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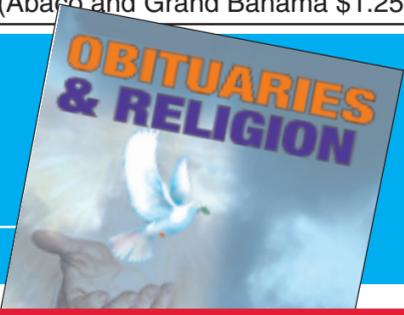
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Grant-Bethel set for law job showdown

Baha Mar project 'will stimulate the stalled economy'

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ONCE the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project gets underway it will not only inject the construction industry with desperately needed revenue, but also stimulate the stalled economy, claims Bahamas Contractors Association President Stephen Wrinkle.

The future of the project...
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Top prosecutor takes role of DPP with Jamaican set for job on Monday

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ALTHOUGH the Government maintains the job is no longer hers, and with Jamaican attorney Vinette Graham-Allen scheduled to start work in the same post next Monday, Cheryl Grant-Bethel is working as the Director of Public Prosecutions from a new office in the British American Building, according to her attorney.

After being barred from her former office in the East Hill Street Attorney General's Office, where she previously worked as a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Grant-Bethel has relocated to the British American Financial Centre.

The British American Financial Centre is where the Government had intended Ms Grant-Bethel to begin a new role as the Deputy Law Reform and Revision Commissioner, the post the Attorney General maintains she was appointed to, rather than the Director of

Public Prosecutions post she asserts she should and does now hold given her previous position as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions.

However, Ms Grant-Bethel is sticking to her guns and refusing to take any but the job she says she is entitled to.

"She's a public servant so she must work, she's not going to sit down and do nothing, but she is not doing any work that's inconsistent with the post of the Director of Public Prosecutions," said Wayne Munroe, Ms Grant-Bethel's attorney.

Rather than prosecuting cases at present, as DPPs commonly do, Ms Grant-Bethel is using her time to "review the criminal procedure code", part of what she would have been doing in the Deputy Law Reform Commissioner post the Government had intended for her to take. A Law Reform Commissioner reviews codes and legislation currently being used to see where changes can be made to improve and update

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MAN SLEEPING IN CAR, FAMILY DISPLACED AFTER FIRE



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HOME IN RUINS: The remains of the property in Laplow Street.

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A GOVERNMENT worker has been reduced to sleeping in his car, his family displaced, after a fire destroyed his single-story stucco home.

The employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, told *The Tribune* of his horror when he discovered his house in Laplow Street, which is off Farrington Road, engulfed in flames.

Inside, was his 56-year-old mother, also a government worker, and his 16-year-old niece, due to enter the 11th grade in less than a month.

The man said: "I had just stepped out for not more than 30 minutes, and when I returned my house was in flames. It was horrible, my mother and niece were inside, when I left they had been sleeping."

The fire appeared to have started from inside the house, consuming more than three quarters of its contents before fire officers were able to extinguish it.

Due to its construction, fire officers confirm stucco

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Private schools did not receive full subsidies cut

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PRIVATE and church affiliated schools whose government subsidies had been slashed did not receive the full percentage cut, according to Education Minister Desmond Bannister.

The 2010/2011 budget, tabled in the House of Assembly in May,

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FUNDING: Desmond Bannister

Bahamas International Film Festival faces challenging year, calls for sponsors

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A FINAL call for sponsors to support the seventh annual Bahamas International Film Festival has been made this month as the country's leading international cultural event faces the most challenging financial year in its short history.

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RIU hotel gets scathing online reviews

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HOT hotel rooms, a stinking lobby, unhelpful staff, and slime in the swimming pool have driven guests at the Paradise Island RIU to check out early and vow never to return.

Scathing reviews of the all-

inclusive RIU Palace have been posted on travel website www.tripadvisor.in to warn potential travellers of the horrors of their stay.

Several recent guests complained of a sewer-like stench permeating the lobby, little or no air-conditioning, and fighting with staff to get fans for their rooms.

Under headings such as "Stay away!" "I would never stay there again!" "Horrible experience, rude staff!" and "Don't waste your money," RIU visitors warned potential guests of their experiences at the RIU.

"I have never seen so many unhappy guests nor have heard

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LOCAL NEWS

Officers continue probe into McDonald and Adderley murders

Unsolved cases still open, says Assistant Commissioner

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A TEAM of officers continues to work on the unsolved murder cases of College of the Bahamas professor Thaddeus McDonald and AIDS activist Wellington Adderley, according to the assistant commissioner in charge of crime.

"They're not solved yet but they're not closed," said Assistant Commissioner Glenn Miller yesterday when asked if the cases had gone cold.

Popular professor and Dean of the School of Social and Educational Studies at COB, Dr McDonald was bludgeoned to death using an iron in his Queen's Street apartment, near to the US embassy, in November 2007. It was suggested that the ac-

ademic may have known his killer, as there was no sign of forced entry into his home.

His murder was committed two days before the discovery of the dead body of handbag designer Harl Taylor in his Mountbatten House home on West Hill Street, where he had been brutally stabbed dozens of times. The homes of the two men were a short distance apart.

Street home six months after the Taylor and McDonald killings on May 27, 2008.

The similarities between the attacks, their close proximity in time and the fact that all three of the men were homosexuals, led to widespread speculation that the incidents may have been in some way connected.

No one was ever fingered as a suspect in the McDonald and Adderley cases.

ACP Miller said he is still unable to say if there is a link between the crimes as far as the police are concerned.

Asked specifically if DNA evidence was subsequently found to connect the crime scenes, Mr Miller said he did not "wish to disclose that."

"We had some information then (when the crimes were committed) which we will continue to review," Mr Miller said.

Acquitted

Troyniko McNeil, the son of Harl Taylor's business partner, was acquitted of Taylor's murder last month, leaving that case no closer to closure.

AIDS activist and director of the Bahamas National Network for Positive Living, Wellington Adderley was found stabbed and with his throat cut in his Delancey



HIGH TIDES and rough weather was visible off the eastern shore of New Providence as a result of passing of Tropical Storm Colin. Despite the effects, the storm isn't expected to have any major impact on the Bahamas.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

No new leads in bank robbery

NO NEW leads have emerged in the investigation into the robbery of the First Caribbean Bank at Sandport last week.

As of press time last night, no suspects had been identified, according to Superintendent Clayton Fernander.

"We are looking to members of the public to give us a call and come in with information on the incident," said Supt Fernander.

Bank customers were terrified when two masked gunmen dressed in winter jackets burst into the bank, ordering everyone to the ground and demanding that tellers empty their tills.

A high-speed car chase and shoot-out followed the robbery, which took place shortly before midday on July 28.

Police launched a nation-wide manhunt for the two armed robbers after they ditched their car and escaped on foot.

Investigators have so far refused to disclose the amount of money stolen from the bank.

"We have crime officers looking through the forensics, who are still looking through the vehicle to see if there is any physical evidence in respect to the investigation," said Supt Fernander.

FREEPORT NEWS

Decomposed body identified

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FREEPORT – The decomposed body that was discovered last week in a high voltage building is that of 26-year-old Valentino Stuart.

Asst Supt Hector Delva, assistant press officer, reported that the deceased was identified by his mother Gayle Wallace.

On July 28, an employee of the Grand Bahama Power Company contacted police after noticing a "bad smell" at the company's high voltage building on Kings Road, off Midshipman Road.

Police discovered the partly decomposed body of an unidentified man inside the building. A dog was also found dead next to the body. The man was wearing a white T-shirt and dark coloured trousers.

Although the clothing and the dog assisted in making the identification, ASP Delva said police are awaiting more conclusive identification through DNA analysis.

"Based on medical investigations, nothing was found which would suggest foul play, and this matter remains unclassified," he said.

Officers of the Central Detective Unit are continuing their investigations.

Men wanted for questioning over armed robbery

Three men are wanted for questioning in connection with the armed robbery at the Freeport Jewellers in the International Bazaar on July 23.

Freeport residents Jernardo McPhee, 22; Rashad Forbes, 29; and Renaldo Jolly, 25, are wanted by police.

McPhee's last known address was 156 Oats Lane and No 8 Raleigh Drive. He is of dark brown complexion and has dark brown eyes. He is about 5'9" tall of average build and weighs about 150lbs to 200lbs. McPhee also has scars on his back.

Forbes' last known address was No. 10A Tasmin Circle. He is of dark brown complexion and has dark brown eyes. He is about 5' 8" tall of average build and weighs about 150lbs to 200lbs.

Jolly's last known address is Bass Lane and No 46 Coral Reef Way. He is of dark brown complexion and has dark brown eyes. He is about 6'2" tall of slim build and weighs about 150lbs to 200lbs.

Anyone with information concerning the suspects is asked to contact police. The men are considered armed and dangerous.

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Police follow 'significant leads' into government offices break-ins

POLICE say they are following "significant leads" into the series of break-ins at government offices over the past few weeks.

So far, the Immigration Department on Hawkins Hill, the Passport Office on Thompson Boulevard, a Supreme Court office and a Magistrate's Court have all been raided by night-time intruders.

"We are still asking members of the public to share any information with respect to that," said Supt Clayton Fernandez, "but I can't say at this time that these matters are connected, or that they are on the same trend."

The court raids followed a burglary at the Passport Office on July 8, when thieves stole a safe containing \$7,000 and got away in a government car.

This incident was followed by a break-in at Magistrate's Court Number Nine on July 31, when thieves cut security bars on a window, ransacked a court office and tried unsuccessfully to steal a safe.

Then, two days ago, it was reported that the headquarters of the Immigration Department had been broken into and an accounts office ransacked.

Police are also currently investigating a second break-in at the Oakes Field Bahamasair office, and say they will be releasing a sketch of a suspect shortly.



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TARGET OF THIEVES: Burglars broke into this Supreme Court building.

Disguised

The robbers were disguised from head to toe, wearing masks, jackets and gloves.

On July 28, police reported that the office of Supreme Court Senior Justice Jon Isaacs had been broken into. A number of personal items were taken, however initial reports that up to 200 case files had disappeared were later denied by court officials.

The message: "The PLP must win the next election, all FNM must die," were scrawled on the door of Justice Isaacs' chambers.

Court briefs

Man in court on maiming charge

A 48-year-old man accused of maiming another man was arraigned in a Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Gary Ferguson, of Carmichael Road, is accused of maiming Kastino Nabbie while at Deliverance Way.

Ferguson, who was arraigned before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The accused, who was represented by attorney Ian Cargill, was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with one surety. The case was adjourned to August 20 and transferred to Court 10, Nassau Street.

A 22-year-old man of Cowpen Road has been remanded to Her Majesty's Prison after being arraigned on an unlawful sex charge.

William Paul, 22, of Cowpen Road, has been charged with having unlawful intercourse with a person under the age of 14. According to court dockets, Paul had intercourse with an underage girl on July 31.

Paul, who was arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethell in Court 8, Bank Lane on Tuesday, was not required to enter a plea to the charge. He was denied bail on the grounds that he has no status in the country. Paul is expected to appear before Magistrate Subu Swain in Court 11, Nassau Street today for a fixture hearing.

A 25-year-old man was sentenced to 18 months in prison yesterday after pleading guilty to a weapons charge.

According to court dockets, Torriano Smith, of Buttercup Lane, was found in possession of a silver and black coloured Taurus pistol. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge during his arraignment before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethell on Tuesday.

Smith is also accused of being found in possession of two live rounds of .380 ammunition. Smith initially pleaded guilty to that charge, however, the plea was subsequently changed to not guilty by the court. He is expected to stand trial on the ammunition charge on April 12, 2011.

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Cloned beef flap spreads alarm in Britain

NEWS that meat and milk from the offspring of cloned cattle — illegal to sell in England without proper authorization — may have made their way into the U.K. food chain has set hands wringing in Britain, a country still sensitive from its experience with mad cow disease.

And while scientists made the rounds of breakfast TV shows to assure consumers that the products were safe, the flap illustrates what industry-watchers say are the pressures and regulatory loopholes pushing meat taken from the progeny of clones and genetically engineered foods into the European market, whether citizens like it or not — or even know about it.

Food safety officials said Wednesday they are investigating how a bull from the embryo of a cloned U.S. cow came to be slaughtered and eaten in Britain, where farmers must apply to sell such meat. They're also investigating whether milk from a cow bred from a clone made its way into the food chain.

Britain's Food Standards Agency and leading scientists say there are no safety concerns about such milk and meat — but the issue dominated the news bulletins, with television news programmes replaying file footage of sickly cattle struggling with mad cow disease.

On the streets of the north London neighbourhood of Camden, where market stalls compete to sell organic teas and free-range sausages, there was widespread unease over the news.

In June the European Parliament approved the sale of milk and meat from the descendants of cloned animals, providing proper permission was sought (something British authorities say was not done in this case). Food from clones is still banned outright.

Most scientists believe meat from cloned animals — and their descendants — is safe.

Hugh Pennington, emeritus professor of microbiology at the University of Aberdeen, said some people were alarmed by the concept of cloning because it "has an H.G. Wells ring to it," but insisted meat and milk from cloned cows posed no health risks.

"It is just the way they have been produced that is different, but there has been no messing around in its genetics. They are exactly the same as an ordinary Holstein cow or bull."

In the United States, genetically modified crops are common and meat from cloned livestock and their offspring has been deemed safe to eat — although a voluntary moratorium on sales of foodstuffs taken from clones remains in place.

But opinion polls in Europe consistently show a public opposed to both genetically modified and cloned food.

The French, with their strong culinary traditions and powerful farmers' lobby, are particularly opposed. So are Italians, with 72 per cent voicing their opposition to genetically modified foods in a recent survey. Polls show

similar levels of opposition in Germany.

British consumers have been wary of tainted beef and dairy products since an epidemic of brain-wasting mad cow disease in the 1990s that saw British beef exports banned for a decade and led to a tightening of welfare and safety standards. More than 100 people died from the human form of the disease after eating infected meat products.

The public also came out against genetically engineered crops by wide margins when the issue of growing them in Britain was mooted in 2004.

Despite public opposition, cooking oil made from genetically engineered crops, meat raised on modified feed and cheese made from the offspring of cloned cattle already has made its way into meals across the continent.

In Germany, some 60 per cent to 70 per cent of all foods on the market "have been in touch in one way or another with genetic modification," according to food industries association BLL.

