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Mystery woman found shot dead

Claim of PMH 'negligence' as boy permanently loses his finger

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DISGUSTED by the level of care received at Princess Margaret Hospital, a 29-year-old mother is now seeking legal advice in a case that has left her 10-year-old son an amputee.

Jaded by what she feels was gross negligence on behalf of medical staff, Casarina Lockhart told *The Tribune* of her son Alex's plight after he suffered a

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Body discovered at gas station

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POLICE are still working on identifying the country's latest murder victim, a woman who was found on the premises of a gas station yesterday with multiple gunshot wounds to her back.

The woman, considered to be a "Jane Doe" by police, was found lying face down on the forecourt of the Kemp Road Service Station, located on Parkgate and Kemp roads, sometime after 2am yesterday.

Late last night, residents in the area said the woman - who was found wearing a brown sweater and long jeans pants - had only recently moved to Nassau from Abaco.

It was unclear whether or not the deceased had any family members in New Providence.

Leon Bethel, head of the Central Detective Unit, said police received a call that a woman was shot. They

assisted with calling the paramedics.

The victim was taken to hospital via EMS personnel where she was eventually pronounced dead.

Information on the incident was "sketchy" up to press time, as the police did not have any immediate leads on the matter.

It is believed that damage was done to the property of the service station as a result of the shooting.

Hulan Hanna, Assistant Commissioner of Police, said the woman "seems to be a young person" from all indications.

He said people are asked to contact the police if they have any missing persons in their family.

Residents in the area where the incident occurred are being canvassed to assist in the investigation.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them at police emergency 919, CDU 502-9991, or crime stoppers at 328-TIPS.



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CRIME SCENE: The woman's body was found on the premises of a gas station (inset). The main picture shows bullet holes on the gas station window.

Man accused of raping elderly woman is jailed for stealing

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A MAN accused of robbing and raping an elderly woman on Eleuthera was sentenced to a year in jail yesterday for breaking into a local school and stealing money.

Latario Duncanson, 29, admitted entering Rock Sound Primary School and stealing \$380. He was, however, not required to enter a plea to the charges of breaking into an elderly woman's residence and robbing her of \$90 and a silver ring while armed with a knife.

Duncanson, who was not represented by an attorney during



SENTENCED: Latario Duncanson
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CONTRACTORS 'EAGERLY' AWAITING WORD FROM PM ON BAHAMAR

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THE Bahamas Contractors' Association is "eagerly" awaiting word from the prime minister on his high-level meetings with the Chinese financiers of the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project.

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LOCAL NEWS

KFC and employees' union reach agreement

THE franchise operators of KFC in the Bahamas and the chain's disgruntled employees have struck a deal to bring an end to the series of strike threats over the past few weeks.

Representatives of Restaurants Bahamas Limited and the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union met at the Department of Labour yesterday to hash out the deal.

After the meeting, the company said in a statement: "During the negotiations, payments due to employees were discussed, and an agreed schedule was accepted by the union."

"It is anticipated that KFC operations will now return to normal. KFC wishes to thank its loyal customers for their support and patience during this period."



STUDENTS OF LW YOUNG listen as Ambassador Nicole Avant stresses to them the importance of reading.

LW Young students fully booked for Library Week

"It is never too late to learn how to read" was the message of Education Minister Desmond Bannister to students observing Library Week at LW Young Junior High School.

Teachers and students at the school have a number of activities planned this week to highlight the importance of reading.

Yesterday, Minister Bannister visited the school on Bernard Road to address the students.

US Ambassador to the Bahamas Nicole Avant was also a member of

the group of officials visiting the school during Library Week.

Mr Bannister said Ambassador Avant's presence showed her commitment to the education of Bahamian children and in particular to instilling in students the importance of reading.

"She believes, like officials in the Ministry of Education, that if you can read, you can succeed."

"We believe through reading the students at LW Young, in fact the entire Bahamas, can achieve anything



PICTURE PERFECT: US Ambassador Nicole Avant receives a painting from the students of LW Young.

that they desire," Mr Bannister said. The minister also highlighted the efforts of the school's principal Janet Nixon.

"There is definitely a renaissance taking place at this school and I want to commend all of the teachers for their role in this change," he said.

Mr Bannister further addressed some of the "remarkable" academic achievements the school recently recorded in the BJC examinations and

emphasised that these successes could not have been possible without the skill of reading.

"Students, it is never too late to learn to how to read, but the earlier you start the better you are able to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead of you."

"Reading is important because it empowers you and more often than not it helps you to make wise decisions," he said.

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\$55,000 raised from 32-mile kayak presented to Cancer Society

OVERWHELMED by the donations and efforts of participants and supporters, Andrew Higgs, son of Olympic medalist Monty Higgs, presented the Cancer Society of the Bahamas with a cheque for \$55,000 yesterday.

The grueling 32-mile kayak started out as Mr Higgs' desire to honour his dead father's memory, however to his surprise, it grew to 18 people kayaking from Exuma to Nassau and countless others



PRESENTATION: Andrew Higgs, event coordinator, presents Cancer Society of the Bahamas founder Susan Roberts with monies raised from a fundraiser which saw him and several others kayak from Exuma to Nassau. Mr Higgs is pictured above with his wife Jennifer (far left) and cancer society director Wendell Barry (far right).

donating time and money.

Mr Higgs said: "I originally was just going to do this on my own and I spread the word out to a couple of friends and it just grew and grew."

"The support was overwhelming, I never even imagined that we'd come close to what we've made for the Cancer Society. It's been overwhelming."

In 2004, Monty Higgs, with his brother Peter Higgs, and Dave Meller set out on a kayaking trip from George Town, Exuma to Ship Channel Cay, Exuma.

The trio had intended to kayak to New Providence from Ship Channel, but due to inclement they were unable to complete the final leg.

Monty was described by family members as a man who was a competitive swimmer,

an accomplished spear fisherman, an avid angler, a naval quartermaster, a skipper in the Bahamas' yacht squadron, an Olympic crew for the Bahamas in the Star Class, a boatman par excellence, a commodore of the Royal Nassau Sailing Club and most recently a proud kayak builder and paddler.

In August, Mr Higgs set out to finish the final leg for his father who was diagnosed with leukemia and subsequently died from the disease before he could complete the feat.

The money raised by their efforts will prove an immense benefit to the over 30-year-old non-profit organization which provides numerous

support programmes for cancer patients and survivors.

Namely, the Cancer Caring Facility, a ten-room facility which provides residence and care for family-island cancer patients who are in New Providence for treatment.

Mrs Susan Roberts, founder of the society and its treasurer, said: "It's so important because that's the only way we exist, by other people's generosity."

"Especially for the Cancer Caring Facility, the rooms are full all the time so we need funding - the patients don't pay to stay here - and we need the funding to take care of and run the facility."

"To take as good care of them as we can."

Confidence in Caribbean Basin Security Initiative

STAKEHOLDERS in the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative are confident the plan will effectively tackle issues of maritime crime, illicit trafficking and violence throughout the region by taking a holistic approach to these vexing issues.

At the close of the first CBSI working meeting in Jamaica, officials lauded the programme as being a new method to regional crime fighting and prevention that will improve the lives of citizens of the United States and the Caribbean.

"We are aware that the Caribbean and the United States share not only geographic ties but important cultural ties as well," said US Ambassador to Jamaica Pamela Bridgewater at the closing ceremony of the workshop. "Through this initiative we now have a mechanism to address more effectively and comprehensively trans-national security issues that impact the lives of Jamaicans, Americans and citizens throughout this hemisphere".

The Obama administration has committed \$45 million in aid to help Caribbean countries eradicate crime in the region through CBSI. Of that amount, \$1.6 million in funding has been allocated for the Bahamas.

The funding will be used to bolster the American Embassy's existing law enforcement partnerships in Nassau by: supporting training to enhance the criminal investigative capacity of Bahamian law enforcement agencies; allowing for the purchase of equipment to support the efforts of Bahamian law enforcement agencies to interdict, disrupt, and deter narcotics traffickers throughout the Bahamas; and helping to bolster local efforts to reduce the demand for illicit drugs.

At the closing ceremony, Ms Bridgewater applauded the efforts of Caricom and the US'

political and technical team which worked to identify needs, share best practices and conceptualise programmes that will transform these concepts into ways to enhance the safety of all citizens in the region.

"CBSI is more than technical, financial and programme assistance. It is a unique mix of institutional and operational partnership. This body represents the administrative entity responsible for sharing the policy and operational efforts needed to achieve our shared goal."

"Together we have taken a holistic approach to crime and violence, to both counter and prevent crime."

At the meeting, the stakeholders agreed to establish technical working groups that will meet over the coming months to find renewed and more efficient ways to fight crime.

The groups will focus on maritime security, information sharing, justice sector capacity and crime prevention.

The ambassador continued: "With approved funding for 2010 and a comprehensive plan and framework for security co-operation our real work now begins. Funding of programmes, providing the necessary tools to fight crime and expanding opportunities for our most vulnerable citizens are only part of our efforts."

Fifteen countries are included in the CBSI: the Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

CBSI's initial working meeting was held in Jamaica from November 3 - 4.

The initiative's working groups will have to report on their progress in April 2011.

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LOCAL NEWS

Online outrage after MP poses marina development question

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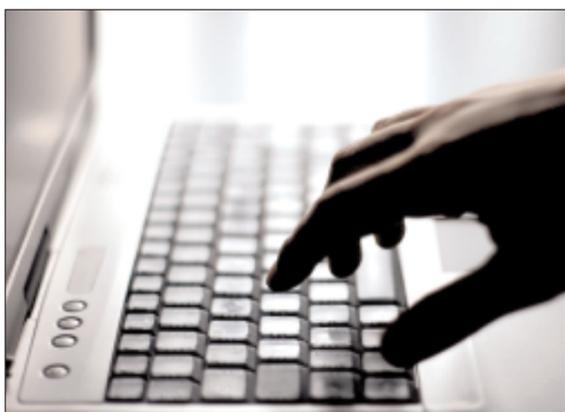
FNM MP for Garden Hills Brensil Rolle got a little more than he bargained for after using his Facebook page to ask Exumians what they think about the construction of marinas in the Exuma Land and Sea Park.

The question was met with an immediate flurry of responses, many from persons outraged that the MP had asked for the opinion of Exumians only after the government granted approval for the development of Bell Island to Prince Karim al-Hussaini, the Aga Khan IV. The permits will allow for the excavation of 4.32 acres of upland area for a yacht basin, 2.56 acres of sea floor for an outer channel, 4.28 acres of sea floor for a barge landing and 1.9 acres of sea floor for the outer area of the barge landing.

The approval has incensed many Bahamians, and Exumians in particular.

Earnestine McKenzie Bain wrote that if the government is going to allow marinas in the national park, poor local fishermen should be allowed to fish and gather conch from the area as well.

She added that straw vendors should be allowed to harvest the top portion of palm trees growing in the park to use in straw work.



ONLINE QUESTION: Exumians were asked what they thought about the construction of the marinas.

Ms Bain noted that if you only take this part of the tree, it eventually grows back, whereas building a marina at Bell Island will kill precious reefs which will never grow back.

She wrote: "I really don't know why (you) ask the Exumians this question, when you guys are doing what you have planned anyway. To me it makes no sense."

Victor Grant wrote that while the construction of a marina may provide employment for a few Bahamians, the government ought to be formulating a plan to stimulate the economy on a wider scale, particularly to the benefit of former employees of the Four Seasons Resort in Great Exuma.

Terry Lamond Bain

wrote: "Why ask people something your government has decided already?"

He asked if the government intends to put a marina on every island in the park.

"While you are at it, give out licenses to run jet-skis in the Flamingo sanctuary in Inagua and develop all other national parks too."

Mr Bain added: "By the way, Mr Rolle, the question ought to be directed to Bahamians – not just Exumians. The Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park is for all Bahamians! If the billionaire Brother Prince Aga Khan is a true environmentalist, he would hand over Bell Island to the Bahamas National Trust and buy all the other islands in the park and hand them over to the BNT..."

Nicolle Ferguson con-

cluded that the MP's question should have been asked before the marina was approved – not after.

"As a young Exumian, I am not at all happy with what is going on around me and what is being allowed to happen by non-Bahamians.

Responding to the flood of negative comments, Mr Rolle wrote: "I just ask the question, nothing personal (personal)".

However, former MP for Exuma, George Smith, said the issue is a very personal one for Exumians, and Mr Rolle should know better.

Mr Smith said: "No one should suggest that the views of these Bahamians are anti to the Aga Khan. There is not one person in Exuma who would not welcome the Aga Khan as an investor.

"But is it right of the government of the Bahamas to say that he can come here and do what any Bahamian can't?"

"He (the Aga Khan) is not the culprit. It's the government's fault here. Fair is fair.

"Exumians who have strong views about this should be praised for speaking out and speaking up," he said.

The Bahamas National Trust, which oversees the park, has noted that private islands existed in the area



QUESTION: Brensil Rolle

POLICE ENCOURAGE GREATER MEDIA 'SENSITIVITY' ON RAPE CASES

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THE police's top brass is encouraging the media to exercise greater "sensitivity" when reporting on rape cases.

Senior officers expressed concern yesterday after a local tabloid and a website published details of a recent case which could have identified the victim, who wished to remain anonymous.

"The victim made a request that she

did not want her name or identity to be revealed. It has nothing to do with trying to hide it, but we understand that rape is a very violent criminal offence perpetrated against females and we would like to think that our partners in the media would understand the sensitivity attached to these things and be mindful," said Assistant Commissioner of Police Hulan Hanna.

"It is unfortunate that in a small community, everyone will probably now know. I hope in the future there will be a better

understanding that while there is a need for the public to know there is also a need not to exacerbate the pain and suffering experienced by victims," said Mr Hanna.

Leon Bethel, head of the Central Detective Unit (CDU), concurred. He said: "We are concerned when we humbly request or plead with the general press in a certain way, and then those requests go nowhere. Mr Hanna made the plea to everybody to respect the wishes of the persons we are dealing with, and I do not know if that happened."

Another string of armed robberies hits the capital

WITHIN minutes of a daylight robbery of a convenience store on Monday, police were able to apprehend two suspects at a nearby house.

It is reported that two men, one of whom was allegedly armed with a handgun, entered the Lil Haiti store on Ross Corner off East Street and demanded cash.

The culprits robbed the store of an undetermined amount of cash and fled the area heading east on Ross Corner.

Police responded to a call for assistance and while enroute to the convenience store saw two men fleeing from the area.

The officers gave chase and caught up with the men – a 20-year-old of Windsor Lane and a 37-year-old of Strachan Corner – at a home on Strachan's Corner. Police also conducted a search of the home and recovered a handgun and ammunition.

This incident was one of three armed robberies to take place on Monday.

Earlier that day, just after 9am, police received reports of an armed robbery at the One Stop Auto Shop on Zion Boulevard.

Handgun

According to reports, a masked man, wearing a hooded camouflage jacket and blue jeans, entered the establishment armed with a handgun and demanded cash. The culprit robbed the store of an undetermined amount of cash and fled the area on foot, heading east on Zion Boulevard.

About 12 hours later, at around 9.15pm, police received information of gunshots being discharged at

Shady Tree Lane in Culmerville.

Two men were reported to have been at Shady Tree Lane and Mackey Street when they were approached by a man allegedly armed with a handgun who demanded cash.

It is reported that the culprit robbed one of the men of an undetermined amount of cash and fled the area on foot heading in an unknown direction.

This follows several armed robberies last week – including four in one day on Thursday.

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Obama reaches out to Muslims

JAKARTA, Indonesia — From the most Muslim nation on earth, President Barack Obama is reaching out to the Islamic world, declaring that efforts to build trust and peace are showing promise but are still clearly "incomplete."

Today President Obama will deliver one of the most personal and potentially consequential speeches of his presidency, reflecting on his own years of upbringing in Indonesia and giving an update on America's "new beginning" with Muslims that he promised last year in Cairo.

At the same time, the path to lasting peace in the Middle East was hardly looking smoother. A reminder of that difficult road was waiting for Obama when he landed here Tuesday on a steamy afternoon in southeast Asia. Israel's decision to build more apartments in east Jerusalem, a disputed territory claimed by Palestinians, had already earned a rebuke from American diplomats before a tired, travelling president weighed in himself.

"This kind of activity is never helpful when it comes to peace negotiations," Obama said when questioned at a news conference alongside Indonesia's president, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. "I'm concerned that we're not seeing each side make the extra effort involved to get a breakthrough. ... Each of these incremental steps can end up breaking down trust."

Heavily invested and eager for Mideast stability, Obama insisted: "We're going to keep on working on it."

Obama's criticism came during a cherished, fleeting and twice-delayed homecoming in Indonesia. Obama was born and first raised in Hawaii and finished high school there, but he lived for years in between in Jakarta after his mother remarried an Indonesian man. He cancelled plans to come earlier this year because of domestic troubles, and now he's dodging a big cloud of volcanic ash.

India's most volatile volcano, Mount Merapi, has erupted with deadly force for days. The White House determined Air Force One could fly in as scheduled to Jakarta but that Obama should shorten his stay given the flow of airborne ash. That meant Obama would be in Indonesia for just 19 hours, still long enough to visit a famous mosque and deliver his speech.

The president, who is Christian, is eager to hold up Indonesia as a model: an overwhelmingly Muslim nation where other religions are respected freely and an evolving democracy is gaining strength despite a legacy of corruption. He will revisit themes of his famous 2009 Cairo speech, one in which he called for mutual respect: from the United States for Muslims in a post-Sept. 11 world, and also from Muslims for the United States for its diversity and compassion. That speech also essentially set up an Obama scorecard on Iraq, Iran and efforts to combat Islamic extremists.

Obama is also giving substantial attention to the new partnerships his government has reached with Indonesia's. And he is talking freely about his time here, from age 6 to 10,

when he was running around as a boy named Barry. The personal touches began coming out as Obama, looking weary on his fourth day in Asia, reflected Tuesday on how Jakarta has changed since he lived here. His only real look came during a couple of motorcade rides.

"I feel great affection for the people here," Obama said. "And obviously I have a sister who's half Indonesian. My mother lived and worked here for a long time. And so the sights and the sounds and the memories all feel very familiar."

The president drew smiles from the gathered dignitaries by speaking a little Indonesian at times. "We have been waiting for so long," said Yudhoyono to Obama at a press event shoved inside by rain.

The two presidents touted a deal that will have both countries cooperating on energy, education, the environment and many other subjects. More broadly, Indonesia offers the United States one more strategic, democratic voice in a continent of emerging powers and lucrative markets, while U.S. support can help Indonesia's own economy and regional security. Both leaders pushed back on the thesis that Obama's efforts aim, at least in part, to counter China's rise. Obama insisted he wanted China to grow and prosper, and he said that "we're not interested in containing that process." Yudhoyono said he didn't think of one power counterbalancing another, but he added that there must be an "equilibrium" in the region.

