Salaries are lower than they were 10 years ago

WAGES for Grand Bahama and Family Islanders working in the hotel industry are lower now than they were 10 years ago, new data has revealed, while employment has increased.

Figures from the Department of Statistics show that the weekly wages of the average worker in these islands — where tourism is one of fewer economic lifelines available for locals — fell by $10 a week for locals than in New Providence during the same time period.

The overall decline in 2008 from 1999 levels is a major exacerbation by dwindling island’s economy. This was put a stranglehold on the Royal Oasis Resort in 2004 which led to the closure of the astating hurricanes, one of the island’s major economic lifelines.

During the same time period in New Providence, the average hourly hotel worker earned $13,056 in 2008 but for women and $21 for men from 1999 through 2008, leaving them with average yearly bouns of $13,096 and $45,000 respectively.

Meanwhile, the overall number of people employed in the hotel industry in Grand Bahama and the Family Islands also saw a major decrease for 2008 in 2009 figures.

Unconfirmed reports suggest Cable Bahamas may drop Island FM

TALK is swirling in media circles that Cable Bahamas may be dropping Carter Broadcasting’s Island FM to join forces with the Star 106.9FM and The Nassau Guardian newscasts.

Unconfirmed reports are that the move would see the Star 106.9FM radio station and The Nassau Guardian newscasts move into their new studio platforms.

Cable Bahamas and Nassau Guardian representatives, Director of Public Affairs Keith Wisdom and Managing Editor Erica Wells, declined to comment on this until contacted about it by this newspaper.

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A ‘FITTING PRESENT’ FOR BACARDI ROAD RESIDENTS

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CHRISTMAS came early to Bacardi Road residents living on the newly repaved one-mile stretch of road which for months posed a traffic hazard due to its deep trenches and cavernous potholes.

“I think this is a fitting present for the people of the Bacardi Road area,” said Golden Isles MP Charles Maynard yesterday. “There are numerous communities throughout the length and breadth of this road. I am sure the people are very happy now to be able to drive on a very smooth road—and from home—after suffering for almost a year.”

Last month, Bacardi Road residents took their plight to the media with complaints of burst tires, collapsed shock absorbers and narrowly averted accidents.

They said the problem demanded “urgent” attention and the government responded by spending just over $300,000 to repair the road. Minister of Works Neko Grant said the work was carried out by the government’s hot mix plant, Bahamix, which has recently repaired a number of other streets in New Providence, including the Eastern Road and Five Mile streets in Lucayan Gardens, Redland Road, Sea Beach Estates, and the Carmichael Road area.

Bahamix manager Ryan Rahming said he expects his staff’s latest handiwork on Bacardi Road to last for at least another decade.

“We pave to civil design specification,” he explained. “Based on the dense rock we have in the Bahamas, we should be good for an average of nine years, anywhere from nine to 12 years depending on the volume of traffic and tonnage.”

“Weight has a lot to do with how the roads are affected. So if we experience an increase in truck traffic the loading is greater and it affects the structural integrity of the roads. As it stands right now, you have a very well compacted road.”

In October Mr Maynard first brought the state of Bacardi Road to the public’s attention. Speaking in the House of Assembly, he charged that a private company which worked on the Lou Adderley Subdivision was responsible for the road’s sorry state—the result of trenches dug in order to tie into the sewer system of another subdivision.

Bacardi road was left in a dangerous state, he said, adding that government’s subsequent appeals to the developer to fix the road fell on deaf ears.

“I just want it to be clear. It’s through no fault of the Ministry of Works that the road ended up in the poor state that it was,” Mr Maynard said yesterday. “This is now the Ministry of Works coming to the rescue of the people of Bacardi.”

As for the developer responsible for ripping up the road, Mr Grant said the matter has been forwarded to the Attorney General’s Office.
Police fight crime with brand new unit

Bicycle cops are fast, mobile and can engage with the public in a more personal way

By REUBEN SHEARER
Tribune Features Reporter

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The consequences of suppressing news

Four years ago — 2005 — the Ministry of Tourism started to send out warnings about crime in the Bahamas. This was a time when crime was not becoming a major issue. In fact, the Ministry of Tourism was trying to attract more tourists by promoting the safety of the country. The Ministry’s main concern was that tourists would not be deterred from visiting the Bahamas due to the fear of crime. However, in recent years, the Ministry has been criticized for its handling of crime-related issues. The Ministry’s response has been to suppress news about crime, which has led to a lack of accountability and transparency. As a result of the Ministry’s actions, tourists and locals are not fully informed about the situation and are not able to make informed decisions about their safety. The Ministry’s actions have also led to a lack of trust in the government’s ability to handle crime-related issues. It is important for the Ministry to be transparent and honest about crime-related issues to maintain the confidence of the public and tourists. The Ministry should also work to address the root causes of crime and develop effective solutions to prevent future incidents.
Environmentalists have mixed views over climate summit.

