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1. Prosecutors Go After Heartbroken Grandfather After Shipboard Accident

For reasons that aren't perfectly clear, prosecutors are going after a grandfather who, in a terrible accident on a Royal Caribbean ship, lost his grip on his two-year-old grandchild who fell to her death on pavement below.

The family had said previously that the grandfather believed he was putting his granddaughter on the sill of a closed window, but there was no window, just a completely open area through which the toddler fell to her death.

The family reportedly believes that Royal Caribbean should be held responsible in the toddler's death.

We'll be watching this case as it comes to trial later this month.

More info is [here](#).

2. Lack of Quorum Stymies Airport Funding Support Vote

A parliamentary vote that would have put members of the SXM Parliament on record as supporting proposed funding alternatives for the to-be-completed renovation of SXM Airport never happened last Tuesday, because a quorum of Parliamentarians didn't stay in the room and there wasn't a quorum. Although the vote may have been symbolic, symbolism would've been important since it would've indicated that the government, such as it is, supported moving ahead vigorously with currently on the table financing alternatives instead of doing nothing on the proposal, which has been the case for almost a year on the Dutch side.

The Airport continues to complain of a lack of funding when the funding lies before them, offered and waiting. Hopefully the posturing will soon end and productivity will commence, providing funding so badly needed by SXM Airport -- and the country itself.

3. On Friday, Long Lines at Immigration

When airlines schedule a number of flights to arrive almost simultaneously in SXM some afternoons, the natural result — even when the airport is in full operation — is a crowd at immigration.

That's what happened last Friday at SXM Airport. It is not known whether a full immigration staff was working at the time or whether there may have been some computer issues — but the queue of waiting passengers extended out the door of the terminal.

The weather was good, fortunately, but arriving passengers should be queued inside the building and not on the tarmac.

In an apparently unrelated situation, both police and immigration workers unions had met the previous day. The extent of their grievances wasn't immediately clear, and there is no evidence that the crowd on Friday had any relation to the meeting on Thursday.

Regardless, we'll be watching both of these situations for you and we will continue to report on both.

4. MAX Victims' Families Demand Boeing CEO Resignation

It isn't the first time this has happened, nor will it likely be the last: at a recent Congressional hearing on the Boeing 737 Max jet, the parent of one of 346 passengers who perished in one of two fatal 737 Max crashes before the plane was ultimately grounded confronted Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg, urging him to quit and go back to the family farm in Iowa. Muilenburg has repeatedly referred to his upbringing on a farm in comments about the 737 Max crashes, and crash victims families apparently have had enough of it.

Here is [more](#).

Some sources now say it may be 2021 before all 737 Max aircraft have been upgraded and can be returned to service, a process that probably won't begin until mid or late winter, if then.

5. "Breeze" May Be David Neeleman's Next Airline; May Fly in '20

David Neeleman founded WestJet in Canada, Azul Airways in South America, JetBlue in the US, and is part owner of TAP Air Portugal, and as we have previously reported, is launching a new airline in the US which has been code-named Mozy.

Recent press reports now indicate that Neeleman and those working on the new airline seem to be homing in on Breeze as its potential name.

Neeleman has always been an innovator, and his new airline will be no exception. He has already signed a memorandum of understanding for the purchase of several dozen new Airbus A220 aircraft, about which you will find more information in last week's issue of *SXM Weekly News*; see it in our [Archives](#).

Although the planes aren't scheduled for delivery until 2021, press reports indicate there is a strong possibility the airline could launch revenue service during 2020 by purchasing some used aircraft, not an uncommon practice in the industry.

Why is this significant to SXM-bound passengers? The [list of cities](#) where Breeze may be providing service includes a number of cities that already have service to SXM, mostly through connections. The A220 delivers economics that would enable Breeze to provide nonstop service from more places, particularly when SXM finishes final upgrades to the SXM terminal building including preclearance, which may happen by 2022 or 2023.

There could be a fresh breeze coming to SXM once Breeze Airways really gets going.