British pub-goers sitting down to a traditional meal of steak and chips will almost certainly be eating beef reared on genetically engineered feed. Even the oil used to cook the fries is sometimes drawn from genetically modified crops.

Many European consumers have no idea. EU regulations don't require livestock breeders to notify consumers that their animals have been eating engineered feed. The British Food Standards Agency said that oils made from genetically modified crops are labelled when they're sold in bulk, but U.K. restaurants that use them rarely pass that information to consumers.

Tougher rules would be hard to enforce, particularly in the case of animal feed.

Britain's livestock sector, for example, is heavily dependent on high-protein soya and maize byproducts, nearly all of which are imported from the United States, Brazil and Argentina — countries which have moved aggressively to adopt genetically modified foods.

The European Feed Manufacturers' Federation said farmers across the continent had no choice but to rely on those countries.

"You could not produce livestock competitively here in Europe without access to these proteins," said federation chief Alexander Doring. "It's a simple agronomic fact."

Although many countries — such as Denmark and Norway — remain staunchly opposed to using genetically modified food under any circumstances, there are signs that European nations are starting to go their separate ways. Last month, the EU effectively threw up its hands, delegating the power to approve or ban genetically modified foods to individual member states.

(This article was written by Raphael G Satter, an Associated Press Writer).

Mr. Ingraham, take another look at this bill

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I write with reference to the Business Licence Bill 2010 which is currently being debated in parliament.

After receiving a copy of the Prime Minister's communication to the House of Assembly on Monday, July 26, and analyzing the content of that document, one can only question the Government's reasoning and the large tax increases that businesses will have to endure, if this bill is passed in the form that was sent out.

First of all I am bemused that the President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce came out with a Public Endorsement of this Bill. I can only assume that he did not have possession of or did not read the content. I do agree with him that the method of calculating the Business Licence Fee was confusing and non-transparent.

However, the massive tax increases that Business will be charged in 2011 will only result in either a pass on to the consumer, thereby increasing the Cost of Living or there will be a number of failed businesses that will be unable to pay the increased taxes.

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Companies such as Wholesale/Retail will have tax increases as high as 50 per cent over the 2010 Tax. These companies, which operate on a low profit margin and high volume, will be moved from the previous rate of 0.50 per cent to the new rate of 0.75 per cent. These companies, such as Food Wholesale/Retail which also operate under the antiquated Price Control Act of 1968 and can only realize a 10 per cent margin on these items such as Rice, Flour, Grits and Canned Meat and Fish will be forced to pay an addi-

tional 0.75 per cent on these items.

A company which generated revenue of \$20,000,000 and having paid 0.50 per cent (\$100,000.00) in 2010 will now be forced to pay 0.75 per cent (\$150,000.00) in 2011, regardless of the fact that that company is operating on low margins due to Price Control and other market driven factors such as competitive products.

While looking at the Major Supermarket Chains which generate volumes near \$100,000,000 annually, this fee would approach \$750,000.00 in 2011.

Mr. Ingraham, please take another look at the Bill. It would seem that the companies with high volumes would be charged at the lower rate (0.50 per cent) — not the higher rate of 0.75 per cent.

One sometimes wonders if all of these lawyers in the House of Assembly really understand what they are doing when it comes to business.

JEFF R. ALBURY

Nassau,
Bahamas.

Homosexuality and the destruction of family unit

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Cities throughout the world have been holding gay pride parades this summer to celebrate the lifestyle of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The primary goal in holding gay parades is to acquire a powerful psychological weapon to change society's rejection of homosexual activity and lifestyle into gradual, even if reluctant, acceptance.

Homosexuality, however, is abnormal, immoral and anti-life. It is not innate as some believe. Sexual orientation is a matter of self-affirmation and public declaration.

Scientific studies have proven that homosexuality is also linked to paedophilia. For example, a 1988 study of 229 convicted child molesters published in the Archives of Sexual Behaviour found that 86 per cent of paedophiles described themselves as homosexual or bisexual.

Dr Michelle Cretella, a board member of the American College of Paediatricians also concluded from multiple studies that chil-

dren reared by gay couples have gender confusion and are put at high risk for sexually transmitted diseases.

Cretella noted that homosexually behaving teens and young adults suffer increased rates of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, addictions and suicidal thoughts.

In addition, boys who adopt a homosexual lifestyle because of the influence of their same-sex parents face a 30 per cent chance of being dead or HIV-positive by the age of 30.

At the core we are dealing here, not with loving couples but with homosexuality and the destruction of the family unit — the fundamental cell of society.

Gay parades are about the celebration of unbridled lust. One hopes that future public displays of decadent debauchery and sexual permissiveness will not be tolerated.

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LOCAL NEWS

GBPA offers support to young men in the Grand Bahama community

EXPRESSING its concern about juvenile crime being on the rise throughout the island, the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) showed its support for the youth by financially assisting the participants in the Second Annual Adolescent Male Summer Camp.

GBPA's director of community relations Geneva Rutherford recently donated a cheque to Debra Cox-Strachan, chief welfare officer in the Ministry of Labor and Social Development's Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services.

"GBPA is a firm believer in the empowerment of our young men as they are essential to the growth and development of this great country. We are proud to support the efforts of the Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services in pursuit of reshaping the lives of these youngsters," Ms Rutherford said.

According to Ms Cox-Strachan, the aim of the camp was to target adolescent males between the ages of 14 - 17 who are exhibiting problematic behaviour.

"Our Ministry believes that 'prevention is better than a cure'. Therefore for one week, young males tackled topics such as gang violence, conflict resolution skills, the use of drugs and the consequences, sexual promiscuity and its consequences, dressing for success, job skills, job interviews and lastly peer pressure. All of these are crucial issues experienced by today's young men. In addition, there were social skill-building activities such as fishing," she explained.

The Department of Rehabilitative Welfare Services said it recognises the need for young people to have experiences through which their fundamental desire for friendship, recognition, advancement and creative expression may be realised.



GBPA's director of community relations Geneva Rutherford (right) presents a cheque to Debra Cox-Strachan (left), chief welfare officer in the Ministry of Labour and Social Development's Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services.

As a result, the Department is taking every corrective measure to ensure that proper interventions are in place to treat and rehabilitate.

GBPA said it wants to encourage all corporate citizens and the community to help support Grand Bahama's young men.

The public is encouraged to contact the Ministry of Labour and Social Development's Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services with all questions and concerns at telephone number 351-7357 through 9.

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Police Reserves to undergo 'comprehensive review'

A COMPREHENSIVE review of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Reserves will be undertaken to ensure that the reserve force continues to function in a manner that is realistic, sustainable and in the best interests police, officials announced.

The review comes as the reserves celebrate 45 years as an entity.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest said the review will further ensure that the reserves are being managed "in keeping with its standing and intent as a voluntary Force."

The minister also said that the police will be making use of the reserves in their enhanced crime fighting

efforts.

"Indeed, the police force is counting on the reserves to do their part to implement the Force's crime strategy. This puts many reserve officers on the front lines with police officers in taking decisive action to prevent crime and to apprehend and prosecute offenders, including violent offenders," he said.

Mr Turnquest's announcement came during the annual Royal Bahamas Police Force Reserves church service held Sunday, August 1, at Zion Baptist Church on East and Shirley Streets.

"The launch of the Royal Bahamas Police Reserves has been one of the most significant and effective voluntary

groups that has ever been established in our Bahamas, and after 45 years of growth and development, a comprehensive review of the organisation and functioning of this important voluntary force will take place," Mr Turnquest said.

"(While) the Royal Bahamas Police Force bears full responsibility for policing in the Bahamas, we know that, for the past 45 years, the Force has been ably assisted in implementing its mandate by the excellent and dedicated service given by the Police Force Reserves," he said.

Mr Turnquest said the transformation of the reserves from a small, voluntary group established in 1965 to assist in maintaining law and order in the country, to a group that "today is 1,000 persons strong" is nothing short of "remarkable."

Reservists, he said, bring a "broad scope" of added expertise to the police, as their "regular vocations" consist of a variety of professions including healthcare, aviation, business and education, among others.

That broad scope of expertise, he said, has helped enhance and expand the Force's work in the various communities throughout the Bahamas insofar as establishing counter initiatives to crime and criminality; forging partnerships with the police and garnering support of the Neighbourhood Community Policing Programme.

"The broad scope of the knowledge and skills reserves bring to policing, the wide range of areas in which they serve from traffic to forensics, station duty to scenes of crime investigations and patrols, is commendable and greatly appreciated," Mr Turnquest said.

The National Security Minister applauded retired members of the regular force who have joined the reserves in numerous capacities for their continued service to their country.

"It is reassuring that former police officers who have served the police force with distinction are counted in the numbers of the reserves. These former officers are bringing their individual and accumulated experience to the reserves and we thank them for this," he said.

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LOCAL NEWS

New RBDF marines 'have been inducted at the perfect time'

Passing-out for New Entry 47, Women Entry 17

By REUBEN SHEARER
Tribune Features Reporter
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A NEW contingent of marines were inducted into the ranks of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force last Friday at the passing-out-parade for New Entry 47, Woman Entry 17.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest welcomed the marines, comprising of 39 men and 10 women, aboard "Her Majesty's Bahamian Ship" at Coral Harbour Base and followed through with an inspection of the group.

The presentation included a pace-stick demonstration, physical training exercise and a short performance by "the best band in the land", the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, led by Lieutenant Bertram Bowleg.

The occasion was the culmination of 16 weeks of rigorous training, designed to build character, instill discipline and foster leadership among new recruits towards developing future leaders of integrity, professionalism and excellence, the Defence Force The officers commenced their recruit training exercise on April 12 together completed four months of vigorous basic military training in 18 disciplines. These included professional subjects such as navigation, seamanship, small arms, first aid, fire fighting, Defence Force history and communications.

The squad includes marines not only from New Providence, but also from Grand Bahama and other Family Islands.

Mr Turnquest said the new marines have been inducted at the perfect time, as the Defence Force has more air and sea assets, and more technological equipment to carry out its mandate than at any time in its 30-year history.

The RBDF's training department is responsible for conducting new entry



training, advancement, recurrent training and course design. It is also charged with preparing officers and marines, both physically and academically, for local and international courses.

"These initiatives seek to ensure continual training and development throughout the organisation inclusive of graduated entrants to the programme, towards building the intellectual capacity of our members," said Mr Turnquest.

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Grant-Bethel set for showdown

them. Notwithstanding, Mr Munroe said this makes sense as the Criminal Procedure Code "governs how criminal matters proceed through the courts", and the prosecution of

criminal matters in the courts is a major component of the job of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"If you are reviewing the Criminal Procedure Code,

that's something that the DPP should do," said Mr Munroe.

Asked whether Mrs Grant-Bethel is still getting paid at this time, despite the discrepancy between what she says her job is, and what the Government maintains she should be doing, Mr Munroe said he believes so.

"It's less than the DPP should be being paid but we'll be asking for damages for that," said Mr Munroe. He added that he will shortly be seeking an injunction against "anyone interfering" with her as she discharges her duties in the DPP post.

Commenting on the Government's decision to attempt to appoint Ms Grant-Bethel to the Deputy Law Reform Commissioner post is "like training someone as an astronaut and then giving him a job as an accountant."

"We have a specialised prosecutor, and after two decades of training they want to send her to do something she's never done before. It's an efficiency loss," he said.

A report yesterday claimed that Vinette Graham-Allen, the Jamaican attorney and former DPP in Bermuda who was appointed by the Government to the post of DPP in The Bahamas, may be reconsidering her new job as a result of the controversy.

When asked for comment, Mr Munroe would only say that if he was Mrs Graham-Allen he would be seeking legal advice on the situation given the litigation launched by Ms Grant-Bethel over the post.

"I would seek legal advice on the propriety of the appointment, and the risk of this litigation is something she should look to have allocated in any contract she signs," he said, suggesting that Mrs Graham-Allen would be wise to seek to ensure that if Ms Grant-Bethel is successful in



JOB ROW:
Cheryl Grant-Bethel

her legal action she will still get what she is owed in her contract.

In July, Ms Grant-Bethel filed for leave for a judicial review of the process which resulted in the Government announcing that it had selected Mrs Graham-Allen, not Ms Grant-Bethel, as the new Director of Public Prosecutions.

In an affidavit supporting the legal action, Ms Grant-Bethel claimed she was threatened by a "hostile" Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham during a meeting over her future employment with the Government.

She alleged she was told by Mr Ingraham that if she challenged the decision to appoint her Deputy Law Reform Commissioner that he would "bloody (her) face", "abolish (her) post" and "retire (her) in the public interest."

The Prime Minister denied the accusations. He had previously stated that he supported Ms Grant-Bethel for the DPP job but changed his mind based on "information" he received, which he did not disclose.

A message left for Attorney General and Senator John Delaney was not returned up to press time. Mr Delaney was in the Senate for most of the day.

FROM page one

RIU hotel

Others complained of no clean towels at the pool or in their rooms, a \$25 charge for beach umbrellas, and a \$100 deposit required for local phone calls.

While a New Jersey visitor summed up: "The vacation from hell" by citing her experience in the disco.

"We asked the DJ to play a song since it was supposed to be disco night, and all he played was rap," she wrote.

"He got on the microphone and said 'I am on vacation too, if you don't like the music then get the f*** out'."

"That is the motto of the RIU Palace in Paradise Island. My advice is stay far away!"

Several guests said the hotel DJ and evening entertainment was not appropriate for children as there was a wild party atmosphere at the pool several guests described as smaller than expected.

A milkman from Ohio said: "I saw many drunk people doing things that shouldn't go on when you have many kids in the pool also."

"I had to take my 12-year-old girl to the beach when I saw a drunk girl bite a drunk guy's crotch on the pool seats."

An Atlanta couple who stayed at the RIU for four days at the end of July said: "The pool was kind of gross."

"The water was cloudy and there was green slime under the ledge and in corners."

Some said the beach was littered with garbage and the milkman was even offered cocaine.

However, the hotel has a 66 per cent positive rating overall, with over 1,000 accumulated reviews.

Those who praised aspects of the hotel said it was good for those on a budget with low expectations, but at \$425 per night, others were expecting more.

A Canadian guest said: "We were not the only ones complaining as there were many people checking out early to go somewhere else!"

