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AMERICAN RAPPER WAS ARRESTED, RELEASED BEFORE BAHAMAS CONCERT

AMERICAN rapper "Young Jeezy" was arrested and released by police hours before headlining a highly anticipated concert in western New Providence. Police confirmed that the Atlanta-based rapper, whose real name is Jay Wayne Jenkins, was arrested after an incident in Fox Hill, then taken to the Wulff Road police station for booking on Saturday. "He was here with us a short while, he passed through the station briefly" **SEE page nine**

Segment in party seeks addition before election

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A SEGMENT within the Progressive Liberal Party has developed a draft submission calling for the creation of four additional seats to be added to the current complement of the House of Assembly, bringing the total number of seats in the Lower Chamber to 45 before the next general election. Submitted as a draft proposal, the paper outlines that the Constitution of the Bahamas requires that the House of Assembly must be comprised of no less than 38 members, and that the number of voters entitled to vote for the purpose of electing a Member of Parliament shall as far as is reasonably practicable be "the same." It is against this backdrop that the submission recommends the creation of three seats in Abaco, up from the current two, maintaining six seats in Grand Bahama, but removing Bimini from West End; creating a new seat for Bimini and the Berry Islands and creating three seats for Eleuthera up from the current two; maintain two seats in Andros (less Bimini); creating two seats in Exuma, creating one seat for Acklins, Crooked Island, and

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POLICE BRANCH OUT FOR TREE LIGHTING



Felipe Major/Tribune staff



TREE LIGHTING: Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade (left) turns the Christmas tree lights on at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held yesterday at the police headquarters. The Royal Bahamas Police Force Combined Youth Band (above) provided entertainment.

Man killed in triple shooting

REPORTS reached *The Tribune* late last night of a triple shooting on Abaco that left a man dead and two women injured. The women were airlifted to a hospital in Nassau following the incident which happened just after 6pm. A team of officers from the Central Detective Unit are on their way from the capital to assist their colleagues.

TOURISM EXPERT RESPONDS TO ALL-INCLUSIVE MODEL CRITICISM

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THERE are several problems with the all-inclusive model of resort development in the Bahamas, said a local tourism expert, but not all of the criticism is valid. Perry Christie, leader of the opposition, raised the issue last week, in an Exuma radio interview, when he addressed local concerns about Sandals Emerald Bay. Mr Christie said the government should investigate

the concerns of residents about low wages and poor "trickle down," and examine ways to make all-inclusive resorts "work more effectively" in the Family Islands. He referred to the challenges encountered in the past by Club Med in Eleuthera and San Salvador, and raised questions about the all-inclusive model. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism, said there is a "pervasive mythology" surrounding the model. **SEE page eight**

BAHAMIAN CULTURE INSPIRES US CONGRESSWOMAN'S HAT FASHION

By **CELESTE NIXON**
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UNITED States Congress representative Frederica Wilson is making a fashion buzz with what she calls her Bahamian influenced hat style. Ms Wilson, who is named after her Bahamian grandmother, told the *National Journal* that her "trademark headgear was inspired by her grandmother, who wore similar hats as part of a cultural tradition in her native Bahamas." In the *Miami Herald*,



FASHION BUZZ: Frederica Wilson. Wilson is quoted as saying, "It's my heritage." In the Bahamas, ladies always **SEE page nine**

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LOCAL NEWS

Bahamas International Film Festival 'one of the best in the world'

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OUTSTANDING filmmakers praised the Bahamas International Film Festival as one of the best in the world as they were honoured at the closing night awards ceremony in the Atlantis theatre on Sunday.

And Bahamian filmmaker Gustavus Smith made the nation proud as he won the most hotly contested prize for Best Short Film.

The Spirit of Freedom Narrative and Audience Choice Award went to Academy Award nominated movie *Atletu (The Athlete)* about legendary Ethiopian runner Abebe Bikila, who became the first black African to win an Olympic gold medal when he ran the marathon barefoot through the streets of Rome in 1960.

First-time Ethiopian filmmaker Rasselas Lakew who co-wrote, co-directed, co-produced and starred in the movie, paid tribute to his national hero as he accepted the awards.

"It has always been my dream to share a story from my country with the world," Mr Lakew said.

"Showing it in a small place, that is very warm and soulful, makes my day.

"I will always remember this festival as a platform that made all the efforts to put all the filmmakers together in the same place.

"This is one place where I saw a lot of films and I will definitely remember it, and I will definitely be coming back here."



WINNER of the best short film this year was *Contact Zone*, a submission by emerging Bahamian talent Gustavus Smith.

The Spirit of Freedom Documentary Award went to Budrus, a documentary about how a young man and his daughter founded a growing movement to unite Palestinian political factions and Israelis to save their village from destruction by Israel's Separation Barrier.

Jurors also gave special a mention to *Bouncing Cats*, an inspiring documentary of one man's attempt to use the power of hip-hop for positive social change in Uganda.

Winner of the best short film this year was *Contact Zone*, a submission by emerging Bahami-

an talent and previous winner of BIFF's \$10,000 Filmmaker Residency Programme prize Gustavus Smith.

The 14 minute movie about the curator of a New York City art gallery's one night stand with a janitor on the opening night of an exhibition prevailed over the 38 entries including those by award-winning directors.

Bahamas Film Commissioner Craig Woods, one of three on the short films jury panel, said *Contact Zone*: "Opened the door to discuss the topic of race in a very human and thoughtful way."

Relations

The short film jury panel also gave special mention to the short *Diplomacy*, a study of relations between the United States and Iran, while Mr Woods said his personal favourite short was *Frog In The Well*, by Japanese filmmaker Ken Ochiai.

American film *Hello Lonesome* won BIFF's New Visions Award, and American writer, director and producer of the film Adam Reid praised BIFF as one of the best festivals in the world when accepting the honour from BIFF founder and executive director Leslie Vanderpool.

He told the packed audience of around 500 film lovers: "I have been to a lot of festivals this year and I haven't had an experience like this, and I haven't left a festival feeling so loved and wanting to collaborate and connect with my peers, and that's something I haven't experienced for a long, long time, so thank you Leslie, this means a lot to me."



CLOSING NIGHT FILM: Colin Firth portrays King George VI, left, and Helena Bonham Carter portrays the Queen Mother in a scene from 'The King's Speech.' Colin Firth won best actor for his performance and Helena Bonham Carter was named best supporting actress at the British Independent Film Awards in London.

The Weinstein Company, Laurie Sparham/AP

BIFF also assisted six aspiring screenwriters from all over the world in its Filmmaker Residency Programme this year, with industry professionals including prolific writer, director and producer Wil Shriner and actor Raymond Forchion reviewing and improving their submissions.

American writer Mark Cerulli won the top prize for his script, *Sunburn*.

As he thanked BIFF, Mr Cerulli said: "It really is better in the Bahamas, I'm blown away.

"The hospitality was amazing, working with the mentors and meeting other writers was such a wonderful experience, I thought that was the prize, but this is really the icing on the cake."

A group of CR Walker students won the \$500 Green Reel prize awarded by The Nature Conservancy for their short film *Breaking News*, a spoof news programme highlighting the important environmental issues of non-native invasive species in

the Bahamas; casuarina trees and lionfish, and the problem of stray dogs.

Following the awards presentation closing night film, *The King's Speech*, was shown.

The movie took the top prize and five awards in total at the British Independent Film Awards in London.

Performance

Colin Firth won best actor for his moving performance as King George VI, a portrayal that has put him on Oscar tip-lists; Helena Bonham Carter was named best supporting actress for her role as Elizabeth; while Geoffrey Rush won best supporting actor for his performance as the eccentric and unusual Lionel Logue, the therapist who helps the king.

American screenwriter David Seidler won the best screenwriter prize, and the film won Best Picture at the 13th annual British Independent Film Awards (BIFAs).



Tourism official touts Bahamas film success

TOURISM OFFICIALS LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO BIFF: Pictured (from left) are Chief Communications Officer, Basil Smith; Bahamas Film Commissioner, Craig Woods; BIFF Executive Director Leslie Vanderpool and Tourism Director General, David Johnson.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TOURISM David Johnson touted the Bahamas' recent film success, including a recent award for the ministry, as the Seventh Annual Bahamas International Film Festival featured more than five dozen films from December 1 to 5.

Mr Johnson pointed out that the festival showed three of the 14 films generated through his ministry's promotional campaign, the 14 Islands Film Challenge.

The Challenge generated much publicity in the United Kingdom, culminating with the Bahamas Tourist Office in London winning a prestigious 'Travolution Award' for Best Use of Social Media in connection with the project.

"Over these five days, 65 films were showcased," Mr Johnson said. "More than a dozen of these are films

made in the Bahamas, about the Bahamas or by Bahamians.

Three of the festival's films are shorts made by UK filmmakers who participated in the 14 Islands Film Challenge, a brilliant promotional campaign that has been a triumph in the United Kingdom for the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation.

"It is certainly good news that more Bahamian audiences will get to see screenings of these films that have been so widely accepted in the UK."

Mr Johnson said the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation was pleased to have been a founding sponsor of the festival.

Over the years, the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation has contributed more than \$1.5 million to BIFF.

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LOCAL NEWS

Young Bahamians' biggest crime fear is being shot

AN INFORMAL survey on violent crime revealed that young Bahamians fear being shot above all other forms of crime, followed by their fear of being stabbed or being raped.

Perhaps surprisingly, the survey revealed that a relatively large number of the male participants listed rape as one of their foremost fears.

Self-defence expert D'Arcy Rahming, chief instructor at the All Star Family Centre, recently conducted the violent crime survey amongst Bahamians aged 18 to 22.

The survey was a class project for stu-

dents of All Star to determine what type of violent crime attack persons are afraid of the most and to design a self-defence course in response to alleviate some of their fears.

More than 150 persons participated in the survey, which was non-scientific, but nevertheless yielded some interesting results.

Survey participants were asked the question "What type of violent crime attack do you fear?"

Not surprisingly topping the list was being shot.

Second on the list was being stabbed

and third was rape.

In fact, about 12 per cent of men stated being raped as their top concern. Being attacked by more than one attacker was also a concern.

"I designed an online self defence course around these factors so that anybody regardless of their physical condition could benefit. The free video seminar is called "Stop Living in Fear: seven stay-safe secrets that muggers, rapists and violent criminals do not want you to know," said Mr Rahming, who is a 9th degree black belt and internationally renowned seminar speaker.

SURVEY RESULTS

Question: What violent crime attack do you fear the most?

ATTACK	MALE	FEMALE	COMBINED
SHOT.....	31.....	22.....	53
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Ministry's 'People to People' venture making new progress

WITH the aim of creating more tourism ambassadors in the country, People to People – one of the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation's most enduring programmes – is being updated with new initiatives and revamped operations.

Chief among the new initiatives is a public awareness and recruitment drive, said Bernadette Bastian, People to People's new manager.

"Presently, we have a good corps of ambassadors throughout the country. First of all, we want to ensure that they are all excited about the programme and ready to continue to share great experiences with our visitors," Ms Bastian said.

"Secondly, we want to attract other, personable Bahamian residents to host our guests and introduce them to the intricacies of Bahamian life."

In order to facilitate

awareness and to introduce potential candidates to the role of tourism ambassador, People to People has planned a special event for veteran and potential programme participants.

The People to People Mix and Mingle is scheduled for Thursday evening at the National Arts Gallery of the Bahamas.

In addition, the awareness campaign will feature newly produced television advertisements.

The advertisements will explain the programme and the rewards it extends to ambassadors and guests, Ms Bastian said.

"We think it is truly inspirational, and it will give some helpful information to those who want to do something tangible to advance this country while enjoying the company of our visitors," she said.

Ms Bastian said there also will be enhancements to the monthly People to People tea parties at Gov-



TEA TIME: Guests enjoy the monthly People to People tea party at Government House.

ernment House.

She said various tea parties will take on themes from specific islands to emphasise that the Bahamas is much more than Nassau and Paradise Island.

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MAN IN ESCAPE BID AFTER ARRAIGNMENT

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FREEPORT – A man, remanded to Fox Hill Prison following an arraignment on Monday in the Eight Mile Rock Magistrate's Court, escaped while police were preparing for his transportation. He was later recaptured.

Jamaal Deloach, 22, of Seagrape, Eight Mile Rock, was charged with three counts of housebreaking and two counts of stealing before Magistrate Gwen Claude.

He pleaded not guilty to the offences and elected summary trial.

Magistrate Claude remanded Deloach to Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill and adjourned the matter to January 13, 2011.

Deloach, while in police custody, was being taken to Freeport for further pro-

cessing when he escaped from the officers preparing to transport him.

He was later apprehended by officers in the Jones Town area.

SHOOTING CHARGE

A 34-year-old Eight Mile Rock man was arraigned in connection with shooting and injuring a man over the weekend in that settlement.

Joel Saltine, a resident of Martin Town, appeared before Magistrate Gwen Claude charged with causing harm.

It is alleged that on December 3, the accused caused harm to another male resident of Eight Mile Rock by shooting him in his leg.

Saltine pleaded not guilty to the charge and was granted \$2,500 bail with one or two sureties. The matter was adjourned to February 9, 2011 for trial.

FOX HILL LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS



THE annual Christmas tree lighting took place in Fox Hill on Sunday.

Each year, the Fox Hill parade grounds are lit from stem to stern.

This year, Jan Davis of the Village Convenience Store and Davis Enterprises and her team used a green and yellow motif to light the tree which is supplied by Ken Perigord Enterprises.

The tree lighting is organised by the Fox Hill Festival Committee headed by Maurice Tynes and a team of Fox Hillians.

They name the tree each year after a prominent Fox Hillian.

This year, the committee chose Mildred Edgcombe, a civic activist and mother.

Ms Edgcombe had the honour of turning on the lights which lit the park.

The Doris Johnson Senior High School Band under the direction of Aaron Neely provided the entertainment for those attending the tree-lighting ceremony.

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Gay bashing in Georgetown – A gay man shares his experiences

By ELAN ERA JOHN
Panos Caribbean

PANOS CARIBBEAN REPORT

HOMOSEXUAL men in Guyana are still finding it difficult to live free from fear of stigma and discrimination.

These are everyday parts of their lives whether at school, work or accessing services from hospitals or transportation service providers.

Kobe, a young openly homosexual man, said his experience with stigma and discrimination goes way back to his childhood when he was bullied and harassed.

"Being in school, having persons tell you or trouble you and you would have to shift to doing certain things."

He explains some of the shifts he is forced to make to avoid the harassment.

"If I see a set of guys liming at a corner I would walk around or take the longer route if that was the shorter route (to avoid passing there).

"...If I go back home right now to where I am from in Berbice I would experience a great deal of stigma in terms of verbal words. Most of the stigma that I receive is verbal words," he said.

Kobe said that although he has overcome being affected by words, some people take their attacks further than that. He said that up to the day before (being interviewed) while he was speaking on his cell phone,

five young men were passing and one of them picked up a bottle to toss at him.

"I stop at the time and I stand up, waiting to see if they were going to shy (hit) me with the bottle. When they realised that I am standing up there they start to say, 'Oh, I am getting brave,' and that sort of thing," he said.

