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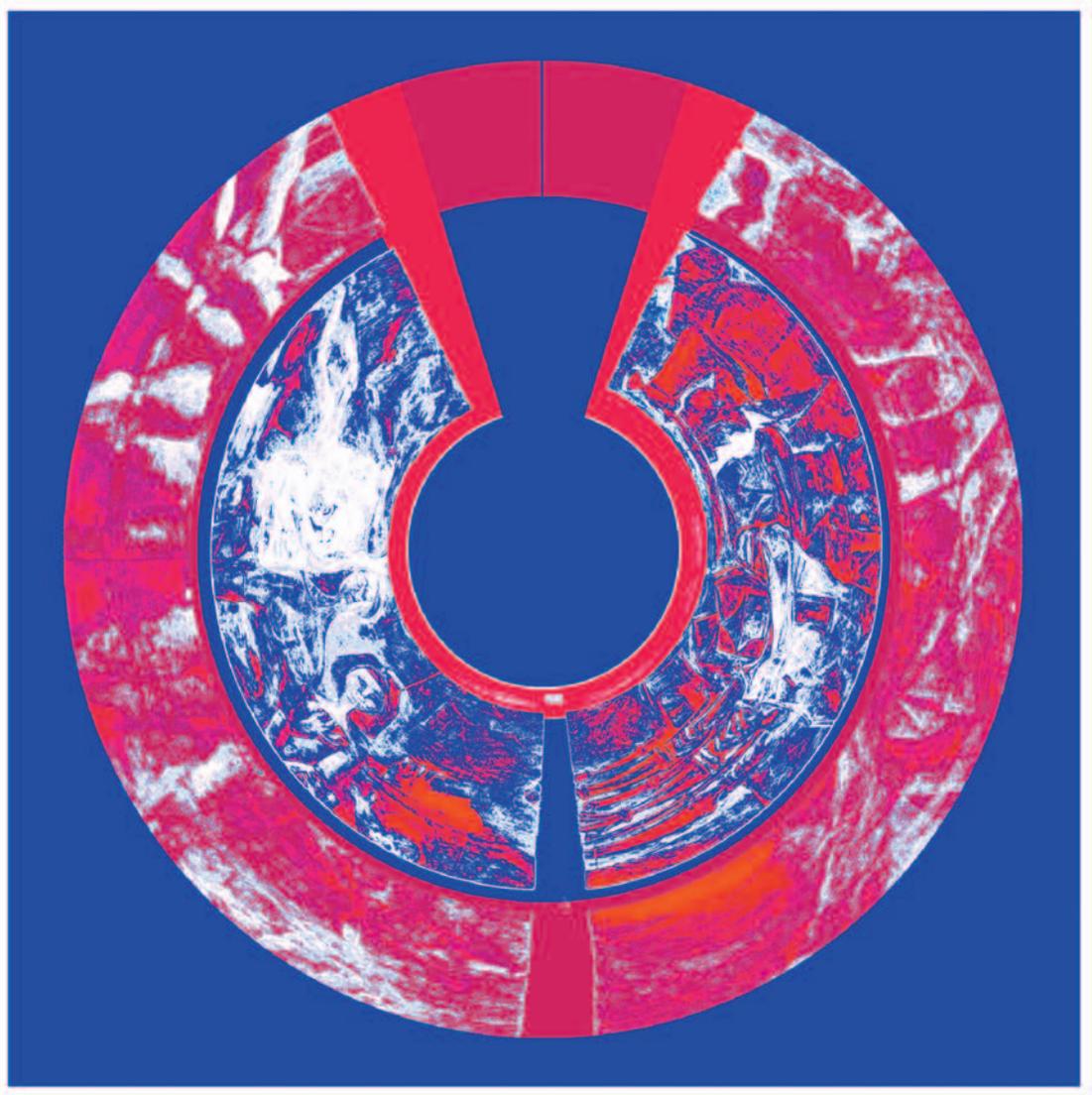


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"Korea Unit" evokes the theme of Yin and Yang by combining the blue and red colors of North and South Korea, united into one image.

