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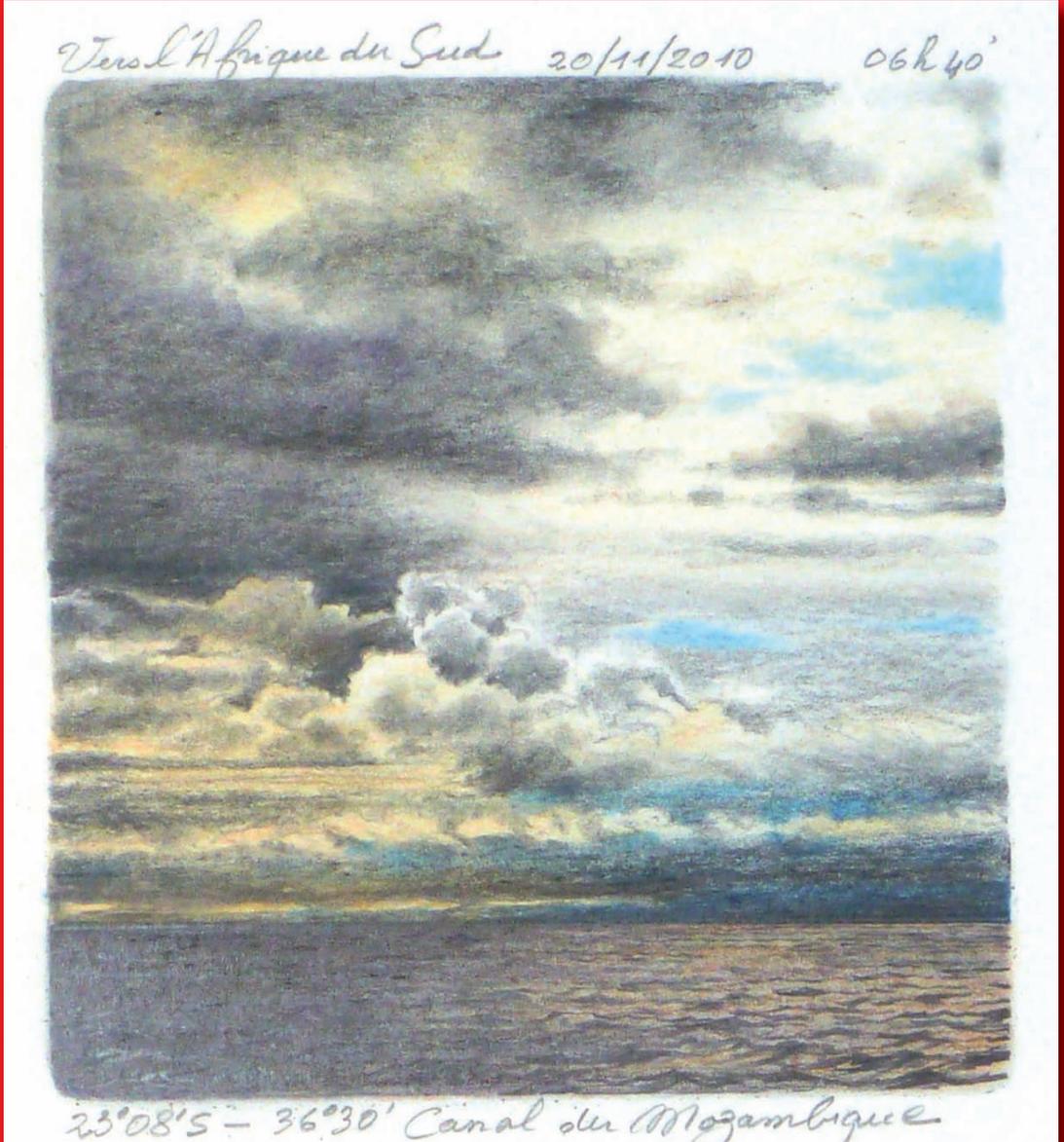


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TIME TO VOTE!