Those who said they enjoyed their stay gave much credit to the adjacent Atlantis resort.

A tourist from Brooklyn, New York, wrote: "The only plus was that it was easy to get to Atlantis (by the way, that hotel was amazing)."

"If you haven't booked - don't!!!! If you have, try to change your hotel."

Calls to the RIU seeking a response to the reviews were put through to the Human Resources department, but not answered yesterday.

Attempts to obtain a comment from the Minister of Tourism Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace or a Ministry of Tourism representative yesterday were also unsuccessful.

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Fire displaces family

FROM page one

houses prove a greater challenge to extinguish, as opposed to concrete houses, because once the wood between the concrete is lit, it is difficult to get water to the flames.

No one was harmed in the blaze, however the flames ravaged seven years worth of personal belongings and left almost nothing to be salvaged, save one television and several articles of clothing, all of which were heavily smoke damaged.

The government worker added: "Everything is destroyed. All her [niece] school supplies, uniforms, everything gone. She is going into the 11th grade this year, this fire has completely upset our lives."

The mother and niece are currently staying with another family relative, however the employee said the arrangement is temporary and they need to secure alternate accommodation as soon as possible.

The employee said: "Sadly, right now, I'm sleeping in my car. We have nowhere else to live. I don't know how we will make it through this."

Fire investigators have launched an investigation to determine the cause of Monday's fire.

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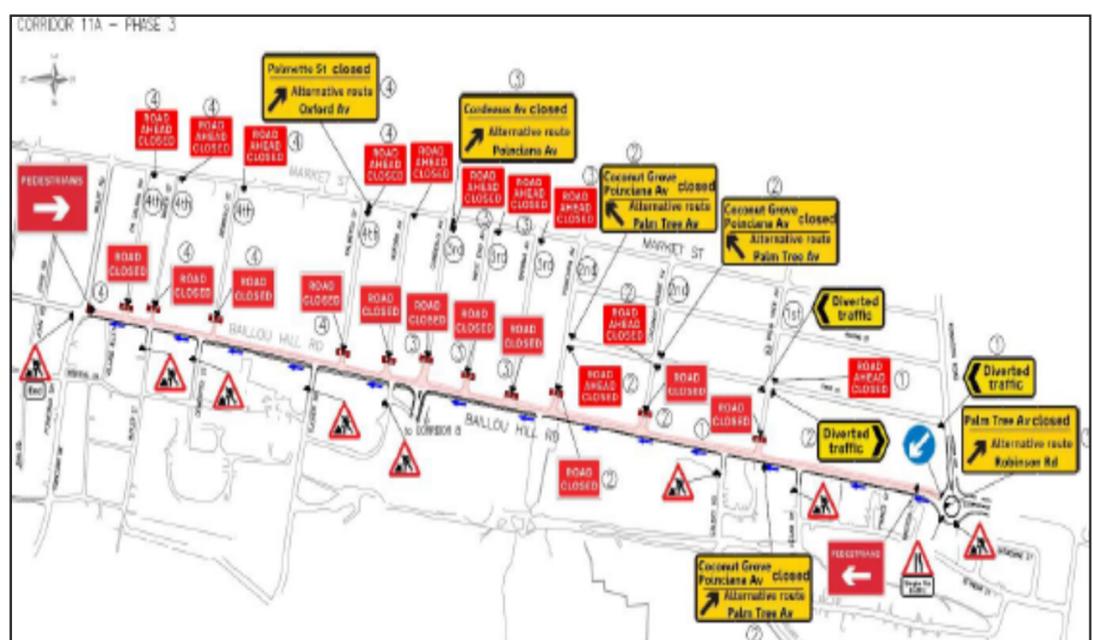
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LOCAL NEWS

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Baha Mar project 'will stimulate the stalled economy'

ject, which recently received approval from China, now hinges on authorisation from the Bahamas government.

As the developers and stakeholders in the construction industry await this decision, Mr Wrinkle said it is the catalyst the industry desperately needs to rebound from the downturn which began in 2008.

"We've been at the bottom of the barrel long enough and everyone is quite ready to move out of this depression – all it will take is a spark like Baha Mar to initiate this. When they (contractors) begin to reapply to banks for financing you will find the banks will be far more receptive than last year when they know that there is five years of work ahead in the construction sector," said Mr Wrinkle.

"Hopefully we will see more people qualifying for loans. That will accelerate the housing sector which will move other areas of society – that is always the biggest contributing factor to economic growth in any country."

Mr Wrinkle said that while there may be some drawbacks to green-lighting an extensive project like Baha Mar on such a small island, the economic benefits outweigh any other concerns.

"There are pros and cons whenever there is a large scale development. At the end of the day one would have to say that we're better off improving the Cable Beach strip instead of leaving it alone. While I would not want to see any more (projects like) Baha Mar in the Bahamas, I think there is room for this one and I think that we should all be proactive in making this happen," said Mr Wrinkle.

In an initiative to help prepare local contractors compete with international companies for work on the project, the BCA, along with Baha Mar and the Bahamas Technical and Vocational

Institute (BTVI), has created a three-part construction plan that includes a job skills bank, division contractors, and a contractor seminar series.

Last week, the Chinese government formally approved the \$2.6 billion investment. Chinese Ambassador Hu Dingxian is expected to return to the Bahamas on August 18 when he is

scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to hand over the formal approval.

Baha Mar will award about \$60 million of construction contracts to six Bahamian contractors to commence work on the commercial village centre – part of early infrastructure works needed to prepare the resort site.



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Applications are invited to develop A LAND AND SEA USE PLAN FOR ANDROS

Under the Integrated Watershed and Coastal Area Management (IWCAM) Project Andros, The Bahamas

The overall objective of the contract is to develop a land and sea use plan for Andros using with an emphasis on natural resources, development and conservation. The plan aims to demonstrate active groundwater area protection while emphasizing the need for land use planning.

The Contractor(s) is expected to:

- Assesses the existing and potential future land and sea uses in the major communities of North, Central, Mangrove Cay and South Andros as it relates to the natural environment, regulatory frameworks, land use and development
- Develop planning guidelines which can be used to make recommendations for appropriate and sustainable development, including best practices for development in an island setting
- Incorporate existing maps, reports, assessments and stakeholder input developed for Andros into the overall planning document, including the economic valuation of natural resources study, the ecotourism plan for Andros and rapid assessments of key species
- Identify case studies highlighting sustainable land use alternatives suitable for island nations
- Review the regulations and policies related to land use planning, forestry, fisheries and tourism current national land use plans

The Contractor should have a strong background and experience in community planning and development; at least three years professional experience plus masters degree in planning (or equivalent additional work experience); background in preparing science based planning documents for land or marine environments; experience with facilitating community workshops and stakeholder meetings; experience with the zoning for current and future uses, including an understanding land and marine development issues; and strong writing skills.

The term of the contract is a six weeks, starting in August 2010. All interested persons should forward their cost proposal, curriculum vitae and a cover letter via email to smoss@tnc.org to the attention of IWCAM Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy. Deadline for applications is **Monday August 9, 2010**. Requests for more detailed TORs can also be sent to smoss@tnc.org



Applications are invited to develop A Protected Areas Database and Long-Term Monitoring System for The Bahamas National System of Protected Areas Under the United Nations Development Programme Early Action Grant

The overall objective of the contract is to design and develop a web-based protected area database application as a tool to aid in effective management of The Bahamas National Protected Area System (BNPAS). The database will include a long-term monitoring system for implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas as well as data on methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating effectiveness of protected area management and sources of information related to protected areas.

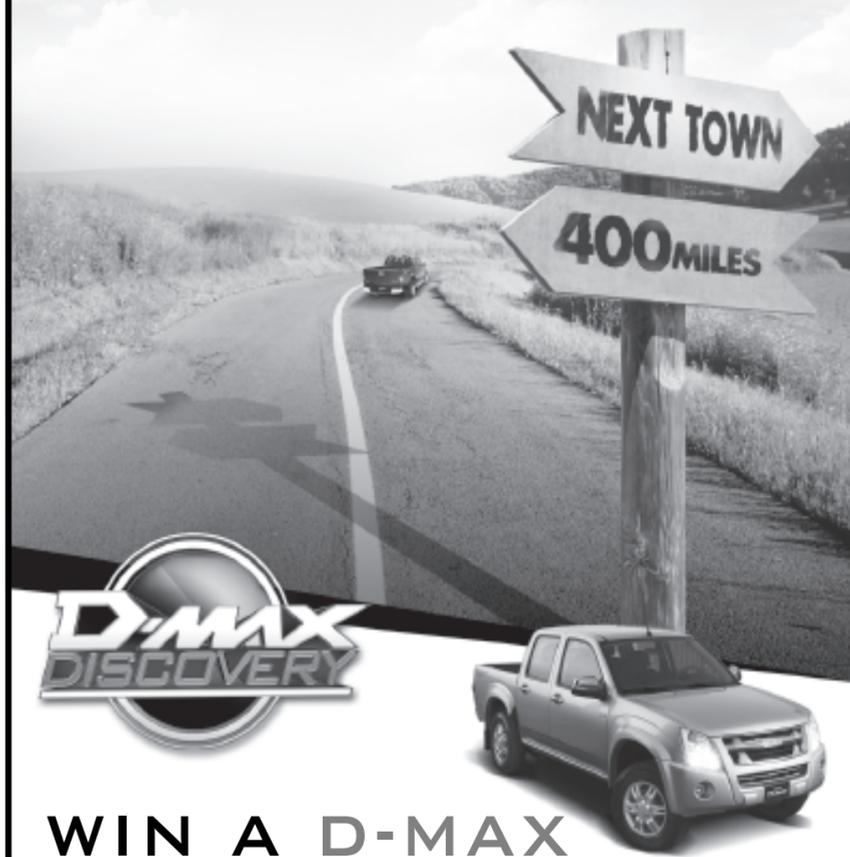
The Contractor(s) is expected to:

- Design and develop a web-based protected area database that is linked to a GIS web mapping application.
- Incorporate into the database any tables, scorecards and/or electronic instruments, containing methods, standards, criteria and indicators established and applied in protected area planning and management processes for use by trained Government personnel and protected area staff.
- Design data quality assurance measures which are built into the database.
- Train relevant stakeholders on the optimal use of the database application through organization of a 2-day workshop.

The Contractor should possess advanced understanding of and experience in database development and Web-based applications; experience in training persons in using and maintaining databases; self-directed problem solver and troubleshooter; project and process management; effective and respectful interaction with a variety of audiences.

The term of the contract is six (6) weeks, starting in August 2010. All interested persons should forward their cost proposal, curriculum vitae and a cover letter via email to smoultrie@tnc.org to the attention of UNDP EAG Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy. Deadline for applications is **Monday August 9, 2010**. Requests for more detailed TORs can also be sent to smoultrie@tnc.org

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

But the tight budget associated with the global economic downturn will not hold back Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) founder and

Festival

director Leslie Vanderpool who intends to make this year's festival live up to the high stan-

dards associated with BIFF. Attendance by Hollywood heart-throb Johnny Depp, British actress Sophie Okone-do and Bahamian-American rockstar Lenny Kravitz last year

will be followed up with a visit from an equally esteemed actor and A-list celebrity at the festival this December, Ms Vanderpool said, but she is keeping the identity of the surprise guest

closely guarded. "We do have somebody coming," she said with a secretive smile. "Somebody big, but I'm not telling you."

The festival director hopes this big celebrity will be even more involved in BIFF events as the festival has been cut from seven to five days this year, giving the star guest (or guests) the opportunity to stay for the entire festival from December 1-5.

In the more concentrated event Ms Vanderpool will select fewer films than the 60 shown last year, and focus on carefully chosen independent movies that will attract most, if not all, of the filmmakers to Nassau for the entire five days.

"The great thing about the Bahamas festival is that it's intimate," Ms Vanderpool said.

"People get to network, see each other's films and just hang out and meet new people in the industry."

"By having the festival over just five days it will give people the opportunity to stay throughout the whole event and an opportunity for celebrities to be a part of the whole event."

Sponsors will also have the opportunity to network with key players in the industry and get fully involved in the festival screenings and star-studded events.

They will also be invited to take ownership of the event in a creative and collaborative approach to advertising that will see their company logo branded with the film festival and given

the international exposure associated with the only international cultural event in the country, Ms Vanderpool said.

And Bahamians will continue to benefit from the panel discussions, youth film programme, and film residency programme designed to help aspiring filmmakers break into the industry, as well as films they may not otherwise have the opportunity to see.

Ms Vanderpool said: "Films bridge cultures. They can raise the social conscience of our community and people can learn so much through film."

While Ms Vanderpool and her team iron out the details of where screenings and events will be held, movie-lovers are invited to view selected movies from the 2009 festival at the Old Fort Bay Club at 7.30pm every Wednesday until November 24.

BIFF is also building up to the Big Screen Art Scene auction at Old Fort Bay on August 28 and the Spanish-themed Fiesta Hispana event at Compass Point on September 25 to gather support for the seventh annual event.

For more information about the festival and ongoing events log on to www.bintlfilmfest.com where a full programme for the 2010 festival and film listings will be posted on October 31.

To become a sponsor and pledge your support contact Vanessa Williams at BIFF in Fourth Terrace, Collins Avenue, on 325-5747 or email sponsor@bintlfilmfest.com before August 30.



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| 13-Aug-10 | Dillet Street | 2:00pm to 6:00am | Cockburn St. & School Lane | Cockburn St. ◀ Market St. ▶ School Ln. |
| | | | Hospital Lane & Baillou Hill | Cockburn St. ◀ Market St. ▶ School Ln. |
| 14-Aug-10 | Duke Street | 2:00pm to 6:00am | ----- | Observe Traffic signs to make left turn |
| 15-Aug-10 | West Hill Street | 2:00pm to 6:00am | School Lane & Duke St. | School Lane ◀ Market St. ▶ Duke St. |
| 15-Aug-10 | West Hill Street | 2:00pm to 6:00am | ----- | Hospital Ln. ◀ Dillet St. ▶ Baillou Hill |

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Private schools did not receive full subsidies cut FROM page one

indicated that government funding to the schools would be cut by 20 per cent, however Mr Bannister said no school was cut the full amount.

He said: "Where we may have had any discretion, we tried to increase it. If there was any money at all available in the budget that we could find - anywhere, even if it was just \$50, we included it into that funding."