Obama also pointedly noted that the global economy is out of whack, saying, "We have seen some countries run up very big surpluses and intervening significantly in the currency markets to maintain their advantage." The U.S. contends China's undervalued currency gives Beijing an unfair trade boost in the selling of its goods. The president's stop in Indonesia came after he spent three days in India — the most attention any foreign country has received from him. Obama leaves Wednesday night for global economic meetings in South Korea, and then more in Japan. Obama credited his own outreach effort as he described the joint efforts of the United States and Indonesia, saying they were "direct results of my call in Cairo for a new beginning between the United States and Muslim communities."

Overall, he said progress has been mixed. "Our efforts have been earnest, sustained," he said. "We don't expect that we are going to completely eliminate some of the misunderstandings and mistrust that have developed ... but we do think that we're on the right path."

Indonesians all over this country of more than 17,000 islands gathered around television sets in their houses, coffee shops and office buildings as Obama's plane touched down. He was to deliver his speech at the University of Indonesia to an indoor crowd of about 6,000 people. An outdoor event was ruled out by concern over weather and the expected overwhelming crowd.

(This article was written by Ben Feller, AP White House correspondent).

Exuma dredging plan offers no long-term gain

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Further to a press release from the Bahamas National Trust regarding their approval of the development at Bell Island that includes the dredging of the sea bed in the Exuma Land and Sea Park, the Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance strenuously objects to this project in its current form.

This development at Bell Island will set a precedent for future larger developments and commercial activity that will impact the quality of that marine environment, there is potential for depletion of natural resources, pollution resulting in a harmful physical impact on the sea bed. Increased development will not only lead to mass tourism but greater demands for freshwater hence generating greater volumes of waste water, sewage treatment and the chemical threat to coral reefs from waste runoff and discarded refuse.

While we are not opposed to development, extensive development that involves the disturbance of the sea bed and the natural environment is unacceptable, antithetical to the establishment of a marine protected area.

The National Trust's position is contradictory, insulting, and indicative of the contempt of certain sectors for the inherent rights of indigenous people, by their position on other developments that

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would have had less impact on the environment the BNT has shown that they have no clear policy or definition of their mission.

The minister of environment exhibited further contempt when questioned about the use of the assets of the developer of Bell Island for activities unrelated to the development.

The BCFA will not engage a debate on morality, but the right of Bahamians to partake and enjoy the bounties that providence has provided. The negative effects of altering the state of that park may not be visible today, but in time it will impact turtle nesting sites and conch and grouper aggregations.

The BCFA is a non profit organisation that represents the interest of fishermen and an industry that is the economic mainstay of this country.

Any developmental that will impact the marine environment must be addressed, therefore we are observant though not surprised by the inaction and silence of organisations mandated to be stewards of environment.

This is further seen as an act of contempt for those with little voice as with their lack of support for the BCFA's

fight to end poaching is perceived as being of no racial significance therefore they are not motivated to support the campaign, yet they will ultimately support any measure to stop the indigenous Bahamian from engaging in activities that are of significant cultural importance.

The people of the Exuma's who have lived in these islands all of their lives are not allowed to take a single fish from the seas around their homes, yet foreign landowners are allowed to harvest fish at will.

We do not support commercial fishing in the park, but harvesting for domestic personal purposes by Bahamians only.

We are therefore calling on the government to re-examine these plans and do not permit any dredging within or close to the boundaries of the Exuma Land and Sea Park. As not only will this activity be of no significant economic benefit to the overall welfare of Exumians, there is no long term gain from this project.

"It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment."

The officers and members of the Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance
Nassau,
November, 2010.

A no win situation for the Police!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

On November 1, 2010 days after a police shooting in Montagu, The Tribune had the following headlines:

- "Five quizzed over club stabbing death"
- "20-year-old man dies in hospital"
- "Spate of armed robberies over weekend"
- "Shootings leave three people in hospital"

This was followed by November 4th headlines in The Tribune:

- "Violent clashes outside court"
- "PMH emergency room 'victim of crime rise'"
- "Women shot dead, son taken to hospital"
- "Four people shot in separate incidents"
- "Shoe store 'attacked by arsonists'"

The headlines from these two days alone give us an

indication of the times in which we live and the challenges that are faced by the RBPF. And these reports from the streets do not take into consideration the broken justice system in the Bahamas, which is also a frustration for the Police.

Now let's go back to October 28th, the day of a Police shooting in Montagu. The RBPF was conducting a normal road block when a man jumped out of a car and decided to run from the Police, armed with a gun. The Police did what they should have done and that was to respond with gun fire and take down the culprit.

What is so surprising about the news report, is that we have someone up in an office building, confirming that three or more police officers had fired multiple times, that the individual had been hit multiple times,

and that things did not look promising for the individual. How could this office worker know such details of what was happening on the ground? Was he some weapons or crime scene expert to know how many times the Police had fired and how many times the man was shot?

This account was followed by a woman claiming to be fed up with the excessive violence in light of businesses and schools in the area. She questioned why the Police shot the man in the torso, instead of shooting to injure him, claiming he had nowhere to run besides the ocean.

Did she consider that he may have run into one of the nearby classrooms and taken children as hostages, had the Police not shot him? What excessive violence is she talking about? Clearly she must mean the above headlines and not the Police.

These accounts make you wonder what planet some people live on. Sure there are some "bad apples" in the Police force that need to be weeded out.

But what about the hundreds of Police officers who put their lives on the line daily to try and maintain some law and order in this town.

We all know the Government and justice system aren't helping!

The Police had no control over this man jumping out of the car. They had no control that it happened in traffic, and in the vicinity of schools and businesses.

As far as I am concerned the Police force should be ordered to 'shoot to kill.' We are way beyond the point of shooting to injure.

For the two individuals quoted in The Tribune's article on the 28th October 2010, rather than spouting off on the actions of the Police, they should have been dancing in the street that the culprit had been stopped.

I am sick and tired of everybody blaming the Police every time they discharge their weapons, rather than condemning these thugs who are running rampant on our streets.

JEROME R PINDER
Nassau,
November 6, 2010.

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LOCAL NEWS



ADDRESS: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Brent Symonette, addressing a Counter-Narcotics and Illegal Migration Joint Drug Task Force Meeting on Monday at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre.

Kris Ingraham/BIS

The Bahamas and US recommit to fighting illicit drug trade



MEMBERS of The Bahamas Counter-Narcotics and Illegal Migration Joint Task Force Meeting, on Monday at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre. Pictured front row from second left are Tim Brown, Deputy Chief of Mission US Embassy; National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest; US Ambassador Nicole Avant; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Brent Symonette; Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands Gordon Wetherell; and RADM William Baumgartner, Commander, US Coast Guard District 7.

THE Bahamas and the United States recommitted efforts to fighting the illicit drug trade, which has affected the economic and social lives of both countries for more than three decades.

A Counter-Narcotics and Illegal Migration Joint Task Force Meeting was held on Monday, at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre, where both discussed current and new initiatives that both governments have undertaken in an effort to combat the illicit trafficking in and use of drugs.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Brent Symonette, United States Ambassador to The Bahamas Nicole Avant; Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands Gordon Wetherell, and other senior officials.

Mr. Symonette underscored the importance of the meetings and the commitment to the fight against drug trafficking.

"Our mutual presence here today clearly demonstrates the commitment of our respective governments to continue to comprehensively seek the most effective means of eliminating this threat to national security and our societies as a whole," he said.

"While our efforts to defeat this complex problem will always require vigilance, the existence for more than 25 years of the Joint Drug Task Force undoubtedly serves as a catalyst through which our governments can further enhance security initiatives in a spirit of mutual cooperation," he said.

Since the last meeting, in February 2009 both countries have continued to pursue and strengthen their alliance through operational legal frameworks such as Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT), the Comprehensive Maritime Agreement and the Enduring Friendship Initiative.

For the year 2009, efforts of OPBAT, the DEA and the DEU led to the seizure of 2,660 pounds of cocaine and 77,475 pounds of marijuana. During that same year, 452 illegal migrants were interdicted in Mathew Town, Inagua.

From January to November 2010, joint forces have seized 404 pounds of cocaine, 16,401.50 pounds of marijuana, 35,000 marijuana plants and

53 pounds of hashish. In October 2010, the DEU and DEA seized eight firearms and an assortment of ammunitions.

"Given the corrosive efforts which illicit narcotics trafficking has on a small island developing state such as The Bahamas, my government takes a very serious approach to the fight against this transnational crime. As such, The Bahamas Government remains firmly committed to fulfilling its obligations under international drug control treaties," Mr. Symonette said.

He noted that the government has embarked and undertaken a number of initiatives in this venture through a public awareness campaign, a national drug school survey, and legislative reform.

And in an effort to curtail the effects of the leakage of illicit drug trafficking, The Bahamas National Anti-Drug Secretariat in conjunction with the Bahamas National Drug Council is seeking to identify, prioritise and implement demand reduction programmes from a national perspective through private/public sector partnerships, Mr. Symonette said.

He thanked the US Government for the additional funding under the Caribbean

Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) for the fiscal year 2010/2011, in the amount of \$1.6 million to further enhance cooperative initiatives.

United States Ambassador Avant said that the US continues its support for The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands participation in OPBAT. The funds will be used to enhance interdiction capabilities on the water and to improve communications amongst law enforcement personnel.

She said the US Government is looking forward to constructing a new \$30 million hangar facility on Great Inagua to replace the old OPBAT hangar destroyed by Hurricane Ike in 2008.

The hangar will be a permanent facility for joint US-Bahamas-Turks and Caicos law enforcement operations and its construction will make a substantial contribution to the local economy of Great Inagua.

Turks and Caicos Governor Wetherell said that they have come to appreciate the assistance, which bind the three countries not only in law enforcement but also in areas such as disaster management and recovery and reconstruction efforts.

The Bahamas awaits results from cholera screening of apprehended immigrants

By NOELLE NICOLLS
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BAHAMIAN authorities are awaiting test results after 28 apprehended immigrants were screened for cholera as a precautionary measure last week.

While none of the detainees were found with clinical symptoms, samples were sent abroad for testing to ensure none of the them were asymptomatic carriers, according to Dr Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the Department of Immigration apprehended 64 suspected illegal immigrants in western New Providence. Among those apprehended were 57 Haitians, three Peruvians and one Jamaican.

The Bahamas has been on high alert for more than two weeks following the outbreak of cholera in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Deaths from the epidemic are approaching 300 in Haiti.

The most recent storm hitting the island nation is thought to have spread the cholera problem island wide, said Dr Minnis.

Bahamian authorities are being "very, very observant" in an effort to

prevent the disease from reaching our shores, he added.

Hurricane Tomas passed northwestern Haiti as a category one hurricane last week.

As the storm approached, Haiti's Ministry of Health was already reporting 4,147 cases of cholera and 292 deaths.

Cholera is a disease caused by ingesting food or water contaminated with faeces or other infected material. The symptoms include "the abrupt onset

of profuse, painless watery diarrhea (rice water stools), with nausea and vomiting early in the disease", according to the Ministry of Health. If untreated, it can result in severe dehydration or death within hours.

There are still no cases of cholera or suspected cases of cholera in the Bahamas at this time. Screenings at airports are continuing, along with the dissemination of pamphlets and educational material, Dr Minnis said.

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Scripture Thought JAMES 5: 1-6

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- 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.
- 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.
- 4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.[a]
- 5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as [b] in a day of slaughter.
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LOCAL NEWS

The Defence Force salutes trailblazing female officers

THE Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the enlistment of the first women to enter the then male-dominated force.

On October 28, 1985, 16 young women tested socially accepted boundaries and enlisted with the Defence Force.

They were considered trailblazers who paved the path towards gender integration within the Defence Force.

The RBDF said the 25th anniversary of their enlistment is a bittersweet one.

"For those who have remained in the ranks, they are now eligible for retirement. Those who choose to remain on afterwards, we understand that it is only a matter of time before they will depart," the RBDF said.

In farewell receptions at the Defence Force Base in Coral Harbour, Lieutenant Commander Gaye Major-Bykowski and Petty Officers Prennell Armbrister-Henfield and Shane Bain were showered with accolades as they all bid adieu to the military life.

Woman Petty Officer Cynthia Edgecombe-Sands, a member of Woman Entry One, also retired, but was not in attendance due to illness.

"These women who have spent over half of their lives serving their country with honour, integrity and pride are hanging up their military garb, sauntering purposefully past the infamous candy-cane coloured pole that marks the entrance to the Base and seeking adventures in the civilian world.

"In retrospect, all of the retirees were thrilled to have been part of history and do not regret their decisions to join the all-male Force (at the time). They all accepted the challenge and worked tirelessly with their counterparts, proving themselves worthy and committed to the cause," the RBDF said.

Lieutenant Commander Major-Bykowski, along with Lieutenant Commander Cheryl Bethel (who will remain in the Defence Force) became the first Bahamian women to be selected to attend the prestigious Officers' Course in England.

Lt Cmdr Major-Bykowski has served in numerous billets and prior to her retirement was appointed the first Commander of Administration at the Base.

Petty Officer Cynthia Edgecombe-Sands was attached to the Harbour Patrol Section of

the Squadron Department prior to her retirement.

Petty Officer Prennell Armbrister-Henfield was attached to the Sick Bay Department and Petty Officer Shane Bain last served in the Squadron Department aboard HMBS Bahamas.

Commander of the Defence Force, Commodore Roderick Bowe, along with the officers and marines spoke highly of the retiring women, thanked them on behalf of the past and present members of the Force for their example and contributions, and wished them every success in their future endeavors.

Three women from this entry remain active in the RBDF today: Lieutenant Commander Cheryl Bethel, Chief Petty Officer Idamae Ferguson and Petty Officer Christine Gibson.

PETTY OFFICER Prennell Armbrister-Henfield receives a token of appreciation from the warrant officers and senior rates during a luncheon held in her honour. She retires from the Defence Force after serving for 25 years. Shown from left are Chief Petty Officer Mario Bain, retired Petty Officer Armbrister-Henfield and Petty Officer Joy Moss.



RETIRED Lieutenant Commander Gaye Major-Bykowski receives a token of appreciation from the officers during a recent reception in her honour. She retires from the Defence Force after serving for 25 years. Shown from left are Commander Samuel Evans, Base Executive Officer, RBDF, Lieutenant Commander Major-Bykowski and Commodore Roderick Bowe.



Petty Officer Jonathan Rolle & Able Woman Marine Monique Deveaux/RBDF Photos

Training officer to design strategy and policy courses for the RBDF

By **KHYLE QUINCY PARKER**
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Embassy of The Bahamas

WASHINGTON, DC – Royal Bahamas Defence Force Training Officer Senior Lt Raymond King has completed the Strategy and International Security (SIS) Course at the National Defence University (NDU) and intends to design courses that will allow him to transfer the knowledge he has gained to his fellow officers.

The aim of the SIS course was to deepen the participants' ability to analyse international relations, international security, and strategy, with a particular focus on security issues in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This is the third NDU course that Sr Lt King has taken, including courses on Caribbean defence and security, and advanced policy making and analysis. He spoke to the question of the collaboration between the RBDF and the NDU, asserting that the focus of the university on policy and strategy is unique among institutions in the region.

"A better educated force makes better decisions," he said. "When better decisions are made (the force is) more efficient and more effective."

Sr Lt King – who is responsible for the training regimen of the RBDF – said he had plans to develop courses for the officers at home based on

the information he has acquired through the NDU courses.

With the overarching goal of broadening their understanding of strategic thinking in the context of international security, Sr Lt King and his fellow students undertook an in-depth study of international relations and strategy.

The next phase of the course – eight weeks of intensive work – is expected to result in papers seeking to apply the theory and levels of analysis to a security issue in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Officer King's chosen subject matter was the strategic implications of China's growing influence in Latin America and the Caribbean. He will focus on three countries – Venezuela, Brazil and Barbados – and hopes to have the paper published upon completion.

The SIS course permits students to improve analytical abilities for public policy evaluation by studying the formulation and implementation of strategies by actors in the national and international security environment.

The course is designed to provide an educational opportunity on strategic thinking to civilian and military government officials as well as other professionals from academia, journalism, and non-government organisations directly involved with issues of national security, national defense, governance, and law enforcement.

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- The body of the essay must not exceed 1,000 words. Adults may assist the child in filling out the entry form, but not in writing the letter.
- Limit one essay per child. All entries must be received by the Rotary Club of East Nassau before Nov 30, 2010.
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LOCAL NEWS

Claim of PMH 'negligence' as boy permanently loses his finger

FROM page one

severe injury at school in which the little finger on his left hand was cut off.

On September 27, the Carlton Francis Primary School student was rushed to hospital by ambulance at 11.30am with his principal, Earl Smith.

In a letter sent to hospital administrator Coralie Adderley on October 7, after she claimed her numerous calls and messages were not returned, Ms Lockhart recounted the ordeal that has severely upset her family.

Ms Lockhart said: "When I arrived, he had been sent to take X-rays. After the X-ray we were told to sit in the waiting area until our name was called to be seen."

While in the waiting area, Ms Lockhart said her son began to shake uncontrollably and was still bleeding from his wound.

Alex's finger was severed at the first joint, and after four hours of waiting, it is claimed he hadn't received any painkillers or antibiotics.

Ms Lockhart, fearing the amount of blood loss and her son's uncontrollable shaking, pressed the nurses about when Alex would be able to see a doctor.

"We were told that they don't know because they have to see patients that are more severe first," she said. "Well, if my son's finger that has been cut off from morning is not severe, then I don't know what is."

Ms Lockhart said she was even further distressed when a nurse informed her that the only reason her son was able to take the necessary X-rays was because he had been accompanied by the school official.

Nurses were described as "callous" and "unconcerned" about Ms Lockhart's concerns when she offered to take her son to Doctor's Hospital instead.

Ms Lockhart said: "I told the nurse I don't know how much blood he has lost because he is cold and he is having the shakes. She said to me that he did not lose a lot of blood and he will be okay. She then said to me that if I take him to Doctor's Hospital they would send us back here at Princess Margaret Hospital because they don't have an orthopaedic section."

After prompting from Ms Lockhart, a nurse unwrapped Alex's hand - which was still swaddled in the same cloth he came to the hospital with - and was taken aback by its severity.

Ms Lockhart said: "When



CASARINA LOCKHART and son Alex Lockhart

she did, she saw how gruesome it was and then she wrapped it right back with the same bloody cloth and told us we have to wait to see the surgical doctor and she don't know how long it will be."

She added: "So I asked her if they can give him something for the pain because they never gave him anything and he was paining really bad. We were then given some children's painkillers that he took."

When Alex had still not been seen by a surgical doctor at 6.30pm, Ms Lockhart said the family signed him out of PMH and took him to the private hospital.

It was only when they were leaving, Ms Lockhart said they were informed that Alex's detached finger had been sitting on a counter in the waiting area throughout the entire ordeal.

Ms Lockhart said: "While leaving we were asked if we wanted to carry his finger and I was confused because they had not mentioned it before. The doctor said 'yes, it's on the counter in a cup.' This same cup that was on the counter the whole time and I

kept passing it and didn't know that it was my son's finger. PMH didn't even try to preserve it. If this isn't severe then what is?"