PRIME MINISTER<br>Hubert Ingraham

**PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham told the United Nations conference in Copenhagen that some environmentalists are not ready to see the government go all the way in terms of what it wants to do to protect our natural environment.**

He said that such a program should be comprehensive and include Bahamian mangrove forests, wetlands, coral reefs, forests, and other resources. Ingraham said that the government is working towards a comprehensive program to protect our natural environment.

Ingraham also pointed out that the government is committed to protecting the country's reefs. He said that the Bahamas Reef Environment and Education Foundation (BREEF) agreed that the Bahamas need protection from the effects of climate change.

Ingraham stressed the vulnerability of the Bahamas to the effects of climate change. He said that the government is working to make the Bahamas independent of fossil fuels within 15 years. He also said that the government is working to reduce the Bahamas' dependence on diesel fuel, which is the most common fuel used in the Bahamas.

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Rising star Sophie Okonedo shines for festival award

By REUBEN SHEARER Tribune Features
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FORTY-year-old actress Sophie Okonedo was caught up in the moment as she received her 2009 Rising Star Tribute award from the Bahamian International Film Festival on Wednesday evening at the Balmoral Hotel.

An hour before being presented with the prestigious award by Charley Walters, Ms Okonedo spoke with The Tribune about the significance of the prestige honor.

“I just feel so privileged, and I love the fact that I’m a rising star. At my age, I would want to keep on rising,” the British actress said. “I wouldn’t have thought anyone would have heard of me when I started out. I just feel so honored.”

The festival’s prestigious Rising Star Award is given to an actor or actress whose noteworthy performances have put them on the path to elite and lasting stardom in the industry.

RIF Founder and executive director Leslie Van- depoele sung Ms Okonedo’s praises.

“I’m honored Sophie Okonedo as the 2009 RIF Rising Star because she is the epitome of a true authentic artist,” Ms Okonedo’s praise.

“Sophie Okonedo’s performances can attest, her star is most definitely one on the rise. Her performances are always captivating and her acting abilities are out of this world.”

Ms Okonedo’s career highlights include a powerful performance in the 2004 blockbuster film, Banda, which earned her an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress.

In the film, she plays the lead role of a young woman who has saved thousands of lives during the Rwanda genocide of the 90s, in which one million people died in just three months.

In her most recent feature film, Atonement, which debuted in the Bahamas at RIFF, Ms Okonedo plays a girl born to white parents but classified as ‘coloured’ during South Africa’s Apartheid era.

In the film, which is based on the true story of Sandra Laing, she plays a young woman who goes on to become a successful artist.

After returning to work in 2009 was the highly regarded The Secret Life of Bees, in which she starred alongside Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson.

Ms Okonedo is a nominee for the Best Actress award at the 2009 British Independent Film Awards. What’s next for Sophie Okonedo? She says she wants to return to her roots. “I’ve been reading a lot of books and I’ve been told there are places where I’ve learned about my craft.”

“The game plan, and I’ve known what I’m doing from job to job, I just kind of Coast along to see if something happens.”

Christ Church Cathedral Schedule of Christmas Services
December 20th, 2009 - January 3rd, 2010
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Featuring The Highgrove Singers 6:00 p.m. Sunday December 20th The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Thursday December 24th, 2009 10:30 p.m. “Christ Our Saviour Betrayed” A Christmas Eve Concert Presented by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Procession to the Manager & Service Protestant Ecclisariat Christmas Day Friday December 25th, 2009 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist The First Sunday After Christmas Saturday December 26th, 2009 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 6:15 p.m. Children’s Evensong Service & Benediction Thursday December 31st, 2009 The Eve of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 6:30 p.m. The Service Introduces the First Mass of The New Year 2010 The Second Sunday After Christmas Sunday January 3rd, 2010 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:15 p.m. Evensong, Service & Benediction Presented by Cathedral Rees Choir

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Three-part project for Parliament Square buildings

PUBLIC Works Min- ister, Nokol Grant, yester- day outlined a three- part project for the refurbishment of the Supreme Court Build- ing and selected build- ings in Parliament Square.