The education minister reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to work with the private sector as best it could during the difficult period, however he said that underperforming schools would not be given priority. He explained that going forward the ministry would be re-evaluating the performance of private schools, specifically non-affiliated schools that had been receiving funding but were not producing significant results. The subsequent restructuring of grants would affect a greater correlation between the funding allotted and results achieved.

Mr Bannister added: "As soon as possible, we are looking to increase the grants."

"It is a tight budget, but we are constantly looking at ways in which we can provide greater assistance."

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LOCAL NEWS

TAKING A STAND AGAINST LITTER



The St Andrews Beach Estates environmental committee, which is chaired by Christina Durham, spent three hours cleaning up the beach in their community on Saturday, July 24.

They filled about 15 large garbage bags with litter.

A spokesperson for the group said: "We encourage all residents and visitors alike who use the beach to please utilize the two 55 gallon garbage receptacles located at the beach site and/or take your litter with you when you leave the beach. Please help us keep our subdivision

clean, green and pristine."

The committee also encouraged residents of the area to support them in their clean-up efforts over the next two weekends and all other community events – including the upcoming Back to School Seminar which will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Inland Park. All parents and children are invited to attend.

Committee members will be cleaning the entrance of the park and the surrounding area next Saturday and hope to paint the walls on the following Saturday.

BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION



NEW RATES & BILLING CHANGES

Effective July 1st, 2010 The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) has introduced new rates for all consumers in New Providence and the Family Islands. Billings for all consumers during this transition period will be carried out as follows:

- ✓ Bills for the service period May 16th to June 15th with the billing date July 3rd were mailed out on or around July 10th and were due for payment on July 23rd at the old rates;
- ✓ Bills for the service period June 15th to June 30th were estimated with a billing date of July 15th at the old rates. The bills for this abbreviated period are due for payment on August 6th;
- ✓ The new rate comes into effect for the service period commencing July 1st, 2010. Meter readings for this service period will take place at the end of July, and bills will be sent out in mid-August. Payment for this period will become due on September 6th, 2010.

Commercial accounts that were billed at the end of June at the old rates will receive their next bill at the end of July at the new rates.

The new rates as of **July 1st, 2010** will be as follows:

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| Minimum monthly charge | \$5.00 |

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| All units per month | 15.00 cents per unit |
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Sean K. Longley, CPA President

July 6, 2010:

Leno Corporate Services Limited, a new Bahamian-owned financial services firm, has announced its opening.

Leno is headed by chartered accountant, Sean K. Longley, who has spent years in leading roles with some of the biggest names in financial services. Longley said that the firm was born out of an idea to provide a broad variety of financial services to the local and regional financial community, catering to the large commercial investor and taking a special interest in bringing the small investor safely into the big picture.

"We are pleased that Leno is creating a very important niche in financial services in The Bahamas with specialized services designed to get ordinary Bahamians investing with confidence. All too often the small investor is intimidated by lack of knowledge and know-how," said Longley.

"We want to give smaller clients that personal touch to demonstrate how a seemingly insignificant amount of funding can work for them. It's one of the reasons we chose the motto 'Bridging the gap between your present and future financial goals,'" Mr. Longley commented.

Leno is an amalgamated financial services organization that gives investors a combination of expertise, experience and proven performance. Leno offers a wide range of financial consulting and management services, including

pension consulting and administration, investment management, brokerage and trading, accounting and payroll services and financial consulting. As with all good financial managers, the company's goal is to provide financial solutions that help its clients make timely and informed decisions.

Company president, Sean K. Longley, is a certified public accountant, holding credentials from the Georgia State Board of Accountancy. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a licensed member of the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Longley formed Leno in May 2010. His previous engagements include a ten-year stint as Vice President at Colina Financial Advisors Ltd.(CFAL), Manager Client Accounting at SG Hambros/Coutts (Bahamas) Ltd, and Assistant Manager Corporate Services at Coutts (Bahamas) Ltd. Mr. Longley also served as a Director of Bahamas Financial Services Board, from September 2002 to August 2006 and acted in the capacity as Treasurer.

The offices of Leno Corporate Services Ltd are located at 2nd Floor Pineapple Place on Bernard Road.

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Subway in talks with possible third Bahamas franchiser

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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Subway's regional franchise office based in Miami is in talks with a possible third local franchisee following the disfranchisement of one of three owners in the Bahamas, it has been revealed.

And the remaining franchisees across the Bahamas could soon complete more than \$100,000 worth of renovations.

Edgar Santiago, director of operations at Subway development of southeast Florida, said the remaining two franchise holders are still committed to upholding the Subway brand as they undergo mandatory renovations, while the regional office is in talks with a third franchise owner.

Mr Santiago said Subway would like to replenish the number of subway locations across New Providence. He said despite reports in the



local media, former franchise owner Wes Bastian was stripped of his franchise license by the brand.

Mr Bastian has since rebranded his locations, which now bear the name Bahamas Subs and Salads.

According to Mr Santiago, a court matter is pending between Subway and Mr Bastian, that barred him from going into the details of the

their case against the former franchise owner.

Research

Tribune Business research unveiled filings from the US District Court of Connecticut, which revealed that Subway International BV had, on August 25, 2008, obtained a default judgment of \$37,792 against Mr Bastian, repre-

sented the then-unpaid portion of a \$67,792 award against him for alleged royalties, advertising fees and costs.

The ruling stemmed from an American Arbitration Association ruling against Mr Bastian on December 18, 2007, which backed Subway's decision to terminate his Bahamian franchise agreement and awarded it \$62,922 in royalties and advertising

fees.

Subway had alleged that Mr Bastian failed to pay royalties and advertising fees "in a timely fashion" and "failed to operate his restaurants in compliance with the Operations Manual".

It is unlikely, though, that this is the same court action that Mr Santiago is referring to.

Part owner of the remain-

ing five Subway branded locations, Serena Miller, said their locations are still open, doing well and are undergoing renovations of up to \$50,000, in compliance with their franchisee agreement. They are updating to Subway's new Tuscan decor which requires a "total facelift", including new countertops, tables and chairs.

Mrs Miller said their South Beach, Cable Beach, Prince Charles, Marathon Mall, and Carmichael locations will all undergo the renovations.

Mr Santiago said while Mr Bastian has moved on to "greener pastures", the Millers and Grand Bahama franchise owner, Shuffel Hepburn, continue to reinvest in their stores and will continue to have the full support of the Subway brand.

"We by no means plan on leaving the islands and plan on supporting the Millers and Mr Hepburn," he said. "We want to have the same products we serve here in the US served over in Nassau."

BICA chief: New Business License Bill requires clarification

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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THE government's new Business License Bill requires clarification on the wording "certification" for licensing and renewal, the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) president said yesterday, as it leaves "the process open to fraudulent submissions".

Reese Chipman also added that because many small businesses in the Bahamas start up without consulting certified accountants, they fail or encounter inconsistencies in their financial reports when renewing business licenses and applying

for loans.

Mr Chipman said these two numbers often conflict, with revenues reported to the business license bureau often being different from that of loan applications.

He said while securing the services of a chartered accountant could be an overhead expense many small businesses would like to avoid, it often means the difference between the growth and overall position in the capital markets and its utter failure.

"We would like to have seen the requirements for the use of licensed accountants to sign off on all business license applications," said Mr Chipman. "For me this is not a mat-

ter of revenue for the profession, but a matter of standards and the use of consistent and comparative accounting principles."

According to him, this country's accession to the World Trade Organisation and other regional and International trade agreements such as the Economic Partnership Agreement, will require that financial information be standardised so they can be compared to other markets "where there is opportunity for trade".

He also suggested that business insurance should have been mandated by the bill to give small businesses some manner of reprieve if they should encounter problems.

Mr Chipman added that while the Financial Administration and Audit Act is in line with international reform, the government has to move with the "hard and fast" initiatives adopted by world economies, the G20, IMF and World Bank which advocate International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

"These standards will allow governments to provide standardised and comparable information from across the public sector," he said.

"As a result citizens will have access to fuller information about the financial consequences of political decisions, as well as about the financial situation of their government."

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Your property loan approval in minutes

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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THREE minutes is how long it can take to get your loan approval from XM Loans Limited, the company's president and CEO told *Tribune Business* yesterday.

Troy Sampson in a demonstration of the speed and viability of the information offered on XM's website had a loan approved in principle in just three minutes, after the computer software attached to the portal queried income, loan amount, expenses, lender interest rate and even nationality to end at the results.

And those results are able to be instantly emailed to the applicant's real estate agent, any bank the system recommends or simply to themselves.

Mr Sampson said there is no other mortgage broker in the region utilising the same software. "We invested lots in the system," he said. "We poured the majority of our resources into getting the system to where it is today."

According to Mr Sampson, XM has been around for three years and has upgraded their system from offering the query results in an email in one minute, to having it appear instantly on the computer screen.

This, he said, saves any interested home buyer from bouncing from bank to bank seeking loan qualification and viewing properties that may not be financially suitable for them.

With XM's system, applicants can find out instantly if they can be approved by any local lender, he said.

XM's system is completely free online and the business itself charges no upfront fees to its customers, as transactions are made through the commercial banks processing the loans. "We are helping Bahamians see that it is important to try to get the best mortgage," he said.

The results of the loan query also suggest to the applicant what documents the broker needs in order to complete the loan process, and if the applicant is not approved, it advises them see a professional for a more personalised service.

Mr Sampson said as long as the information put into the system is correct, users will get the most accurate loan information and advice.

He said the online system can also assist realtors in assessing their clients instantly. Because XM has the most unique system in the region, Mr Sampson is considering expanding it into the wider Caribbean.

Mr Sampson said XM has already been successful in finding homes for buyers in Lyford Cay, Old fort Bay and Ocean Estates, and its portal has the most extensive listing of foreclosed properties online.

"We have the repossessed list for most institutions," he said "We are the first company that has put that information online - can you imagine that?"

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BUSINESS

Presenting the best of yourself

By DEIDRE M BASTIAN

FOR many, the thought of presenting before a crowd might induce fright, butterflies or sometimes an emergency visit to the doctor for a few tranquilizers.

Well, not that grim for everyone but to the novice it might be accurate.

Why do you feel presentations stimulate fear?

It's a number of factors that lends itself to this platform, however fear of the "unknown" is one aspect. Know that fear makes us weak, while confidence with preparation makes us strong.

Most times, presenters are faced with uncertainty as to whether their production would evoke loud "applauds" or loud "snores". Pragmatically, I have never met a person who rehearses or prepares with the intent of mak-



The Art of Graphix

by Deidre M Bastian

ing smart dupes of themselves, as everyone wants to appear conversant and well prepared.

Preparation. Specifically, it is vital to ALWAYS be organized. By this same token, it is the presenter's task to deliver and "will" the attention of their audience as they are expecting a great time and nothing less. Theory is good, but practical is better

It seems annoying to observe presenters five

minutes prior to a presentation, searching for the appropriate connectors or equipment as perhaps they might have been left in the vehicle that's in the parking lot etc, etc.

Get this one ... it was just discovered that the laptop or the projector is malfunctioning. Shall we say annoying?, not really, just a little embarrassing. To whom?, no, not to the audience but to the presenter or his/her department.

Unquestionably, all business people are aware that challenges like these unexpectedly stop by without invitation and prey on the best of us. Nonetheless, having an alternative plan of action or diverse strategies in place is key!

Why? Due to the fact that the weather does not always project as forecast! Consequently, preparing the night or even hours before to ensure that ALL the ducks are in the right

row before the curtain opens can prevent embarrassment.

In light theory, everyone loves when a plan comes right together, seamlessly and with minimum hiccups. I certainly do.

Rehearse: Based upon this principle, ensure you are familiar with every detail of your talk and all slides are in the order in which they appear.

If need be, practice in front of a mirror which is the best way to find potential tripping points and inconsistencies which presents an opportunity to weed out all bad jokes.

But most importantly, you would feel more comfortable, still appearing conversational and knowledgeable as expected.

NB: The author welcomes feedback at: deedee2111@hotmail.com

Nike CEO compensation soars in fiscal 2010

By SARAH SKIDMORE
AP Retail Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Nike Inc.'s CEO Mark Parker received compensation valued at \$13.1 million during fiscal 2010 — a more than 84 per cent increase from the year before, according to an Associated Press analysis of a recent regulatory filing by the shoe and apparel com-

pany. Parker's pay package totaled about \$7.1 million the year before.

But the company did not grant him, nor any of its executives, an annual performance-related cash bonus that year because the company didn't meet its financial performance goals.

Nike exceeded its financial goals for the 2010 and as a

result, it paid Parker \$4.4 million in a cash performance bonus, which made up the majority of his compensation growth.

Salary

Parker received a salary of nearly \$1.5 million and stock options valued at \$7 million. The company also gave him other compensation of

\$191,685 for the year — including contributions to retirement funds and an anniversary service award for the chief executive.

The Associated Press formula is designed to isolate the value the company's board placed on the executive's total compensation package during the last fiscal year. It includes salary, bonus, performance-related bonuses,

perks, above-market returns on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock options and awards granted during the year.

The calculations don't include changes in the present value of pension benefits, making the AP total different in most cases from the total that companies report to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Nike, based in Beaverton, Ore., earned \$1.91 billion for the 2010 fiscal year — a 28 per cent increase from the year before. Excluding one-time items, that measure rose two per cent.

Annual revenue fell one per cent to \$19 billion and was down two per cent excluding currency changes.

The weak economy did slow Nike during the year, but the company was able to improve its balance sheet and profitability under Parker's leadership as its strategy of maintaining tight costs controls and expanding its brands around the globe began to pay off.

Nike's stock price rose roughly 22 per cent during the fiscal year.

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Mr. I. Kirk Griffin, Acting President and CEO
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BUSINESS

Investment losses hurt Allstate's Q2 net income

NEW YORK (AP) — Property and casualty insurer Allstate Corp. said Wednesday that its net income fell sharply in the second quarter as a result of investment losses.

But the Northbrook, Ill., company noted that the performance of both its insurance and financial services businesses showed improvements.

For the three months ended June 30, Allstate earned \$145 million, or 27 cents per share. That compares with a profit of \$389 million, or 72 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Excluding one-time investment gains and losses, the company earned 81 cents per share. By that measure, analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected Allstate to post a net income of 69 cents per share.