He added that the day before that incident he was actually pelted with a bottle by another set of 20-something-year-old guys.

He said that most of the harassment that he receives would be in the form of people smiling in a mocking manner or nasty comments from older people.

Kobe works in a health facility. He says a lot of people know who he is. He thinks that because of this, he is able to access services quite comfortably, despite the occasional gesticulations from persons.

But, the worst forms of discrimination come when he seeks access to public transportation.

"You find that bus conductors and drivers may not stop to pick you up, or upon discovering the person's orientation may not want that person in the bus. I go to shop and I get sold, I get (attended to). But even the taxi drivers, you have a big

issue where they might not want to pick you up. They may slow down when flagged down but when they see who you are they drive away," he said.

He said that he has never confronted a transportation provider to know why he was asked to exit the bus. Instead he would simply comply with the demand to leave the car or bus. But there was one time when the minibuss operator objected to him being in the bus and other passengers in support exited the bus also. Kobe said that the problem has been escalating of late and it has been costing him money to move around.

Openly gay men have more difficulties when it comes to employment.

According to Kobe they sometimes have to be somebody else before they are given employment because of employers' requirements for dress code.

"Lots of young gay flamboyant men are unemployed because of this, and this may lead to them engaging in transactional sex. They may not go out there at night, but engage in it right in their homes. In their minds it is not sex work. They do it occasionally to get income to (supplement) support from family," Kobe explained.

Gay men do experience sexual assaults.

Relating to an incident earlier in his life, Kobe said that when he was gang-raped, he could not go to the police nor could he tell his parents, because of the fear of stigma and discrimination.

"When I got home I didn't tell my family anything, I just told them I got robbed and dropped the matter," Kobe said.

"The same is about telling the story over and over...and then to get the reaction from the police, a laugh or a smirk or a smile, and the questions that they ask," he said.

Today, Kobe is part of the Guyana Rainbow Foundation and is also affiliated with the Society against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD).

He also has a youth community based organisation called Diverse Youth Movement which looks at issues in the younger Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered (LGBT) community.

His organisation looks at personal development and capacity building for young persons. He said that because the Guyana Rainbow Foundation is fairly new, they have not approached agencies for assistance with funding to

"You find that bus conductors and drivers may not stop to pick you up, or upon discovering the person's orientation may not want that person in the bus."

look at social cohesion and conflict resolution.

"I am now finishing the governance manual for the organisation and once that is off, (we will be moving ahead). We are registered with the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport. Now we are starting the work, we are doing some personal work," he said.

According to Kobe the Ministry of Health has been greatly involving the youth group in its programmes and initiatives in terms of HIV/AIDS in Guyana.

Director of the National AIDS Programme Secretariat (NAPS), Dr Shanti Singh, said that the agency works with groups like Kobe's, providing funding for advocacy and training.

There is also a coordinating committee at the national level that brings together all the NGOs that work with commercial sex workers and with men who have sex with men – once every quarter – to discuss with them whether things are going well.

"Groups that have a focus on the LGBT community have been able to benefit from funding under the project to be able to do work among their members," she said, noting that this is done through an arrangement similar to the groups that work with the female commercial sex workers.

Dr Singh said that from a health sector perspective it is very difficult for NAPS to infiltrate those communities and hence the use of the NGOs whose members may have the trust of the community that they are working with.

Kobe is trying to make a difference through his group's advocacy work because of his experiences and those of people he knows in his community.

"We want to work in the schools and homes because we have young men who have been placed out of their homes because of their status...people don't want to come out because they are afraid of the stigma," he said.

Activist: Member of Jamaica gay rights group slain

KINGSTON, Jamaica

A MEMBER of a gay rights group in Jamaica has been found stabbed to death and the Caribbean country's sole homosexual advocacy group said Sunday that it could be a hate crime, according to *Associated Press*.

The body of the 26-year-old man was discovered Friday behind an insurance company building in Kingston, the Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays said.

Dane Lewis, the advocacy group's director, said the victim's name could

not be released because his relatives had not been notified of his slaying.

In a statement, the advocacy group mourned the slain man and called for a full investigation by Jamaican security forces.

"While the reason behind his death is not yet known, allegations are that his life had been under threat for some time," the organization said.

Police did not immediately return calls Sunday seeking information on the investigation into the killing.

Gays and their advocates say Jamaica is by far the most hostile island toward homosexuals in the

already conservative Caribbean. They say gays, especially those in poor communities, suffer frequent abuse.

But they have little recourse because of anti-gay stigma and a sodomy law banning sex between men.

Many people in the highly Christian nation perceive homosexuality as a sin and insist violence against gays is blown out of proportion by gay activists.

Some say Jamaica tolerates homosexuality as long as it is not advertised.

Oil spill in Kingston Harbour is probed

KINGSTON, Jamaica

EFFORTS are under way to clean up an oil spill in the harbor of Jamaica's capital, according to *Associated Press*.

The island's emergency

management agency says the slick in Kingston Harbor is located between an oil refinery and a power station.

The agency said in a news release Sunday that police are investigating the

origin of the spill, which was discovered Saturday.

Officials say the oil contamination was being cleared up and had had no direct impact on the city itself.

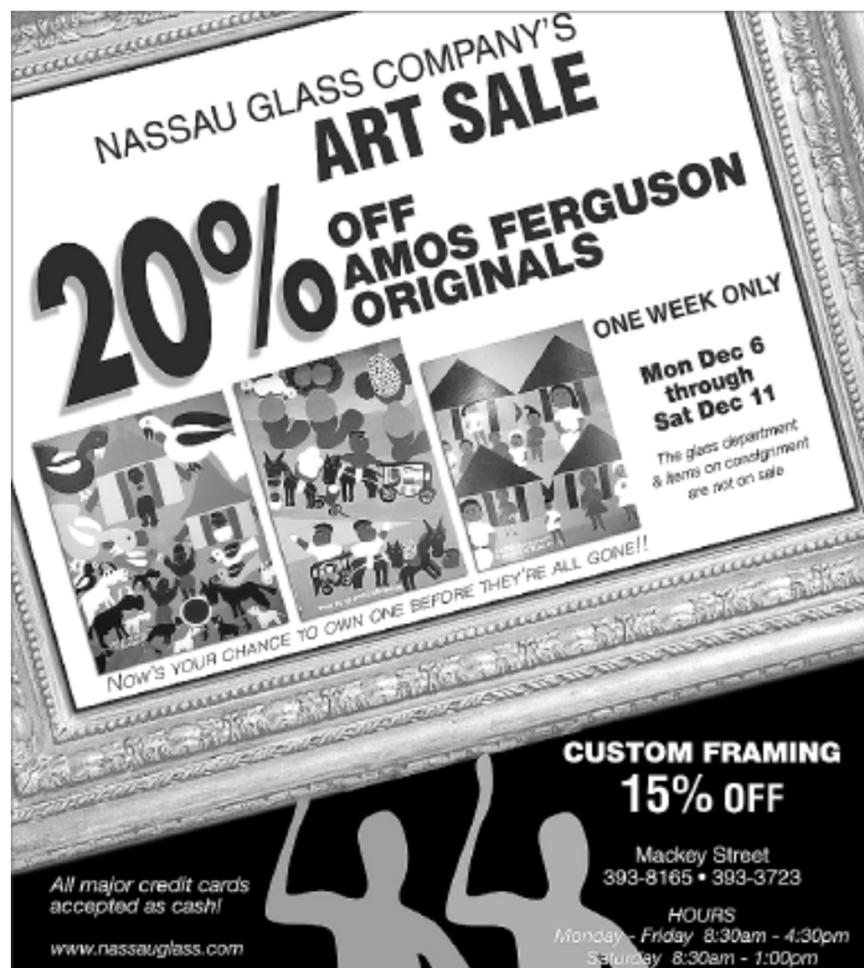
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immediately clear how much fuel had spilled into the water.

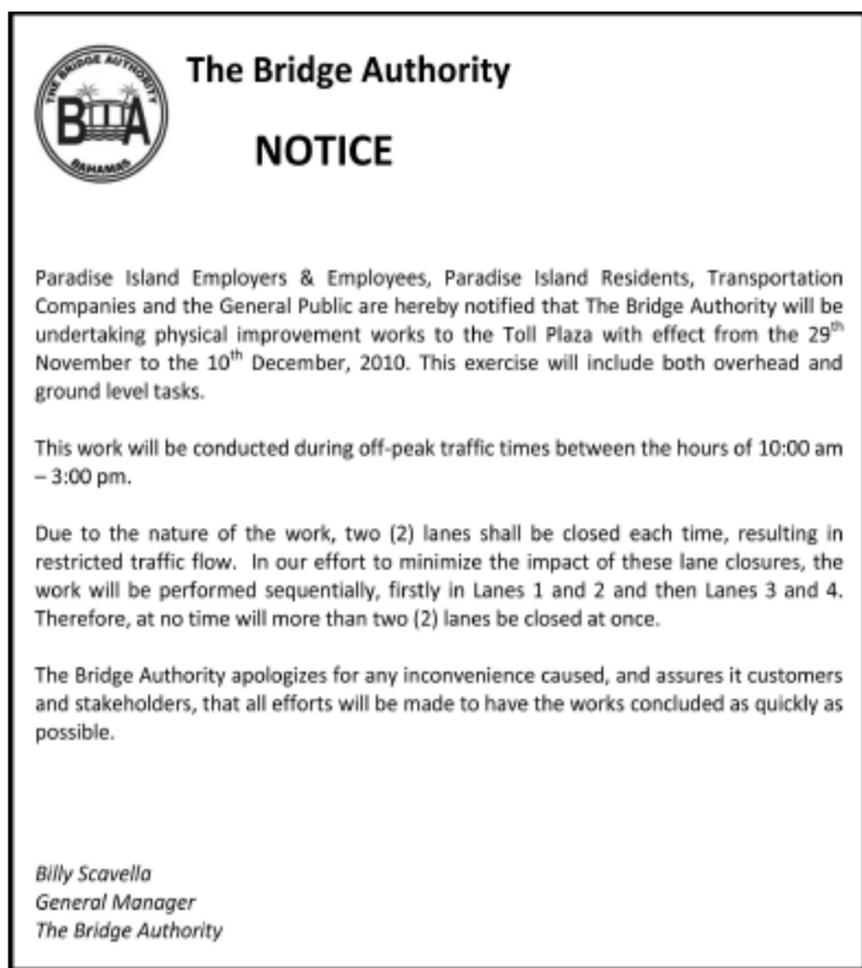
Authorities are still investigating a Nov. 22 spill in the capital's harbor, the seventh-largest natural harbor in the world.



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The Bridge Authority

Programme aims to teach children the joys of sailing

WITH crime being a problem that significantly impacts inner-city children, the Bahamas Sailing Association hopes that their teaching programme can get kids off the streets and give them a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

For the past six years, the Bahamas Sailing Association has been teaching children from inner-city communities in New Providence the joys of sailing.

Sailing is now part of the curriculum in three public schools, with participation by over 80 students.

And the Association's eight-week summer camp trains more than a hundred children annually from 29 schools in Nassau and the Family Islands.

"Our year-round school sports and summer camp programmes collectively delivered more than 3,000 instructed sailing sessions to young Bahamians during 2009 and to date we have had nearly 900 kids pass through the Association's camps," said sailing operations director Jimmy Lowe.

"We also have a regatta programme that teaches competitive sailing for those with the appropriate skills and interest, including entry into local and overseas regattas."

The Bahamas' first Olympic medals (Gold and Bronze) were won in sailing events in the 1960s.

And Bahamian sailors continue to compete on a regular basis in major international regattas.

A major goal of the Association is to broaden the number of Bahamian sailors through development of the National Sailing School, which uses the facilities of the Nassau Yacht Club at no cost.

"But more importantly, we are trying to positively impact our young people, one student at a time, through this educational outreach.

"Sailing builds seamanship, integrity, discipline, fair play and respect for others, all of which can contribute to the growth and maturity of an indi-



(L-R) EAST NASSAU ROTARY CLUB president Joanne Smith presents Bahamas Sailing Association director Jimmy Lowe with a contribution to help fund the annual children's summer camp. The Rotary Club also heard from sailing champion Pedro Rahming, who told us of his love of sailing and thanked members for the opportunity to sail.

vidual," Mr Lowe said.

The Association's activities are organised by unpaid volunteers, but there are two paid full-time instructors, together with the additional temporary instructors employed during summer camps.

All activities are funded by donations, which go directly into teaching the children.

The Association was founded in 1952 and is recognised as the national sailing authority by the International Sailing Federation, the

Bahamas Olympic Organising Committee, the Ministry of Sports and the Pan American Games Sailing Association. Pictured from left: East Nassau Rotary Club President Joanne Smith presents Association Director Jimmy Lowe with a contribution to help fund the annual children's summer camp.

The Rotary Club also heard from sailing champion Pedro Rahming, who told us of his love of sailing and thanked members for the opportunity to sail.

A 'CONCERT FOR CHRISTMAS'

THE Nassau Renaissance Singers, under the direction of musical director Audrey Dean-Wright, return to perform at the Government House Ballroom this weekend.

Under the patronage of Governor General Sir Arthur and Lady Joan Foulkes, the choir will present "A Concert for Christmas" this Saturday and Sunday at 8pm.

At the conclusion of the performance, the singers will join the audience for the traditional after-concert wine and chat.

Over the years, the Renaissance Singers have ushered in the traditional annual Christmas festivities for many in the Bahamas.

This year's concert promises to be no different. The programme includes classical and traditional Christmas music as well as songs from around the region.

Music in the style of which former choir director E Clement Bethel was noted for will also be featured.

The choir currently boasts a mix of veteran and new members, and this year will feature some of the young artists of the Bahamas as special guests.

Guest artists include Nikita Wells on Saturday, Dicey Doh Boys on both nights, and Osano Neeley on Sunday.

This year, the choir said, it is grateful to have well-known musician Raymond Antonio accompany them on the piano.

Tickets for the Nassau Renaissance Singers concert may be purchased from Logos Bookstore at the Harbour Bay Shopping Plaza, East Bay Street or from choir members.

Proceeds from the concert to benefit Nassau Renaissance Singers Scholarship Fund.

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Migrant boat capsizes in British Virgin Islands

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands

A MOTORBOAT overloaded with Haitian migrants slammed into a reef off the British Virgin Islands and capsized Monday as it tried to evade authorities. Five people were killed, including two infants, according to Associated Press.

The 30-foot (9-meter) boat was carrying more than 30 people when it struck the reef off the southern coast of Tortola, said British Virgin Islands Customs Comptroller Wade Smith.

The exact number of passengers was unknown as authorities continued searching for more victims or survivors, Smith said.

Authorities in the British territory detained 28 survivors as suspected illegal migrants, including six who were hospitalized with undisclosed injuries, said police spokeswoman Dianne Drayton.

The boat had apparently departed from Dutch St. Maarten and was trying to illegally enter British territory about midnight, Smith said.

Most of the migrants were from Haiti but officials have not established the nationality of everyone on board, said Ricardo Castrodad, a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard, which was assisting with the search.

The British Virgin Islands is home to a relatively small community of Haitian migrants but they typically enter either by

mistake — abandoned by smugglers on one of the many islands that make up the chain — or as they try to reach the nearby U.S. Virgin Islands.

