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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 12/14/2019 12/21/2019 50 **The Villas at Simpson Bay Resort. 2 bedroom unit (sleeps 6) features a large master suite** with king bed, full kitchen, living room, 2 Murphy beds, and 2 flat screen TV's. and a huge balcony, overlooking Simpson bay. The Jr. suite has an efficiency kitchen, 2 full beds, private balcony, and flat screen TV. \$2000.00. A \$50 timeshare tax due to resort at check out. Will consider renting units separately 1 bedroom, \$1500, jr suite \$1000. I also have 3 nights available before the week starts (12/11, 12 & 13). Since this is

a replacement week, the unit will be assigned by the Resort. Judy Ronshagen@aol.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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SECTION 1: *Getting There: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather*

1. Severe Turbulence Injures More Airline Passengers: Staying Safe in the Air

It seems to be happening increasingly often: about once a week somewhere on the planet, a fully loaded passenger jet runs into clear air turbulence which causes the plane to drop violently, flinging passengers into the plane's ceiling sometimes causing severe injuries.

This time, it was an Air Canada jet on a long flight from Vancouver to Sydney, Australia. A number of passengers on this flight were injured requiring hospital attention. The plane turned back to the nearest airport in Honolulu, where ambulances waited to take them to waiting hospitals.

The only way you can avoid turbulent episodes and stay safe while flying is to keep your seatbelt securely fastened — exactly as flight crew members have been telling you on every flight for years.

Injuries occur when people who do not have their seatbelts fastened go flying from their seats in turbulence. (That's also why unbelted people in car accidents often fly straight through the windshield on impact.) Flying bodies get injured and they cause injuries to others. Always keep your seatbelt securely fastened; it should be a no-brainer now, since thanks (likely) to climate change the frequency of these episodes appears to be increasing.

Here is [much more](#) on this story from the BBC.

2. AA Throws Black Female MD Off Plane in Alleged "Bias" Incident

On a number of occasions over the last several years, American Airlines has been accused of racial bias on its flights.

In this case, a black female who happened to be an MD with advanced degrees was temporarily removed from an American Airlines flight when flight crew members didn't like the clothes she was wearing. The woman suggested that had she been white, the incident never would have happened.

The airline has been told before to reeducate its flight crewmembers to increase their racial sensitivity. Based upon this episode and others recently, it appears that American Airlines may not yet have figured out how to make that happen.

In our recent poll on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), airline passengers voted American Airlines their least favorite airline, recounting a number of incidents that led them to vote against the "legacy" American carrier.

At the opposite end of the poll was JetBlue, with Delta a close second — they were the favorite airlines of those who voted in our related "best airline" poll.

You can see those polls and others by using the search window on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and searching for the word poll.

Much more about what happened in this particular incident with American is [here](#).

3. Hurricane Barry Dumps Millions of Tons of Water on Louisiana

Tropical cyclone Barry, which was upgraded to a hurricane before striking the Louisiana coast on Saturday, has dumped millions of tons of rainwater and seawater on southern Louisiana, wreaking havoc on the daily routines of millions of people.

The second named storm of the season spiraled up only a few days ago from a low-pressure system that headed south from its original location over the southeast US, landing over warm Gulf of Mexico waters where it developed into Barry before moving westward, where it also threatened many dozens of oil drilling platforms. Although once over land, Barry was forecast to lose its tropical characteristics rather quickly, nonetheless it will be a potent rainmaker over the Mississippi River Valley potentially as far north as St. Louis over much of this week.

You'll find much more about the status of the tropical Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico in the weather center on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

4. Where to Download NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart

Blank hurricane tracking charts similar to those that have been used by the folks at the National Hurricane Center for many years are now available for download; download yours [here](#) (that's the NHC download site).

5. NHC Watches, Warnings, Etc. Arrive in Our SXM Site

Regardless of whether there are systems being watched, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) posts Tropical Outlooks and other routine posts multiple times per day. As long as the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean remain quiet, we will have few NHC posts on our site. But when the tropical Atlantic becomes active, we will be posting all significant bulletins both in the Weather Center of our main everythingSXM.com website and, later, on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Our Weather Center on everythingSXM.com this season will include all current hurricane informational bulletins, satellite images, radar, etc. Be aware that Crown Weather Services, our long-time partner private weather forecasting organization, will be posting its exclusive content on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as necessary when any storms threaten SXM.

