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Each week JMB randomly picks timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale in SXM from the huge selection at http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml and features them here.

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SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week (Two):

RENTAL 12/27/2014 01/03/2015 Week 52 Simpson Bay Resort Newly-renovated, One bedroom, sleeps 4, full kitchen, one bathroom on third floor of Beaumontia building, B314, with a great view. Overlooking Simpson Bay with view of incoming/outgoing yachts. Private pool area, laundry facilities in building. Short walk to beaches. Casino, piano bar, convenience store, supermarket and restaurants within walking distance. Great views from balcony. Great place to relax with many amenities on site. \$1,200 Paula 973-376-8391 paular2064@aol.com

RENTAL 02/13/2015 02/20/2015 Week 7 Diamond Royal Palm Beach Resort Beautiful two bedroom/two bath timeshare resort sleeps six in this unit located on third floor, room 8302 overlooking the beautiful waters of the Caribbean. The master bedroom has a king bed and sliding door to the veranda overlooking the beach. The second bedroom has a king bed and there is a queen sleeper in living room. Resort has its own beach and pool with swim-up bar and restaurant, mini-market, shops, complementary fully equipped gym, free internet, . Restaurants, entertainment and shops within 1 to 3 blocks walking distance. Enjoy the open-air living room, dining room and fully equipped kitchen. This is President's week and this unit will rent fast. \$2,000.00 Jeannie 610-888-6106 jdisante@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week (Now Two):

SALE: 2/1/2014 - 2/8/2014 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, prime winter week -- sleep-four studio overlooking both the Marina pool and quiet Pelican beach, just steps away. Resort offers several pools, many restaurants including the Stone, tennis courts, a convenience store, water sports, casino, and The Red Piano piano bar. Unit features a/c, stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, sleeps four, very convenient. Reduced to only \$1999 or best reasonable offer. Please contact Susan or Jeff at (508) 830-3456 or susan@jmbcommunications.com

SALE 2/16/2014 2/23/2014 Week 7 Simpson Bay Resort (Pelican) Unit B374. Upper B Building. Easy access, 1 flight up from the parking lot. One

and a half flights down to the Olympic size "B" pool with pool bar, and two tennis courts. Unit is large one bed room, sleep four, King in bedroom, twin Murphy beds in living room. Beautiful modern bath. Completely redone this summer, new elevator and modern quiet central a/c. Unit has great views, Airport/Bay, Saba/Ocean, Sunsets and B Pool. Easy walk to Casino, PeliDeli, restaurants, Toppers, The Stone, The Greenhouse, bakery, shops, dive center, ferry to Saba and St. Barts, boat tours and party boats, and the beach with water sports, plus 5 more pools, two more tennis courts and kids play space. \$5,000 Walter 860-355-8858 giawallyhome@hotmail.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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1. When Returning to the US From Overseas, Be Sure All Electronic Devices are Fully Charged...

Or They Could Be Seized

The TSA is asking a number of overseas governments to enhance their surveillance of passengers with electronic devices on flights to the United States. The reason: the TSA is concerned that terrorists could potentially package bombs disguised within ordinary looking cell phones, iPads, e-readers, or laptop computers.

If you're traveling anywhere outside the United States with such devices, be sure they're fully charged before you get to airport security. In many airports, possibly including SXM, you will be asked to turn on the devices and if you cannot do that, the devices may be seized.

2. Southwest Airlines Starts Serving Three Caribbean Islands; SXM Service Due

We recently reported that we expect Southwest Airlines to start serving the Caribbean in general -- including SXM. Southwest executives are among our readers and they told us that SXM is not in the airline's immediate plans, but it's definitely in their gunsights.

Southwest acquired Air Tran not long ago and is now adding / rebranding flights to Aruba and a couple of other Caribbean destinations as Southwest flights.

We have zero doubt that SXM service will be coming from Southwest, and our hunch is it will be 12-18 months from now, possibly sooner.