A Dutch coast guard plane spotted the vessel and alerted other authorities in the region. The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched a Puerto Rico-based ship that was about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the migrants when their boat hit the reef, Castrodad said.

The boat overturned in Paraquita Bay, which is notoriously tricky to navigate even in daylight because of the extensive network of reefs in the area, said Phil Aspinall, president of the Virgin Islands Search and Rescue, a volunteer group helping to find survivors.

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LOCAL NEWS



AMERICAN RAPPER WAS ARRESTED, RELEASED BEFORE BAHAMAS CONCERT

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on Saturday," officer-in-charge of the Wulff Road station Superintendent Ashton Greenslade told The Tribune.

"He was booked in here and taken to CDU (Central Detective Unit)." Supt Greenslade said he could not provide additional details on Mr Jenkins' arrest.

Head of the CDU Superintendent Leon Bethel and his subordinate Assistant Superintendent Michael Moxey did not give The Tribune further details of the arrest and events leading up to it before press time.

One of the concert's promoters Jason Cartwright confirmed on his Facebook page that the hip-hop star had been arrested early Saturday, but was later released.

"People tried to shut us down, yea' Jeezy was locked up, he out now (about) to beat the stage bad tonight," Mr Cartwright wrote Saturday morning.

A well-placed source told The Tribune that the rapper was taken into the Fox Hill area by friends and was simply "in the wrong place at the wrong time" when he was taken into custody.

Club promoters "Da Recession" – a promotion company based in Miami, Florida but said to be headed by a Bimini born native DJ D'ano – engaged Mr Jenkins to perform at Club Luna on West Bay Street.



YOUNG JEEZY



POLICE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SCENES from last night's police tree lighting ceremony held at the Royal Bahamas Police Force headquarters.

As well as the official tree lighting event, there was plenty of festive entertainment for those present.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff



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BAHAMIAN CULTURE INSPIRES US CONGRESSWOMAN'S HAT FASHION

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wore hats and gloves.

According to the *Miami Newtimes*, Wilson has a collection of around 300 hats ranging from rhinestone-studded stetsons to demure bowlers.

The congresswoman elect began her career as principal at Skyway Elementary in Miami Gardens. She successfully fought and lobbied for the fair treatment of Haitian refugees that were incarcerated at a local detention centre in 1984. Through her efforts all the women at the centre were released.

In the Florida House and Senate, Wilson continued to wage war for extremely unpopular issues among which were the testing inmates for HIV, allowing imprisoned moms to serve time closer to their kids and keeping foster children in one school. Wilson also founded programmes such as the 5000 role model of excellence programme, which is a drop-out preventative project.

Once in Washington Wilson hopes to get a bill passed that will ban the use of cellular phones in automobiles nationwide.

In congress there is a house rule banning hats on the chamber floor dating back to the 1800's. Wilson was previously going to ask incoming House Speaker John Boehner if she could be allowed to wear her signature hats on the floor. She has recently said she will not be asking for a waiver of the rule and "will observe the law of the land," according to *The Miami Herald*.

According to *The Miami Herald*, Wilson says that the hysteria her hats have created is unbelievable. "I've worn hats for 30 years. I didn't get elected to Congress to wear hats," said Wilson. While the hat fashionista may not have got elected for her style, Wilson has definitely become synonymous with her signature hats. New York milliner Kokin, who has designed hats for Laura Bush, Barbara Walters and Queen Latifah is a fan of Wilson's wear and said "in her world, she is lady Gaga".

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'Every reason' for 8-10% shipping registry growth

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas shipping registry has "every good reason" to be growing at a rate of 8-10 per cent per annum, in line with the global shipping industry's expansion, a government minister said yesterday, adding that the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) had "achieved all of our goals for last year".

Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, who has responsibility for the Government's relations with the BMA and the Bahamian maritime industry in general, told Tribune Business that key reforms adopted over the past year were

- * Government and BMA 'achieve all of our goals for last year' in maritime industry
- * Now moving to maintain competitiveness on royalty rights payments for music broadcast on Bahamian ships
- * Reforms designed to keep Bahamas as 'the best option', and not give clients reason to go elsewhere
- * Minister: 'We are infinitely more price competitive. We think the business that is ours will resume coming to us'

essential to ensuring the global shipping and yachting industries saw the Bahamas as "the best option" for themselves and their clients.

Apart from the Prime Minister's

opening of the BMA's Hong Kong office and the establishment of a consulate in Greece, bringing the BMA closer to its Greek shipping

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Upgrades slash Atlantis's air unit costs 12 per cent



By **ALISON LOWE**
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Having seen a 12 per cent reduction in monthly operating costs for key cooling equipment, Atlantis (pictured above) is in the process of upgrading 75 of these air handling units as part of an ongoing energy conservation and management program that has resulted in savings of an estimated "hundreds of thousands" of kilowatt hours in energy usage.

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- * Kerzner executive says 'hundreds of thousands' of kilowatt hours saved by resort's programs over past decade
- * Places Atlantis at '8.5' on scale of 10 when comes to energy efficiency commitment, compared to five for other Bahamian resorts
- * Savings from energy efficiency projects pay back over two to four years

FINCO rebuts broker fears

* Royal Bank's BISX-listed mortgage arm denies telling borrowers it must take out homeowners insurance cover through it, or that they must do so until principal equals mortgage guarantee cover

* Says 'certainly not our policy, not our practice and not what we want to do'

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

FINCO, Royal Bank's BISX-listed mortgage arm, yesterday said it was not forcing borrowers to take out homeowners insurance through its brokerage arm or insisting that they do so until the outstanding principal equalled the sum covered

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Sale efforts 'not fruitful' for 51% BISX firm stake

* Liquidators for failed \$471m Bahamas investment structure still collecting dividends from Premier Commercial Real Estate while search for majority stake buyer continues

* Targeting current director of fund entity over alleged \$1.5m unauthorised payments, but face counterclaim for \$5m

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The joint liquidators of a collapsed \$471.3 million Bahamas-based investment structure have warned that their efforts to sell a majority 51 per cent stake in a BISX-listed real estate investment trust (REIT) "have not proven fruitful" to date, even

though this equity interest is the key investor recovery source.

Clifford Culmer, the Bahamas-based BDO Mann Judd accountant, and Raymond Massi, his Canadian co-liquidator for the Olympus Uninvest fund its Bahamian-domiciled counterpart, Mosaic Composite, said they would continue to collect dividends from Premier Com-

mercial Real Estate Investment Corporation until a buyer for the 51 per cent interest was found.

In their 10th report to the Bahamian Supreme Court as joint liquidators for Mosaic Composite, Messrs Culmer and Massi said: "The Mosaic joint liq-

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CHAMBER/BECON MERGER 'DONE DEAL'

* Members of both vote in favour of creating sole 'unequivocal voice of the private sector' that will also enhance business support services

* The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation to come into being on January 1, with full-time CEO and chairman and vice-chairman instead of existing president/vice-president

* Organisation to have 12 divisions, and be 'more effective and efficient' in service delivery

* Move on business support services as 'other side of the equation'

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Bahamas Employers Confederation's (BECon) merger into one organisation is "a done deal", Tribune Business was told yesterday, members of both approving the move to create one organisation that will be "the unequivocal voice of the private sector" and provide a greater level of business support services.

Brian Nutt, BECon's head, and Khaalis Rolle, the Chamber's president, confirmed to

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KHAALIS ROLLE

ARMING SECURITY GUARDS: 'I AM GETTING THERE FAST'

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

A former Bahamas Chamber of Commerce president yesterday said he was moving "fast" to a position of agreeing that private security guards be allowed to carry firearms as a means to combat, and deter, armed robbers, as he called on the Royal Bahamas Police Force to "flood commercial areas" with officers during the Christmas season.

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* Former Chamber president urges police to 'flood commercial areas' in Christmas run-up, saying many in business 'scared ****less' by crime situation he describes 'as scary as hell'

* Says Town Centre Mall robbery shows criminals 'getting increasingly bold'

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REALTOR ANNOUNCES ABACO APPOINTMENT



PART OF THE TEAM: Damianos Sotheby's International Realty yesterday announced that John Cash (pictured above) had joined its Abaco sales team.

A native Abaconian, Mr Cash was employed at Boat Harbour Marina and Newport International Ltd in Treasure Cay as comptroller. He also operated a dive centre, boat rental and golf car rental business on the same cay for a decade.

He first entered real estate in November 2000, completing all the requirements to become a licensed broker within four years.

BFSB in strongest Brazil push to date

Aim to link financial services with the use of Freeport as transshipment and logistics centre

The Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) made its strongest push to date into Brazil in late November, targeting asset managers and seeking to explore wider business relationships through the use of Freeport as a transshipment and logistics centre.

Bahamas Landfall: Destination Brazil involved 20 Bahamian service providers who travelled to Sao Paolo and Rio de Janeiro for the event.

The BFSB has been increasing its Brazil focus gradually over the past five years, through participation in the annual Brasil Investment Summit and referrals from friends of the Bahamas living in Brazil and this nation.

"Emerging economies from Brazil to China are encouraging their asset managers to focus beyond their domestic markets," said Wendy Warren, the BFSB's chief executive and executive director.

"This has provided jurisdictions such as the Bahamas with an opportunity to provide a range of services to these asset management companies. The Bahamas Landfall event was designed to increase the momentum for interest in the Bahamas that we have been building for the past five years."

She added: "It was also designed to establish the idea that there is a natural linkage between Brazil and Freeport's transshipment zone, readily demonstrated by the investment and operations of Statoil Hydro."



WENDY WARREN

Ms Warren said the BFSB was particularly pleased that the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) agreed to be one of the sponsors of the event. This indicated, she added, growing support and recognition for this nation's vision statement for the financial services industry, which positions the Bahamas as an ideal location for international business and finance.

"We have redoubled our efforts to coor-

inate and partner on joint initiatives with the Port Authority, the Ministry of Tourism, the Bahamas Investment Authority and the Bahamas Maritime Authority," said Ms Warren.

"This has led to BFSB supporting and becoming actively involved in events such as BIMCATs, Posidonia - a major shipping conference in Greece - the recent opening of the BMA office in Hong Kong and our lead sponsorship of the Caribbean Investment and Finance conference held in Nassau last month and presented by *The Banker*, an FT publication."

Other sponsors of Bahamas Landfall were Ansbacher Bahamas, Butterfield Fund Services, Ernst & Young, Genesis Funds Services, Graham Thompson, Premier Fund Services, Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management and Swiss Financial Services. HFM Week, publishers of HFMWeek, PAM and Latin American magazine was the official media partner of the event.

Ms Warren said: "As the Bahamas continues to position itself as a global leader for financial services, events like Bahamas Landfall in key economies like Brazil are very important".

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CHAMBER/BECON MERGER 'DONE DEAL'

this newspaper that the merger would take effect from January 1, 2011, onwards, via the newly-created Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC), both organisations approving the move at Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) held within the past week.

Praising the merger committee formed to oversee the technical details of the merger for "working tirelessly over the last 10 months to work out the details", Mr Nutt told *Tribune Business*: "Basically, what it does is create one national organisation where membership is open to all businesses in the Bahamas regardless of their sector or size.

"This advocacy organisation, which is what the Chamber and BECon already are, will be the unequivocal voice of the private sector in the Bahamas."

Mr Nutt said the merger should make the BCCEC "more efficient and effective with the resources we have". He added that the merger had effectively taken nine years to fully consummate, with initial talks about the possibility hav-

ing first been held in 2001.

These feelings coalesced in 2003 at a joint meeting between the Chamber and BECon, which determined that both parties were "amenable" to a merger, and between then and 2009 the two sides worked closely together "to learn each other's culture, standards and operating procedures".

"The main thing we found is that a merger did not detract from the core role of each organisation," Mr Nutt told *Tribune Business*. "One complemented the other in an organisation encapsulating all the things a non-governmental organisation should have."

The BECon president said there were "quite a number of changes" addressed in the Articles and structure of the merged BCCEC, with the existing Chamber posts of president and vice-president set to be replaced by those of chairman and non-chairman respectively.

In addition, the Chamber's

current full-time executive director post will be upgraded to the status of chief executive. This, Mr Nutt indicated, was designed to ensure stability and continuity at the BCCEC, rather than maintain the present situation where the Chamber's goals and character were heavily influenced - and often changed - by the personality and personal 'wish list' of an incoming president.

"We're looking at trying to make the organisation more sustainable by having a contact point such as a chief executive," Mr Nutt explained. "The organisation will not change its flavour based on who is president. It will be a more sustainable organisation that is not altered as much by who the particular officers may be."

Mr Nutt said the BCCEC's structure would also be different from the existing Chamber, being composed of 12 different divisions. Apart from the one headed by the chief executive, each division will be chaired by

different directors.

"What we are looking to try to do is attract as many members as possible to come and work on division committees to help us be sustainable, be proactive," Mr Nutt added.

Some of the divisions will be education and training; labour relations; small and medium-sized enterprises; finance and budget; a young professionals' organisation; and international trade.

Mr Rolle, meanwhile, told *Tribune Business* that the "technical side of the merger" had been completed, with both Chamber and BECon members ratifying the new constitution and organisational structure of the BCCEC.

"It puts us in a better position to deliver the services side of the equation," Mr Rolle said of the merger. Both the Chamber and BECon had been successful from an advocacy perspective, playing a key role in discussions on private sector advancement, and helping to "create the environment to do business successfully".

Yet that was "only one part of the equation. The Chamber is also a service provider on a more micro level, and what we're doing now is building the structure and the infrastructure to be more of a service provider than we have been in the past," Mr Rolle added.

Technical support and access to business education services were key elements of this, he added, with the Chamber Institute being the key delivery mechanism.

"We're able to deliver now. That's the value added side of what we propose to do," Mr Rolle added, pointing out that businesses needed more than advocacy.

While the BCCEC focused on integrating both legacy organisations and launching new programmes, Mr Rolle said it would also be dealing with ongoing external issues affecting the business community, such as trade liberalisation.

Mr Nutt explained that because the Chamber was a registered non-profit company, and BECon a voluntary association of employers, the decision was made to leave the Chamber as the surviving entity, merging BECon into it after the Articles and Memorandum of Association had been changed. BECon's assets and liabilities will be vested in the Chamber come end-December 31, 2010.

FINCO rebuts broker fears

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by mortgage indemnity insurance, stating: "It's certainly not our policy, not our practice and not what we want to do."

Jan Knowles, Royal Bank's spokeswoman, issued this statement to *Tribune Business* after this newspaper had been contacted by several irate Bahamian insurance brokers, who were complaining that clients were being told by FINCO representatives that they must take out homeowners insurance through the bank, which has its own insurer's broker licence.

Tribune Business understands that the issue was also raised at the Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association's (BIBA) annual general meeting (AGM) last month, some brokers stating that clients were being told that they must insure through FINCO until the outstanding mortgage principal was equal to the value of the mortgage indemnity insurance.

"They're saying that if you have a Mortgage Indemnity policy with FINCO, you have to do homeowners insurance with them," one Bahamas-based independent broker subsequently complained to *Tribune Business*.

This, they said, resulted in "a lack of freedom of choice for the consumer", and was anti-competitive, given that they had been able to find a policy whose premium was cheaper than what a client was quoted by FINCO.