If you live or work anywhere where tropical systems could conceivably impact you or your business, we urge you to subscribe to Crown Weather Services predictions. We know a number of TV meteorologists and they invariably refer to Crown Weather's Rob Lightbown as the person to go to for accurate hurricane weather forecasting. Find out more at [crownweather.com](#).

6. See Current SXM Weather / Tracking Serious Weather

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](#), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](#) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is

threatened by any storms.

4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see www.island92.com. They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

Download your own NHC Hurricane Chart:

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to get.

The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like, SXM. Bear in mind that this hurricane season may well be frontloaded — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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7. Airport Microwave Oven Creates Smoke, Airport Evacuated

When hundreds of passengers were suddenly ordered to evacuate the Princess Juliana SXM Airport terminal last week, all kinds of thoughts went through their minds.

Fortunately, the contents of a microwave oven being used by one of the airport's concessionaires started smoking which set off a smoke alarm which led to the evacuation of the building and to a number of delayed flights.

For our part, we'd rather airport smoke detectors were a bit too sensitive rather than not sensitive enough. Nonetheless, you can bet that airport authorities will be working with their concessionaires and with their alarm company to try to ensure that the airport has an optimal combination of safety and convenience for its passengers.

This is not the first time that an airport alarm caused an evacuation; another occurred about a year ago in the tents that were used for some time after hurricane Irma had passed.

Bottom line, no one hurt, no big deal, just a fair amount of inconvenience for hundreds of passengers.

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc.

8. Diamond Resorts Importing Workers for Detail Work Inside

With the replacement of most doors and windows on the exterior of Flamingo Beach Resort now completed, and similar progress reported at Royal Palm Beach Resort, Diamond Resorts is reportedly attempting to secure substantial overseas talent to complete the more sophisticated work required to finish the insides of both of its SXM resort hotels.

As reported here previously, they will both be opening, they say, somewhere around the middle of next year, 2020.

We will continue to report on the rebuilding, restoration, and reopening of these resorts until they actually reopen. Like other resorts, these properties were heavily damaged by Irma and it's taking longer than they had hoped originally to complete the rebuilding and get back in business.

More stories follow.

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9. SXM Relocation Seminar Now Available Online

Just before last Thanksgiving, working with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team, we put together and conducted an SXM Relocation Seminar for dozens of attentive attendees at Emilio's Restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate near Philipsburg.

Many of you have asked whether it would be possible for you to see video we made of our relocation seminar.

Although we do intend to put on future relocation seminars, the video of our November seminar is now available online to anyone interested in buying on SXM, whether for a vacation home, retirement home, income property, or anything else. Lots of outstanding info was communicated during this excellent seminar, and another is now in the early planning stages.

See the video [here](#).

Next week we expect to add a link here to Bright Path, a company that can help provide very deep and expeditious help in completing residency requirements for people buying a second home, income property, or a new business in SXM. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side.

10. Get That Condo on the Beach You've Been Dreaming Of

Spacious New Townhouses on Simpson Bay Beach:

If you've been thinking about moving to SXM but are turned off by large condo developments and have an urge to be on the beach in a place that is state-of-the-art strong, gorgeous, functional, and reasonably priced, we may just have found it for you on Simpson Bay beach, near its quiet northern end.

Drake Residences is built using quad-lock® insulating concrete forms construction which delivers rugged durability as well as great soundproofing.

There beachfront location consists of a four-story beachfront tower and five spacious townhouses, all offering beachfront access.

Construction is state-of-the-art using strong, steel reinforced concrete which is fire resistant, ultra-energy-efficient, with high wind resistance, impact resistance, seismic resistance, and flood resistance as well.

Drake Residences also offers true luxury, with modern design; an Italian kitchen; a waterfall island; floating staircases; all in a spacious, private, turnkey location. Preconstruction prices begin at just \$850,000; construction is about to begin. This is the last buildable lot on Simpson Bay beach and at these prices, you can expect Drake Residences to be sold out quickly.