On Sunday, March 18, the first round of territorial elections takes place in Saint Barth. All registered voters, including Europeans who are on the local voting rolls in Saint Barthélemy, can cast their ballots. A second round of voting will take place on March 25 if none of the candidates wins an absolute majority this Sunday. The election is for the 19 seats of the Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy's territorial council, as well as its new executive council and president. On Sunday, three lists are in the running: Tous Pour

Saint-Barth, led by Benoit Chauvin; Saint-Barth D'Abord, headed by current president Bruno Magras; and Saint-Barth en Mouvement, with Maxime Desouches at the top of the list. The winning list automatically gets seven seats on the council, which should provide a comfortable majority. The remaining 12 seats are distributed proportionally based on the number of votes cast for each list. The results of the first round of voting should be known and announced by Sunday evening.

THREE OFFICIAL CANDIDATES IN TERRITORIAL ELECTIONS

Emmanuel Jacques Not In The Race

Saint-Barth Bleue et Verte, the list headed by Emmanuel Jacques for the territorial elections on March 18 and 25, has been deemed invalid by the prefecture. Submitted at the last minute, on Friday, March 2, at the local prefecture in Saint Barthélemy, this list was refused based on the fact that Christian Gréaux, in ninth position on Emmanuel Jacques' list, did not present the documents required by the electoral code. According to the prefecture, Christian Gréaux, who is not a resident of Saint Barth nor on the local voter rolls in Saint-Barthélemy, should have presented a copy of his criminal record and a notarized document proving he had become a property

owner in Saint-Barthélemy the year before the election. Yet Christian Gréaux did not provide the copy of his criminal record in time, given that it would have taken about three weeks to receive it by mail. And the notarized document that he presented indicated that he has been a property owner in Saint-Barthélemy since... 1990. Not since the year preceding the election. Contesting the decision made by the prefecture, Emmanuel Jacques quickly filed suit for an urgent decision from the administrative court, which had three days to make its decision. On Wednesday, March 7, the court rejected the appeal made by Emmanuel Jacques, finding it unjustified.

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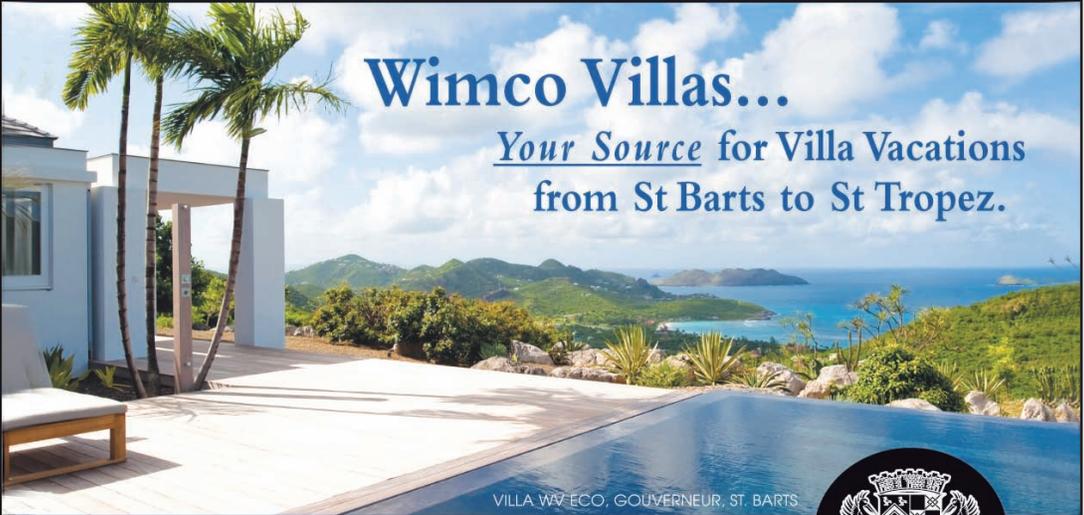
Reduction In Capital Gains Tax

Territorial council also votes in tax reform making all corporations holding property in Saint Barthélemy subject to capital gains tax