The broker also said that some clients preferred to deal with an independent insurance expert who had their best interests at heart, rather than be insured under a block group policy that was closely linked to their lender.

A Mortgage Indemnity Guarantee is insurance coverage, usually taken out at the beginning of a mortgage contract, when the borrower is unable to put down a certain percentage of the real estate purchase price.

This percentage is normally 20 per cent, and if unable to meet this, the borrower makes a one-time insurance payment to provide cover that the lender will be able to claim on if they default. The insurance is thus designed to minimise the bank's risk exposure, usually guaranteeing the difference between the loan amount and outstanding balance.

Tribune Business took the brokers' concerns to Tanya McCartney, FINCO's managing director, who referred the queries to Ms Knowles.

Telling this newspaper that FINCO would normally require moist mortgage borrowers to take out a Mortgage Indemnity Guarantee, Ms Knowles said of the brokers' claims: "It has not been our practice to say you must get homeowners insurance from us.

"It's up to the client whether they get insurance from us or externally, and we accept either. There is no way we are telling them they must have it from us. That's not our policy."

Ms Knowles said FINCO had "checked just to make sure it was not happening at the ground level", and she added: "It's not our policy. We're happy to take insurance from whomever. We just want to know you have the coverage.

"It's a concern that impression may be out there but, no, it's certainly not our policy, not our practice and not what we want to do. They can take it out with us, they can take it out with whoever, so long as they are covered.

"If you have a favourite insurer, go with a favourite insurer. Some people have been working with a company for years and years, and if that's what they want, that's fine."

Tribune Business understands that homeowners insurance policies taken out through FINCO are equally shared by Bahamas First and RoyalStar Assurance, each splitting the premium income and coverage 50/50.

Independent insurance brokers have become increasingly wary in recent months about commercial banks dictating where mortgage clients place their homeowners policies, after Scotiabank (Bahamas) developed an arrangement where borrowers would be placed on a group policy with J. S. Johnson if they were unable to provide evidence they had coverage by a certain date.

The bank said this was necessary to protect its interests, and has subsequently worked out protocols with the insurance industry as to how the scheme should work.

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Export plan could benefit 40 firms

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The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce expects more than 40 Bahamian companies will be in a good position to benefit from an export-boosting program, which aims to help firms currently exporting goods or services, or looking to do so, overcome barriers to expanding their trade across borders or within this nation.

The Chamber is encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises to apply to participate in the Inter-American Investment Corporation-funded FINPYME Export-Plus program it launched yesterday, which will see companies given technical advice to help them grow their overseas exports.

Winston Rolle, the Cham-

ber's executive director, told Tribune Business it was "very feasible" that more Bahamian companies can get involved in international trade of their goods and services through the ExportPlus program, with the potential gains from such a shift towards greater global competitiveness having a "significant impact" on a Bahamian economy that has traditionally seen very few of its goods or services sold abroad.

Launch

A number of companies attended the launch of the program at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday, with the agricultural and fisheries sectors heavily represented, in particular.

Others will have the chance to apply to get involved ahead of the February 2011 dead-

line for applications.

"We initially invited 30 to 40 companies who could benefit to the launch, and we suspect the number out there who could get involved may be quite a bit larger," said Mr Rolle.

Once selected for involvement based on their potential to benefit from the program, among other criteria companies will be assessed so a determination of the exact kind of technical assistance they require to boost their exports can be made.

The IIC will fund the provision of local, regional or international consultants who may be able to provide the kind of expertise that a particular business requires to overcome some of the obstacles to expanding its national or international trade.

"It does not have to be just those who want to trade outside of the Bahamas. You could be a company in a Family Island looking to export to New Providence or Grand Bahama," added Mr Rolle.

The type of technical assistance that may be offered could include: help with complying with certification processes in areas such as sanitation, packaging and quality; enhancing operations to increase productivity and/or advice on improving management in areas such as strategic planning, marketing and export sales.

Businesses eligible for participation must have been in operation for at least three years and have annual sales of over \$200,000. More information can be accessed by calling the Chamber at 322 2145, or going to the organisation's website at www.thebahamaschamber.com. Applications are to be made available online at the website shortly.

'Every reason' for 8-10% shipping registry growth

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industry clients, Mr Deveaux said the BMA had introduced administrative protocols so that it and its services were "available 24/7 to its clients around the world".

Online communications with the ship owners and companies that controlled the 1,650-1,700 vessels registered on the Bahamas shipping registry had also been improved, while this nation had also "promulgated" the yacht registry code to encourage high net worth individuals to use it for their vessels as well as wealth management.

Asked how important the maritime industry could become to the Bahamas, Mr Deveaux replied: "Global shipping is expanding rapidly in South-East Asia, Africa and South America, and because of the location of the Bahamas, there's every good reason to think we should be growing at 8-10 per cent a year, in tandem with the growth in shipping as it expands."

Mr Deveaux added that reforms enacted earlier this year had left the BMA with "a fee schedule that is very competitive", changes including waiving the registration fee for new shipowners and providing incentives ranging from a one-third to 60 per cent reduction in fees for owners registering multiple ships.

Pointing out that the whole package of measures enacted over the past year had "strengthened" the BMA as a quality ship registry, Mr Deveaux said they had also improved its "overall position vis a vis competitors such as the Marshall Islands and Malta.

"We are infinitely more price competitive, and admin-

istratively more proactive," the minister told Tribune Business. "We think the business that is ours will resume coming to us. We were never in the same business as Panama and Liberia, but it was necessary to do this to ensure the merchant fleet, the cruise fleet and the increasingly important yacht fleet saw the Bahamas as the best option, and not giving incentives to lawyers, accountants and wealth managers to steer people away from the Bahamas because we were perceived as too slow or too expensive."

Marketing the Bahamas, the BMA and the range of maritime products and services it offered was key, Mr Deveaux said, pointing out that another issue recently brought to the authorities' attention was the issue of performing rights related to music played aboard Bahamian-registered ships, such as cruise vessels.

Royalty payments have to be made to the artists whose tracks are used, and Mr Deveaux said: "We found the Bahamas was not as competitive in that regard".

With this having implications for some shipowners as their fleets became larger, the minister said the BMA was now in discussion with the relevant performing arts body "to establish a mechanism to ensure rates do not put us at a disadvantage".

The BMA Board was due to meet this week to set targets and goals for 2011, Mr Deveaux saying all these had been met for 2010. The targets achieved included appointing a new BMA director, opening the Hong Kong and Greece offices, the yacht code and registry, attending various conferences and nominating a BMA officer to meet with a group of Bahamian shipowners four times per year.




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Dated the 6th day of December A.D.,2010
Thomas Trevor Dean
Liquidator

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PUBLIC NOTICE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

The Ministry of National Security wishes to advise that with effect from 13 December 2010 the Royal Bahamas Police Force will commence strict enforcement of the seat belt law, which was enacted on 8 March 2002.

The Public is reminded that Section 42 C (1) of the Road Traffic Act Ch.220 states that:

"no person shall drive a motor vehicle or permit a person to ride as a passenger in that motor vehicle unless that person or that passenger is secured by a seat belt."

Section 42 C (2) states that:

"no person shall ride as a passenger in any motor vehicle on any road unless he is secured by a seat belt."

Section 42 C (3) states that:

"Where any passenger mentioned under this section is under the age of five years, such passenger shall be secured in a child passenger seat positioned in the rear passenger seat of the motor vehicle."

The Public is further reminded that:

"Any driver of a motor vehicle who drives without a seat belt or allows a passenger in such vehicle to ride without a seat belt commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$300. (Sec. 42 C (4). A passenger who rides in a vehicle without a seat belt commits an offence and is liable to summary conviction to a fine of \$100." (Sec. 42 C (5)

Section 42 C (6) states that:

"Every person who is guilty of an offence against this section who being the person driving the motor vehicle at the time of the breach, permits a child to ride without a seat belt or secured in a child passenger seat and such person shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars."

The Public should note that Section 42 (b) provides exemptions to the following class of vehicles:

- (a) a tractor
- (b) a motor cycle
- (c) an omnibus, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting alongside the driver's seat
- (d) a truck, except the front seats used by the driver and any other passenger sitting alongside the drivers seat, and in case of a truck with double rows of seats in the cab double rows of seats
- (e) motor vehicles specifically designed for the use of the physically or medically handicapped.

The Ministry requests that the motoring public pay careful attention to this announcement and buckle up. Seat Belts save lives.

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ARMING SECURITY GUARDS: 'I AM GETTING THERE FAST'

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Dionisio D'Aguilar, chairman of BISX-listed AML Foods, which owns the Town Centre Mall Cost Right store hit by armed robbers on Saturday evening, told Tribune Business that many in the private sector were "scared ****less" at the prospect of being targeted by armed criminals in the run-up to the Yuletide season, adding that the weekend's events indicated that criminals were becoming increasingly bold.

Pointing out that Bahamian businessmen could do little other than equip their establishments with Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) and post unarmed security guards at the front door, Mr D'Aguilar said: "The criminals are showing this does not phase them one bit.

"Right now, the only solution is to put cops on the ground with guns. They need to put as many police on the ground this season. They need to flood the commercial areas with officers. Get them out of the offices and the station, and get them on the ground and in the field so there's a very visible presence. They know where the hot spots are."

Asked about whether he thought the Bahamas should allow trained, licensed private security firms to carry firearms, Mr D'Aguilar described that as being a "major, huge shift for us".



DIONISIO D'AGUILAR

On this question, he added: "I'm not there yet, but I'm getting there fast. It may deter someone robbing the place, but equally it may result in someone shooting people."

Again urging the police to maintain high visibility with roadblocks and numerous officers on the streets, in the hope this might deter some would-be robbers, Mr D'Aguilar, who is also president of Superwash, the laundromat chain hit five times by armed robbers in 10 days recently, said: "I think everybody is scared ****less. It's damn scary out there, scary as hell. Everybody is hoping and praying not to get hit. They only thing they can do is rely on the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

"Businesses have to make it as unattractive as possible for them to be robbed, and the only way is to minimise the amount of cash they hold. If you're going to get hit, it's best to limit the cash you hold. Between now and going to your grave, you have to limit your losses."

Mr D'Aguilar described the robbers who hit the Cost Right store at the Town Centre Mall as "pretty bloody bold", given that it was 6pm on the peak trading day, with numerous persons around. Armed robbers, he said, usually liked to avoid targets where there were numerous persons present.

"It indicates they're getting pretty bold," Mr D'Aguilar said of events at the Town Centre Mall on Saturday, pointing out that the robbers targeted Nassau's second busiest shopping centre on its busiest day in the run-up to Christmas. "We've got to be vigilant."

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Kerzner International (Bahamas) chief energy manager and director of emergency preparedness, Kevan Dean, was yesterday reluctant to put a figure on the savings accrued by Atlantis from the energy program first initiated in 2001.

However, based on more recent per kilowatt hour costs of between \$0.27 and \$0.33 cents, Tribune Business calculates such energy usage-reduction could amount to savings of at least \$80 million - and just shy of \$100 million - for the resort since the beginning of this decade, when the program was initiated. This does not take into account the cost of implementing the energy conservation and efficiency programs and equipment.

Mr Dean, who was brought in as an energy conservation manager for Kerzner International (Bahamas) in 2001, said the resort "tries to be as energy conscious as we can".

Asked whether he was aware of how the resort's approach to energy usage and efficiency compares to other Bahamas hotel properties, Mr Dean estimated that where others may rank at around a five for commitment to energy efficiency, Kerzner would be closer to an '8.5' on such a scale.

Speaking to the Bahamas Society of Engineers at their Engineering, Design and Construction conference on Friday, Mr Dean said energy accounting - achieving a more specific breakdown of which parts of the resort use what quantity of energy, and how this fluctuates over time - was a critical element of Atlantis' move to become a more efficient energy user.

So was affecting its employee outlook on energy usage. To date, Mr Dean says awareness raising efforts through the hotel's in-house newsletter, seminars and games, along with the rise in employee focus on this area as a consequence of feeling the effects of spikes in the cost of energy they use in their own homes, have resulted in an increased commitment to taking simple steps - such as turning off lights in unused rooms or shutting refrigerator doors in a timely fashion.

However, it has been in the area of testing, maintaining and upgrading the resort's

Upgrades slash Atlantis's air unit costs 12 per cent

massive electrical infrastructure that Mr Dean has been kept most busy.

Pilot projects to test energy usage by certain categories of equipment in the resort, and how this is improved through the implementation of upgrades to components or a particular maintenance program, have resulted in more widespread implementation of such measures.

A heating, ventilation and airconditioning (HVAC) system optimisation project Mr Dean undertook recently proved the success of replacing certain components within some of the hotel's air handling unit (AHU) systems, resulting in monthly energy usage reductions of 12 per cent per unit, with enhanced motor efficiency, decreased downtime and an extended machine life.

The pilot project led to the upgrading of 50 air handling units throughout phase one of the resort, and a further 25 should be finished before the end of this year.

Mr Dean also undertook a "power quality" project, which involved water pumps throughout the resort.

Using diagnostic testing equipment, Kerzner was able to determine whether motors were running optimally, and take simple steps to improve their output per unit of energy consumed.

"One of the things we look at is the alignment of motors. When a car is misaligned it wears tyres down quicker. It's the same with motor equipment; if it's misaligned it's working harder to give the same output. There are maintenance-type corrections

that can be made to improve efficiency," said Mr Dean.

Among other steps taken by Atlantis to reduce its energy usage and power bill are: the retrofitting of guestrooms with CFL lighting; installation of room occupancy sensors, and removing unnecessary light fixtures in certain parts of the hotel, such as linen rooms and landings.

"We are always looking at new areas or, if things change and there is new technology, we may go back and make adjustments or implement new projects to improve energy efficiency.

"A case in point is with the next generation of lighting on the horizon - LED. That will be the next move in certain areas where it's applicable, although you've got to look at getting the right technology for the right solution and application. It might appear to or even save you money, but it may not give you right light output or colour or temperature and design, or work with your controlling system," said Mr Dean.

Overall, however, Mr Dean said it was not just energy-saving that drives Kerzner to make enhancements throughout the resort that result in conservation.

"It's got to make economic sense as well. An average project (to enhance energy efficiency) pays back in savings in two to four years on average," said Mr Dean. "But there are changes you can make which will have a negative impact on your operations. You have to make sure you find a solution that works for you."

Sale efforts 'not fruitful' for 51% BISX firm stake

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liquidators have determined that Mosaic owns a 51 per cent controlling interest in Premier Real Estate Investment Corporation, a publicly-traded Bahamian income trust which owns commercial real estate in the Bahamas.

"The Mosaic joint liquidators are continuing their efforts in selling the interest, while collecting Premier's dividends. The Mosaic joint liquidators are marketing the controlling shares of Premier Commercial Real Estate Investment Corporation. Negotiations with a prospective purchaser to date have not proven fruitful."

Tribune Business revealed in January 2010 how the 51 per cent equity stake in Premier Commercial Real Estate Investment Corporation was predicted to be the best source of recovery for the mainly-Canadian investors in the Olympus Uninvest structure, who are likely to recov-

er just 3.69 per cent of their investment.