If you'd like detailed information directly from the developer (whom you may well already know), email Jeff at jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com. Include your email and phone number with the subject **Drake Residences**. We'll put you in direct contact with the developer himself so he can tell you all the details. This is the most attractive, incredibly durable beachfront property we've seen in SXM in many years, and it is brand-new construction. Photos have been posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

11. Get Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide

[SkyMed Travel offers you a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations worldwide.](#) You can't lose with this, so read this article, sign up free and make your travel reservations directly through *SkyMed Travel*.

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for renewals. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number here to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.

You won't be disappointed.

12. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick (Updated 6/19)

With most timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, La Vista, Simpson Bay Resort, Port de Plaisance, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on everythingSXM.com and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingxsm.com. Check them out.

Get your rental weeks now. Note: ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

13. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updated

We've recently updated the site to reflect ongoing changes on the island.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

14. As Hurricane Season Heats Up, Island in Readiness

As one of several islands that was a bull's-eye for hurricane Irma almost two years ago, SXM is ready should another storm threaten the island.

Virtually all of its significant rebuilding has centered around building stronger and better — and that is exactly what it has done.

When we returned to SXM for our first extended trip last November, we found the Dutch side's recovery to be astounding. On the French side, most places were open and in excellent shape — Spiga, for example, had opened many months before — and restaurants there and on the Dutch side were greeting hordes of tourists happy to be back on SXM.

This summer continues to be busy after the busiest winter season in years. And the outlook for this coming winter continues to be very good, as more and more new properties come online during 2020 and 2021 including a new SECRETS Resort and Planet Hollywood.

15. In SXM, Help Wanted; Superman Preferred

In an editorial that was an interesting mixture of pensive and bizarre, the SXM *Daily Herald*, by far the island's

biggest newspaper, suggested that the island needs help to solve its problems — and that it could specifically use the services of Superman to get things going as needed.

[Here](#) is the editorial; see what you think.

16. Dutch Prime Minister To Give POTUS D-Day Flag

The Dutch prime minister is going to be handing over an American flag carried by US troops on that fateful day in 1944, 75 years ago, when those American troops landed in Normandy on D-Day.

Here are [details](#) on this emotion-filled presentation.

17. French Side Road Works (Repeat)

In a move regarded by Grand Case businesses as falling somewhere between a major inconvenience and a full-on disaster, the French side government has decided to tear up much of the roadways in Grand Case to install both a new sewage system and new high tension electric lines.

Although the government of the collectivite says the work will be done by November, it has a long and well-documented history of finishing major projects late, if at all, so its proposed actions, though necessary, come at a time when they could imperil the beginning of the next high season. Grand Case business owners are widely expected to write to the government protesting the inadequacy of the plans.

Here is a Google translation of the press release sent out by the collectivite on the construction plans, which include projects beyond Grand Case:

PRESS RELEASE

The Community takes stock of the planned works on the road network:

Since the hurricane Irma, several sites are open on the road network of Saint-Martin in a political will of the President and his elected to rehabilitate and bury all the networks. The Community has effectively launched the burial of electricity networks, optical fiber and rehabilitation of water and sanitation networks. This vast project, which is part of several budget years, aims to modernize all the networks and to permanently eliminate the air networks. This work will continue until the end of the term of office.

During the months of July and August 2019, several projects were planned. Landfill work on Rue de Hollande will continue until the end of 2019. Two-way recirculation in front of the Howell Center shopping center will take effect on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The end of the work is scheduled for the beginning of September. Traffic will now be a two-way street, except for some occasional work, which will be done at night and on Sundays.

Landfill works by EDF on the Boulevard de Grand Case, from Tuesday, July 9, 2019:

After carrying out the post-Irma emergency repairs on the electricity grids of the Boulevard de Grand Case, EDF will begin on Tuesday, July 09, landfill for the replacement of a defective high-voltage line. 850 linear meters of line will be buried during this operation whose duration of work is estimated at 1 month and a half.