6. Tropics Quiet; Hurricane Season Ends 11/30...

Usually, but not always, the tropical Atlantic remains quiet during the last couple of weeks of November. During Saturday, when this story was written, the National Hurricane Center was saying that tropical storm formation is not expected during the next five days.

Hopefully, tropical storm formation is done for the season.

For much more information, please see the Weather Center on our main everythingSXM.com site. As we have done throughout this season, we will also be posting significant information delivered to us by the National Hurricane Center until hurricane season officially ends November 30 and beyond then, if any activity happens later..

7. 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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SkyMed Travel offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 115% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

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9. A Very Unique Dec-Jan Rental Opportunity at Belair...

We wanted to make you aware of the very unexpected availability of a large chunk of Winter weeks during December and January that are now available at Belair Beach Hotel.

Here are the details:

Special opportunity December 2019 and January 2020 **Two Bedroom, Two Bathroom, Second Floor, Belair Beach Hotel unit available for December 2019 and January 2020.** This is the first time this unit has been available during this timeframe in many years. Once in a lifetime opportunity. Weekly Rate: \$1710, plus any applicable taxes; Special Monthly Rates available upon request. Email: info@island92.com to inquire.

Want to get away with family or friends for an extended vacation? This is your chance to do exactly that.

10. Coral Beach Club, Better Than Ever, Reopens in Dec.

Severely battered two years and two months ago by hurricane Irma, Coral Beach Club, now part of Oyster Bay Beach Resort, is now reopening to both its owners and to renters to rave reviews.

Always a showplace for the most modern and technologically advanced appliances and features, Coral Beach Club, or CBC, offers stunningly gorgeous accommodations with private pools for many units, right on Dawn beach, plus nearby units overlooking Oyster Pond. Their website is [here](#), and this [Daily Herald](#) article regards a recent press review of the gorgeously renovated property.

In a conversation this past weekend with general manager Ricardo Perez, he added a few additional tidbits for our *SXM Weekly News* readers:

"The property has been fully refitted and made much more resistant to future events. Upgraded the hurricane shutters, sliding doors, storm bars. Biggest amenity is that they can use all the facilities and events at OBBR while staying at CBC. All appliances are high end either Viking or GE Monogram. Over the next few weeks we will have electrical golf carts for rent for transportation to and from OBBR. Also Nespresso machines in all units, and fully stocked wine and champagne mini bar with great selection at reasonable prices. Pre-Arrival grocery program and private chef also available upon request.

"Rentals and timeshare weeks are also available. We also have two-bedroom townhouses on the Oyster Pond side. Those have three full bathrooms. All units have Direct TV access and free wifi."

Oyster Bay Beach Resort itself was one of the first timeshare resorts on the island to come back online after extensive repairs required by Irma. It anchors the northern part of Dawn beach in the Oyster Pond area of Dutch St. Maarten.

11. Adonis Cupecoy Hotel Opening Delayed

The new Adonis Cupecoy hotel in Cupecoy beach is expected to offer beautiful views of the surrounding countryside and shoreline once it opens. It had been scheduled to open this month, but hotel representatives have now said they don't expect it to open until some time in December.

We recently went by the construction site and our own hunch is that a December opening may be difficult for Adonis. We're nearby and we'll post pictures and information often of this and other SXM construction projects in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

12. Condo Dev't. Pictures Coming To Our SXM FB Site

As we reported here last week, there are a number of condominium development projects rapidly progressing across SXM, with a Dutch side focus.

To ensure that *Weekly News* readers get the latest photographic updates on the status of the various projects, we'll be posting lots of photos in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) during the coming months. Join it soon to see all our photos.

13. Want to Rent Out Or Sell Timeshare Units You Own?

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main everythingSXM.com website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, everythingSXM.com and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there. For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of everythingSXM.com. As a member, you will have access to a growing pallet of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingxsm.com.

The ability to post timeshare rentals on our site is limited to JMB Website Supporters members only, and is not available to any others at any price.

