started Special Olympics Bonaire. She took care of her husband (R.I.P) for many years and feels that accessibility is the most important issue on our island.

All Buildings On Bonaire To Be Painted Flamingo Pink By 2026

In an effort to boost tourism and “create visual harmony with the local wildlife,” Bonaire officials have announced that all buildings on the island must be painted flamingo pink by January 2026.

“This is about unity, identity, and fabulous curb appeal,” said Culture Minister Soraida Frans. “When the flamingos fly, they should feel at home.”

The new law, officially titled the Flamingo Façade Act, includes homes, businesses, government buildings, goat pens, and even the salt pyramids. To help with the transition, the government will distribute free buckets of “Pink Flaminglow™” paint to every household, along with brushes and a matching sunhat.

Reaction has been mixed. “I painted my house bright blue last year!” shouted one homeowner. “Perfect,” replied a smiling inspector. “Pink goes great with blue.”



Local iguanas are reportedly unfazed.

The Bonaire Tourism Office released a mockup of the new all-pink downtown with the caption:

“Think Barbie Dreamhouse, but with more cactus.”

Kralendijk Color Authority 🦎

Enhancing Sea Turtle Safety

Sea turtles spend a significant portion of their life at or near the ocean surface. They are air breathing so they have to surface for air and juvenile green turtles often eat jellyfish and siphonophores near the surface. Divers and snorkelers can use buoys to highlight their position but turtles are not as fortunate.

One method to help these endangered turtles being investigated is to paint an international orange chevron on their carapace. Not only does this highlight their position to above water users but also the direction they are traveling. The marking will wear off and need to be repeated every few year with eco friendly paint. In the meantime please be on the lookout for our turtles right below the surface of the ocean until this can be implemented.



Kuentaso - a writing competition for storytellers

Kuentaso offers authors the opportunity to develop their own children’s book. The competition is for adults, but is also open to young talent from the age of 12 (with parental permission). Participants are challenged to create a new adventure story for kids age 6 to 10.

From now to April 11, writers may submit story ideas. Finalists will be announced April 18 – April 20. Entries can be sent to schrijfwedstrijd@rosetories.nl with a brief description of the story, a short biography of the writer and an example of a chapter. Participants must

live on Bonaire and write Papiamentu.

Finalists will receive a month of coaching. The writer with the best story, suitable for publication, will be selected on May 18. Once published the book will be given as gifts to schools during Children’s Book Week in October 2025.

For more information see page 18 of *The Reporter* online, e-mail: schrijfwedstrijd@rosetories.nl or visit www.rosetories.nl/spotlight/nieuws/kuentaso-2/





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TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
LOCATIONS: PARKE TULUI, RUDY BOEZEM, SPORThAL GEORGE NICOLAAS

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SATURDAY
SPORThAL G. NICOLAAS

SPORT	DEMO FIELD 1	DEMO FIELD 2
Judo	9:00 - 9:30	
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	9:30 - 10:00	
Jodo en Iaido	10:00 - 10:30	
Kenpo	10:30 - 11:00	
Table Tennis		9:00 - 9:30
Basketball		9:30 - 10:00
Tennis		10:00 - 10:30
Gymnastics / Toddlergym / Freerunning		10:30 - 11:00
Judo	11:00 - 11:30	
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	11:30 - 12:00	
Jodo en Iaido	12:00 - 12:30	
Kenpo	12:30 - 13:00	
Table Tennis		11:00 - 11:30
Basketball		11:30 - 12:00
Tennis		12:00 - 12:30
Gymnastics / Toddlergym / Freerunning		12:30 - 13:00
RC Racing	[whole day] own designated area	
Chess	[whole day] own designated area	
Anti-Doping	[whole day] own designated area	

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Waterpolo	[whole day] own designated area
Competitive Swimming	[whole day] own designated area
Windsurfing	[whole day] own designated area
Sailing	[whole day] own designated area
Keel boats & Sup	[whole day] own designated area

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PARKE TULUI

Windsurfing	[whole day] own designated area
Sailing	[whole day] own designated area
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DEMO FIELD 1

DEMO FIELD 2

Pickleball	9:00 - 9:30	
Table Tennis	9:30 - 10:00	
Basketball	10:00 - 10:30	
Judo & Iaido		9:00 - 9:30
Yudo		9:30 - 10:00
Kenpo		10:00 - 10:30
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu		10:30 - 11:00
Pickleball	11:00 - 11:30	
Table Tennis	11:30 - 12:00	
Basketball	12:00 - 12:30	
Judo & Iaido		11:00 - 11:30
Yudo		11:30 - 12:00
Kenpo		12:00 - 12:30
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu		12:30 - 13:00
Checkers	whole day own designated area	
Anti-Doping	whole day own designated area	



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STADION RUDY BOEZEM

Field Hockey	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Baseball / Softball	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Bolas Criollas	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Rugby	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Soccer	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Beach Volleyball	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Beach Tennis	Whole Day (Designated Spot)
Anti Doping	Whole Day (Designated Spot)



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