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## What's New

Business and Finance

**P**aulson called on Congress to pass stalled housing legislation and support a new White House proposal to use tax-exempt bonds to refinance troubled subprime mortgages. The comments came as the Boston Fed president said some borrowers with relatively good credit may have been steered into a subprime loan. **▲**

• **Manufacturing activity fell** last month but stayed well above recessionary levels. New orders and production increased. **▲**

• **GM's U.S. sales fell 11%** in November, while Ford's rose 0.6%. Both plan to cut first-quarter output. Chrysler posted a 2% drop, and Toyota's were up slightly. **▲**

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## TRAVEL

TRAVEL WATCH | *By Marshall Crook*



### Aruba, Minus the Kids

For couples looking for a winter getaway to someplace warm, the adults-only Bucuti Beach Resort featuring Tara Beach Suites & Spa offers a seven-night romance package starting at \$2,428 a couple. Located on Aruba's white sand Eagle Beach, the resort offers 104

guest rooms, on-site dining, live entertainment and is adjacent to the Alhambra Casino. The Bucuti's Intermezzo Spa offers a couples package starting at \$190 a couple. Visit [www.bucuti.com](http://www.bucuti.com).

## Economy Moves Fore as Issue for 2008 Voters

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months, Dale Allright, a 57-year-old Tampa bankruptcy lawyer, watched as his clients buckle under mortgage and credit-card debt. After an expensive recent bankruptcy, he's worried that a run of bad luck could leave him in financial limbo.

"I'm sure about bringing our troops home and for the most part, I believe in domestic terrorism laws. I don't see that getting much support," Mr. Allright says. "But money really scares me." A long-time Republican, this election he says he's leaning Democrat.

With the parties just weeks away from the first presidential nominating caucuses, economic concerns are still