We previously said we believed flights to SXM would come from BWI. Interestingly, flights to SW's initial Caribbean destinations will actually be from BWI plus Atlanta and Orlando.

As always, we'll keep you posted. More: <http://bit.ly/1n0YIBb>

3. After Arthur, Little Near-Term Hurricane Activity is Imminent in the Tropical Atlantic

As Arthur swirled northeast away from Cape Cod Friday night, meteorologist Rob Lightbown of www.crownweather.com said it was the only game in town, and that no other storms appeared in the offing near-term.

However if you look at the satellite image of weather crossing Africa east to west at <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/weather/index.shtml> you'll see a number of intense storms. Were this August, that would portend Cape Verde storms which could affect SXM. But there is much dry air in the Atlantic and there has been much Saharan dust there, both of which impede tropical storm formation.

What will happen? Stay tuned. This Atlantic hurricane season has already been more interesting than expected.

4. Summer Cruises Stay Cheap, But You Need To Know Why

If you like cruising, Summer is a great time to do it since prices are low and cruise lines want full ships even in low season.

Prices are low for two reasons: a) lower demand (no northern cold to escape from) and b) hurricanes. As you know, this is supposed to be a relatively quiet hurricane season but there are still likely going to be some big storms, more than likely. If your ship and a storm are headed toward the same island at the same time, your ship will go elsewhere.

No matter where you sail, bring a variety of clothing. You never know.

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

5. Summer Vacations in SXM Offer Low Prices, Tradewinds, and Serenity

If you use this link to see all the SXM Weekly News editions since April 12, you'll see info about low priced summer trips to SXM at several fine resorts. Tradewinds mitigate the summer heat and the temps are often lower than midsummer in DC, New York, Chicago, or Boston. SXM is great in the summer: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml

SECTION 3: Island

Final Week:

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(Ilene Berger is 39, sorta.)

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(Members: direct questions to support@jmbcommunications.com)

5a. For Your Own Peace of Mind, Please Never Travel Without SkyMed

Each of us sees our own share of medical emergencies, or those of friends or relatives. Having a medical evacuation membership facilitates getting help when you suddenly find yourself critically ill or injured away from home. Without membership, you must pay for the evacuation in cash, in advance

-- if you can get it -- and the cost can easily be \$45,000 or more.

There are many medical evacuation companies, but only SkyMed guarantees to take you home should you become critically ill or injured throughout the SkyMed universe, which consists of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, all the nations of the Caribbean soon to include Cuba, plus Belize and Costa Rica. Should you want protection when you travel anywhere in the world, you can get that, too. But the point is simply this: don't travel anywhere without making sure you have medical evacuation protection.

There are a number of SkyMed plans available. Short-term plans are the least expensive in terms of initial outlay, but you must get medically requalified every time you want a short-term plan. The obvious downside to that is that eventually you will cross the line of coverage eligibility, which means your health at some point will be such that you're unable to be covered. By contrast, both SkyMed annual and Ultimate plans require only one medical qualification when you first enroll. Pay renewals on time, and your membership continues uninterrupted and is renewable indefinitely without further medical requalification regardless of your age or health.

The cost of SkyMed never increases because of your advancing age, nor is SkyMed ever canceled strictly because of advancing age, which is in sharp contrast to many other plans. SkyMed Takes You Home -- what else matters?

Get yourself protected against the high cost of medical evacuation and you will simultaneously find yourself with great peace of mind. Call SkyMed any weekday Pacific time at 1-800-475-9633 and ask for Nan or Jim. Tell them you are a JMB Website Supporters member to get the best rates; they will ask for your membership number. If you're not a member, join; our Ilene's birthday sale is now underway; see the homepage at www.everythingSXM.com. You can also get complete information about SkyMed directly from Jeff Berger, SkyMed rep for the past 12 years; phone him at the JMB office any weekday at 508-830-3456. He can answer any questions and even sign you up over the phone.