At Doctor's Hospital, Ms Lockhart said Alex received immediate care, however the family was devastated to learn the finger could not be reattached.

She said: "We went to Doctor's Hospital and they said it was too late to save the finger because it was over six hours since it had been off. So now my son has a dismembered pinky finger and he is only 10 years old."

Alex's ordeal was revealed in the midst of a growing concern that the Accident and Emergency section of the Princess Margaret Hospital is overwhelmed because of the steady increase in violent crime.

Coralie Adderley, chief hospital administrator, confirmed yesterday the hospital's cooperation with the family towards investigating the matter.

Mrs Adderley said an investigation was launched, with the hospital's risk management department involved in the process.



ALEX LOCKHART suffered the severe injury at school in which the little finger on his left hand was cut off.

Bahamas National Pride Association pays courtesy call on Commissioner of Police Mr. Ellison Greenslade



From left to right: Alpheus Ramsey, Lori Thompson-Karabas, Judy Williams, Commissioner of Police, Joanne Johnson, Anthony Newbold and Dr. Bridgette Rolle.

Bahamas National Pride Association partnered with The Royal Bahamas Police Force Cadets and Saxons to paint inner city communities.



BNPA launched its paint - a - thon initiative in the Kemp Road and Masons Addition area and will continue this project for the remainder of the year.

Major changes at The Tribune

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where it belongs as its own separate section - eight pages packed with all the latest local and international sports.

We have also increased our Tribune Business section to incorporate the major business happenings from around the world.

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Man jailed

his arraignment before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel, was also not required to enter a plea to the charge of rape.

The offences were allegedly committed between Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6. Prosecutors will indicate in two weeks whether they will bypass a preliminary inquiry and proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Yesterday, Duncanson pleaded guilty to one count of shopbreaking and one

count of stealing.

He told the magistrate he had been drunk and had acted foolishly.

It was revealed in court that Duncanson, a Tarpum Bay resident who grew up in New Providence, was convicted in 2007 of stealing as well as causing damage, and was convicted of robbery last year.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hundreds march to demand security for Christians in Iraq

By JEFF KAROUB,
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Hundreds of protesters clad in black rallied and marched Monday to demand peace and security for Christians in Iraq after dozens were killed in a recent attack on a Baghdad church.

The rally in Detroit coincided with one in Chicago, where hundreds marched through downtown to a plaza in front of the Dirksen Federal Building. Organizers also said rallies were planned in London and Paris.

In Detroit, protesters chanted "Wake up America," "Stop the genocide" and "We demand peace" as they gathered in front of a federal office building. The downtown rally was organized by members of Michigan's Chaldean community and other Christians who trace their heritage to the Biblical lands of what is now Iraq.

"The message is this: This massacre is not a one-time event — it's part of a systematic effort to bring about a campaign of ethnic cleansing against Iraq's indigenous Christians," said Wisam Naoum, a rally organizer.

Chaldeans are Iraqi Catholics. Since 2007, thousands of Iraqi Christians have come to the Detroit area, which has one of the nation's largest communities of people with roots in the Middle East.

Several hundred demonstrators filled the plaza in front of the building and at one point spilled out onto the street. They held signs with messages such as "66 Churches Bombed in Iraq Since '03" and "US Gov't You Have Made the World Miss Saddam Shame on You."

Others held photographs of two priests who were

killed in the Oct. 31 attack on Our Lady of Salvation church in Baghdad. As a man read aloud the names of the dead, protesters wearing white T-shirts spattered with red lay down on the ground of the plaza.

The siege that left 58 dead was the worst attack by Islamic militants on the country's Christian minority since the 2003-U.S. led invasion.

"There are some solutions we're asking for, demands we have to make," said Joe Kassab, executive director of the Chaldean Federation of America.

Those include calling on the U.S. and Iraqi governments as well as the international community to provide better protection for Iraq's Christians. Kassab said they also seek a more secular, less sectarian Iraqi constitution that recognizes "other people sharing the land."

"Christians of the world — mainly Christians of America — they don't know there are Biblical Christians in Iraq," said Kassab, who is also a board member of the Chaldean Assyrian Syriac Council of America.

"They should be helping them, they should be saving them."

The Rev. Selwan Taponi, who came to the Detroit rally from St. Ephrem Syriac Catholic Church in Jacksonville, Fla., said he served the Baghdad church for nearly four years in the 1990s. He said it was important to speak at the rally and "raise my voice as much as I can."

"It's the least I can do for my people over there," he said. "Condemning is a very weak word — we need to do something."

"We need to raise our voice high enough to reach the government of this country."

Contractors 'eagerly' awaiting word from PM on Baha Mar

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Head of the association Stephen Wrinkle was hopeful that the matter would be discussed at length in the House of Assembly today. However a clerk in Parliament told The Tribune that the House of Assembly will not meet again until November 17.

"I guess everyone is eagerly awaiting his report. Once Cabinet is advised I would assume they would make their findings known in House of Assembly (today)," said BCA president Wrinkle yesterday.

The prime minister met with members of the BCA a day before he left for his official visit to China and took stock of their group's concerns, especially their push for increased Bahamian labour incorporated into Baha Mar, transfer of knowledge from skilled Chinese workers to Bahamian labourers and greater funding allocated to train locals working on the project.

"He took those along with him and hopefully he brings back good news," said Mr Wrinkle.

Mr Ingraham returned from his trip to China — after stopping in Barbados to attend the funeral of Prime Minister David Thompson — last Friday.

He has been quiet on what transpired during that trip.

However, Mr Wrinkle expects to hear positive news.

Hopeful

"We always expect to hear good news, we're hopeful, I know the prime minister and his delegation did his best to (negotiate) the best deal possible and whatever he's done, we'll take it and run with it," he said.

The Tribune understands that compromises "may have been reached" between Mr Ingraham and the Chinese over the concerns he has voiced about the level of Chinese labour participation in the Baha Mar project and the single phase of construction involved.

According to information reaching The Tribune last week, there were three "points of compromise" arrived at between Mr Ingraham during meetings with the China State Construction Company — the general contractor for the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar resort development — and officials from the China Import Export Bank in Beijing.

One of these compromises is said to be that a larger quantity of construction work and related dollars will go to Bahamian contractors.

Two other negotiated points were that more funding — in the hundreds of millions of dollars — would be allocated towards the training of Bahamian workers and the transferring of skills/knowledge during the project and the proposal that while it would be built in one phase, the resort's six hotels would "open in phases."



IRAQI MUSLIMS light candles for the siege victims at Our Lady of Salvation church in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010. The church was recently the scene of a horrific bloodbath that left scores dead and wounded. (AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

The Four-WAY Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor. This 24-word Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

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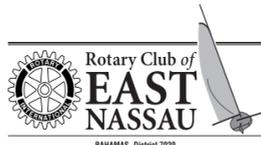
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LOCAL NEWS

Claim of PMH 'negligence' as boy permanently loses his finger

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severe injury at school in which the little finger on his left hand was cut off.

On September 27, the Carlton Francis Primary School student was rushed to hospital by ambulance at 11.30am with his principal, Earl Smith.

In a letter sent to hospital administrator Coralie Adderley on October 7, after she claimed her numerous calls and messages were not returned, Ms Lockhart recounted the ordeal that has severely upset her family.

Ms Lockhart said: "When I arrived, he had been sent to take X-rays. After the X-ray we were told to sit in the waiting area until our name was called to be seen."

While in the waiting area, Ms Lockhart said her son began to shake uncontrollably and was still bleeding from his wound.

Alex's finger was severed at the first joint, and after four hours of waiting, it is claimed he hadn't received any painkillers or antibiotics.

Ms Lockhart, fearing the amount of blood loss and her son's uncontrollable shaking, pressed the nurses about when Alex would be able to see a doctor.

"We were told that they don't know because they have to see patients that are more severe first," she said. "Well, if my son's finger that has been cut off from morning is not severe, then I don't know what is."

Ms Lockhart said she was even further distressed when a nurse informed her that the only reason her son was able to take the necessary X-rays was because he had been accompanied by the school official.

Nurses were described as "callous" and "unconcerned" about Ms Lockhart's concerns when she offered to take her son to Doctor's Hospital instead.

Ms Lockhart said: "I told the nurse I don't know how much blood he has lost because he is cold and he is having the shakes. She said to me that he did not lose a lot of blood and he will be okay. She then said to me that if I take him to Doctor's Hospital they would send us back here at Princess Margaret Hospital because they don't have an orthopaedic section."

After prompting from Ms Lockhart, a nurse unwrapped Alex's hand - which was still swaddled in the same cloth he came to the hospital with - and was taken aback by its severity.

Ms Lockhart said: "When



CASARINA LOCKHART and son Alex Lockhart

she did, she saw how gruesome it was and then she wrapped it right back with the same bloody cloth and told us we have to wait to see the surgical doctor and she don't know how long it will be."

She added: "So I asked her if they can give him something for the pain because they never gave him anything and he was paining really bad. We were then given some children's painkillers that he took."

When Alex had still not been seen by a surgical doctor at 6.30pm, Ms Lockhart said the family signed him out of PMH and took him to the private hospital.

It was only when they were leaving, Ms Lockhart said they were informed that Alex's detached finger had been sitting on a counter in the waiting area throughout the entire ordeal.

Ms Lockhart said: "While leaving we were asked if we wanted to carry his finger and I was confused because they had not mentioned it before. The doctor said 'yes, it's on the counter in a cup.' This same cup that was on the counter the whole time and I

kept passing it and didn't know that it was my son's finger. PMH didn't even try to preserve it. If this isn't severe then what is?"

At Doctor's Hospital, Ms Lockhart said Alex received immediate care, however the family was devastated to learn the finger could not be reattached.

She said: "We went to Doctor's Hospital and they said it was too late to save the finger because it was over six hours since it had been off. So now my son has a dismembered pinky finger and he is only 10 years old."

Alex's ordeal was revealed in the midst of a growing concern that the Accident and Emergency section of the Princess Margaret Hospital is overwhelmed because of the steady increase in violent crime.

Coralie Adderley, chief hospital administrator, confirmed yesterday the hospital's cooperation with the family towards investigating the matter.

Mrs Adderley said an investigation was launched, with the hospital's risk management department involved in the process.



ALEX LOCKHART suffered the severe injury at school in which the little finger on his left hand was cut off.

Bahamas National Pride Association pays courtesy call on Commissioner of Police Mr. Ellison Greenslade



From left to right: Alpheus Ramsey, Lori Thompson-Karabas, Judy Williams, Commissioner of Police, Joanne Johnson, Anthony Newbold and Dr. Bridgette Rolle.

Bahamas National Pride Association partnered with The Royal Bahamas Police Force Cadets and Saxons to paint inner city communities.



BNPA launched its paint - a - thon initiative in the Kemp Road and Masons Addition area and will continue this project for the remainder of the year.

Major changes at The Tribune

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where it belongs as its own separate section - eight pages packed with all the latest local and international sports.

We have also increased our Tribune Business section to incorporate the major business happenings from around the world.

As for international news, this will appear in the Main Section daily, alongside your local news round-up.

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Man jailed

his arraignment before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel, was also not required to enter a plea to the charge of rape.

The offences were allegedly committed between Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6. Prosecutors will indicate in two weeks whether they will bypass a preliminary inquiry and proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Yesterday, Duncanson pleaded guilty to one count of shopbreaking and one

count of stealing.

He told the magistrate he had been drunk and had acted foolishly.

It was revealed in court that Duncanson, a Tarpum Bay resident who grew up in New Providence, was convicted in 2007 of stealing as well as causing damage, and was convicted of robbery last year.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Seoul set to captivate G20 visitors

THIS week the global spotlight will be on Seoul, Korea for the 2010 G20 summit – the fifth meeting of the G20 heads of government to discuss the world economy.

The theme of the two-day summit, which starts tomorrow, will be "G20's Role in the Post-Crisis World."

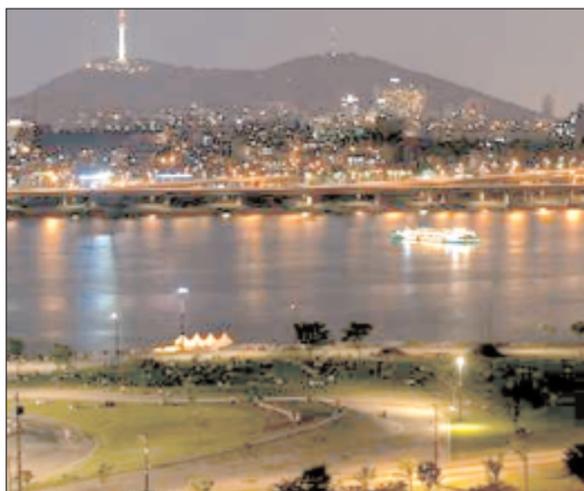
G20 is a group of 20 finance ministers and central bank governors from 20 economies: 19 countries plus the European Union.

The summit meeting was created as a response both to the financial crises of the late 1990s and to a growing recognition that key emerging countries were not adequately included in the core of global economic discussion and governance.

This year's summit is expected to focus on ensuring global economic recovery; creating a framework for a sustainable and balanced global growth, and the strengthening and modernisation of the international financial regulatory system.

According to the Seoul Tourism Organisation, this event marks the continuing rise of the city on the global stage.

Korea is the first non-G8 nation to host the Summit. (The G8 group includes France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom,



NIGHT SCENE at the Hangang River.

the United States, Canada, and Russia.)

"Seoul is proud to be the first Asian capital to host the prestigious gathering. It is a city with top infrastructure and numerous attractions that is drawing large numbers of luminaries, business travellers and tourists," the Korean tourism officials said.

The city of Seoul aims to fascinate summit visitors with both ancient heritage and the latest modern technology.

The city that served for over 600 years as capital of the Joseon Dynasty is home to five royal palaces, numerous temples and many other

picturesque sites.

In honour of the G20, two of the main palaces, Gyeongbokgung and Deoksugung, will be open until 10pm from November 9-12, with a one-hour performance of traditional music at Deoksugung each day at 7pm.

Those arriving in the capital this week will find Seoul at the centre of "Visit Korea 2010-2012", the country's largest tourism campaign in over a decade, whose three themes are "design, green tourism and Korean cuisine."

Seoul was recently named the "World Design Capital 2010."



SEOUL LANTERN FESTIVAL at the Cheonggyecheon Stream.



THE MOONLIGHT RAINBOW FOUNTAIN, the world's longest bridge fountain, on the Banpo Bridge across the Hangang River.



SEOUL LANTERN FESTIVAL at the Cheonggyecheon Stream

Surge of cholera feared in Haiti's crowded capital

By JONATHAN M KATZ
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Health workers feared a surge of cholera cases in the shantytowns and muddy tent camps of Haiti's capital as suspected cases piled up Tuesday and a laboratory confirmed a case originated in the overcrowded city.

Hundreds of people suffered the cholera symptoms of fever and diarrhoea in hospitals and shacks built along the putrid waste canals of slums like Cité Soleil and Martissant.

At least 73 cholera cases had been confirmed among people living in Port-au-Prince. Physicians with the aid group Doctors Without Borders reported seeing more than 200 city residents with severe symptoms at their facilities alone over the last three days.

Following Monday's confirmation that a three-year-old boy from a tent camp near Cité Soleil had contracted the disease before October 31 without leaving the capital, the Pan-American Health Organisation said the epidemic's spread from river towns in the countryside to the nation's primary urban centre was a dangerous development.

Damage to Port-au-Prince's already miserable pre-earthquake sanitation and drinking water systems make the city "ripe for the rapid spread of cholera," Dr Jon K Andrus, the organisation's deputy director, told reporters Tuesday.

Port-au-Prince is estimated to be home to between 2.5 million and three million people, about half of whom have been living in homeless encampments since the January 12 earthquake ravaged the capital.

"We expect transmission to be extensive and we have to be prepared for it, there's no question," Andrus said. "We have to prepare for a large upsurge in numbers of cases and be prepared with supplies



A VOLUNTEER wears a mask at a hospital where patients suffering from cholera symptoms are being treated in Archaie, Haiti, Tuesday. (AP)

and human resources and everything that goes into a rapid response."

A confirmed case of cholera had never been seen in this Caribbean country before last month, when it suddenly killed several dozen people and spread across the agricultural heartland of the Artibonite Valley.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention found that the strain is most similar to those found in South Asia, but no formal investigations have been done to learn how the disease arrived in Haiti.

It has killed more than 580 people and hospitalized more than 9,500, with confirmed cases across the entire northern two-thirds of the country. Dozens of cases are rumoured throughout the south.

On Tuesday, Haiti's health ministry said the disease has become a threat to the entire nation of 10 million people.

"Now it is our duty as citizens to help solve this problem, which has gone from being an urgent humanitarian matter and gone to the level of national security," the ministry's executive director, Dr Gabriel Timothee, said during a televised news conference.

The disease, primarily

spread when infected fecal matter contaminates food or water, is preventable and treatable, mainly by rehydrating the sick with safe water or intravenous fluids and sometimes using basic antibiotics.

But decades of failing and often regressing infrastructure — wracked by political upheaval, unbalanced foreign trade, a 1990s embargo and natural disasters — have left millions of Haitians without access to clean water, sanitation or medical care.

Haitian and foreign aid workers continued campaigns to tell people to wash their hands, cook food thoroughly and take other precautions against the spread of cholera. Treatment centres were being set up across the capital to handle the expected rising case load.

But health officials said that cholera will be part of the Haitian landscape for a long time, taking its place among the other challenges in one of the world's most difficult places to live.

"We have to think about and plan for the long term," Andrus said. "The bacteria have a foothold in the rivers and the water system, so it will be there for a number of years."




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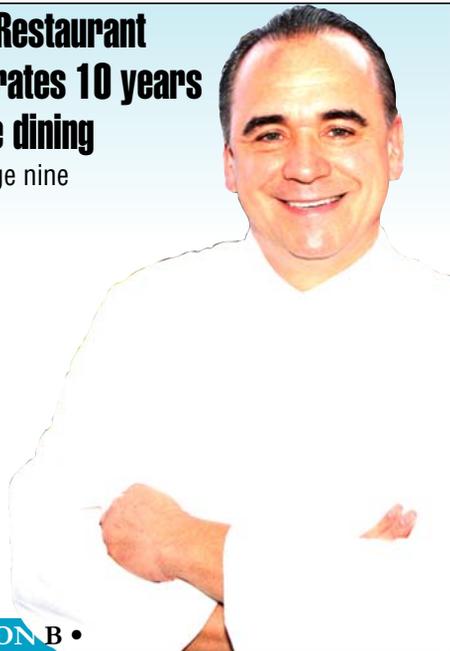
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ALISA ROBINSON'S SHELLS

Grand Bahama Art Association hosts annual Thanksgiving Art Exhibition

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THE pouring rain did not stop art lovers from trickling at the Grand Bahama Artist Association annual Thanksgiving Art Exhibition at the Rand Nature Centre in the Glory Banks Art Gallery.

The art exhibit featured work from both local and international artist and gave each participant creative freedom.

With no theme, the subjects of the work featured beach scenes, to nature scenes.