At that date, Mr Massi and Mr Culmer have recovered Cdn\$11.495 million out of the Cdn\$17.392 million forecast from Mosaic Composite. These funds include a Cdn\$7.813 million investment in another investment fund; Cdn\$.1053 million in claims from two Bahamas-based liquidations; and Cdn\$730,000 in interest and tax refunds.

And a further Cdn\$1.899 million had been received in dividends Premier Real Estate Investment Corporation, which is a mutual fund that owns Freeport's First Commercial Centre and two properties owned by the Coca-Cola producer in both Nassau and Freeport. The value of Mosaic's shareholding in the BISX-listed entity, though, was shown to have deteriorated from Cdn\$6.38 million as at February 27, 2007, to Cdn\$5.897 million as at September 30, 2009.

Premier Real Estate was

created by Hannes Babak, a former major shareholder in the First Commercial Centre, and the former Grand Bahama Port Authority chairman. He has nothing to do with the Olympus Uninvest situation, and has done nothing wrong in relation to it.

Among Premier's founding directors, although he is no longer on the board, was Stephen Hancock, president and chief executive of Cardinal International, the ex-Bahamian fund administrator for Olympus Uninvest, Mosaic and a number of other entities in the investment structure that was managed by Canadian-based entity, Norshield.

Meanwhile, Messrs Culmer and Massi added that they were pursuing litigation against Mosaic's current director, a Minnesota-based individual named Lowell Holden.

Alleging that Mosaic was incorporated as a Bahamian International Business Company (IBC) on January 27,

1997, the duo claimed it was subsequently re-domiciled to Anguilla on March 4, 2005, before merging with a Minnesota company to become Mosaic US.

Messrs Culmer and Massi said the placing of Mosaic Composite into liquidation by the Bahamian Supreme Court prevented Holden from having the power to make loans, advances or incur expenses on Mosaic's behalf.

They are alleging that Holden broke these Orders by making payments, on Mosaic's behalf, to third parties worth at least Cdn\$560,015 and US\$795,722. Some \$10,000 of this, they allege, went to a Bahamian law firm to compensate it for work done on Olympus Uninvest's behalf.

But, in denying their claims, Holden is alleging in a counterclaim that the liquidators are holding assets and property worth more than \$5 million that belong to Mosaic (US) and himself.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010/CLE/qui/01414
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law & Equity Side

IN THE MATTER OF all that piece parcel or lot of land comprising 2.62 Acres situate Southwards of Andros Anglers Club on the Island of Andros one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER of The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of James M. Halron.

NOTICE OF PETITION

The Petition of JAMES M. HALRON of 1618 State Street in Green Bay in the State of Wisconsin in respect of:-

ALL that piece parcel or lot of land originally thought to contain 2.618 acres and now shown to comprise 2.62 acres situate Southwards of Andros Anglers Club and running thereon Four hundred and Thirty (430) feet more or less on the NORTHEAST by the Sea at the High Water Mark and running thereon Two hundred and Seventy-six (276) feet more or less on the SOUTHEAST by the property of Coconut Farm Limited and running thereon Four hundred and Six (406) feet more or less and on the SOUTHWEST by a Fifty (50) foot wide road reservation known as Swamp Street and running thereon Two hundred and Seventy-two and Forty-two hundredths (272.42) feet and which said parcel of land has such position shape marks boundaries and dimensions as are shown on the plan filed herein and thereon coloured Pink.

JAMES M. HALRON claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said land free from encumbrances and has made application to the Supreme Court in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas under Section 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.

A plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:

- The Registry of the Supreme Court in the said City of Nassau;
- The Chambers of McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, Mareva House, 4 George Street in the City of Nassau, Attorneys for the Petitioner; and
- The Office of the Administrator at Nicholl's Town, Andros.

Notice is hereby given that any persons having dower or a right of dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 20th day of January, 2011 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of their 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 said 20th day of January, A.D., 2011 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated the 11th day of November, A.D., 2010

McKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES
Mareva House
George Street
Nassau, The Bahamas.
Attorneys for the Petitioner

NOTICE

In the Estate of Carl Granville Treco O.B.E. late of No. 18 Brace Ridge Road in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of December A.D. 2010, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

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GLOBAL ECONOMIC NEWS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Monday:



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WORRYING TIMES: A broker walks past the main screen at the Stock Exchange in Madrid Tuesday Nov. 30, 2010. Investors are worried that Spain may need a bailout, and that the funds allotted for emergency aid may not be enough to help Spain if it should require aid.

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Credit ratings agency Moody's downgraded Hungary's government bonds by two notches, citing worries about public finance policies and exposure to foreign financial shocks, such as the European debt crisis.

Moody's Investor Service said it cut the rating to Baa3 from Baa1 — just one step above junk category — and kept its outlook as negative, meaning more downgrades are possible in the coming three months. Hungary's currency, the forint, weakened by just over 1 percent against the euro and the U.S. dollar on the Moody's announcement, but later recovered slightly.

Prime Minister Viktor Orban's center-right government has committed to budget deficit limits set by the European Union but has resorted to unusual methods — including special taxes on banks and energy, telecommunications and retail companies — to reduce the deficit below 3 percent of GDP in coming years. The government is also planning to fill budget holes with some \$13.3 billion (euro10 billion) accumulated on private pension funds.

BERLIN — Germany has reiterated its commitment to the joint European currency and Poland has stressed it still wants to join it, despite the financial difficulties plaguing the bloc.

Germany's Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble told the Bild daily that despite some German grumbling about European Union bailouts for Greece and Ireland, no one is seriously considering abandoning the euro. The euro lost about 10 percent in value through November as Irish economic woes weighed. The drop is actually a benefit for Germany's export-driven economy, making its goods cheaper abroad.

Schaeuble also flatly rejected a two-tiered eurozone of more-stable and less-stable nations, saying "that would be infinitely more expensive than everything we're now doing for the euro."

Polish prime minister Donald Tusk, speaking through a translator alongside German chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin, reiterated his country's determination to join the eurozone "as soon as we meet its criteria."

NEW DELHI — India and France signed a multibillion framework agreement to build two nuclear power plants in India as French President Nicolas Sarkozy worked to drum up business for his nation and further strengthen ties with a rising Asian power.

Sarkozy, one of a stream of world leaders coming here seeking lucrative deals for their struggling economies,

proposed a "total partnership" with India in its growing needs for civilian nuclear power. Areva SA, one of France's main nuclear power companies, will build two European pressurized reactors of 1,650 megawatts each — a deal valued at \$9.3 billion — at Jaitapur in the western Indian state of Maharashtra.

Several foreign governments have been courting India to get a piece of the lucrative nuclear energy market as well as other projects in a country that estimates it needs at least \$1 trillion in infrastructure investment over the next decade. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron came in recent months, and the leaders of China and Russia are expected before the end of the year. The talks between Sarkozy and Singh also touched on plans for the structural reform of the international monetary system. France, which currently heads the G-20, wants India's support for its planned agenda that would call for limiting excessive currency volatility, controlling swings in commodity prices and reforming global fiscal governance.

LONDON — European stocks mostly moved sideways as Europe's debt crisis loomed over markets, offsetting any optimism generated by Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke's suggestion that stimulus measures could be boosted.

In Europe, finance ministers from the 16-nation euro zone gathered to discuss ways to stabilize their currency union and avoid more expensive bailouts. Two top officials called for the creation of a new pan-European bond, while others will seek a boost to the bailout fund.

Britain's FTSE 100 lost 0.4 percent to 5,770.28, while Germany's DAX rose 0.1 percent to 6,954.38. France's CAC40 was down a bare 0.04 percent at 3,749.23.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 lost 0.1 percent to 10,167.23. Exporters including automakers lost ground after a disappointing U.S. jobs report Friday weakened the dollar, which would make Japanese exports more expensive abroad.

China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.5 percent to 2,587.17.

South Korea's Kospi fell 0.2 percent to 1,953.64, and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 slipped 0.1 percent to 4,688.6. Benchmarks in New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan advanced.

In currencies, the dollar was trading up 0.1 percent at 82.7 yen. It had hovered around the 84-yen line for most of last week before the U.S. jobs data was released. The euro stood at \$1.329, off 0.7 percent on the day.

MADRID — Spain may extend the emergency decree that ended a 24-hour air traffic controllers strike, the prime minister said, as flights returned to normal after a weekend of travel chaos that stranded hundreds of thousands of people.

The "state of alarm" measure, used for the first time since Spain returned to democracy in 1978, threatened jail time for controllers who refuse to work. It took effect Saturday for an initial 15 days and controllers started returning to work hours after it was announced.

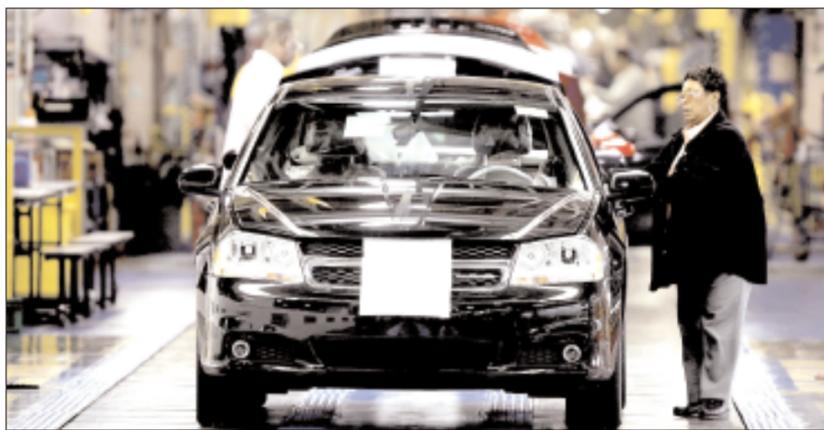
Hundreds of flights were canceled during the strike, which began Friday afternoon at the beginning of one of Spain's busiest holiday weekends and affected around 600,000 travelers. The strike was the culmination of a lengthy dispute with the government over working conditions.

HELSINKI — Finnair cabin crews rejected a mediated settlement in a labor dispute, expanding a strike that will ground hundreds more flights and affect tens of thousands of passengers.

The weeklong strike was set to spread Tuesday to include transport union members who said they will support the action by halting fuel supplies to the Finnish national carrier.

During the strike Finnair has managed to operate about 40 percent of its flights by leasing planes from other airlines and with "some" cabin staff who have reported for work despite the strike. More than 800 flights have been canceled since the strike began on Nov. 30.

CHRYSLER LAUNCHES NEW 200, AVENGER SEDANS



Paul Sancya/AP Photo

INSPECTION: A line worker inspects a Dodge Avenger on the production line at the Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly plant in Sterling Heights, Mich., Monday, Dec. 6, 2010. Chrysler begins production of the Chrysler 200 sedan, a midsize replacement to the Sebring that is a key part of the company's revival. CEO Sergio Marchionne says nearly every part of the car has been changed from the old model, which was derided for its poor quality.

DEE-ANN DURBIN,
AP Auto Writer
STERLING HEIGHTS, Michigan

Chrysler Group wants to show the world that it's serious about mid-size sedans.

After years of disappointing sales, the company on Monday launched production of the revamped Chrysler 200 — which replaces the Sebring — and the Dodge Avenger. The cars have a new look, new engines and hundreds of other changes designed to lure back customers who have fled Chrysler in recent years, scared off by its financial troubles and its reputation for poor quality.

Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne said the

company spent \$300 million revamping the cars. Both go on sale this month, starting at just under \$20,000.

"The Chrysler 200 is the first step in rejuvenating the Chrysler brand," Marchionne told 1,200 workers at the suburban Detroit plant where the sedans are made. The company is so bullish about the new products that it plans to hire 900 more workers and add a second shift to the plant later this winter.

Chrysler is aiming to be a true competitor in the unforgiving U.S. mid-size car segment. The segment is the largest in the U.S., accounting for nearly one in five vehicles sold last year, and it's the home of perennial best-sellers like the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

BUSINESS

American voices on making the



AP Photo/LM Otero

ULISES ARANDA in Dallas, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

CALVIN WOODWARD,
Associated Press
WASHINGTON

It seems Washington is all ears these days. President Barack Obama says he'll take a great idea to fix the economy anywhere he hears it. The Republican leaders in Congress can't say enough how determined they are to "listen to the American people."

OK. Here goes. We want less debt, lower taxes, more trade, less trade, "less talk and more walk," a brand new New Deal, a private sector renaissance, money for trains and roads, easier credit, a clampdown on CEO pay, more immigration, less immigration, government off our backs, a safer safety net, cheaper health care, the dismantling of Obamacare — and how about some energy derived from burning algae?

Plus a new tone in Washington.

All in a New York minute.

The Associated Press asked people across the country to serve up their ideas to set the economy straight, a challenge underscored Friday when the jobless rate climbed to 9.8 percent, topping 9 percent for a record 19 straight months. They answered in a cacophony of voices, from the corporate office to the cafe.

America is not just a tea party. It's a coffee shop in Texas, too. It's a union hall in New York and it's Silicon Valley in California.

TALENT MAGNET

In Menlo Park, Calif., venture capitalist Marc Andreessen, an online pioneer who co-founded Netscape Communications, said the "single biggest thing we could do to accelerate the economy by far is to increase immigration."

"We have this bizarre paradox," he says, "where we have the world's best research universities, we have the smartest people who come from all over the world to come to study. They end up getting degrees in computer science, electrical engineering and chemical engineering and then we kick them out of the country. It's just absolutely crazy."

"If they were able to stay here to work for other companies and start other companies, we would have so much more economic growth. It would be just amazing. What we are doing now is just completely self-destructive."

The U.S. offers 65,000 visas a year for foreigners with advanced skills sought by U.S. companies, plus 20,000 visas for



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people who graduate from U.S. schools with a master's or higher in certain fields. Some companies complain the visas are not granted quickly enough.

COFFEE PARTIER

If the U.S. goes begging for brainiacs, that means plenty of opportunity for people such as Ulises Aranda, 24, of the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch. He graduated with a master's in mechanical engineering in May and had no shortage of job offers. He chose to work for his father's engineering construction firm. To him, the economy will grow if students pick the right fields and buckle down.

"There's plenty of jobs out there for engineering and science majors," he said from the patio of Dunn Bros Coffee. "But people aren't really graduating with those degrees. I spent my six years in college, working hard. I busted my butt and had no social life. Now I have a job."

CREDIT CRUNCH

Larry Karel, 71, of Aventura, Fla., owns a company that produces furniture shows around the country. He says the small businesses that exhibit at his shows are starved for loans.

"I never heard of so many companies that are putting their exhibit fee on a credit card," he said. Without loans, businesses can't create jobs and people can't buy — and furnish — new homes. "It's a vicious circle."

DOWN WITH FREE TRADE

"I'm not a die-hard Democrat, die-hard Republican — I'm a 'what-are-you-going-to-do?' die-hard," said Michael Walker, 54, of Corning, N.Y. He has taken a temporary leave as a production worker at Corning Inc., the world's biggest maker of glass for flat-screen televi-



AP Photo/LM Otero

ADAM GAYNIER poses for a portrait in Dallas. Gaynier, 24, says it will take more than meetings to make people believe in their economic future again. "Less talk and more walk," is what he wants from government.

sions, to work for the union.