The investment losses pushed Allstate's quarterly revenue down to \$7.66 billion, from \$8.49 billion in the second quarter of 2009. The losses stemmed primarily from derivatives, which Allstate uses to hedge against risks such as interest-rate fluctuations.

The company booked \$451 million in total realized capital

losses, compared with a gain of \$328 million in the year-ago quarter.

Excluding the impact of investment losses, the company's operating income rose to \$441 million, from \$297 million in the year-ago period.

In the company's insurance business, catastrophe losses for the quarter eased to \$636 million, compared with a record \$818 million in the same quarter last year.

The combined ratio, which measures an insurance company's losses and expenses, improved to 96.8 per cent, from 100 per cent in the year-ago quarter.

A ratio above 100 means that for every premium dollar taken in, more than a dollar went to cover claims and expenses. A figure below 100

means the company made a profit on its insurance operations.

Meanwhile, the company's financial arm reported an operating income of \$125 million, compared with \$65 million last year.

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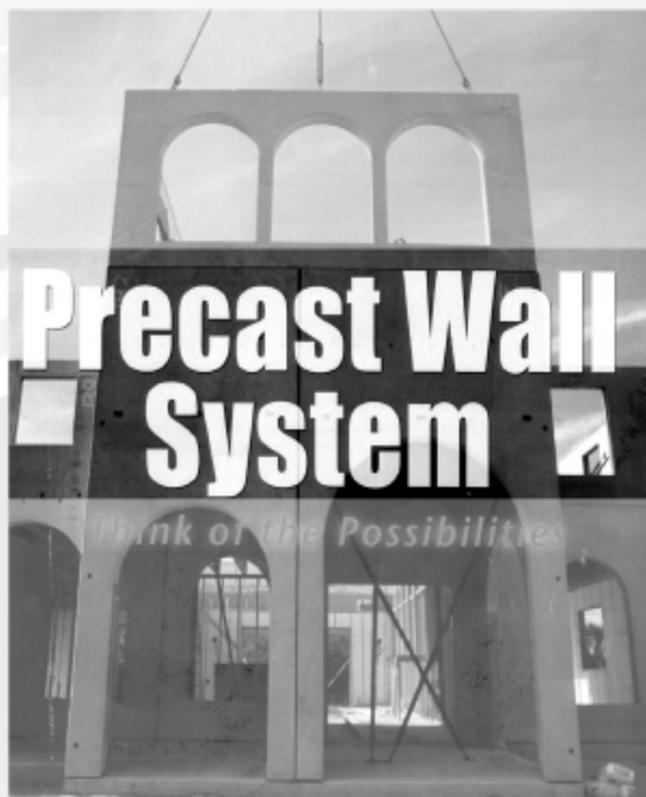
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BUSINESS

UN agency cuts wheat forecast; rally resumes

By TALI ARBEL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wheat prices hit a 22-month high Wednesday after the United Nations' food agency cut its forecast for production in 2010, citing bad weather in Russia and other countries.

The price of wheat has risen 68 per cent since early June, and notched a 42 per cent jump in July alone that was the biggest monthly gain in at least 51 years.

A severe Russian drought has already destroyed one-fifth of that country's wheat crop, and forecasters predict continuing hot and dry weather there. "It almost feels like no one thinks it is going to rain in Russia anymore or ever again," said John Sanow, an analyst with Telvent DTN in Omaha, Neb. "There's some talk that if it stretches into the fall, it could effect 2011 production."

Estimates from Russian grain growers' unions and economists range from a 30 per cent to 44 per cent drop in exports this year from 2009.

Whether Russia actually will cut back its exports is a major unknown since the country reportedly has large stocks of wheat left over from prior harvests, Sanow said. Fear and uncertainty are driving the market.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation cut its wheat production forecast

Wednesday by 3.7 per cent to 651 million metric tons from its forecast of 676 million metric tons in June.

A metric ton is equal to about 37 bushels of wheat. Wheat trading on the Chicago exchange is measured in bushels.

The agency said it expected less wheat this year because of the drought in Russia, a major exporter, as well as Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. Another of the world's biggest grains exporters, Canada, is expected to produce less wheat because heavy rains destroyed crops or prevented farmers from planting.

Still, world commodity supplies remain "more balanced" than during the crisis in 2007-2008, when wheat peaked above \$13 a bushel. "Fears of a new global food crisis are not justified at this point," FAO said in a report.

Wheat for September delivery ratcheted up another 45.75 cents, or 6.7 per cent, to settle at \$7.2575 a bushel Wednesday. They peaked at \$7.29 a bushel, the highest point since September 2008.

The rising price of wheat helped pull up futures of other agricultural goods. Farmers may switch fields over to wheat if they feel prices are more lucrative for wheat, creating less supply of other grains.

September corn contracts rose 10.75 cents, or 2.8 per cent,

to \$4.0025 a bushel, while soybeans for November delivery added 6.25 cents to \$10.2425 a bushel. September oats jumped 5.25 cents to \$2.8025 a bushel.

Meat futures also rose. If corn keeps rallying, that's going to drive up the cost of feeding cows and pigs. That means livestock producers may cut back on the number of animals they raise, said Sanow.

October live cattle futures rose 1.55 cents, or 1.6 per cent, 95.775 cents a pound. October lean hogs rose 2.5 cents to settle at 78.95 cents a pound.

Meat and grains aren't the only foodstuffs on the rise. Coffee futures for September rose 3.1 cents, or 1.9 per cent, to settle at \$1.6975 a pound. They peaked above \$1.80 a pound on Monday, the highest levels for the beans since 1998, said Spencer Patton, chief investment officer for commodities hedge fund Steel Vine Investments LLC. Coffee prices have soared in the past two months because of weak harvests in Vietnam and Colombia, but an excellent crop being harvested now in Brazil should put a stop to the rally, he said.

Still, JM Smucker Co., which sells Folgers, Dunkin' Donuts and Millstone brands, said Tuesday that it would raise prices nine per cent for coffee sold in the US.

In other commodity trading, energy and metals futures were mixed. Gold for December delivery rose \$8.40 to settle at \$1,195.90 an ounce, while silver dropped less than one per cent, 0.14 cents, to \$18.278 an ounce. Benchmark crude for September delivery fell eight cents to \$82.47 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil rose 0.22 cent to \$2.2022 a gallon, gasoline lost 1.85 cents to \$2.1750 a gallon and natural gas added 9.8 cents to \$4.737 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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|---------|----------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1.34 | 1.00 | AML Foods Limited | | 1.04 | 1.04 | 0.00 | | 0.250 | 0.040 | 4.2 | 3.85% |
| 10.75 | 9.67 | Bahamas Property Fund | | 10.63 | 10.63 | 0.00 | | 0.050 | 0.200 | 212.6 | 1.88% |
| 6.25 | 5.00 | Bank of Bahamas | | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | | 0.598 | 0.260 | 8.4 | 5.20% |
| 0.58 | 0.27 | Benchmark | | 0.30 | 0.27 | -0.03 | 1,000 | -0.877 | 0.000 | N/M | 0.00% |
| 3.49 | 3.15 | Bahamas Waste | | 3.15 | 3.15 | 0.00 | | 0.168 | 0.090 | 18.8 | 2.86% |
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| 2.84 | 2.50 | Colina Holdings | | 2.55 | 2.55 | 0.00 | | 0.511 | 0.040 | 5.0 | 1.57% |
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| 3.65 | 2.23 | Consolidated Water BDRs | | 2.40 | 2.37 | -0.03 | | 0.111 | 0.052 | 21.4 | 2.19% |
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|---------|----------|----------------------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 10.06 | 7.92 | Bahamas Supermarkets | 9.42 | 10.42 | 14.00 | | -2.945 | 0.000 | N/M | 0.00% |
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|---------|----------|--------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 41.00 | 29.00 | ABDAB | 30.13 | 31.59 | 29.00 | | 4.540 | 0.000 | 9.03 | 0.00% |
| 0.55 | 0.40 | RND Holdings | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.55 | | 0.002 | 0.000 | 261.90 | 0.00% |

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| 52wk-Hi | 52wk-Low | Fund Name | NAV | YTD% | Last 12 Months % | NAV 3MTH | NAV 6MTH | NAV Date |
|----------|----------|--|----------|-------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1.4825 | 1.4387 | CFAL Bond Fund | 1.4825 | 3.04 | 6.96 | 1.460225 | 1.438700 | 30-Jun-10 |
| 2.9265 | 2.8266 | CFAL MSI Preferred Fund | 2.9199 | 1.14 | 0.85 | 2.911577 | 2.886947 | 30-Jun-10 |
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- Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price
- Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume
- Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week
- Change - Change in closing price from day to day
- EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths
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- NAV - Net Asset Value
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BETWEEN
MAVIS COLLIE
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AND
JULIAN DEVEAUX
Defendant

NOTICE OF TRIAL

TAKE NOTICE that this action has been set down for Trial in the Supreme Court before the Honourable Sir Michael Barnett, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court, British American Bank Building, Marlborough Street, Nassau, Bahamas on Thursday the 12th day of August, A.D., 2010 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

US gas prices rise following rally in oil

By SANDY SHORE AP Business Writer

THE recent rise in oil prices is translating into higher prices at the pump.

The national average for a gallon of regular unleaded rose 2.1 cents to \$2.747 a gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Oil has traded above \$82 for two straight days. It was around \$77 a week ago.

Motorists are paying about 2.3 cents more than a month ago and 18.6 cents more than a year ago.

Oil prices were lower Thursday. After dropping lower during European trading, they rallied somewhat on reports that contained good news on the US jobs front before levelling off.

Benchmark crude for September delivery fell 19 cents to \$82.36 a barrel in early trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price has been at levels not seen since May for three consecutive days despite ample supplies of oil in storage and weak demand for gasoline and other refined products.

Two jobs reports indicated Wednesday that the economy is growing but at a slow pace.

ADP, a payroll company, said private employers hired 42,000 workers last month, which was slightly better than analysts expected. The report can provide clues about what the Labour Department's monthly job report, due Friday, may show.

In addition, the Institute for Supply Management its ser-



AT THE PUMP: A 2010 Subaru Forester is driven past a gas station price sign in Happy Valley, Oregon. (AP Photo)

vice-sector index rose unexpectedly for July. A measure of hiring expectations for the sector, which accounts for the majority of US workers, expanded in July for only the second time since December 2007.

In its weekly report, the Energy Department said US commercial oil inventories fell by 2.8 million barrels to 358 million barrels for the week that ended July 30. The total remains 2.4 per cent higher than a year ago.

Analysts had expected a drop of 1.2 million barrels for the week ended July 30, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Gasoline inventories rose 700,000 barrels last week to 223 million barrels. Analysts expected a drop of 870,000 barrels.

Demand for gasoline over the four weeks ended July 30 was 2.3 per cent higher than a year earlier, averaging nearly 9.4 million barrels a day.

Inventories of distillate fuel, which include diesel and heating oil, increased by 2.2 million barrels to 169.7 million barrels for the week ended July 30. Analysts expected distillate stocks to increase by 1.16 million barrels.

In other Nymex trading in September contracts, heating oil rose 0.17 cent to \$2.2017 a gallon, gasoline lost 1.25 cent to \$2.1810 a gallon and natural gas added 8.1 cents to 4.72 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude fell 27 cents to \$82.46 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Associated Press writers Pablo Gorondi in Hungary and Alex Kennedy in Singapore contributed to this report.

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BUSINESS

Stocks edge higher on jobs, service sector growth

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks edged higher Wednesday after key reports on private sector hiring and the services industry provided reassurances that the economy continues to grow.

Payroll company ADP said private employers modestly increased hiring last month, while the Institute for Supply Management's service sector index rose unexpectedly in July. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 39 points in late morning trading.

Major indexes were off their highs for the day because of continued caution about the strength of the recovery. The Dow was up more than 65 points just after the ISM report was released.

The reports show that while growth might be sluggish, there are no indications the economy is headed back into recession. Traders have grappled with earnings and economic reports at odds with each other in recent weeks

that provide a mixed picture about the pace of recovery.

The latest batch of earnings were largely better than expected. Broadcaster CBS Corp., video game maker Electronic Arts Inc. and Anadarko Petroleum Corp. all climbed. Whole Foods Market Inc. was one of the few to report disappointing results.

Despite the upbeat earnings, many investors remain cautious. Quincy Krosby, Prudential Financial's market strategist, said the market needs much more than one positive report on private sector employment to gain confidence in the economic outlook.

"ADP was positive, but when all is said and done, the market needs stronger confirmation to grind higher," Krosby said. Until then, stocks are likely to trade in a tight range, she said.

In midday trading, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 38.53, or 0.4 per cent, to 10,675.74. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.83, or

0.5 per cent, to 1,125.29, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 14.31, or 0.6 per cent, to 2,297.83.

About five stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 353.9 million shares.

Investors

The confirmation investors want could come in the next two days when the Labour Department releases its weekly report on initial claims for jobless benefits and its monthly employment report.

The ADP report is often seen as an early indicator of what the more important monthly jobs report from the Labour Department will look like. That report, which is broader and includes government as well as private sector employment, is due out Friday. It's expected to show private employers added 90,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate rose to 9.6 per cent from 9.5 per cent in June.

ADP said private employers added 42,000 jobs last month, slightly better than the forecasts of economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

People worried about their jobs have cut back on shopping and avoided big purchases like new homes, which has stifled growth across many sectors of the economy. Analysts have said the economy and the stock market could remain stagnant until there are clear signs of significant job growth.

The ISM's service sector index rose to 54.3 in July from 53.8 in June. That's better than the 53 forecast by economists and indicates expansion for the largest component of the country's economy. Any reading above 50 indicates growth.

The ISM report was especially encouraging because the services sector accounts for the majority of employment in the country, so growth there could indicate new jobs being added. It also comes two days after ISM

said the manufacturing sector continued to grow in July. That report sparked big gains in the market.

Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management, said economic reports are starting to fall more in line with expectations after regularly falling short of forecasts throughout the second quarter.

"The negative data we saw late in the second quarter caused people to lower their expectations," Zemsky said. The more modest expectations investors now have could give the market room

to move higher, Zemsky said.