14. Original 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.

15. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick

With most timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, La Vista, Simpson Bay Resort, Port de Plaisance, and Oyster Bay Beach -- 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 are are very frequently updated.

16. A Place Where SXM Timeshare Owners Can Talk

JMB Communications has long operated a St. Maarten timesharing site on Facebook. We have now combined that site with our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) since more timeshare owners from St. Maarten belong to the latter site than the former.

In the [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) lots of current information about timeshare resorts is being exchanged by timeshare owners. We welcome you to join that site and share your experiences with other timeshare owners.

17. Rented/Sold Your Timeshare? Please Cancel Your Ad

Owners of timeshares from St. Maarten and the rest of the world who are members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program can post timeshare weeks they own for rent or for sale on our main SXM site, [everythingSXM.com](#), which has had over 6 million visits and continues to be enormously popular. *We do urge timeshare owners to let us know at once when their weeks have been rented or sold. That way, we can remove expired ads on a timely basis — usually weekly during high season.*

Members of JMB Website Supporters can post or cancel ads using our members-only secret website, www.everythingsxm.com/secret. Your assigned username and password are required for secret site access. Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you don't recall your password, use the forgot password link in the orange login box below the masthead on every page of [everythingSXM.com](#) for site access.

Updates to our listings are done weekly during high season.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

18. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Underway

Jeff has returned to SXM and is already working to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program.

As these additions are made, they will be reported here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

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

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

19. Time-Sensitive SkyMed Note to Readers:

Quickly:

If you're on the island January 3 and are an American, Canadian, or an xPat now living in SXM, SkyMed is inviting you to a free, highly informative luncheon about SkyMed medical evacuation services. Jeff will be there as will top executives of SkyMed. **Story 33 contains your invitation.**

SkyMed arranges and pays for emergency medical evacuations for its members when they become critically ill or injured when traveling. See details at www.skymed.com/jmb (my site - I've been working with SkyMed since 2001) and call me with questions or to sign up - that way we get credit. *Your health insurance doesn't work in SXM and many other places; you do not want to have to pay for expensive procedures that may never be reimbursed.* SkyMed

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See your invitation at story 33.

20. Thursday Night Is Broadway Show Night at Toppers

The INDISU dance studio of St. Maarten teaches dance to kids of all ages on the island, and periodically puts on musical dance programs at various locations on SXM.

Every Thursday evening, INDISU puts on a program at Toppers Restaurant in Simpson Bay. They are always sellouts, so you need to reserve in advance and get there early. Broadway music, great dance numbers, colorful costumes, and incredibly talented young dancers make these events truly memorable. Bring your camera. There is a special restaurant menu with lots of delicious Toppers favorites at their usual very reasonable prices.

This is the same group that, in December, will stage multiple performances of Disney's Frozen, starting with a gala with a full dinner on December 7 plus follow-up performances that month. Not to be missed. December performances are always sold out, so get your tickets early. For more information visit the dance studio's [website](#); call them at 1 (721) 544 3633 or email them at info@dancesxm.com.

Don't miss Thursday evenings at Toppers!

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21. Vodka To Start Flowing at Toppers Rhum Distillery

The Toppers Rhum distillery in Cole Bay, St. Maarten, manufactures and distributes a spectrum of rhums throughout most states in the USA and now in many countries around the world.

Now, they are about to introduce vodka made right here in St. Maarten — a high-quality vodka that is already getting rave reviews and recognition from vodka experts who can't believe this award-winning upstart that has already turned the rum world upside down may be about to do exactly the same thing for the world of vodka.

You can already taste-test Toppers vodka at Toppers restaurant, and you can ask about it already at the Toppers Rhum Distillery during a tour there. But remember, it has not yet been formally introduced: that introduction is scheduled for December.

If you like great vodka, now you have yet another reason to come back to St. Maarten.

22. Mandarin Pan Asian & Sushi Busy at Port de Plaisance

Mandarin Pan Asian and sushi, a new restaurant which opened last year at Princess Port de Plaisance near the Cole Bay terminus of the lagoon Causeway, delivers a broad menu of pan-Asian favorites plus Japanese dining for sushi lovers. The menu is quite extensive and the ambience is excellent.