He says free-trade practices and outsourcing have devastated manufacturing, and the ripple effects now are touching the public sector. Both political parties, he said, "acknowledge they understand what's wrong but none of them want to do anything with it."

More than half of Corning's 24,500-strong payroll is now based outside the United States, he said. Walker sees economic decline affecting teachers, municipal workers and other public servants like never before.

"They've never quite understood this whole battle we've had in the private sector because they've never ever been affected by a real downturn in the economy. You're having communities and states looking at denying benefits to community employees and state employees because you've eroded the tax base to a point where nobody can sustain themselves."

That opinion is echoed in the North Carolina foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, where Scott Millar, 50, chief business recruiter for struggling Catawba County, wishes U.S.-made products could be given a strong tax advantage.

"If you're going to expect jobs to be in America, you should buy American. Every

consumer, in their purchasing habits, affects their own job. I know that's a little more difficult, probably, to buy a shirt that's made right here, but do your best."

UP WITH TRADE

Honeywell is a \$34 billion company with 130,000 workers, half outside the U.S. It makes jet engines, the cockpit on the space shuttle, home thermostats, equipment for refineries and much more. The AP asked Dave Cote, chairman and chief executive, for ideas to expand the U.S. economy when he was traveling with Obama in India, where the New Jersey-based company employs 11,000.

Trade works for both sides, Cote said. "The thing I can point to is that since the Phoenicians, 3,000 or 4,000 years ago, it works."

"As you grow everywhere," he said, "you start to add jobs. In the U.S., for example, we've been adding employment over these last few months — things have turned and we've actually started adding at the same time that we're growing globally."

"So this is not a zero-sum game, and it's a tougher concept to get across, but, God, it's

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010(CLE)qu(1153)
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece, parcel or lot of land being lot number Eight (8) in Block number Twenty-five (25) in a subdivision called and known as "Coconut Grove Subdivision" containing an area of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-two (5,252) square feet and situate on the Southern side of Bahama Avenue in the Central District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of DELANO HAMILTON

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 Chapter 393

NOTICE OF PETITION

DELANO HAMILTON the Petitioner claims to be the owner in fee simple in Possession free from encumbrances of **ALL THAT** piece, parcel or lot of land being lot number Eight (8) in Block number Twenty-five (25) in a subdivision called and known as "Coconut Grove Subdivision" containing an area of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-two (5,252) square feet and situate on the Southern side of Bahama Avenue in the Central District of the Island of New Providence aforesaid and bounded as follows: on the North by a public road known as and called 'Bahama Avenue' and running thereon One Hundred and Five (105) Feet on the East by a public road known as and called 'Soth Street' and running thereon Fifty (50) Feet on the South by land now or formerly the property of Alex Claridge and running there One Hundred and Five (105) Feet and on the West by land now or formerly the property of Thomas Howard and running thereon Fifty and Five Tenths (50.05) Feet and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, Chapter 393 of the Statute Laws of the Commonwealth aforesaid (as revised) to have his title to the said land investigated, determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the said Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Quieting Titles Act, Chapter 393.

Copies of the filed Plan of the said lot of land may be inspected during normal office hours at the following places:

- (i) The Registry of the Supreme Court in the city of Nassau on the Island of New Providence aforesaid; and
- (ii) Oxford Law Chambers, Springfield Street, Fox Hill, Nassau, The Bahamas.

Notice is hereby given that any person having Dower or a right to Dower or any Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall by the 30th day of final publication of this Notice file in the said Registry of the Supreme Court in the city of Nassau aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or his Attorneys, Oxford Law Chambers, Springfield Street, Fox Hill, Nassau, The Bahamas a Statement of such claim in the prescribed form, verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such persons to file and serve a Statement of such claim by the 30th day of final publication of this Notice will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 8th day of November, A.D., 2010

Oxford Law Chambers
OXFORD LAW CHAMBERS
Chambers
Park Plaza Annex
Springfield Street, Fox Hill
Nassau, The Bahamas

Attorneys for the Petitioner

NOTICE
EUROCASTLE TRADING INC.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, **EUROCASTLE TRADING INC.** is in dissolution as of **November 11, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE
LYON BUSINESS LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, **LYON BUSINESS LTD.** is in dissolution as of **November 29, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 35A Regent Street, P.O. Box 1777, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE
Yanni Management Limited

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, **Yanni Management Limited** is in dissolution as of **December 1, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 35A Regent Street, P.O. Box 1777, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE
CANDYTUFT INC.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, **CANDYTUFT INC.** is in dissolution as of **November 16, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

BUSINESS

economy move



AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee

LARRY KAREL, 71, shown in his office, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 in Aventura, Fla.

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the truth." Yet Cote sees something even more important for the government to do than to encourage the free flow of commerce. It relates to his work on Obama's bipartisan deficit commission, which produced a report Friday recommending \$4 trillion in budget savings over a decade by curbing Social Security, raising taxes and deeply cutting spending.

"That debt problem needs to be solved or the seeds of the next recession have already been planted," he told AP. "If that doesn't get sorted out, then almost nothing else we do is going to matter."

He said: "People want to point to stimulus spending, Bush tax cuts, or Obamacare and blame that — and those are all sideshows."



(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee) LARRY KAREL, 71, shown in his office, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 in Aventura, Fla.

of innovation, we don't have a hope of using the productivity engine to get out of our current economic rut."

CALL A MEETING

Indra Nooyi is chairman and CEO of PepsiCo., the New York-based multinational beverage and food company employing 110,000 in the U.S. The Indian-born executive is one of the most powerful women in business.

"My dream would be that the president convenes existing or retired CEOs and says, 'Go to work and figure out how we prepare a long-term plan for the country so we can grow the country's manufacturing base,'" she said. "I think as a country we have to sit down and talk about the sectors that we want to create in the United States over the next 20-30 years — I mean, almost a business plan for the country — and then figure out how we're going to plan, fully invest behind these

sectors, so that we can actually get manufacturing jobs back to the United States and keep a base of employment going well into the future."

MORE WALK

Bearded, blue-eyed and lean, Dallas barista Adam Gaynier, 24, says it will take more than meetings to make people believe in their economic future again. "Less talk and more walk," is what he wants from government.

"You've got to back up what you're saying with physical change that we can see. American people don't care about what we don't see. We care about the stuff we deal with on a day to day basis, buying groceries, having enough money to put gas in the car, the price of gas going up."

But words and meetings matter to Mark Peters, 53, who founded Piedmont Carolina Nursery in Colfax, N.C., in 1982, right after college. He employs 28 people. A registered independent, Peters says the economy would get a real lift if people were convinced that Obama and congressional Republicans were committed to working together.

From that, he says, a real plan to grow the economy could be found. "More than anything right now, it's just having that confidence that everything's OK, and I'm not going to lose my job, and I'm going to be able to pay my bills."

Contributing to this report were AP writers Linda Stewart Ball in Dallas; Emery P. Dalezio in Raleigh, N.C.; Ben Dobbin in Rochester, N.Y.; Matt Sedensky in Miami; Michael Liedtke in San Francisco; Erica Werner in Mumbai, India; Suzanne Gamboa in Washington; and Corey Williams in Detroit.

Democrats meet with Obama over tax cuts deal

JIM KUHNHENN, Associated Press WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama called Democratic leaders to the White House Monday in hopes of advancing a year-end bipartisan compromise to extend expiring tax cuts for all Americans and renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed.

Some Democrats have complained that the White House was surrendering too much to the Republicans by agreeing to include the upper income in any tax cut deal.

The White House also sought renewal of several other tax provisions that are expiring. These were initially included in the 2009 economic stimulus bill and include a tax credit for lower- and middle-class wage earners, even if they don't make enough to pay federal income taxes, breaks to offset college tuition and breaks for companies that hire the unemployed.

Obama signaled a looming deal during a speech in North Carolina Monday, saying he would cede ground in his positions to help Republican and Democratic lawmakers work out a deal.

"We've got to make sure we're coming up with a solution, even if it's not 100 percent what I want or 100 percent what the Republicans want," Obama said.

Among those expected in the meeting were Vice President Joe Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Democratic whip Dick Durbin.

All sides say a deal could be completed this week. An increasing sense of urgency to complete the deal has set in at the White House, which also wants the Senate to ratify a nuclear arms treaty with Russia. But time is running out for lawmakers in Congress' lame-duck session.

The White House meeting with Democrats Monday was designed to identify what provisions would have to be in the tax deal to win Democratic support.

Questions remained about how many concessions Obama could extract from Republicans in exchange for extending current tax rates for high earners, a proposal he opposed. But without action, lawmakers face the prospect of delivering a tax hike to all taxpayers at the end of the year, when the current rates expire and revert to higher pre-2001 and 2003 levels.

Negotiations between the Obama administration and a

bipartisan group of lawmakers centered on a two-year extension of current rates.

At the same time, a jump in the unemployment rate to 9.8 percent is putting pressure on Republicans to accede to President Barack Obama's demand that Congress extend unemployment insurance for a year. GOP congressional leaders had opposed an extension of benefits without cuts elsewhere in the federal budget.

"I think most folks believe the recipe would include at least an extension of unemployment benefits for those who are unemployed and an extension of all of the tax rates for all Americans for some period of time," Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, the Senate's Republican negotiator in the talks, said Sunday.

Central to the deal, White House officials and Democrats said, is an extension of unemployment benefits.

"Without unemployment benefits being extended, personally, this is a nonstarter," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-ranking member of the Senate Democratic leadership.

Republicans have insisted that any extension of jobless aid be paid for with cuts elsewhere in the federal budget. The White House opposes that, saying such cuts are economically damaging during a weak recovery.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Republicans would probably cede that point to the Democrats.

"Let's take care of the unemployment compensation even if it isn't... backed up by real finances," Hatch said. "We've got to do it. So let's do it. But

that ought to be it." About 2 million unemployed workers will run out of benefits this month if they are not renewed, and the administration estimates 7 million will be affected if the payments are not extended for a year.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell on Sunday said discussions are still under way on a variety of unresolved issues.

Any deal would require the approval of the House and Senate, and the president's signature. Obama told Democratic congressional leaders Saturday that he would oppose any extension of tax rates that did not include jobless benefits and other assistance his administration was seeking.

The short-term tax and spending debate is unfolding even as Congress and the Obama administration confront growing anxieties over the federal government's growing deficits.

A presidential commission studying the deficit identified austere measures last week to cut \$4 trillion from the federal budget over the next decade.

The movement toward a possible compromise came after Republicans blocked Democratic efforts in the Senate Saturday to extend the current tax rates on all but the highest income levels. Republicans prefer extending all the tax rates permanently, but that cannot win legislative approval either. Even if it did, Obama would be sure to veto.

Durbin and Kyl spoke Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," while Hatch appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" and McConnell on NBC's "Meet the Press."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010/CLE/qui/01413

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Common Law & Equity Side

IN THE MATTER OF all that piece parcel or lot of land comprising 2.62 Acres situate Southwards of Andros Anglers Club on the Island of Andros one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Coconut Farm Limited

NOTICE OF PETITION

The Petition of COCONUT FARM LIMITED a company incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of:-

"ALL that piece parcel or lot of land originally thought to contain 2.618 acres and now shown to comprise 2.62 acres situate Southwards of Andros Anglers Club on the Island of Andros and bounded as follows: on the NORTHWEST by land the property of James M. Halron and running therein Four hundred and Six (406) feet more or less on the NORTHEAST by the sea at high water mark and running thereon Three hundred and Nine (309) feet more or less on the SOUTHEAST by Reeves Street and running thereon Three hundred and Eleven (311) feet more or less on the South by a junction of Reeves Street and Swamp Street and running thereon in an arc Sixty-two and Ninety-eight hundredths (62.98) feet and on the SOUTHWEST by Swamp Street and running thereon Two hundred and Seventy-five and Ninety-two hundredths (275.92) feet and which said parcel of land has such position shape marks boundaries and dimensions as shown on the plan filed herein and thereon coloured Pink."

COCONUT FARM LIMITED claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said land free from encumbrances and has made application to the Supreme Court in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of The Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have its 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.

A plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:

- (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court in the said City of Nassau;
- (b) The Chambers of McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, Mareva House, 4 George Street in the City of Nassau, Attorneys for the Petitioner; and
- (c) The Office of the Administrator at Nicholl's Town, Andros.

Notice is hereby given that any persons having dower or a right of dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 20th day of January, 2011 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of their 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 said 20th day of January, A.D., 2011 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated the 11th day of November, A.D., 2010

McKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES
Mareva House
George Street
Nassau, The Bahamas.
Attorneys for the Petitioner



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BUSINESS

European debt crisis weighs on the euro

NEW YORK

A dispute between European leaders on whether to expand emergency support measures weighed on the euro Monday, according to Associated Press.

In late trading in New York, the euro fell to \$1.3322 from \$1.3375 late Friday. After sinking about 10 percent through most of November, the euro got a small bounce late last week because traders suspected that the European Central Bank increased the rate of its bond purchases to help calm debt markets.

The U.S. government also released a disappointing jobs report on Friday that hurt the dollar.

Europe's woes offset concerns about U.S. growth on Monday. Federal Reserve



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Chairman Ben Bernanke said Sunday that the economy is still struggling to become "self-sustaining" without the government's help. He added

that the Fed was willing to buy even more than the planned \$600 billion in Treasury bonds over the next eight months if necessary.

The Fed is buying bonds in an effort to drive U.S. rates lower to get consumers borrowing and spending more. Lower rates tend to weigh on a currency, and the dollar declined steeply from late summer until a deepening debt crisis in Ireland focused investors' attention back on Europe.

In November, the European Union created a bailout package for Ireland, the second European country to receive emergency financing aid this year. Greece was bailed out in May. Investors are now worried that Portugal or even Spain may be next, and that the funds allotted for emergency aid may

not be enough to help Spain if it should require aid.

European officials argued Monday over whether to commit more money to help stabilize the euro. The euro bloc's president, Jean-Claude Juncker, argued that a pan-European bond would boost confidence in the region and its shared currency.

Germany, Europe's largest economy, weighed in against the bond and said the current bailout fund was big enough.

In other trading Monday, the British pound fell to \$1.5721 from \$1.5741, while the dollar dropped to 82.60 Japanese yen from 82.90 yen.

The U.S. currency dipped to 1.0041 Canadian dollars from 1.0045 Canadian dollars, but gained to 0.9815 Swiss francs from 0.9777 Swiss francs.

TREASURYS CHARGE HIGHER AFTER BERNANKE INTERVIEW

MATTHEW CRAFT, AP Business Writer NEW YORK

The prospect of the Federal Reserve expanding its bond-buying program gave Treasuries a lift Monday. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said the bank could boost the \$600 billion effort if the economy needs it.

In a taped interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday night, Bernanke said the economic recovery is barely "self-sustaining." He defended the Fed's \$600 billion plan, which was launched last month and aimed at lowering long-term interest rates. The 10-year note rose 46.8 cents in Monday afternoon trading. That pushed

the yield down to 2.95 percent from 3.00 percent late Friday.