Speaking at a contract signing ceremony for the architectural design services, Mr Grant said the estimated budget for the project is $16.3 million.

The contract was awarded to ARCP Architects.

Mr Grant said the first part of the project will include the extension and refurbishment of the Supreme Court building to create three civil courts.

The second part of the project entails the enhancement of Parla- ment Square and the third part entails the construction of a new central services building.

The contract was awarded to ARCOP Architects.

The project is estimated to commence in May 2010 and is scheduled for completion in February 2011.

The contract involves the construction of the Supreme Courts at one site.

Attorney General, John Poynter, yester- day that the consoli- dation of the Supreme Courts at one site will increase the efficiency of the adminis- tration of justice.

He said that it will also be more convenient for the backlog of cases.
JUSTICE campaigner Tanya Cash has been refused the right to summon the Public Hospitals Authority to court and claim damages for an injurious fall at the Centreville Rehabilitation Centre.

Mrs Cash, 42, was taking her disabled son Gregory, 14, to a Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) clinic in Collins Avenue when she slipped and fell tearing the tendons in her right arm and injuring her left arm on June 19. Mrs Cash says she has been unable to claim damages as she and her husband Greg, 49, were deemed vexatious litigants by Supreme Court Judge Anita Allen in January and barred from initiating any legal action.

Mrs Cash filed an appeal against the ruling 10 months ago, but has yet to be given a date for the Court of Appeal hearing. She claims she has been refused the right to take legal action.

A person who has been declared a vexatious litigant can only initiate legal proceedings with the permission of a Supreme Court judge, Mrs Cash explained, alleging that she has been denied the right to take legal action.

When Senior Justice Allen ruled in favour of the Attorney General’s office, Mr and Mrs Cash lodged an appeal in February and paid the $1,500 bond to the Court of Appeal in August.

But the law does not allow to receive a response from the court to try to file a date for the Court of Appeal hearing.

She remarked: “We were deemed vexatious litigants because they wanted to quiet us down, and now they deny me justice at every angle. I am not going to get justice in this country, I cannot.”

“Most of our legal actions are vexatious and amount to an abuse of the court’s process.”

Mr and Mrs Cash intend to take their continuing court matters to the Privy Council.

Mrs Cash said: “In order for us to get justice in this country we have to go outside this country and it’s sad and will probably hurt the country, but it will help the people of this country.”

“We have had it, me and my husband have had it,” she said.

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Local News

Armed robbers storm store in Cable Beach

Police are investigating the mysterious death of one of the two armed robbers who reportedly held up Quad Sports Bar in Market Street and Poinciana Drive on Wednesday night.

Kenneth Russell in ‘health scare’

Mr Russell, the High Rock Constituency MP, was appointed minister of housing in a 2007 Cabinet reshuffle in the FNM’s website on which he is a former chairman and vice-chairman of the Free National Movement, High Rock Constituency Association and was elected to the High Rock constituency in 1997, 2002 and again in 2007.

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Mr Albury’s motorcycle, registration number 1252, was found about 60 yards away. Police are uncertain of the exact time of death and are appealing to witnesses to call 911 urgently.

Any person with any information that may assist with the investigations should call police at 911 or visit Crime Stoppers immediately on 032-TIPS (847).

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tourism stemming from the US recession, which began in late 2008.

In September, Prime Min-
ister Hubert Ingraham said
Government was working
feverishly to revitalise the
collapsed economy, but some
批评者 think the promised
turnaround is not coming
soon enough.

“The uncertainty of the
future of Grand Bahama
demands immediate atten-
tion from all concerned. The
economic drought, mass
social dislocation caused as
a result, the painful and psy-
chological impact that
Bahamians are enduring are
compelling reasons for the
movers and shakers to sit,
egotiate and to envisage a
progressive, creative and
innovative plan for the future
of Grand Bahama.

“The strategic location of
Freeport and Grand Bahama
and the prospect of the island
becoming a centre for inter-
national trade is of paramount
importance. We need to get
on with it,” Mr Wilchcombe said
in a statement released to
The Tribune.

He added: “The residents
of Grand Bahama are not
enthused by the self induced
depression that together with
the economic recession has
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Earlier this week Sir Jack
Hayward revealed to Tribune
Business that he had signed a
sales agreement with a buyer
of his shares in the Grand
Bahama Port Authority
(GBPA) and its Port Group
Ltd affiliate.