Investors sold Treasuries to move into stocks, sending interest rates in the bond market higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.95 per cent from 2.92 per cent late Tuesday. That yield helps set rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

CBS rose 45 cents, or three per cent, to \$15.46. Electronic Arts jumped \$1.12, or 6.9 per cent, to \$17.30, while Anadarko rose \$2.22, or 4.2 per cent, to \$55.36. Whole Foods fell \$3.11, or 7.9 per cent, to \$36.38.

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And notice is also given that on Friday, August 20th, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Magistrate Court, Garnet Levarity Justice Centre, Freeport, Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas the application of Treasure Bay, G.B.I. Limited will be considered by the Gaming Board.

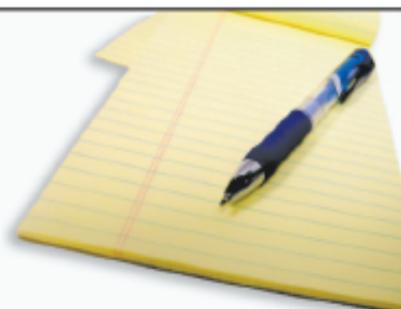
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BUSINESS

Greece says it expects to pass inspection of its finances

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece says it expects to pass an inspection of its finances by European and IMF officials that is required to receive a new rescue

loan payment next month. Government spokesman Giorgos Petalotis says Athens "welcomes the conclusions made by our partners."

He was speaking Wednesday as the inspectors concluded consultations in Athens, holding a six-hour meeting with Finance Ministry officials.

Greece is set to receive euro9 billion (\$11.8 billion) in loans in mid-September under a three-year programme worth euro110 billion, set up by the International Monetary

Fund and other countries using the euro currency. Visiting IMF and EU inspectors are to outline their conclusions Thursday.



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The Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) is seeking to employ a full-time Operational Consultant who will lead and direct activities for the development and administration of Medical Record services within the PHA. The specialist filling this post will be required to assume both advisory and management responsibilities with respect to strengthening the organizational capacity, transforming the operations and ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of these services.

The primary focus of the assignment will be the overall improvement and day-to-day management of Medical Records Services at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). As such, the Operational Consultant will be based at this Hospital and will report (in the first instance) to the Chief Hospital Administrator with direct line responsibilities for all human and other resources within the Medical Records Department at PMH.

A further responsibility of the person filling this post will be to serve as technical adviser for the strengthening of the Medical Records Departments at the other two hospitals of the PHA.

Background information on the Public Hospitals Authority, together with a job description and prerequisites for the post may be obtained from the PHA's website www.phabahamas.org (click the download centre tab on the homepage then select vacancies from the listing on the left).

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BUSINESS

Markets recover poise after US jobs survey

By PAN PYLAS
AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Better-than-expected US economic data helped Europe's stock markets clamber off lows and contributed to gains on Wall Street as investors gear up for the closely watched US jobs report for July on Friday.

In Europe, Germany's DAX closed up 23.42 points Wednesday, or 0.4 per cent, at 6,331.33 while the CAC-40 in France rose 13.21 points, or 0.4 per cent, to 3,760.72. The FTSE 100 ended 10.32 points, or 0.2 per cent, lower at 5,386.16.

the Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.76 points, or 0.3 per cent, at 10,665.14 soon after the open while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.83 points, or 0.3 per cent, to 1,124.29.

Europe's markets had been trading lower while Wall Street was heading for a modest decline up until figures from the ADP payrolls firm revealed that private sector employment in the US swelled by 42,000 in July — the sixth straight monthly improvement. July's gain was up from 13,000 the month before and ahead of market expectations.

Though the ADP survey is

in positive territory, there are few indications that a major acceleration in job creation is taking place, so expectations for this Friday's government numbers have not budged too much.

The payrolls numbers often set the market tone for a week or two, particularly in August, when trading volumes slump, particularly in the US and Europe.

A modest improvement in the monthly non-manufacturing survey from the Institute for Supply Management also helped sustain the buying momentum through the session. ISM, which earlier this week indicated that the slow-

down in the manufacturing sector was not as pronounced as many economists were fearing, said its non-manufacturing index for July rose to 54.3 from 53.98 — anything above 50 indicates expansion.

Survey

"The survey is consistent with continued sub-trend growth in the second half of the year, but there is nothing here to suggest a double-dip recession is coming," said Paul Ashworth, senior US economist at Capital Economics.

At the moment, US economic figures are the main

driver across all markets.

Despite the fairly encouraging ISM surveys, the bulk of the economic news out of the US has been disappointing.

If the payrolls data come in below expectations for a decrease of 55,000, which includes the loss of one-off census jobs earlier this year, then the markets will be on the lookout for additional money-boosting measures from the Federal Reserve.

Most economists though doubt that the rate-setting panel will decide to get anything done so quickly.

If the Fed turns on the taps once again, then most currency strategists think the dollar will be undermined further, after falling to a four-month low against the euro on Tuesday.

By late afternoon London time, the euro was down 0.6 per cent at \$1.3152. On Tuesday, it was as high as \$1.3261.

While the dollar has been pressured by the evidence showing the US economy is losing momentum, the euro has recovered its poise as the government debt crisis has eased and the economic news-flow out of the 16 countries that use the currency has generally outperformed expectations.

"What is clear is that the focus of concerns has moved very clearly from the eurozone towards the US," said Simon Derrick, senior currency strategist at Bank of New York Mellon.

One sector that stubbornly fails to match the improvements seen elsewhere, though, is consumer spending.

Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, said retail sales in

the eurozone were flat in June from the previous month, down from a 0.4 per cent rise booked in May.

June's outcome was in line with expectations after figures showed that sales in Germany and France fell sharply, and means retail sales were only 0.4 per cent higher in June than the year before.

The figures came out a day ahead of the European Central Bank's expected decision to leave its key interest rate unchanged at one per cent. Though its president Jean Claude Trichet is expected to sound a more optimistic tone in his press conference, he is likely to point to the hurdles the eurozone economy faces, not least the fact that consumers are holding back from major purchases even though separate figures last week showed consumer confidence running at a 26-month high.

The worry is that consumer spending may get pressured by the austerity measures being enacted across the eurozone in response to the government debt crisis.

Earlier, stock markets in Asia had been mixed.

While Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average closed down by 204.67 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 9,489.34, the Shanghai Composite Index added 0.4 per cent to 2,638.52 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 0.4 per cent to 21,549.88.

Other gainers included India, Taiwan and Malaysia. Markets in Singapore, Indonesia, New Zealand and Australia lost ground.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was down six cents to \$82.49 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Time Warner's Q2 profit rises seven per cent

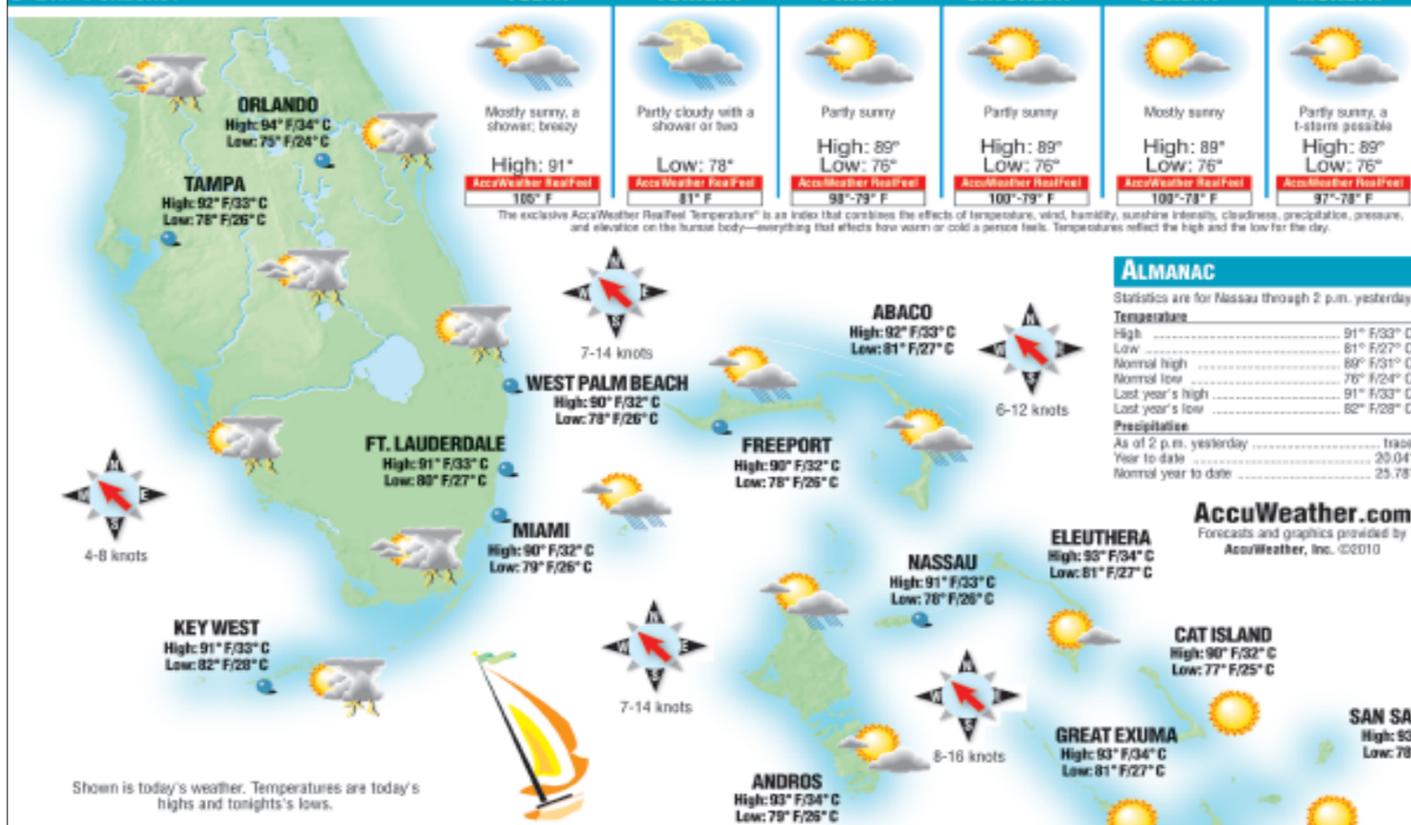


MAKING PROFIT: The Time Warner Center is shown in New York. Time Warner Inc. said Wednesday its second-quarter profit rose seven per cent, helped by another gain in advertising revenue and growth at its cable channels.

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| Friday | 3:36 a.m. | 2.5 | 9:46 a.m. | 0.4 |
| | 4:21 p.m. | 3.2 | 10:52 p.m. | 0.7 |
| Saturday | 4:37 a.m. | 2.5 | 10:47 a.m. | 0.1 |
| | 5:17 p.m. | 3.4 | 11:46 p.m. | 0.4 |
| Sunday | 5:35 a.m. | 2.8 | 11:45 a.m. | 0.0 |
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| | 7:51 p.m. | 3.8 | 1:35 p.m. | -0.3 |
| Wednesday | 8:16 a.m. | 3.5 | 2:13 a.m. | -0.3 |
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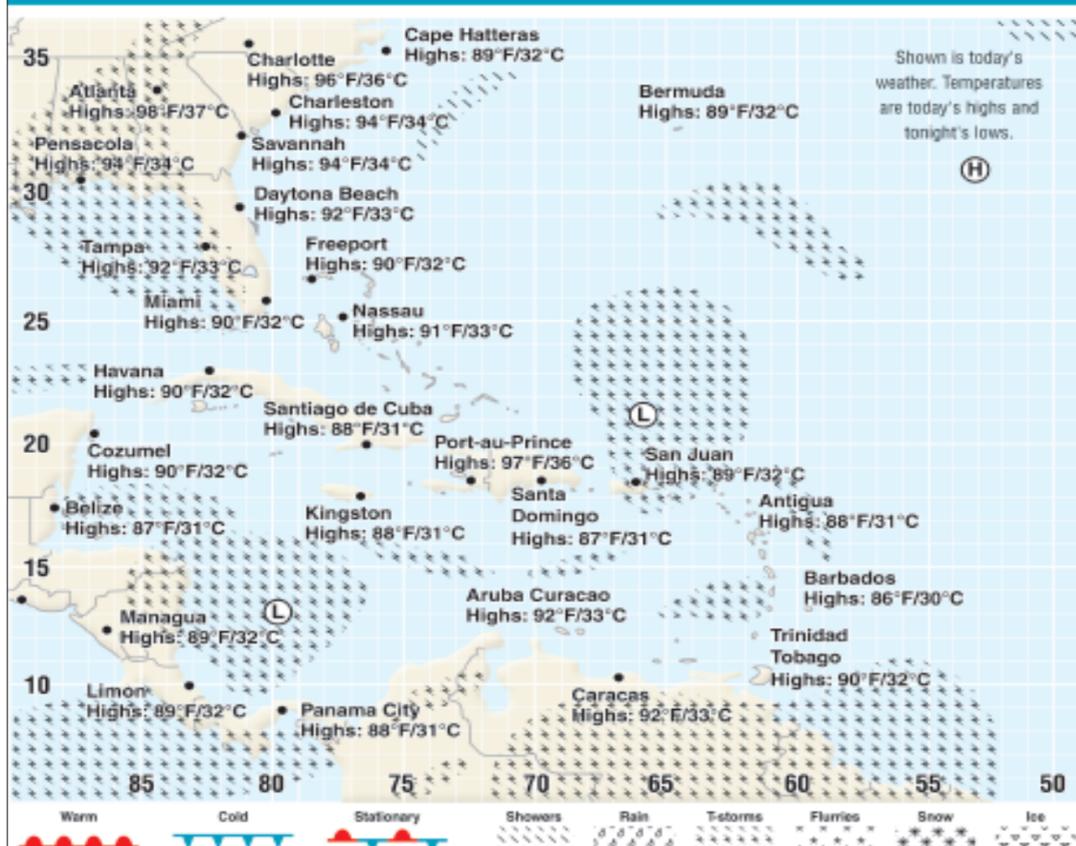
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| Sunset | 7:52 p.m. | Moonset | 3:55 p.m. |
| New | Aug. 9 | First | Aug. 16 |
| Full | Aug. 24 | Last | Sep. 1 |

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

| Location | WINDS | WAVES | VISIBILITY | WATER TEMPS. |
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| ANDROS | Today: SE at 4-8 Knots | 3-5 Feet | 10 Miles | 85° F |
| CAT ISLAND | Today: E at 8-16 Knots | 2-4 Feet | 6 Miles | 85° F |
| CROOKED ISLAND | Today: ENE at 7-14 Knots | 2-4 Feet | 10 Miles | 84° F |
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| FREEPORT | Today: SSE at 6-12 Knots | 1-2 Feet | 6 Miles | 86° F |
| GREAT EXUMA | Today: SE at 8-16 Knots | 1-3 Feet | 10 Miles | 85° F |
| GREAT INAGUA | Today: E at 8-16 Knots | 2-4 Feet | 10 Miles | 84° F |
| LONG ISLAND | Today: ENE at 7-14 Knots | 1-3 Feet | 10 Miles | 85° F |
| MAYAGUANA | Today: NE at 6-12 Knots | 6-10 Feet | 10 Miles | 85° F |
| NASSAU | Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots | 1-3 Feet | 10 Miles | 85° F |
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| RAGGED ISLAND | Today: SE at 8-16 Knots | 1-3 Feet | 6 Miles | 85° F |

BUSINESS

US service sector grows more quickly in July

By TALI ARBEL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Growth in the US service sector picked up in July, according to a trade group's survey, in a good sign for the overall economy and the job market.