Xavier Lucchesi at TomBeachArtStudio

Ambitious Road Work On The Drawing Boards

With a little over 81.5 million euros earmarked for projects in 2010, the Collectivity is embarking on a year that looks as busy as 2009 for road work: 14 million euros have been set aside for the roads, or 17.7% of the overall public works budget, underlining the COM's desire to keep up the fast pace of improving the island's infrastructure. While this is certainly good news (some roads were in dire shape), there is certainly a major inconvenience as well, in terms of the impact on traffic in both low and shoulder seasons.

Completion Of Ongoing Projects

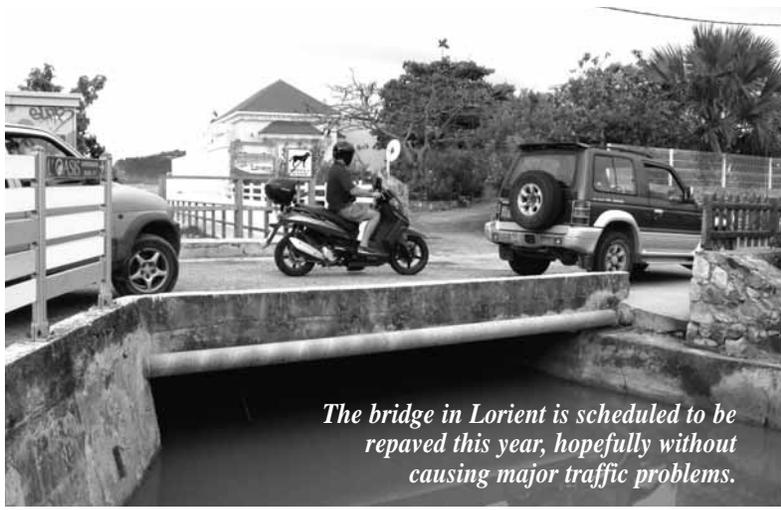
As of late April, projects that were interrupted by the advent of the high season will once again get underway. This includes the repaving of the road to the top of Saint Jean (from the intersection next to Kiki è Mo).

Major road work in Lurin will also be continued, widening the road as well as creating stone walls and a sidewalk, plus the laying of cable trays for telephone and electrical lines. The COM is also putting in pipes to link 150 additional houses to the city water system.

New Projects

In addition to those projects started in 2009, the following have been budgeted for this year:

- Merlette (above AVM): Improvements includes water pipes as well as a new transformer to increase electrical power in the neighborhood.
- Villa Créole-Lorient: Two million euros to repave the road from Villa Creole to Lorient, including reshaping the bad curve called Coupe Gorge and water pipes that lead directly to the reservoir in Vitet.
- Camaruche: Long-awaited improvements should take place in 2010: the steep hill in Camaruche, which is especially slippery when it rains, will be completely redone at the cost of three million euros. In a perfect world,



The bridge in Lorient is scheduled to be repaved this year, hopefully without causing major traffic problems.

this would include a sidewalk, but the Collectivity has to see if this is possible due to the proximity of houses and the cost. Last but not least, new telephone lines will improve the over-saturated situation on the windward side of the island.

- Grand Fond-Petite Saline: For the residents of Grand Fond, the summer season will once again mean a big detour... after completing the lower part of the road in Grand Fond, the next section will be the intersection of Lorient/Saline, which means that residents will have to detour via Toiny. The six months of work here is estimated at two million euros, which includes repaving, sidewalks, and stone walls in the style of the existing ones in Grand Fond.

- Anse des Cayes: As residents here requested sidewalks, the previous repaving project for the higher part of the road in Anse des Cayes was postponed and will begin again in 2010... with sidewalks this time, as well as repaving and cable runs.