A letter detailing the sale
was said to have been deliv-
ered to Prime Minister
Hubert Ingraham on Decem-
bre 14, however it is not
known if Mr Ingraham
received it before leaving to
attend the United Nations
Climate Summit in Copen-
hagen, Denmark.

Sir Jack has boasted that
the sale would be a deal on
par with Sol Kerzner’s lucra-
tive Atlantis resort on Par-
adise Island and could inject
much needed boost to
Grand Bahama’s economy.

When questioned about
this potential boost, Mr
Wilchcombe refrained from
speculating on what the deal
could offer until all the facts
about the reported sale are
made public.

“It would be premature to
offer any thoughts on a mat-
ter that is reported to be on
the desk of the Prime Minis-
ter and is therefore the sub-
ject of consideration,” he
said.

Some of the Government’s
plans for Grand Bahama
include a planned announce-
ment of a government tem-
porary job programme for
500 Grand Bahamians; the
construction of a $17 million,
60,000 sq ft government com-
plex, providing construction
jobs for Grand Bahamians;
fiscal support for “unprece-
dented” features of Grand
Bahama in international
tourism advertising cam-
paigns; discussions on the
sale of the East Grand Bahama
oil terminal, with a “positive
decision” on the sale expect-
based on the end of Septem-
ber and a planned meeting
with principals of Hutchinson
Whampoa on further expan-
sion on Grand Bahama.
benefit fund. However, there is still no word on the specific date it will be implemented. In a recent interview with The Tribune, Minister of State for Finance Zhirvargo Laing could not say when the proposed contribution increase would start, but conceded that early 2010 was still the target date for the increase. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has said that during the second phase of the benefit programme, contributions of half a per cent of insurable wages will be payable by both employers and employees. “The prime minister had indicated from the start, that the amount of funds allocated for the first phase of the unemployment scheme should take us up to a certain point and then a contributory situation would kick in January (or) February,” Mr Laing said. “I have not heard anything to change that and unless circumstances are so altered that it becomes necessary for us to do otherwise as the government is still on that same trajectory.” Earlier this week, NIB Director Algernon Cargill revealed that NIB’s unemployment benefit fund is effectively exhausted, with $20.185 of the $20 million set aside for the fund already allocated. He added that almost $500,000 worth of payments have not been collected, which he sees as a sign that the unemployment situation in the Bahamas is not as dire as it was earlier in the year. Mr Laing said that the business community will be consulted once a specific date is set for Government to get their opinion on the mandated increase. “I am sure that leading up to a determination on whether or not the contributory aspect will kick in there will be discussions with the private sector. I think it’s safer to say that if that is going to happen, it will be early next year as opposed to January or February or March. And there will be discussions with the private sector I’m sure.” The member of Parliament for the Marco City constituency thinks that the contribution increase is a small price for businesses and the working population to pay in exchange for an unemployment safety net. “The sense of security they get from the knowledge that in difficult times I have a means of having some relief to my unemployment situation hopefully being temporary is the extent to which they have a greater sense of confidence in the state and that makes them more productive workers. “It’s not a significant amount of money, it’s two dollars for the employee and one dollar for the employer. I think for that level of security... I think that’s the least that a country can do,” he said. The unemployment benefit scheme was launched in April of this year by Government in an attempt to cushion the effects of rising unemployment. Unemployed persons who had contributed to the National Insurance Board and met certain requirements were eligible for the fund, which was payable for 13 weeks.
Jacques becomes first ever Thomas A. Robinson Scholarship recipient

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Yet it was her efforts in track and field that has helped me to reach this point and I promise to my family, friends and Mr. Robinson that I will not let them down.”

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by RENALDO DORSETT Sports Reporter

As THE status of its burgeoning athletic programme continues to expand, the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture has increased the budget for the National Hall of Fame Student Athlete Award programme. Newly appointed Minister, Charles Maynard, made the official charge presentation to College of the President, Coach Muller Petit and 22 other athletes. The increased endowment will allow the 15-25 student athletes at COB competing on one of eight varsity teams, which include: men and ladies basketball, volleyball, track and field. I am pleased to assist in writing another chapter in the progressive relationship between the Ministry of the Bahamas and my Ministry. Maynard said, “The partnership could not be more solidly a partnership by doubling the size of funding provide a year ago when we initiated a plan for enabling the College to assist financial- ly-challenged student-athletes gaining admission to the College.”