The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday its service-sector index rose to 54.3 last month, up from 53.8 in June. Economists had expected a pullback to 53 for July.

Levels above 50 signal growth. July was the seventh straight month of expansion.

The index shows service companies have been expanding every month this year, but at a less robust pace than the manufacturing sector. They are more dependent on consumer spending, which has grown only modestly because unemployment remains near 10 per cent.

The slow recovery in the service sector this year had put a damper on overall hiring, since it accounts for about 80 per cent of US employment. Service jobs include those in hospitals, shops, restaurants, airlines, banks and consulting firms.

July's report suggested improvement. The index showed businesses reported that new orders, an indicator of future business, grew faster last month. A measure of hiring expectations also expanded in July for only the second time since December 2007, when the recession began. It had ticked slightly over 50 in



GOOD SIGN: People place their food orders at The Taco Truck restaurant in Hoboken, NJ.

(AP Photo)

May before shrinking to 49.7 in June. The July reading was 50.9.

At that level, the hiring index typically corresponds to monthly increases of nearly 100,000 private-sector jobs, said Capital Economics analyst Paul Ashworth.

Economists expect that the economy lost 65,000 jobs in July because the federal government fired employees who had been hired temporarily as Census workers, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

Private-sector payrolls would rise by about 100,000 in July, predicted Ryan Wang, an economist with HSBC, about the same pace of job growth from earlier this year, on average. The private sector added 593,000 jobs in the first six months of the year.

Employers

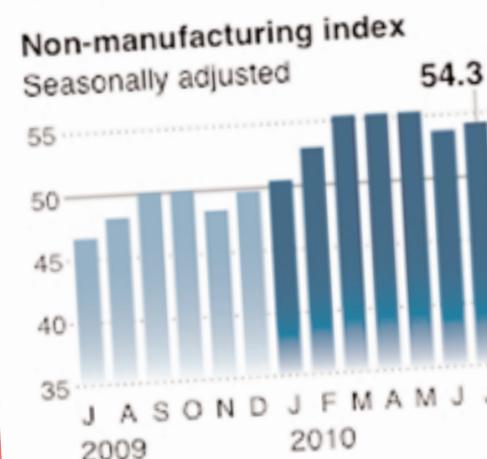
Private-sector employers added 42,000 net jobs during July, according to payrolls processor ADP, which releases a monthly employment sur-

vey. This summer, other economic reports have signalled weakening trends in the housing sector, manufacturing and consumer spending. The weaker data have triggered fears that the pace of hiring might slow, said Wang. The ISM data also suggest that hiring is "at least holding steady," he said.

Wednesday's ISM report helps reassure that the economy is not going to go back into recession, economists said.

Service sector grows

The U.S. service sector increased slightly in July, a good indicator for the economy and the job market.



Non-manufacturing index monitors service industries such as construction, retail, banking and travel.

Levels above 50 signal growth.

SOURCE: Institute for Supply Management

AP

Some business are finally seeing strong growth return. Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., which provides consulting and information technology outsourcing, on Tuesday posted big gains in net income and revenue in the second quarter as corporate customers restarted projects that had been on hold during the recession. It said it added 3,200 jobs to its payrolls during the quarter, an increase in its workforce of nearly four per cent.

Still, many other companies remain wary. Those businesses responding to ISM's survey showed "cautious optimism about business conditions," said Anthony Nieves, who oversees the ISM's service sector survey.

Office supply chain OfficeMax Inc. said Tuesday that it

expected small declines in sales for the year as the economic recovery is slower than company executives had expected. Grocer Safeway Inc. in July lowered its profit forecast for the year, saying it doesn't expect supermarket prices to increase until the fourth quarter because shoppers remain frugal.

Industries

Of the 18 industries ISM surveyed, 13 reported growth in July, led by real estate and the arts and entertainment sectors. Construction and utilities were the biggest of four industries saying they shrank last month.

Companies providing professional and scientific services said they saw no net change in growth.

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AND THEN THERE WERE THREE: Nine contestants were whittled down to three. From the final trio, Sylvian Rahming emerged victorious. From left to right: Rahming, first runner-up Sharell Ferguson and Sasha Bain, second runner-up.

New Miss Gospel crowned

A three-month-long journey came to an end Sunday night for nine contestants in the 2010 Miss Gospel Bahamas Pageant when certified early childhood educator, Sylvian Rahming walked away with the crown.

Miss Sage Eden, Sharell Ferguson and Miss St John's Jubilee Cathedral, Sasha Bain placed first and second runner-ups, respectively.

The new queen, a 22-year-old, Hillcrest Academy teacher, snagged three of nine awards presented at the finale held at the Rainforest Theatre at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino.

She placed first in the costume competition in addition to winning, best evening gown and the Kathy and Gregory Butler Above and Beyond Award. She also placed second in the talent competition with a mime act – a skill honed through her work with Kingdom Mime Ministries International, a non-profit, Christian organisation.

“For a very long time I’ve had dreams

and visions of ministering to people and I wondered how all of this would come about,” she said in a pre pageant interview. “I thought, ‘Lord this is it. This is a window. It’s no longer a dream.’”

The 15-year pageant that is the brain-child of Great Commission Ministries International is not all about the glitz and glamour typically associated with pageants. Contestants must exemplify a “Christ-like” attitude and demonstrate a willingness to be “an ambassador for Christ.”

They also had to be had to answer tough questions in the interview segments, answering an array of questions on prostitution, crime, the 2010 budget, pornography, gambling and motivating young people to return to the church.

Miss Rahming also impressed the judges with her answers in the two question segments answering questions on prostitution and crime.

“Last year the bar was set extremely high and this year is no exception,” pageant

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OUTGOING QUEEN: Shenique Gray crowns the new Miss Gospel Bahamas, Sylvian Rahming, at the 15th annual pageant held at the Rainforest Theatre in the Wyndham Nassau Resort on Sunday.



THE WINNERS' CIRCLE

Speech competition

1. Sasha Bain (winner)
2. Kervinique Ferguson
3. Sharell Ferguson

2. Shantia Williams
3. Sharell Ferguson

Best Float

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10:30 am - 11:30 am... **Session 4** - "Keys For Building a Kingdom Community Culture"Dr. Richard Pinder
11:30 am - 12:30 pm... **Session 5** - "The Kingdom Concept of Colonization"Dr. Myles Munroe
12:30 pm - 1:30...pm...Luncheon Break
1:30 pm - 2:30...pm... **Session 6** - "The Church and Community Impact"Dr. Darrell Wilson
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10:30 am - 11:30 am... **Session 11** - "Kingdom Influencing Contemporary Culture"Pas. Martin Williams
11:30 am - 12:30 pm... **Session 12** - "The 10 Pillars of Kingdom National Impact"Dr. Myles Munroe
12:30 pm - 1:30...pm...Kingdom Community Lunch Break
1:30 am - 2:30 pm... **Session 13** - "Fruit of the Spirit-Qualities of Kingdom Culture"Dr. Jerry Horner
2:30 pm - 7:00...pm...Free - Relaxing Private Study Time
7:30 pm - 8:30...pm... **Session 14** - "The Principle of Environment and Culture"Dr. Pepe Ramnath
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When time stops

"WHATEVER you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you" (Phil 4:9 NEV)



REV. ANGELA
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PALACIOS

My Aunt Olga Nash was buried on July 3, at 93 years of age. My father Addington "Buster" Bosfield was age 94

when he died, his twin Aunt Myrtle Bosfield was 87, and Aunt Lillian Bosfield was 95 years of age at her death.

Now that all the siblings have passed on to glory, there are several thoughts that come to mind about old Bahamian values that need to be remembered, preserved and perpetuated.

1. Family was a sacred word in their mouths. They called each other daily, visited regularly and took keen interest in the members of the extended family as well.

2. Friends were people to be treasured and retained for a lifetime. They were to be visited and invited to share table fellowship and each person's family was adopted as their own.

3. Frugality was the order of the day. There was no wastage of water, electricity, food or anything else. They were born just after the turn of the century and knew about wars, embargoes, depressions, recessions and the like.

4. Sharing was still to be a requirement for living as a good neighbour, and so there was always to be enough to make up an extra plate of food which was passed through the door or an open window.

5. Outreach meant cubes of ice, the use of the telephone, the lending or giving of money, providing transportation, writing a letter or anything else that was needed.

6. Faith in God was the strong foundation on which to build family life, and church attendance, payment of dues and quiet Sunday activities were all a part of the duties of a good Christian.

Miss Gospel

FROM page 17

chair, Leatha Adderley said. "What's going to make this pageant different is the talent within these young ladies. All of them appear to be extremely intelligent so the young lady crowned will have to shine in the talent and float segment."

And shine Miss Rahming did, holding her own during the contestants' opening presentation even though she had a slight wardrobe malfunction with her Biblical portrayal as the bride of Christ.

"My costume wasn't on properly so as I was walking it jumped a bit and I had to try and hold it," Rahming explains. "I thought, 'Oh Lord, I messed up, but I encouraged myself.'"

The new queen admits to being "transformed" by the pageant in which contestants underwent a number of pre-pageant activities including sessions in personal grooming, make-up application and etiquette, in addition to other social activities, engagements and courtesy calls.

"The experience [was] wonderful. I would advise other young ladies, those with low self-esteem those that want to be used, want to show off their talent for the kingdom of God to pick Miss Gospel Bahamas," said Rahming, who was sponsored by her church, Bahamas Christian Fellowship and has as her platform the goal of empowering young people to embrace the power of their dreams.

"I am ready to take my platform out there and change this nation. I believe God has anointed me for such a time as this and I am going to embrace every opportunity I have to change the lives of the young people I come into contact with."

For God so loved

John 3: 16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

As a people, we've got to understand that the enemy (Satan) is doing everything within his power to disrupt the love relationship that God has with mankind. It's during difficult economic times such as these, that the enemy gains great advantage over many; as we're more pruned to focus on our economical status than that of walking in and displaying the Godly kind of love towards one another.

The global economic recession that we're experiencing today is a strategic / tactical move of the enemy that has been carried out by devious, scrupulous men who sit in key positions in the financial realm and through hook and crook have manipulated the financial systems.

Therefore the concept of giving, which is generated by the spirit of love has come under severe attack and questioning; as some people withhold their giving ultimately feeding the enemy's spirit of recession.

Difficult / challenging times are nothing new as our parents, grand and great grandparents went through the same also. They didn't have access to the modern technology as we do today; many of them didn't know the word of God from the Greek / Hebrew perspective as we do today. But they understood the power of giving, sharing and caring for one another.



PASTOR
MATTHEW
ALLEN

Whenever there was a harvest of the field or the slaughtering of goats, sheep, cows, chickens, etc; many houses within that community benefited from such harvest; thereby God honoured and continually blessed the givers of our forefathers generation.

The blessing that's tied to giving will forever be a thorn in the enemy's side and in order to rid himself of this thorn he has sought to pervert, distort and dispel the entire concept of giving. In the secular realm he has done this by dishonestly manipulating the financial system through scrupulous men and women.

In the spiritual realm he is also gaining an advantage against the body of Messiah; as he works his plans of distorting the true concept of giving through cunning, crafty, self-centered religious leaders who are twisting the word of God primarily for their financial gain.

Watch this !

Whenever there is a pastor's appreciation or anniversary or any other occasion to give to a religious leader; the primary substance that's requested is money. PLEASE,

PLEASE, don't misunderstand or get me wrong there is absolutely nothing wrong with giving money. But today's church at large has been methodically trained to see giving from a financial perspective.

What's wrong with this picture? How many times have you heard religious leaders are saying (crying) about the church's inability to do because of the recession's affect upon the people's ability to give.

What are they (religious leaders) talking about or referring to? They're talking about money. Meanwhile countless families within and outside the church consistently go hungry and without food in their pantries.

There are food agencies / distribution companies both locally and internationally that look for ways to freely give by rotating of inventories. But twisted religious leaders have been known to press these agencies and companies for finances to deposit into their church's bank accounts; rather than positioning / preparing themselves to receive food in bulk that can be made readily available to the needy.

Religiously, we consistently quoting the scriptures: Hosea.4:6. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: & Prov.29:18. Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Watch this !

In both passage of scriptures, who is it that's being destroyed and perishing? It's the people, not the leaders.

If the religious bishops, doctors, apostles, etc; are all doing good (financially) and holding their own in these difficult times while their congregation are suffering; there is no men or glory to God in such situations.

A wealthy / healthy shepherd -church leader is the reflection of a wealthy / healthy

sheepfold-congregation. Despite all the eloquent preaching and teachings, if the situation is reversed; then that church / leadership is governed by the anti-Christ spirit.

With all of my heart, I do believe in God's prosperity plan for His children and I am a prosperity teacher, because it's God's will for His people to prosper. But there has to be a balance and truth to the prosperity message, and it's this balance and truth that's lacking in today's religious church.

One of the greatest possessions of a shepherd is his flock and the well being / provision of that flock; should be of the utmost importance to the shepherd.

Here's what David said about his shepherd: **Ps.23:1.** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

: 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

: 3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

As a shepherd bishop, doctor, apostle, etc; you ought to be known by the care given to your congregation / sheepfold, and not by how well you can preach, teach or by how many books you've written.