"All mediums were covered that night including oil, water colors, handmade paper collages, tapestry and other local craftsman displayed their work," said Del Foxton member of the Grand Bahamas Artist Association.

"It was a vibrating evening and that night the artist were given a feeling the association was being received by the Grand Bahama community," said Ms Foxton.

From its inception the Grand Bahama Artist Association mandate has been to promote the work of new and established artists in Grand Bahama. And through the annual showcase they hope that others who have a creative inclination will come out and join.

"We enjoy the opportunity to network with different artists. We hope that through our annual exhibits people who are talented come out and contribute to the growth of the Grand Bahamas Artist Association," Ms Foxton said.

On hand for the event was Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture Charles Maynard who gave the artists words of encouragement.

At the opening of the exhibit, Minister Maynard referred to his attendance at a conference where cultural ministers from the Caribbean and Latin America discussed developing cultural expression in their countries and he said he found the Bahamas well ahead in cultural development.

Minister Maynard was accompanied by Mrs Maynard, Eddison



JANICE CORKERY'S SEA SHELLS



TERRY LORD ROLLE FOLIAGE

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Ex-Tropical executive to head new \$70m port

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Ex-Tropical Shipping executive Michael Maura has been appointed as the new \$70 million Arawak Cay port's chief executive, Tribune Business can reveal, and is set to start work from Monday, November 22.

Mr Maura, who's last post was heading Tropical Shipping's Bahamian operations, will take charge of day-to-day operations at APD Ltd, the holding company for the Arawak Cay port that is currently owned by a 50/50 joint venture between the Government and the private sector.

Jimmy Mosko, chairman of APD Ltd (Arawak Port Development Company) did not return Tribune Business's calls seeking comment before press time, but sources with knowledge of developments at the port confirmed Mr Maura's appointment, describing it as "a big plus".

Describing Mr Maura as "more qualified than anyone identified" for the post, one source told Tribune Business that APD Ltd directors initially thought he would not accept it.

"It's a great thing," one source said of Mr Maura's appointment. "It's been well received by both the Government side and the private sector side."

The former Tropical Shipping executive had immense experience in port operations, and

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New buyer signs LOI for key resort

■ 'Great interest' in Walker's Cay despite initial deal announced in August falling through

■ Sale 'just a matter of when', realtor marketing property says

■ Reason for deal break-up disputed, with suggestions initial buyer unable to obtain financing to close \$26m purchase

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
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There is "great interest" from a variety of potential buyers in Walker's Cay, Abaco, after its New York-based vendor put the 69-acre island back on the market after a potential deal with a Turks and Caicos-based company fell apart.

Diane Jenkins, of Jenkins Realty, the US-based realtor marketing the property, said a Letter of Intent to purchase the island - formally a popular fishing, diving and boating destination among US sports

fishermen and yachtsmen until it was severely damaged during hurricanes Jeanne and Francis in 2004 - has been signed by one of the interested parties with the sellers.

"Things are moving forward. It's a great island in a location that attracts lots of people for fishing and diving, so lots of people are interested. Plus the people there desperately need the investment and the jobs, and the sellers are very flexible, so it will happen. It's just a matter of when," said Mrs Jenkins.

She is acting for New York-based family, the Abplanalp, who have owned the island

for around 50 years, their fortune having come from the post World War Two invention of an aerosol valve.

In August, Turks and Caicos-based Victoria House IBC issued a statement in which it announced that it had received approval from the Bahamas Investment Authority to purchase Walkers Cay, which featured a 62-room hotel, a marina, two bars, shops, tennis courts, a private air strip and a power plant.

It said it expected to sign off on the \$26 million purchase by October 2010, before

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Resort projects: Local engineers 'can easily do 75%-plus work'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian engineers could "easily do 75 per cent plus" of the work on standard land development/resort projects in this nation, the Bahamas Society of Engineers (BSE) president told Tribune Business yesterday, but warned that it would take time to eradicate the "ad-hoc outsourcing" of engineering services to foreign professionals.

Speaking ahead of the December 3, 2010, Engineering, Design and Construction Conference, which is being organised by the BSE in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Bahamian Contractors Association, arbitrators and architects, Robert Reiss, who is also a principal in Islands by Design/Reiss, said the Bahamas had "a tremendous capacity in-house" to provide all necessary engineering services to standard resort/real estate developments.

Acknowledging that "every project is specific and unique", and that developments such as the \$409.5 million Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) project required specialist engineering services from abroad, Mr Reiss said: "When you look at the traditional services, the engineering disciplines required by land development/resort types of project, we have tremendous capacity in-house in almost all of the disciplines."

With around 134 Bahamian engineers now registered and licensed by the Professional Engineers Board (PEB), the new Board having been appointed for a two-year term, Mr Reiss said the sector had more than enough civ-

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Airlines discuss response to plans for 'plane tax'

By ALISON LOWE
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Bahamian airline operators have been meeting to "formalise a plan" on how they will respond to the Customs Department's plans to hit them with bills potentially amounting to millions of dollars for allegedly unpaid customs duty and stamp tax on imported planes, one major operator telling Tribune Busi-

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Water Corp says 'can't pay down' \$5.9m balance to Consolidated

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Despite reducing sums owed to Consolidated Water earlier this year, the BISX-listed company last night said it was still awaiting \$5.9 million in accounts receivables from the Water & Sewerage Corporation, the Government-owned entity having said it can only pay it \$1.3 million per month "for the immediate future".

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* Tells BISX-listed company can only cover monthly bill of \$1.3m, with receivables balance unlikely to change before year-end 2010
* Firm redeems \$1.5m of \$10m bonds held by Bahamian investors, leaving \$8.5m outstanding
* Consolidated says Bahamas sales 'flat', although bank charges down \$253k year-over-year
* Firm takes new credit facility with Scotiabank

'Stronger from the experience'

* Clearing Banks chief hopes Bahamian consumers have 'learned a lot' from recession, and 'prudence will prevail' in future borrowing and consumption

* Says: 'If those lessons are learned, we will see a much better performance in the market going forward'

* Warns that it will take 'well into 2011' to start fixing \$1.153bn bad loans, with issue a medium to long-term fix

* Problem mortgages, at \$622m, account for 54% of bad loans

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Clearing Banks Association's (CBA) chairman yesterday told Tribune Business that he hoped Bahamian borrowers and the commercial banking system would emerge from the recession "stronger from the experience", adding that it would take the industry "into next year" before it saw a turnaround in its \$1.15 billion bad loans.

Barry Malcolm, who is also Scotiabank (Bahamas) man-
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BARRY MALCOLM

Bahamas awaiting '\$200 million direct spend' rise on Baha Mar

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's agreement with Baha Mar's Chinese partners over the \$2.6 billion Cable Beach project involves a \$200 million increase in direct spending into the Bahamian economy, multiple sources told Tribune Business yesterday,

some suggesting he had "got everything he wanted" from his trip to Beijing.

While the Prime Minister himself has remained silent upon his return from China, seemingly wanting to control the process of how the Baha Mar project moves forward, several sources with knowledge of develop-

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BUSINESS

Bahamian law firm keeps Tier 1 rating



ACCOLADE: Surinder Deal

Bahamian law firm Higgs & Johnson has been ranked as a Tier 1 firm in the Financial/Corporate category by

IFLR 1000's 2011 edition, the guide to the world's leading financial law firms.

And two Higgs & Johnson partners, Surinder Deal and Christel Sands-Feaste, of the commercial and securities practice groups were listed as leading lawyers in the same edition.

Ms Sands-Feaste said in a statement: "I am honoured by the accolade, and proud to be recognised internationally by my peers."

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HONOURED: Christel Sands-Feaste

market covered. IFLR1000 is now in its 21st edition, and covers more than 120 jurisdictions. It is the only publication of its kind to focus on the leading law firms for corporate finance worldwide.

Higgs & Johnson said it had maintained its standing as a Tier 1 firm in the Bahamas for the past four years, and is recognised globally as a leading commercial firm.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)
As of 30 September 2010
(Amounts expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	30 September 2010 \$	31 December 2009 \$
ASSETS		
Cash on hand and at banks	27,670,500	28,479,649
Investment securities	28,875,382	28,152,658
Mortgages, consumer and other loans	204,469,141	200,121,534
Property, plant and equipment	11,906,257	12,388,180
Prepayments and other assets	2,717,369	6,388,145
TOTAL ASSETS	275,638,649	275,530,166
LIABILITIES		
Customer deposits	215,949,885	217,035,497
Debt securities	25,399,940	24,898,349
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	724,375	447,404
TOTAL LIABILITIES	242,074,200	242,381,250
EQUITY		
Share capital	20,000,001	20,000,001
Revaluation surplus	2,452,416	2,452,416
Reserve for credit losses	2,102,818	2,102,818
Retained earnings	9,009,214	8,593,681
TOTAL EQUITY	33,564,449	33,148,916
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	275,638,649	275,530,166

Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Limited

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)
For the Nine Months Ended 30 September 2010
(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	9 Months Ended	
	30 September 2010 \$	30 September 2009 \$
INCOME		
Interest income	15,184,710	14,987,347
Interest expense	8,859,706	8,369,831
Net interest income	6,325,004	6,617,516
Non-interest income	3,984,711	4,072,521
Total income	10,309,715	10,690,037
EXPENSES		
Salaries and employee benefits	4,059,509	4,210,469
General and administrative	4,086,782	3,597,553
Provision for loan losses	685,639	772,787
Depreciation and amortisation	1,062,252	996,357
Total expenses	9,894,182	9,577,166
NET INCOME	415,533	1,112,871
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-	-
Total comprehensive income	415,533	1,112,871

Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	28,666,670	28,666,670
Earnings per share	\$0.014	\$0.039

Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Limited

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)
For the Nine Months Ended 30 September 2010
(Amounts expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	Share Capital \$	Revaluation Surplus \$	Reserve for Credit Losses \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
As of 1 January 2009	20,000,001	2,526,329	-	10,442,338	32,968,668
Comprehensive income					
Net income	-	-	-	1,357,224	1,357,224
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>					
Property, plant and equipment revaluation	-	(30,309)	-	-	(30,309)
Depreciation transfer	-	(43,604)	-	43,604	-
Total comprehensive income	-	(73,913)	-	1,400,828	1,326,915
Transactions with owners					
Appropriation for credit losses	-	-	2,102,818	(2,102,818)	-
Dividends	-	-	-	(1,146,667)	(1,146,667)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	2,102,818	(3,249,485)	(1,146,667)
As of 31 December 2009	20,000,001	2,452,416	2,102,818	8,593,681	33,148,916
As of 1 January 2010	20,000,001	2,452,416	2,102,818	8,593,681	33,148,916
Comprehensive income					
Net income/(loss)	-	-	-	415,533	415,533
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>					
Depreciation transfer	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	415,533	415,533
Transactions with owners					
Appropriation for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-
As of 30 September 2010	20,000,001	2,452,416	2,102,818	9,009,214	33,564,449

Colina report wins top regional award



TEAM WORK: Melanie Hutcheson, corporate communications officer, Colina Insurance Ltd (seated left) with external design team Karma Design Inc. Seated, right, Brian Goudie, partner; (Standing L-R) David Farrant, creative director; Theo McClain, illustrator/photographer. Not pictured: Nicky Saddleton, partner.

Colina Insurance's 2009 annual report has earned the life and health insurer a Silver Quill Award in Publication Design from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), a leading global communications industry body.

The Silver Quill ceremony is held annually in conjunction with the IABC's regional conferences, and honours excellence in communication management, branding, public relations, advertising and publication design. Colina's entry was submitted as a part of the IABC southern region, which includes 28 chapters in the US and four Caribbean countries.

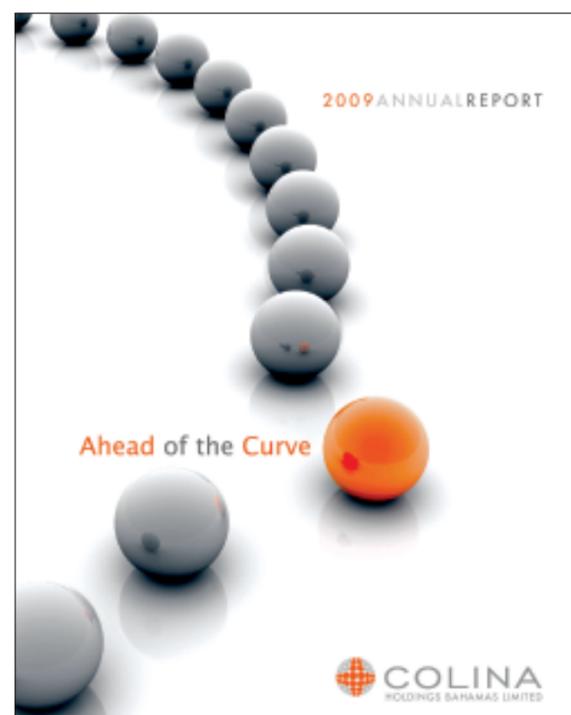
The annual report, entitled *Ahead of the Curve*, was a collaboration with Bahamian design firm Karma Design, and was the first publication issued by Colina Insurance Ltd following the company's adoption of a new name and logo in December 2009.

The theme refers to the company's proactive plan to preserve shareholder equity, enact measures to help clients maintain their coverage in the face of global economic challenges, and the company's industry-leading performance in 2009.

"Staying ahead of the curve means using innovation to combine business acumen and people skills to secure the best possible results for our clients and shareholders in the face of economic adversity," said Melanie Hutcheson, corporate communications officer at Colina.

"The fact that the re-branding initiative coincided with a record financial performance for the company gave this design concept an even more organic fit - a perfect marriage of form and function."

Using custom photography and design elements drawn directly from the logo itself, such as typography, a two-tone colour palette and a modern



AWARD-WINNER: Colina annual report.

composition, Karma Design created an aesthetic that remains somewhat minimalist, with bold graphics and contemporary photography used accordingly to help solidify Colina's new brand.

"We are proud that our partnership with Colina has earned recognition from our peers in communication," said Brian Goudie, partner and account director at Karma.

"It's a great honour to win a Silver Quill Award for designing a publication around Colina's strong strategic messages. Karma has a diverse team of graphic designers, artists, photographers and animators who each collaborated on this project for Colina. We're all very excited that it delivered measurable results for them."

Judges praised the entry as "clean, compelling and comprehensive...a very smart job in connecting new corporate identity to the design elements throughout the book. The photography is warm and very human, and works well in concert with the computer-generated images that predominate."

Mr Goudie and Karma creative director David Farrant, who was also lead designer on the project, accompanied Ms Hutcheson to the awards ceremony held on October 29 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) is a global network of communication professionals. Established in 1970, it serves more than 16,000 members in 70 countries.

BUSINESS

Existing franchisee 'looks forward' to John Bull's arrival

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A Bahamian Subway franchisee for almost two decades said yesterday he was "looking forward" to John Bull opening additional Subway branches under its newly-acquired franchise arrangement, telling this newspaper he believes it will accrue benefits for his business, too.

Floyd Miller, who has operated a Subway franchise in the Bahamas since 1991, said he anticipates that the re-opening of additional Subway locations beyond the five branches he oper-

ates will help to "bring greater brand awareness" overall for Subway in the Bahamas.

"We are looking forward to it," said Mr Miller of the announcement by the John Bull Group of Companies that it plans to establish new branches, having also acquired the rights to a Subway franchise.

The expansion of the restaurant division of John Bull's operations comes after the closure of a number of Subway locations when another Subway franchisee in The Bahamas, Wesley Bastian, lost his rights to this arrangement earlier in 2010.

Mr Miller's Subway branches are

currently located in Cable Beach, Prince Charles Drive, the Mall at Marathon, South Beach and Carmichael Road. Mr Miller said he has recently been forced to assure customers that his sites will not be shutting down, following the reports of Mr Bastian's loss of the franchise and the John Bull Group of Companies move into the brand. "People were calling to ask if we had the franchise anymore. There was a misconception that as a result of some of the Subway locations Mr Bastian operated becoming Bahamas Subs and Salads that we were all going in that direction and that's not so," said Mr Miller.

Ex-Tropical executive to head new \$70m port

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through being among the principals who, with Mr Mosko, negotiated the Arawak Cay port deal with the Government, would be able to "hit the ground running".

It was also pointed out that Mr Maura had the somewhat priceless advantage of being "well regarded on both political fronts", having served as co-chair of the group formed by the ex-PLP Christie administration to examine re-locating the port facilities to Clifton Pier, a project now abandoned.

On a tour of the new port facility last month, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said the project's construction was about 20 per cent complete, with Arawak Cay already receiving about 30 per cent of the containers currently imported into the Bahamas. "We are seeking to cause Bay Street to be restored to its past days by removing all freight activity from Bay Street - that is from Kelly Dock to Union Wharf to Tropical (Shipping), what have you," Mr Ingraham said then.

"We are then going to commence the refurbishment of Bay Street and its restoration, and the private sector has already begun west of Parliament Street - you'll see much evidence of that. East of East Street doesn't look like our city centre, many derelict buildings, many businesses closed, etc. So we're going to seek to cause Nassau to come alive."

Once the port is completed all freight coming into Nassau will be landed there. Government also plans to make changes within the Department of Customs to allow for pre-clearance of goods coming into the new port. Mr Ingraham said the new port will allow for the Customs Department to operate round the clock operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week to inspect freight. It will also reduce the scattered number of Customs centres along Bay Street by placing them at the Arawak Cay Port or the proposed in-land Gladstone Road facility.

Government will also construct an inland terminal by 2011 - that will house offices for the departments of Customs and Immigration - on 15 acres of land on Gladstone Road where freight will be stored.

Resort projects: Local engineers 'can easily do 75%-plus work'

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local engineers to cope with horizontal infrastructure demands, such as roads and drainage.

This nation was also deep in talent on the mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering side, and while foreign expertise might be required for the construction of a 20-storey hotel tower, Mr Reiss said there were more than enough Bahamian engineers to handle two, three and four-storey constructions.

"When I think of a project, if a developer wished they could without even trying very hard, easily exceed 50 per cent of their engineering Budget with Bahamian firms," the BSE president told Tribune Business.

"When you are talking land development, resort

projects, they could easily give 75 per cent-plus to Bahamians, and when you get to smaller resort projects, it could be 100 per cent Bahamian. One hundred-lot subdivisions could easily be 100 per cent."

The licensing/registration system ushered in by the Professional Engineers Act and the PEB have established standards for the Bahamian engineering profession for the first time.

Outsourcing

Mr Reiss added that, eventually, the Act and regulations would end the "ad-hoc outsourcing of services to foreign engineers", which in the past had seen 90 per cent-plus of the work relating to major foreign direct investment projects go to overseas companies.

While Bahamian engineering professionals were

anxious for this to take effect, as foreign engineers would now need a temporary licence to work on a Bahamas-based project, Mr Reiss said an education process for both developers and the profession needed to take place before the 'ad-hoc outsourcing' was ended.

The Engineering, Design and Construction Conference will be held at the Sheraton Cable Beach Resort.

The conference will include technical sessions focused towards two professional tracks, Bahamas Business - The Future Is Now, and Professional Development.