Maynard said he was pleased the Ministry’s commitment to the development of the athletic programme and would aid in the country retaining more elite athletes. This occasion also permits us to continue the views of the Ministry that further assistance was eagerly needed to doubly align a robust ath- letic programme at COB. This view is common among all National Sport Federations who collectively view a robust COB athletic depart- ment as vital to building their strongest national teams. “Athletes at COB have earned the right to carry the name of their programme in the life of our Minister to help hourly on external institutions to groom our elite athletes. I am therefore pleased to present the College my Min- istry’s second installment of its Hall of Fame Student Athlete Pro- gramme.”

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Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne field goal with a minute left.

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Kobe's jumper at OT buzzer lifts Lakers over Bucks

MILWAUKEE

KOBIE BRYANT returned to an old habit when he missed a potential game-winning shot. Given a second opportunity, he stuck with the

Kobe Bryant, who scored 42 points in a win over Chicago on Tuesday night, was again sharp when it counted during the Lakers’

Milwaukee took a 106-100 lead in overtime after Reid hit a 3 and Luke Ridnour added a 3-pointer.

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Bahamas National Youth Choir holds Christmas concert

SCENES FROM the Bahamas National Youth Choir’s First Annual Christmas Concert at the Trinity Methodist Church. The event, held on Tuesday, featured festive songs to get the audience into the spirit of the season.

Felipé Major/Tribune staff

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**FINCO: No dividend after 69% property value fall**

By NEIL HARTNELL

FINCO, the BISX-listed investment company, yesterday announced it was declaring a fourth quarter dividend, the first time it has decided not to return profits to shareholders "for allowing its owners to remember the pain" it has "lost a substantial amount of its net equity".

"It’s adding to the property sector's real estate related losses for the year as the real estate market continues to soften... The overall real estate market is expected to continue to soften into 2010." By NEIL HARTNELL Tribune Business Editor

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**7% ordinary life growth puts BAF on profit target**

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By NEIL HARTNELL Tribune Business Editor

British American Financial’s president/chief executive officer yesterday said while 2009 had not been a ‘bunner year per se’, it expected to “come close” to its target $2.5 million net profit for the year, aided by 7% per cent growth in its net premium income.

**Looking to make ‘significant inroads’ on re-entry into Bahamian health insurance market in early 2010**

By NEIL HARTNELL Tribune Business Editor

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Nothing graphic about choosing this profession

BY DEIDRE BASTIAN

CREATIVITY EXPRESSION
One of the best benefits to having a graphic art career is the ability to express creativity, while still earning a good living. Many artists are moving towards graphic design because it’s easier to make a living while doing something you love in it as much as fine art. Does this mean that if you’re an artist in your free time you can just jump right into graphic design? Absolutely not! You’ll need to do some research to learn more about the world of freelance art. This article will go into the details about freelance work and how to get started.

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The design community is incredibly fertile soil. There seems to be so many different and unique sites for an online designer. There are many different types of designers, such as those who work for large companies, those who work for small businesses, and those who work for themselves. There are also plenty of freelance designers who work on their own. If you’re thinking about becoming a freelance graphic designer, this article will give you some tips on how to get started.

The first thing you’ll need to do is decide what type of freelance graphic art you want to do. Do you want to work for yourself or do you want to work for someone else? Do you want to work on your own or do you want to work with a team? There are many different types of freelance graphic art, and each one has its own benefits and drawbacks. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work on your own, freelance graphic art might be the right choice for you. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work with a team, freelance graphic art might not be the right choice for you.

Once you’ve decided what type of freelance graphic art you want to do, the next step is to find a client. You can find clients in a few different ways. One way is to find clients is to print out your contact information and send it out to potential clients. Another way is to find clients is to find clients online. There are many different online platforms that allow you to find clients. You can find clients on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. You can also find clients on websites, such as Upwork and Freelancer. Once you’ve found a client, you’ll need to present your portfolio and pitch your proposal. This is where you’ll need to make sure that you’re presenting your portfolio in the best way possible. You’ll also need to make sure that you’re presenting your proposal in a way that will make the client want to hire you.

The final step is to make sure that you’re presenting your portfolio and proposal in a way that will make the client want to hire you. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work on your own, freelance graphic art might be the right choice for you. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work with a team, freelance graphic art might not be the right choice for you. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work on your own, freelance graphic art might be the right choice for you. If you’re looking for a career that allows you to work with a team, freelance graphic art might not be the right choice for you.

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Don't be discouraged; if fine
it is in areas such as fine art.