- Bridges in Saint Jean and Lorient: Sophie Olivaud, director of the island's technical services, does not hide the fact that repaving these bridges will cause inconveniences but she hopes the timeframe will be short. The bridge in Saint Jean will be less troublesome as traffic can detour by the salt pond for the month or so of the

work. The bridge in Lorient is another story, as it will limit access from Camaruche to the windward side of the island: "The bridge has started to collapse so we must do the work this year. We are going to see if we can create a detour via the road past the church to limit the inconvenience. If this were not possible, one would have to go by way of Grand Fond and risk running into the road work from Grand Fond to Petite Saline.

RUE DU GÉNÉRAL DE GAULLE: PEDESTRIANS ONLY?

It is not a new idea to transform the Rue du Général de Gaulle into a pedestrian zone. Back in 2004, it seemed a done deal but at the last minute, several businesses changed their minds, tabling the project until a later date.

Today, the Collectivity hopes this project will help revitalize the center of Gustavia. Yet democracy rules: On March 17, Sophie Olivaud will hold a meeting on the subject. All businesses are invited to participate and voice their opinions. The architectural firm hired by the technical services office should be there to present their ideas on the creation of a pedestrian zone with handsome urban improvements. If all are in agreement, the work would begin in 2010.

AIRPORT: AN INCREASE IN TAXES FOR PARKED PLANES?



A first meeting with airlines using the Saint Barth airport was held last Thursday at the Hotel de la Collectivité.

daily fee, with a simple increase to reflect inflation for the first time in 10 years, and taking into account the special terms for parking. This would mean a fee of 12 euros (compared to the current 4 euros). It is up to the territorial council to decide, as well as define the criteria for the notion of planes based in Saint Barth.

Airport Terminal To Be Improved

Built in 2000, the air terminal is scheduled for renovation in 2010, based on a study for the improvement of certain zones as well as the façade of the building. The project should improve the arrival area for passengers and revitalize the terminal into a more comfortable place.

Last Thursday a meeting was held concerning use of the airport in St. Jean. The main point of the meeting: an increase in certain taxes that have actually not been raised over the past decade. This increase is necessary due to a hole in the airport budget, as exposed by its director. In spite of an increase of 15.35% in revenue due to the collection of fees due from past years, as well as better collection of these fees generally, they still do not cover the costs of running the airport, which increased with the recent addition of a security check point for carry-on bags and passengers. This alone represents 38% of the airport's operating budget.

This means that the budget is met thanks to aid from the Collectivité, which manages the airport: "The main goal is to match the expenses to the income in order to establish a balanced budget," notes Fabrice Danet, the director of the airport. In looking for a solution that does not affect the price of plane tickets at a time when passenger levels are decreasing, the director proposed that the increase be limited to the parking tax for planes, both based and non-based in Saint Barth. As for those based in Saint Barth, Danet suggested two options: the first consists of simply raising the monthly fees from 61 euros to 120 euros, to which would be

added the landing tax, which would not increase. The second option: A global fee comprising a minimum number of landings (10 is the suggested number), to which the parking fee would be added. For planes not based in Saint Barth, the airport director has suggested a

FLEA MARKET AND FOOD FAIR, SUNDAY, MARCH 14

The Saint Barth Rotary Club is organizing its traditional flea market along with the second annual food fair on the Quai Charles de Gaulle, 8:30am-2:00pm, Sunday, March 14. Lots of interesting things to buy, plus local culinary specialties to please your taste buds!



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**PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE
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In order to let the whole world know about the first edition of Les Voiles de Saint Barth, La Poste, the French postal service, is issuing a pre-stamped envelope with a visual image in keeping with this new sailing race scheduled from April 6-11. "This is a way for La Poste to help promote an event organized locally," explains Alfred Hamm, director of La Poste Saint Barthélemy. A series of 5,000 envelopes will bear postage from St Barth to metropolitan France. They go on sale as of March 15 in the three post offices on the island, as well as a postal stand in the race village on the dock during the regatta, "with a date stamp to commemorate the event," adds Hamm.