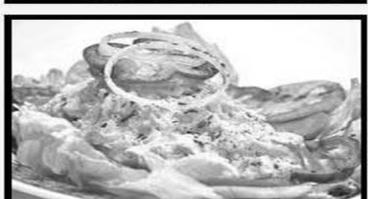
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John.10: 14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

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Celtics have Very Big Four with 15-time All-Star Shaq...
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'I enjoy coaching more than competing...'

OLYMPIC gold medallist Tonique Williams-Darling, pointing out that the Bahamas is "still a major force" at the Carifta Games, wants to "come back" this year and contribute to the junior programme and "really help to develop these athletes."

In an interview with *Tribune Sports*, she outlined her reasons for making the early transition from athlete to coach. "I'm excited. Coaching, I would say, I enjoy more than competing," said the St John's College graduate who went on to compete for the University of South Carolina before she graduated from Moore School of Business with her bachelor's degree in 1999.

"It's just good to see when you're successful for the kids to be working hard and living out their dreams. So I'm really excited about getting into coaching here full-time."

After attending the 2009 Carifta Games in St Lucia, Williams-Darling said she had a number of athletes ask her for help. "One thing I noticed at Carifta is that we're still in there and we're still a major force," she said.

"I just feel that there are more contributions that can be made to these junior athletes and that is part of what I want to do this year. I want to come back and really help



GIVING BACK: Tonique Williams-Darling (in this file photo waving to the crowd at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece) is getting ready to host a summer track and field clinic.

to develop these athletes and contribute to the junior programme."

Williams-Darling is getting ready to host the second edition of the eagerly anticipated week-long TWD Athletics Club's Track and Field Summer Clinic slated

for August 13-14 at the Abaco Central High School, which shifts to New Providence August 16-21 at Thomas A Robinson stadium.

Registration forms are available at The Sports Locker or Robin Hood.

Myriad of tourneys 'on the horizon' for BSF juniors

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
Sports Reporter
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The Bahamas Softball Federation (BSF) has been operating under the theme, "Youth Development - The Way Forward," with a myriad of tournaments on the horizon for its junior players.

The BSF is now preparing to field players for a trio of tournaments in the near future, which include the senior men's national team at the Pan American Softball Championships, the junior women's national team (16-and-under) at the World Cup of Softball and the national junior men's national team (19-and-under) at the International Softball Federation's Jr Men's World Championships in 2012.

One of the most promising developments, however, is the establishment of an under-20 regional tournament developed at the Carifta level, which could rapidly assist the

growth of the game at its most basic level.

Additionally, during the Annual General Meeting of the CONCACAS region, it was discussed and approved that the English-speaking Caribbean will be allowed to form its own Confederation and Championships, pending the approval of ISF president Don Porter.

Manager

The new manager of the women's junior national team will be Spurgeon Johnson while Martin Burrows will head the men's development team. He will be assisted by Robert Saunders, Delano Cartwright and Alfonso Albury.

The new group of national team coaches and managers are expected to serve two-year terms at the helm of the Bahamas' teams in international competition.

Sidney "Baylor" Fernandez, director of softball programmes for the BSF, said the organisation seeks to improve

the programme with greater accountability from the coaches and better team chemistry.

Each coach is expected to deliver a full, detailed report to the BSF two weeks after their respective national team returns home.

To further assist in the youth movement, Stephen 'Bishop' Beneby has been appointed as the assistant director of programmes for junior women.

Godfrey Burnside, manager of the men's national team, said this team will take on a focus towards a youth movement in the federation.

"We have realised that we must focus on younger players. If we do not bring them into the fold and make them feel welcome, the quality of our national team programme will eventually diminish," he said.

"We will not discard the older players, but they must understand where the focus of the federation is going and younger players will play a pivotal role at the national level," Burnside said.



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The term of the contract is one (1) month, starting in August 2010. All interested persons should forward their cost proposal, curriculum vitae and a cover letter via email to smoss@tnc.org to the attention of IWCAM Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy. Deadline for applications is **Monday August 9, 2010**. Requests for more detailed TORs can also be sent to smoss@tnc.org

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SPORTS

Brook Lopez pulls out of the world champs

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — New Jersey center Brook Lopez, struggling to recover from a bout with mono, has withdrawn from the US national team and will be replaced by Washington's JaVale McGee.

Lopez informed USA Basketball officials Wednesday that he didn't believe he was in good enough condition to take part in training camp next week in New York.

He played poorly during practices in Las Vegas last month and USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said he would have to perform well during the second training session to have a chance to make the roster headed to Turkey for the world championships.

Instead, Lopez became the latest big man on an under-sized US roster to withdraw. The Americans lost Amare Stoudemire, David Lee and Robin Lopez, Brook's brother, shortly after opening camp in Las Vegas. They were already without Boston's Kendrick Perkins, who injured his knee in Game 6 of the NBA finals.

"Although it will be disappointing not to see Brook compete in the upcoming FIBA world championship, the Nets fully support his decision to stop training with Team USA," Nets general manager Billy King said in a statement.

"Brook obviously felt that he had not made sufficient enough recovery from his bout with mononucleosis earlier this summer, but we feel confident he will be fully recovered by the start of training camp on September 25."

Tyson Chandler and McGee are the only centers on the roster. McGee had practiced in Las Vegas with the Americans the last two summers, but hadn't officially been added to the national team.

Celtics have Very Big Four with 15-time All-Star Shaq

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Big Three of the Boston Celtics are now a Very Big Four.

The Eastern Conference champions signed 7-foot-1, 325-pound Shaquille O'Neal on Wednesday, adding the 15-time All-Star to a team needing his size with center Kendrick Perkins recovering from knee surgery that could sideline him until February.

The deal with the free agent center is for two years and about \$3 million, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said on condition of anonymity because no details were released.

O'Neal joins the other three big names — Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen — on a team that went to the seventh game of the NBA finals before losing to the Los Angeles Lakers. Since then, Boston signed center-forward Jermaine O'Neal.

Point guard Rajon Rondo will also be coming off an outstanding post-season.

"I am honoured to be joining the Celtics," O'Neal said in a statement issued by the club.

"I have played against Paul, Ray, Kevin, Rajon, and Jermaine for many years and it will be great to be able to call them my teammates.

"I cannot wait to get to Boston to get started in pursuit of another championship."

The Celtics won their NBA-high 17th championship in 2008. O'Neal has won four NBA titles.

"It is not every day that you can add a player of Shaquille's calibre to your team," Celtics president of basketball operations Danny Ainge said in the statement.

"His past experience speaks for itself and we believe that he is a great fit for our roster."

After the season, the Celtics resigned Pierce for four seasons and Allen for two and signed Jermaine O'Neal for two. Garnett also has two years left on his deal.

Shaq, the top pick in the 1992 draft by Orlando, averaged 12.0 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in 53 games for Cleveland last season.

He is the fifth leading scorer in



BIG DEAL: Shaquille O'Neal dunks the ball against the Los Angeles Clippers during a game in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo)

NBA history with 28,255 career points and is 14th in rebounds with 12,921. He has averaged 24.1 points, 11.0 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game.

Hometown memorial for former NBA player Wright

By ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The procession moved slowly and solemnly on Wednesday, a long line of mourners dressed in black and white, pausing in front of the silver casket of their slain native son Lorenzen Wright.

Hundreds of fans, friends and family members of the former NBA player filed into the FedEx Forum in Memphis for Wright's memorial service and funeral, remembering the man many called "Ren" as a loving, gentle, charitable family man.

Wright's body was found July 28 in woods outside Memphis after he had been missing for 10 days. The 34-year-old was shot to death in what police are calling a homicide. No arrests have been made and Memphis police will not discuss whether they have a motive or suspects.

Relatives and friends fought off tears as they addressed the crowd, still in disbelief at the way he died.

Jeffrey L Archie told the audience that he may never understand why someone would kill his brother. "To me he was invincible," Archie said. "There's no reason for anybody to take him like this."

Memphis Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley said Wright had movie star looks with an infectious smile, and served as the team's leader. Wright spent five of his 13 seasons in the NBA with the team from the city he was born.

"We should all leave this hall with the thought that we're going to do a little bit in Lorenzen's honour to make sure things like this don't happen again," Heisley said. "That's the biggest service you could pay him."

Wright's six children and ex-wife were in the procession, trailed by his father, Herb Wright, who uses a wheelchair. Dozens of friends and family followed, stopping before a photo of Wright, then the casket. His mother, Deborah Wright, also attended.

A litany of former NBA brethren paid their respects, including Memphis hero Penny Hardaway, Elliot Perry, Bonzi Wells, and former Atlanta Hawks coach Mike Woodson. Current Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph and former NBA player Damon Stoudemire also were there.

Lorenzen Vern-Gagne Wright Sr was born in Memphis but lived as a youth Oxford, Miss.. His mother and siblings moved to Memphis for his senior year in high school, and he became a star at Booker T Washington High School.

While growing up, Wright's father, who was paralysed after being shot in the spine, coached him on the basketball court and taught him to be a family man off the court. He then went to the University of Memphis, where he played two seasons and was an All-America selection after his sophomore year.

The 6-foot-11 forward-center was drafted No. 7 in 1996 by the Los Angeles Clippers where he spent three seasons before moving onto the Atlanta Hawks, for two separate stints, Grizzlies, Sacramento Kings and most recently the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2008-09. He averaged 8 points and 6.4 rebounds in 778 career NBA games, and also was known as a good defensive player.

In March 2003, Wright's 11-month-old daughter, Sierra, died of sudden infant death syndrome.

Wright contributed to children's charities, holding basketball camps, contributing to child reading programmes, and visiting St Jude's Children Research Hospital.

"As loving as Lorenzen was, and he gave so much to so many people, if we can just come together and love each other instead of all this violence, it will be a much better world," Herb Wright said after the service.

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SPORTS

Ajax advances in Champions League on away goals

By **ROB HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Four-time European champion Ajax reached the Champions League playoff round on away goals after being held 3-3 at PAOK Thessaloniki on Wednesday, while Celtic was eliminated by FC Braga despite winning its second leg.

Held 1-1 in Amsterdam last week, Ajax scored three times in seven minutes at the start of the second half but conceded a late equalizer in Greece.

"This was a very tough night, in a very tough atmosphere," Ajax coach Martin Jol said. "We lost control of the game at various stages, but we got the three goals and PAOK had to chase for a goal and give us space — that was fortunate for us."

Celtic, which trailed 3-0 to Braga after the first leg, fell behind and went out despite scoring two second-half goals to win the second leg 2-1 in the third round of qualifying.

Zenit St Petersburg joined Braga in Friday's draw for the playoff after the 2008 UEFA Cup winners beat Unirea Urziceni 1-0. FC Copenhagen also advanced by beating BATE 3-2 after another scoreless first leg, while the same aggregate result took Young Boys through after winning 1-0 at Fenerbahce on Wednesday.

Dynamo Kiev advanced with a 6-1 aggregate victory over Ghent, Zilina ousted Litex Lovech 4-2, Basel beat Debrecen 5-1 over the two legs, Sparta Prague produced another 1-0 win over Lech Poznan, and Rosenborg beat AIK 3-0 after winning 1-0 last week.

In Greece, Ajax fell behind in the 16th minute when Adelino Vieira netted with a glancing header from Oliver Sorlin's free kick.

But Luis Suarez exploited PAOK's defensive collapse early in the second half. Uruguay's World Cup star levelled in the 48th, chesting down the ball and shaking three defenders to beat PAOK goalkeeper Dario Kresic.

Two minutes later, Suarez set up Siem de Jong to make it 2-1. "Suarez made the difference — he always wants to win," Jol said.

Rasmus Lindgren added the third with a free kick in the 55th, but Dimitris



YELLOW CARD?: Ajax's Siem de Jong (right) challenges for the ball with PAOK's Vitolo during their Champions League third qualifying round second leg match at Toumba Stadium in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki on Wednesday.

(AP Photo)

Salpidis reduced PAOK's deficit a minute later.

Vladimir Ivic missed a penalty kick in the 77th, but made it 3-3 in stoppage time. "The second half certainly had it all: loads of goals, great chances and a missed penalty," PAOK coach Pavlos Dermitzakis said. "Unfortunately it didn't go our way. It's a shame."

In Glasgow, Celtic was left needing to score five goals to advance after slack defending from new defender Cha Du-ri

allowed Paulo Cesar to give Braga a 4-0 aggregate lead in the 20th.

"We keep conceding soft goals," Celtic manager Neil Lennon said. "I'm learning from it and hopefully the players are learning."

Gary Hooper, who was making his Celtic debut, and Efrain Juarez both scored for the 1967 European champions in the second half, but they will have to settle with a spot in the Europa League playoff round.

AID sponsors 17th annual Claycourt Championships

THE entry deadline for one of the most anticipated events on the local tennis calendar, slated to tip off this weekend, is 6pm today, according to an official statement.

The 17th annual Claycourt Championships, sponsored by AID, is set for August 7-21 at the Gym Tennis Club in Winton Meadows, Nassau.

"This perennial tournament is one of the most well patronized tennis events of the summer and features play in nine categories. This is one of only two national tournaments contested on clay and all of the champions from last year are expected to defend their titles," said the release.

In 2009, Treajh Ferguson took the boys under-18 title while Danielle Thompson took the women's singles draw.

Jason Rolle took the men's open singles while Stephen Thompson was the top player in the coveted junior vet draw.

In doubles play, Rolle and D Thompson took the mixed doubles crown, Robbie Isaacs and Jadrian Turnquest won the men's open doubles and the team of Bud Cambridge and Larry Rolle were victorious in the junior vets.

"The junior vets players in particular will be trying to improve their ranking as they gauge their readiness for the BLTA Senior

Nationals coming up in October," said the release.

Entrants can compete in a maximum of three events, including the boys and girls under-18 singles, men and women singles and doubles, gentlemen's junior vets singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Entry forms are available at the Gym Tennis Club, the BLTA National Tennis Center and other local clubs and must be delivered to the Gym Tennis Club or faxed to 364-0734. All entrants must be fully paid members of the Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association.

The draws for all divisions will take place at the above mentioned club at 6pm Thursday.




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LOVE AND BASKETBALL: US President Barack Obama (right) and aide Reggie Love return to the White House after a private game of basketball at Fort McNair in Washington.

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