Owner Nikhil Gurnani owns two other SXM restaurants — Pelican Bistro on Billy Folly road between Atrium Resort and Simpson Bay Resort, and also Melange an outstanding restaurant next to the Casino at Princess Port de Plaisance.

By all means check them out. SXM has many sushi places for you to try; Mandarin pan Asian should be high on your list.

23. Vesna Taverna Reopens to Lots of Smiling Faces

Last Friday night, Vesna Taverna launched its 2019 – 2020 high season evening hours at its delightful, eclectic restaurant just north of the Simpson Bay drawbridge on Simpson Bay lagoon.

Just back from an extensive trip to Paris where Vesna and husband/chef Yannick spent lots of time immersed in cutting-edge culinary creativity, Vesna and Yannick are raring to go — and their clients welcomed them back in style in their very busy restaurant on Friday and Saturday night.

We will be posting pictures of dinners and desserts in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Vesna Taverna is open seven days a week for breakfast and lunch. Dinner is served most days but not all. Plan to go soon. Reservations are always essential here, so stop by or call in advance at 1- (721) 524-5283. Vesna Taverna has been a multitime winner of our Everything SXM Culinary Award of Excellence.

24. SBR's Replay Sports Bar Balloons in Size, Menus

Simpson Bay Resort's popular Replay Sports Bar opened a week ago in its brand-new digs in the Marina Plaza at the resort.

Now twice the size it was before, Replay also has greatly expanded its menu, which includes sports bar favorites, plus a full menu of sushi rolls and other Japanese food, plus a full Italian menu. So, how can it miss? With lots of big screen TVs inside and outdoors under gigantic gazebos, it offers almost every kind of dining you can think of, under one roof -- and those two big gazebos. Adding to the fun is Ziggy Chang, who has been here for about a year and brings his own special touch to Replay's excellent service.

Do check it out soon for all winter sports, especially the next couple of months of NFL football. By the way there's also a full menu of delicious pizzas, of course.

25. Bistrot Caraibes Now Open Seven Days

The venerable Bistro Caraibes restaurant in Grand Case has announced that it is now open seven days a week.

26. When in P-Burg, Check Out Blue Bitch Bar

For years, Taloula Mango's Caribbean Restaurant just east of the center of town on the Great Bay beach promenade (boardwalk) has been one of the most popular spots for lunch and liquid refreshments anywhere in Philipsburg. Its first-floor Blue Bitch bar is easily the most popular bar on the beach, with convenient seating on the boardwalk and plenty of room inside. The food is excellent, the drinks are delicious, and the prices are reasonable.

If you have not visited the Blue Bitch bar recently, do it soon: it will be a welcome respite to your Philipsburg visit.

27. Maho Garage Now Fully Open

For many months, the Maho parking garage behind the Maho Plaza was unavailable, since it was used as a staging area for building materials for rebuilding both Sonesta Maho resort and Sonesta Ocean Point.

Now, it is completely open, since the rebuilding has long since been completed and a number of businesses are now open. Valet parking is also available if you're going to Casino Royale.

28. Scenic Overlook at Coralita Temporarily Closed

When we last saw it during a drive this past week, the scenic overlook at Coralita beach was off-limits to visitors. It looks like seasonal repairs may be underway. We'll try to find out the story and let you know when this long-time vista point will reopen.

29. Where Are They Now?

This is the fourth in a series of articles about where the people are who served you in the past at extremely popular SXM restaurants. If you've been going to SXM for any length of time — or, in fact, if you're an ex-pat now living there — you will find interesting information right here. Since they moved on from their original restaurants, many SXM restaurateurs and restaurant employees have stayed in the business on the island. In this series, we'll tell you

where some of them are and where you can get those recipes you thought you'd never taste again.