The FSASM is planning the rehabilitation of the water and wastewater systems on Grand Case Boulevard as of September 2019. The Water and Sanitation Institute of Saint-Martin (EEASM) is actively working on the rehabilitation of water and sanitation distribution networks with a constant concern for quality and sustainability adapted to the needs of the territory and to the requirements environmental. In this sense, the EEASM has made the choice of vacuum sanitation to equip the urban area of Grand Case, hitherto devoid of collective network.

Certified at European level, the vacuum process has the merit of combining economic performance by controlling investment and operating costs, and respect for the environment (no pollution of groundwater, self-cleaning networks, immediate detection of malfunctions).

Following the consultation launched in February, tenders are currently being analyzed for an effective start of work in September 2019. The detailed planning of these will then be available and will be the subject of a recurrent communication.

The EEASM will pay particular attention to ensuring that these are carried out in the strictest respect of both standards, quality and safety, and the population of the areas concerned.

Work on the ravine Paradis in Orleans District from October

The community is also planning work on the Paradis ravine in the Quartier d'Orléans for a total amount of 1.3 million euros. These hydraulic works are part of the development of the Belle Plaine watershed, which has been the subject of numerous design studies since 2015.

The overall objective of the operation is to protect property and people from flooding and to ensure the sustainable development of new business parks in the Quartier d'Orléans area. This development work is the first step in a series of actions aimed at reducing floods in the event of heavy rains. These measurements were defined at the end of technical studies and hydraulic modeling conducted throughout the Belle Plaine watershed.

The intervention will take place in 3 sectors

Work will begin in October 2019 for a period of 8 months. They will relate to 3 sectors of intervention identified as problematic for the flow of waters:

Ravine Paradis bridge on RN7 road:

The current dimensions of the hydraulic section of the bridge are not sufficient to allow large amounts of water to pass in rainy weather, causing flooding upstream and on the road. A new reinforced concrete frame bridge will be built in place of the existing bridge. It will be equipped with sidewalks and guardrails for pedestrian safety. In addition, the banks will be protected from erosion by rip rap.

Cross the Range turn:

The banks of the ravine are impacted by erosion caused by heavy rains and the section of the ravine is not sufficient. A U-shaped reinforced concrete structure will be built along the road, near the turn of Cross the Range. It will be equipped with sidewalks and railings

(End of collectivite communication)

18. Last Call for Spiga Before Seasonal Vacation

Spiga has been our favorite restaurant of any kind in Grand Case for many years, and we've frequently hailed it as one of the top two or three restaurants on the entire island.

Lara and Ciro Russo who own the restaurant, will be taking some well-deserved time off in about another week, starting after they close on July 24.

If you are on the island now through July 24, we urge you to make reservations at and enjoy Spiga restaurant in Grand Case opposite Tijon Parfumerie. It's flat out phenomenal, and we don't say that about many places. See much more at www.Spiga-SXM.com.

They plan to reopen sometime late in October; we'll let you know when that happens.

19. Get Toppers Rhum Practically Everywhere

Toppers rhum has been the recipient of many recent awards including one several months ago from readers of *USA Today* who declared it the Caribbean's best.

Their rhum distillery, located in the heart of the Dutch side, delivers an astounding variety of flavors along with their legendary rhum cake, which itself is very potent and delicious. ("Rhum" is the French spelling of "rum.")

One of the most frequently asked questions for us for years has been where people can buy Toppers rhum in the United States. Now, the answer is practically everywhere — you can even order it to be delivered to your home by mail. See [this site](#) for more information about online ordering, and see [this site](#) for a list of retailers you can visit near you.

More stories follow.

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20. Make Your Own Perfume at Tijon Parfumerie

A few years ago, we satisfied our long-held curiosity about the perfume-making classes available for some time at Tijon Parfumerie in Grand Case, across the street from the Spiga restaurant at the northern end of Grand Case.

We made an appointment to make our own perfumes (mine was a cologne, of course) and it was a thoroughly enjoyable, highly educational experience. Both Ilene and I wound up with fragrances that we genuinely love. And since Tijon keeps records of the formulas you use to create your perfume or cologne, they can easily replicate your fragrance and either ship it to you or make it available to you on the island when you run out. We use it our every day.