On Friday, February 24, the territorial council adopted a tax reform concerning capital gains tax on real estate. This tax is one of the principal sources of revenue for the Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy, having brought in nine million euros in 2011, or 21% of the local budget. But before the law was changed on February 24, in terms of corporations, capital gains tax only

applied to property in Saint Barthélemy owned by corporations whose holdings were primarily real estate. But if a corporation composed primarily of real estate holdings owned a building or a house in Saint Barth, and sold that property to another corporation, it was not always subject to this tax. The Collectivity decided this needed to be corrected. For example, a real-estate holding company (SCI) owned property on the island. This SCI belonged to two holding companies, which did not primarily deal in real estate. When these holding companies were sold to an outside corporation, the property in Saint Barth was not subject to capital gains tax. "An abuse of

the law," asserts Karine Miot-Richard, who championed the reform at the territorial council meeting. In keeping with the law adopted on February 24, henceforth the sale of all property or shares in "real estate corporations," or any corporation that owns property in Saint Barth no matter its primary function, is subject to capital gains tax. To meet the new law, and pay appropriate taxes, all sales must be registered within one month in Basse-Terre (Guadeloupe) by a notaire or lawyer. In addition, the council voted to lower the capital gains tax from 25% to 20%. With the CSG and CRDS taxes added, capital gains tax in Saint Barthélemy equals 33.5%.



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Saint Barth Featured On "Selling New York"

Three Saint Barth villas are the focus of an 11-minute segment on the March 15 episode of "Selling New York," a half-hour reality TV real estate show that airs on Thursdays at 9:30pm on HGTV. "We have two million viewers for the most popular show on the network," says Richard Steinberg, an executive managing director at Warburg Realty Partnership in New York City and one of the hosts of "Selling New York." Steinberg has been visiting Saint Barth for the past 15 years, and visited for a week in December 2100 bringing a couple who are potentially interested in purchasing a villa on the

island. Working in conjunction with the real estate agency, Sibarth, Steinberg pre-screened about a dozen villas, deciding on three he would show his clients as part of the reality show: one in Saint Jean, one in Gustavia, and Villa Palm Beach in Lorient. "This is true reality TV," says Steinberg, who came with a soundman, a cameraman, a production assistant, and producer to shoot the segment over the course of a week. "It is all true, there is no script, no looking to create drama. These are legit buyers looking for a property. They decided to rent Villa Palm Beach first, before the purchase of that or a similar villa."

VOTE FOR SAINT BARTH IN TRAVEL+LEISURE SURVEY



Saint Barth, the island, as well as two local luxury hotels, Eden Rock and Le Sereno, are entries on the Travel+Leisure 2012 World's Best Awards Survey. Vote at <http://tlworldsbest.roiresearch.com> before March 31 in two categories: islands and hotels. In the islands category, choose 'Caribbean' then vote for Saint Barth. Then in

the Caribbean hotels category opt for your favorite, Eden Rock or Le Sereno, noting the quality of the services and staff. Congrats to both hotels for being on the survey. Vote now and you'll be entered into the Travel+Leisure sweepstakes for a chance to win a \$10,000 dream trip to the destination of your choice, which would of course be Saint Barth!

A Chorale Surprise

When La Chorale des Bons Choeurs performed the first of their spring concerts on Friday, March 9, one of the singers got a very big surprise: "Idriss Ottomani, one of our tenors turned 30 last Friday," explains Pierre Eric Houdant, a fellow choir member. "When a few months ago we were talking about birthdays, we realized that Vincent Lagenebre our VP and Idriss have the same birthday." Some of the choir members talked to Vincent about organizing a big surprise for Idriss' birthday, and they got in touch with his parents and also with his ex-wife in France and planned for his parents to bring his four year old daughter to the island as a surprise. "They arrived on Thursday afternoon stayed in a friend's villa," Houdant adds. "On Friday morning, Idriss called France to say hello to his daughter, but his ex-wife said 'she is sick and asleep'—

he was so sad." Then at the concert, his parents and daughter showed up with the choir to sing Happy Birthday." You can imagine his surprise: "That is a day I will never forget," wrote Idriss in a note of thanks to the choir.