Guest speakers include Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Neko Grant, minister of works, as well as an awards luncheon with Earl Deveaux and Phenton Neymour as keynote speakers.

Water Corp says 'can't pay down' \$5.9m balance to Consolidated

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Exchange Commission filing that accompanied the release of its 2010 third quarter results, Consolidated Water said the Water & Sewerage Corporation's "delinquent receivables will remain consistent" for the rest of 2010, the \$1.3 million per month payment being merely sufficient to cover the monthly water supply bill - not dent the \$5.9 million outstanding balance.

"As of September 30, 2010, Consolidated Water Bahamas was due approximately \$5.9 million from the Water & Sewerage Corporation," Consolidated Water said.

"We have been informed previously by representatives of the Bahamas government that the delay in paying our accounts receivables is due to operating issues within the Water & Sewerage Corporation, that the delay does not reflect any type of dispute with us with respect to the amounts owed, and that the amounts will ultimately be paid in full.

Reduce

"Although Water & Sewerage Corporation was able to reduce its delinquent receivable balances to Consolidated Water Bahamas in the prior fiscal quarters, we have been informed by Water & Sewerage Corporation representatives that monthly payments to Consolidated Water Bahamas for the immediate future will continue in amounts of approximately \$1.3 million. The total amount of delinquent receivables from the Water & Sewerage Corporation is expected to remain consistent for the remainder of 2010."

Meanwhile, Consolidated Water revealed that in September 2010 it had redeemed \$1.5 million of the \$10 million Bahamian bond issue used to finance construction of its Blue Hills reverse osmosis plant, leaving some \$8.5 million outstanding. The bonds are due to mature on June 30, 2015, and attract a quarterly interest payment of 7.5 per cent.

And the BISX-listed water supplier also revealed that it had set up a new \$500,000 credit facility with Scotiabank (Bahamas), which attracts a rate of Bahamian Prime plus 1.5 per cent, although no drawings have yet been made.

For the nine months to September 30, 2010, Consolidated Water said it had seen a \$253,000 year-over-year decrease in bank charges associated with its Bahamian operations, these

fees having been incurred in converting Bahamian dollars to US dollars.

Unveiling Consolidated Water's 2010 third quarter results, Rick McTaggart, the company's chief executive, said: "In our bulk water operations, relatively flat sales in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas were offset by continued improvement in our operating margins, reflecting the success of cost controls implemented earlier.

"However, our Grand Cayman bulk water sales suffered a revenue decline not unlike our retail water business, for similar reasons, and this caused an overall decline in our bulk operating margins during the third quarter of 2010.

"While the economic downturn in the Caribbean has adversely impacted our recent operating results, we believe it may ultimately provide new opportunities to grow our business through potential privatisation of government-owned assets in a number of countries. All of our government customers are grappling with significant tax revenue declines and a need to raise cash. We will continue to follow these trends in order to take advantage of privatisation opportunities, when appropriate, if they develop in the future."

"Bidding activity related to new business opportunities has picked up in recent months, following a period of relative quiet in this regard, and we are pursuing new projects in our traditional markets, as well as in Mexico."

Mr McTaggart added: "We supplemented our sales and marketing resources during the third quarter with the hiring of a new director of sales and marketing, who has significant experience in the Caribbean region and is expanding our business development initiatives into new markets with attractive project opportunities that are consistent with our technical expertise and profitability guidelines.

"We continue to devote considerable resources towards our Mexican business development activities and have been encouraged by our progress to date.

"Potential customers have expressed a great deal of interest in purchasing water from a large seawater reverse osmosis desalination plant to be located in Baja, California, that can address the growing need for a new potable water supply for both northern Mexico and Southern California. We expect to continue to devote significant time and resources to pursue this opportunity with our affiliate partners."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010
In The Supreme Court CLE/qui/788
Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER of The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of ALL THAT piece parcel or tract of land comprising Six Hundred (600) acres originally granted to Henry Johnson (Grant B-98 in the Department of Lands & Surveys) situate on Moores Island off the Island of Abaco in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas but now found by recent survey to comprise Eight Hundred and Eighteen and Four Hundred and Twenty-four Thousandths (818.424) acres

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Christopher Brown

(as Attorney by Power of Attorney for Frederica Ann Brown as Personal Representative of The Estate of Dr. Harcourt W. Brown)

NOTICE

THE Petition of Christopher Brown (as Attorney by Power of Attorney for Frederica Ann Brown as Personal Representative of The Estate of Dr. Harcourt W. Brown) in respect of:-

ALL THAT PIECE parcel or tract of land containing by admeasurements Eight Hundred and Eighteen and Four Hundred and Twenty Four Thousandths (818.424) acres being the original crown grant to Henry Johnson recorded in book B page 98 situate in the central part of the Island of Moores Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas; and bounded on the NORTH EAST by Black Wood Pond and running thereon 3,597ft on the EAST by mangroves (Crown Land) and running thereon 7,966ft more or less on the SOUTH by vacant land originally granted to Benjamin Kemp and running thereon 4,273.55ft on the WEST partly by vacant land; partly by the settlements of Mangrove Creek and The Bight; partly by vacant land being a portion of the land originally granted to Richard and John Saunders now claimed by the McBride family and partly by Moores' Island Airport and collectively running thereon 9,668.69ft. The boundaries of which are more particularly shown on Plan number 1783 AB.

Christopher W. Brown claims to be the owner of the unincumbered fee simple estate in possession of the said land and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section Three (3) of the Quieting Titles Act 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. Copies of the Petition and Plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:

The Registry of the Supreme Court, 2nd Floor Ansbacher Building, East Street North, in the City of Nassau, Bahamas; The Chambers of Arnold A. Forbes & Co., Bay and Fredrick Streets North, Nassau, Bahamas; and The office of the Administrator at Sandy Point, Abaco.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents, file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of his Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents shall operate as bar to such claims.

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BUSINESS

Bahamas awaiting '\$200 million direct spend' rise on Baha Mar

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ments suggested that a deal with the Chinese government-owned China State Construction and China Export-Import Bank had largely been worked out before he left for Hong Kong/Beijing.

Tribune Business was told that the key components of the agreement include a commitment by China State Construction to increase direct spending into the Bahamian economy by a projected \$200 million. Apart from an increase in contracts for Bahamian contractors, this sum is also said to include spending on local building materials, hardware and other goods.

The other major issues agreed, according to Tribune Business's sources, and as revealed by this newspaper last week, were an increase in the proportion of Bahamian construction workers from the original 29 per cent to what is thought to be 40 per cent; an increase in financing for the training of Bahamians and skills/knowledge transfer; and, while the four new hotels could be constructed at the same time, they have to be opened in phases.

A phased construction of these resorts, Tribune Business was told, did not fit in with China State Construction's business plan and model, and would have drastically increased building costs, hence the compromise. One source told Tribune Business: "The Prime Minister basically got everything he wanted. The deal's done. He got everything he wanted, which everyone knew he's going to get. The deal is now his, and the PLP can't claim any kind of ownership."

Stephen Wrinkle, the Bahamas Contractors Association's (BCA) president, confirmed to Tribune Business he had heard the \$200 million figure being mentioned, and said his sector was waiting to see what that sum was being earmarked for.

"Any increase will be an improvement over what we're currently looking at, but the important thing from the BCA's perspective is not the number of workers. The important criteria is how many contractors are on the job site."

Any increase in funding for Bahamian skills training and knowledge transfer, Mr Wrinkle said, would help to "green light" the BCA's joint initiative with Baha Mar and the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI).

New buyer signs LOI for key resort

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then moving ahead with plans to redevelop the island and re-open it for business before year's end.

However, in September, Scott Ronning, Victoria House IBC's, principal claimed the company's contract with the sellers had been terminated. While Victoria House was seeking to have the contract reinstated, Mr Ronning suggested efforts to come to an agreement were being hampered by the sellers becoming "more and more demanding." He spoke of a possible conflict between the sellers and the would-be buyers over their re-development plans, which included two new 100-room hotels.

Purchase

Questioned yesterday about whether there is still any potential for Victoria House to purchase Walkers Cay, Mrs Jenkins yesterday declined to comment, pointing this newspaper to Colin Callenders, managing partner of Callenders and Co, who was acting for the company. However, Mr Calendar was out of office yesterday and a message was not returned.

Airlines discuss response to plans for 'plane tax'

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ness yesterday that the issue could "immediately" put a number of his counterparts out of business.

Randy Butler, chief executive of Sky Bahamas, said the Customs Department's decision to collect the tax on planes imported "years ago", in some cases, does not fit well with the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation's stated plans to build a Bahamas aircraft registry, a development which has been pushed by the Bahamian private sector, which views the attractiveness of such a registry as key to drawing high net worth individuals, their families and companies towards using this nation as a base for their activities.

And he disputed Customs Comptroller Glenn Gomez's position in Tribune Business, stated late last month, that his Department would have been unaware that companies bringing planes into this country had not paid relevant duties at that time, telling this newspaper those in the aviation industry were given the impression that it was government's policy not to collect the 10 per cent tax, being of the opinion that the collection of "other monies associated with planes being brought in" was more significant.

In late October, Tribune Business revealed that the Customs Department was

However, a source close to the deal yesterday told Tribune Business that they "would be surprised" if Victoria House "came back", signalling that the deal was effectively dead.

They suggested that the Abplanalp had offered numerous extensions to Victoria House to "come up with the money" to close the deal, but found the company was unable to meet the terms previously agreed in the contract, indicating the buyer was unable to arrange financing.

"It's kind of strange how things turned out. They didn't have money to close. It was in contract, everything was agreed to in terms of the terms, everything was done - they just had to perform and they couldn't," the source said.

"They were still working with their lenders, saying they would still come through, but they didn't. Then it was shocking when [Victoria House] came back and said the sellers were doing things to make things difficult. [The Abplanalp] gave them extension after extension."

Messages left via phone and e-mail yesterday for Mr Ronning or Georgia-based real estate firm AlphaCRE, who initially announced the then-pending sale of the Walker's Cay property to Victoria House IBC in August, were not returned yesterday.



GLENN GOMEZ

preparing to demand that numerous Bahamian airlines and charter operators hand over what amounts to millions of dollars in unpaid customs duty and stamp tax allegedly owed on previously imported aircraft, or face having planes seized by the revenue-collection agency.

Glen Gomez, Comptroller of Customs, said his department's move came after an investigation lasting several weeks, which culminated in the discovery that "a fair amount" of all Bahamian operators owe the department money for planes - \$700,000 in the case of one unnamed local airline - and "several hundred thousand dollars" a piece in the case of "several other operators."

Mr Gomez indicated that a majority of local operators are likely to owe the department money for the planes.

"We are seeking to collect what should've been collected before," said Mr Gomez, who added that penalties for prior non-payment could also be levied.

Speaking on developments since that time, Mr Butler said: "We had a meeting last week, which about 15 of the 31 local operators attended, and we have one coming up next week."

"All the operators are coming together and formalising a plan with the view of speaking to the Government on this, because we are seeing that everyone bought these airplanes in an upfront way, and Civil Aviation has been dealing with these planes. It's been years and the Government hasn't moved to tax anyone for these."

As to what points the group are set to put forward to the Government on the issue, Mr Butler said: "We are researching some things as a group, and doing some research on what's happening in other countries."

"Our goal is to suggest other areas of revenue the Government is missing that they could focus on, one of is

which is that we have all these planes flying over our airspace and we are not charging them anything for that. We also want to let them know what it really costs us to operate in this industry."

Meanwhile, Mr Butler claims he is still waiting for a formal confirmation of what his company allegedly owes, and on what basis.

"I have asked for a written letter but I have been given no final figure or deadline to pay," he added.

Mr Butler said the industry was also seeking confirmation of who will be targeted under the move to collect the tax, as there is a fear operators are being "selectively singled out".

"The big thing is we need to know is the criteria. Whether it's Bahamian registered airplanes that are resident here, those not resident here, commercial, private," Mr Butler said.

"Here it is that you have an issue where you want to charge me on a plane been here five years that we bought from another company. Are you going to people who bought these planes?" said Mr Butler of the questions he would like answered.

Mr Butler added that there was a fear that individuals who have registered planes in other countries, but which are operated primarily in the Bahamas, would escape the retroactive collection effort, while those which are registered "under the Bahamian flag will be penalised" despite paying all associated fees that derive from this to the Bahamian government.

Coming out of the meeting of local operators, the Sky-Bahamas chief said there was a general feeling that there should be more consultation between the Government and the industry on issues that will impact those who operate within it.

"This is the unpredictability of doing business in the Bahamas," said Mr Butler.

"I was at the bank today and they were saying this business is so unpredictable because the Government is always coming up with new taxes etc, so they are asking: 'If we lend you this money, how do we know that you will be able to pay this back?' and so on. They asked us about the customs tax issue and the effect of the fees from NAD (Nassau Airport Development Company)."

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **SAMSON FRANCIS CHATELAINE of BARTLETT HILL, EIGHT MILE ROCK, GRAND BAHAMA, BAHAMAS** is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/ naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 10th day of **NOVEMBER, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Freeport, Bahamas.

'Stronger from the experience'

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aging director, said his "strongest hope" was that Bahamians had "learned a lot" from the past two years, a period in which close to one in five loans to households/businesses became past due and more than one in 10 were non-performing, and moderate their borrowing and consumption habits moving forward.

Expressing hope that the recession, and its effects, would prompt Bahamians to improve savings and other key financial habits, Mr Malcolm said that while the nation's commercial banks were "cautiously optimistic" that the worst may be over when it came to delinquent loans, the industry was looking at a "medium to long-term recovery" on asset quality.

"I think there is cause for cautious optimism," Mr Malcolm told Tribune Business. "Our outlook is that 2011 will still be a year of challenge. Certainly, if there are prudent lending arrangements by the banks, and prudence in the consumption of credit by consumers, then we will strengthen more and more."

Noting that all Bahamian commercial banks were "trying very hard to address problem loans", working with borrowers to restructure and re-write their obligations where they could, Mr Malcolm added: "It's a tough and really long-term kind of fix, and it's going to take us into next year to see some stable progress and turnaround in the delinquent portfolio."

Optimistic

"We are very cautiously optimistic about seeing the prospect of a turnaround. I would simply say that I see the working through of the current challenges we have with loans being a medium-term kind of challenge for us."

Mortgage loan defaults, which grew by a further 17.1 per cent or \$91.1 million in the first nine months of 2010 to hit \$622.6 million, almost 54 per cent of the total \$1.153 billion delinquent portfolio. Mortgage loans between 31-90 days past due grew by \$45 million or 15.5 per cent, while non-performing mortgages grew by \$46 million or 19.1 per cent.

Illustrating the scale of the task faced by Bahamian commercial banks when it came to improving asset quality, Mr Malcolm gave the example of someone who had

fallen behind on their mortgage as a result of losing their job or suffering a major income reduction. If they were behind on their mortgage, it was also likely they were behind in their other obligations, such as car loans, credit cards and other consumer loans.

"It's going to take them months to get started again," Mr Malcolm said. "I see the work out being into next year, and a fairly long-term fix."

We'll be well into next year working through the challenges we've seen over the last 18 months to two years."

Asked whether the Bahamian commercial banking industry had ever witnessed such issues with loan delinquency and asset quality before, Mr Malcolm told Tribune Business: "What we've seen from 2008 to the present is the most protracted economic downturn any of us as professional bankers have seen, so this, in a sense, is really unprecedented."

But the "key" to delinquent loan improvement was for "prudence to prevail" when it came to Bahamians' borrowing and consumption habits, Mr Malcolm said, issues which had got them into trouble in the first place.

He stressed "the importance of savings", full disclosure of existing loans and credit history when seeking new credit lines, "not over extending", and being prudent.

"If those lessons are learned, we will see a much better performance in the market going forward," Mr Malcolm told Tribune Business. "My strong hope is that we've learned a lot from this experience in terms of savings, prudence in consumption and borrowing. If we have learned from that, we will be stronger for the experience."

The Scotiabank (Bahamas) managing director said that a major plus to emerge from the recession was confirmation of the commercial banking system's strength, adding that it had "served the country very well" at a time when financial systems in the US and Europe had reached the point of collapse.

He praised its strong capital and liquidity levels, plus the regulatory guidance and oversight of the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

Indeed, commercial banking liquidity at end-September 2010 was 36.5 per cent above year-before levels, standing at \$633.19 million compared to \$463.94 million, while foreign reserves were also slightly up at \$777.75 million compared to \$752.86 million at end-September 2009.

Yet while the Bahamas' monetary fundamentals remained strong, and there was surplus liquidity to be lent to Bahamian borrowers, Mr Malcolm said there were two challenges when it came to extending credit.

Banks, he explained, had tightened their lending policies as a "defensive mechanism to protect the bank's capital", and implemented a "higher degree of risk management in their credit operations" to protect individual balance sheets and the system.

And Mr Malcolm said the ability of Bahamian companies and households to borrow had "diminished", telling Tribune Business: "There has been a contraction in capacity to borrow over the last two years, which has impacted growth in the overall economy."

This was born out by lending data for the January-August 2010 period, which showed net repayments for all lending categories. The greatest net repayments were \$15.6 million for credit cards; \$14.7 million on car loans; \$11.8 million for 'miscellaneous' purposes; and \$6.8 million for travel. Growth in debt consolidation loans, comprising rewritten credit cards, fell to \$28.7 million from the previous year's \$48.7 million - meaning that some \$77.4 million worth of consolidation loans have been issued.

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Shippers fought cargo US controls

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WASHINGTON

Despite knowing for decades that terrorists could sneak bombs onto planes, the U.S. government failed to close obvious security gaps amid pressure from shipping companies fearful tighter controls would cost too much and delay deliveries.

Intelligence officials around the world narrowly thwarted an al-Qaida mail bomb plot last month, intercepting two explosive packages shipped from Yemen with UPS and FedEx.

But it was a tip from Saudi intelligence, not cargo screening, that turned up the bombs before they could take down airplanes. Company employees in Yemen were not required to X-ray the printer cartridges the explosives were hidden inside. Instead, they looked at the printers and sent them off, U.S. officials said.

The scare is prompting officials in Washington and around the world to rethink air cargo security. On Monday the Obama administration announced new cargo rules banning freight out of Yemen and Somalia. It also restricted the shipment of printer and toner cartridges weighing more than a pound on all passenger flights and some cargo flights. Overall cargo security rules were unchanged.

In Congress, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee plans a hearing Nov. 16 to look at whether changes are needed to improve air cargo security. Transportation Security Administrator

John Pistole has been asked to testify. Lobbying by the multi-billion-dollar freight industry has helped kill past efforts to impose tough rules.

In 2004, when the Transportation Security Administration considered requiring screening for all packages on all flights, the Cargo Airline Association downplayed a terrorist threat. It argued slowing down shipping for inspections would jeopardize the shipping industry and the world's economy. "As a practical matter, all-cargo aircraft operators today are permitted to accept freight from all persons and entities all over the world, including unknown shippers, precisely because of the lack of any credible threat to all-cargo aircraft," the association, whose members included FedEx, UPS and other shippers, told the agency.

