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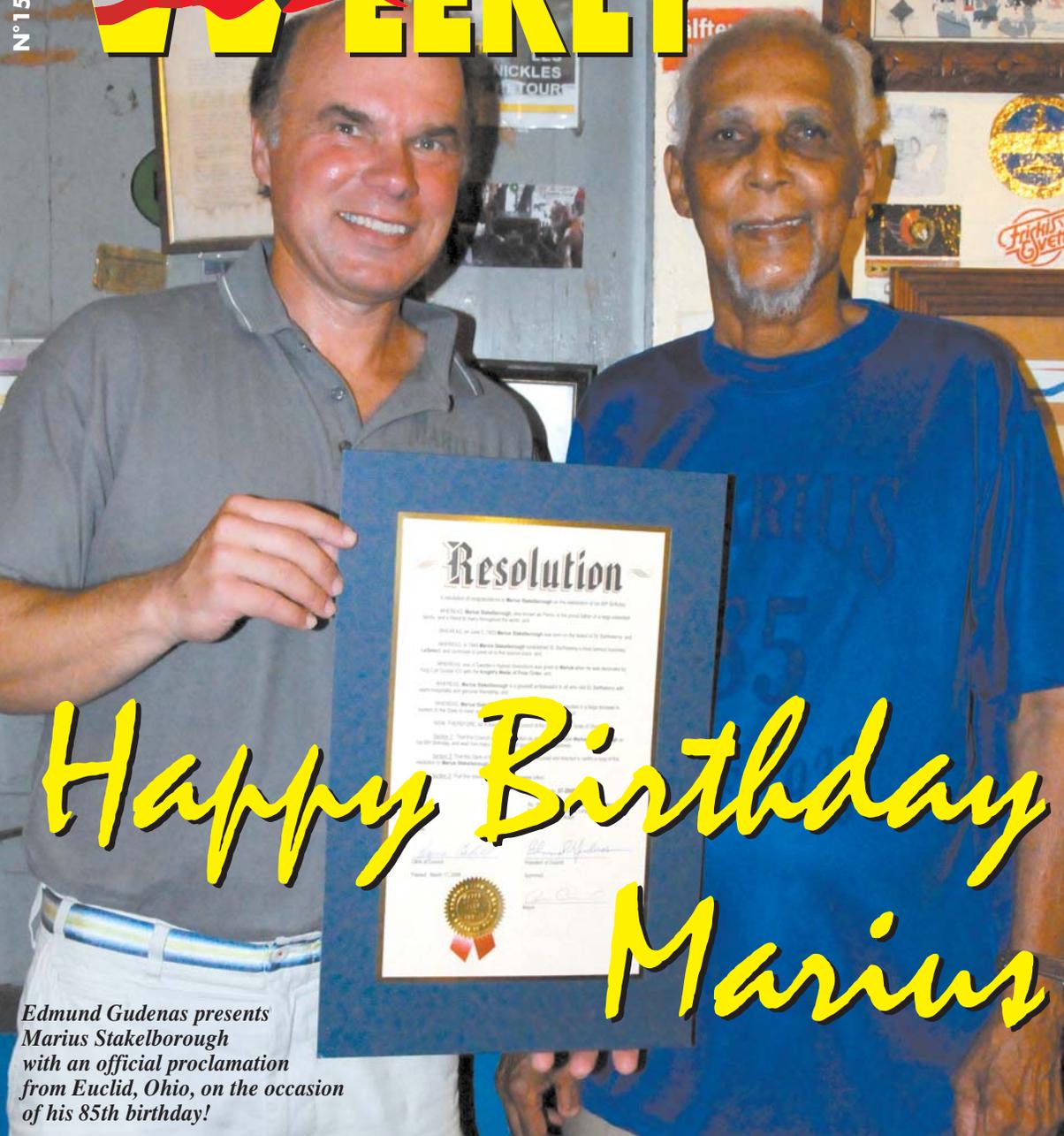


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Happy Birthday Marius

Edmund Gudenas presents
Marius Stakelborough
with an official proclamation
from Euclid, Ohio, on the occasion
of his 85th birthday!