Third Annual Book Festival:
**Patrick Poivre d'Arvor And
A Chopin Concert**

The third annual book festival organized by the association, Saint B'Art, has expanded its program and will take place over eight days, April 12-20, with at least five authors as special guests. These include celebrated French writer and journalist Patrick Poivre d'Arvor.

Having met with great success last year, the partnership of authors and schools will continue this year, with three children's authors visiting various classes: Alex Godard, author and illustrator; Carl Norac, poet and children's author; and Bruno Gazzotti, creator of comic strips.

The week's activities will be punctuated by an event featuring actress Géraldine Danon and French sailor Philippe Poupon. They will present a book recently published by Géraldine, "A Flower In The Ice," the story of a voyage that they made with their four children

aboard Fleur Australe as they traced the footsteps of Norwegian Roald Admunsen in attempting to follow the Northwest Passage that links the Atlantic and Pacific by navigating between the Arctic islands of northern Canada.

One highpoint of the festival is the fifth annual book exchange to be held on the dock in front of the Wall House on Sunday, April 18.

Interesting, a concert will close the book festival on Tuesday, April 20. A classical music fan and organizer of a music festival— Les Temps Musicaux in Ramatuelle, France— for the past 20 years, Didier Bensa, president of Saint B'art, convinced Patrick Poivre d'Arvor and acclaimed French pianist Jean Philippe Collard to present their joint concert dedicated to Frédéric Chopin, in celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of the Polish composer.

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► **Every Monday**
Disco evening at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

► **Every Tuesday**
The Real Cabaret kim & Co at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

► **Every Wednesday**
Theme Party at Ti St Barth

► **Every Tuesday & Sunday**
Angel's Night at Ti St Barth

► **Every Friday & Saturday**
Crazy week end at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

► **Every Friday**

Live jazz music during dinner. Restaurant Le Gaiac, Toiny.

► **Every Saturday**
Live music during dinner. Taïno Restaurant, Christopher Hotel.

► **Through March 20**
Keith Robinson Trio, from 9pm to midnight, Bete A Z'Ailes, Gustavia

► **Friday March 12**
Televised version of the French benefit variety show, Les Enfoirés 2010, on a big screen at 8:45pm, St Barth's Pub, Lurin

► **Saturday March 13**
- 8:00pm : Rocking Mangos, at St Barth Pub, Lurin

► **Sunday, March 14**
Brazil party at Nikki Beach during all the day.

- 1:00pm: Follow the wave with Sundek fashion show at La Plage, St Jean

► **Tuesday March 15**

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- Jazz & Blues in Live at St Barth Pub, Lurin

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- Jazz & Blues in Live at St Barth Pub, Lurin

► **Thursday March 18**
- Theme evening at St Barth Pub, Lurin

► **Friday March 19**
- Live Music with a local band froms St Martin at St Barth Pub, Lurin

Night Club

- Yacht Club, Gustavia
- Eleven 12, Gustavia
- The Strand Supper Club

Let's Party

► **Every night**
James Kentaro, new resident DJ exclusively at Yacht Club

► **Every Tuesday**
Evening "We will rock you" at The Strand Supper Club (Casa Nikki), Gustavia

► **Every Thursday**
Ladies first at The Strand Supper Club (Casa Nikki),

► **Friday and Saturday**
Crazy week end at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

Fashion Show

► **Daily Fashion Shows**
- Fashion Show: every lunch & dinner, La Plage, St Jean
- Fashion Show from the Poupette boutique, from 1:00pm at Tamarin, Saline.
- at 9:00pm Fashion show at Ti St Barth except Sunday

► **Every Tuesday**
6:30pm: Fashion show by the pool, from the boutique at the Isle de France