6. The American Clinic's CEO Vows Help for New St. Maarten Medical Center

As we reported last week, Dutch St. Maarten vice Prime Minister Theo Heyliger has announced plans for a new St. Maarten Medical Center intended to replace the current facility in the Bel Air area.

As we've also reported in the past, a select international team has been working for some time to make the vision of an American Clinic medical tourism facility a reality for St. Maarten.

Dr. Sam Hess, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The American Clinic (TAC), has vowed significant support for the new St. Maarten Medical Center project. He said that the project would be very beneficial to the health care needs of the local population.

Dr. Hess added that the American Clinic has been and will continue to work closely with the St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) with regard to providing specialist care that is not currently available on the island. All referrals to the American Clinic will be made through primary care physician referrals or from the SMMC directly.

"Also we will endeavor to work with the SMMC and its staff to provide educational programs and screenings in the community. We are dedicated and committed to partnering as closely as possible with SMMC and the government of St. Maarten to augment the current system and make St. Maarten a pillar of medical excellence in the Caribbean. All of our work will potentially translate into millions of dollars in cost savings per year and prevent needless deaths and progression of disease.

"We are committed to working closely with SMMC to improve the quality of medical care available to the people of St. Maarten. We are not interested in competing with SMMC.

"Our project is unique when compared to other medical tourism wellness facilities throughout the world. Rarely does a medical tourism project help the resident population. We on the other hand have committed to assisting SMMC and the Social Health & Insurance Organization (SZV) in providing the best medical care and preventing delays in diagnosis and treatment which is what the people of St. Maarten want," Dr. Hess said.

"Families would be able to be present for their loved ones' procedures and provide post-operative love and support right here at home. This would prevent the necessity for people to have to travel to other Caribbean islands or South and Central America where they may not speak the language and where many complications have occurred.

"Importantly, post-operative and post procedure care would be provided on the island by the physicians who performed the procedures rather than being hundreds or thousands of miles away. Because we are a center for medical tourism, we can use our resources and funds received from the tourism component of our project to provide care for Dutch St. Maarten residents at reasonable predetermined tariffs.

"TAC envisions having the specialist and equipment in place to cater to the needs of the St. Maarten people while working side by side with SMMC which would continue to be the national hospital of the country that meets the basic health needs of the population.

"TAC's role comes into play in areas that SMMC is not able to focus on. This is where the synergy between both health care institutions would be a win-win for the community of St. Maarten," TAC CEO Dr. Sam Hess concluded.

Upon completion of its funding efforts, the American Clinic would be located near Kim Sha Beach in Simpson Bay, close to both Princess Juliana International Airport and the island's super megayacht facilities.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

7. Johney Burger Opens at SXM Airport: So Good You'll Almost Want to Leave Early

Back in March, we had the good fortune to be invited by Johney Burger chief honcho Lillian Wathey to taste near final pre-opening samples of everything on the Johney Burger menu.

It was a tremendous afternoon. Far from traditional airport fare, their burgers were exceptionally good -- high-quality, very tasty, highly creative, and meticulously crafted.

We're not going to give you a whole sermon about Johney Burgers. Instead, we'll simply say that there are a number of varieties, each of them named after specific places on St. Maarten. The tastes are delightful, and very fresh. The beef was painstakingly researched and sourced to ensure absolute top-quality, taste, and consistency.

Early reviews from visitors to Johney Burgers rave about the taste and the quality. The only complaint is that Johney Burgers' location in the departure lounge at Princess Juliana airport makes it impossible to visit there until you're leaving the island. In fact, the catchphrase "so good you almost want

to leave early" is taking hold among those who have been to Johnny Burger and wish it were more readily available.

Next time you go to St. Maarten, leave room for lunch at Johnny Burger. You can pick up your Burger there and take it next door to the Flights bar; both the bar and that restaurant welcome you to do that. And Flights has outstanding drinks.