"From my perspective, the whole concert was a wonderful success!," notes Lloyd Younger, a Canadian member of the choir. "Impossible to only pick one aspect as most successful. As one of the very few "off-island" chorale members since 2006, I think), I have to say that that the warmth and friendship I feel from the members, each time I return, is amazing. They are an extremely talented group, and we work very hard in getting ready for a concert."

La Chorale des Bons Choeurs' second spring concert takes place on Friday, March 16, at 8pm at the Anglican Church.

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Niki Belucci's Dance Rhythms This Weekend

Probably the most glamorous and most requested DJ on the planet is at the turntables at the Yacht Club on Saturday, March 17 and at the celebrated Pool Party at the Guanahani Hotel & Spa on Sunday, March 18.

Niki Belucci: a symbol of beauty, desire, liberty, sexuality, charm and energy. After winning numerous national and international gymnastics titles before the age of

15, Belucci turned from a life in sports to that of fashion. Spotted at age 18 in a lingerie boutique, Belucci began to model for photographers, then at 19 announced during the "Hots D'Or" awards that she wanted to follow her true passion and become a DJ. In the spring of 2003, she seriously jumpstarted her DJ career and quickly started mixing in Hungary and around Europe. In 2006, she was already one of the most requested DJs on the planet, and her sin-



gle, "Get Up," produced by D.O.N.S. was played by all the hottest DJs. Seen frequently on the covers of trendy magazines (FHM, Newlook, Maximal, M8), Niki is the THE DJ of the moment and the hottest in the world. In 2010, she mixed all summer at Amnesia in Ibiza, and at Le Palais in Cannes for the third consecutive year.

SCHEDULE

- ▶ **Saturday, March 17,**
Yacht Club,
Gustavia, 11pm
- ▶ **Sunday, March 18,**
Pool Party at
Guanahani Hotel,
Grand Cul de Sac,
from noon to 7pm



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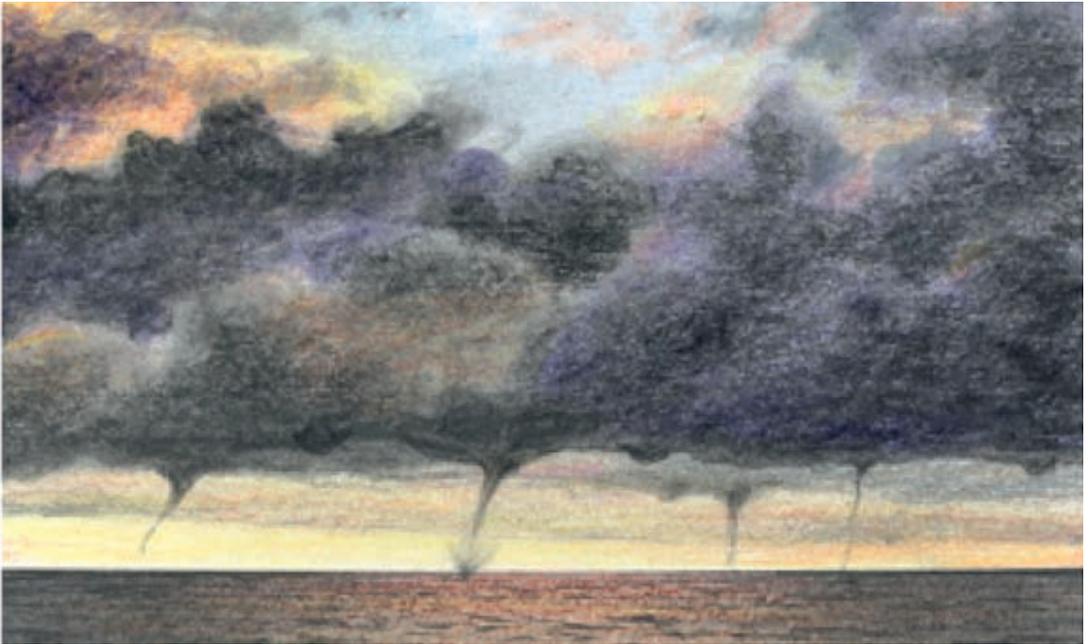
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A VOYAGE: An Exhibit by Stanislas Defize