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Third Highest French Official Visits Saint Barth:
Michèle Alliot Marie
 reconfirms commitment
 of the French government



**The Weekly's
 Summer
 Schedule !**

For the next two months, the St. Barth Weekly will appear once every two weeks, or every other Friday through the end of July, when the Journal de Saint Barth goes on summer vacation.

We will be back on a weekly basis as of Thanksgiving, for the sixth season of The St. Barth Weekly, the only all-English newspaper on the island. The Weekly covers the island from all angles, allowing you to keep your finger on the pulse of local politics, cuisine, art, and cultural events.

In the meantime, you can stay in touch with the latest on the island by downloading The Weekly's electronic version every other Friday through July at stbarthweekly.com.

If you are on the island, please enjoy your stay.
 If you are checking in from afar, please come back soon!



Arriving at 2:30pm on Saturday, June 7, Michèle Alliot Marie left just two hours later on her way to Guadeloupe, where she took the plane back to Paris at the end of a three-day trip to the French Antilles. In Saint Barth, the French Minister of the Interior, Overseas, and Local Collectivities, only had time to visit the Hotel de la Collectivité where she spoke following Bruno Magras, and make a quick stop at the incinerator in Public, which she qualified as "an exemplary example in terms of durable development." Highly symbolic, the visit by Michèle Alliot Marie, number three in the

French government, was above all intended to reinforce the commitment of the state in terms of the Northern Islands Overseas Collectivities of Saint Barth and Saint Martin, which will celebrate their first anniversary on July 15.



Michel Magras takes Michèle Alliot-Marie on a guided tour of the incinerator, which she says sets an example for sustainable development.

Association Of Families Created In Saint Barth

"We want to serve as a link between the Collectivity and the families"

Ten days ago, a new association was formed in Saint Barth: an association for families that will soon meet with the president of the Collectivity in relation to issues of importance to parents of young students, including the ongoing problem of childcare, as the cost of living in Saint Barth means that more and more often, both parents have to work. The president of this young association,

Gaël Dumas Primbault, has high hopes for this first meeting: "We are positioning ourselves as a link between the elected officials and the families. A structure to obtain and share information. In this sense, we are going to give the officials a document that lists the problems and needs of young children in Saint Barth, from the family's point of view." The association also wants to

work with the Collectivity on five major points brought up by the parents and another association, that of social aid workers for children. Gaël Dumas Primbault notes that if the childcare issue is the most pressing priority for the association, it is not the only issue: "Our goal is to allow families to live correctly in Saint Barth, and to deal with all the problems that might arise."

Euclid, Ohio Congratulates Marius On His Birthday

As his last official act as the out-going president of the city council in Euclid, Ohio, Edmund Gudenas passed a resolution of congratulations to Marius Stakelborough on the celebration of his 85th birthday. The resolution was sponsored by mayor Bill Cervenik and the entire council, as they had also done five years ago when Marius celebrated his 80th birthday. That first proclamation was framed and hangs in Le Select. Gudenas was one of many Americans who came to Saint Barth especially for this big birthday bash, which ran for several days, including a party at Le Select on Thursday, June 5



and a dinner at Eddy's the next night, June 6. Stakelborough visited Euclid, also a waterfront city like Gustavia, in 2006. Gudenas has been visiting Saint Barth for the past 14 years and runs a resort

called St. Hazards on Middle Bass Island. "This is a Caribbean-style resort on an island in Ohio," he says. "We were inspired by Saint Barth and Le Select." The resort's decor includes many St. Barth

photos, souvenirs, and flags. In exchange, a souvenir St. Hazards license plate hangs on the wall in Le Select.