While I do recommend going
ON YOUR OWN
YOU CAN LEARN
FROM YOUR OWN

It’s important to look at the
benefits and disadvantages to
this career. Some of the
benefits include:

- FREELANCE
- Choose Your Own

WEB OR PRINT FLEXIBILITY

If you have ever dreamed of
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EASY ONLINE MARKETING

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incredibly fertile soil. There
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such as those who work for
large companies, those who
work for small businesses,
and those who work for themselves.

Many designers worry about
making the most of the web.
Technology changes by leaps
and bounds, so when you throw
your hat into the competitive
capitalism, you need to be
on top of your game.

you've signed up to be a

FEW EXPENSES

If you have a computer and
there are few business expens-
es, such as website host-
ing and maybe a marketing
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BEAUTY BUSINESSES

Some businesses have a lim-
ited client base, but every busi-
ness needs a graphic artist. If
a business is going to market-
ment and other materials. As
long as you have business,
there will be a need for the
graphic artist. If you are gen-
nerally getting away with a
little bit of work, this will help
you to stand out from the
rest of the pack. This means
that you can choose to stand
out from the rest of the
competition by using a dif-
ferent medium.

EXECUTIVE

FREELANCE

My favourite part about the
graphic arts career is the ability
to engage in freelance work.

TO GET INTO

If you have a decent com-
puter and a few Adobe pro-
suits, you are just about
ready to make it. But there’s
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growth and networking.
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ivity, being a graphic artist
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ment and self-growth. You
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by doing art or doing web.

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In Front Row from left: Starting with suds and lather, Agatha Armoire (Marketing Representative and Nail Technician), Karice Martin (Certified Medical Aesthetic Therapist, Rainbow Preventative Health and Hair Removal Expatriate and Spa Director), and Nevada Mills (Hair Stylist Assistant).

In Back Row from left: Rachael Lowery (Office Manager), Pam Melcher (Office Manager), Karen Stephen (Nail Tech), Tracie Tollefson (Massage Therapist), Betty Smith (Office Manager), Shavonne (Office Manager), Erin Gadson (Spa Director), Theresa Halford (Office Manager), and Stephanie (Office Manager).
A distinction by the UK courts to block a block called for by British Airways cabin crew over the Christ-\nmas season would only for the Bahamas economy, the Bahamas Hotel Association-\nhotel's president said yester-\nday.

Robert Sands, who is also\nBaha Mar's vice-president of external affairs, said\nthe Bahamian economy, the\nmas season bodes well for\nbahamas, an important one \nout of London via British \nAirways, an important one \nown the UK/European market, \nby Americans.

According to online news \nreports that this tax would \nbe a better move to curb air-
line's environmental impact.
Mr Sands contends that \nthe world will likely have to \nwait the conclusion of the \nUN Summit on Climate Change to see where the future of airline taxes and costs will stand in the future.

Mr Sands said it was \nimportant, as they tend to \nalways be a balancing act \nwith the operator and their \nemployees.
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Mr Cooper had previously told Tribune Business that British American Financial had targeted net profits of $25.5 million for its 2009 financial year, and this year had targeted net profits of $67.5 million.

Mr Cooper told Tribune Business: "We hope to make significant profits in the medical business through our encouraging signs of demand already for that product, and we expect to get some top-line growth in the health business."

"It’s been a modest start with the holiday pending, but we expect in the early part of the New Year to be full swing, so to speak. And we’ve added. ‘We’re also looking at other territories in the region in terms of expansion, that is not that we can talk about at this point."

BAF Global Group has moved to quickly build up its Caribbean-based business by exploiting CL Financial’s difficulties, acquiring both British American Insurance Company (Cayman) and CLICO’s Cayman insurance policies.

This week’s acquisition of the latter will give the company’s Cayman subsidiaries economies of scale and market presence in a hurry, Mr Cooper told Tribune Business: "We’re not overly-exicted about our economic prospects for 2010. We’ll continue along the strategic route we’ve taken for 2009, maintaining a critical control of expenses and really trying to rule out the recession. We’re hoping for positive signs, or some indications of a turn later this year, but we are not overly optimistic about prospects for 2010. It’s going to be a challenging year for the economy and business generally."

The public is hereby notified that the entrance to the dock owned by Kelly’s Lumber Yard Limited and situated on the Southern Side of the Harbour of Nassau and to the East of East Street and the properties formerly known as the ‘Clement’ property and ‘Eilethera’ Limited property situated on the North Side of East Street approximately opposite Hicks & Kelly's, 348 East street, will be closed to the public on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th December 2009 in order to prevent the Private Properties Rights and to prevent the Acquisition by the Public of a Right of Way.