For a wonderful permanent reminder of your visits to the island, nothing quite matches the special fragrance that you alone create here.

See www.tijon.com. Tijon Parfumerie offers many attractive fragrances for sale along with a number of other gift items. It is a very popular stop for cruise ship passengers and an increasingly popular stop for stayover tourists, especially in summer when the island is less busy. If you've never been to Tijon, put it on your list: it will become a highlight of your vacation and will trigger great memories for years to come.

21. Preannounced Low Water Pressure on Dutch Side Draws Ire

Recently, GEBE, the Dutch side's water and electricity company, announced that there would be low water pressure through a big chunk of Simpson Bay because of what it described as "ongoing system maintenance."

If GEBE did as much "ongoing system maintenance" as it has claimed for many years when the water stops or slows to a trickle, then it would probably have one of the best water systems in the world. It is rare in the United States that any water company has low pressure. It does happen in some communities during the height of summer or when some water towers are down for maintenance or when a water main breaks — but certainly not every few weeks as seems to happen with such regularity on the Dutch side.

Beyond that, has GEBE never heard of Shunts? In terms that GEBE will understand, hopefully, shunts are workarounds, enabling water to continue to flow around work areas when specific small areas of water pipes are repaired.

It doesn't seem that GEBE has any idea what shunts are, let alone trying to use them so it continues to deliver the water its customers pay a fortune for.

When asked why so many people on the Dutch side drink bottled water, we think the answer is "because they can get it dependably" rather than anything about taste or safety. Even the government of the Dutch side complains about GEBE -- a rather bizarre circumstance since it's the government that owns GEBE....

22. Your Invitation to Two JMB Member Parties

On Saturday, we sent a mailing to our JMB Website Supporters members inviting them to preregister for two summer parties — one at Isola Restaurant at Simpson Bay Resort and the other, our end of summer island party at the Toppers Rhum Distillery toward the end of August.

As is always the case, invitations go first to members of JMB Website Supporters, our long-time island discount program. If space is left after a few weeks in our party at Toppers, we may be able to invite a few other people — though it's rare for that to happen. We don't expect there to be any availability other than to JMB Website Supporters members for our party in another week at Isola.

For much more information, please see the email sent to JMB Website Supporters this past weekend. It contains complete Preregistration details.

The same letter also mentioned our January 3 Member Appreciation Luncheon coming up for 150 individuals who either are SkyMed members, friends of SkyMed members, or others interested in learning more about SkyMed, the USA's top provider of medical evacuation membership protection. SkyMed *Takes You Home*® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling, and they also offer global programs. For much more information, please see www.skymed.com/jmb; when you have questions or are ready to buy, please phone us at 508-747-8281. That way we get credit when you sign up. Much more on the SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon will be announced later this year.

23. Grandparents & Grandkids: Where to Go in SXM

We've heard some grandparents occasionally ask questions about where day camps are available in SXM. They have planned to take their grandchildren to SXM and thought that bringing them to a day camp would be a dandy idea.

Maybe it is a dandy idea, but you'll have difficulty carrying it off since we know of no day camps similar to those in the US that exist in SXM.

Nonetheless, there is plenty to keep kids busy, depending on their age. There are beaches, the Carousel, Ice Cream places, snorkeling, scuba diving (if you and they are ready), fishing expeditions, Loterie farm, trips to the Yoda guy Star Wars Museum on Front Street, boat trips and plane trips to neighboring islands, ziplines (now three different ones on SXM), and of course an endless array of restaurants even including McDonald's, Burger King, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, though none of those should be the reason anyone takes kids to St. Maarten.

24. Use Credit or Debit Cards in SXM: Why One is Better

Many people switched from credit cards to debit cards in recent years to whittle down their credit card debt, though many people continue to use credit cards to take advantage of airline and other loyalty cards and accumulate mileage.

If you're accustomed to using debit cards for most purchases, you'll be interested in the conversation we had recently with an officer of a top US bank. We told her we were planning another trip to SXM and we asked if we had to let them know that we would be doing international travel. She said no, but they she also tried to sell us on the idea of using a Credit Card on the trip instead of a debit card. The key reason: if a bogus charge appears on your debit card, it temporarily ties up your own money, which can be extremely inconvenient during a foreign trip. By contrast, if you use a Credit Card and there's a bogus charge on it, you are tying up only the bank's money until they Fedex you a replacement for the card, which is usually a fast event.