Bernanke said another recession was unlikely but he also warned that persistently high unemployment remains a threat. The government reported Friday that the unemployment rate rose to 9.8 percent in November, a seven-month high. Bernanke said it could take four or five more years to cut that rate in half.

A common criticism of the Fed's program, voiced by Republicans in Congress and many investors, is that it risks creating out-of-control inflation. Bernanke responded to the charge, saying he had "100 percent confidence" the Fed could move quickly enough to prevent that from happening.

"We could raise interest rates in 15 minutes if we have to," Bernanke said. "So, there really is no problem with raising rates, tightening monetary policy, slowing the economy, reducing inflation, at the appropriate time. That time is not now."

In other trading Monday, the 30-year bond rose 71.8 cents. The higher price nudged the 30-year yield to 4.27 percent from 4.31 percent late Friday. The two-year yield also inched lower, to 0.43 percent from 0.47 percent.

Treasuries may lose ground in the coming days as the government adds more supply to the market. The Treasury will auction \$66 billion in new bonds this week, starting Tuesday with the sale of \$32 billion in three-year notes.

RETAIL PUMP PRICES HIT 26-MONTH HIGH



(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma) Americans are getting a sour holiday surprise at the gas pump, where prices are at the highest they've been in over two years. Although supplies remain plentiful and gasoline demand has diminished since September, retail gas prices are rising because oil prices are at the highest levels since October 2008.

SANDY SHORE, AP Business Writer

Americans are getting a sour holiday surprise at the gas pump, where prices are at the highest they've been in over two years. They may even hit a national average of \$3 a gallon by January.

Although supplies remain plentiful and gasoline demand has diminished since September, retail gas prices are rising because oil prices are at the highest levels since October 2008. The two-week advance paused on Monday as benchmark oil for January delivery rose 19 cents to settle at \$88.96 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. A stronger dollar kept prices in check for most of the session. Since oil and other commodities are priced in dollars, a stronger dollar makes them more expensive for buyers who use other currencies.

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline hit \$2.951 on Monday, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. That's nearly 10 cents higher than a week ago and 32 cents more than a year ago.

"The U.S. has never spent Christmas with a \$3-a-gallon average price for fuel," OPIS said. It's the highest national average since Oct. 19, 2008, according to OPIS. Prices have risen 30 to 40 cents from year-ago levels in nearly half the states, and many motorists already pay \$3 a gallon or more.

For example, prices range between \$3.055 a gallon to \$3.519 a gallon in Washington, California, Delaware and Maine. Drivers in Nevada, Oregon, North Dakota, Illinois and Wisconsin, among others, pay between \$2.96 a gallon and \$3.027.

Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas have some of the cheapest pump prices, from \$2.682 a gallon and \$2.812 a gallon.

If oil prices linger in the current range near \$90 a barrel, the national average could reach \$3 before the end of the year, several analysts say. "We're within spitting distance right now," said Stephen Schork, an energy analyst and publisher of The Schork Report. "Whether we get there by the end of the year or by the end of January, as far as consumer's concerned, we're there already by a psychological standpoint."

For every penny the price at the pump increases, U.S. consumers pay an additional \$4 million, according to Cameron Hanover energy analysis agency. On an individual basis, a motorist who bought 10 gallons of gas Monday, on average, paid about \$3.20 more than a year ago.

Schork expects energy demand to waver with prices between \$2.90 a gallon and \$3 a gallon. If oil reaches \$100 a barrel, retail gas prices will be around \$3.30 a gallon or higher, which would be a "significant obstacle" for motorists, he said.

Another Nymex trading in January contracts, heating oil lost 1.17 cents to settle at \$2.4757 a gallon, gasoline fell 1.04 cents to settle at \$2.3417 a gallon and natural gas rose 13.9 cents to settle at \$4.488 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude added 3 cents to settle at \$91.45 a barrel on the ICE futures exchange.

Forecasters see continued recovery in ad spending

ANDREW VANACORE, AP Business Writer NEW YORK

The amount of money spent on advertising will continue to rebound over the next few years after a sharp drop during the recession, according to several new forecasts.

The continued growth is a positive sign for the economy as a whole, suggesting businesses are feeling more confident that they can lure new customers.

But the recovery in ad spending is not showing up across the board. Instead, forecasters expect advertisers will continue to shift dollars to the Web and away from traditional media such as newspapers. And, reflecting broader economic trends, they expect emerging economies to grow much faster than their developed counterparts.

The key takeaway from the latest figures is the "continued rise of developing markets and digital media, and their central role in driving global growth," said Steve King, the head of ZenithOptimedia.

Zenith, a forecaster owned by the ad agency Publicis Groupe SA, said Monday that global ad spending will end the year up 4.9 percent over 2009 at \$449.7 billion. That's slightly better than the company's previous forecast of 4.8 percent.

Zenith expects 4.6 percent growth in 2011 and 5.2 percent growth in 2012 and 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **PERQUELL PATRICE COOPER** of #10 Beach Way Drive, Freeport, P.O.Box F-41508 intend to change my child's name from **STEVONNIA ANTHONICA SALESMAN** to **STEVONNIA ANTHONICA COOPER** If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **HOWARD CAMPBELL JR. of 982 LISKEARD AVENUE, P.O.BOX F42282, FREEPORT, 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 **7th** day of **DECEMBER, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Freeport, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **AVON R. LEE OF FAITH AVENUE NORTH, P.O. BOX CR-54774, NASSAU, 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 **7TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, The Bahamas.

NOTICE

MARONE HOLDINGS, LTD.

Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act 2000 notice is hereby given that the above-named Company has been dissolved and struck off the Register pursuant to a Certificate of Dissolution issued by the Registrar General on the 24th day of November, 2010.

DELANO ARANHA
Liquidator
of
MARONE HOLDINGS, LTD.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

MRL International Resources Limited

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(No.45 of 2000)

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 138 (4) of the International Business Companies Act, (No.45 of 2000), **MRL International Resources Limited** is in dissolution. Ms. Alrena Moxey is the Liquidator and can be contacted at Winterbotham Place, Marlborough and Queen Street, Nassau, The Bahamas. All persons having claims against the above-named company are required to send their names addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator before the 17th December, 2010.

Alrena Moxey
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LIQUIDATOR

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1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited	1.01	1.01	0.00	0.150	0.040	6.7	1.88%		
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%		
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	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.168	0.090	16.1	3.33%		
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	10.46	10.46	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 Water (S1)	6.85	6.85	0.00	0.422	0.260	16.2	3.80%		
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.81	1.82	0.01	0.111	0.045	16.4	2.47%		
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	7.23	Finco	7.23	7.23	0.00	0.287	0.520	25.2	7.19%		
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.39	9.39	0.00	0.645	0.350	14.6	3.73%		
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)	5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.210	14.9	3.85%		
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
6.59	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.23%		
10.50	9.82	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	0.971	0.640	10.1	6.52%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.991	0.800	10.1	8.00%		
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		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			
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid	Ask	Last Price	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%	
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 - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
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%	2.919946	2.911577	30-Sep-10			
1.5668	1.4954	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5683	4.06%	4.67%	1.548897	1.532712	26-Nov-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			
1.1367	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1367	4.30%	5.21%			31-Oct-10			
1.0974	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0974	2.75%	6.87%			30-Sep-10			
1.1363	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1363	4.18%	5.78%			31-Oct-10			
9.7485	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.7458	4.35%	5.22%			31-Oct-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.6000	-1.59%	4.26%			31-Oct-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.5037	-4.96%	-4.96%			31-Oct-10			
8.1643	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.1643	9.42%				31-Oct-10			
MARKET TERMS											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 months											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index. January 1, 1994 = 100											
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By DR BASIL SANDS

Territorial behaviour in dogs

TERRITORIAL behaviour in dogs reminds us of their wolflike ancestors. This behaviour includes defensive and offensive territorial aggression (territorial marking (urine, stool, scratch marks etc) or territorial investigation.

Territorial investigation

When a dog investigates his territory it is crucial for their survival. By investigating its surroundings it provides information regarding natural resources, detection of intruders that would compete for food and water or threaten the safety of young. Males tend to explore larger areas than do females.

Territorial marking

Dogs claim their territory by leaving deposits of urine or stool. Urine may be voided in a crouching position or a standing position with a lifted leg. Both males and females urinate in either position, though vertical surfaces (trees, lamp poles) are more often targeted by mature males. A dog's wall around the neighbour is equivalent to the territorial patrol of its wild relatives (wolves etc). Unmarked areas as well as previous traces of other dogs are marked by fresh deposits of urine or stool.

A dog's territory includes the area surrounding its home and eventually anywhere your dog has explored.

Territorial Aggressiveness

This may begin as a dog approaches sexual maturity at 6 months of age, but may not develop fully until 3 years of age. Not all dogs are born with equal territorial instincts. Many pet owners view territorial aggressiveness as desirable. A dog that is praised for barking when it is startled by noise outside may eventually become a good watchdog. For the most part, however, unless the dog has some inborn predisposition, it may be difficult for the average pet owner to train a reliable watchdog. Still the intimidating effect of a large dog's size may compensate for its suitable nature.

Dog owners can unintentionally encourage undesirable territorial behaviour. Barking and other forms of aggressiveness can be reinforced by attention, even if the attention is negative, such as scolding. Tolerating objectionable behaviour is the same as encouraging it.

Solutions

If your pet has become a problem, teach it the limits of acceptable behaviour. Train your dog to sit and stay when anyone, including you, enters or leaves the home. If necessary use a leash during training. Teaching your dog to assume a calm and controlled attitude reinforces its submissive rank. The dog will gradually understand that it need not defend against or fear visitors. Territorial defense in males is not affected by castration though this may reduce the size of their territory and the frequency of territorial marking. Other types of aggression influenced by sexual hormones, however, may contribute to the intensity of territorial aggression by adding to the dog's motivation or to its general state of arousal. Look for signs of infection. With surgical patients you should always follow closely any post-operative instructions given to you by your veterinarian.



PHOTOS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Helen Rolle, secretary of Sister Sister, Nurse Charlene McPhee, co-founder of Sister Sister and Surgical Suite manager Phyllis Garraway, partner, Yodephy and Strut co-organiser, Debbie Gear-Bethell, partner Yodephy Strut co-founder, and DeCosta Bethel, past president, Reach.

Strut for Life donates over \$10,000 each to Sister Sister and Reach

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

CHRISTMAS comes early this year for Sister Sister and Reach as the organisers of Strut for Life recently donated ten thousand dollars to the Breast Cancer Support Group and an additional ten thousand dollars to Reach, the Autism support Group.

The Strut for Life organisers also presented a cheque for ten thousand dollars to DeCosta Bethel, the past president of Reach, who has an autistic son and a daughter who attends Yodephy.

The organisers of Strut for Life and Yodephy partners Phyllis Garraway and Debbie Gear Bethell raised the twenty thousand dollars by walking 60 miles in Long Island over a three day period in the much publicised Strut for Life fundraiser.

The walk was one of several activities organised by Yodephy in its celebration of Yodephy's 20th anniversary. The dance and modeling agency with an enrollment of over four hundred children is located on Top

of the Hill, Mackey Street, next door to Satellite Bahamas is over twenty years old.

"The inspiration for Strut for Life came because Yodephy has mothers and had many mothers who have had or have breast cancer over the past twenty years, and similarly some of those mothers also have children who have autism," Mrs Garraway said.

Helen Rolle, Sister Sister secretary said the cheque "really meant a lot" to her, as she received the donation on behalf of the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group. "It says to me that we are able to help those unfortunate women out there who cannot afford a port (a device placed inside a cancer victim to dispense medication regularly). Those who cannot afford the first step of treatment on their road to recovery," Mrs Rolle said.

Mrs Greer-Bethell added: "We have a mother who is a recovered breast cancer patient who was planning to participate in the Susan Komen "Race for the Cure" walk in the States, so we asked, why go to the States? Why not do it here? However, when we started walking and

training, there were so many close calls with cars and jitneys, that we decided it would be better to do it in Long Island with one straight road," she explained.

The group had lots of assistance from Long Islanders. Over twenty one people walked and assisted with the driving of the cars. The students from Mangrove Bush Primary also participated by walking a mile.

"A lot of persons in Long Island have got breast cancer too," Mrs Greer-Bethell said. "One of the persons of the support vehicles had lost her mother to breast cancer too, so she was happy to provide us with anything we needed. She rallied up others to help us and it was really wonderful," she said.

Support

Corporate Bahamas also stepped in to lend their support. Mrs Garraway said "Donations are still coming in and are still welcome. We are still selling pins, autism bracelets and T-shirts."

"It's a joy today to receive this cheque when today we had two young females, both thirty six years

old needing surgery and needing ports," said Nurse Charlene McPhee, co founder of the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group.

"Both women are young mothers with children who were not able to afford the ports because they are not working. So, it's marvelous to know that there are corporate companies, like Yodephy and those who supported Strut for Life, donating to Sister Sister so we can give them new ports, so that these women don't have to have two surgeries," she said.

The Sister Sister Breast Cancer support group, arose out of the multi-practice offices of The Surgical Suite at Centerville Medical Centre, Collins Avenue. It was co-founded by certified lap band doctor Charles Diggiss, CMO of Doctors Hospital and President of the MedNet Group of Companies, Dr Locksley Munroe, Southern Community General Clinic and Nurse Charlene McPhee, Manager of the Surgical Suite. The Surgical Suite is a member of the MedNet Group of Companies.

Reach is located in Palmdale off Madeira, next door to McDonald's. The president of Reach is Mario Carey of Mario Carey Real Estate.

Foot health tips for the holidays



By BERNADETTE GIBSON

DURING this festive season, many persons will be on their feet for extended periods. In preparation for the season's celebrations, many are cooking, baking and decorating. Then there are the shop-a-holics who don't realise that they are in for quite a workout, the constant moving from store to store and standing in cashier lines for extended periods. Finally, there are the party goers who are more concerned about mixing and mingling, than their feet.

Most people, and more so women, don't wear the proper walking or standing gear for these activities. Instead of wearing a supportive sandal while cooking, baking or decorating, they opt to go bare feet or wear flat flip flops while standing for hours on tiled or hard floors. On the other hand, we have the shop-a-holics who want to sport the season's latest heels - which are obviously inappropriate for this exercise.

Wearing improper footwear during the holiday season will only result in blisters, corns, calluses or worse...heel pain. Heel spurs has been recognised as one of the most common causes of heel pain. Heel spurs occur when the long, flat ligament on the bottom of the foot

develops tears that cause inflammation. Injury, hard surfaces and poorly constructed footwear can account for this condition.

Calluses are often found on pressure-sensitive parts of the foot, such as under the ball of the foot or under the big toe joint. They can be sore and even painful, much like having a pebble under your foot. Calluses are sometimes sign of foot imbalance or of a more serious problem concealed inside the foot.

Corns on the other hand come in two forms, hard corns and soft corns. Hard corns usually start as red skin, followed by a coating of callus, which develops into a hard corn. Most hard corns develop on the side of the little toe, but are also found in other places where there is steady pressure and

abrasion. Hard corns are almost always caused by shoes of the wrong size or shape or fit. On the other hand, the soft corn is always found between the web of the toes, usually between the fourth and fifth toes. A soft corn is white and damp. It can also be very painful. It is caused by a constant squeezing together of the toes as a result of shoes too short or narrow at the toes.