Da Livio Restaurant in downtown Philipsburg for many years was a standout, originally owned and operated by legendary island restaurateur Livio Bergamasco. Livio handed over his managerial reins at one point to Daniel Jurczenko, and after that Da Livio closed so Livio could retire and sell the building, Daniel used some of the recipes and staff at Daniel's by the Sea on Dawn Beach. We'll talk about what Daniel's up to in a future column here.

Although Livio has retired and continues to relax on the island, his daughter and son-in-law, Lara Bergamasco Russo and Ciro Russo continue the culinary tradition with their spectacular, multi-award-winning Spiga Restaurant in Grand Case opposite Tijen Parfumerie. It is a truly terrific restaurant - the best of any kind in Grand Case.

Watch for the next article in this series next week. **If you have suggestions for future articles, please email them to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject *where are they now*.**

Featured so far in this series:

Next: L'Alabama

Livio Bergamasco / **Da Livio** (article #4)
Gray & Jason & "Lulu" / **Busby's / Daniel's** (article #3)
David Foini, **La Raviolina / La Gondola** / iZi (article #2)
Al & Lillian Wathey, **Turtle Pier / Nowhere Special** (article #1)

30. Restaurant of the Week: Mama Pizza

Hurricane Irma wasn't nice to Desmond Culbert, owner of Mama Pizza. Irma nailed the area around two busy Mama Pizza locations, Oyster Pond and Anse Marcel; both remain closed. Desmond told us last week that he does plan to reopen the Oyster Pond location once the area is back (possibly a year or two from now), but in the meantime his flagship restaurant at Porto Cupecoy continues to go great guns.

If you're truly hungry and love generous portions of great food at reasonable prices, go here. Yes, we do see owners of other restaurants visit here on their nights off. The pizzas are terrific, the chicken parm is great and big in size, and the crowd is eclectic and loving every bite of delightful food and every bit of conversation.

Their sophisticated location on the plaza at Porto Cupecoy is one of the best restaurant locations on the entire island.

Go. You'll be back.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 11/11/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 10/28/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Wednesday through Sunday.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 10/20/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 10/14/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

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

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.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.

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.

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.

31. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Regardless of what time it is, people are always interacting with our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — asking questions, answering questions, getting answers or suggestions or recommendations from other people, posting thousands of pictures, etc.

With almost 24,000 participating members (more than twice that including their partners and friends), there's just about always a number of people around to answer any question or to offer recommendations. *You will also find some of the best businesses on the island occasionally posting information about what they offer, too — jewelers, car rentals, points of accommodation, restaurants, pharmacists, swimsuit retailers, and others.* The best place to get your questions answered quickly is our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) -- check it out.

32. Please Help Stop the Scourge of Brain Tumors...

Jeff Berger writes:

Our son Scott Berger has had two brain tumors. He's married with two kids and understandably his passion and ours is supporting the efforts of the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) in finding the cause of brain tumors, improving diagnostic tools, advancing treatment modalities, patient care, and more.

Scott in a few weeks will once again be active in the Brain Tumor Walk where he lives, in the Phoenix area. Please see more in [his post for the NBTS](#) and please help in any way you can. Every family affected by brain tumors will thank you - us especially! -*Jeff & Ilene*

33. Your Invitation: SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon 1/3

If you are either a SkyMed member or are interested in learning more about SkyMed, you are invited to our first SKYMED MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON in SXM on January 3. Please see details here; registration is

required: www.skymed.com/weappreciateyou

Bring friends who should also hear this information, but ALL must be preregistered. Looking forward to seeing you there!

34. Want to See Back Issues of SXM Weekly News? Here's How

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published since Spring 2014, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and many Special Editions.

Check it out [here](#). It has now been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is being added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

35. 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.*

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36. 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.

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37. Going Somewhere 1/12 or Later? Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion of 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 -

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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](#).

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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.

38. ***SkyMed Customer Stories***** Protect Against Pricey 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*

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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

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41. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 10/14)

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Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's (NEW)

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar (NEW)

Nowhere Special (NEW)

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[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. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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