The government agreed. "TSA believes that a requirement to inspect every piece of cargo could result in an unworkable cost of more than \$650 million" in the first year, the agency wrote in 2004. The government wanted security, TSA said, "without undue hardship on the affected stakeholders."

The U.S. requires all packages be screened before being loaded onto passenger flights originating in the U.S. But there's no such requirement enforced for all cargo loaded onto U.S.-bound international passenger flights or on cargo-only flights, such as UPS and FedEx planes.

Jetliner bombings in the 1970s and the explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 led the U.S. to



(AP Photo/Dubai Police via Emirates News Agency, File) **CARGO CAUTION:** This undated file photo released on Oct. 30, 2010 by the Dubai Police via the state Emirates News Agency (WAM) claims to show a computer printer and other contents of a package found onboard a cargo plane coming from Yemen, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The glaring weakness of the cargo shipping system has been laid bare by the Yemen-based mail bomb plot — but the cost of fixing it may be too high for governments, airlines and shippers to stomach during a global downturn. Analysts warn that the cost of screening every piece of air cargo in a bid to prevent terrorists from downing airliners might bankrupt international shipping companies, hobble already weakened airlines and still would not provide full protection.

examine cargo security long before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington made counterterrorism measures a top priority.

Those efforts came in fits and starts. For example, the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Postal Service once had such a poor relationship that neither agency carried out their part of a mail security agreement they reached in 1979 after a mail bomb blew up on an American Airlines flight, congressional investigators report-

ed in 1994. In 2007, a coalition of more than a dozen business groups lobbied against requiring close inspections of packages, arguing in a letter to then-Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye, a Democrat, that applying the same rules to passenger baggage and air cargo would set "an unachievable standard."

Only in August, nine years after Sept. 11, did the U.S. require that all cargo be screened on U.S. passenger flights.

That rule drew heavy lobbying from airlines, air cargo carriers and trade groups. They devoted at least \$32 million last year and \$28 million so far this year to lobbying in Washington on that and other matters.

The air transportation industry, meanwhile, donated at least \$8.3 million to congressional candidates in the 2009-10 election cycle, split almost evenly between Democrats and Republicans, an analysis by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics found.

HCA reports 3Q profit, \$2B shareholder payment

Hospital chain HCA Inc. said Tuesday its third-quarter net income surged 24 percent, and it plans to make another big payment to shareholders by the end of this year, according to Associated Press.

The Nashville, Tenn., company will declare a distribution of about \$2 billion to stock owners and holders of vested options during the fourth quarter. That follows distributions totaling \$2.25 billion that its board declared earlier this year.

HCA filed plans last spring for its third initial public offering of stock, and that remains pending as well.

"We will continue to assess the timing of a launch based on overall market conditions, sector performance and input from our underwriters," company spokesman Ed Fishbough said in an e-mail.

HCA earned \$243 million in the three months that ended Sept. 30. That compares with earnings of \$196 million in the same quarter last year. Revenue inched up about 1 percent to \$7.65 billion.

HCA operates 162 hospitals and 104 surgery centers in several states and the United Kingdom. It said same facility admissions fell less than 1 percent compared to last year's quarter, in part due to a decrease in baby deliveries and the high volume of swine flu cases its hospitals saw in 2009. Bad debt fell 21 percent to \$721 million, mainly due to an increase in charity care and uninsured discounts.

The hospital chain said its latest distribution will be funded in part through HCA's senior secured revolving credit. The company also announced an offering of about \$1.52 billion in senior unsecured notes due in 2021 to help pay for it.

In May, HCA filed paperwork with the Securities and Exchange Commission detailing plans to raise \$4.6 billion through another IPO.

Irish debt worries drag on euro as dollar rises



(AP Photo/Julien Behal/PA) **HARD TIMES:** A woman passes the Department of Finance in central Dublin. Ireland's finances came under intensifying pressure Thursday as the government fighting to keep its majority and avoid an election prepared to unveil another round of budget cuts expected to be the biggest in Irish history.

NEW YORK

The dollar rose against the euro Tuesday as traders focused on Ireland's debt woes and its potential repercussions.

Investors also hedged their recent bets against the dollar out of caution ahead of a financial summit meeting later this week of the Group of 20 nations.

The European currency, used by 16 countries, slipped to \$1.3830 late in New York from \$1.3923 late Monday. The British pound also slid to \$1.6039 from \$1.6132, and the dollar rose to 81.60 Japanese yen from 81.21 yen.

The dollar has been creeping higher against the euro in the past three days after a steep, months-long decline. It has also inched up against the yen since hitting a 15-year low on Nov. 1 of 80.25 yen.

The Federal Reserve, in a long-anticipated announcement last week, said it would buy up \$600 billion in bonds to drive down interest rates. That could help weaken the dollar further against other currencies which have higher interest rates.

Investors have been selling off the dollar since late August, when Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke first hinted at the central bank's plans. Now that the Fed has acted, investors are turning their focus to other issues, said Win Thin, senior currency strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York.

The dollar has recovered recently against the euro as worries about debt in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe have reawakened con-

cerns about the prospects of government defaults and sluggish economies. Investors worry that Ireland, like Greece, may have to ask for financial help from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

In addition to Europe's latest debt problems, there are also rising tensions over currency values and trade imbalances ahead of the upcoming G-20 meeting on Thursday and Friday in South Korea, creating more uncertainty in currency markets, said David Watt, senior currency strategist at RBC Capital in Toronto.

Cautious

There are "more than enough reasons to be a little cautious," Watt said, leading some traders to reverse earlier bets that the dollar would decline even further.

The dollar has dropped more than 6 percent against the Canadian currency, for example, since late August. Like other countries that are heavy producers of commodities such as oil, coal and iron ore, Canada has seen its currency rise along with a pickup in demand for those basic materials.

In late trading Tuesday, the dollar was worth 1.0028 Canadian dollars compared with 1.0026 Canadian dollars late Monday. The Australian dollar passed \$1 in mid-October for the first time since it became freely traded in 1983. It also ticked lower to \$1.0084 Tuesday from \$1.0139 late Monday. The dollar also rose to 0.9667 Swiss francs from 0.9655 Swiss francs.

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GE to invest more than \$2B into China efforts

NEW YORK

General Electric Co. plans to sink more than \$2 billion into its efforts in China through 2012 as the conglomerate looks to tackle the country's pressing energy and infrastructure needs.

GE said Tuesday that it will likely spend \$500 million on research and development and new customer innovation centers in China, adding more than 1,000 new jobs. More than \$1.5 billion is expected to be put toward new joint ventures with Chinese state-owned enterprises in high-technology sectors.

The news comes a day after GE named John Rice head of global operations. In that role, Rice will concentrate on growth in markets including China, India, the Middle East and Brazil. It also comes after GE emerged as a big winner from President Barack Obama's trip to India, as the company signed multiple deals in that market.

GE sees huge potential in both India and China. China's rapid growth over the past 10 years has left it grappling to find enough energy to support its companies and residents, which GE plans to service. A partnership with State Grid Corp. of China, a power distributor and one of the world's biggest utilities,



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will help provide more access to the region.

"China is one of the world's fastest growing areas with a tremendous need for infrastructure," Dan Heintzelman, president and CEO of GE Energy Services, said in a statement.

GE, which began business in China in 1906, is looking to keep pace with China's migration from a rural to an urban society. Heintzelman notes that the country is likely to be predominantly urban by 2020, and will need to make big changes to its electric distribution.

Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt added in a statement that China is the world's fastest-growing market for aviation, energy, transporta-

tion, health care and financial services.

The company, based in Fairfield, Connecticut, has 36 wholly owned entities and joint ventures in China in manufacturing, service and research and development. It has 14,000 workers in China.

GE said the new customer innovation centers, which will be built in six cities, will be used to better serve the west, north, central and south China markets. Among the cities being considered for centers include Chengdu, Shenyang and Xian. The new facilities will work closely with existing research and development operations in Shanghai, Beijing and Wuxi.

The centers will concentrate on product development, engineering, sourcing support and delivery in areas such as rural health care, renewable and clean energy, energy-efficient lighting, rail and aviation.

To accomplish its work in these areas, GE is teaming with Chinese businesses. In addition to the partnership with State Grid, GE agreed to start a joint venture with Beijing National Railway Research & Design Institute of Signal & Communication to supply railway and urban transit signaling systems.

GE is looking to form a joint venture with Chengdu

Locomotive & Rolling Stock Works, a company owned by China South Locomotive and Rolling Stock Corp., to create systems and parts for diesel locomotives. It also is involved in a joint acquisition with State Grid-owned Shanghai Electric Power Co. for a controlling interest in Shanghai Tianling Switchgear Co., a Shanghai-based maker of green power distribution equipment.

"These commitments represent GE's confidence in China's long-term economic prospects," Mark Norbom, president and CEO of GE Greater China, said in a statement.

The deals come on top of those signed in India. Immelt traveled to India this past weekend with Obama and other executives looking to drum up business for U.S. companies.

GE was selected to provide the 107 F414 engines for Tejas light combat aircraft, in a transaction tentatively valued at \$822 million. GE Transportation was chosen as one of two bidders to make 1,000 diesel locomotives over the next decade, in a deal that could be worth over \$1 billion. And GE also signed a \$750 million turbine deal.

Shares of GE shed 2 cents to \$16.68 in afternoon trading.

SARA LEE SLIMS DOWN WITH \$959M BREAD SALE TO BIMBO



(AP Photo/Pat Wellenbach, File)

ON DISPLAY: In this May 5, 2010 file photo, Sara Lee pies are seen on display at a supermarket in Yarmouth, Maine. Sara Lee Corp. is selling its North American Fresh bakery unit to baking company Grupo Bimbo for \$959 million as it looks to concentrate more on its coffee and meat businesses. The maker of Jimmy Dean sausages and Sara Lee breads said Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 that the sale will allow it to aggressively expand other businesses through acquisitions and other means.

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Sara Lee Corp. is cutting the apron strings on its struggling North American bread-making business, selling it to Mexican baking giant Grupo Bimbo for \$959 million.

The deal makes Grupo Bimbo the largest baker in the U.S. It also marks Sara Lee's last major planned sale of a business line and completes a series of moves to focus on its more-profitable businesses such as Hillshire Farms meat and Senseo coffee.

"Sara Lee is indeed a simpler, stronger and a better company," Sara Lee interim CEO Marcel Smits said Tuesday.

Sara Lee, based in Downers Grove, Ill., will still sell its signature frozen cheesecake and deli meats. Grupo Bimbo will have rights to the Sara Lee brand in fresh baked goods globally, excluding Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

It adds to Grupo Bimbo's presence as one of the world's largest baking companies. The company, based in Mexico City and traded on the Mexican Stock Exchange, sells brands such as Entenmann's, Tia Rosa and Thomas' baked goods.

Sara Lee's bakery unit has been struggling recently as costs, competition and intense promotions cut into its performance. Analysts said its operating profit margins are well below its peers. And during the most recent fiscal year, the unit's profit was flat and revenue fell more than 5 percent on an adjusted basis to \$2.1 billion.

However, the business has strong brand recognition and is the largest bread producer in the U.S. Sara Lee recently raised prices on its products and had said it expected the unit's profitability to gradually improve in 2011.

Grupo Bimbo said it will invest more than \$1 billion in the U.S. over the next five years to add bakeries, upgrade existing plants and improve its infrastructure and technology. The deal includes 41 U.S. plants. About 13,000 employees will be transferred.

The acquisition will move Bimbo from its fourth-place ranking in terms of U.S. marketshare to the top spot, according to Ibis World. The deal is expected to close in the first half of 2011.

Sara Lee said the sale frees it to focus on its meats business, which includes Hillshire Farm, Ball Park, Jimmy Dean brands, and its coffee lines. The company said it will also be able to expand through acquisitions, although it would not discuss potential targets.

Company leaders said they plan to speed up a previously announced share repurchase plan as well as a result of the deal.

Sara Lee has made a series of deals to trim its business. It sold its Ambi Pure air freshener business to Procter & Gamble Co. and its stake in a joint venture in India that makes insecticides. It also has agreed to sell its body care business to Unilever NV and its remaining insecticide business to SC Johnson.

Sara Lee said it is still negotiating to sell some smaller remaining businesses, which include shoe care and its Asia-Pacific cleaning products business, but said this deal marks its last significant sale.

Morningstar analyst Erin Swanson saw the sale of the fresh bakery business as a positive move, ridding the company of what she called its "Achilles heel."

But even with the sale, Swanson still considers Sara Lee to be a viable takeover target, with potential interest from both strategic and financial suitors.

Sara Lee leaders would not comment on the potential for a buyout, saying only that it was focused on its future growth. The company has reportedly been approached by several private equity firms.

Sara Lee's attractiveness as a buyout target could be enhanced by its lack of a permanent CEO. Former CEO Brenda Barnes stepped down in August to recover from a stroke.

The company said it continues its search for a CEO. Sara Lee also reported Tuesday that its first-quarter earnings declined, burdened by higher commodity costs and higher marketing spending. Sara Lee's first-quarter net income fell 32 percent to \$192 million, or 29 cents per share, compared with \$284 million, or 41 cents per share in the same quarter last year.

Adjusted earnings from continuing operations were 13 cents per share. Revenue slipped less than 1 percent to \$2.58 billion.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters predicted earnings of 17 cents per share on revenue of \$2.48 billion. These estimates typically do not include one-time items.

FEDS: WOMAN ILLEGALLY FIRED OVER FACEBOOK REMARKS

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WASHINGTON

A Connecticut woman who was fired after she posted disparaging remarks about her boss on Facebook has prompted a first-of-its-kind legal case by federal authorities who say her comments are protected speech under labor laws.

The National Labor Relations Board alleges that American Medical Response of Connecticut Inc. illegally fired Dawnmarie Souza from her job as an emergency medical technician late last year after she criticized her supervisor on her personal Facebook page and then traded Facebook messages about the negative comments with other employees.

The complaint, filed Oct. 27 by the board's Hartford, Conn., regional office, could set a precedent for employers to heed as more workers use social networking sites to share details about their jobs.

"It's the same as talking at the water cooler," said Lafe Solomon, the board's acting general counsel. "The point is that employees have protection under the law to talk to each other about conditions at work."

Federal labor law has long protected employees against reprisal for talking to co-workers on their own time about their jobs and working conditions, including remarks that may be critical of managers. The law applies whether or not workers are covered by a union.

NLRB officials claim the

Connecticut ambulance company has an unlawful policy that prohibits employees from making disparaging remarks about supervisors and depicting the company "in any way" over the Internet without permission.

"This is the first complaint we've issued over comments on Facebook, but I have no doubt that we'll be seeing more," Solomon said. "We have to develop policies as we go in this fast-changing environment."

Report

The trouble for Souza started when her supervisor asked her to prepare an investigative report when a customer complained about her work, according to the complaint. Souza claimed she was denied representation by her union, the Teamsters Local 443.

Later that day, Souza logged onto her Facebook page from a home computer and wrote: "Looks like I'm getting some time off. Love how the company allows a 17 to be a supervisor."

A 17 is the code the company uses for a psychiatric patient. Souza also referred to her supervisor with two expletives. Her remarks drew supportive Facebook postings from other colleagues.

John Barr, an attorney representing the company, said the real reason Souza was fired was because of two separate complaints about her

"rude and discourteous service" within a 10-day period. He said Souza would have been fired whether the Facebook comments were made or not.

Barr said the company understands that workers have right to talk about wages and working conditions. But he said it stands by its policy against employees discussing the company on the Internet, including social media sites.

"If you're going to make disgusting, slanderous statements about co-workers, that is something that our policy does not allow," Barr said.

Jonathan Kreisberg, director of the board's regional office in Hartford, said the company's policy is overly broad. He acknowledged that the law protecting worker speech has some limits, such as not allowing employees to disrupt the workplace or engage in threatening conduct. But Kreisberg argued that Souza's Facebook comments did not cross a legal line.

"Here she was on her own time, on her own computer and on her own Facebook page making these comments," Kreisberg said. "If employees are upset about their supervisor and get together on their own time talk about him, criticize and call him names, they can do that."

A hearing on the case before an administrative law judge is set for Jan. 25.

EU FINES AIRLINES \$1.1 BILLION FOR CARGO CARTEL

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BRUSSELS

The European Union on Tuesday fined 11 airlines a total euro799.4 million (\$1.1 billion) for fixing prices on international cargo shipments, leading to higher prices for businesses to move their goods.

The European Commission, the EU's competition watchdog, said "the carriers coordinated their action on surcharges for fuel and security without discounts" between December 1999 and February 2006, when the EU's investigation stopped the cartel.

"Had it not been for the commission's intervention, the cartel would not have ended in 2006," said Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia.

Air France-KLM received the largest fine and has to pay euro310.1 million, while British Airways PLC was fined euro104 million. Air France-KLM will also have to pay the euro29.5 million fine for Martinair, which it now owns.

Air Canada, Cathay Pacific, Cargolux, Japan Airlines, LAN Chile, SAS, Singapore Airlines and Qantas will also have to pay fines between euro8.2 million and euro79.9 million.

The commission dropped charges against 11 other carriers and one consultancy, because it couldn't prove they participated in the cartel.

Lufthansa escaped a fine because it blew the whistle on the cartel. All other carriers, except Singapore Airlines, had their fines reduced by between 15 percent and 50 percent for cooperating with the EU's investigation.

BA said the fine doesn't exceed the money it set aside in 2007 to cover potential antitrust penalties. As of September, the airline had spent 174 million pounds (\$280 million) of the 350 million pounds it had provisioned for fines and litigation.

KLM-Air France had no immediate comment.



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Hiring remains slow even as the economy picks up



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JOB HUNTER: In this Sept. 2, 2010 photo, job seeker Jose Jaramillo, of Hialeah, works the computer as he looks for employment at the South Florida Workforce office in Hialeah Gardens, Fla. Jaramillo has been unemployed for the past eight months.

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Companies are still hesitating to ramp up hiring, even as more evidence emerges that the U.S. economy is slowly improving.

Employers posted fewer job vacancies in September than the previous month, the second month of declines, according to a report Tuesday from the Labor Department. And a survey of small business owners showed they are more optimistic, but still reluctant to add many new workers.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday that wholesale inventories rose for the ninth straight month in September. Wholesale



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salers and distributors are likely to build their stockpiles if they anticipate higher future sales.

Inventory restocking has been a crucial source of economic growth since the recession

ended in June 2009. Increased orders to fill empty store and warehouse shelves has meant higher production at the nation's factories.

The National Federation of Independent Business, a leading small business group, said Tuesday that its optimism index rose to 91.7, the highest level in five months and second-highest in two years.

More small businesses plan to add workers than cut them in the next three months, the group said. And the average employment change per firm is zero, the group said. That figure has been in negative territory in every quarter but two since April of 2007, the NFIB said.