Exhibitions

► **March 5 to April 2**
Mathew Miller, Eden Rock Gallery, St. Jean

► **Permanent exhibits**

- Alain le Chatelier, Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Works by Cyrille Margarit at Nikki Beach, St Jean
- Tony Caramanico at Clic Bookstore and Gallery
- Group show at Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
- Rose Murray, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia
- Sculptures by Timothy Holmes, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia
- Dave Stevenson, Les Artisans, Gustavia

► **Artists' Collections**

- Pompi, Petit Cul de Sac
- Didier Spidler, Gustavia
- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac
- Mitchell Summer, Toiny

Xavier Lucchesi

► **Through April 8**



What does a photographer use instead of a camera? In the case of Xavier Lucchesi, the answer is an X-ray machine, using this medical technology to create surprisingly beautiful, often poignant images. His work is on exhibit at Tom Beach Hotel in St Jean.

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The first annual "Jojo Burger Open" took place on March 7, organized by the AJOE Reefer Surf Club in Lorient. Perfect weather and waves made for a successful event, with 63 competitors 'hanging ten' on well-formed swells over 6' throughout the event. The

surfers were divided into three categories: Open, Hopeful, and Ondine/Body Board for the men. The competition began at 9:30am and concluded at 5:30pm. "A great group of surfers and a great event," noted David Blanchard of the Reefer Surf Club.

CHESS

► **Tournament:** The third annual Chess Challenge takes place on Saturday, March 13 in the meeting room upstairs at the Capitainerie in Gustavia, starting at 8am. The match of the day features Alfred Brin, 2007 champion of St Barth, back to try and

regain his title from Jef Folner, the 2008 champ. Open games available for players of all levels. For additional information: 06.90.55.12.14.

► **Tournament for kids and open matches,** Sunday, March 14, at the school in Orient.

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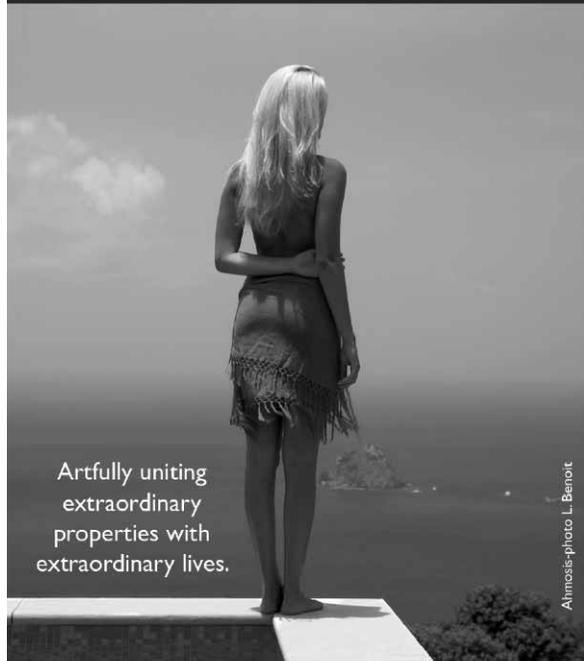
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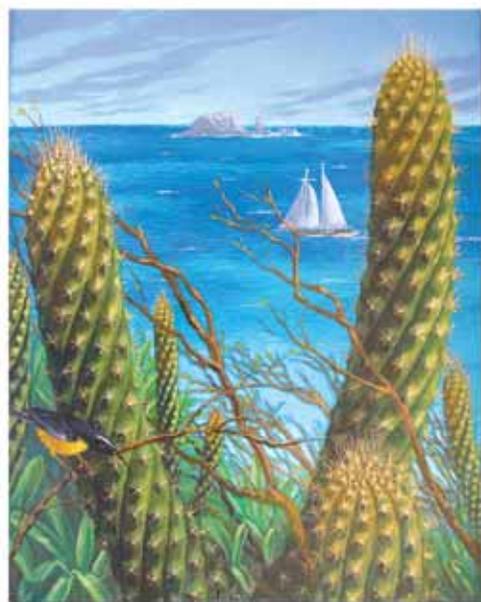
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