Travelers checks used to be an option but they are no longer accepted most places across the island with the possible exception of some casinos. And as a matter of general prudence, it is best not to carry large amounts of cash with you when you're in unfamiliar surroundings.

Credit Cards? Debit cards? You need to decide which is best for you, but even some bankers are suggesting Credit Cards may be the smarter way to go.

25. Our SXM Euro Ovals are Back

They're back - our famous SXM Euro-Ovals! You'll find pictures of the ovals in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Order three for \$15 or five for \$20. Pay through PAYPAL payable to jeff@jmbcommunications.com. Include your US or CANADIAN address (none shipped elsewhere). Style may vary SLIGHTLY from the photo. Allow 6 weeks for delivery. Use them on your car window or on smooth, hard-sided luggage (makes ID easy in baggage claim). You can also send a check to us (US dollar checks drawn on US banks ONLY) to OVALS, c/o JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Checks do take extra time for processing.

26. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy SkyMed.*

Example: Upgrade to or buy a new five-year SkyMed membership through us, and we give you a free five-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership. All you need to do is forward us a copy of the acknowledgement you receive from SkyMed after you buy new or upgrade through us. For info, see skymed.com/jmb (that new website goes live soon), but to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at (508) 747-8281 or email Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed. Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

27. Restaurant of the Week: Isola

If you've been consuming Italian food on SXM for any length of time, chances are you've either tasted Chef Marco Ferrante's cooking or have seen him as the Manager of a well-known Simpson Bay Restaurant.

For about 2 1/2 years, he has been in charge of Isola Italian Restaurant next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. He replaced most of the staff there, created an almost entirely new menu, then completely redesigned and enclosed virtually the entire restaurant to keep it comfortable and cool / dry year-round without road noise.

He hired the pizza chef who formerly worked at the late Sam Runza's Cugini restaurant nearby, and the result is a highly varied menu and a very popular restaurant visited both by locals and by tourists. We have no favorite dish here, since we keep trying new things on every visit. They'll even make pizzas that Italian nationals would find

sacrilegious -- like with mushrooms, chicken, and pineapple. Marco kiddingly (?) winced when we asked for it but made it and it was delicious. Try it, but do make reservations -- it can be quite busy.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Isola next to Hollywood Casino in Simpson Bay Resort, 7/13/19. 100% redesigned, inside and out, floor to ceiling and everything inside. Just go.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/8/19) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (7/8/19) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 7/2/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistro.com/en/ 6/24/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 6/17/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Mandarin Pan Asian, Port de Plaisance (featured 6/10/19) Excellent Pan-Asian dining including Japanese, Thai, and Chinese. Nice setting near the casino at Port de Plaisance.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 4/29/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Sunday.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant, www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant 4/15/19. Just go....

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 4/8/19) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 1/28/19) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late dining. Open morning until late night. Sports on TV. Karaoke some nights.

Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 12/30/18) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/24/18) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go!

Enigma C3 luxury Catamaran, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge Reopened.

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

28. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb, now live; please bookmark that and not any other site.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone; that

way we get credit. It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

SkyMed inquiries only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. Thank you. Customer stories are below.

29. Going Somewhere 10/15 or Later? Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion on Pre-Existing Conditions by Buying Guaranteed Renewable Annual Protection Now, Only About \$1.35/day

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Without it, an emergency medical evacuation by air ambulance will cost you from \$35,000 to \$50,000 or more, sometimes much more, payable in cash in advance. Worse, you must get it before you need it - just like fire insurance.

Buy a new SkyMed multiyear five-year membership from us now by phoning us at 508-747-8281 (at about \$1.35/day price guaranteed for 10 years when we take your application by phone) and we'll give you a 10 year new or renewal JMB Website Supporters membership on us. All you need to do is email us a copy of your welcome letter from SkyMed after approval to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed.