8. Blue Water Bar & Grill Coming to Indigo Bay

Blue Water Global Group, Inc. will build its flagship Blue Water Bar & Grill™ in the pristine Eco-Friendly Indigo Bay development. It's the second restaurant approved for beachfront construction; the first, Kokomo, opened in December 2013.

Key aspects:

Blue Water's building site (Lot #L04) measures approximately 1,552 square meters (16,706 square feet) and is located on a picturesque white sand beach. This Blue Water Bar & Grill™ location will feature a large, open-aired tiki roof, swimming pool with swim up bar stools, two fire pits, and beach and pool lounge chairs with full drink and food service. The restaurant's footprint measures approximately 415 square meters (4,467 square feet) and seats up to 203 people: 98 under the main tiki roof, 64 under tropical cover, 26 at the bar, and 15 at the swim up bar.

Indigo Bay is an Eco-Friendly commercial and residential development encompassing approximately 150 acres of lush tropical and beachfront land. Indigo Bay is St. Maarten's newest and closest attraction to the Port of St. Maarten.

No estimated completion date was announced, but we wouldn't be surprised to see this project open late this year or early in 2015.

9. Marechaussee To Stay in SXM Until 2019

Marechaussees, who are essentially Dutch Military Police (similar to French Gendarmes), have extended their contract with the Dutch Side, enabling them to continue to augment Dutch Side police services through the end of 2019.

10. No Avoiding It: Boston Now Has Chikungunya, Too

As you've no doubt heard, since Spring the Chikungunya virus has spread into many states in the USA, with the latest confirmed cases in Boston.

In every case where Chikungunya has been reported in the United States, those contracting it had recently visited the Caribbean. Local officials across the USA noted that there was no contagious concern related to Chikungunya because it does not spread human to human. Moreover, the particular strain of mosquitoes known to carry the virus that causes Chikungunya is present in the tropics and not present across almost all of the

United States. That said, some doctors are expressing concern that it could be spread by other mosquitoes here in the US.

You will no doubt hear more about Chikungunya in the United States but it should not be a cause of alarm. Other serious illnesses can be spread by mosquitoes in the US, including West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis. As always, regardless of where you travel, take precautions against mosquito bites.

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11. What's Your Opinion of The Island's Best Burgers? First of Our Summer Surveys

Our main Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin page on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/EverythingStMaarten>, is now conducting the first of several summer surveys seeking your opinion on various SXM topics. The first question: who makes the best burgers?

To voice your opinion or to see what others think, visit the page. "Like" it and you'll be able to enter your own opinions. Scroll down on the Facebook page to see the survey post.

12. Why Mosquitoes Bite Some People More Than Others: Take a Look

It's true: mosquitoes do like some people more than others. This story suggests why: <http://aol.it/VnrOQO>

13. US Soccer Fans Should Support "Holland" in Its World Cup Quest: WSJ

The Netherlands – not to be confused with Holland, a country that does not exist – should be supported by Americans, The Wall Street Journal says. Here's why: <http://tinyurl.com/opjep34>

Now, what's this about Holland not being a country? It's true; "Holland" is a filthy lie. Or at least that's what this video purports to report. Confused? This will enhance your confusion: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=595659720464065>

14. Sang's Supermarkets Stung for Expired Products in Government Control

We've seen it many times in various SXM island supermarkets: outdated or quite deteriorated food left on the shelves. From sticky soda bottles to moldy wine corks or outdated items, neither the Dutch Side nor the French Side seems to check the freshness of supermarket food as effectively as supermarkets we're accustomed to in the USA.

Government "controls" swoop in and check such things. You'll remember we reported on a similar "control" at Sapphire Resort a few weeks ago. This time it was at Sang's Supermarket. Sang's reportedly blamed its stockers and says it will tell them to do better. Regardless of who was responsible, the government found outdated cereal, cookies, dairy, and baby products in its "control."