I wish to give the following advice to readers this holiday season:

1. A supportive flip flop, loafer or even running gear combined with a properly designed 'foot bed' will put your foot in its natural position for walking and standing this holiday season.

2. Party goers should choose shoes with a reasonable heel height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Look for shoes that provide ample toe room (beware of pointed toe styles) having a back strap or enclosed back. The same holds true for men with the exception of heel height.

3. If you are having trouble achieving the appropriate fit with shoes you

already own, take them to a local specialty footwear store or Pedorthic facility and they can modify your shoes to fit your feet.

4. Purchase a slim arch support that your shoe can accommodate. Specialty footwear stores and Pedorthic facilities have options that will fit almost any shoe.

As this is my final article to end 2010, I want to wish you comfort and joy this holiday season! Remember when your feet feel good so will the rest of your body! Until next year - Happy Feet!

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PRETTY IN PINK: New Guinea impatiens have lovely flowers and interesting leaves.

December

Gardeners love December. Grass is growing very slowly and needs little attention, the weather is cool for working and weeding, and the vegetable plots are producing.

Early bearing crops such as snap beans, chard, lettuce, spinach, Chinese cabbage, cucumber and squash should already have given a harvest or two while beets and carrots approach the harvesting stage. Tomatoes that were mature enough to have flowers at the end of October have now set fruit and will bear in mid-December, in time for Christmas. A wonderful time of year indeed.

We must remember that our garden production will be ephemeral unless we take measures to keep the crops coming. Most vegetables can be re-sown every month or so. Sweet peppers should last throughout the year and eggplants may need only one more planting.

I would recommend at least three sowings of carrots. They are true 120-day crops and it is satisfying to have young plants on the way while we enjoy the first fruits.

Now that the weather is cooler we can start Irish potatoes. It is difficult to obtain true seed potatoes but healthy specimens with eyes from the food store do well enough. Cut a potato into wedges, each wedge with a prominent eye. Dip each into a weak solution of bleach (10-1 water/bleach) and allow to dry.

The potato pieces produce roots from the cut area and new potatoes are formed above. This means we must bury the seed potato quite deeply, five or six inches below ground level. The soil beneath the cutting should be lightly fertilised. The hole can be left open and as the stalks grow, they can be lightly covered until the greenery is above ground level. The soil can then be mounded around the base of the plant.

Potatoes are ready for digging when the plant flowers and then dies back. Your potatoes may be smaller than you are normally used to buy-

GREEN SCENE
By GARDENER JACK

ing but will have exquisite flavour. Many people value small potatoes more than large ones.

Cabbages and their kin - cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, etc. - are gross feeders and should have small side dressings of fertiliser applied while they grow. There is a limit to this, however. A gardening friend from Cherokee Sound, Abaco, told me that last year he grew cauliflower that bore four-foot leaves and broccoli that grew to six feet, but neither crop produced any flowering heads. This failure was no doubt caused by over-fertilising.

Right about now you should have a good idea of how your flowering gardens will look for Christmas. If you are not happy you can go to your favourite nursery and buy seedlings or adult plants to fill in any gaps. It is usually in December that nurseries receive shipments of New Guinea impatiens. These often have variegated leaves and are attractive even when they are not flowering. They like shade but can take more sun than regular impatiens.

If you have planted Christmas poinsettias in your garden in the past they should be ready to flower and give a festive display. Sometimes, home poinsettias bloom after Christmas but will continue doing so until after Easter.

Although grass may not be growing fast, it is still growing and needs to be fertilised with high nitrogen in order to keep the colour rich and deep. Water the lawn well before applying the fertiliser and then water lightly again. St Augustine grass can take a great deal of neglect but also rewards good treatment.

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BIG EATERS: Members of the cabbage clan are gross feeders and need to be fertilised well.



REWARDERS: If you planted poinsettias into your garden last year or the year before they will be giving their own special bonus for years to come.

The truth about the flu: It's more serious than you think

(ARA) - Martin McGowan was a healthy, athletic 15-year-old with a passion for baseball. After his high school baseball tryouts in early February 2005, Martin was exhausted and said his legs hurt from running. He went to bed, and at 2.30 am that morning, Martin's mother awoke to hear her son vomiting in the bathroom. He had a fever of 102 degrees.

Martin's symptoms progressed throughout the morning, with the pain in his legs worsening. His mother called the doctor who recommended either an appointment for later that afternoon or to take Martin to the emergency room. Martin said he needed to go to the emergency room.

Once at the hospital, Martin's lips were so white the ER doctor administered intravenous fluids. Martin tested positive for influenza. As a result of the influenza disease attacking his muscles, he developed compartment syndrome, which limited

his blood circulation in his legs and caused severe pain.

The doctors explained to Martin's mother that he would need an operation as soon as possible. If the blood flowing to Martin's legs ceased for an extended period of time, they might have to amputate his legs.

During the surgery, Martin's heart stopped beating. Shortly after, Martin died of complications from influenza, merely 24 hours after his first symptoms appeared. Martin had not been vaccinated against the flu.

After Martin's death, his mother, Diane McGowan, joined Families Fighting Flu, the only non-profit organisation made up of families who have experienced first-hand the death of a child due to the flu or have had a child experience severe medical complications from the flu.

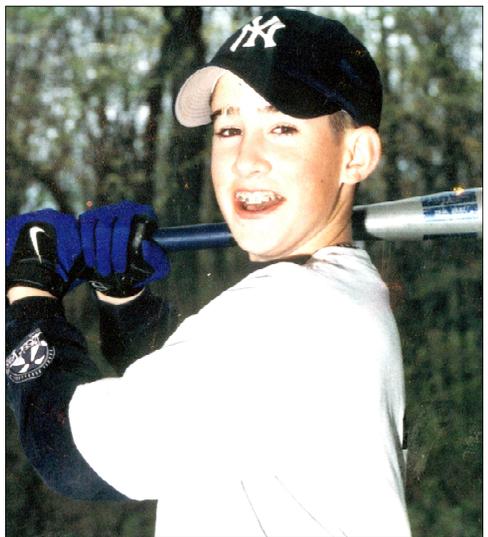
The flu is a serious disease that spreads very easily. It can cause mild to severe illness, and can lead to death - even among healthy, older

children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), annual vaccination is the single best way to prevent influenza in people of all ages.

"We should have gotten Martin vaccinated," said McGowan. "Now, I can only hope that his story will be an encouragement for other families to get their children vaccinated every year."

During the 2009-2010 flu season, the CDC estimated that 274,000 people were hospitalised in the U.S. from influenza - more than 85,000 of them were children. Tragically, an estimated 1,200 children under age 17 died from the flu last season.

"In developed countries, influenza kills more people than any other vaccine-preventable disease," said Jon Abrahamson, MD, chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Wake Forest University Medical School in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a medical advisor for Families Fighting Flu.



Martin McGowan

The Little Pink Party welcomes you to 'The W Wonderland'



LITTLE PINK BUSINESS: Guest socialise as they show off the swag bags.



BONITA DESIGNS VENDOR

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE Little Pink Party brings to women of all ages, a six hour field trip into the world of all things fashionable this holiday season as they invite you to The W Wonderland.

This magical event is said to be the most celebrated shopping event for Bahamian women this December, it was designed and conceptualised to be a weekend for girlfriends.

Hosted by the KhanAali Media Group, the Little Pink Party (TLPP) "The W Wonderland" will be a joyous festival featuring day and night events characterising "Who What When Where Women Want".

The event will be held this upcoming Saturday, December 11 at The Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino, starting at 11 am to 5 pm.

Going further on the TLPP The W Wonderland, organisers say it is the ultimate lady's day out featuring boutiques that offer gift items on everyone's wish list with live demonstrations of the latest trends in fashion and holiday entertaining.

Kandice Hanna, principle creative of the The Little Pink Party told *Tribune Woman* that the party happens twice a year, a Spring Summer event and a Fall Winter Event.

She continued: "It all began in May of 2008, the theme around that event was centered around the Sex and the City movie and it grew into a bigger event. We contacted the Cancer Society to be apart of it."

"The W Wonderland theme is apart of a weekend celebration of womanhood and although it is welcomed to everyone, it is a celebration of all woman."

Ms Hanna explained that the Little Pink Party is in aid of the Cancer Society with special attention to Breast Cancer.



ALL SMILES: Kandice Hanna and members of TLPP.

"There are also woman groups that will be attending the party. Support of this noble, pro-social charitable cause benefits the Cancer Society of The Bahamas," she said.

"The little pink party is a fashionable opportunity to support the fight against breast cancer."

"This event is a cost effective opportunity for vendors and sponsors to get up close and personal with over 1,500 highly targeted 21-45 year old females across all key markets. It's these "live social networks" of girlfriends where buzz and viral marketing starts.

Guests will enjoy delicious cocktails and refreshments while sampling fabulous products, services and holiday inspired cuisines. There will also be ready to wear fashions and special performances on main stage. Loads of giveaways and beauty items will also be available in the little pink Swag Bag.

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There is an entrance fee of \$5.

Get caught looking glamorous this holiday season

(ARA) - While the holiday season is one of the most joyous times of the year, it can also be one of the busiest. Days (and nights) are filled with shopping, cooking, gift wrapping and of course celebrating at holiday parties with family and friends.

So wherever the holiday season may take you, it is always important to get caught looking your absolute best.

"You don't want to be caught off guard when you bump into someone while you're doing last-minute holiday shopping," says beauty expert Polly Blitzer. "If you make a habit of using the right beauty products from brands women trust - I love COVERGIRL, Pantene, Olay and Clairol - you'll look good day or night, no matter where you're going, and no matter what you're doing."

Now here are some more tips from Polly to help you get caught looking glamorous:

- Update your wardrobe with a few simple items for a new glam look at each gathering. Start with a simple dress (a new little black dress is usually the most versatile) and then accessorise with scarves, jewelry, shoes and handbags. One dress can be worn to many soirees just by switching up the accents; this way, you won't have to spend a lot of money on several outfits.
- Puffiness and dark circles under your eyes don't mix well with the stilettos and

sequins you plan to wear to the season's hottest party. So try Olay Regenerist Anti-Aging Eye Roller to reduce under eye puffiness in 30 seconds and look fresh and radiant all season long.

- Foundation is the first step in creating a flawless look, so make sure to pick a product that provides adequate coverage, but also goes on sheer. COVERGIRL's Simply Ageless Foundation provides a flawless finish without settling into fine lines and wrinkles throughout the day. It also goes on sheer, making imperfections seem to disappear while improving skin condition over time.

- Don't show up at the party with naked nails - head out to a salon or invite a friend over for a manicure. Smooth cuticles, buff rough nail edges, moisturise frequently and paint them with a neutral color that will work with many of your holiday styles.

- To ensure you're not looking dreary like the winter weather, dial up your hair's colour and shine with Clairol Perfect 10 by Nice 'n Easy. It gives hair high gloss, high shine and gorgeous colour in just 10 minutes.

- And finally, don't hide behind your dry, frizzy locks when the cameras start flashing. Pantene Pro-V Restore Beautiful Lengths Shine Enhance Replenishing Mask has an advanced formula to treat rough, dull hair and will leave your tresses looking and feeling smooth and silky.



BEST DRESSED: Wherever the holiday season may take you, it is always important to get caught looking your absolute best.

"Most importantly, don't forget to turn on your brilliant smile and rock your look with confidence every time you walk out the door," says Blitzer.

• For more tips on how to get caught looking glamorous this holiday season, go to www.musthaveits.com.

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BIG & BEAUTIFUL

Ms Full Figured Beauty Pageant set to empower voluptuous women

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

The Ms Full Figured Beauty Pageant are on a continued mission to empower voluptuous women.

Since their inception five years ago, the beauty organisation has been faced with the challenge of suppressing the idea that the only definition of beauty is slim. They have been successful thus far.

Many ladies who were previous competitors said that the organisation is gradually dispelling the stigmas associated with weight that exist in the Bahamas.

Current Ms Teen Plus Bahamas beauty queen (a pageant also under the umbrella of Esteem Productions) Jacklyn Frazer said that her reign so far has been life changing. "I feel that the role Esteem Production plays is one of extreme importance because this pageant within itself proves that discrimination is not a barrier that should exist and I also feel that this organisation would prove to be an example and dreams come true."

Under the theme Metamorphosis: "The Evolution of Beauty" the Ms Full Figured Bahamas Beauty pageant will give truth to dreams and light to imagination affording one lady, the chance to become Miss Full Figured Bahamas 2011.

Currently the pageant is in the recruitment stages and is seeking to fill spots left for seven worthy competitors. The deadline for applications is the end of December.

As is stands, there are eight women training for the big show down in next year February. "The ladies have started training in model and poise, dance, and fitness which will go on until they are officially launched as competitors to the public. However it is not too late for any lady that is interested in entering the pageant," said Rayette McDonald founder and chief executive of Esteem

Productions.

This year, pageant organisers have introduced two new segments to the event. Competitors will strut their curves in a high fashion segment and show off their creative genius in the costume segment.

And the young lady crowned queen will represent the Bahamas at the international full figured pageant. She will also be awarded with \$2500 in cash prizes as well as receive designers gowns. Additionally the reigning queen will part take in a photo shoot with international photographers in Atlanta Georgia.

"On top of the prizes being offered, women should enter the pageant because it is for self enhancement. The organisation puts the voice behind what those believe about beauty and we want to let persons know that no matter the size they too can fulfill whatever dreams they have," she said.

Esteem Productions is a Bahamas-based multimedia production company founded by Rayette McDonald who also serves as the company's president and chief executive officer established in 2005, Esteem Production is the Bahamas' leading organisation that is focused and committed solely to the enhancement of full figured women.

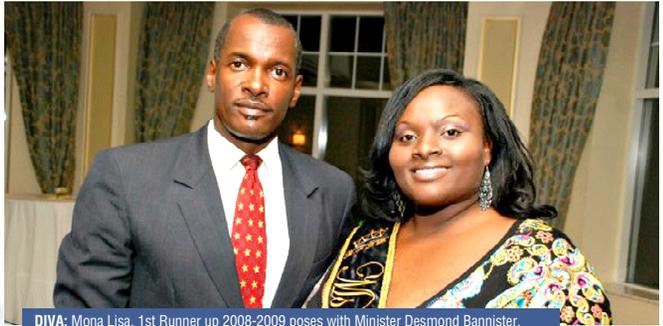
"We seek to promote events and initiatives that empower and uplift the full figured woman while expanding, revolutionizing and redefining the current global standards of beauty," Ms McDonald said.

In addition to her extensive work with Esteem Productions, Ms McDonald currently serves on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement and is an active contributor to the Surrogate Aunt Programs and the Bahamas Division Girl Guides. She is a motivational speaker and has addressed hundreds of students by spreading her message of encouragement and the importance of living to one's fullest potential.

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FASHIONISTAS: Ms Full Figured Bahamas, Saschenka Thruston and Miss Teen Plus Bahamas Jacklyn Frazer, stops for photographs at the recent Islands of the World Fashion Week.



DIVA: Mona Lisa, 1st Runner up 2008-2009 poses with Minister Desmond Bannister.



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