Belgian artist/sailor Stanislas Defize is no stranger to Saint Barth. In fact he lived and worked on the island for many years, capturing the light and landscapes in his paint-

ings and prints. But as an artist who loves to sail, and an adventurer who loves to travel, his path led him back to Europe as well as out to sea. From March 19-24, Le Brigantin in Gustavia hosts an exhibition of his work entitled "A Voyage," which chronicles his following the

daily path of the sun, visually describing each dawn and dusk as he sailed from Mauritius to Madagascar and on to South Africa. His drawings, done in color pencil, graphite, and watercolor, are intended as invitations to maritime travel.

of this journey, Defize tossed 15 small yellow fiberglass sculptures to the waves (each was paired with an aluminum twin that remained on dry land). Number 6/15 was recently found in Brazil.

The exhibit is also dedicated to "Expedition Prototype," a nine-month journey Defize undertook in 2004-2005, sailing from Saint Barth to Cap Horn in Patagonia and back again on a boat called Prototype with the late Marc de Rosny, a fellow artist, and fellow sailor Yan van den Haute. Over the course



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TIME OUT

Special Events

Friday, March 15

- Chorale de Bons Choeurs Spring Concert Anglican Church, Gustavia, 8pm

Live Music

Every Day

• Lunch with resident DJ Maxx-C, Nikki Beach
• 'Beach Lunch, Pink Parrot Bar, Adam Lasher Band back in St Barth at La Plage Restaurant

Through 17

- Live Music with Nadine from 9pm to midnight, Bete A Z'Ailes, Gustavia

Thursday, March 15

- Live Music with Sunny Side Island with Robb & Manu, Acoustic Duo, at 6:30pm Christopher Hotel
- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm@ Strand
- Diner Cabaret with showgirls at Ti St-Barth
- Soley, sunset music, La Banane 7 to 9pm, Lorient
- Papaguyo & Nungan in live, Fire Show, Nikki Beach

Friday, March 16

- The 'Dynamic Duo' @ 7pm, La Route Des Boucaniers, Gustavia
- Nungan & Papaguyo, 7pm, Taino Restaurant, Christopher Hotel
- Sweet 'n' Soulful Sunset Serenade with Christine Gordon @ Carl Gustaf, from 5:00 to 8pm
- Sunset & dinner music, with Soleil @ Do Brazil
- Plastic Boots with fashion show@ Ti St Barth
- Dinner with Live Music Adam Lasher Band and DJ Yo-One Sutter and much more, La Plage Restaurant

Saturday, March 17

- Dinner with Live Music by Adam Lasher Band @9pm, La Plage Restaurant

- Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, at the Wall House Restaurant, Gustavia
- Lunch with Sunny Side Island with Robb & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 1:00pm, Christopher Hotel
- The 'Dynamic Duo' Christine Gordon and Dana Jared from 7pm @ La Route Des Boucaniers
- Soley, the best of flamenco to acoustic@ 6pm, Bar de L'Oubli, Gustavia
- Crazy Week End at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou
- Live Music with Christian, from 7pm -10pm at Taino, Christopher Hotel
Sunday, March 18

Pool Party with Niki Belucci at Guanahani Hotel, Grand Cul de Sac, from noon to 7pm

- Dinner and Live Music from 9pm, Adam Lasher Band, La Plage Restaurant
- Brunch with Sunny Side Island with Robb & Manu, Acoustic Duo, 11am, @ Toiny Hotel
- Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, at Isola, Gustavia
- Sunset at 5:30pm with Sunny Side Island with Robb & Manu, Acoustic Duo, Do Brazil
- Live concert with Soley & Papaguyo, 8pm, Bonito
Monday, March 19
- Night of music and Magic from 7pm at Le Bar du Village, Saint Jean
- Live with Dana Jared & Papaguyo at La Route des Boucaniers, at 7pm
Tuesday, March 20
- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, Bonito
- Soley, sunset & dinner music, Do Brazil, Gustavia
- Sweet 'n' Soulful Sunset Serenade from 5:30 to 8pm @ Hotel Carl Gustaf

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit? Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date on local happenings. Let's party !