Mary Elizbeth (Betty) Kennin, President
Kelly’s Lumber Yard Limited
FINCO: No dividend after 69% profit fall

IN THE ESTATE OF Ghislain Joseph Albert Dumas a.k.a. Ghislain Dumas late of Lac Delage, Quebec, Canada.

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 January A.D. 2010, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate of Ghislain Joseph Albert Dumas a.k.a. Ghislain Dumas are requested to make full settlement on or before the date hereinafter mentioned.

NADIA A. WRIGHT  Attorney for the Executors
PO. Box N-4589
Nassau, Bahamas

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October 31, 2008, declined by 68.5% per cent or almost $10 million, dropping from $14.7 million to $4.562 million.

Non-performing loans, FINCO said, had increased by 128 per cent or more than doubled year-on-year.

Loans

In response to Tribune Business’s inquiries, FINCO said non-performing loans accounted for 28 per cent or $4.4 million per cent of its total loan portfolio, compared to 14 per cent in 2007. The former figure is still in line with the commercial banking indus-

try’s average.

FINCO president J. McDonald said pressure was mounting on the bank to increase its non-performing loans by FINCO as credit quality deteriorated across the Bahamas commercial banking
ystem.

Loan provisions stood at $5.1 million at year-end 2007, a 13.8% rise over the prior year. The provision against the $5.3 million booked at the end of 2006. That almost $10 million increase was close to being equivalent to FINCO’s entire profit drop.

FINCO was told that the non-performing loans had increased by 69 per cent or $1.3 million in 1st quarter, whichever is

yet despite the worsening financial climate, FINCO still remains soundly capitalised, Mr. McDonald said. FINCO’s total capital ratio was 18.55 per cent, still soundly above the Central Bank of the Bahamas has proposed 12.5% ratio, opposed to the 8 per cent demand by the Bovis

And FINCO’s Total Capital Ratio to T, or 2, currently stands at 17.97 per cent.

Explaining why FINCO’s non-performing loans increase was not to do with the global financial meltdown, Mr. McDonald said Bahamians now had the Country Bank’s country head for the Bahamian and the Caribbean, said: “To put some context around it, directors ulti-

mately discussed it long and hard as, frankly, we did have the four last quarter meetings we had and the dividend up to the fourth quarter.

So given the economic reality of what is happening and we feel a little better that we get a little to see some improvement.”

Mr. McDonald acknowledged that FINCO shareholders would not be happy about the dividend payments, something that they had been accustomed to earning, especially with Christmas time at hand.

However, FINCO executives hope that the Bahamian financial community would take a 15% dividend cut, if that it did, would understand that the company was in a better financial situation now than it was back at the time of FINCO’s long-term interests.

That is absolutely unprece-
dented what we are experi-

encing now market real-

test proof that what we are going through is real and serious, Mr. McDonald said of FINCO’s results, the recession and the rising bad loans throughout the Bahamian commercial banking system.

FINCO’s decision to issue good dividend payments still soundly, some analysts by sur-

prise, and raised few eyebrows as much as it was 12 years since a dividend was paid. Mr. McDonald is in the

“Bahamian sector,” replies Ronald Kerr, chief execu-
tive of Renaissance Management, when told about FINCO’s dividend decision).

Concerns

He added that this was the first time “as far as I can remember” when FINCO has paid a dividend, in a period where international banks had paid dividends to their shareholders.

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that the decision not to pay a

in the Bahamian for 2009,

nial recovery was not likely to be fast, it did not seem unreasonable for the Bahamian to experience a “major recovery.”

SOCLE INVESTMENTS LTD.

An International Business Company (in voluntary liquidation)

Pursuant to Section 134(3) of the International Companies Act 2000, notice is hereby given that the voluntary winding-up and dissolution of the Company commenced on the 100th day or one year after 31st December 2010, or such later date as the Liquidator shall, by notice in the Gazette, appoint. The Liquidator is Société Commerciale des Investissements Sociaux (Tribune Business).

DATED this 10th day of December, 2009

Beja Management Ltd.

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DATED this 10th day of December, 2009

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Doctors frees ‘$100k monthly’ through early debt repayment

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Tribune Business

“The emphasis are currently review-

ig the possibility, so the exact square

of real darkness. Without taking

the applause we cannot develop a budget for the building cost

of a Doha Hospital in the entire grow-

expan-

sion so the policy in progress growth

and also enable it to create

within the medical treatment

services.