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Defibrillators In Public Places

Before the start of the Wednesday, June 4 soccer match between a selection of players from Saint Barth and soccer stars from France, Dr. Yann Tiberghien and Nils Dufau—representing a partnership between the Rotary Club, the Collectivity of Saint Barth, and the Red Cross—explained that semi-automatic defibrillators will be installed at the stadium in Saint Jean, the Capitanerie in Gustavia, at the airport, and at the surfer’s cabin in Lorient. This partnership will handle the funding, with the four defibrillators provided by the Rotary, the storage cabinets and maintenance of the machines by the COM, and Red Cross volunteers will train the public in their use. This presentation was followed by a brief demonstration on how to use a defibrillator by Karine Barnes, who is in charge of emergency care and rescue for the Red Cross delegation in Saint Barthélemy.



Dom Pérignon Selected Saint Barth To Launch Its Millésime 2000

After seven years in the champagne cellar under the watchful eye of Richard Geoffroy, chief champagne maker, Champagne Dom Pérignon Millésime 2000 was presented for the first time in the Caribbean on Tuesday, June 3 at the Manpany Hotel during a special evening organized by Segeco, the exclusive distributor for Dom Pérignon in the Caribbean. To support the event, Pascal Bony, Moët Hennessy’s Marketing Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, was in attendance to meet both distributors and top clients. Made from grapes picked at the end of the 20th century, and aged in great secrecy, this vintage marks the new millennium with its deep ambivalence, its mysterious quality, and strong presence. It establishes its own identity in a dou-



Pascal Bony, Moët Hennessy’s Marketing Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, with Arnaud and Christian from Segeco, the exclusive distributor of Dom Perignon in Saint Barthélemy

ble play, says Geoffroy poetically: “Effervescent yet strong, the first nose reveals a vegetal world with notes of poached pears and gardenia. On the palate, notes of anise and dry ginger mix with a hint of ripe fruit (pear and mango), creating an effect more robust than tactile. An undefinable charm is found without ever destroying the integrity of the wine.”

Christiane Gréaux, New Rotary Club President

The Rotary Club’s annual dinner to swear in the new board was held on Saturday, June 14 at K’Fé Massäi in Lorient. Laurent de Fabrique, the out-going president, gave a final report on his year in office for the 50 guests at the dinner. He then swore in a new member—Dimitri Redon—bringing the number of Rotarians in Saint Barth to 24. He then presented the presidential necklace to Christiane Gréaux, the 14th president of the club, who takes the reins for one year as of July 1. She hopes to continue



The new board for the Rotary Club : Nils Dufau, president of the communication commission; Yann Perez president of the youth commission; Venise Roche Gréaux, secretary; Christiane Gréaux, new president of the Rotary Club of Saint Barthélemy; François Tressières, vice president in charge of the Rotary Foundation; Monique Magras, head of protocol; and Didier Gréaux, treasurer.

the actions already underway by the service organization, as well as develop links to other islands in the Caribbean, especially Haiti. The new president would also like to see financial aid given to one or two students so they can continue with their studies. Her menu of projects for the Rotarian year 2008/2009 also includes an environmental project in conjunction with the club in St. Martin, and the organization of a culinary fair in partnership with ASBAS next November during the island’s Swedish Week.



Crossing the Atlantic On The World's Smallest Sailboat



His feat was barely noticed, yet Franck Andreotta has just set a new world record: crossing the Atlantic on the world's smallest sailboat, which is just 5'6" long, while the sailor himself measures almost 5'10". He left Santa Cruz in the Canary Islands on this mini-catamaran on April 12, and arrived in Guadeloupe on Friday, May 30 after 48 days at sea. He covered 2,800 miles at an average speed of 2.5 knots. 58 years old, the skipper—who was born in Marseilles—was in good shape physically even though he lost

over 15 pounds. According to the press release from Onepoint, the principal partner with the navigator's Group Stern, the crossing took place without any major problem, other than a few technical glitches such as a manual water desalinator that malfunctioned, leaving the sailor temporarily without fresh water, or a tropical wave he encountered several days before his arrival, with winds of 30 to 40 knots and high seas with waves from 12 to 15 feet... and knocking out all means of communication!