- Diner Cabaret with showgirls at Ti St Barth
- Live Music with Sunny Side Island, Acoustic Duo, 8pm, Ti Zouk K'fé
- Dinner with Live Music from 9pm, Adam Lasher band, La Plage Restaurant
Wednesday, March 21
- Diner Cabaret with showgirls at Ti St Barth
- Live concert with Nungan & Papaguyo, 8pm, La Route des Boucaniers
- Gemma Genazzano & Joey Scott, Sensual jazzy Latin soul music, Do Brazil
- Soley, sunset & dinner music, Ti Zouk K'fé
- Sweet 'n' Soulful Sunset Serenade from 5:30 to 8pm @ Hotel Carl Gustaf
- Dinner with Live Music from 9pm, Adam Lasher band, La Plage Restaurant

Let's Party

Thursday, March 15

- Lady's Night @ Yacht Club

Friday, March 16

- Culture Club @ Yacht Club, Gustavia

Friday, March 16

- Niki Belucci @Yacht Club, Gustavia

Wednesday, March 14

- «Laisse parler les gens», at Yacht Club

Art Exhibitions

- Paintings by "Laurie," at Bar du Village, St Jean
- Raptor & Chimaera: New sculpture by Dave Stevenson at Les Artisans
- Simon Chaput photographs : Elisa Bally Show-room, Cour Vendome



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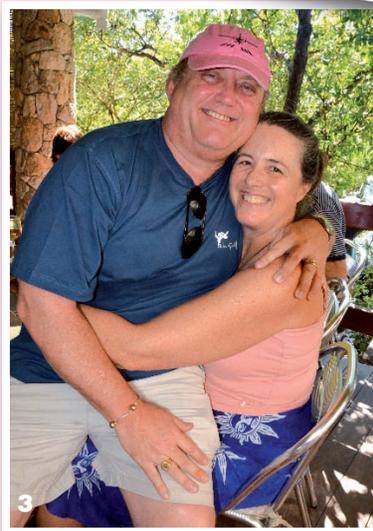
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1. La Chorale des Bons Choeurs in concert at the Anglican Church on Friday, March 9
2. Tony Impavido and Scott Bromley at Le Regal in Corossol
3. Don and Joan Petit at Le Grain de Sel
4. Melissa Rothberg, Ben Goldenberger, Carolyn De Laurentiis, Alex Goldenberger at Le Grain de Sel



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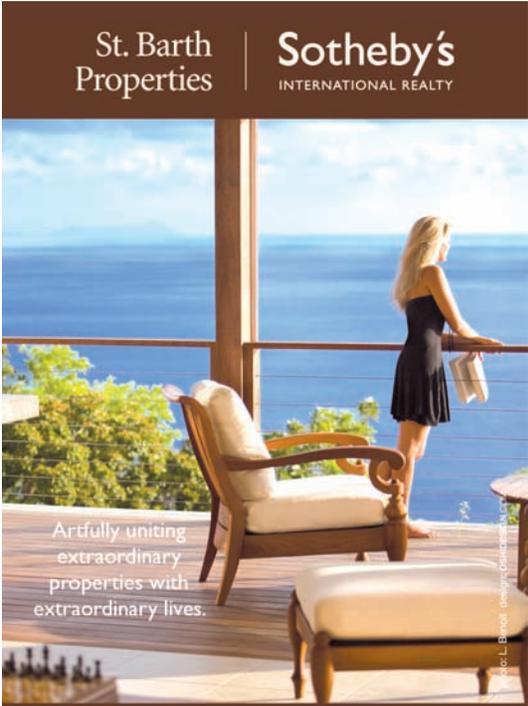
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