To facilitate this, it has embarked

on obtaining international accredita-

tion, which will enhance the quality of its

facilities and healthcare standards to

prospective overseas patient and refor-

m agencies.

Accreditation

“We are pursuing our accredit-

ation through ISQua (Joint Com-

mission on the Accreditation of

Healthcare Organizations) through their interna-

tional arm, JCI (Joint Commission

International).”

“We have already had a prelimi-

nary inspection, which went extremely well to the quality standards,” Doctors

Hospital said.

The hospital’s management is a sig-

nificant mark-

ing difference to the quality

of the United States we could benefit from

both domestic and international med-

ical tourism.”

A government spokesman had said

it had fixed up about $1.2 million in per-

annum cash flow through the early re-

payment of the $4.123 million in

bank debt that was on its balance sheet at

the 2010 financial year’s start in January.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(Co No. 45 of 2000)

CHESNEY LIMITED

In Voluntary Liquidation

“Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (6) of the International Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), CHESNEY LIMITED is in Dissolution.

The date of commencement of dissolution is 14th day of November, 2009.

Mr. Alexey Tarasov,

of 27, string 103,

Amsterdam grnd., Moscow,

Russia

Liquidator

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

No. 45 of 2000

EL PACIFICO INC.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), the Dissolution of EL PACIFICO INC has been completed, a Certificate of Dissolution has been issued and the company has therefore been struck off the Register. The date of completion of the dissolution was 26th November, 2009.

Mr. Peter Lepard

Liquidator

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

No. 45 of 2000

SEAL INVESTMENTS CORP.

In Voluntary Liquidation

“Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (6), of the International Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), SEAL INVESTMENTS CORP is in Dissolution.

The date of commencement of dissolution is 15th day of December, 2009.

Mr. Management Ltd.,

Suite 31, Foon Free, High Street Commercial,

Fraser Road Street, Victoria,

Malta

Liquidator

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

No. 45 of 2000

HALBRICK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

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Mr. Management Ltd.,

Suite 31, Foon Free, High Street Commercial,

Fraser Road Street, Victoria,

Malta

Liquidator

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

No. 45 of 2000

LINTOL INTERNATIONAL INC.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (6) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), LINTOL INTERNATIONAL INC is in Dissolution.

The date of commencement of dissolution is 24th day of November, 2009.

Epudion Management Ltd.,

Suite 31, Foon Free, High Street Commercial,

Francis Rachel Street, Victoria,

Malta

Republic of Seychelles

Liquidator

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

No. 45 of 2000

PROCORD MANAGEMENT LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

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CALISTA INC.

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Mr. Peter Lepard

Liquidator

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NOTICE

GREEN BUTTERFLY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given as follows:

(a) GREEN BUTTERFLY LIMITED is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (6) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

(b) The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 15th December 2009 when the Articles of Dissolution were registered at the Register General.

(c) The Liquidator of the said company is Mr. Peter Lepard of 5 Willow Tree Ave #05-42 Singapore 599393.

Dated the 17th day of December A.D. 2009.

Mr. Peter Lepard

Liquidator

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NOTICE

BLUE CENTENNIAL LIMITED

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Mr. Peter Lepard

Liquidator

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Europe drops antitrust case against Microsoft

By KEVIN J. O’BRIEN 2009 New York Times Business Services

European regulators dropped their antitrust case against Microsoft on Wednesday after the software maker agreed to offer consumers a choice of rival Web browsers. The settlement avoided a second costly legal battle for the company. The agreement, announced in Brussels by the European-competition commissioner, Neelie Kroes, calls for the software maker to offer consumers a choice of up to 11 other browsers from competing companies, including Mozilla, Apple and Google.

Users of Microsoft’s ubiquitous Windows operating system in Europe who have chosen to use Internet Explorer as their default browser are eligible to select one of the alternate options to switch to a rival, starting next year. “Millions of European consumers will have a choice in the browser that best suits their needs,” Ms. Kroes said in a statement. Microsoft’s statement was that it “pleased” with the decision. Jorn Veijonen, a Microsoft lawyer, said the company had planned to extend the offer beyond the 27-member European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. He said the firm intended to take advantage of the growing popularity of Google, which makes the Chrome browser, and Mozilla, the maker of Firefox, signed on as supporters of Opera’s case.

Legal Notice
NOTICE
KENDALL PEERS INVESTMENTS LTD. (In Voluntary Liquidation).

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Legal Notice
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VILLADALE VALLEY LTD. (In Voluntary Liquidation).

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