Of course we'll be happy to answer your questions and we can tell you about everything SkyMed offers. Totally up to you what type of coverage you select. Much more info about SkyMed is in the next story.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits [here](#).

By buying annual protection now at only about \$1.35/day, pre-existing conditions will be covered in full after a brief 90-day waiting period. SkyMed covers you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage is available as well. For answers to your questions, call us today at 508-747-8281.

See next story for much more on SkyMed. Offer ends soon.

Again, our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb: please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

30. *****SkyMed Customer Stories***** Protect Against Pricy Emergency Medical Evacuations by Getting SkyMed:

Emergency medical evacuations are payable in cash in advance and often cost upwards of \$45,000 -- unless you have a SkyMed membership. SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, and where your health insurance actually works. It's available to Americans and Canadians and to X-Pats of both countries, taking them home from throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage is available covering every country around the world except those on the U. S. State Department watch list. SkyMed makes all medical evacuation arrangements and pays for them directly...you just pay for your SkyMed membership.

Here are examples of SkyMed in action:

On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another

opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid for* an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: huge.

A Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cay Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases. *SkyMed takes its members home, usually in a private, ICU-equivalent medical*

evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works. That's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.30/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.

Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit www.skymed.com/jmb, our new SkyMed site, going live shortly.. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

More Info on SkyMed...

On its guaranteed renewable annual and multiyear memberships, SkyMed has a 90-day waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions -- everything else is covered in full as soon as your SkyMed membership has been approved, per SkyMed's member services agreement.

If you're traveling more than three months into the future, you can beat that one-time 90-day pre-existing conditions exclusion by joining today. That way the 90-day exclusion period will be over by the time you travel -- so you're covered in full, including pre-existing conditions, at that time.

SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. There is no age limit to apply, and once you're enrolled you can renew without further medical checks regardless of your attained age or your health at the time of renewal. Without SkyMed, if you need an Emergency Medical Evacuation, you must pay for it in cash, in advance. No cash, no evacuation. And the cost without SkyMed can be astronomical. Why risk that?

By contrast, if you're a SkyMed member, you call SkyMed directly and they make all the arrangements for all the services they provide. SkyMed Takes You Home -- what else matters?

And there is *no age limit to apply*. Call us at 508-747-8281 and ask for Jeff; he'll answer your questions and can take your application by phone, usually in under 10 minutes.

It's available to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats from both countries. Short-term and annual coverage includes the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage is available on annual memberships for a \$99 additional yearly fee, but global coverage is standard on multiyear SkyMed Ultimate memberships, which are both SkyMed's best and its least expensive medevac memberships.

You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweekly.../SkyMedServices.pdf>

Got questions? Call us daytimes (EDT) at 508-747-8281. Again, we can answer your questions and take your application by phone in about 10 minutes. We can set up evening phone appointments too. It's like fire insurance -- get it before you need it.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone. It takes under 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we also get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you. SkyMed calls only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time.. Thank you.

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See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits

31. Are You Military?

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit everythingsexm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

32. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate

Get The Current Low Price
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and keep the current low price on your first 5-yr. renewal.
That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See www.skymed.com/jmb, our new site, going live shortly.

33. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:

[**Island Real Estate Team**](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

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Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:

If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at [**Island Real Estate Team**](#). Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

[**Jennifer's Vacation Villas**](#) has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable.

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Candie Billant does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at blueparadiserealty.com.

Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

Bright Path is already posting on our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#)

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34. Use Our Weekly News Archives

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published in the last four years, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and our SXM Airport Special Edition, which has a great deal of useful future information on what's going to happen at the airport.

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35. Got SXM Questions? Here's Where The Answers Are

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Our Sponsorships enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email susank@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". We'll get complete information to you quickly. Winter is here and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and into 2020. Contact us today for more information.

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml .

Want to rent or buy a week?

***2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale* are posted at http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.**

SECTION 5: For Members Only

- A. **Where to Get Member Info:** www.everythingsxm.com/secret
- B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com. To change your password, click that same link.
- C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See www.everythingsxm.com/secret. Your username and password are required.

SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 7/2017

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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NON-members who wish to contact us should write to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject *Free Newsletter Recipient,* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: www.everythingsxm.com .

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