The reading "raises the odds that Main Street (businesses) may contribute to ... job growth for the first time in



(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

SIGN OF HOPE: In this Sept. 16, 2010, a sign says "we're hiring" at an American Apparel store in the downtown shopping district of Santa Monica, Calif. Applications for jobless benefits rose last week for the first time in three weeks, evidence that companies are reluctant to hire in a slow economy.

over a year," the group said. Economists welcomed the report, which has consistently shown the small business sector struggling as large companies recover at a healthier pace.

"Perhaps, at last, the small business sector has a pulse — albeit a faint one," said John Ryding, an economist at RDQ Economics. "This ... is another indicator that suggests that the pace of (economic) growth is picking up."

Still, overall job openings declined in September, a sign that hiring is likely to remain weak over the next several months.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that employers advertised 2.9 million jobs at the end of September. That's a drop of 163,000, or 5.3 percent, from the previous

month. The figures come after the department issued a modestly positive employment report on Friday.

That report found that employers added a net total of 151,000 jobs in October, more than most economists expected.

But Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, signals that employers still aren't willing to hire in large numbers. The economy needs to add at least 100,000 jobs per month just to keep up with population growth. The unemployment rate was unchanged in October, at 9.6 percent.

Openings have increased by 25 percent since July 2009, when they fell to their lowest point since records began in 2001. Still, they are far below

the 4.4 million openings reported in December 2007, when the recession began.

The JOLTS report also shows how hard it is for job-seekers to find work. There were 5 unemployed people, on average, for each available job in September.

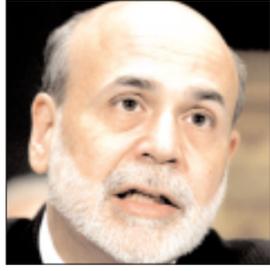
That's an improvement from a record 6.3 in November 2009, but worse than April's 4.6 unemployed people per job. There were 1.8 jobless workers per opening when the recession began.

Job openings dropped sharply in professional and business services, which includes temp workers, and in hotels and restaurants.

August's total openings were revised downward to just below 3.1 million. Available jobs have now fallen for two straight months.

Foreclosures, layoffs could scuttle Fed's effort to stimulate economy

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FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN: Ben Bernanke

The Federal Reserve's latest effort to stimulate the economy could stall if foreclosures and unemployment remain high, putting a damper on consumer spending.

The central bank's announcement last week that it would buy \$600 billion of long-term government bonds by mid-2011 will pour new money into private banks, theoretically driving down interest rates and making it easier for consumers to get loans.

But interest rates on consumer loans already are at or near historic lows, and the Fed move, which economists refer to as quantitative easing, can't push them down much further.

"Even if rates do go lower, it's not going to generate any new activity," said Ken Mayland, president of Clear View Economics LLC in the Cleveland suburb of Independence. "It's not the interest rates that have stopped economic activity from occurring."

The real culprit, Mayland said, has been widespread layoffs and home foreclosures that have left hundreds of thousands of consumers unable to qualify for loans and left lenders reluctant to take risks on all but the safest borrowers.

The Fed's action would ostensibly boost the demand

for goods and services, thereby stimulating job growth. But it's an indirect measure that could take up to a year to fully work into the economy.

"We've all heard that the program is being pushed," said Steve Kelley, senior economist for the Ohio Department of Development. "But as far as when and how it's going to impact Ohio, we really don't have that information crystal ball."

From an international trade standpoint, the Fed action might show more immediate results.

The Fed's move to flood the financial system with cash will push down the value of the dollar against other currencies, making goods from the U.S. more competitive overseas.

But the flip-side of a weak dollar is higher prices for imports, essentially curbing the buying power of recession-weary consumers and raising the possibility of unbridled inflation.

The price of oil and other

commodities are already up as suppliers hedge against potential inflationary pressure. Mayland said the risk of inflation far outweighs the potential benefits of the latest Fed action.

"The worst outcome is

inflation, and inflation makes everybody worse off," Mayland said.

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FED DECISION: The interest rate decision of the Federal Reserve is seen on a television screen at the post of specialist Paul Cosentino, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

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1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited		1.01	1.01	0.00		0.150	0.040	6.7	3.96%
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.58%
6.18	4.50	Bank of Bahamas		4.90	4.90	0.00		0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%
0.58	0.18	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	2.94	Bahamas Waste		2.84	2.84	0.00		0.168	0.090	16.9	3.17%
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.17	2.17	0.00		0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas		10.47	10.47	0.00		1.050	0.310	10.0	2.96%
2.84	2.36	Colina Holdings		2.40	2.40	0.00		0.781	0.040	3.1	1.67%
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.50	6.50	0.00	500	0.422	0.230	15.4	3.54%
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs		2.06	1.99	-0.07		0.287	0.520	25.3	7.16%
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital		1.60	1.60	0.00		0.199	0.110	8.0	6.88%
6.99	5.94	Famguard		6.07	6.07	0.00		-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%
10.20	2.26	Finco		2.26	2.26	0.00		0.111	0.045	17.9	2.66%
11.40	8.77	FiratCaribbean Bank		9.74	9.74	0.00		0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%
5.51	3.75	Focul (S)		5.46	5.46	0.00		0.366	0.210	14.9	3.85%
1.00	1.00	Focul Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
5.59	5.00	ICD Utilities		1.0969	2.71%	6.44%		0.012	0.240	465.3	4.23%
10.50	9.90	J. S. Johnson		9.90	9.90	0.00		0.971	0.640	10.2	6.46%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00		0.991	0.800	10.1	8.00%
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	100	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Sale	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
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%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5122	1.4076	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5122	5.11%	6.79%	1.490421	1.467397	31-Oct-10			
2.9265	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9187	1.10%	3.13%	2.919546	2.911577	30-Sep-10			
1.5625	1.4954	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5625	3.67%	4.49%	1.543785	1.527368	29-Oct-10			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.5642	1.47%	2.95%			30-Sep-10			
114.3684	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.3684	9.98%	12.49%	109.392860	107.570619	30-Jun-10			
106.5528	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	106.5528	4.75%	7.18%	100.779540	105.776543	30-Sep-10			
1.1318	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1318	3.85%	5.22%			30-Sep-10			
1.0069	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0069	2.71%	6.44%			30-Sep-10			
1.1320	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1320	3.79%	5.22%			30-Sep-10			
9.7485	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.7485	4.35%	5.21%			31-Oct-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	10.6000	-1.59%	4.26%			31-Oct-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.5037	-4.96%	-4.96%			31-Oct-10			
8.1643	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.1643	5.79%	9.42%			31-Oct-10			
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Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
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EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Stocks fall as rally wanes; Gold and silver jump

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Stocks fell in afternoon trading Tuesday, a day after the Dow Jones industrial average snapped a six-session gaining streak with a modest decline.

Gold prices reached new highs as the dollar jumped 0.5 percent. A weaker dollar has been a boost for stock prices, especially for companies that rely on exports and overseas operations for increasing revenues.

Dirk van Dijk, the senior equity strategist at Zacks.com, said that Federal Reserve's recently-announced economic stimulus package has prompted investors to put money into gold and other commodities. The central bank plans to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds in order to spur spending, a tactic known as quantitative easing, in order to push interest rates lower and encourage borrowing. The dollar has been falling against other currencies in anticipation of the program.

"The market is still being driven by the Fed's actions and it will be for a while," Dijk said. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 60.47, or 0.5 percent, to 11,346.37. The index lost 37.24 on Monday following six days of gains. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.98, or 0.6 percent, to 1,216.27, while the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 11.61, or 0.5 percent, to 2,568.44.

Telecommunications and energy companies were the only groups of the S&P 500 to gain. Financial companies, which fell 1.6 percent, were the worst performing industry group.

Gold rose further, a day after trading above \$1,400 for the first time. Gold is at a record in dollar terms but is still well below its peak in the early 1980s after accounting for inflation.

The weakening dollar has been benefiting gold as investors seek other assets seen as safe places to park money.

Some gold investors see the metal as a hedge against national currencies losing their value as a result of inflation. Gold was given another boost Monday when World Bank President Robert Zoellick wrote an op-ed piece in the Financial Times arguing that gold should have a place in the world's monetary system. The precious metal rose to \$1,406.80 an ounce, a 0.3 percent rise from late Monday. Silver also rose, gaining 1.7 percent to trade at \$27.91 an ounce.

The metal's large gains may be a result of traders buying silver because it had fallen below its typical price relationship with gold. Gold usually trades at 50 times the price of silver, said Rick de los Reyes, a metals and mining analyst at T. Rowe Price.

"Gold is someone's first instinct when they are buying for all of the reasons they're buying gold right now, and silver usually lags somewhat," he said. Silver, which has a greater use for industries than gold, is rising alongside other industrial metals like platinum and copper. In corporate news, Chevron Corp. shares fell 1.1 percent after announcing a deal to buy the natural-gas producer Atlas Energy for \$4.3 billion, following other natural gas deals by rival energy giants Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC. Shares of Dean Foods Co. sank 16.3 percent after the country's largest dairy company announced disappointing results. The company has slashed prices to compete with supermarkets selling milk under their own labels.

Dean Foods shares have slumped 52 percent for the year, making it one of the worst performing stocks in the S&P 500 index.

Stocks rose in Europe following a batch of strong corporate earnings reports. British mobile phone company Vodaphone PLC reported a 3 percent gain in operating profits and raised its full-year forecast, while the French luxury goods maker Hermes SA said it expects to bring in more profits this year than earlier forecasts.



(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert, File)

ABLAZE: In this April 21, 2010 file aerial photo taken in the Gulf of Mexico more than 50 miles southeast of Venice, La., the Deepwater Horizon oil rig is seen burning. Tests performed before the deadly blowout of BP's oil well in the Gulf of Mexico should have raised doubts about the cement used to seal the well, but the company and its cementing contractor used it anyway, U.S. investigators with the president's oil spill commission said Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010.

Experts say BP increased risk of blowout in Gulf



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

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BP too often operated on the fly in the closing days of work on its doomed Gulf oil well, adding needless risk of a blowout, investigators, experts and panel members said at the presidential oil spill commission Tuesday.

They said the company was hurried and made confusing, last-minute changes to plans that were unusual in the complex environment of deep water. They said BP could have operated more safely if the company took the time to get the necessary equipment and materials.

"We are aware of what appeared to be a rush to completion," commission co-chairman William K. Reilly said. What is unclear, he said, is what drove people to determine they could not wait for equipment and materials to perform operations more safely.

Lawyers investigating the April 20 disaster have said they found no evidence that anyone aboard the rig or on shore made a conscious decision to sacrifice safety for money. But the panel's leaders made clear Tuesday that the findings in sum exposed a lack of safety culture on the rig, with Reilly blasting all three companies — BP, Halliburton Co., and Transocean — as "laggards" in the industry and in "need of top-to-bottom reform."

Much of the scrutiny focused on the BP's plan to temporarily plug the well, which investigators with the presidential commission say added to the risk of a



(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

PRESENTATION: Fred Bartlit Jr., chief investigator of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, goes through a detailed presentation of the operation of an offshore oil rig, as the panel holds a public hearing in Washington, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

blowout. Plugging the well is a procedure used to seal it off until the company comes back to produce oil and gas. BP says its actions are common throughout the industry, but numerous experts suggested otherwise Tuesday.

Several questioned BP's use of a single plug in the process. Charlie Williams, a chief scientist with Shell Energy Resources Inc., said the company used a minimum of three plugs in its deepwater wells.

BP also chose to fill the well with seawater, rather than heavy drilling mud, leaving it vulnerable to an upsurge of oil and gas — a condition that is not allowed for exploratory wells drilled in other places, experts said. The company also chose not to use mechanical plugs, devices put inside the pipe that also can block

oil and gas. Many of the decisions would have required additional time and materials, said Steve Lewis, an advanced drilling technology engineer with Seldovia Marine Services who reviewed BP's drilling plans, federal permits and communications on behalf of the commission.

Pressure

"I know there was pressure on these people to get done and move on," Lewis said. "The apparent shuffling and scrambling was not really necessary."

Experts also said BP was in charge of making the critical decisions aboard the rig, such as signing off on a critical pressure test that both BP and others acknowledge was mis-

interpreted. Meanwhile, in New Orleans, a federal judge on Tuesday barred news organizations from a conference over a company's claim that the government is moving too slowly to resume offshore drilling.

Enso Offshore claims that since the ban was lifted Oct. 12, the government has not issued a single permit that would allow the resumption of any previously suspended drilling activities.

The government doesn't seem to dispute that allegation, saying in a late Monday filing that it must ensure applications meet regulations toughened after the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The moratorium was ordered in the wake of the April 20 explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig.

Goldman fined \$650,000 for disclosure lapse

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WASHINGTON

Industry regulators have fined Goldman Sachs \$650,000 for failing to disclose that two of its brokers, including the executive accused of leading the mortgage securities deal that brought civil fraud charges against the firm, were under investigation by the government.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority announced the fine Tuesday, saying Goldman lacked adequate procedures to ensure that the required disclosure was made for Fabrice Tourre, a Goldman vice president. Goldman made that report last May, more than seven months after Tourre received a notice

from the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was considering filing charges against him, FINRA said.

Goldman's disclosure on Tourre also came after the SEC filed fraud charges against the Wall Street powerhouse and Tourre in April, FINRA noted.

Goldman settled the charges in July, paying a record \$550 million.

The case was the most significant legal action related to the mortgage meltdown that pushed the country into recession.

Goldman's failure to disclose information about the brokers "impacted the ability of FINRA and other securities regulators to discharge their registration, examination and oversight duties, and limited the ability of investors ... to adequately assess the (two) individuals

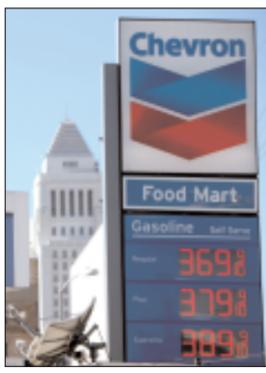
through FINRA's public disclosure program, BrokerCheck," James Shorris, FINRA executive vice president and acting chief of enforcement, said in a statement.

In a similar case, Britain's financial regulator fined Goldman \$27 million in September for failing to notify U.K. authorities about the SEC's investigation.

It was the second-largest fine ever imposed by the Financial Services Authority.

Tourre, who was in his late 20s when the deal was made in 2007, was promoted and moved to Goldman's London office to become executive director of Goldman Sachs International in late 2008.

Oil prices slip after dollar grows stronger



GOING UP: High priced gasoline is digitally displayed at a Chevron gas station on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, downtown Los Angeles. Oil jumped to near \$86 a barrel on Thursday as the dollar weakened after the Federal Reserve's announcement it will buy \$600 billion dollars of Treasury bonds to stimulate the U.S. economy.

NEW YORK

Oil prices slipped Tuesday after revving to a two-year high as the dollar grew stronger, discouraging some traders, according to Associated Press.

Benchmark oil for December delivery lost 34 cents to settle at \$86.72 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Earlier in the day, a weaker dollar helped propel oil to \$87.63 a barrel, the highest level since October 2008, when the depth of the global financial crisis took hold.

But the dollar grew stronger as the day wore on. Since commodities are priced in dollars, a stronger dollar means they become more expensive for buyers who use other currencies.

Oil and other energy prices have been climbing for weeks as traders have taken advantage of a weaker dollar stemming from the Federal Reserve's multibillion dollar bond-buying program designed to revitalize the economy.

That might boost lending but the influx of dollars weakens the value of the U.S. currency.

"While the market seems to be grinding higher, it doesn't seem to want to back off from these new highs we keep making," Tradition Energy analyst Gene McGillian said.

Many analysts think oil could top \$90 a barrel by the end of the year. PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said one thing holding back a stronger rally are still-plentiful supplies of oil and gasoline and muted demand.

The International Energy Agency said has predicted global energy consumption will rise 36 percent to 16.7 billion metric tons of oil equivalent by 2035.

China's demand will jump 75 percent, which will account for more than a third of increase in energy use, the IEA predicted in its annual World Energy Outlook. The IEA report also predicted oil prices could hit \$135 a barrel and would average \$113 a barrel by 2035, compared to an average of \$60 in 2009. It said higher prices are needed to bring demand into balance with supply.

The IEA is the energy arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which is a group of the world's richest nations.

Meanwhile, a cold snap in the Northeast and the Rockies has traders thinking demand may strengthen for heating oil and natural gas as the winter heating season gets under way.

While heating oil is a key fuel to warm homes in the Northeast, natural gas fires a number of power plants that produce electricity in other parts of the country.

In Nymex trading in December contracts, heating oil added 0.9 cent to settle at \$2.4067 a gallon, gasoline gained 0.65 cent to \$2.1850 a gallon and natural gas added 12.2 cents to \$4.210 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude gave up 13 cents to settle at \$88.33 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

The Tribune Taste



Warm Chocolate Cake



Peekytoe Crab Salad



Roasted Grouper

Big Ten

Dune Restaurant at One&Only Ocean Club celebrates 10 years of fine dining

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THE elegant restaurant lies adjacent to the ocean and the panoramic view awakens you. The contemporary designs and the light atmosphere soothes you. And the scent of cuisine that fuses lush local flavours with that of Vongerichten New York restaurants teases you.

This is exactly what Jean-Georges Vongerichten had in mind before opening the Dune Restaurant at the One&Only Ocean Club Resort ten years ago.

Last week Jean- Georges Vongerichten and the Dune team had an

opportunity to celebrate a vision that has surpassed all expectations.

The anniversary celebration included a four course meal and wine pairing. The menu began with a peekytoe crab salad with mango, mustard butter and a cumin crisp followed by a chicken coconut-milk soup with galangal and shittakes. The third course was roasted grouper with aromates vegetables, herb mash, tomato and zucchini followed by a lamb loin crusted with black trumpet mushrooms and served with a leek puree. For dessert, guests were treated to a warm chocolate cake with coconut sorbet.

Jean-Georges envisioned a restaurant with excellent food, soothing ambiance, and impeccable service. "The first time I came here eleven

years ago there was nothing. It was just sand. So I suggested that we created something on the beach," he said. "When we decided to open Dune at the One&Only Ocean Club a decade ago, the partnership was a natural fit," he told Tribune Taste.

"I am thrilled to celebrate this anniversary with guests of the resort and continue working with the spectacular flavors of The Bahamas for another decade to come. One&Only Ocean Club is simply a magical place and I look forward to each and every visit."

Jean-Georges also said the fact that the restaurant tries to create cravings for their diners was part of the reason why the Dune has experienced so much success over the past years.

"You have to remember something when you come to the restaurant. We try to create cravings for the diners and when they leave we want them to remember one thing. Whether it's salad they had, a drink, or a dessert," he told *Tribune Taste*.

Dune's success and consistency he said is owed to the team behind the scene. "The hardest part is keeping the restaurant going and keeping it consistent. The first few months when a restaurant opens it is new, it is beautiful and it is exciting and 6 months later it becomes more difficult.

"But we are lucky to have a good team. 95 per cent of the staff today is still the same and we are lucky to have this same team. We treat the people well. We try to make it better for our diner and we listen to their feedback.

The opening of Cafe Martinique was spearheaded by the French chef. However Dune which opened in 2000 is the first restaurant opened in the Caribbean by Jean-Georges.