The Opinion of a Businessman

In response to the article that appeared in the Journal de Saint Barth on Wednesday, June 4: The Opinion Of A Visitor Here is: The Opinion of a Businessman

Dear Friend,
If I read correctly between the lines, you are saying that if businesses on the island do not make an effort in terms of the dollar exchange rate, we will lose you as a customer as well as many other North American tourists. We are well aware of this issue.

The problem that is even with all the goodwill in the world... we cannot do anything!
In the past few months, the cost of living in Saint Barth has skyrocketed. Exorbitant rents, food prices higher than ever, taxes, the cost of transportation to and from the island... just about everything has increased!

As a result, residents are spending a lot less, as are the tourists, as you point out, for different reasons.

Therefore local businesses find themselves with higher expenses and fewer clients... The season seems shorter and shorter yet we have to make do for the entire year.

Personal debts and commercial failures are now happening on this island, something that was impossible to imagine just a few years ago.

How could we possibly absorb part of the exchange rate? Espe-

cially if I remember correctly, when the rate was 10 francs to a dollar, the businesses in your country didn't do anything to subsidize the exchange rate for French tourists...

We share your uneasiness about the future of tourism in Saint Barth, and many among us have already thrown in the towel and left for more welcoming destinations, and others will follow.

Please rest assured that we will be replaced by those who will accept to earn less, to pay more, and live with many other people in houses that rent for a king's ransom. They will most likely be less qualified than those who left and the level of service will be felt in all sectors, but you will undoubtedly get the same advantages as in Saint Martin... and certainly the same inconveniences...

We agree completely with you when you write:

"I hope your business owners can recognize what they need to do to show it's repeat customers that they want, and to be helpful and appreciative of visitors, or much your tourism will move to more affordable locations."

And I would like to add so will the people who live and work here, and have always done their best to maintain the quality of tourism in Saint Barthélemy

**Philippe Clement
Resident since 1989.**

Puzzle Stat

There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It's fun. It's challenging. It's addictive! "Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9." That's all there is to it.

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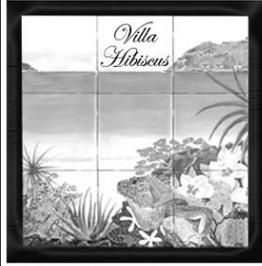
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<p>Sunday</p> <p>Scattered Clouds High: 86° F. / 30° C Wind East 20mph. /32 km/h Night : Scattered Clouds Low: 82° F. / 28° C. Wind East 22mph/36km/h</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Partly Cloudy High: 84° F / 29° C. Wind ENE 24mph / 39km/h Night : Partly Cloudy Low: 80° F. / 27° C. Wind ENE 24mph /39km/h</p>

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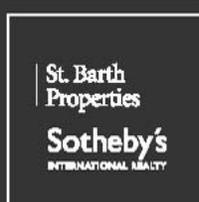
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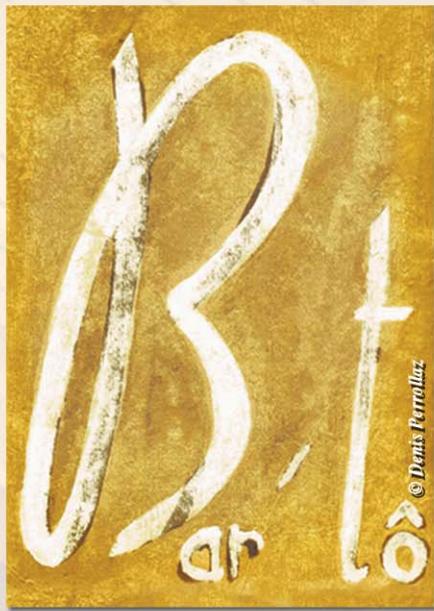
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