More: <http://tinyurl.com/q2m29p>

15. The Ice Cream That Melts Very Slooowly

Rich, all-natural, ultra-premium Etna Ice Cream (www.etnaicecream.com) is high in butterfat which makes it incredibly creamy and slooow to melt. Made on the French Side, it is sold only on SXM and a few neighboring islands. Buy it at most local markets or you can get it at many island grocery stores. Since it's made locally and sells fast, it's ultra fresh, too. Warning: it will absolutely spoil you for anything else.

16. Restaurant of the Week: More on Busby's New Decks

We mentioned last week that Busby's is adding new decks to its beach bar, extended the current restaurant slightly closer to the sea and adding about 50 seats in the process. We've now posted pictures of this; you can see them at <http://tinyurl.com/pr3rlvc>

"Busby's" is Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, Island Pizza, and Daniel's By The Sea, all colocated next to Oyster Bay Beach Resort on Dawn Beach.

Recently featured Restaurants of the Week:

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 4/21/14)

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 3/10/14)

Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 6/28/14)

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 1/20/14)

Fusion, www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com (featured 4/7/14)

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 4/28/14)

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 6/23/14)

Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 3/3/14)

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 2/24/14)

Temptation, <http://www.rareandtemptation.com/EN/temptation/>

Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 1/6/14)

Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/28/14)

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/28/14)

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/3/14)

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/5/14)

SPN Cafe, <http://www.pineapplepete.com/sport.html>

Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path from the far side of Ocean Club to get there).

FIG, Cupecoy opposite Rainbow Beach Club

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/31/14)

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 2/10/14)

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 5/19/14)

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/>

Soprano's Restaurant, Maho Plaza, <http://www.sopranospianobar.com/stmaarten/restaurant/> (featured 3/3/14)

Bylbos, Simpson Bay

Sushiito Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance 3/17/14

We'll write about another SXM restaurant here next week as we continue our summer SXM restaurant coverage.

17. Caribbean Recipe of the Week

Our first appetizer is listed this week, Caribbean Plantain Chips. We grow this list every week, so ultimately you'll see tons of prior recipes here in one convenient place. The most recent recipes are dated.

Appetizers:

Caribbean Plantain Chips <http://www.yummly.com/recipe/Caribbean-spiced-Crispy-Baked-Plantain-Chips-560168?columns=5&position=5%2F67>
(7/7/14)

Entrees:

Caribbean Sushi rolls <http://caribbeanvegan.wordpress.com/2010/09/19/caribbean-sushi-and-a-first-timers-experience-rolling-sushi/> 6/21/14
Caribbean Chicken with Jalapeno Mango Sauce <http://www.poweroffamilymeals.com/recipes/5032> 6/9/14
Caribbean Chicken Wings <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/sunny-anderson/sunny-andersons-caribbean-chicken-wings-recipe.html> 5/19/14
Caribbean Fish with Mango Salsa: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/caribbean-fish-with-mango-salsa/>
Sugarcane shrimp: <http://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/Sugarcane-Shrimp-358593>
Tropical coconut bread: <http://www.food.com/recipe/tropical-coconut-bread-29185>
Rock Lobster Thermidor (from Cuba): http://www.caribexseafoods.com/recipes-cuban_rock_lobster_thermidor.html
Almond crusted fresh fish (from the Bahamas): https://www.bahamabreeze.com/recipes/main_dishes/almond_crusted_fresh_fish.asp

Side Dishes:

Roasted and Fried Breadfruit <http://cooklikeajamaican.com/roasted-and-fried-breadfruit/> 5/27/14
Caribbean Rice and Beans: <http://tinyurl.com/mutk2n4>

Desserts:

Caribbean Rum soaked cake: <http://latinfood.about.com/od/desserts/r/Bacardi-Rum-Soaked-Bacardi-Cake.htm> 6/30/14
Caribbean banana Mango Smoothies: <http://www.food.com/recipe/caribbean-banana-mango-smoothie-230184>

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SECTION 4: For Members Only (Updated 12/17/13)

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SECTION 5: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 12/17/13

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