Chef Jean-Georges

Flash Back

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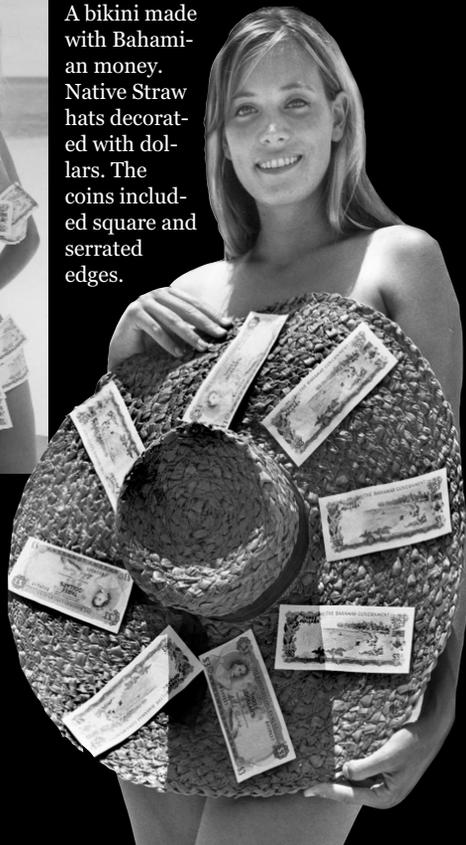
Introduction of the Bahamian Dollar. These are some of the publicity pictures developed for the Wire Services with sex appeal.



Just a few images of what, we the Bahamas, looked like 40...50...60 years in the past.

BY ROLAND ROSE

A bikini made with Bahamian money. Native Straw hats decorated with dollars. The coins included square and serrated edges.



entertainment

The Bank of the Bahamas launch 'Love That Child'

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE Bank of the Bahamas sponsors along with former Ranfurly resident Damien Davis, last Thursday publicly released the CD of the song, *Love That Child*.

The music has been nearly a year in the making and has already attracted the attention of international houses even before its formal release today. Promoters said proceeds to benefit Ranfurly, Children's Emergency Hostel.

Tribune understands that Mr. Davis, who grew up at the Children's Emergency Hostel and Ranfurly Home for Children wrote the song to raise funds for both. Additionally, The Bank of the Bahamas underwrote the cost of production that included voices from the National Children's Choir and other performers.

At a press conference entertaining a room full of media and supporters last week at the British Colonial Hotel, Damien Davis expressed that he is not shy about where he grew up. "Ranfurly Home for Children," he said, with as much pride in his voice as if he were pronouncing the name of a royal palace.

The singer/songwriter also performed a rendition of *Love That Child* at the album launch party.

He continued: "It was the only home I ever knew unless you count the Children's Emergency Hostel before that and I am eternally grateful because without Ranfurly, I don't know what would have become of me."

The Ranfurly home where his memories of his early life are more vivid, he grew up surrounded by love and even a music teacher.

"I always had food to eat and



Derek Smith Jr./Impact Images

MUSIC TO THE CHILDREN'S EARS: Pictured left to right are Alexandra Maillis-Lynch, Ranfurly Home President; Damien Davis, recording artist; Paul McWeeney, Bank of the Bahamas Managing Director; Dr. Linda Moxey-Brown, Director of Culture, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture; Marita Ferguson, Children's Emergency Home Administrator and Diane Phillips, Diane Phillips & Associates.

clothes to wear to school and I will always, always be grateful," Mr. Davis said. To date, at the age of 28, he is a manager at Dolphin Cay, Atlantis where he supervises a crew of nearly thirty. Mr. Davis often returns to Ranfurly to teach piano to others who call the orphanage on Mackey Street home.

Going further in Davis' case, his mother gave birth when she was very young and the Department of Social Services had placed the newborn in a safe home. His story at the age of twenty eight is the kind of success story that inspires others who, like him, for one reason or another had no home to call their own.

According to Mr. Davis, a representative of Bank of the Bahamas heard him early one Sunday morning and learned of the song he had written to raise money for Ranfurly and the Children's Emergency Hostel.

"I think everyone at Bank of the Bahamas who has been involved in this project has been touched by it," said Paul McWeeney, Bank of the Bahamas Managing Director. He said, "For the Bank, this represents a departure in style, but not in substance."

The production of the single from concept to completion took nearly a year and involved the numerous voices, including members of the National Children's Choir as well as profession-

al performances. Instrumentation and mixing was done by Neil Symonette, Reel Time Studios in Nassau. Davis sings the lead.

Mr. McWeeney continued: "We believe that a bank, like any good corporate citizen, has a serious responsibility to answer the needs of the community and to make a difference where it can. We hope this makes a difference for other young people who will look at Damien and see that no matter where they call home a meaningful future lies ahead."

The *Love That Child* CDs are available at all bank branches for five dollars with tee shirts with the same logo for a package of ten dollars.

Islands of The World Fashion Week CD launch party a smash hit

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

The Bambu nightclub came to life as the sounds of the 2010 "Islands of The World Fashion Week" (IWFV) took over downtown Nassau on Thursday, October 21.

This red carpet event gave attendees a rhythmic introduction to the soundtrack of the upcoming television special scheduled to air regionally and internationally in December 2010.

Tribune understands that Mode Iles Ltd, producers of one of the region's largest showcases of indigenous and international fashion designers, launched the official soundtrack for Fashion Week 2010; "Islands of the World Fashion

Week CD Vol.1, which is a mix of trendy house, pop, and techno sounds from around the world. There are also a number of pieces from local talents such as TaDa and Sketch.

Kedar Clarke, Operations Manager of Mode Iles Ltd, expressed enthusiasm toward the upcoming fashion week and thanks sponsors for their generous patronage.

"I am excited about the response from the Bahamian public, in particular the business community, as they have now seen the value in promoting their businesses through this internationally celebrated fashion platform. The CD being launched is a clear sign of our growth over the years and it will join our much anticipated television special to be aired

world-wide

"The momentum for Fashion Week in November is definitely picking up, and this CD launch is just a taste of what's to come." He also thanked the IWFV 2010 sponsors and all those who came out to support the CD launch.

According to Mr. Clarke, Nassau's best attended the plush social event with a range of music artists, models and fashion aficionados present. Stefan Davis, Owner of the design studio "Airbrush Junkies", says it was an impressive start to what is expected to be the best fashion shows of the year.

"Fashion is an expression of the way one feels inside. He says the event highlighted how through music, like fashion, we are all allowed to convey who we

are as individuals, a piece of art."

All the event attendees received "swag bags" as a courtesy of the "CD Launch" sponsors: Absolut Vodka, Fiji Water and Kings Realty.

The Islands of The World Fashion Week events will also include international guest designer, Jay McCarroll, at the "Fashion in Film Series" this evening at Galleria Cinemas, JFK starting at 7pm. Mr. McCarroll is the first winner of the hit Bravo series, *Project Runway*.

The official Islands of The World Fashion Show will be held November 11-13, British Colonial Hilton, downtown Nassau.

Tickets are on sale at Obsession, Mackey St, and will be available at the Hilton hotel November 9.

RBPF Band and Lyford Cay International School Students celebrate International Day

The annual International Day celebrations at Lyford Cay International School (LCIS) were given an extra special boost as the world famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Band took part in the flag raising ceremony and the Parade of Nations.

As one of only 157 schools worldwide authorised to offer all three International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, LCIS marked this year's International Day with the raising of the IB World School flag, as well as the Bahamian national flag. After the flag raising ceremony, the band led the students on a Parade of Nations around the school campus.

LCIS Principal Stacey Bobo commented that, "With over 22 countries represented in our staff and student body, International Day is a celebration of the many diverse cultures within our school with our host country the Bahamas playing a leading role. The entire community works together to foster friendship, education and international understanding on this special day. We were very honoured to have the Royal Bahamas Police Force lead our ceremonies this year and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to see, hear and work with this magnificent band."

After the parade, the students gathered for an international entertainment program which included many varied performances. The LCIS band



FORCE PRESENCE: The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band get set to perform for the students at Lyford Cay International School for the annual International Day celebrations.

played a Japanese folk song; there was Bahamian dancing; and singing in Spanish and French; and a special appearance by the Sandilands Primary School "Rake n' Scrape" band.

After the program, the students and staff enjoyed a sumptuous lunch, kindly organised by LCIS Parent Teacher Association, featuring an array of foods from around the world. In the after-

noon, the students took the passports they created and visited 14 different country "Embassies" that highlighted cultural heritage, customs, crafts, dances, and much more.

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NOVEMBER 18-7TH ANNUAL BAHAMAS FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS 'LADIES NIGHT'

The 7th Annual Bahamas Film Festival, in honor of late great Bahamian actress Viveca Watkins presents 'Ladies Night' on Thursday, November 18 at 7pm at Galleria Cinemas. Three amazing films by three brilliant women filmmakers will be showcased. 'Unforgiven' by Jenny Cyril, 'Better Than Chocolate' by Margaux Dillet and 'Full Circle' by Moya Thompson will yet again deliver on the mandate of BFF to create, develop, display and empower Bahamian Filmmakers.

NOVEMBER 11-13 FASHION WEEK

2010 - THE RUNWAY SHOWS
• Islands of the World Fashion Week (IWFV) is right around the corner! Held November 11, 12 and 13 at the British Colonial Hilton on Bay Street in Nassau. Nightly runway shows at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now at Obsession on Mackey St, or online at www.islandsfashionweek.com.

NOVEMBER 18 - GEA PIERRE LIKE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD HER BEFORE

• Freeport, Grand Bahama - You Don't Want to Miss GEA Pierre. Like You've never heard her before! Come and enjoy an Evening of Poetry, Music & Monologues on Thursday, 18 November 2010 scheduled to begin at 6pm. at The Rand Nature Centre on Settlers Way.

Featuring members of Grand Bahama Youth Choir and MC: Dr. Pamela Etuk

NOVEMBER 12 - FRIDAY ROTARY CLUB OF NASSAU'S 'ROCK ON' FUND RAISER

• The Rotary Club of Nassau hosts a "Rock On" fund raiser, 7pm at Luciano's to benefit their efforts towards polio eradication and other local charities. Cost: \$75, includes light meal, cocktail, and the chance to party all night. The theme focuses on the 70's. Prizes awarded to best dressed person, best dressed couple, best dressed group, as well as auction prizes and raffle prizes. Contact: LaPaige Gardiner, T: 376-3233 or Raquel Wallace, T: 422-6844.

NOVEMBER 13 - SATURDAY LONG ISLANDERS' ASSOCIATION'S STEAK OUT AND MINI REGATTA

• The Long Islanders' Association hosts its Steak Out and Mini Regatta, 12pm on Montagu Beach, with 12 "C" class sloops and 14 youth sailors scheduled to participate. Proceeds in aid of putting on the major Long Island Regatta for June, 2011. E: longislanderassociation@gmail.com

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ARTS

'Artists of the Bahamas' opens in unique city wide exhibition

Art lovers are in for a rare treat this month as a city wide exhibition is scheduled to open on Saturday, November 20.

Based on the movie 'Artists of the Bahamas' produced, directed and photographed by Karen Arthur and Thomas Neuwirth which premiered at the 2008 BIFF Film Festival, the artwork of the eleven Bahamian artists featured in the film will be showcased at six galleries in the City.

The artists include the late Amos Ferguson and Brent Malone, Kendal Hanna, Max Taylor, Dave Smith, Eddie Minnis, Stan Burnside, Jackson Burnside, Antonius Roberts, John Beadle and John Cox. Participating galleries are located island wide and include Post House featuring Taylor and Roberts, Popop Gallery with Cox and Hanna, D'Aguilar Art Foundation showing Malone and Minnis, National Art Gallery of The Bahamas featuring Ferguson, The Hub with Dave Smith and Doongalik Studios exhibiting Stan and Jackson Burnside and John Beadle.

The official openings will take place simultaneously at each gallery from 10am-4pm on November 20. Patrons are invited to spend the day visiting each of the venues. The Artists of the Bahamas exhibition will be on display until Friday, December 10. In addition the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas and Doongalik Studios will be holding screenings for students to watch the film and participate in discussions on the artists.

Recommended by the country's foremost art collector, the late Vin-

cent D'Aguiar, the filmmakers travelled to Nassau from 2006-2008 to research, interview and film the artists and their work. Karen Arthur commented, "This wasn't Paris or London or New York, we were astounded by the skill, diversity and eloquence of these extraordinary Bahamian artists, and felt honoured to preserve them and their art on film."

In order to celebrate this rich artistic heritage a group of collectors, Saskia D'Aguiar, Dawn Davies and Pam Burnside decided to plan an art show based on the film which would allow the Bahamian and visiting public the opportunity to share in the viewing of this magnificent array of artwork. These collectors commented, "The Bahamas has an enormously rich artistic heritage and it is important that collectors preserve these treasures for future generations. This film was a major undertaking and we also commend the filmmakers for their foresight in preserving this important part of the country's fine art history."

"The Bahamas is entering a very exciting phase in its artistic development. We can see definite progress in the Fine Arts with collaborations between the artists which allows a continual interchange of ideas and events to take place. When you witness the success of the annual Transforming Spaces Art Bus Tour, the theatre festival Shakespeare in Paradise, and the recent CariFringe events, for example, you can see the enormous potential for promoting the country as a destination for art, culture and heritage which will attract more visitors to our shores."

Because of the film, curators from the Waterloo Centre for the Arts in Iowa contacted the filmmakers to inquire into the possibility of mounting an exhibition and symposium based on the film which is scheduled to take place from October - December 2011. The Waterloo Center for the Arts holds the largest collection of Haitian art in the United States as well as a significant collection of art from other Caribbean countries, including a large number of works by Bahamian artist, the late Amos Ferguson.

Cammie Scully and Kent Shankle, Curators at the Waterloo Art Centre will be travelling to Nassau this month to conduct research, interview the artists and view their artwork for selection for the Exhibition as well as meet with government officials to plan and facilitate the exhibition. "The Waterloo Center for the Arts is privileged to be able to host this premiere exhibition of Bahamian art," stated Ms Scully.

"The Artists of the Bahamas Exhibition and Symposium will expose the US to the thriving culture of the Bahamas and their talented artists and plans are also in the making to arrange a tour of the exhibition throughout the USA. By exposing the country's art to a global audience, interest in traveling to this country will most likely increase as will the visibility and profile of the artistic and cultural heritage of The Bahamas."

* For more information on this exhibition please contact the individual galleries for their opening times or visit www.artistsofthebahamas.com

Please join us for the Official Opening of Nassau's City-Wide Art Exhibitions showcasing the artwork of Bahamian Artists from the film 'Artists of the Bahamas.'

John Beadle
Stan Burnside
Jackson Burnside
John Cox
Amos Ferguson
Kendal Hanna
Eddie Minnis
Antonius Roberts
Dave Smith
Max Taylor



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2010
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Showing the artwork of Bahamian artists from the film 'Artists of the Bahamas'

Production, Direction & Photography by Karen Arthur & Thomas Neuwirth

<p>Stan Burnside John Beadle Jackson Burnside Amos Ferguson John Cox Kendal Hanna Brent Malone Eddie Minnis Dave Smith Antonius Roberts</p>	<p>↳ Doongalik Studios Art Gallery, #17 Village Rd, 300-0000 ↳ National Art Gallery of The Bahamas, West St, 300-0000 ↳ Post House Gallery, Chippingway, 322-1034 ↳ D'Aguiar Art Foundation, Virginia Street, 322-0302 ↳ The Hub, East Bay Street, 322-0253 ↳ Post House Gallery, Prospect Ridge, 322-1262</p>
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Exhibitions continue until Friday, Dec. 10, 2010
For further details and opening hours contact the galleries or visit www.artistsofthebahamas.com

ARTISTS OF THE BAHAMAS' ART EXHIBITION - MAP OF GALLERIES



The D'Aguiar Art Foundation
 Showing Amos Ferguson & Eddie Minnis
 17 Village Road, Prospect Ridge, Nassau, Bahamas
 Phone: 322-1262

Post House Gallery & Studios
 Showing Stan Burnside & Jackson Burnside
 Prospect Ridge, Nassau, Bahamas
 Phone: 322-1262

Doongalik Studios Art Gallery
 Showing John Beadle, John Beadle & Jackson Burnside
 17 Village Road, Prospect Ridge, Nassau, Bahamas
 Phone: 322-0000

The Hub
 Showing Stan Burnside
 East Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas
 Phone: 322-0253

The National Art Gallery of The Bahamas
 Showing Amos Ferguson
 West Street, Nassau, Bahamas
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EVA DEHEML'S BEACH SCENE



STEVE STUBB'S PLAITING



JUNE PELECANOS'S MACAW

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Dames, Percy "Vola" Francis, Cultural Officer and Stephen Burrows and from the Grand Bahama Office Dr Cecil Thompson, Deputy Director of Education responsible for the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture Division in Grand Bahama.

Senator Kay Smith and Karen Seymour, Director for Ministry of Tourism Grand Bahama were also among the special guests.

The local and international artists who presented their latest works included Alisa Robinson, Ashley Murphy, Christine Bonventura, Del Foxton, Eva Dehmel, Janice Corkery, Ken Heslop, Kino Coakley, June Pelecanos, Natalie Willis, Sheldon Saint, Theresa Lord Rolle, Steven Stubbs and Rupert Watkins.

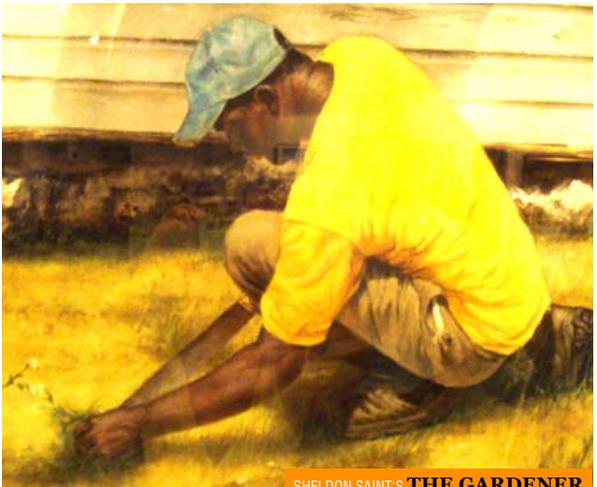
The Bahamas National Trust and the Glory Banks Art Gallery supports the activities of the Grand Bahama Artists Association, a non-profit organisation whose mission is to facilitate the development of art and culture in Grand Bahama. "Through partnerships such as that of the BNT and the GBAA, an appreciation of arts and culture will only continue to grow because our unique traditions and heritage will attract tourists, create jobs and generate income.

The Grand Bahama Artist Association was started in 1996 by a small group of artists and continues to grow. Just recently the association welcomed three new members to the team.

The Thanksgiving Art Exhibition continues at the Rand Nature Centre in the Glory Banks Art Gallery until Saturday, November 27th, 2010. For more information contact delfoxton@hotmail.com



KINO COAKLEY'S SEA GRAPES



SHELDON SAINT'S THE GARDENER